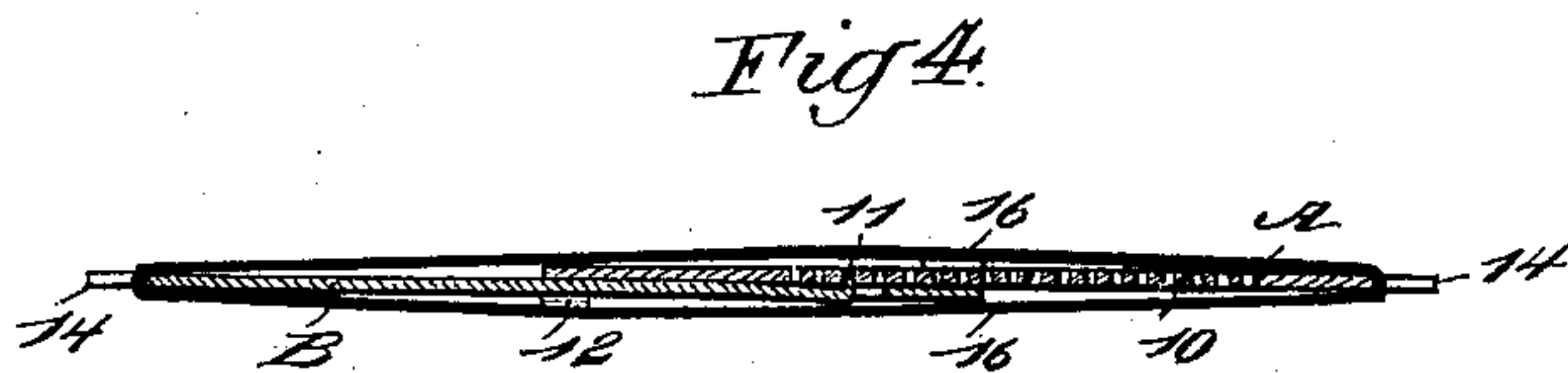
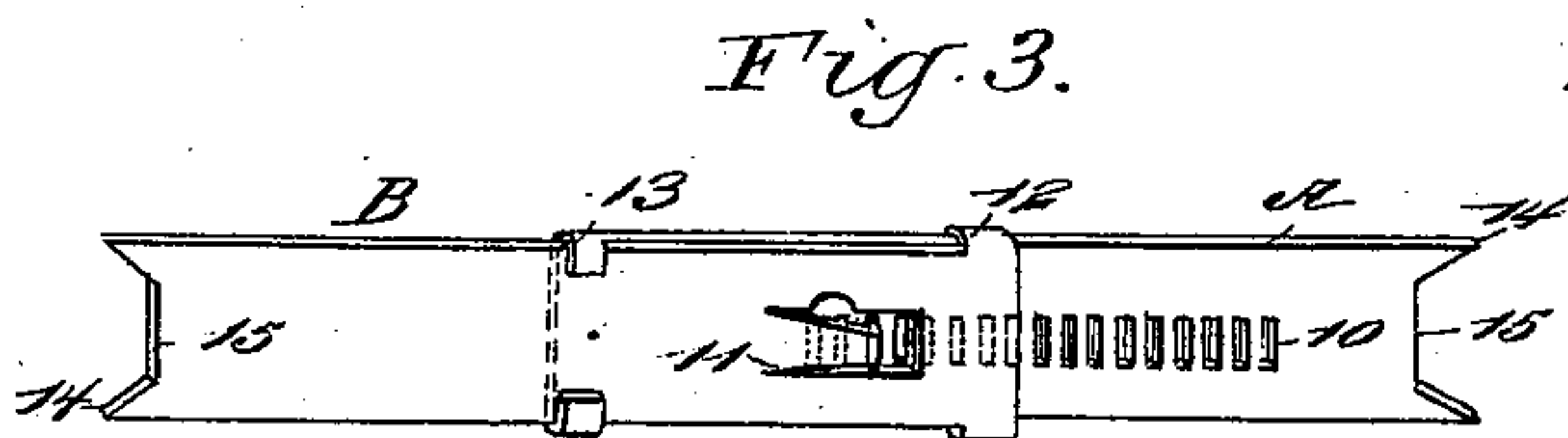
