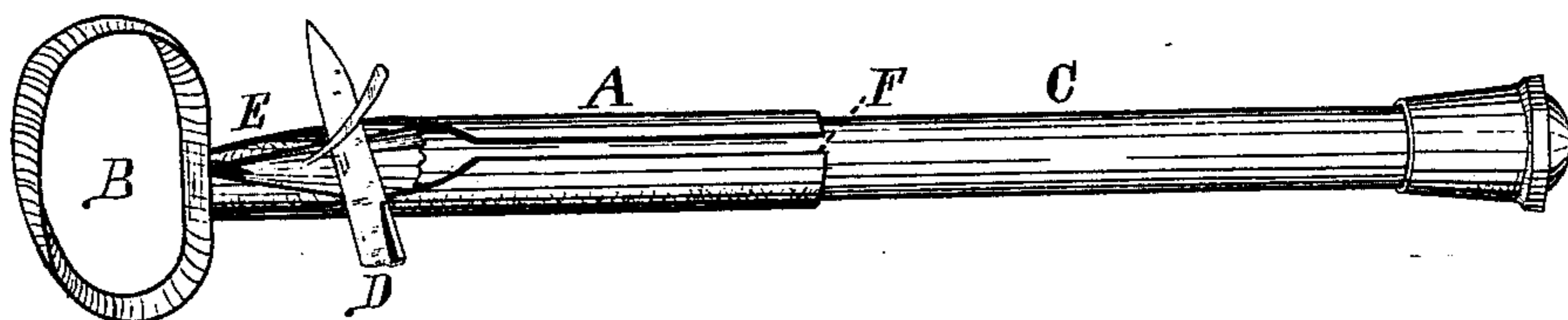


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IMPROVEMENT IN PENCIL-SHARPENING DEVICES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM HASKELL, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement consisting in Spring-Holders for Sharpening Pencils, of which the following is a specification:

The present invention consists in a cylindrical holder, made of spring metal slitted longitudinally, so that it may be expanded to receive pencils of different sizes; and it is cut away on one side at the end at such a pitch or incline as the pencil is to have at its sharpened end; and to the said end, so cut away, is attached a ring for holding the device, forming a stop for the blade and a guide for the pencil.

In the drawing is represented a perspective view of my invention, with pencil in position as being sharpened.

A represents a holder, which is to be made of light spring metal, such as steel or brass, and of such size as readily to receive a pencil, C. The holder is slitted or open at F, that it may be expanded to receive pencils of different sizes, and it is cut away at E on such an incline as the pencil is to have when sharpened. A ring, B, is, by means of solder or otherwise, made fast to the tapered end of the

holder, and, that the blade D may not be injured in coming in contact therewith, it should be made of soft metal; or, if it be made of hard metal, solder should be attached to it closely to the holder to form a stop for the blade. Instead of the ring a small piece of metal may be soldered transversely to the tapered end of the holder, and form a stop for the knife and a guide for the pencil in its rotation, that the reduced part, formed by cutting away the wood, may have a conical contour.

One method of using the device is to put the thumb of the right hand in the ring B, and with a suitable knife in the same hand, the blade of the knife bearing on the beveled part E of the case, cut away the wood of the pencil, while the latter is rotated in the case, with the left hand.

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

The spring-holder A, open on one side, cut away at E, and provided with a holder, B, forming a stop for the pencil, substantially as described.

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