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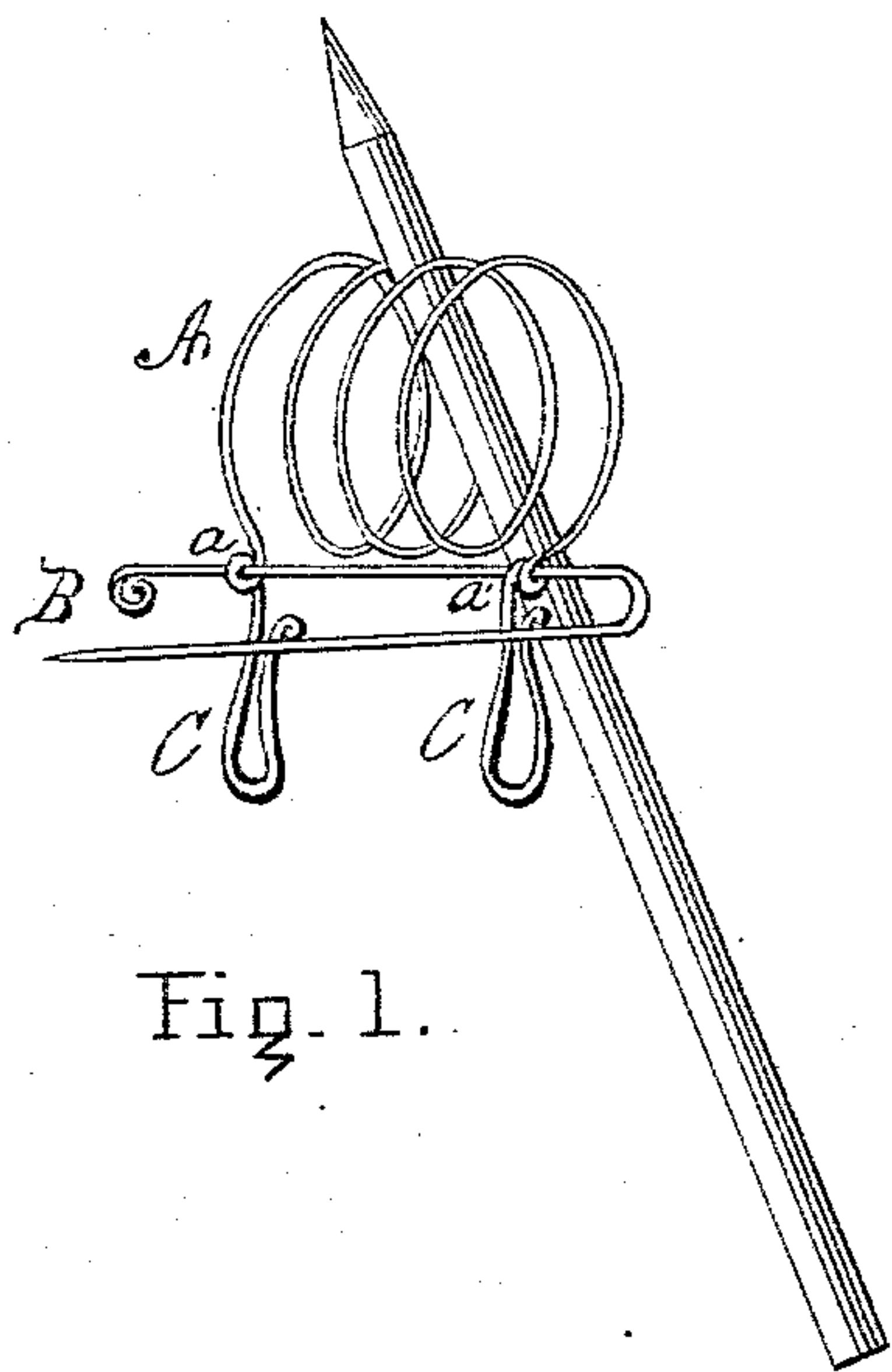


Fig. 1.

