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Fig. 1.

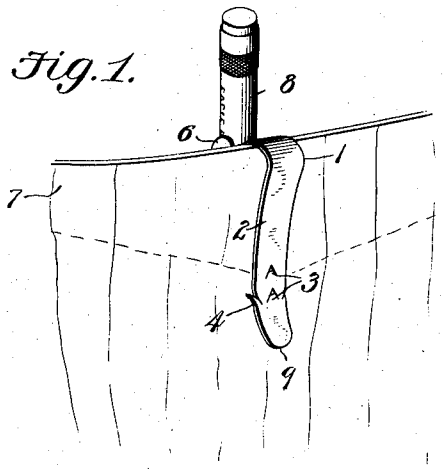


Fig. 4.

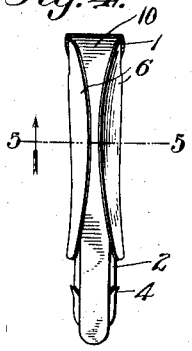


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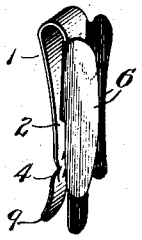
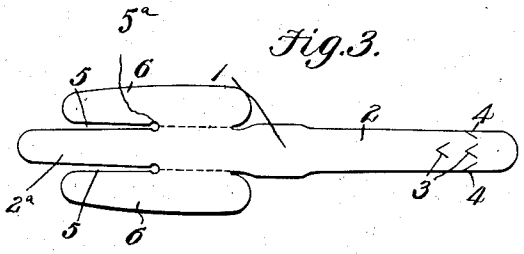


Fig. 5.



Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STEPHEN M. LEWIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pittsburg, in the county of Crawford and State of Kansas, have invented a new and useful Pencil-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to pencil holders of that character designed for holding pencils and the like within pockets of garments.

The object of the invention is to provide a clip-like device designed to engage the pocket and having means whereby the same can not be accidentally pulled out of position.

Another object is to provide a device of this character formed in a single piece of metal and having means of novel form and arrangement whereby pencils of different contours can be firmly gripped and supported.

Another object is to provide pencil clamping members so positioned as to permit the point of the pencil to be readily inserted therebetween.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists of certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts which will be hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings is shown the preferred form of the invention.

In said drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the holder in position upon a pocket. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the holder removed from the pocket. Fig. 3 is a view of the blank from which the holder is formed. Fig. 4 is a front elevation of the device. Fig. 5 is a section on line 5—5, Fig. 4.

Referring to Fig. 3 of the drawing which represents the blank from which the holder is formed it will be seen that the same consists of a body 1 having a tongue 2 extending from one end thereof and having its terminal rounded. The end portion of this tongue is provided with a plurality of V-shaped incisions along the longitudinal center thereof forming barbs or spurs 3. Diagonal clefts are cut into the longitudinal edges of the tongue to form additional barbs or spurs 4, the points of all of these barbs being directed toward the body 1. Another tongue 2^a extends in the opposite direction from body 1 and its longitudinal edges gradually converge and merge into a rounded end. Wings 6 are formed along the longitudinal edges of the tongue 2^a and close to body 1. These wings are in the form of elongated ovals and are for about one-half their length spaced from the tongue 2^a there being slots 5 formed between them and the tongue, each slot terminating at its inner end in an enlargement 5^a whereby bending of the parts is facilitated.

In shaping the holder from the blank hereinbefore described the body 1 is folded upon itself so as to bring the tongues 2 and 2^a close together to form a spring clip and the barbs or spurs 3 and 4 are pressed inwardly toward the tongue 2^a so as to engage any fabric which might be inserted between the tongues of the clip. The free end of tongue 2 is also curved away from the tongue 2^a as indicated at 9 so as to permit a finger to readily engage it for the purpose of withdrawing the spurs or barbs out of engagement with the fabric as has been indicated by the numeral 7, shown in Fig. 1. The wings are folded along the dotted lines shown in Fig. 3 so as to form a substantially triangular passage between them as indicated in Fig. 5, the outer or curved edges of the wings converging toward the centers thereof so as to form an elongated inlet 10 which extends partly down the front of the clip as indicated in Fig. 4.

In using the device the clip portion thereof is placed in engagement with the fabric which has been indicated at 7 and the two tongues will bind thereon, the spurs or barbs 3 and 4 engaging the fabric so as to prevent the clip from being accidentally withdrawn therefrom. When it is desired to fasten a pencil in position the same is inserted between the wings 6 as indicated at 8 and forced downward so that the wings will firmly bind thereon and hold it in position irrespective of its contour. Importance is attached to the fact that the inlet opening formed between the wings extends downward in front of the holder. As a result of this construction it becomes possible to insert the point of the pencil into the front portion of the holder thereby enabling the user to readily guide the pencil in proper position to be inserted between the wings and eliminating the necessity of holding the pencil in alinement with the longitudinal center of the passage between the wings before it becomes possible to insert the pencil.

What is claimed is:

A pencil holder formed in a single piece of spring metal comprising a bowed body por-

tion, a tongue extending from one end thereof, barbs integral therewith for engaging a fabric, said tongue having an out-turned extremity, a straight tongue extending from the other end of the body, elongated oval wings integral with said tongue and located adjacent the body, said wings being folded upon the tongue to form a substantially triangular passage, the lower portions of the wings being spaced from the tongue, said wings having their outer edges converging toward the centers thereof to form an elongated front inlet extending from one end of the triangular passage, said converging edges constituting guides for the point of a pencil inserted into the front inlet.

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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