

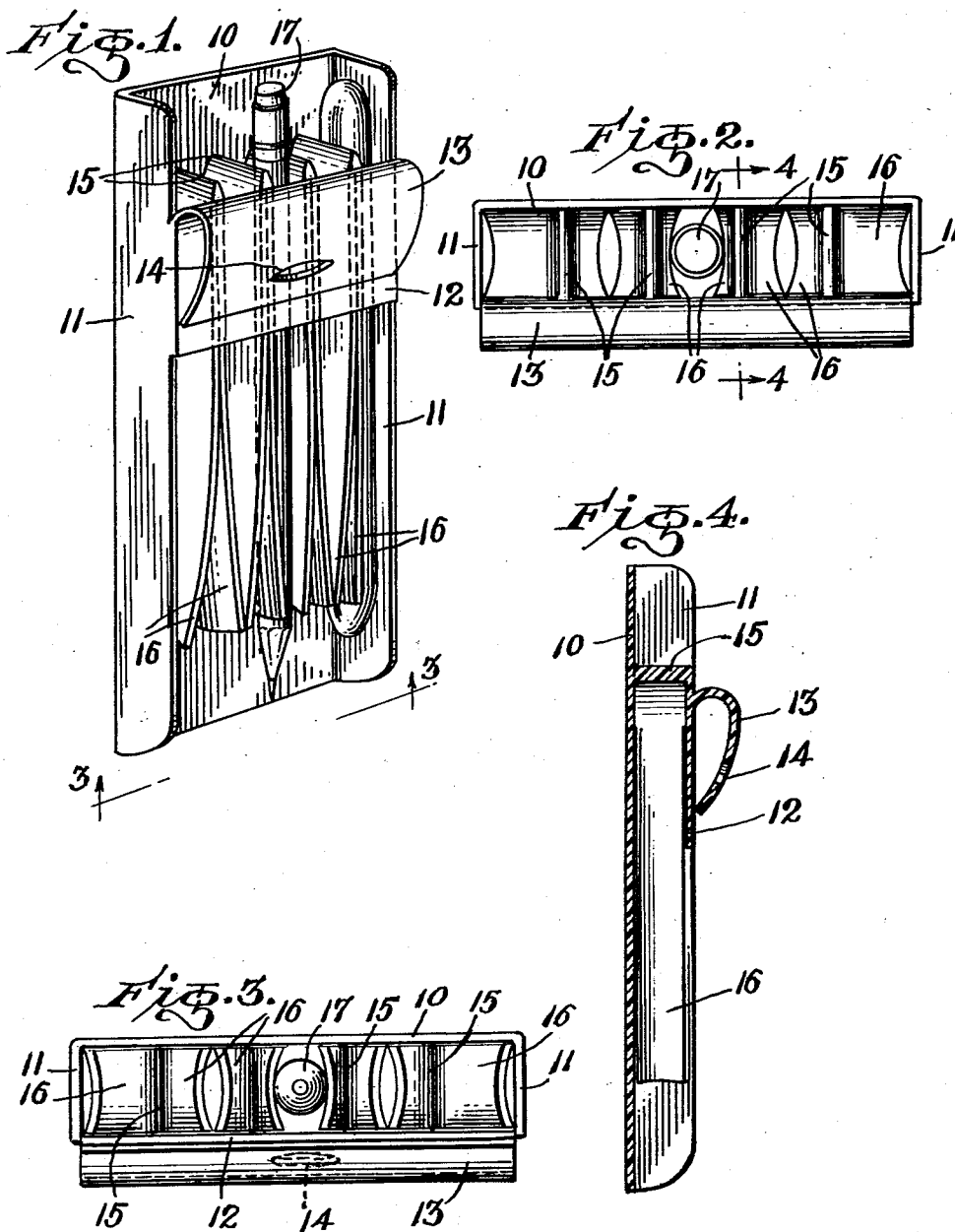
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This invention relates to holders for pens and pencils. It is an object of the present invention to provide a pen and pencil holder which will hold the pens and pencils neatly in place and wherein the pens and pencils may be inserted or removed with one hand.

It is another object of the present invention to provide a pen and pencil holder of the above type which may be mounted on the pocket of a shirt or the like and which will prevent injury to the owner so common to pens and pencils which are carried completely unprotected in shirt pockets.

Other objects of the present invention are to provide a pen and pencil holder bearing the above objects in mind which is of simple construction, has a minimum number of parts, is inexpensive to manufacture and efficient in use.

For other objects and a better understanding of the invention, reference may be had to the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a preferred embodiment of the present invention showing a pencil in operative position therewithin;

Fig. 2 is a top plan view thereof;

Fig. 3 is a bottom plan view thereof looking along the line 3—3 of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view taken along the line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

Referring now more in detail to the drawing, 10 represents a rectangular back member of plastic integrally formed along its opposite longitudinal edges with the forwardly extending side walls 11 having rounded corners, substantially as illustrated.

The front of the holder is open and is bridged by the transverse panel 12 integrally formed at its ends in the outer edges of the side members 11. The upper edge of the panel 12 is integrally formed with the downwardly bent and inwardly extending curved portion 13, the lower edge of which is secured to the transverse panel 12 above the lower edge thereof (Fig. 4). The curved portion 13

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is provided with the buttonhole 14 for mounting the holder on the outside of a shirt pocket having a button.

A plurality of plastic dividers are provided and include the central upper ends 15 integrally formed at one end in the rear panel 10 and at the outer end in the upper edge of the transverse panel 12, the upper ends 15 being parallel to each other in laterally spaced relationship (Fig. 2). Each of the upper ends 15 is integrally formed with the depending, diverging spring fingers 16 of curved cross section and presenting a pair of concave outer faces which are adapted to cooperate with the concave outer faces of an opposing spring member to retain therebetween the pen or pencil 17. As shown, four such plastic dividers are provided and are adapted to support five pens or pencils in laterally spaced relationship. It will be apparent that the device will hold any length pen or pencil. Each of the plastic dividers or spring members exerts a lateral pressure in both directions.

While various changes may be made in the detail construction, it shall be understood that such changes shall be within the spirit and scope of the present invention as defined by the appended claim.

What I claim as new and desire to protect by Letters Patent of the United States is:

A pen and pencil holder comprising, in combination, a rectangular wall, a pair of perpendicularly extending side walls secured along the longitudinal edges of said rectangular wall, a transverse panel connecting the free edges of said side walls together intermediate the ends thereof and adjacent one longitudinal extremity of said side walls, a curved portion integral with one edge portion of said transverse panel and extending toward the opposite edge portion of said panel, said curved portion having a buttonhole for removably receiving a shirt pocket button for supporting said holder, and spring means intermediate said side walls for resiliently retaining a plurality of laterally spaced pens and pencils to permit their insertion and removal with one hand, said spring means comprising a plurality of dividers each having a unitary end connected to said rectangular wall and said transverse panel and being integrally formed with a pair of diverging depending fingers of arcuate cross section adapted to cooperate with adjacent fingers to resiliently retain therebetween a pencil and pen in laterally spaced relationship.

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