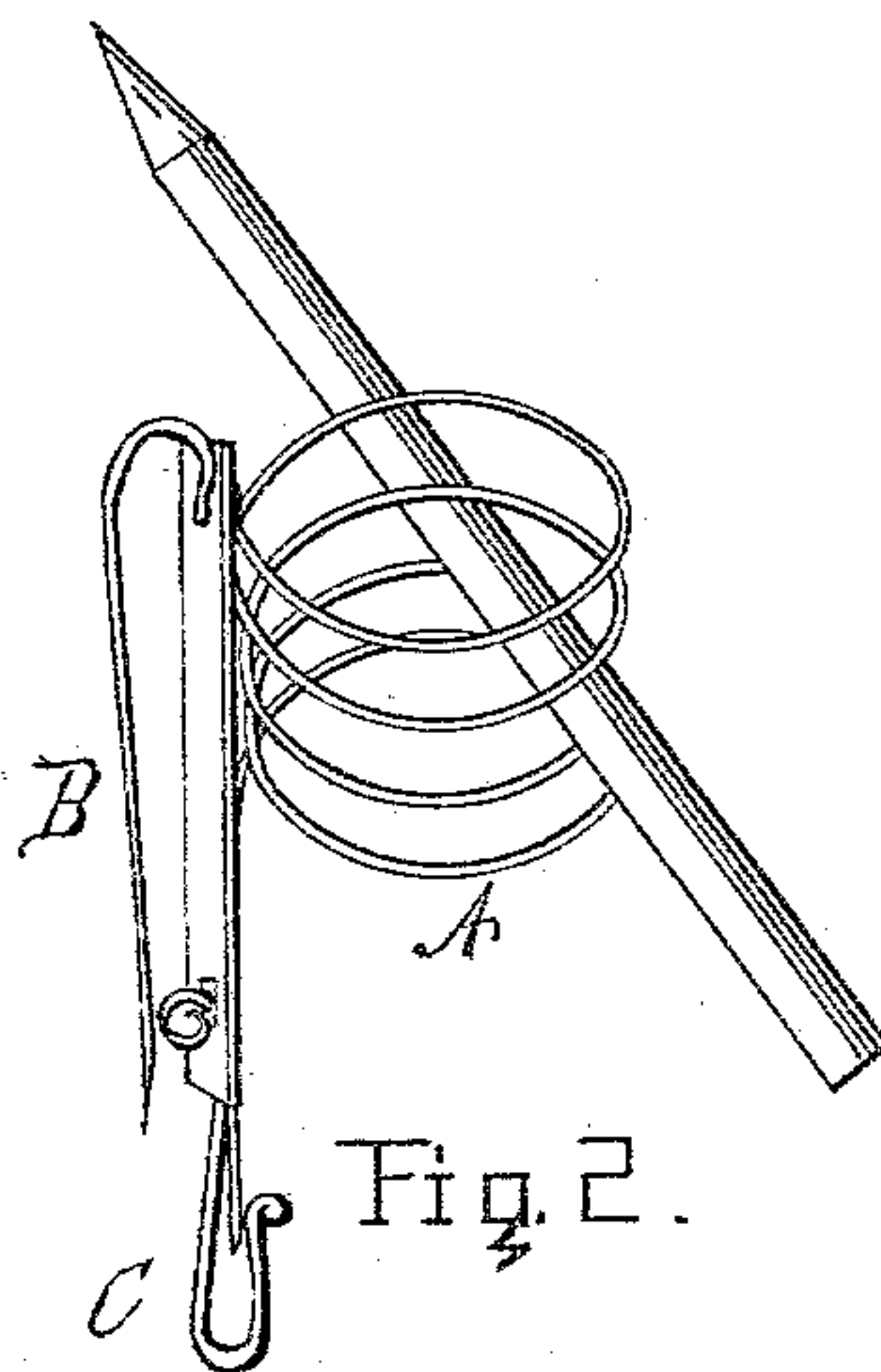


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES GRAHAM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful breast-rack for the convenient and secure holding of writing-pencils, eyeglasses, and the like, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a ready and secure way of holding at the breast small personal articles which may be frequently needed at one's occupation, such as pencils, eyeglasses, and the like. I attain this object by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my breast-rack, made entirely of spring-wire. Fig. 2 shows another form of pin, being flat, like an ordinary shawl-pin, with the spiral rack attached. Fig. 3 shows another manner of attaching the hook C.

Like parts are represented by the same letters in the different views.

The want of some convenience of this kind is obvious, especially for ladies engaged in business life, who cannot, like men, make a convenience of their ears as pencil-holders, and consequently use a button-hole of their coats or dresses for such purpose, to the great detriment and wear of the article.

My device consists of a spiral spring, A, about one inch in diameter, composed of two or more loops about one-eighth of an inch apart, made from spring-wire of about one-twentieth of an inch in diameter and fastened to the front of a pin, B, at *a a'*. This pin

may be made of spring-wire of the same thickness as shown in Fig. 1, and when so made the wire at the points *a a'*, where attached, are extended into hooks or snaps C C, for the purpose of holding eyeglasses and like articles; or it may be made flat, Fig. 2, like an ordinary shawl or lady's scarf-pin, with the hook or snap C attached to the end, as shown. The pin may be fastened to the breast either horizontally or vertically, as the spiral rack made as indicated will hold an ordinary lead-pencil securely in either position. The snap or hook may be fastened free to the flat pin by an eyelet and nub, as shown in Fig. 3, so that it may always hang vertically, if desired.

I am aware that various devices have been patented or are in use whereby holders for pencils, eyeglasses, &c., have been attached to the breast by means of a pin, as shown in Myers's patent, No. 56,251, dated July 10, 1866; Meyers's patent, No. 171,681, dated January 4, 1876, and Jenkins's patent, dated August 10, 1880, and I hereby disclaim any invention to combinations thus shown by the state of the art.

What I do claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The herein-described device for holding pencils and similar articles, consisting of a coiled wire attached to a suitable pin for fastening to a garment and provided with a depending hook or hooks for supporting an eyeglass or similar article, substantially as described.

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