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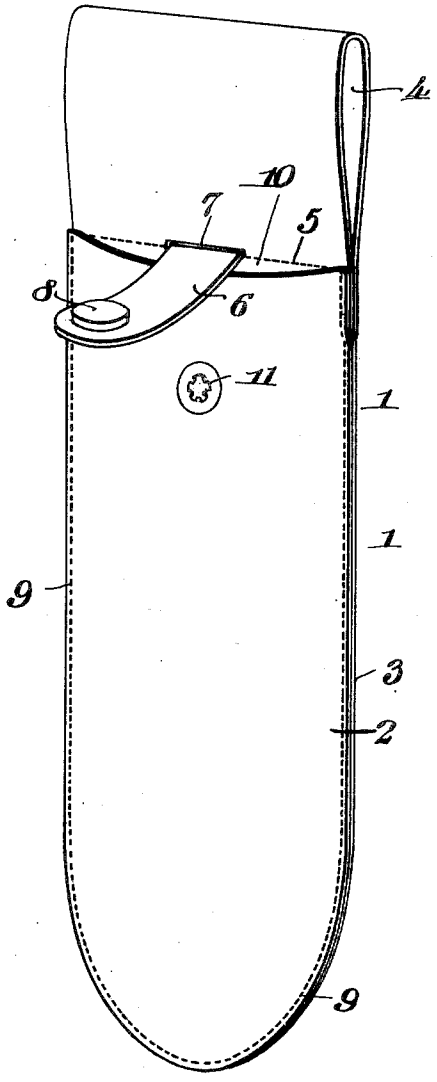


Fig. 1.

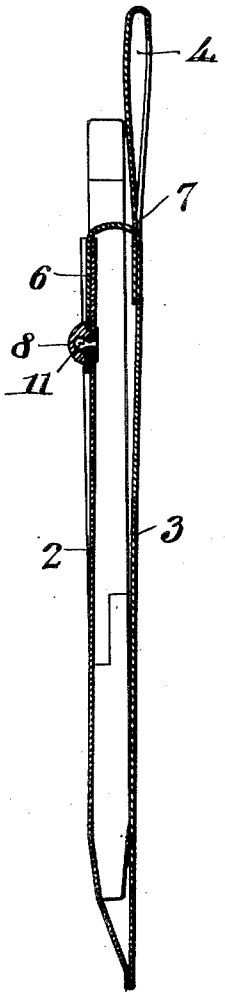


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JESSE M. DAVIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Wilkinsburg, county of Allegheny, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pliers Sheaths or Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to instrument holders and more particularly to means for securely holding instruments upon the person of the workman or mechanic.

The primary object of my invention is to provide a case or sheath adapted to receive pliers or other similar instruments, which may be secured to the person of the workman, and which safeguard against accidental displacement or loss of such instrument.

A further object of my invention is to provide a case or sheath for holding instruments, especially adapted to be used by telegraph or telephone linemen, which, while absolutely preventing loss or displacement of the instrument, presents the instrument at all times readily accessible to the workman.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a sheath or case within which pliers or like instruments may be firmly held, which may be easily attached to the belt of a workman to be at all times easy of access, and which may be easily shifted to different points around the belt of the wearer in order not to interfere with the work or movements of the workman.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a device for attaining the ends thus briefly outlined, which is simple in construction, cheap in manufacture, and yet which will prove thoroughly efficient in practice.

With these objects in view together with others which will appear as the description proceeds, my invention resides in the novel arrangement and combination of parts, all as will be more fully detailed in the following specification and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a case or sheath constructed in accordance with my invention, and Fig. 2 is a vertical section taken through the device, and illustrating the manner in which instruments are held within the same.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings, the case, as represented generally by 1, may be constructed of any material suitable, preferably leather, and comprises front and back portions 2 and 3, cut and arranged to form the pocket as shown. The back portion 3 is of a width substantially greater than the width of the instrument with which it is adapted to be used, the upper end of which is looped upon itself at 4, and the free end thereof is sewed at 5 to the front face of the said back portion. A centrally disposed tongue 6 is cut from the back portion 3 adjacent the upper end, and projects forwardly through an opening 7 in the front portion of the loop, and is provided near its free end with a socket member 8 of the usual well known glove fastener.

The front portion 2 of the sheath is of substantially the same width as the back member above described, being sewed at 9 at its edges to the said back portion to form a pocket 10, open at its upper end to receive pliers or like instruments. The upper edge of the front member 2 terminates at the lower end of the loop 4 and directly beneath the opening 7, so that the tongue 6 which projects through the said opening, will project across the upper edge of the front member in substantially the same plane therewith. A ball member 11 of the glove fastener type is secured to the front portion 2 of the sheath, substantially midway between the vertical edges thereof, and at a distance below the upper edge of the front portion to be engaged by the socket member 8 on the tongue 6. From this arrangement it will be seen that the tongue 6, when secured at its lower end to the front face of the member 2, will securely hold the upper end of the pocket in closed position.

In attaching the sheath or holder the belt of the workman is inserted through the loop 4, and the belt then buckled in the usual manner. The holder, being thus loosely connected, permits of the same being moved to any point on the belt, the advantage of which is readily apparent to telephone or telegraph lineman. The pliers may be inserted in the pocket 10 of the sheath or holder, and when the tongue 6 is held down securely by the glove fastener, as above described, the pliers will be retained within the holder and prevented from becoming accidentally displaced therefrom.

The construction of the holder relative

to the length of the pliers is such that when the pliers are positioned therein, the ends of the handles will project slightly from the opening of the pocket, thus enabling the workman to readily grip the same when necessary. The arrangement of the tongue 6 between the handles of the pliers securely holds the pliers in position without subjecting the glove fastener to severe strain.

I claim:

1. A pliers holder comprising a pocket, a loop on said pocket for securing the latter to the person, a tongue cut from a portion of said loop and extending outwardly and downwardly therefrom over the opening of said pocket, and coöperating means upon said tongue and said holder for holding said tongue in position, substantially as described.

2. A pliers holder consisting of two pieces of material of substantially the same width and stitched together at their longitudinal edges and bottom and open at the top to form a pocket, one of said pieces being substantially longer than the other, and having its elongated end bent to form a loop, a tongue cut from said loop and extending outwardly over and downwardly from said pocket opening and means upon said tongue and said holder for holding the said pocket in closed position, substantially as described.

3. A pliers holder consisting of front and back members of substantially the same width stitched together at their edges to form a pocket, said back member being longer than the other of said members and said extension being folded upon itself to form a loop, a longitudinally extending tongue cut from the rear portion of said loop, said front portion of said loop being provided with an opening through which said tongue is adapted to extend, and fastening members upon said front member and said tongue for holding the latter in position, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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