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Fig. 1.

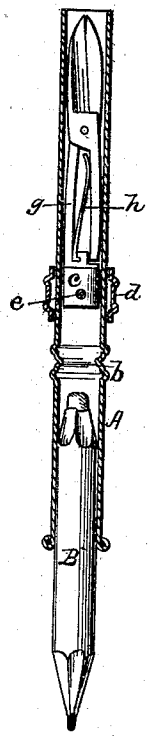
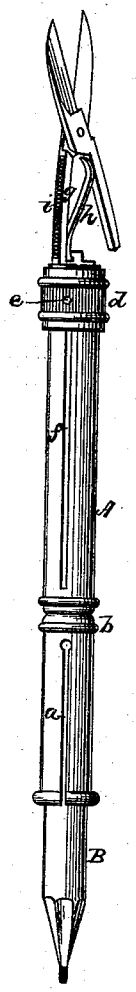


Fig. 2.



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PENCIL-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY C. BENSON, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pencil-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention consists in the combination, with a tubular case of otherwise ordinary and suitable construction, having preferably one end adapted to receive a pencil, of scissors, substantially in the manner as hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a longitudinal central section of a pencil-holder embodying my improvement. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same, showing the scissors projecting from the case.

A is a pencil-holder, which may be of any approved construction, which in this instance is constructed for the most part like what is known as a pencil-point protector, consisting of a metallic tube split at the pencil-receiving end, as shown at *a*, and having a shoulder, *b*, to limit the extent to which the pencil B can be inserted. The metallic tube back of the shoulder is extended to form a case for the reception of the scissors.

The scissors are mounted on and carried by a block, *c*, which fits and is capable of sliding back and forth in the tube, and it can be thus moved by means of a sliding sleeve, *d*, mounted on the exterior of the stem A, and connected with the sliding block *c* by means of a pin, *e*, extending through the longitudinal slot *f*, formed in the tubular case A.

In lieu of the sleeve, a button, thumb-piece, or equivalent device may be employed.

The scissors may be attached to the sliding block *c* in various ways. The preferred arrangement is shown in the drawings. In that arrangement one of the blades (marked *g*) is rigidly attached to the block *c*. The other blade is pivoted to the rigidly-fixed blade, as shown.

Between the handle ends of the blade is interposed a spring, *h*, attached to one of the blades, and bearing against the other in such manner as to normally spread apart the handle ends of the blades.

When the handle ends are brought together against the stress of this spring the scissors are closed and are brought within a compass which will permit them to enter and be received within the tubular stem or case A, as shown in Fig. 1. In this position the handle end of one of the blades of the scissors, which is pressed outwardly against the wall of the case A by the spring *h*, becomes in effect a spring friction-pad to hold the scissors securely in place within said case.

When the sleeve *d* is moved in the direction to project the scissors from the case the blades will, as soon as they clear the case, open, as shown in Fig. 2, in which position they are ready for use.

The device thus described is convenient and adapted for general use. If desired, the nail-dressing file may be formed on the shank of the rigidly-fixed blade, as indicated at *i*.

I desire to have it understood, in conclusion, that while I have shown the scissors applied at one end of a case which at the other end is constructed to receive a pencil, the said case may be formed and arranged to carry, in lieu of the pencil, any article, such as a nail-cleaner, shoe or gloove buttoner, &c., which may be arranged to slide in and out of the case at the end opposite that to which the scissors are fitted.

Having described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In combination with the tubular case, scissors mounted upon a sliding support in said case and provided with a spring which acts to spread apart the handle ends of the scissors-blades, so that the latter, when closed and retracted within the case, will bear with yielding pressure against the walls of the same, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, substantially as set forth, of the tubular slotted case, a sliding block or support within said case, a sleeve or its equivalent upon the extension of said case connected with and adapted to move said block, and scissors mounted upon said block or support and provided with a spring which spreads apart the handle ends of the scissors-

blades, the parts being combined and arranged for joint operation as hereinbefore described.

3. The pencil-holder or point-protector containing scissors adapted to be projected from that end of the case opposite the pencil-holder end, said scissors having a spring between the handle ends of the blades, being mounted on a longitudinal sliding support operated from the exterior of the case, substantially as hereinbefore set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 28th day of October, A. D. 1880.

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