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SCHOOL PENCIL AND SPONGE HOLDER.

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Fig. 1.

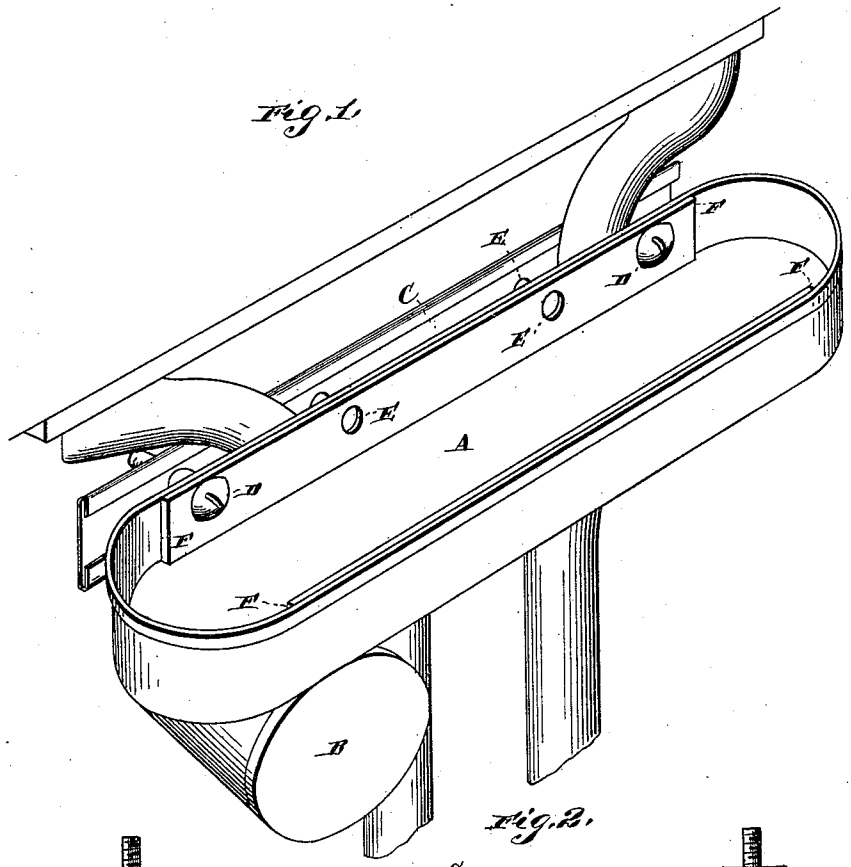


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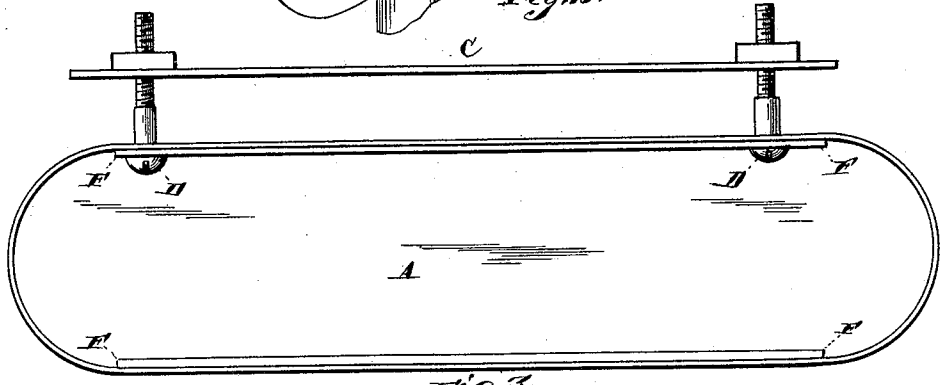
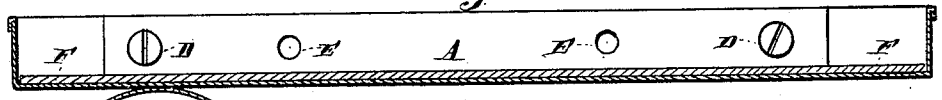


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SARAH M. ASHBY, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Lincoln, county of Lancaster, and State of Nebraska, have invented a new and useful School Pencil and Sponge Holder, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of a device in which pupils may keep their pencils and sponges intended to be attached to desks.

