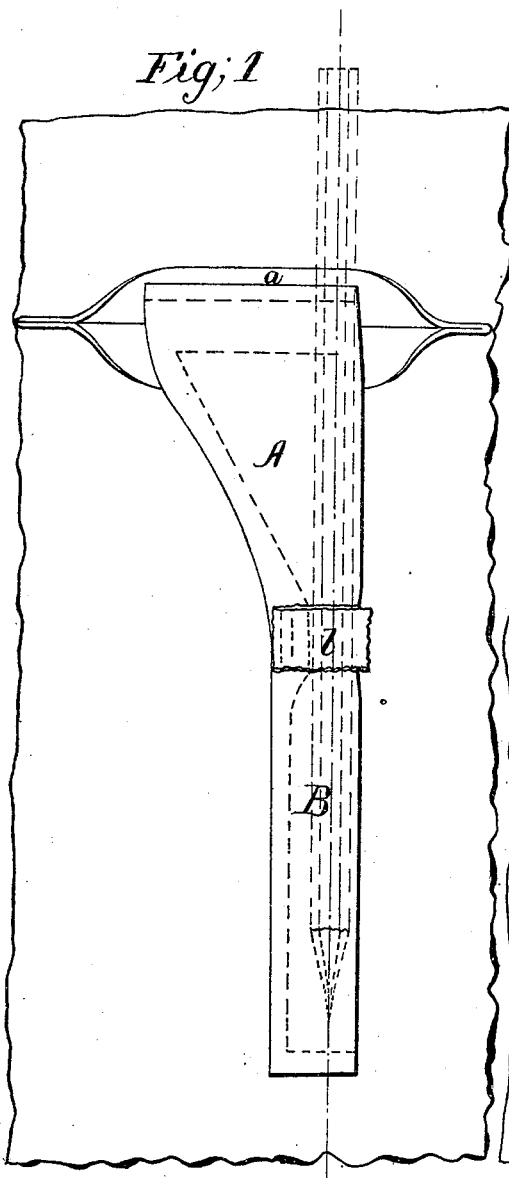


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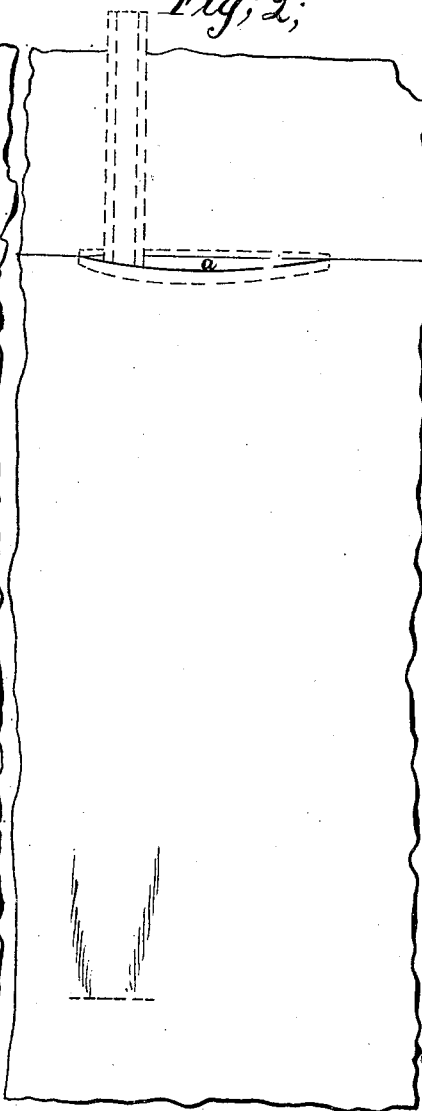
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Fig; 2;



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IMPROVEMENT IN PENCIL-POCKETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS D. MILLER, of Kankakee, in the county of Kankakee and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Pockets; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

The object of my invention is to produce a pocket to be sewed into a vest or any other garment, or in one side of the watch-pocket of a vest, in the same manner as an ordinary pocket, the said pocket being intended for holding a lead-pencil; and my invention consists in making the pockets with a wide mouth sloping down to a neck, at which point an elastic band, or an equivalent thereof, for contracting the pocket so as to hold the pencil tightly, is provided, and the pocket is then extended down for a certain distance. This manner of making the pocket enables the pencils to be inserted quickly and held tightly, and the point be prevented from entering the clothes of the person.

In the accompanying drawings, which illustrate my invention, Figure 1 is a side view of the pocket, looking at the same as attached to the inside of the fabric of the vest or other garment. Fig. 2 is a view showing the appearance of the pocket on the outside. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal transverse section taken in the plane of the line *xx*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

I intend, as a permanent thing, to make the pocket of a fabric or material not easily pierced by a pencil, but do not limit myself to any particular material of which to make the pocket.

A designates the upper part of the pocket, and B the lower part. The former is somewhat of a gore shape and the latter straight, or it may be gore-shaped also, if desired. The

mouth *a* is made larger than is necessary for the introduction of a pencil, and it is made so to facilitate the insertion of a pencil, the point of which, on striking the tapering side, will guide the pencil in the desired manner.

At about the center of the pocket I secure an elastic band, *b*, in such manner that it will contract the pocket at this point, which I call the "neck," so that when the pencil has been inserted it will be held securely in place. An equivalent of this elastic band could be adopted and made to answer the same purpose—that is, contracting the pocket at some intermediate point of its length.

The pocket is secured in the vest or other garment at its top in the usual way, and in such manner that it will not draw out on pulling out the pencil.

This pocket will be found very useful for the purpose for which it is intended. Every one very well knows that a great deal of trouble is experienced when using the ordinary wooden lead-pencil for a proper place to carry the same. If it be placed in the vest-pocket with the point downward it is apt to make a hole in the bottom thereof, and the pencil gradually slips through between the outside fabric and the lining of the vest, and if the point be upward it is sure to break off. By the use of my pocket, which may be made of some fabric or material that is not easily penetrated by the pencil-point, the pencil will be held and protected, and no inconvenience whatever will occur in inserting or withdrawing it.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A pocket flaring toward the mouth and having an elastic band applied thereto, substantially as and for the purpose herein shown and described.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 23d day of October, 1865.

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