

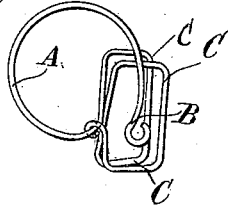
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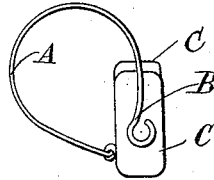
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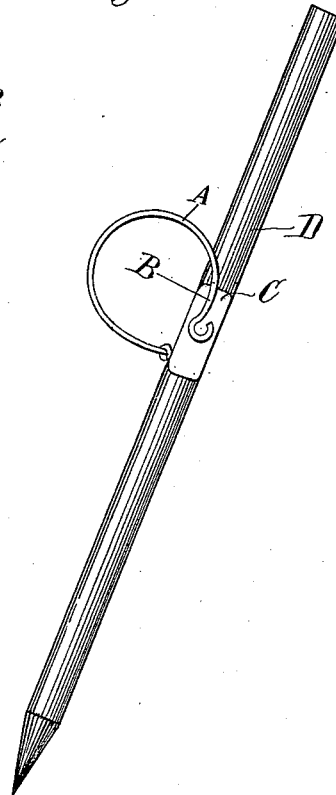
*Fig. 1.*



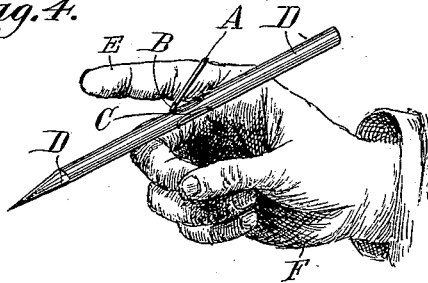
*Fig. 2.*



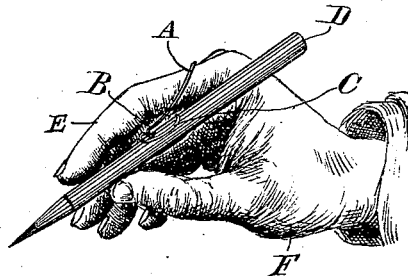
*Fig. 3.*



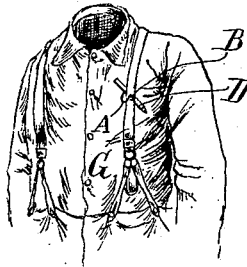
*Fig. 4.*



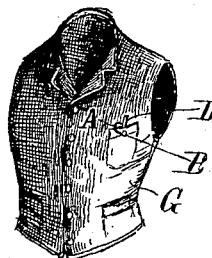
*Fig. 5.*



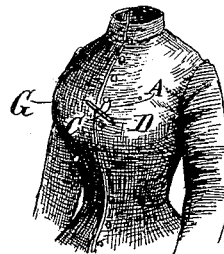
*Fig. 7.*



*Fig. 6.*



*Fig. 8.*



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## PEN OR PENCIL HOLDER AND SUPPORTER.

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### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES ALBERT HIGINBOTOM, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Vandalia, in the county of Fayette and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Pen or Pencil Holders and Supporters, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

My invention relates to a holder and supporter to be attached to pens or pencils; and my invention consists in features of novelty hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my invention made entirely of spring-wire and in position to receive a pen or pencil. Fig. 2 is a view of my invention modified, showing the jaws that clamp the pen or pencil to be made of spring sheet-brass or other substance other than wire. Fig. 3 is a view of the device attached to a pencil ready for use. Fig. 4 is a view showing the supporting-wire encircling the index-finger of the right hand by thrusting the finger through the same preparatory to using as a supporter. Fig. 5 is a view showing the device in proper position on the writer's hand attached to a pencil in using position as a supporter. Fig. 6 is a view showing how a pen or pencil may be clamped to a vest-pocket by means of the device. Fig. 7 is a view showing how a pen or pencil may be clamped to a gent's suspender by means of the device. Fig. 8 is a view showing how a pen or pencil may be clamped to a lady's dress by hooking the loose grip end of the supporting-wire in the button-hole of the dress.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the finger-supporting wire, having a grip end B forming the supporter and holder proper, to which is secured the jaws C that clamp the pen or pencil.

D represents a pencil with the supporter attached ready for use,

E represents the forefinger of the right hand F thrust through the supporting-wire A preparatory to using as a supporter.

When the device is in use as a supporter, it is in the position shown in Figs. 4 and 5, and when used as a holder it is used in manner shown in Figs. 6, 7, and 8.

G represents the different articles of wearing-apparel to which the device may be clamped.

The operation of the device is as follows: When it is desired to use the device as a support to a pen or pencil in writing, the index-finger is thrust through the supporting-wire A until the same is midway between the second and third joints of the finger, when the point of the pen or pencil D is dropped into the usual position, as in Fig. 5. The supporter now being in the position desired, the point of the pen or pencil is propelled in the usual manner. When it is desired to use the device as a holder to prevent the loss of the pen or pencil, the loose grip end B of the supporting-wire A is sprung out and away from the adjacent jaw C that clamps the pen or pencil, and the desired article of wearing-apparel is inserted between the loose grip end B and the adjacent jaw C. The loose grip end B is then allowed to rest against the article of clothing, which by its natural spring will clamp or hold itself to the desired article of apparel.

I claim as my invention—

1. A pen or pencil supporter constructed with a finger-supporting wire and a pair of spring-jaws, substantially as described.
2. A pen or pencil supporter constructed with a finger-support having a grip and a clamp, substantially as described.
3. A pen or pencil supporter constructed with a finger-supporting wire A, having grip end B and the spring-jaws C, forming a clamp, substantially as described.

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