

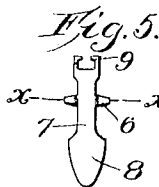
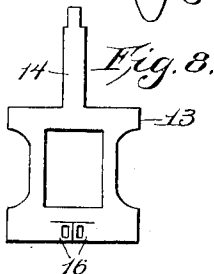
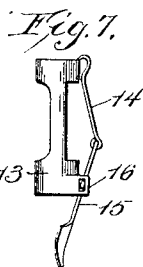
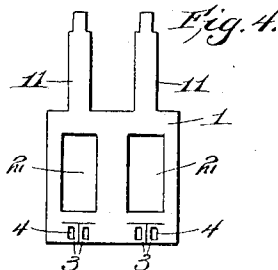
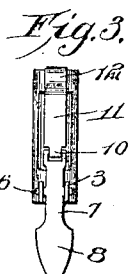
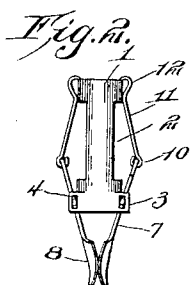
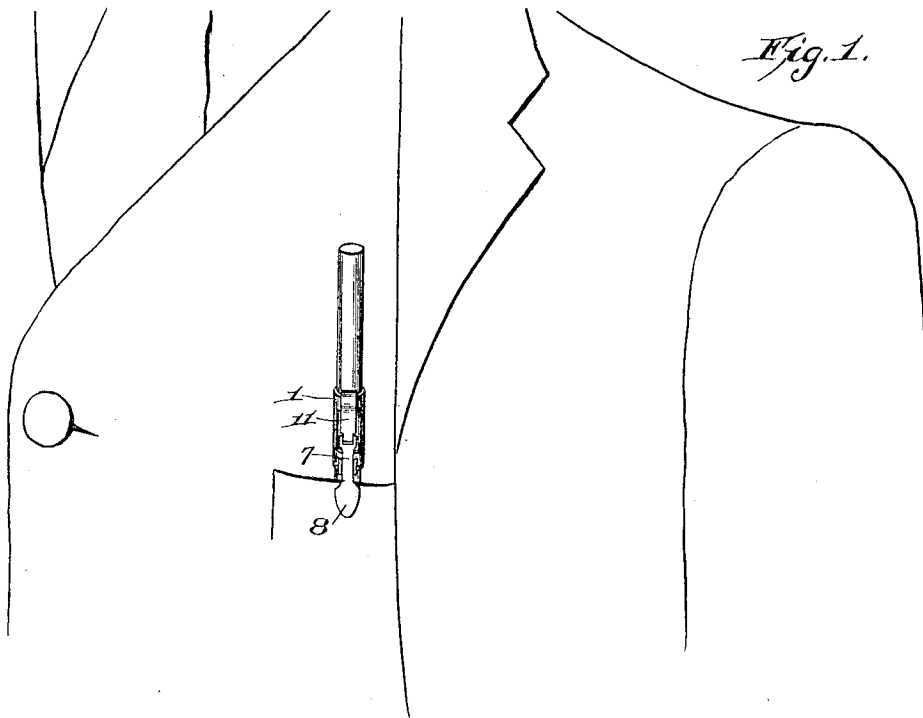
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALVA RAY ELDREDGE, a citizen of the United States, residing at El Paso, in the county of El Paso and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pencil-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to pencil-holders; and its object is to provide a simple device of this character adapted to be readily formed from a sheet of metal and which can be quickly attached to pencils or pens of different sizes.

Another object is to provide a clip of novel construction which is formed with the holder and is adapted to cooperate with the pencil for gripping or clamping upon the edge of a pocket to prevent accidental displacement of the pencil.

Another object is to provide a clip which can be readily disengaged from the pocket and which will not tear or otherwise injure the same.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists of the novel construction and combination of parts hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings I have shown the preferred form of my invention.

In said drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a pencil fastened to a pocket by means of my improved holder. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the holder detached. Fig. 3 is a front elevation thereof. Fig. 4 is a view of a blank from which the sleeve and the arms of the holder are formed. Fig. 5 is a detail view of one of the levers. Fig. 6 is a section on line *x x*, Fig. 5. Fig. 7 is a side elevation of a modified form of holder, and Fig. 8 is a view of the blank from which said modified form is produced.

Referring to the figures by numerals of reference, 1 is a substantially cylindrical sleeve having opposite portions thereof cut away, as shown at 2, for the purpose of saving metal and rendering the device extremely light. The adjoining edges of the sleeve are not secured together, but are free to move apart, so that the sleeve can fit tightly upon pencils, pens, &c., of different sizes.

Oppositely-extending pairs of ears 3 are formed integral with the sleeve at one end and have elongated slots 4, adapted to re-

ceive oppositely-extending L-shaped arms 6, formed upon the edges of levers 7, having spoon-shaped extensions 8 at one end. The other end of each lever 7 has inwardly-bent extensions or fingers 9, which project into opposite sides of an eye 10, formed at one end of a spring-arm 11, which is integral with the sleeve 1 and extends from the end thereof farthest removed from ears 3. These arms 11 normally extend at angles to the sleeve, and those portions thereof adjacent the end of the sleeve are bowed, as shown at 12. As these arms are connected to the levers 7, it will be understood that the spoon-shaped extensions of the levers will be held normally in contact by reason of the outward pressure exerted upon the levers by the arms.

When a pencil is inserted through the sleeve 1, the point thereof will spread apart the extensions 8 and will cause the spring-arms 11 to be pressed inward. The extensions 8 will therefore be tightly clamped upon the sides of the pencil. When it is desired to fasten a pencil to a pocket by means of the holder, the two arms 11 are pressed against the sides of sleeve 1, and the extensions 8 are therefore swung away from the pencil, and the edge of the pocket can be inserted between one of these extensions and the pencil. Upon releasing the arms 11 they will spring outward and cause the extensions 8 to move toward the pencil, and the pocket edge will therefore be tightly clamped, and it will be impossible to accidentally displace the holder and the pencil contained therein. It will be noticed that the arms 6 taper from their inner to their outer ends, so that the points thereof receiving the greatest strain are wider and heavier than their ends.

While I preferably form the holder with a pair of levers 7, I can, if desired, utilize only one of these levers. In Fig. 7 I have shown this construction of holder. It will be seen in this figure that the sleeve 13 has only one spring-arm 14, which is connected to a lever 15, fulcrumed between a pair of ears 16. This construction of holder is particularly adapted for use upon fountain-pens and the like. It will be seen that where a holder is constructed as shown in Fig. 7 the entire device is formed of but two pieces, and when constructed as shown in Figs. 1 to 3 only three pieces are required. The device is therefore very simple, can be readily formed, and can be sold at slight cost.

Having thus fully described my invention,

what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A pencil-holder comprising an expansible sleeve having apertured parallel ears at one
5 end and a spring-arm integral with the other end and bent upon and overlapping the sleeve, said arm terminating in a hook, and a lever mounted between the ears and engaged
at one end by the hook of the spring and hav-
10 ing an enlarged pencil-engaging extension at

its other end and tapered bearing extensions projecting from opposite sides of the lever and into the openings within the ears.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of 15 two subscribing witnesses.

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