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PENCIL AND PENHOLDER ATTACHMENT.

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Fig. 1.

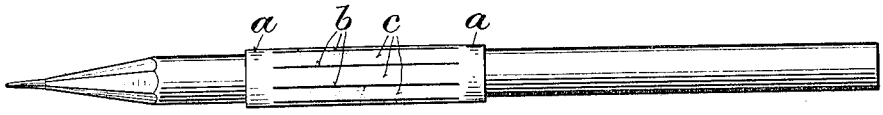


Fig. 2.

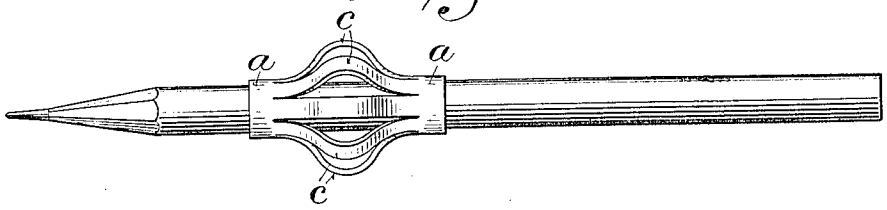


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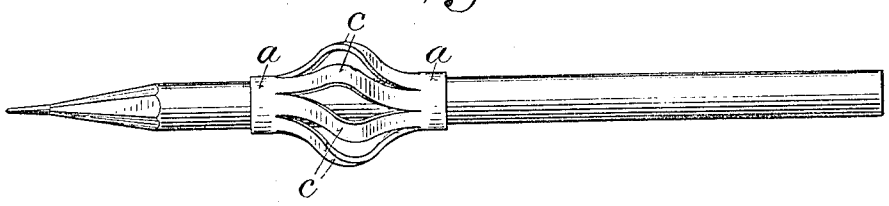
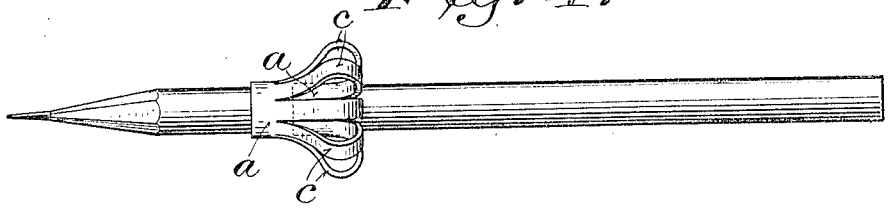


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MICHAEL J. McGUIGAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Ashland, in the county of Ashland and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pencil and Penholder Attachments, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part thereof.

The main objects of the invention are to prevent the loss of pencils, penholders or pens from pockets in which they are carried, to provide a yielding or elastic, convenient and easy finger grip for pencils and penholders, to prevent them from rolling when laid on a desk or table, especially one having a sloping surface, and generally to simplify and improve the construction and increase the utility and efficiency of devices of this class.

It consists essentially of a rubber or elastic sleeve having expansible end bands adapted to snugly fit and conform to a pencil or penholder and longitudinal slits forming strips which may be spread, twisted and inturned to protrude more or less by the relative adjustment of the end bands, as hereinafter particularly described and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawing like characters designate the same parts in the several figures.

Figure 1 is a side view of an attachment embodying the invention as applied to a pencil; Fig. 2 is a like view showing one of the end bands of the attachment adjusted toward the other to spread the slits and form the intervening strips into protuberant loops; Fig. 3 is a like view showing one end band adjusted toward and turned relative to the other to give the protuberant strips a spiral form; and Fig. 4 is a like view showing one of the end bands inverted or turned inside out and adjusted toward the other to form a ruff or protuberance of the inturned looped strips.

The attachment consists as shown, of an elastic sleeve preferably made of soft rubber and having at the ends expansible bands *a*, which are adapted to fit snugly upon and conform to pencils and penholders of different sizes and shapes, round, hexagonal, etc.

Between the end bands *a*, the sleeve is formed at intervals around it with longitudinal slits *b*, and intervening strands or strips *c*, which are capable of being spread or bulged outwardly more or less to form a protuberance or ruff, as shown in Figs. 2, 3 and 4, by the adjustment of either end band *a*, relative to the other on a pencil or penholder, the end bands gripping the pencil or penholder and being thus held in any positions relative to each other to which they may be longitudinally and angularly adjusted thereon.

This protuberance or ruff serves by engagement with the inside of a pocket to prevent the accidental removal and loss of a pencil or penholder from the pocket; it also prevents a pencil when carried, as usual, point downward, from working through a hole in a pocket, tends to prevent a pencil or penholder when laid on a table or desk, particularly one having a sloping surface, from rolling off, and helps to hold a pencil or penholder in place behind the ear where it is frequently carried by clerks, bookkeepers and others.

In Fig. 3 the attachment is shown with one of the end bands of the sleeve turned relative to the other, as well as thrust or adjusted toward it on the pencil, to twist the protuberant strips *c* into spiral form.

In Fig. 4, one of the end bands, in the present instance that farthest from the point of the pencil, is inverted or turned inside out and thrust inside of the strips *c* close to the other end band, to form inturned protuberant loops of the strips *c*.

Adjusted in any of the ways herein shown and described, the protuberance or ruff formed by the outwardly bulged, bent or looped strips *c*, by frictional engagement with the pocket or lining of the pocket in which the pencil or penholder is carried, will effectively prevent the accidental removal and loss of the pencil or penholder from the pocket, will also tend to prevent the pencil or penholder from rolling on a desk or table, and will afford a soft, elastic, convenient and easy grip for the thumb and fingers in the use of the pencil or penholder.

If preferred, the end bands *a*, may be drawn apart so that the strips *c* will lie flat on the pencil or penholder, as shown in Fig. 1, when it is in use. When so adjusted, the sleeve also forms a soft, elastic, convenient and easy grip for the thumb and fingers; but when the pencil or penholder is returned to the pocket, one of the end bands is preferably thrust toward the other, to

bend the intervening strips *c* outwardly into a protuberance or ruff and to more effectively hold the pencil or penholder in the pocket.

I claim:

A pencil and penholder attachment consisting of a soft rubber sleeve having expansible end bands adapted to conform to and grip the pencil or penholder in different positions and to retain the positions to which they are angularly and longitudinally adjusted relative to each other, and longitudinal slits between the end bands forming radially and circumferentially flexible strands.

In witness whereof I hereto affix my signature.

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