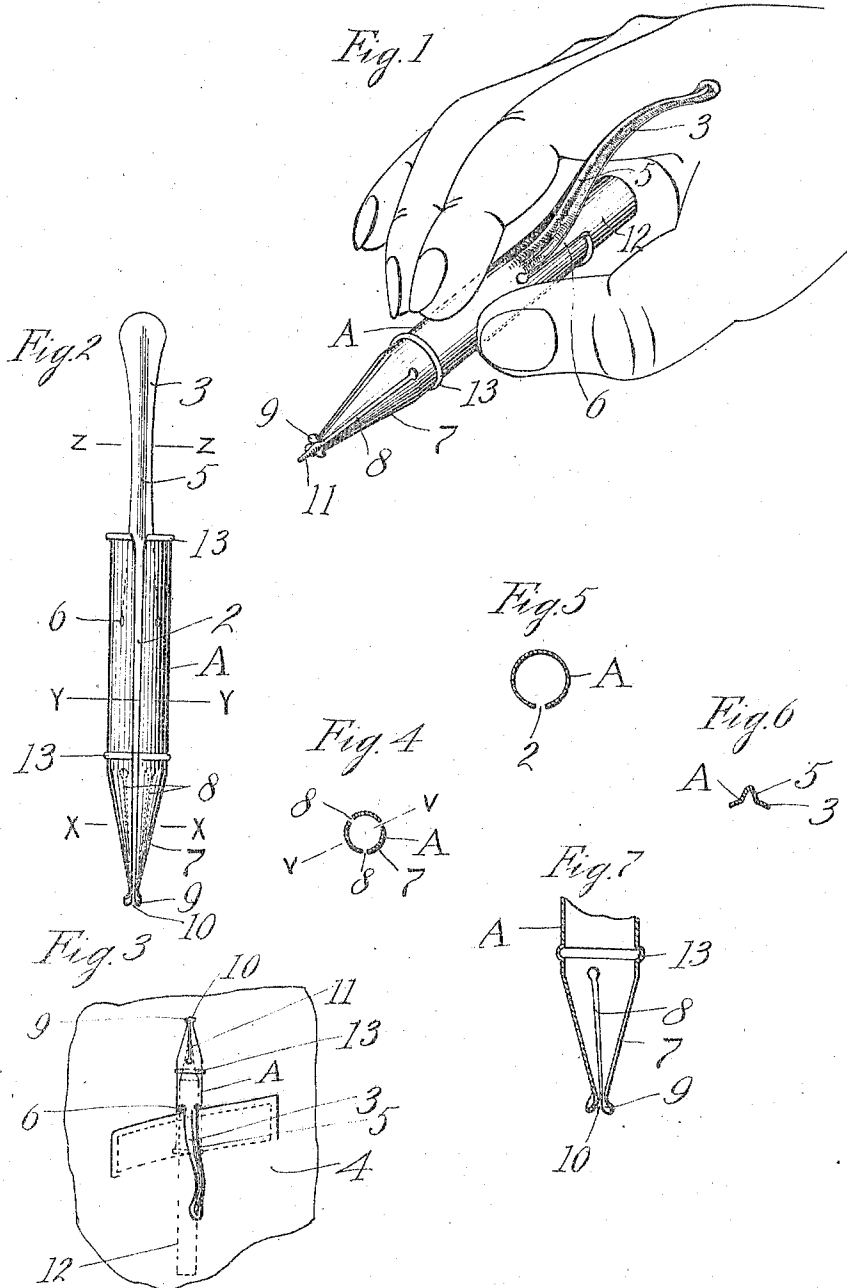


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH G. WATANABE, a subject of the Emperor of Japan, residing at St. Paul, in the county of Ramsey and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pencil-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in pencil holders, its object being to provide an improved form of holder for pencils by which the point of the pencil is protected when not in use, and which may be removably secured in the wearer's pocket and thereby prevented from dropping out, and by means of which also a much shorter pencil can be used than with the ordinary holder.

To this end my invention consists in the features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention shown in use; Fig. 2 is a top view of the holder; Fig. 3 is a view of the holder shown arranged in connection with a pocket; Fig. 4 is a section on line *x-x* of Fig. 2; Fig. 5 is a section on line *y-y* of Fig. 2; Fig. 6 is a section on line *z-z* of Fig. 2, and Fig. 7 is a section on line *v-v* of Fig. 4.

The holder A is made of suitable sheet metal cylindrically bent and longitudinally split at 2 to allow it to spring to different sizes of pencils. Extending rearwardly from one side of the holder is the handle 3 outwardly curved and having its free end bent inwardly to form a spring clamp against the side of the pencil so as to grip the intermediate wall 4 of the pocket as shown in Fig. 3. The handle 3 is preferably formed with a strengthening rib 5. The sides of the inner end of the handle are separated from the holder by slots 6 so as to assist in the spring action of the handle.

The opposite end 7 of the holder is tapered and formed with slots 8, the ends 9 of the tapered portion intermediate of the slots being bent outwardly, constituting a central

opening 10 through which the point 11 of the pencil 12 will protrude in use as shown in Fig. 1. The holder is formed with suitable surrounding ribs 13. These ribs 13 are primarily for the purpose of strengthening the holder, although the lower rib serves the further purpose of a finger stop or a means for preventing slipping of the fingers.

The pencil will be held in the holder as shown in Fig. 1 and when not being used will be drawn rearwardly to bring the point of the pencil entirely within the holder. When it is desired to use the pencil, the pencil may be forced forward to allow its point to project beyond the tapered end of the holder, as shown. The holder being split along one side allows it to be sprung to fit different sizes of pencils. As the pencil becomes too short to rest against the hand in use, the spring handle 3 will serve as a continuation of the holder and rest against the hand as shown in Fig. 1, thus allowing a much shorter pencil than otherwise to be used. In holding the pencil in the pocket the front wall of the pocket may be slipped into the slots between the handle and holder as shown in Fig. 3, and the handle will form a spring clamp preventing the holder and pencil from dropping from the pocket.

I claim as my invention:

A pencil holder comprising a tubular body portion having a longitudinal slot to render it resilient, an annular rib near one end of said body portion, a tapered portion integral with said body portion beyond said annular rib, said tapered portion being longitudinally slotted, integral outwardly turned petals on said tapered portion to protect the point, and a rearwardly extending bowed portion integral with said body portion and stamped therefrom to serve as a clamp and as a support for the pencil from the hand.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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