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SAFETY PENCIL HOLDER

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Fig. 1.

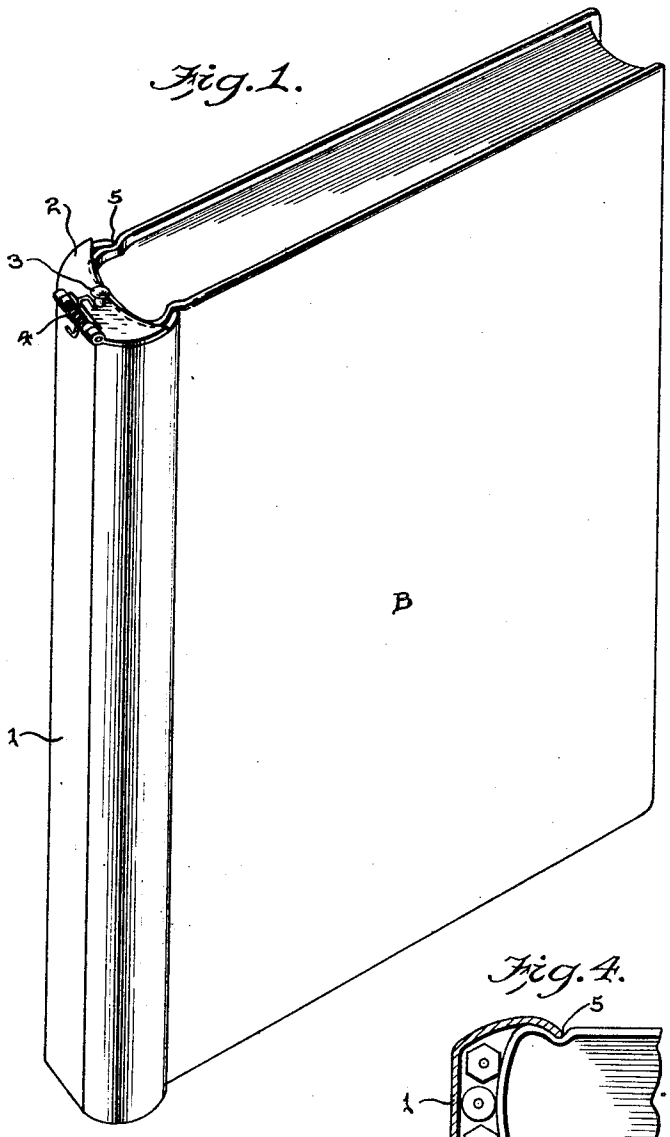


Fig. 2.

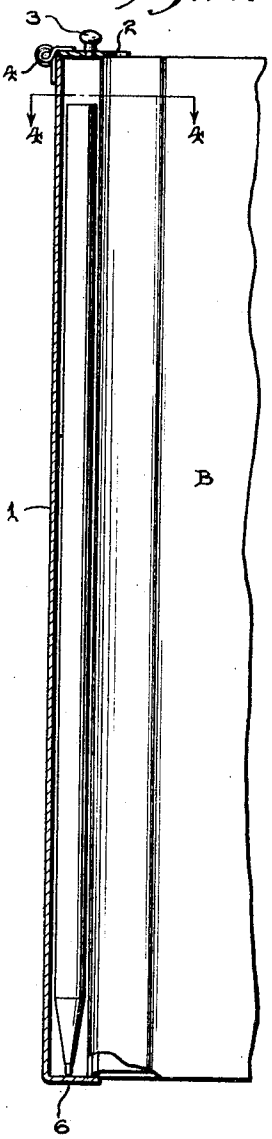
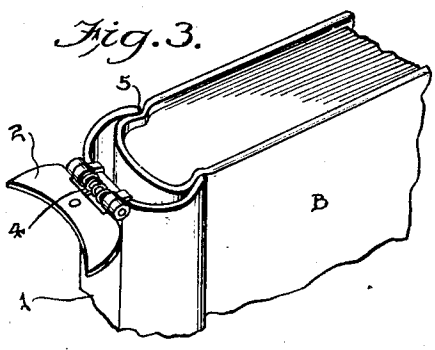


Fig. 4.

Fig. 3.



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My invention consists in new and useful improvements in a safety pencil holder and has for its object to provide a device of this character which may be easily and quickly applied to the back or binding of a book, without the necessity of auxiliary securing means and without defacing the book binding in any way.

Of the several articles which we carry about with us perhaps the common lead pencil is more often lost. School children, especially, are given to losing their pencils. The object of this invention is to provide a simple and safe holder for carrying lead pencils, fountain pens, etc., it being apparent, from the following description of the device, that school children may carry their pencils and pens in this holder as safely as they carry their books.

With the above and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, my invention consists in the novel features herein set forth, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and more particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

Referring to the drawings in which numerals of like character designate similar parts throughout the several views,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the pencil holder in place on a book.

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view through the holder.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary view similar to Fig. 1 showing the upper end of the holder with the closure in open position, and

Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

It will be understood that I do not limit myself to the particular forms of the device herein disclosed, the figures merely indicating the inventive idea and in no sense defining the limits thereof.

The holder comprises, essentially, a resilient metal sheet 1 which is transversely curved along its longitudinal axis into a segment of a tube, the longitudinal edges of which fit into the grooves 5 near the backbone of the book, B. One end of the holder is closed by the end-piece 6, while the opposite end is closed by means of a closure, 2, as shown; a spring 4 about the pin uniting the parts of the hinge normally retains the closure in closed position. The closure is preferably provided with a knob or the like 3, for the purpose of opening it.

To secure the holder to the book one grips it with the left hand and the book by the right hand and forces the holder onto the book, the edges of the holder sliding along the longitudinal grooves 5 in the binding, these grooves being always made in the scoring process. To insert the pencil into the holder one seizes the knob 3 of the closure 2 and opens the closure, when the pencil may be inserted into the holder.

It will be noted that a pencil holder of the type shown and described herein will not interfere in the least with the use of the book to which it is attached, in fact such a holder will act as a support or protecting shield for the book binding and will tend to prolong the life of the book.

It will also be noted that this holder is extremely simple and economical to manufacture in that the body portion thereof can be stamped out of a single blank. The fact that the back of the book forms one wall of the holder when the device is applied to a book adds further to the economy of its manufacture.

From the foregoing it is believed that the construction and advantages of my improved pencil holder will be readily understood by those skilled in the art without further description, it being borne in mind that numerous changes may be made in the details of construction without departing from the spirit of the invention as set forth in the following claim.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

A pencil receptacle formed of a sheet of substantially resilient material, curved in transverse cross section, its longitudinal edges terminating in converging flanges, the latter being adapted to engage the longitudinal grooves of a conventional book binding, the curved portion of said sheet, intermediate the converging flanges, forming one wall of the receptacle, said wall, when in place on a book, being spaced from the back thereof whereby the back of said book forms the opposite wall of said receptacle, a fixed bottom at one end of the receptacle, and a hinged closure at the other end thereof.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

CHARLES WALKER.