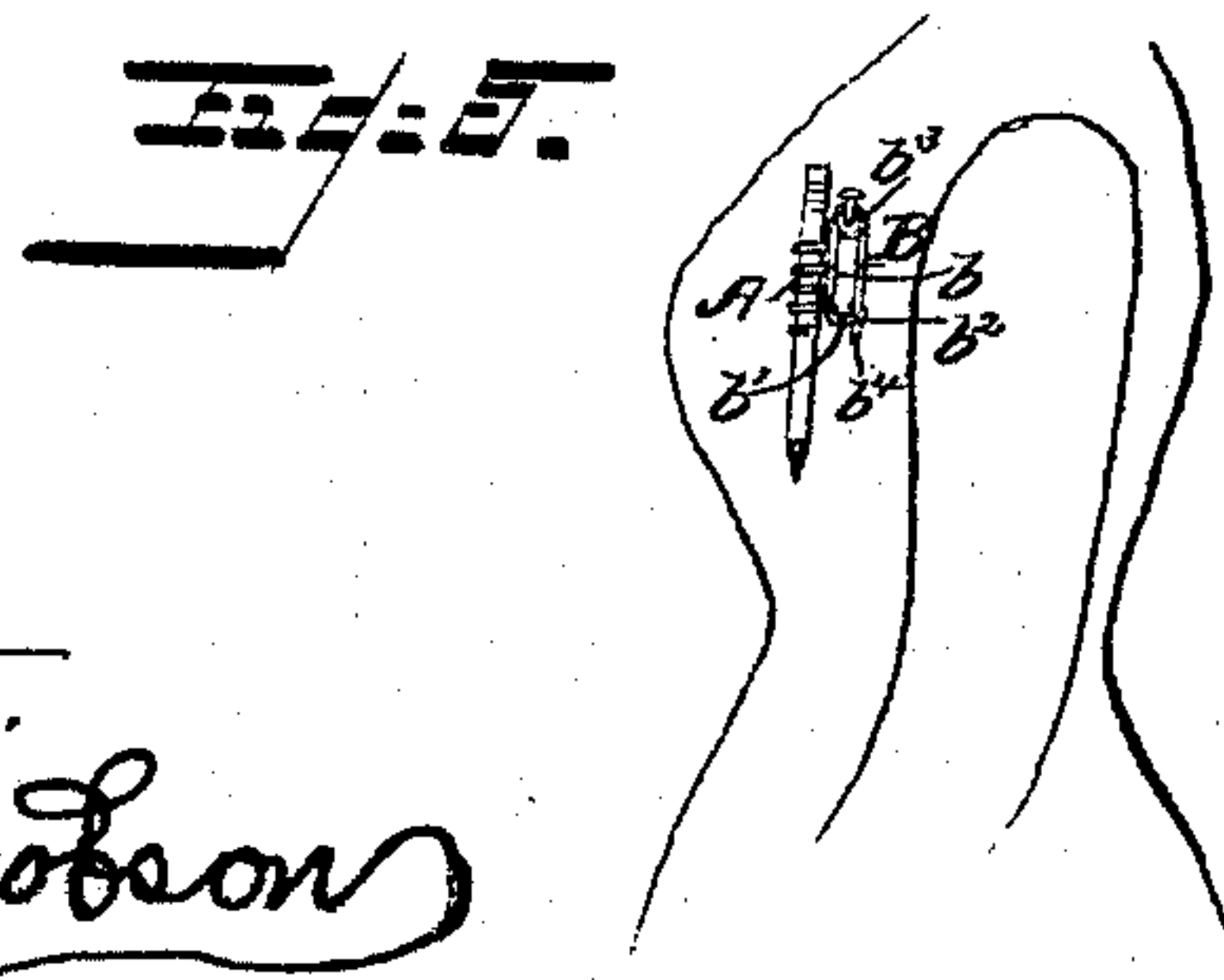
