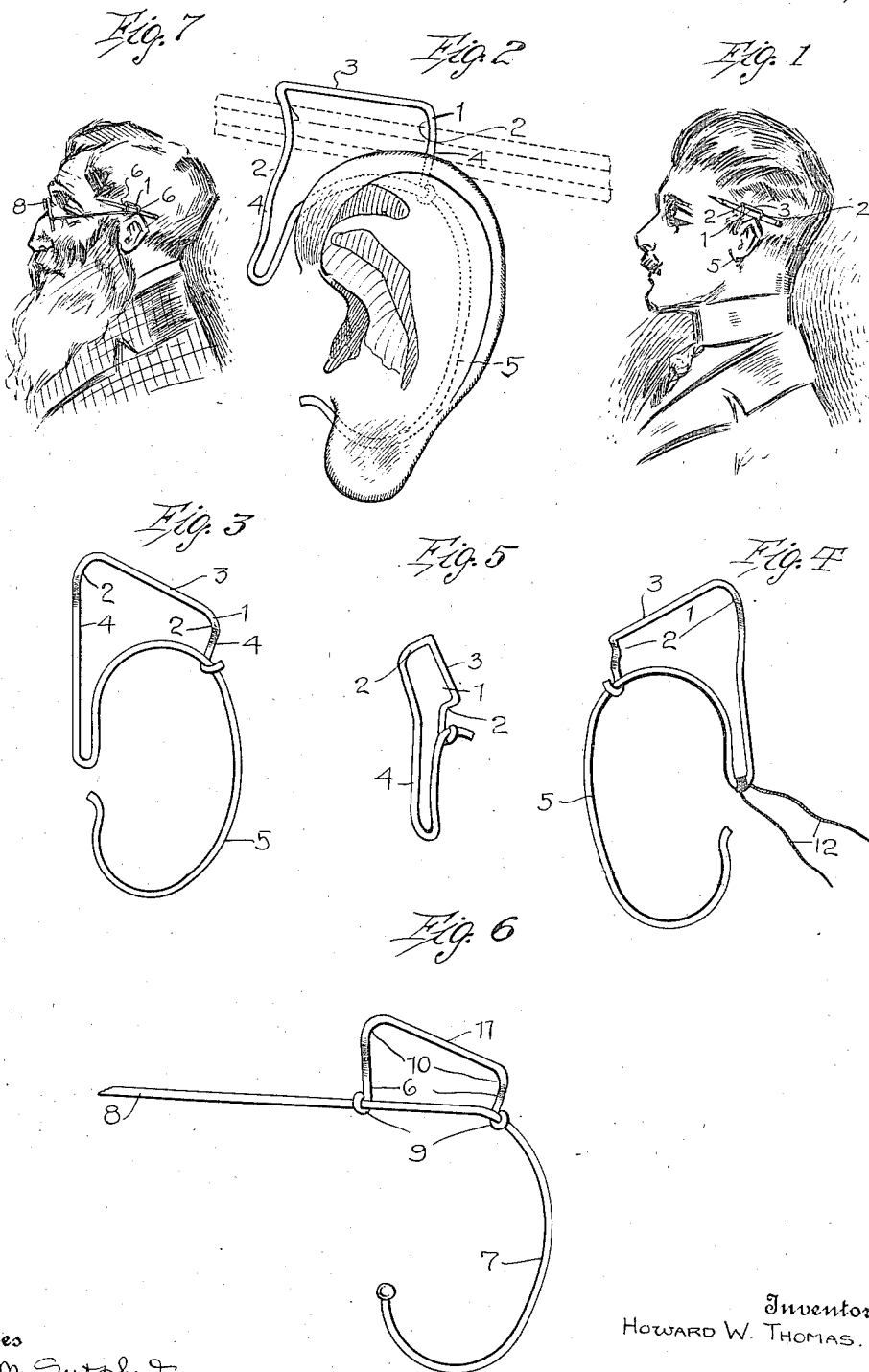


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HOWARD W. THOMAS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Charleroi, in the county of Washington and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pencil-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention relates to pencil holders and more particularly to pencil holders adapted to be engaged around a person's ear to hold the pencil in position against the head.

