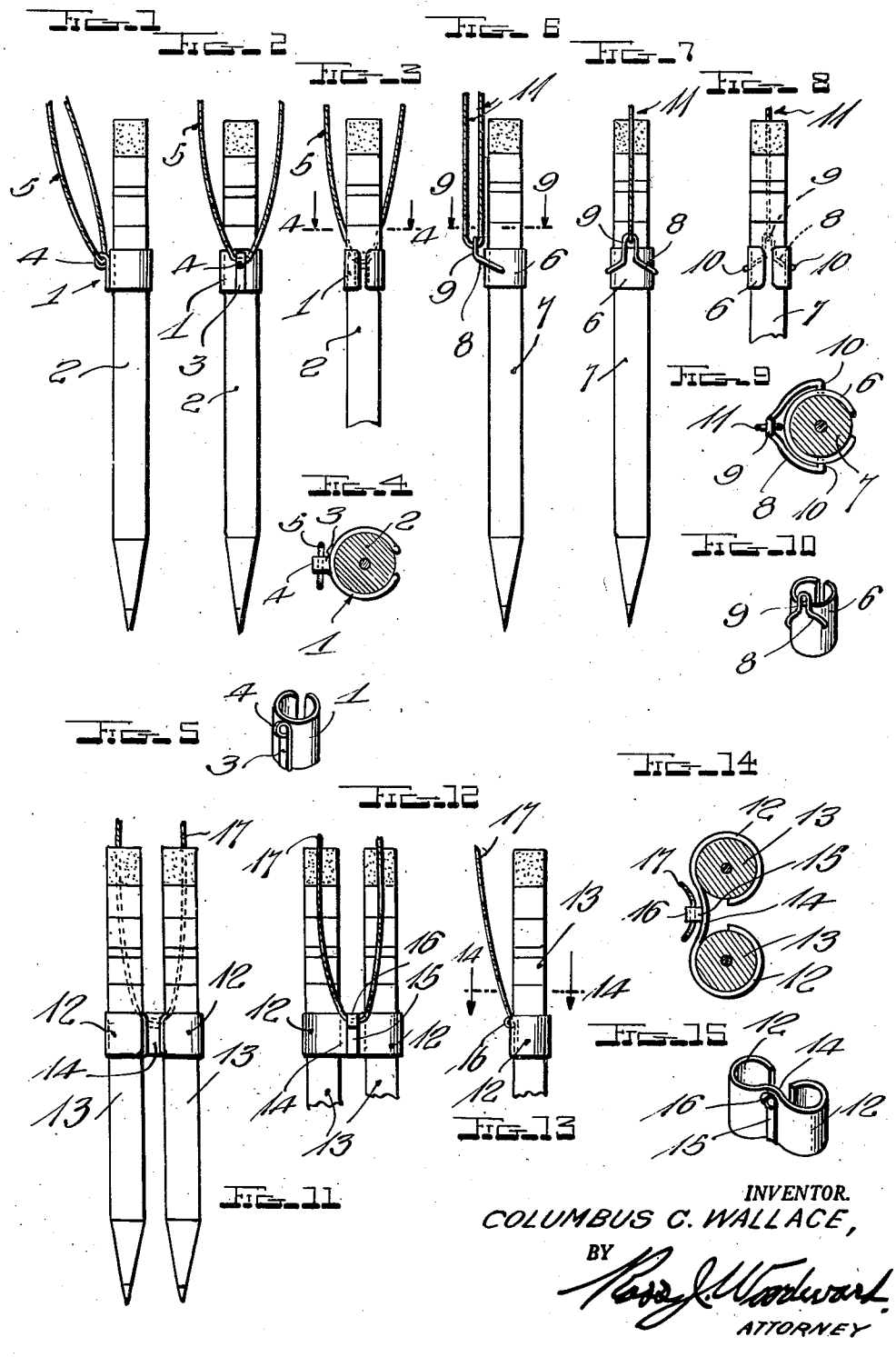
June 2, 1942. C. C. WALLACE 2,285,000

SWINGING PENCIL HOLDER

Filed June 30, 1941



INVENTOR.
COLUMBUS C. WALLACE,
BY
ATTORNEY

Patented June 2, 1942 2,285,000

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

2,285,000

SWINGING PENCIL HOLDER

Columbus C. Wallace, Fort Henry, Tenn.

Application June 30, 1941, Serial No. 400,481

1 Claim. (Cl. 24—10)

This invention relates to pencil holders and it is one object of the invention to provide a pencil holder carried by a cord, ribbon, or the like, so that the pencil may be suspended in front of a person, where it will be convenient for use when needed.

