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PENCIL-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE HOGG, Sr., a citizen of the United States, residing in Midland, in the county of Midland and State of Texas, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Pencil-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to new and useful improvements in pencil-holders; and it consists of certain details of construction and combination of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

The primary object of my invention is to provide a light, efficient, and convenient pencil-holder capable of reliably securing the pencil to which it is attached within the pocket, thereby holding the same in readiness for use.

A further object is to so construct the securing device that it will grasp the edge of a pocket, vest, or other garment and firmly hold the pencil in an adjusted position until desired for use, when a slight pressure upon the device will release the same.

A further object is to so construct the pencil-holder that it will insure that the pencil will lie upon the table or other surface without casually rolling off the same, thus insuring that the pencil will be in position for instant use.

Other objects and advantages will be made fully apparent from the following specification, considered in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention complete. Fig. 2 shows the holder applied to use, illustrating how it will prevent a pencil from casually rolling off a table or other surface. Fig. 3 shows the holder as applied to use within a pocket. Fig. 4 illustrates in detail the several parts forming the pencil-holder.

For convenience in referring to the several parts of my invention figures will be employed, of which 1 designates a tubular sleeve, which is of proper diameter to snugly encircle the average-sized pencil, pen, or the like, it being understood that a slot 2 is provided in one side of said sleeve in order that compensation may be made for varying diameters of pencils and insuring that the sleeve I will

be held reliably in an adjusted position upon a pencil by the tensile property of the metal forming said sleeve. Upon the opposite sides of said sleeve and at one end thereof I form the preferably-integral ears 3, each of which is provided with an aperture by means of which I pivotally secure to each pair of ears a clamping member 4, which is preferably formed of some suitable sheet metal, and it is provided with the centrally-disposed ears 5, designed to pivotally engage the ears 3 upon the sleeve 1.

One end of the clamping member 4 is provided with the rolled terminal 6, while the opposite end of the clamp is preferably pointed, as indicated by the numeral 7, it being understood that the end 7 is concave upon its inner surface in order that it will fit snugly around the pencil or pen.

In order to insure that the pointed ends 7 will be brought normally to bear tightly against the pencil, I provide the spring-clamp more fully illustrated in Fig. 4 and comprising the V-shaped members 8, connected together by the link-section 9, it being understood that said link-sections are to be received by the rolled terminals 6, formed upon the clamping members 4. The V-shaped members 8 are designed to lie upon either side of the pencil, while they are connected together and held in such position by the link-sections 9 passing through the terminals 6, thereby disposing the V-shaped members upon opposite sides of the pencil and insuring that their tensile properties will be brought to bear upon the clamping members 4 in such a way that the pointed ends 7 will be moved toward each other into engagement with the pencil, and thereby hold the pencil in an adjusted position when an object, as the edge of a pocket, is interposed between one of said members and the pencil, as clearly shown in Fig. 3.

Owing to the tensile property of the spring metal employed to form the V-shaped members 8 the inner ends of the clamping members 4 will be held normally outward or away from the pencil, thus providing an opening between the pencil and said member adapted to receive a nail, hook, or the like, by which

the pencil may be readily suspended, as upon a part of the desk ready for use, while at the same time said disposition of the inner ends of said members will prevent the pencil from rolling off of the table, as previously set forth.

It will be seen that the several parts of my invention may be very cheaply and expeditiously constructed and readily assembled in their respective operative positions and that there are no parts liable to become impaired by usage.

It will be understood that a suitable rivet may be disposed so as to pivotally engage the ears 3 and 5 with each other and that the ears 3 may be of sufficient extent to enable one rivet upon each side of the pencil to do the work of four separate rivets in case the ears 3 are of shorter extent, as will be readily understood.

My improved pencil-holding device may be used to accomplish any or all of the various purposes herein specified, and in each instance it will be found to reliably perform its office, and believing that the advantages and construction of my improved pencil-holder have been made fully apparent from the foregoing specification, considered in connection with the accompanying drawings, I will dispense with further reference to the details thereof.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The herein-described securing device for pencils, or the like, comprising an expansible collar having a pair of ears upon each side

thereof; clamping members having one end provided with a concave surface to fit the pencil and the other end provided with a rolled terminal; a pair of V-shaped springs having a connecting-link all integral, said link being adapted to be received by said rolled terminal, whereby one of said V-shaped springs will lie upon either side of the pencil and thereby force the concave ends of said clamping members tightly against the pencil and thereby secure the same to any object interposed between said parts in the manner specified and for the purpose set forth.

2. The herein-described securing device for pencils, pens or the like comprising a collar 1, having a slot upon one side; a pair of ears formed upon each side of said collar and at one end thereof; a pair of clamping members 4 adapted to be pivotally secured to a pair of said ears and a clamping-spring consisting of the V-shaped members 8 one of which is adapted to lie upon either side of the pencil, and suitable means to connect the ends of said V-shaped members to the inner ends of said clamping members whereby the outer ends of said clamping members will be brought normally to bear against the pencil and thereby secure it to any object interposed between the pencil and said member in the manner specified and for the purpose set forth.

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