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Fig. 1.

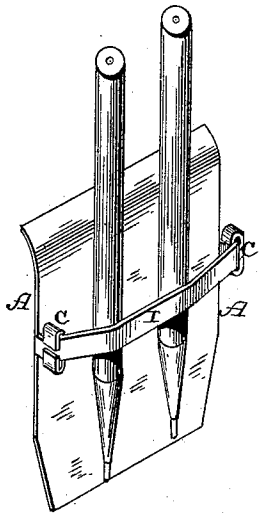
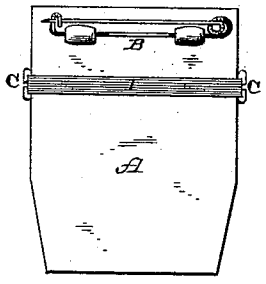


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OWEN T. FLEMING, of Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pencil-Holders; 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 pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in pencil-holders; and it consists in a holder which is to be pinned inside of the pocket, and which is formed from a plate which is curved at its upper end and provided with ears for holding the rubber band which is to keep the pencil in place out of contact with the plate, in combination with the pin which secures the holder in place, as will be more fully described hereinafter.

The object of my invention is to provide a pencil-holder which is to be fastened inside of the vest-pocket out of sight, and which will hold the mouth of the pocket open, so that the sharpened ends of the pencils can be inserted into the holder and held without any danger of being broken by any movements of the body.

Figure 1 is a perspective of a pencil-holder to which my invention is applied. Fig. 2 is a rear view.

A represents a plate of any suitable material, curved backward at its top or upper end, as shown. This curved top is for the purpose of causing the upper end of the holder to press closely against the vest when fastened in position, thereby preventing the pencils from running down behind the holder when being inserted. The curved top also forms a depression or hollow, under which the pin B is fastened, and by means of which pin the holder is secured inside of the top of the pocket, out of sight. That portion of the plate or slide extending from the curved top and into the pocket forms a guide for the pencil to work against while being pushed down into the holder and to guide the sharp ends of the pencils into position.

Formed upon opposite edges of the plate, near its upper end, are two ears, C, which are turned outward at right angles to the plate, and around these ears and the plate is passed an endless rubber band, I. This band bears against the rear side of the plate; but the ears C hold it out of contact with the front side, so that the sharp points of the pencils can be readily introduced between the band and the plate, causing the frictional contact of the band to hold the pencils securely in place. The ears and band keep the pocket slightly open, thereby removing all obstruction in the way of the pencils when being inserted in the holder, and preventing the sharpened points from catching on the inside of the lining of the vest-pocket.

The number of pencils that can be held at the same time depends entirely on the width of the plate.

I am aware that a metallic plate having a holding-strap connected thereto has heretofore been used as a pencil-holder, and this I disclaim.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. A pencil-holder composed of the plate A, curved at its upper end and provided with the ears which extend at an angle to the plate, in combination with the pin and the rubber band, substantially as shown.

2. A pencil-holder composed of the plate A, which is curved backward at its upper edge, so as to hold the mouth of the pocket open, and provided with the ears C near its center, in combination with the band I, which is held in position by the ears, and the pin B, secured to the back of the plate near its top edge, substantially as shown.

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

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