15 An object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which may be constructed of resilient material and which may be readily engaged with or disengaged from the ear, as desired.

20 Another object is to provide a device of this character which will be light in weight and which will securely hold the pencil in position without gripping the ear.

25 Another object is to provide a device of this character which will be of extremely simple construction and cheap to manufacture.

30 With these and other objects in view, as will more fully appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists in certain constructions, arrangements and combinations of the parts that I shall hereinafter fully describe and claim.

35 For a full understanding of the invention, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, in which,

Figure 1 is an elevational view of my invention applied to the ear of a person. Fig. 40 2 is an enlarged view similar to Fig. 1, but simply showing the ear of the person and the curved portion of the device being shown in dotted lines back of the ear. Fig. 3 is a detail elevational view of the device removed. Fig. 4 is a perspective view and showing the opposite side of the device. Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of the upper portion of the device, to more clearly show the arc-shaped members of the parallel legs for retaining the pencil in engagement against the side of the person's head. Fig. 6 is a fragmentary view of the temple piece or ear engaging piece of spectacles, with a modified form of my device carried 55 thereby. Fig. 7 is a view similar to Fig. 1,

showing the modified form of my device in use.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and designated in the accompanying drawing by like 60 reference characters.

Referring to the drawing, 1 indicates the pencil-engaging portion of my device which is of substantially U-shaped form and has the legs thereof curved, as shown at 2, adjacent the leg-connecting bar 3. 65

The legs are designated by the numeral 4. The short leg 4 is engaged, at its lower end, around the ear-encircling portion 5 which is substantially in the form of the letter C 70 and has connected to its upper end, the lower end of the long leg 4.

The device is preferably constructed of one piece of resilient metal, such as spring wire and is, therefore, extremely light in 75 weight.

When the device is in position upon the ear, the leg-connecting bar 3 normally rests against the side of the head above the ear, and a pencil or the like may be readily engaged between the legs 4 and the side of the head by placing the pencil against the head above the bar 3, then moving the pencil 80 downwardly, as the forward end of the bar 3 is spaced slightly from the side of the head and is higher than the rear end of the bar, as clearly shown on the drawing. When the pencil is in position, it slopes rearwardly slightly, thus eliminating the danger of the pencil sliding out of position as the head is moved forward. Owing to the resiliency 85 of the material of which the device is constructed, the pencil will be resiliently held against the side of the head. The pressure against the side of the head, however, is not sufficient to annoy the party wearing the device. 90

In the modified form shown in Figs. 6, and 7, I have shown the legs 6 of substantially the same length and having their 100 lower ends secured to the curved portion of the ear-engaging bar 7 of the eye-glasses or spectacles 8, as shown at 9. The legs 6 are provided with the curved portions 10 corresponding to the curved portions 2 of the legs 4 in the preferred form, said curved portions 10 being adjacent the leg-connecting bar 11. In this form, the curved end of the ear-engaging bar 7 takes the place of the curved ear-engaging portion 5 in the 110

preferred form. The device in this second form, however, is adapted to receive and hold the pencil in the same manner as in the preferred form. In this latter form, the device, as will be seen, is placed in position and removed with the spectacles 8 and, therefore, all danger of the device becoming disengaged from the ear is eliminated.

If desired, one end of the cord 12 may be connected with the device at the point at which the long or front leg 4 connects with the upper end of the ear-engaging portion 5, when the device is constructed, as shown in the preferred form, it being understood that the other end of the cord may be connected with a button-hole or with nose glasses.

While I have shown the preferred form of my invention, it will be understood that minor changes in the details of construction may be made within the scope of the appended claims without departing from the spirit of my invention.

What I claim is:—

1. A pencil holder comprising an ear en-

circling portion having one end extended upwardly, bent at substantially a right angle, then directed downwardly and engaged around the main part of the ear encircling portion to provide a pencil engaging member, the upwardly and downwardly directed portions of the pencil engaging member being curved for engagement with the pencil to retain the same in position engaged against the side of the head above the ear.

2. An article of manufacture comprising a pencil holder formed of a resilient ear encircling member having one end turned upon itself and directed upwardly, then turned and extended at an angle with its extremity directed downwardly and secured to the body of the ear encircling member for retaining a pencil in position against the head immediately above the ear.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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