

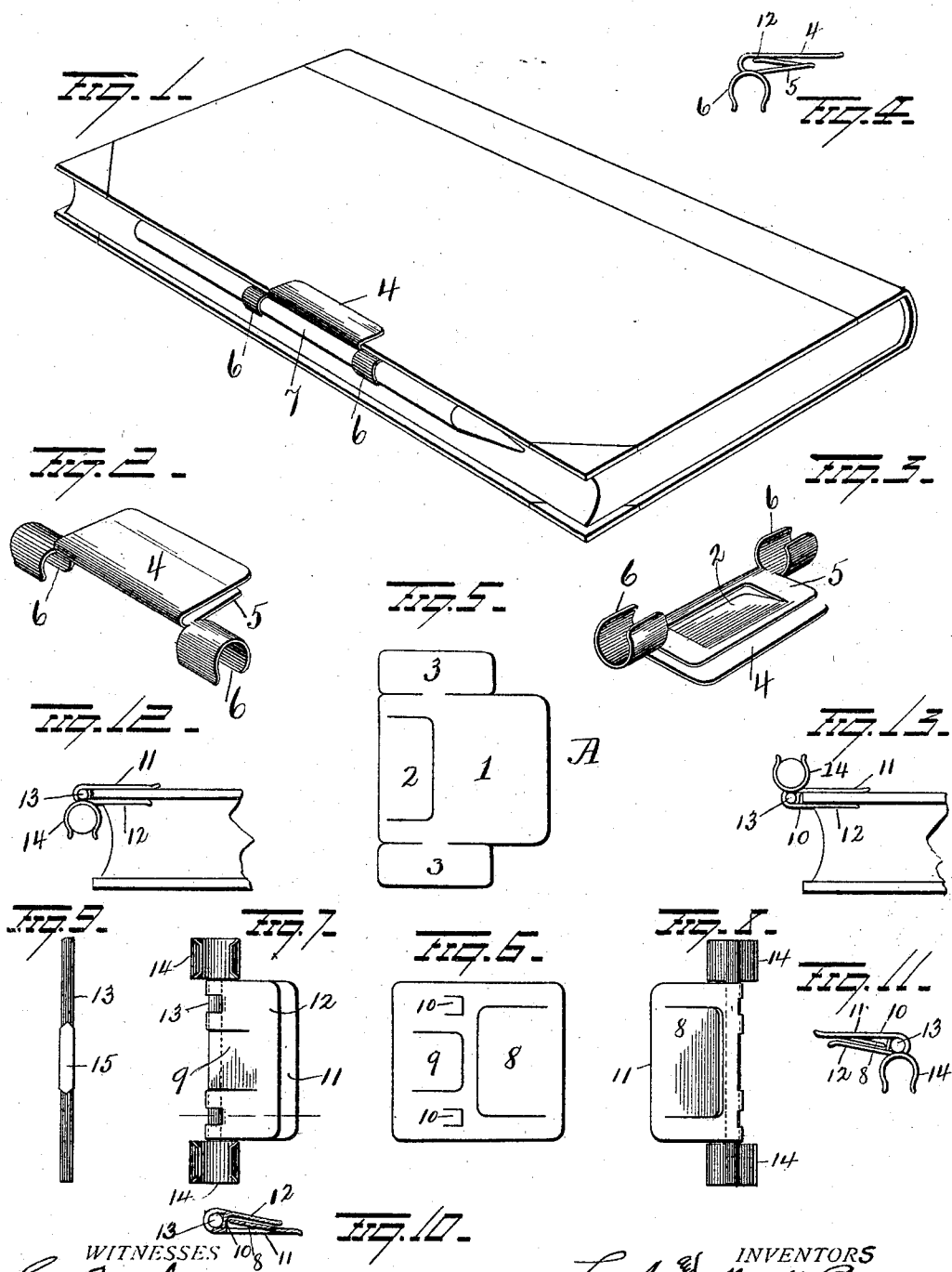
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, LINETTE A. PARKER, residing at West Tisbury, in the county of Dukes, State of Massachusetts, and WILLIAM H. PARKER, residing at Hampton, county of Elizabeth City, State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pencil-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to an improvement in pencil-holders, the object being to provide a simple, neat, and inexpensive device capable of being readily attached to or detached from a book-cover and when in its operative or normal condition is designed to support a pencil in a convenient position where it is readily accessible for marking passages in the book or for making notes.