Another object of the invention is to provide a pencil holder consisting of a clamp for fitting tightly about a pencil and frictionally holding the pencil, the pencil being slidable through the clamp in order that the pencil may be thrust into the clamp and shifted longitudinally therein to adjusted positions.

Another object of the invention is to provide a holder wherein the clamp is formed from a strip of resilient sheet metal bent to assume the shape of a split sleeve which fits about and grips a pencil, the clamp being provided with an eye or clip for engagement with the cord for suspending the pencil.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a side elevation showing a pencil holder of the improved construction applied to a pencil.

Fig. 2 is a rear view looking from the left of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a front view looking from the right of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a view on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the pencil holding clamp.

Fig. 6 is a side elevation showing a modified form of pencil holder applied to a pencil.

Fig. 7 is a rear view looking from the left of Fig. 6.

Fig. 8 is a front view looking from the right of Fig. 6.

Fig. 9 is a view on the line 9—9 of Fig. 6.

Fig. 10 is a perspective view of the modified form of pencil holder.

Fig. 11 is a front view showing a double holder applied to pencils.

Fig. 12 is a rear view of the double holder.

Fig. 13 is a side elevation of the double holder.

Fig. 14 is a sectional view on the line 14—14 of Fig. 13.

Fig. 15 is a perspective view of the double pencil holder.

The pencil holder illustrated in Figs. 1 through 5 consists of a strip of resilient sheet metal bent to form a circular split sleeve or clamp 1, the bent strip having its ends spaced from each other so that the sleeve will be split longitudinally and thus permit it to expand and contract when a pencil 2 is thrust through it. The sleeve or clamp is initially of smaller diameter than the pencil and when the pencil is thrust through it, the clamp is expanded and then its tendency to contract causes it to fit tightly about the pencil and frictionally grip it. It will be accordingly seen that the pencil may be thrust through the sleeve or clamp until the clamp is disposed in a desired position intermediate the length of the pencil and frictional grip of the clamp will prevent the pencil from accidentally slipping longitudinally through the clamp.

A short strip of metal forming a hanger 3 is brazed, soldered or otherwise firmly mounted against the rear portion of the sleeve, longitudinally thereof, and has its upper end rolled to form an eye 4 through which a cord 5 is passed, the cord constituting means for suspending the pencil. This cord may be in the form of a loop and placed about a person's neck, or it may be a single strand and have its upper end engaged about a coat button or provided with a pin or clasp for anchoring the cord to a coat, shirt, or other apparel. The cord will thus serve to suspend the pencil in front of a person where it will be out of the way when not in use but within easy reach when needed.

The pencil holder illustrated in Figs. 6 through 10 consists of a split sleeve or clamp 6 of resilient metal and fitting about the pencil 7 in the same manner in which the clamp or sleeve 1 fits about the pencil 2. A clip or string engaging member 8 is carried by the sleeve and consists of a strand of resilient metal bent to form an eye 9 having arms extending therefrom and terminating in inwardly extending pins 10 which fit into openings formed at opposite sides of the clamp. The cord 11 is engaged through the eye 9 and since this eye extends upwardly from the arms of the clip, the pencil may hang vertically when the cord is placed about a person's neck or fixed to a button.

In Figs. 11 through 15, there has been illustrated another embodiment of the invention. This pencil holder is a double pencil holder and consists of a strip of resilient metal having its end portions bent to form clamps 12 for engaging about the two pencils 13. The mid-portion of the resilient strip forms a bridge 14 which is curved transversely, as shown in Figs. 14 and 15, and to this bridge is brazed, soldered, or otherwise firmly secured a clip 15 consisting of a short strip of metal having its upper end bent to form an eye 16. The cord 17 passes through the eye 16 and when the cord is placed about a person's neck or connected with a coat button,

the two pencils will be suspended in front of the person. These pencils may be of different colors or they may be of the same color and two pencils provided merely for the convenience of the user in the event the lead of one should become broken or worn dull.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

A pencil holder comprising a strip of resilient sheet metal bent to form an elongated sleeve open at its upper and lower ends and split longitudinally for its full length and constituting an elongated split clamp open at its ends and of a diameter adapting it to be expanded when fitted about a pencil and contract about the pencil to frictionally grip the same, and a clip carried by said clamp for engagement with a suspension cord, said clip consisting of a separate strip of stiff sheet metal secured flat against the outer surface of the clamp at the opposite side thereof from the split and extending longitudinally of the clamp and having its upper end portion free from the sleeve and rolled outwardly and downwardly to form an outstanding cord-receiving eye.

COLUMBUS C. WALLACE.