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Fig. 1.

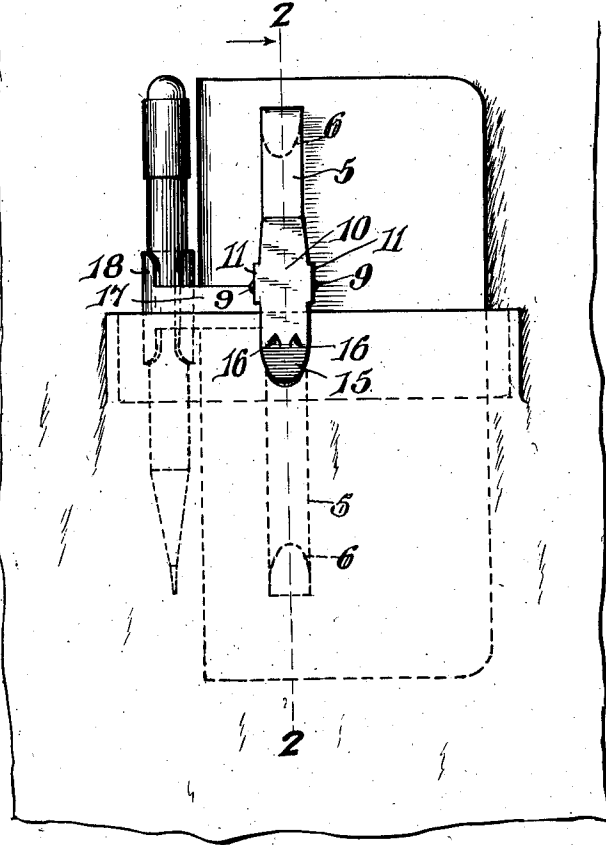


Fig. 2.

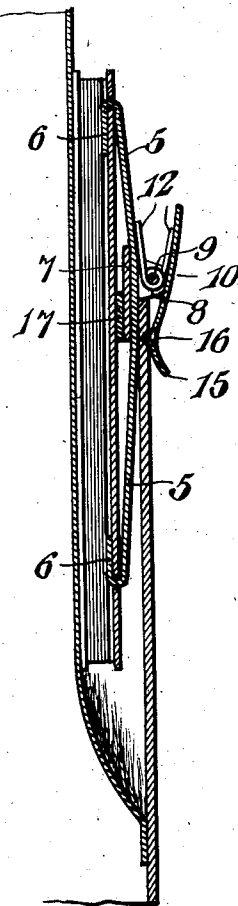
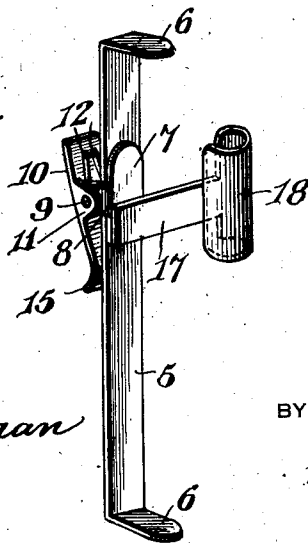


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. COLBERT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Westhoff, in the county of Dewitt and State of Texas, have invented a new and useful Combined Book and Pencil Holder, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a combined book and pencil or pen holder, and has for its object to provide a simple, cheap and convenient device, which can be readily secured in position to the cover of a memorandum, check or other book adapted to be carried in the pocket, and which will maintain the book in the pocket regardless of the depth of the latter, and at the same time hold the pencil or pen holder in associated relation with the book.

It consists in certain features of construction, and a certain combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully set forth and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawing—Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved combination book and pencil holder showing it mounted on the cover of a book and retained in a pocket. Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1 looking in the direction indicated by the arrow. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the device detached from the book.

Referring to the drawing, which illustrates the preferred embodiment of my invention, 5 designates a support or bar in the form of a narrow, thin strip of sheet metal of uniform width with its end portions 6 bent at right angles and transversely rounded at their extreme ends. The support is removably secured longitudinally or vertically to the outside of the cover of a book, and is held in position by having its ends 6 pushed through slits cut in the cover and then bent down on the inside to firmly hold the support in position.

Movably mounted on the under side of the bar or support 5 is a relatively short strip of metal 7 corresponding in width to the support and serving as a slide. At each side, intermediate its ends, the slide is provided with oppositely-disposed, outwardly-extending lugs 8, and projecting through aligned perforations in the lugs is a pintle 9, which extends over or across the support.

Mounted above or outside the support 5 is a clamp 10 provided intermediate its ends with oppositely-disposed, inwardly-project-

ing lugs 11, which are pivoted on the outer ends of the pintle 9. A spring 12 is wound around the pintle, and one end of the spring bears against the inner side of the upper or normally raised portion of the clamp 10, while the other end of the spring bears against the outer face of the support 5, thereby forcing the lower or normally depressed portion of the clamp against the support. The end of the lower portion of the clamp is curved outwardly as at 15, and just in front of the curved end and arranged side by side are two V-shaped cuts with their points extending inwardly. The free V-shaped pieces of metal are pressed down to form rearwardly projecting prongs 16, which bear on the outer face of the support 5 and hold the lower portion of the clamp slightly away from the support.

Connected rigidly to the underside of the slide 7 is the inner end of a transverse arm 17, which extends at right angles to the support 5, and at its outer or free end the arm is provided with a portion of increased width, which is curved over inwardly on a side opposite to that of the clamp 10 to form a clamping sleeve 18 adapted to removably retain a pencil or pen. It will be observed that the said sleeve is inwardly offset so as to bring the pencil or pen holder substantially parallel with the edge of the book.

From the foregoing it will be apparent that I have produced a device which can be relied upon to prevent the loss of a book from the vest pocket, which frequently occurs when a person leans over, and this is especially true when the pocket is shallow as compared with the length of the book. The clamp 10 by reason of the slide 7 is made adjustable along the support.

In placing the book in the pocket, the book is inserted with the device facing the outside, and, then pushing the book down close to the outer wall of the pocket, the upper edge will rise and enter beneath the lower outwardly curved end 15 of the clamp bringing the teeth 16 into engagement with the facing of the pocket and preventing its accidental withdrawal.

In order to remove the book, it is simply necessary to depress the upper or normally raised portion of the clamp against the tension of the spring 12, which will raise the normally depressed or lower portion of the clamp and withdraw the teeth from engage-

ment with the outer wall of the pocket when the book can be withdrawn from the pocket.

By reason of the offsetting of the pencil-holding sleeve, the device is secured to the cover so that the pencil holder 18 is arranged alongside of or opposite the back edge of the book, whereby the pencil will not be in the way and the book can be opened for reference without interference from the pencil retainer or the pencil.

My combined book and pencil holder can be secured in position on the cover of a book by simply using a knife to cut slits for the ends 6 to be pressed through, and when it is desired to discard the book or lay it aside, the device can be removed and placed on another book in a similar way.

What I claim is:—

In a device of the class described, a support adapted to be secured longitudinally so as to lie against the outside of the cover of

a book, a slide movably mounted at the inner side of said support, a spring actuated clamp positioned at the outer side of said support and connected with the slide so as to move therewith, an arm extending transversely from the slide and lying flat against the cover of the book, and a holding sleeve for a pencil or pen formed at the outer end of said arm and offset so as to cause the pencil or pen to lie along the edge of the book, said sleeve being movable with the clamp and slide when said parts are adjusted along the support.

In testimony, that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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