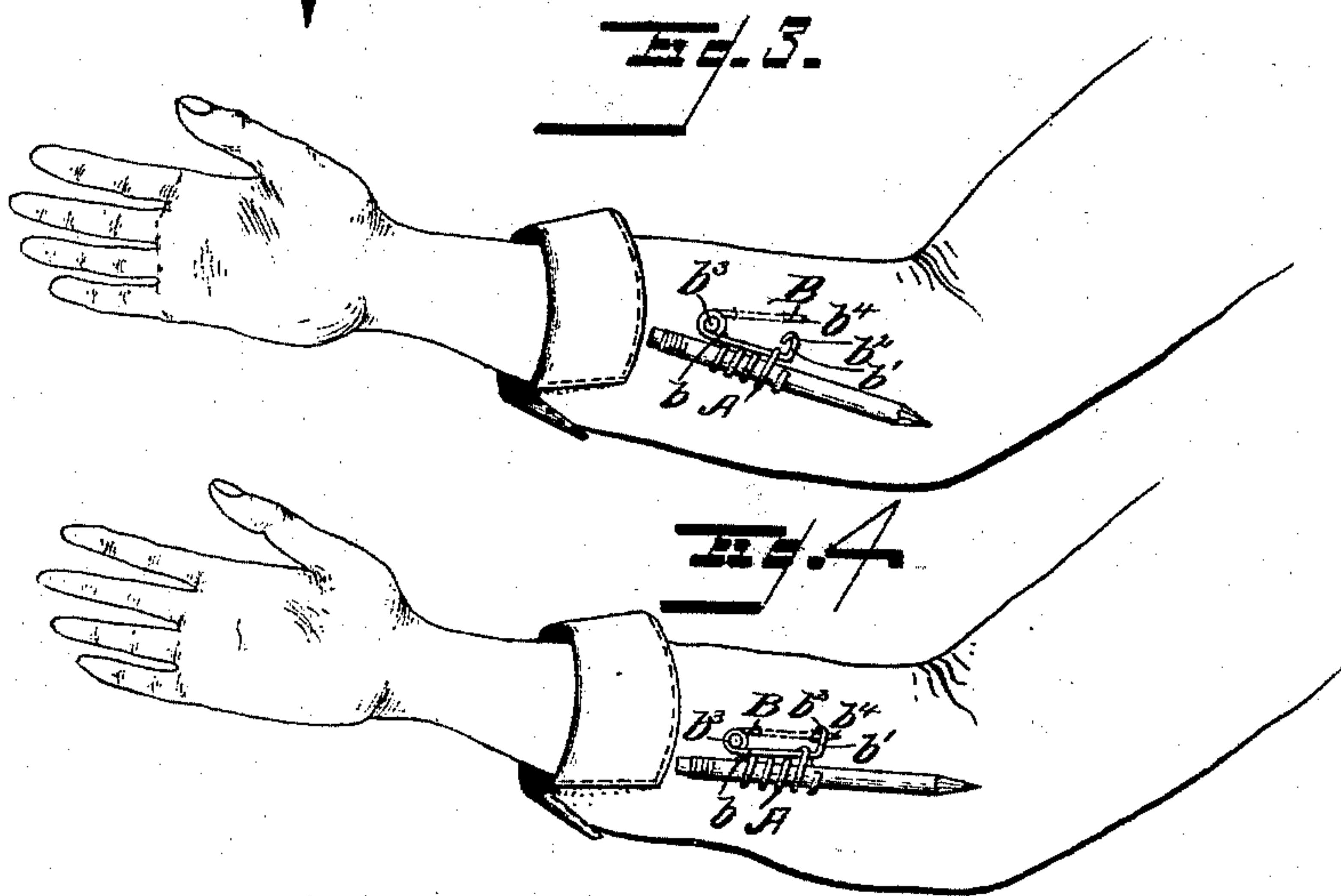
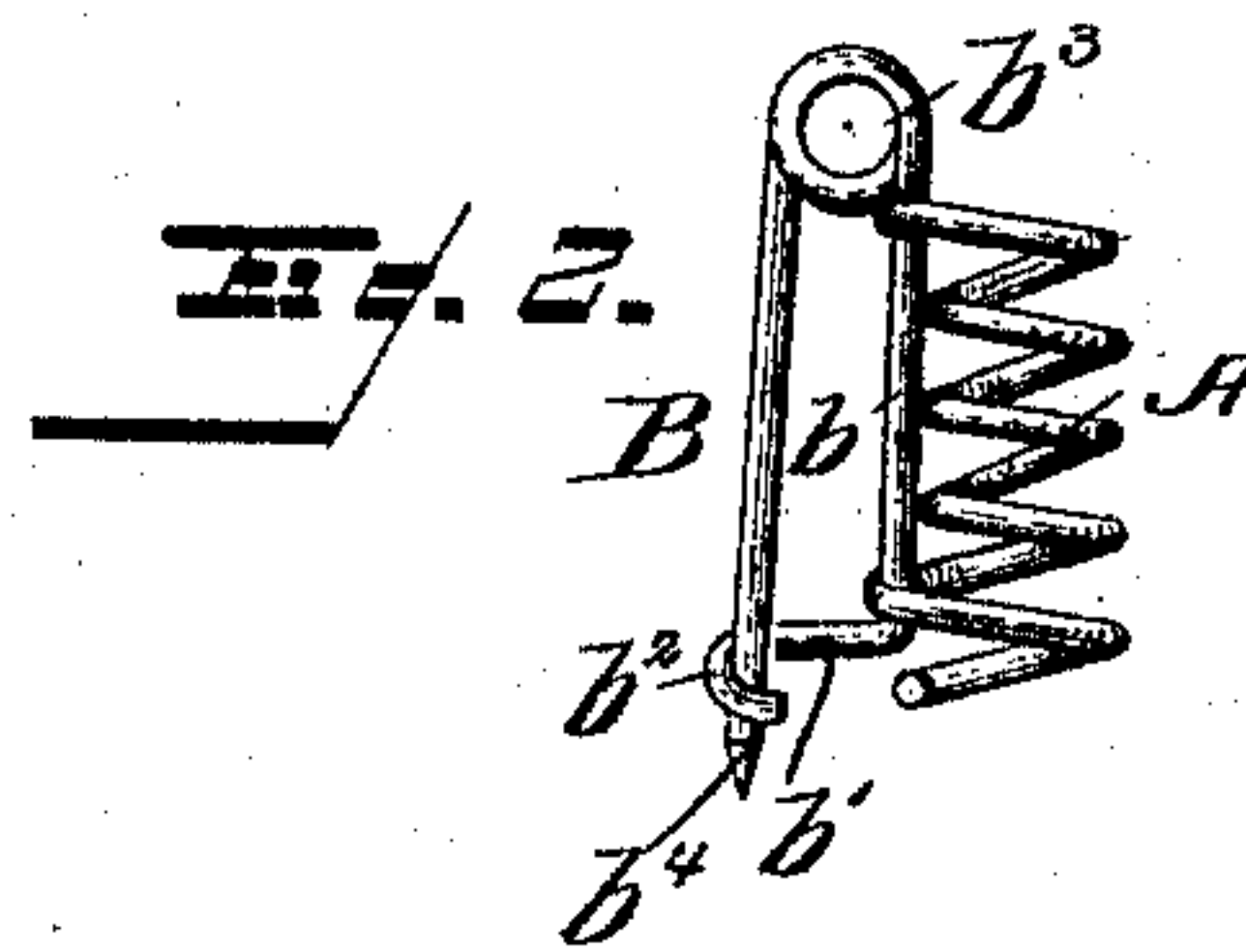
