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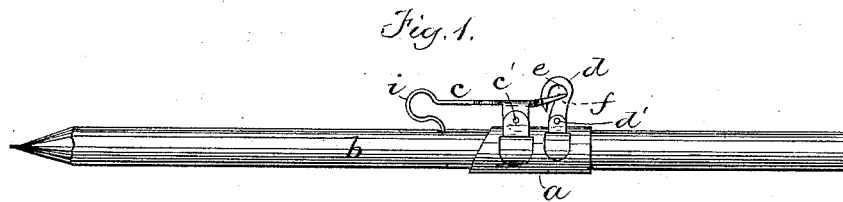


Fig. 2.

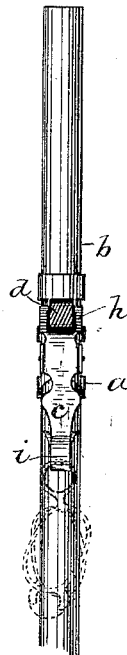
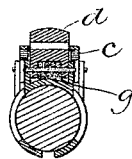


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH F. WEBSTER, of New Bedford, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain

5 Improvements in Pencil and Eyeglass Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a pencil-holding device consisting, essentially, of a jaw pivoted to a band adapted to be placed on the pencil and pressed at one end by a spring against the pencil or against the side of a garment-pocket in which the pencil is placed, so as to hold the pencil in the pocket by its grasp on the latter, the jaw being separated from the

15 pencil or from the side of the pocket by inward pressure upon its rear end, or the end opposite the side of the pivot from the grasping end.
Heretofore the rear end of the jaw has been

20 unprotected, so that it is liable to be pressed inwardly by accidental means, as by leaning or pressure of the person carrying the pencil against an external object, and thus cause the jaw to release its hold on the garment, and

25 rendering the pencil and attachment liable to be lost.
My invention has for its object to prevent this liability to accidental displacement and provide a protecting device for the rear end

30 of the jaw, adapted both to prevent inward movement of said end by direct inward pressure, and also to serve as a means whereby said end may be pressed inwardly by backward pressure applied to said protecting device.

35 The invention also has for its object to enable the jaw to serve as an eyeglass-holder.

To these ends my invention consists in the improvements which I will now proceed to describe and claim.

40 Of the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figures 1 and 2 represent, respectively, side and front views of my improved holder applied to a pencil, Fig. 2 showing the holder supporting an eyeglass.

45 Fig. 3 represents a section on line *x x*, Fig. 1. The same letters of reference indicate the same parts in all the figures.

In the drawings, *a* represents a band adapted to surround a pencil, *b*.

50 *c* represents the grasping-jaw, pivoted at *c'* to ears formed on said band, and projecting

at its grasping end beyond the band, so that it can bear against the pencil or against the side of a pocket interposed between it and the pencil.

d represents the protecting and operating device for the rear end of the jaw *c*. Said device is a small piece of metal pivoted at *d'* to the band *a*, and provided with a recess, *e*, which receives the rear end of the jaw and presents a shoulder, *f*, on which the rear end of the jaw rests. A spring, *g*, coiled upon the pivot of the piece *d*, presses the latter against the rear end of the jaw, and thus holds the shoulder *f* in position to support the end of the jaw and prevent it from being pressed inwardly while the piece is in place. The rear end of the jaw is provided with a slot, *h*, through which the piece *d* projects. One side of the recess *e* of said piece bears against the rear edge of the slot *h* when the piece *d* is turned backwardly, and thus exerts backward and inward pressure on the rear end of the jaw, at the same time removing the supporting-shoulder *f* from under the jaw and raising the grasping end, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1. It will be seen, therefore, that when the piece *d* is in its normal position it locks the jaw, so that it cannot be moved by direct inward pressure applied to its inner end, and that when it is desired to throw the grasping end of the jaw outwardly a backward pressure of the thumb or finger on the piece *d* accomplishes the desired result.

The jaw *c* is provided near its grasping end with a loop, *i*, adapted to receive a handle or offset on the frame of a pair of eyeglasses, as shown in Fig. 2, the glasses being thus securely and conveniently held.

I claim—

1. The improved holder for pencils and other like articles, composed of the band adapted to be applied to the pencil, the jaw *c*, pivoted to the band, and the locking and operating piece *d*, pressed by a spring against the rear end of the jaw, and provided with a shoulder, *f*, adapted to support said rear end, and with a portion projecting through a slot in the jaw, whereby when said piece is turned backwardly on its pivot the jaw is separated from the pencil at its grasping end, as set forth.

2. The improved holder, composed of the

band *a*, adapted to be applied to a pencil, and
the jaw *c*, pivoted to the band and provided
with the eyeglass-holding loop *i*, and adapted
to bear at one end with a yielding pressure
5 against the pencil or against the garment in-
terposed between the jaw and pencil, and there-
by retain the eyeglass in the loop, as set forth.
In testimony whereof I have signed my name

to this specification, in the presence of two
subscribing witnesses, this 29th day of May, 1884.

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