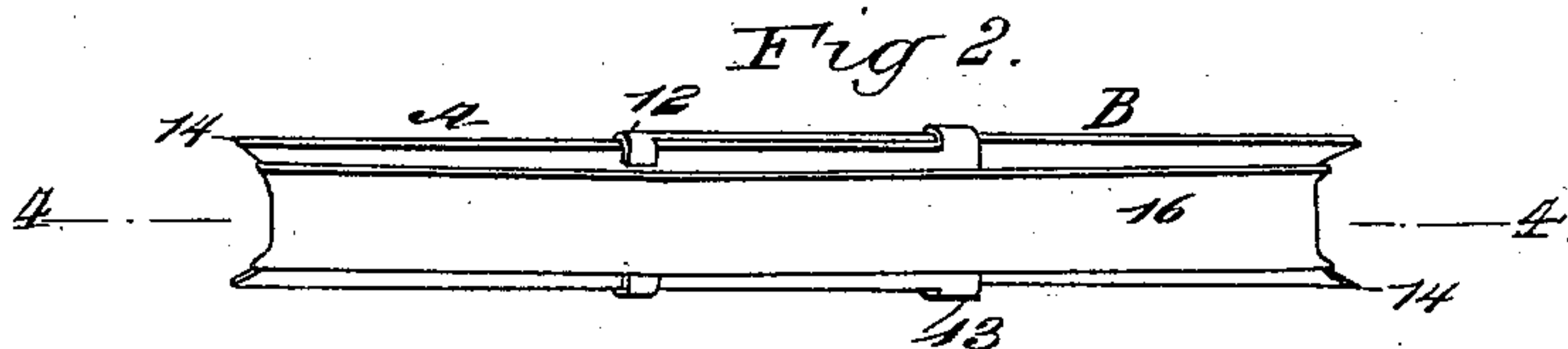
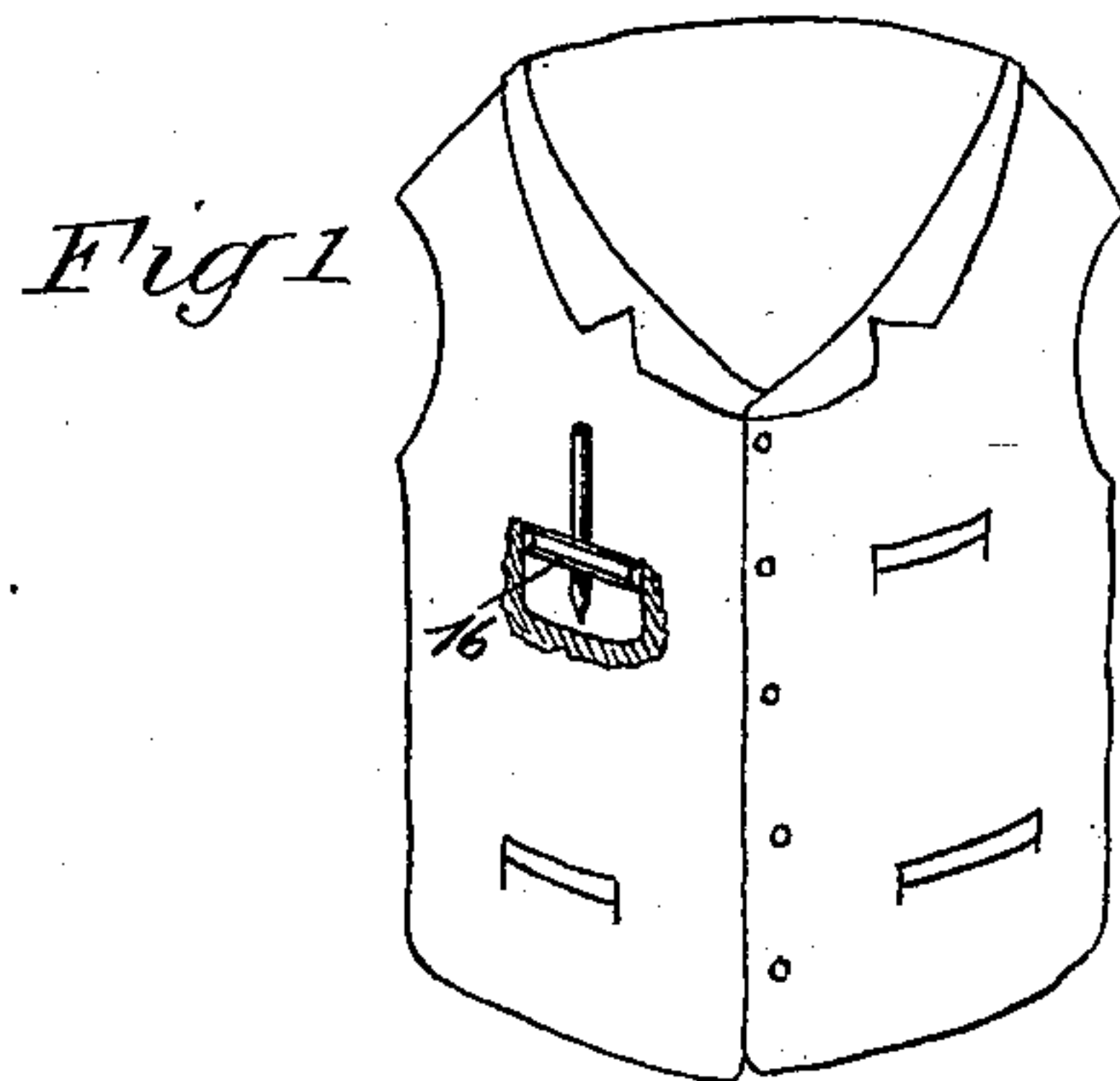