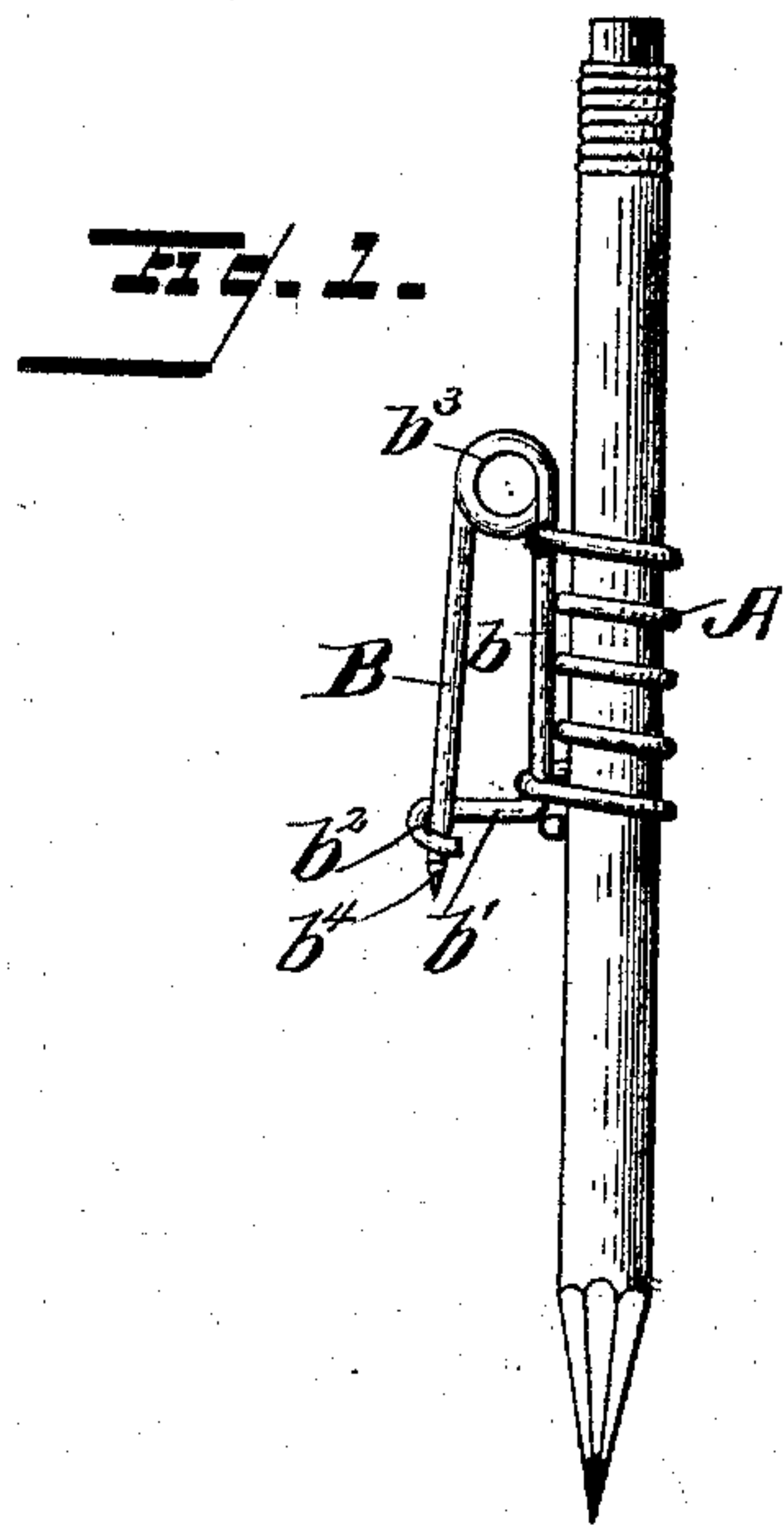


