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PENCIL CLASP.

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Fig. 1.

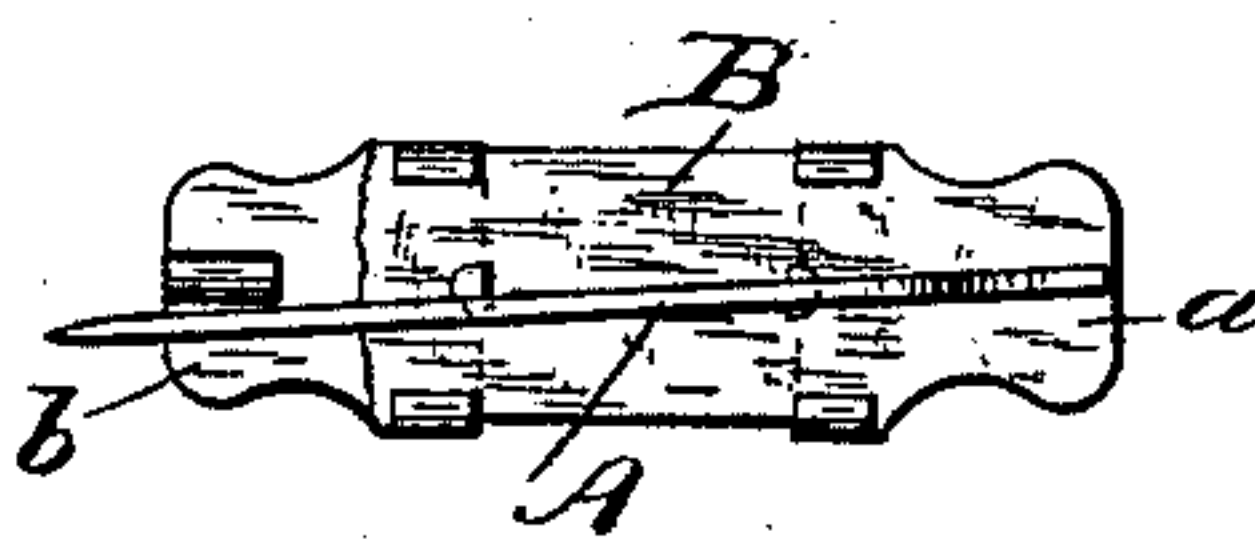


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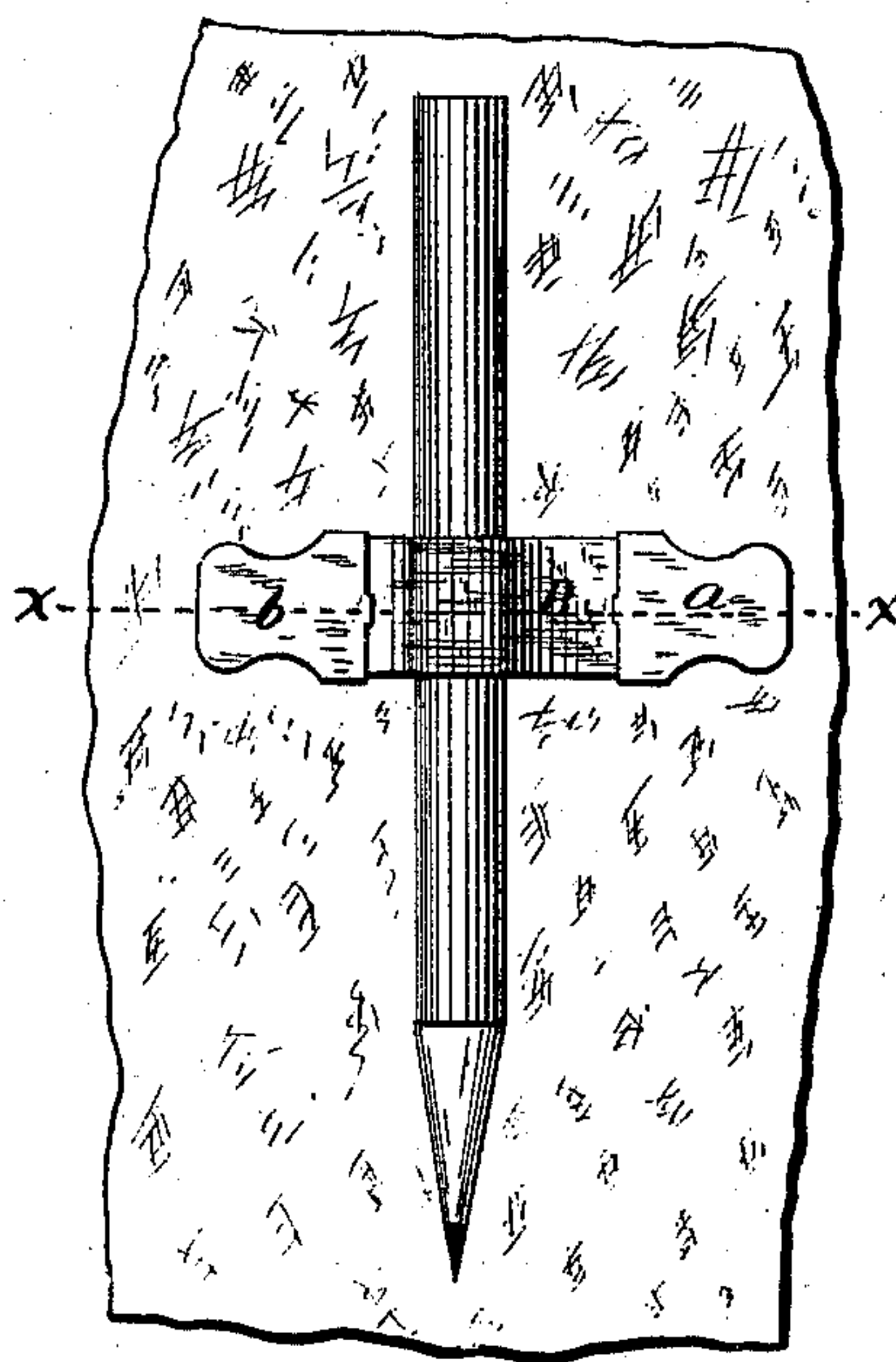


Fig. 3.

