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NO MODEL.

Fig. 1.

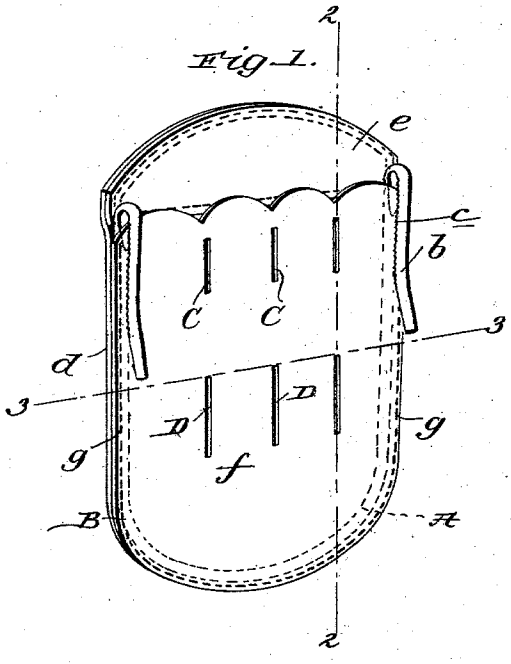


Fig. 2.

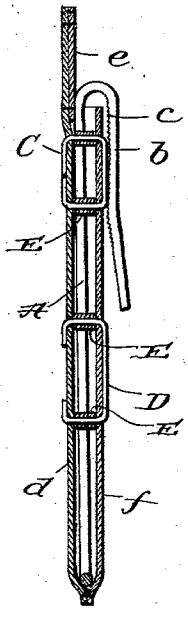


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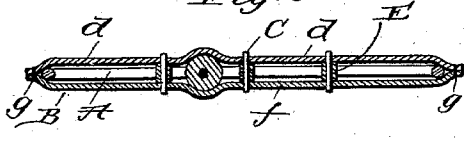
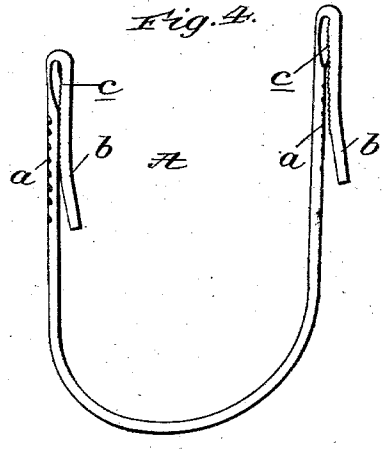


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IRVIN THADEUS ALVORD, a citizen of the United States, residing at View, in the county of Weber and State of Utah, have invented new and useful Improvements in Pencil-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to holders for pencils and other small articles such as are ordinarily carried about the person; and it consists in the peculiar and advantageous holder hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claims appended.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved holder; Figs. 2 and 3, sections taken in the planes indicated by the broken lines 2 2 and 3 3, respectively, of Fig. 1; and Fig. 4 a perspective view of the spring embodied in the holder.

Similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts in all of the views of the drawings, referring to which—

A, Fig. 4, is a U-shaped spring having its arms serrated or roughened at *a* in order to hold it against casual upward movement in the covering presently described, and also having hooks *b* at the upper ends of the arms serrated or roughened at their inner sides, as indicated by *c*, to prevent casual disengagement of the same from the front wall of a garment-pocket, and B is the covering. The said covering in the preferred embodiment of the invention comprises an inner or back layer *d*, preferably of leather, though cloth, rubber, or other suitable textiles may be used, which extends above the spring A about the proportional distance illustrated, and is provided on its extended portion with a layer *e*, of leather, designed to add to its strength and finish, and an outer or front layer *f*, also preferably of leather, stitched or otherwise connected along its lower and side edges to the back layer, as indicated by *g*. It follows from the foregoing that the connected layers *d* and *f* form a pocket containing the spring A and that the said spring serves to hold the inner and outer walls of the pocket taut or under tension, so as to enable them to clasp and hold pencils and other articles between them.

C C are upper wire staples, and D D lower wire staples, which serve to divide the pocket formed by the covering B into a plurality of subpockets or compartments, and E E are spacing sleeves or washers arranged on the upper and lower bars of the staples between the covering-layers *d f* and having for their purpose to hold the layers apart and the subpockets open when said subpockets are empty. The staples C D are preferably arranged as shown in Figs. 1 and 3 in order to form comparatively wide outer subpockets for the reception of a comb and a pair of scissors, toothbrush, or similar articles and intermediate narrow subpockets for the reception of pencils, pens, or the like. By virtue of the pocket formed by the covering being divided into subpockets, as described, it will be observed that a large article may be placed in one subpocket without diminishing the ability of an adjacent subpocket to tightly hold a comparatively small article.

In the practical use of my improved holder the same may be attached to any part of a garment through the medium of a safety-pin or other device passed through the upwardly-extended portion of the covering B. The holder is, however, designed more particularly for use in an upper vest-pocket, and it is placed therein in such manner that the hooks *b* of spring A receive the upper edge of the front wall of the pocket. When the holder is thus secured in a pocket, there is no liability of it being casually displaced and no danger of any of the articles which it holds falling out. When, however, it is desired to use an article, the same may be readily withdrawn from the holder and after use may be as readily replaced therein.

Incident to the use of the holder in a garment-pocket the upwardly-extended portion of the inner layer *d* serves to guard and prevent wear and soiling of the portion of the garment immediately above the pocket.

I have entered into a detailed description of the construction and relative arrangement of the parts embraced in the present and preferred embodiment of my invention in order to impart a full, clear, and exact understanding of the same. I do not desire, however, to be understood as confining myself to such specific construction and arrangement of

parts, as such changes or modifications may be made in practice as fairly fall within the scope of my invention as claimed.

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

1. A holder for pencils and other articles comprising a U-shaped spring, a pocket containing said spring; said pocket being formed by back and front layers of leather, connected along their lower and side edges, staples connecting the back and front layers of the pocket, and dividing the same into a plurality of subpockets, and spacing devices arranged on the bars of the staples, between the back and front layers of the pocket.

2. A holder for pencils and other articles comprising a U-shaped spring having serrations on its arms, and also having hooks extending from the upper ends of the arms, and provided with serrations at their inner sides, a pocket containing the spring; said pocket being formed by back and front layers of leather, connected along their lower and side edges, and the back layer being extended above the spring, and above the front layer, staples connecting the back and front layers of the pocket, and dividing the same into a plurality of subpockets, and spacing devices arranged on the bars of the staples, between the back and front layers of the pocket.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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