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN SAMUEL VEAL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rome, in the county of Floyd and State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pencil-Holders; 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

My improved holder consists of an expandible tubular body, composed of continuously coiled wire, to which is permanently attached a retaining spring pin, and means for interlocking the device, whereby it can be held compressed against fabric to which it is connected, and enable the coils to securely grasp pencils of divers diameters.

My invention is hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the drawings, and specifically pointed out in the claim.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, wherein like letters of reference point out similar parts on each view: Figure 1 is a representation of a pencil holder constructed according to my invention, having a pencil inserted therein. Fig. 2 is a detail view of the holder. Fig. 3 represents the device, the pin inserted in the sleeve of a garment, in an unlocked position. Fig. 4 is a like view showing the pin locked. Fig. 5 represents the device locked up and connected to a garment by an ordinary pin.

The holder has a tubular body A, made of a continuous coil of wire, as common in analogous devices.

To the upper end of the coil is permanently attached, by soldering or any suitable means, a pin, B, composed of a single length of wire consisting of a vertical staff, *b*, the lower end being bent forwardly, at right angles thereto, composing lateral branch, *b'*, said branch being finished with a terminal hook, *b<sup>2</sup>*, for a purpose presently set forth; the staff, at its upper end, is turned and returned upon itself to form a circumferential open eye, *b<sup>3</sup>*, and from thence is continued downwardly, in alignment with staff, *b*, said continuation finished with sharpened point extending below branch, *b'*, as plainly shown in the drawings.

In practice the staff, *b*, is inserted within one of the lower coils, said coil resting upon

branch, *b'*, the remaining length of the staff extending upwardly outside of the coiled body, by which, in co-action with its connection to the upper terminal of the coil and adjustment of the spring controlled locking end the tubular body is held compressed around the article introduced therein.

As will be seen by reference to Figs. 3, and 4, the lower extending pointed end of pin, after being inserted in fabric of a garment, is then sprung within terminal hook, *b<sup>2</sup>*, and is thereby completely locked. I deem this an important improvement over devices of similar character, as it permits the coils to be enlarged and contracted to hold pencils and like articles of divers diameters.

In some instances where the device is to be connected to fabric, such as a lady's dress, it is preferable not to subject the material to severe strain and tension, in which case it is preferable that the pencil be inclosed within the coiled body, the device locked up, and then to pass an ordinary pin through the eye, *b<sup>3</sup>*, by which adjustment it can be maintained pendent, as illustrated in Fig. 5. By such means a pencil once adjusted can, as will be readily understood, be held and removed without risk of rupturing the fabric of which a garment is composed.

Having thus fully described my invention and the manner of its operation, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States of America, is—

A new article of manufacture a holder for pencils and similar articles, consisting of body, A, composed of continuously coiled wire, having permanently connected to its upper terminal a spring pin composed of a vertical staff, *b*, its lower end being bent forwardly at right angles thereto and finished with terminal hook, *b<sup>2</sup>*, the upper end being turned to compose open eye, *b<sup>3</sup>*, from which eye is downwardly extending pin, *b<sup>4</sup>*, the terminal pointed end thereof reaching below branch, *b'*, of staff, *b*, and adapted to be interlocked therein, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the invention above set forth I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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