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PENCIL HOLDER.

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Fig. 1.

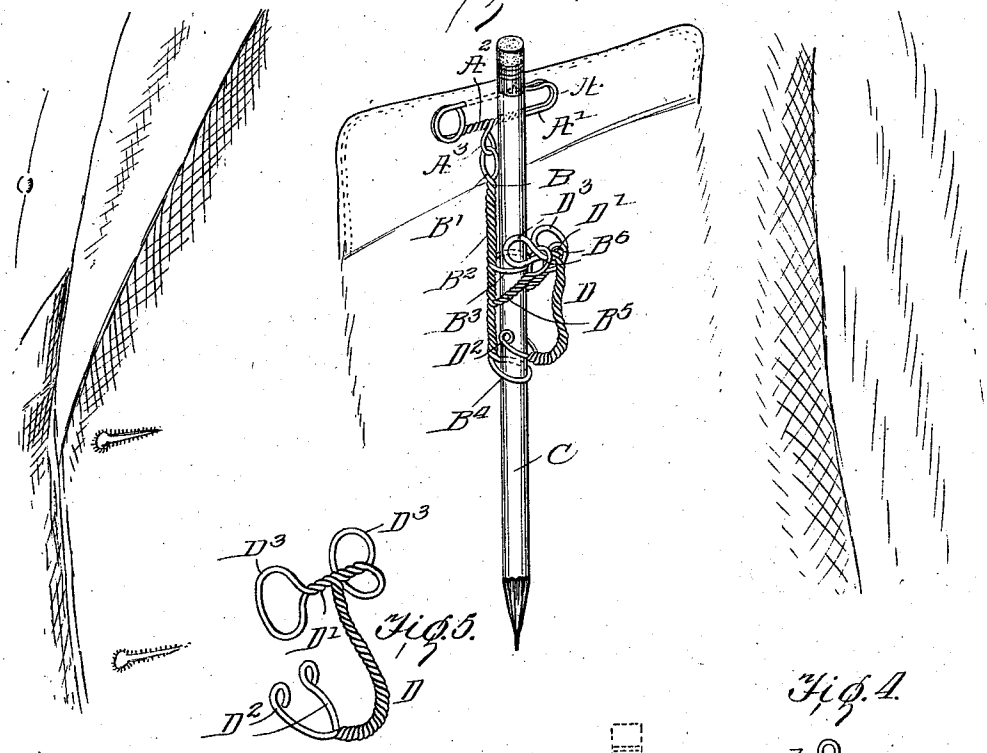


Fig. 5.

Fig. 2.

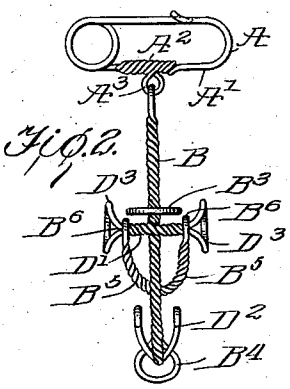


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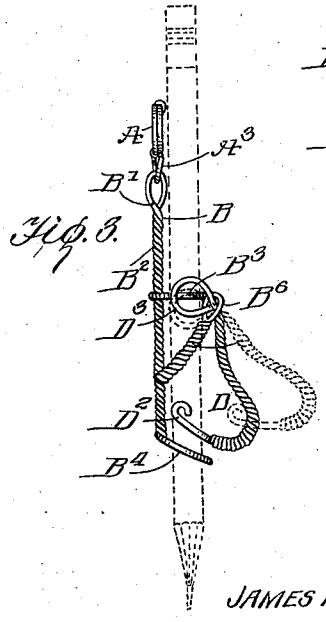
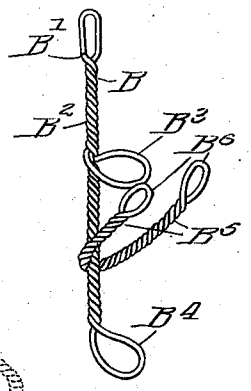


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES H. ROBINSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Lewiston, in the county of Nez Perce and State of Idaho, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pencil-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is an improvement in pencil holders in which general title may also be included holders for pen staffs and similar devices; and the invention has for an object to provide a novel construction including a body portion having guides or keepers receiving the pencil and a clamp operating upon the pencil between the guides in such manner as to lock the pencil against accidental longitudinal movement so that it will not be displaced and lost, the device being adapted to thus serve as a pencil holder and being made so that it will serve as an ornamental pendant in the use of the invention; and the invention consists in certain novel constructions and combinations of parts as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawing Figure 1 is a perspective view of the invention as in use. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the device. Fig. 3 is a side elevation thereof. Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of the body portion of the device, the clamp and the supporting pin being omitted. Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of the clamp removed from the body portion.

In practice, the several parts of the device are preferably twisted from spring wire or jewelers' gold wire, the twist being effected in the manner more fully described hereinafter, and the supporting device A is shown in the form of a safety-pin which can be conveniently attached to the coat, vest, dress or other garment, as will be understood from Fig. 1. The lower bar A′ of this pin A is twisted at A^2 with one of the twists opened to form a ring A^3 from which the body portion B of the device is suspended as shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 of the drawing. The body portion B is shown as twisted from a strand of wire, the ends of which are exposed at B′, see Figs. 1, 3 and 4, and in twisting the body portion, I form an upright B^2, one of the twists of which is opened to form the upper ring B^3 constituting the upper guide for the pencil C and at the lower end of the upright B, the twist is opened to form the lower guide B^4 in the form of a ring and between the upper and lower guides B^3 and B^4 the strands of the twist are extended outwardly and twisted forming arms B^5 which incline outwardly and upwardly to a point nearly on a level with the upper guide B^3 and the ends of said strands are opened forming eyes B^6 which constitute bearings for the shaft D′ of the clamp D so that said clamp may be swung outwardly as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 3, to release the pencil or inwardly to the full line position shown in Fig. 3 to clamp the pencil and hold the same from longitudinal movement through the upper and lower guides B^3 and B^4. In forming the clamp, it is bifurcated at its lower end producing the fork shape whose tines D^2 are the ends of the wire and the wire is twisted upwardly to a point where it joins with the middle of the shaft D′, the twisting being continued outwardly with the shaft projecting through the eyes B^6 or bearings of the body portion and enlarged loops D^3 being formed on the ends of the shaft D′ outside of the bearings B^6, thus preventing any displacement of the clamp. By twisting the wire as shown, the device can be easily made and when completed will form an ornamental pendant as is obvious from an inspection of the drawing.

In inserting the pencil, the clamp may be opened to the dotted line position shown in Fig. 3 and the pencil be adjusted through the upper and lower guides or keepers B^3 and B^4 as shown in Fig. 1 and in dotted lines in Fig. 3, when the clamp may be pressed to the full line position shown in Figs. 1 and 3 to cause its tines D^2 to press firmly on opposite sides of the pencil and hold the same from any longitudinal movement through the holder.

I claim:

1. A holder, substantially as described, comprising a body portion twisted from a length of wire having a twisted upright portion with its twist opened to form upper and lower guide rings and also having strands of its twist extended between said upper and lower guide rings and twisted to form arms having open loops at their ends forming bearings for the shaft of a clamp, and a clamp of twisted wire having a shaft journaled in the eyes of the said arms and

having its movable end bifurcated forming arms adapted to operate upon a pencil or the like, substantially as set forth.

2. A holder comprising a body portion having upper and lower guide rings and also provided between said rings with arms having openings near their free ends forming bearings, and a clamp having at one end a shaft journaled in the said bearings and having its movable end adapted to clamp upon a pencil or the like, substantially as set forth.

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