

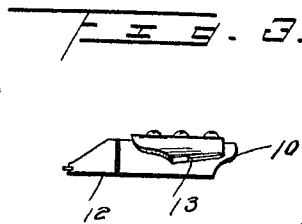
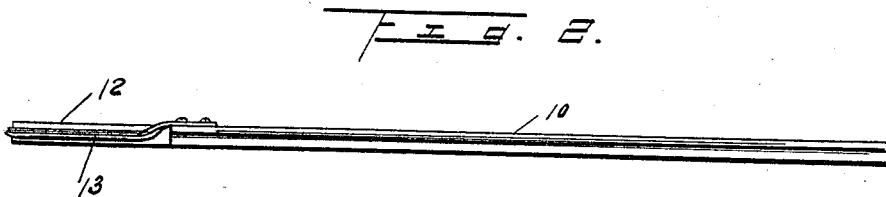
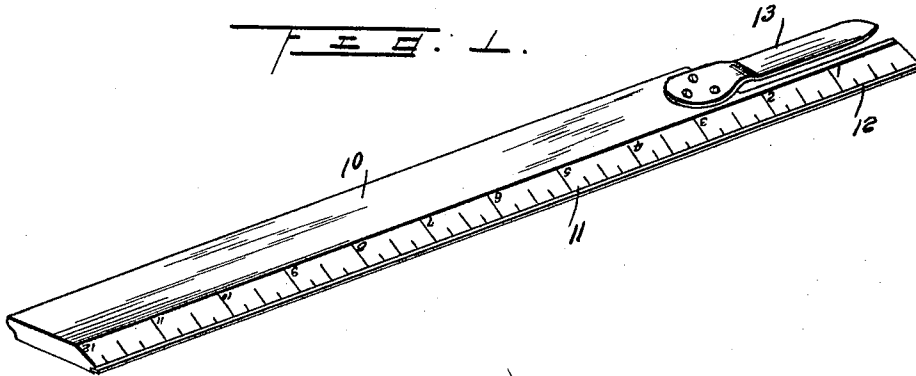
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN J. AHEARN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Palmer, in the county of Saratoga and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Ruler Attachment; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive implement suitable for school and office use combining the utilities of a ruler, pencil sharpener, eraser, envelope opener and the like; and with these objects in view the invention consists in a construction and combination of parts of which a preferred embodiment is shown in the drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a general view of the implement.

Figure 2 is an edge view of the same.

Figure 3 is an end view.

The body portion 10 of the device constitutes a ruler having a graduated edge 11 extended at one end to form a tongue 12 of a width less than the body portion of the device, and attached to the body portion to project in a direction parallel with said terminal tongue and at a transverse interval therefrom is a blade 13 arranged within the lines of the side edges of the said body portion and substantially within the thickness thereof so that the outer cutting edge of the blade, while being exposed for use either in sharpening pencils or at its extremities for making erasures, is protected from such contact with adjacent objects as would be likely to injure either the blade or such other object.

Preferably the blade is transversely tilted or inclined as will be seen clearly by reference to Figures 2 and 3, with the back or inner edge of the blade depressed slightly below the plane of the corresponding surface of the tongue 12 so that in using the blade as an envelope opener, the under side of the tongue will bear upon the surface of the envelope and will traverse the same as the cutting edge of the blade cuts the envelope, to act as a guide and minimize the tendency to tear the envelope and thereby mutilate the contents thereof. Also the extreme end or point of the blade projects slightly beyond the extremity of the tongue to facilitate the introduction of the same under the flap of the envelope or to puncture the same as may be preferred.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:—

A ruler attachment comprising a ruler body having a portion at one end cut away to provide a tongue, a blade having its side edges and one end sharpened and its other end enlarged and offset and secured to the top face of the body with the portion of the blade having the cutting edges disposed within the cut out portion of the body, said blade lying within the sides of the body and transversely tilted to permit the tongue to engage an envelope while being cut by said blade.

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

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