With these objects in view the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a book, showing our improved pencil-holder attached thereto. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the pencil-holder. Fig. 3 is a similar view looking toward the bottom of the pencil-holder. Fig. 4 is a view in transverse section of same. Fig. 5 is a view of the blank from which the holder is formed. Fig. 6 is a view of a blank of a modified form of pencil-holder. Fig. 7 is a bottom plan view of a modification. Fig. 8 is a top plan view of same. Fig. 9 is a detached view of the pin. Fig. 10 is a sectional view on the lines *x x* of Fig. 7. Fig. 11 is an end view. Fig. 12 is a view of the modified form applied to a book-cover; and Fig. 13 is a similar view, the pencil-holders being shown in a different position.

A represents the blank, from which our improved pencil-holder is constructed. This blank is made of any suitable spring metal, and it consists of a body portion 1, provided with a spring-tongue 2, struck from one side thereof, and a pair of partially-severed end sections 3 3, the points of juncture between the latter and body 1 being preferably located to one side of the longitudinal center of said body, so that when the latter is bent

or upset upon itself to form the clamping-jaws 4 and 5 the said end sections 3 3 will be entirely carried by the jaw 5, or that section of body 1 with which tongue 2 is integral.

The pencil-holder shown in Figs. 1, 2, 3, and 4 may be formed from the blank above described by first bending body 1 upon itself to form the clamping-jaws 4 and 5, then bending the free end of spring-tongue upwardly or toward jaw 4, and finally by bending the end sections 3 3 downwardly and in the arc of a circle, the free ends of the spring-clips thus formed being bent slightly outwardly to permit of the easy introduction of the pencil. The pencil-holder thus formed may be easily and quickly attached to a book by simply placing one of the side edges of the cover between the jaws 4 and 5 and pushing the holder toward the back of the book until said edge comes in contact with the closed end of the jaws, the holder being held against accidental displacement by the combined spring action of jaws 4 and 5 and tongue 2.

By reference to Fig. 1 it will be seen that the spring-actuated clips 6 6 rest in front of the front edge or concave portion of the book and are so disposed with relation to the side edges of the cover thereof that the pencil 7 may be readily inserted and withdrawn from said clips.

The blank shown in Fig. 6 is also constructed from suitable spring metal and is provided with a spring-tongue 8 and an oppositely-disposed smaller spring-tongue 9, on either side of which latter is formed a spring-lip 10. Before the blank is bent upon itself to form the jaws 11 and 12 the lips 10 are bent approximately at right angles to the blank, so that when the latter is bent upon itself bearings for shaft or pin 13 are provided. This pin or shaft is provided at its outer ends with spring-clips 14 14, which are preferably soldered thereto, and is adapted to be partially rotated in its bearing. The shaft or pin is also provided with two flat surfaces 15, located at diametrically opposite points and at such points between the ends of said shaft or pin as to be engaged by the free end of spring-tongue 9, the remaining surface of said shaft being preferably round in order to facilitate its partial rotation. By means of

these flat surfaces 15 the spring-clips 14 14, carried by shaft or pin 13, may be locked in two positions, as shown in Figs. 12 and 13, respectively, thus permitting the pencil to be supported either above the cover or in front of the book, as shown in Fig. 1. This construction of holder is attached to a book in the manner already set forth and is retained thereon by means of the spring action of tongue 8, which in this instance is formed in the upper jaw 11.

Either of the pencil-holders described may be readily removed from a book by simply pulling outwardly thereon.

Having fully described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a pencil-holder consisting of a clamp comprising two jaws adapted to embrace the cover of a book, one of said jaws being provided with a spring for exerting pressure against one surface of said cover and spring-clips disposed at the respective ends of said clamp, the said spring-clips being open at their outer ends for the ready introduction and removal of a pencil, substantially as set forth.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a pencil-holder, consisting of a pair of jaws adapted to embrace the cover of a book, a pin mounted to rotate in the closed end of said jaws, and spring-clips secured on the ends of said shaft, substantially as set forth.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a pencil-holder, consisting of a pair of jaws adapted to embrace the cover of a book, one of said jaws being provided with a spring-tongue, a pin mounted to rotate in the closed end of said jaws, said pin being provided with oppositely-located flat surfaces for engaging the free end of said spring-tongue and spring-clips carried by the outer ends of said pin, substantially as set forth.

4. As a new article of manufacture, a pencil-holder, consisting of a pair of jaws adapted to embrace the cover of a book, one of said jaws being provided with a spring-tongue for engaging one face of said cover, the opposite jaw being provided with a tongue and a pair of lips, the latter forming a bearing for a shaft or pin, a shaft or pin having oppositely-located flat faces adapted to be engaged by the last-mentioned tongue, and a pair of spring-clips secured to the outer ends of said shaft or pin, substantially as set forth.

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