

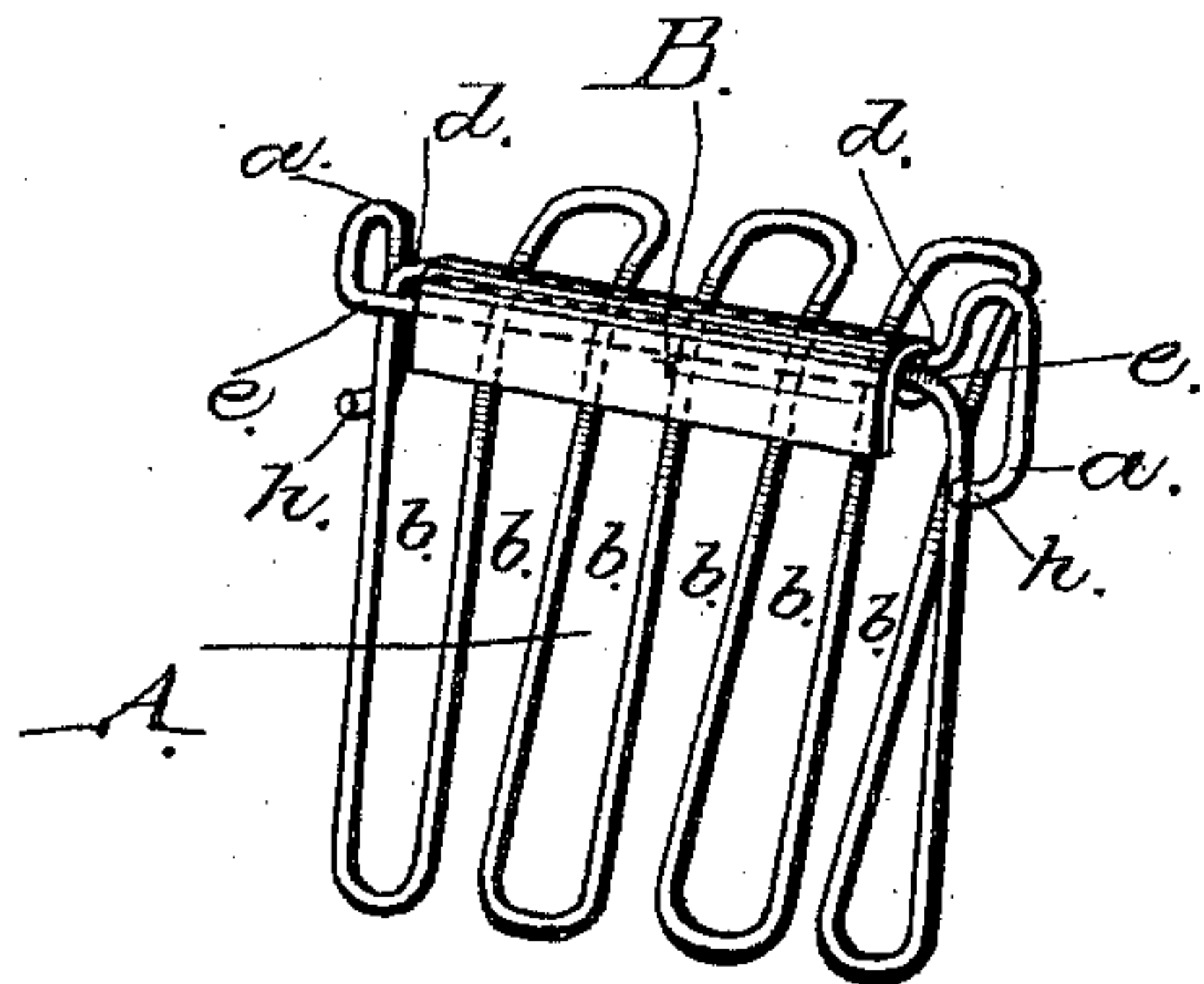
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN F. ESHELMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Harlan, in the county of Shelby and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pencil-Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, in which the figure represents a perspective view of a pencil-holder embodying my improvements.

This invention relates to devices adapted to be attached to a garment-pocket and to hold pencils or other small articles.

My present invention is an improvement on Letters Patent No. 328,767, granted to me October 20, 1885; and it consists in an improved construction, whereby the device is greatly simplified and better adapted for its intended use.

To enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use it, I will now describe its construction and the use for which I have designed it.

In carrying out my invention I employ a single piece of spring-wire and successfully manipulate it to form a compact holder, and one that is very useful in holding small articles. One end, *a*, of the wire *A* is first bent upward, and thence bent at right angles a distance equal to the width of the holder to form a bar, *d*, and is then bent downward and returned any desired number of times to form the clasps *b*, that portion of the wire forming the lower or open ends of the clasps converging, as shown, to retain the inserted pencil or article, and to prevent the same from

injuring the lining of the pocket. The upper ends of the clasps are bent slightly to one side, and correspond to the cross-sectional configuration of the pencil. At the completion of the last clasp the wire is curved upward until it meets the bar *d*, when it is bent at right angles, lying closely against said bar and conforming a similar bar, *e*, and after it has extended the width of the holder the end *a'* of the wire is bent again, but this time in a manner similar to the end *a*, and, together with said end, forming two spring-clasps, *h*, by means of which the holder is readily secured to the pocket.

Secured to the bars *d* and *e* is a metal plate or shield, *B*, which prevents the pencil-point cutting or injuring the lining of the pocket, and also serves as a guide in directing the pencil in its proper position in the clasp.

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

1. As an improved article of manufacture, a pencil-holder composed, essentially, of a continuous piece of wire provided with a series of bends, forming clasps, the lower open ends of which converge, and suitable spring-clasps formed by the ends of the wires, whereby the device is readily attached to a garment, substantially as herein described.

2. A pencil-holder composed of a continuous piece of wire, as described, in combination with a broad metal plate or shield, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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