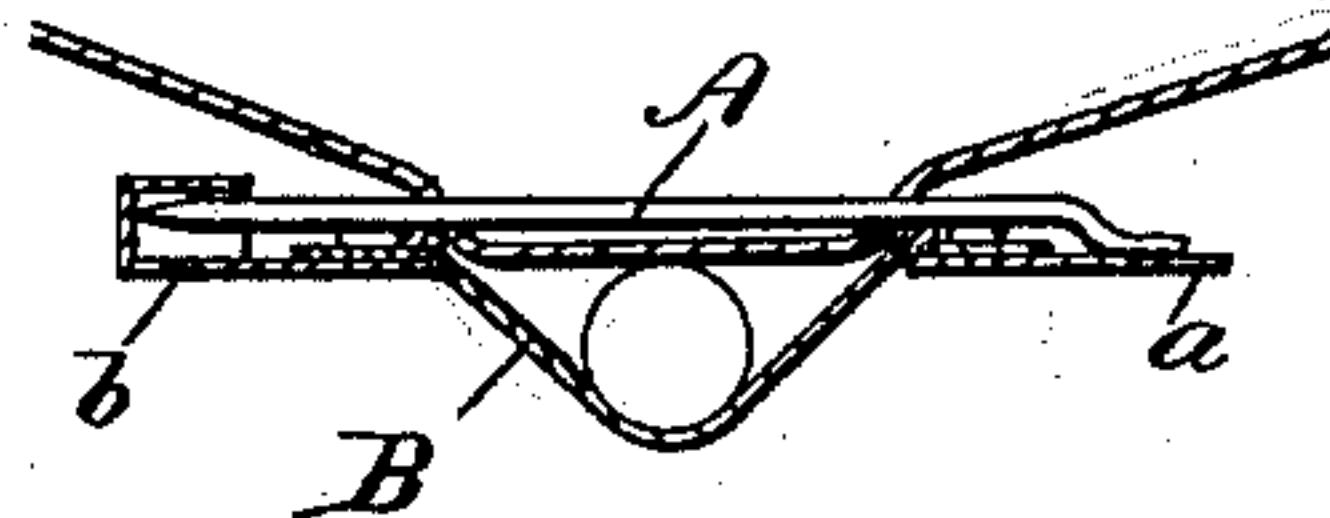
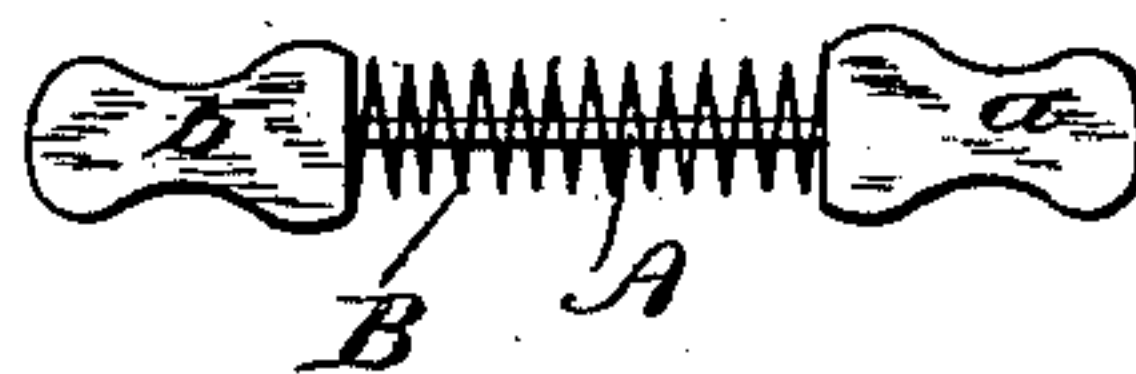


Fig. 4.



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PENCIL-CLASP.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOB BATCHELOR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Camden, in the county of Oneida and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pencil-Clasps; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention has for its object to provide a simple and useful pencil holder or clasp, which can be readily and easily attached to and removed from a vest or other garment, and which securely holds the pencil, and can be manufactured very cheaply. If desired, the holder can be placed just above the pocket of a vest or coat, so that part of the pencil will be within the pocket, or it can be secured to the lapel or other portion of a coat or vest, and equally as well hold the pencil.

It consists of a very simple arrangement of an attaching-pin, a spring formed of a piece of elastic or spiral wire, shorter than the pin and secured at one end to the head of the same, and provided at its free end with a socket adapted to fit over the point of said pin, the spring serving the double purpose of holding the socket on the point of the pin, and thus prevent the same from working out when inserted in a garment, and at the same time contacts with the fabric of a garment to hold a pencil when it is inserted between the spring and fabric, all of which I will now more particularly describe, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view showing the under side of the holder. Fig. 2 shows the holder attached to a piece of cloth and a pencil inserted; Fig. 3, a section taken on line *xx*, Fig.

2. Fig. 4 is a modification showing a spiral-wire spring instead of a piece of elastic.

Referring to said drawings, A is an attaching-pin having secured to its head the flat piece of metal *a*. B is a spring about one-fourth shorter than the pin A, and is fastened at one end to the piece of metal *a*. To the free end of this spring is secured a flat piece of metal, *b*, on the under side of which is a socket, *c*, adapted to fit over the point of the pin A. This spring B consists of a piece of elastic, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, or a spiral-wire spring, as shown in Fig. 4. I prefer, however, to use elastic.

To use my pencil-holder, the pin is inserted in the garment, and the spring stretched until the socket *c* is slipped over the point of the pin. The tendency of the spring to contract holds the socket on the point of the pin, and prevents the same from working out of the garment. The pencil can then be inserted between the elastic and fabric, and is securely held in place by the pressure of said spring.

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

The improved pencil-clasp, consisting of an elastic or spring central portion secured at one end to an attaching-pin and provided on its free end with a socket adapted to fit over the point of said attaching-pin, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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