

*T. B. McCaughan,
Pencil Case.*

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Fig. 1.

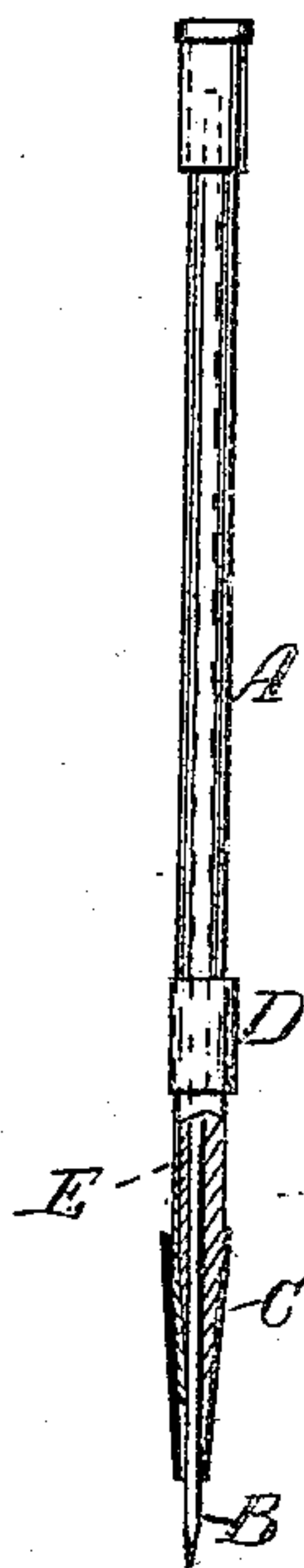
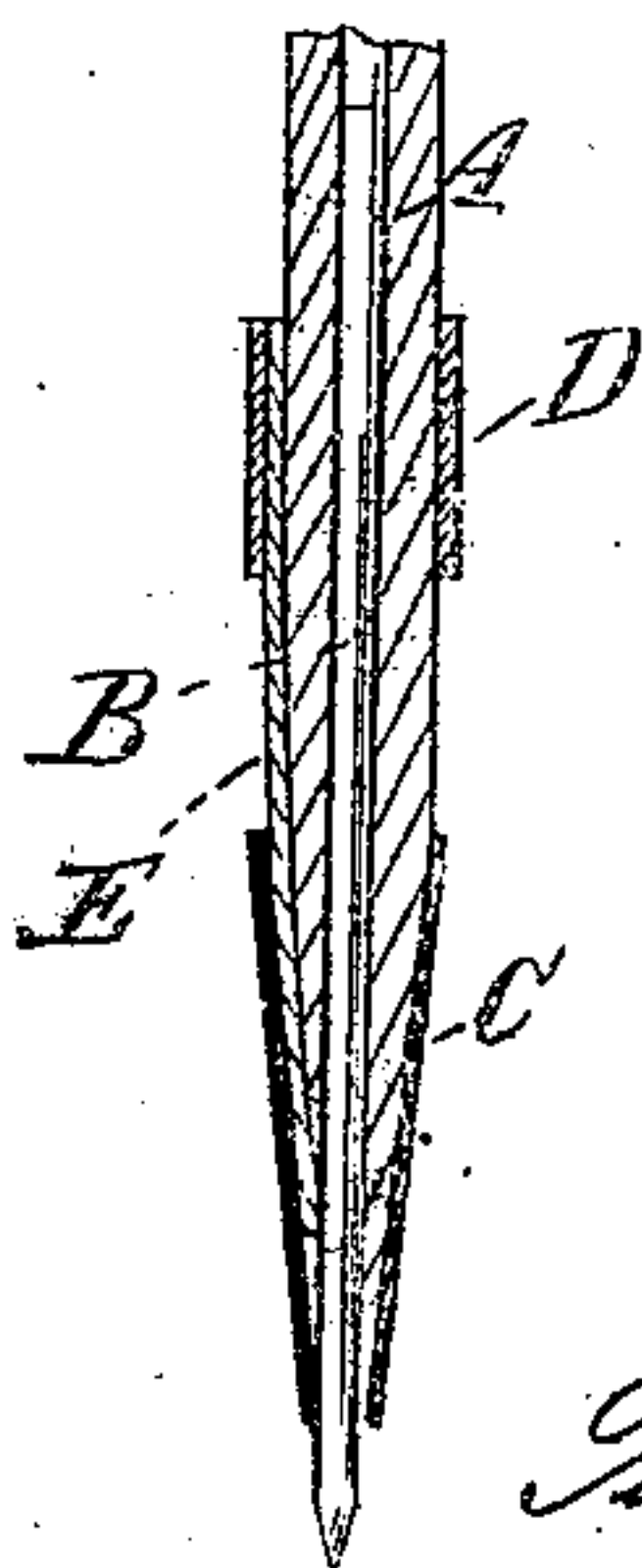


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN LEAD AND SLATE-PENCIL CASE.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, THOMAS B. McCAUGHAN, of Moscow, in the county of Fayette, and State of Tennessee, have invented a new and improved Lead and Slate-Pencil Case; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to a new and improved case for lead and slate-pencils; and it consists in having a rod attached to a sliding band on the case, and arranged so as to work within a conical or taper ferrule, placed on the end of the case, and admit of being shoved or pressed against the lead or slate of which the pencil is composed, so as to hold the latter firmly in position when adjusted for use. In the accompanying sheet of drawings—

Figure 1 is a side view of my invention, partly in section.

Figure 2, an enlarged longitudinal section of the pointed or taper end of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents the case of the pencil, which may be constructed of wood, metal, or other suitable material. This case is tubular, so as to receive the pencil B, which may be slate or black lead, (plumbago,) as required. The pencil is allowed to slide freely within the case, and the open end of the latter is attenuated nearly to a point, and has a metal ferrule, C, fitted upon it. On the case A there is placed a sliding band, D, having a rod, E, attached, which, when the sliding band D is shoved towards the conical end of the case, passes within the ferrule C; and binds or presses against the pencil B, holding it firmly in position, with its end or point a greater or less distance out from the case, as desired. When the pencil is not required for use, the sliding band D is shoved or drawn back, so as to release the pencil, and admit of the latter being shoved entirely within the case A.

The invention is extremely simple, may be manufactured at a small cost, and will answer equally as good a purpose as the comparatively expensive arrangement of screws, now generally used for adjusting the pencil.

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

The combination of the case A, ferrule C, and rod E, attached to the sliding band D, all arranged substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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