The object of the invention is to provide a receptacle in which pencils and sponges can be kept ready for use in convenient reach of the pupil and out of the way of other objects, and which can be attached to or removed from desks without injuring or marring the latter. I attain these objects by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the pencil and sponge holder attached to the leg of a desk. Fig. 2 is a projection of a top view of the invention. Fig. 3 is a vertical section of the invention formed by a plane passing longitudinally through its center.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

My pencil and sponge holder is composed of an oblong shallow receptacle A, preferably made with the ends rounded, as shown, lined with felt or other soft material F, to the bottom of which receptacle is fastened a pocket B, the receptacle A being fastened to the leg or support of a desk by means of a narrow strip or clamp C, attached by screws D, passing through small holes or perforations E in the strip or clamp, as well as in the side of the receptacle A.

The receptacle A is made of sufficient length to contain an ordinary lead-pencil or slate-pencil substantially of the size and shape as shown in the drawings, and the pocket B is made large enough to hold an ordinary school-sponge.

The whole device is made, preferably, of copper or tinned sheet-iron or other suitable metal, and the receptacle A lined with felt, cloth, or other soft material to prevent noise. The pocket B is made of a piece of metal properly curved, open at either end or at both, and on the side or toward the pupil; but it is preferably made either as a ring open laterally at both ends or as a coil of wire substantially of the dimensions of such a ring, and in either case soldered underneath to the receptacle A, near the end thereof nearest to the pupil, substantially as delineated.

The metal strip or clamp C is attached to the receptacle A by screws with nuts, so that it can be fastened with the desired degree of firmness. It is made preferably of metal, with the edges turned inward and lapped over until they nearly meet the strip, thereby imparting greater stiffness to the clamp and tending to prevent slipping when the holder is attached to the desk. The strip C, as well as the receptacle A, is provided with several holes or perforations E, so that the screws may be adjusted at such places as will enable the holder to be attached to any form or shape of leg or support.

The general advantages of a pencil and sponge holder substantially as described are that sponges and pencils are in a convenient place and at all times within reach and away from books and papers, which might otherwise become soiled by the sponge or hide or break the pencils, and the trouble and confusion which arise in a school-room from this cause are done away with.

The particular advantages of the pencil and sponge holder in question are that it can be attached to the desk away from all books and papers and other articles and without obstructing or interfering with the work; that it can be used without producing any noise, and that it can be attached to any ordinary desk provided with the usual iron supports or legs without injuring, marring, or defacing the desk in any way.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A school pencil and sponge holder comprising an oblong shallow receptacle for pencils, with a cup-shaped or annular pocket or receptacle fastened underneath to the bottom thereof for a sponge, substantially as specified.

2. A school pencil and sponge holder comprising an oblong shallow receptacle for pencils, with a cup-shaped or annular pocket or receptacle fastened underneath to the bottom thereof for a sponge, with a strip or clamp of suitable material attached by screws to said receptacles, or either of them, for attaching

or fastening the same to a desk, substantially as specified.

3. The school pencil and sponge holder herein described, comprising the oblong shallow receptacle A with rounded ends, the annular pocket B, of metal plate or coiled wire, open horizontally, fastened underneath to the bottom of the receptacle A, the whole fitted with a metal clamp or strip C by means of screws D passing through holes or perforations E, substantially as specified.

4. The combination of a school pencil and sponge holder with a metal strip or clamp attached to the pencil and sponge holder proper by screws, for the purpose and in the manner substantially as specified.

5. The combination of a school pencil and sponge holder with a metal strip or clamp for fastening the holder to a desk, the strip or clamp having its edges folded and lapped inward, said clamp or strip being attached to the holder proper by screws, in the manner and for the purpose substantially as specified.

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