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER S. RUSSELL, of Cooperstown, in the county of Otsego and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Pocket Holder for Pens, Pencils, &c., of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to a holder for pens, pencils, and like articles usually carried in the vest pocket, or other pockets of a garment, and it has for its object to provide a holder of this description which will be light, strong and economic, being especially adapted for application to a vest pocket, the device being furthermore so constructed that it may be expeditiously and conveniently placed in position in the pocket, serving, when in position, to stretch the pocket preferably in a lateral direction, affording absolute security for pencils, fountain pens, &c., engaged by the device and contained in the pocket to which the application is made.

A further object of the invention is to provide for the application of the device in a manner which will not bulge the pocket, or conflict with or detract from the general appearance of the garment, the device being positively out of sight.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of the several parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth and pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar figures and letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a view illustrating the application of the improvement to the pocket of a vest. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the complete device. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the body of the device opposite that shown in Fig. 2, and Fig. 4 is a horizontal section taken practically on the line 4 4 of Fig. 2.

The body of the device consists of two plates A and B, held in sliding contact and the two plates having parallel movement. One plate, the plate A, for example, is provided with a series of longitudinally-arranged openings 10, and the opposing plate B, is provided with a tongue 11, adapted to enter any one of the openings. This tongue is usually struck up

or out from the material of the slide, and its free end is bent upon itself at an angle to its body section in order that it may the more readily enter the apertures 10 and remain therein until forced out. The plates are usually and preferably made of a spring material, as for example, spring steel or brass, and the plate B is provided at or near its inner end with lugs 12, which are turned over upon the plate A, forming a slide-way or guide therefor; and the plate A is provided with corresponding lugs 13, carried in an opposite direction over upon the plate B, serving as its guides. At the outer end of each of the plates one or more spurs 14, usually two, are located; and preferably these spurs are placed one at the top and the other at the bottom, whereby an intervening recess 15 is obtained, and these recesses serve to receive an elastic band 16, the said band being endless, and it is made to pass over both the front and rear faces of the two plates, as shown in Figs. 2 and 4.

The body of the device may be rendered as short or as long as may be required, for example, by bowing the plates in a manner to force the tongue 11 out from the aperture 10 in which it may have been entered, and sliding the plates one upon the other until the proper adjustment has been obtained, whereupon by releasing the plates the tongue will automatically enter the most convenient aperture, holding the plates firmly in their adjusted position.

The device is located within a pocket as near the top or mouth as possible without rendering it visible. When applying the device the rubber or elastic band 16 is removed and the sections of the holder are adjusted to such length that when the device is applied to the pocket it will stretch the pocket tightly in a lateral direction. Before placing the holder in the pocket the band 16 is placed in position upon the body, and when the holder has been introduced properly into the pocket the spurs engaging with the material at the sides of the pocket will effectually prevent it from slipping.

The pens, pencils, or other articles to be held, are passed back of the elastic band and the body of the device between the device and the body of the garment, as shown in Fig. 1, and it is evident that when articles have been

so introduced into the holder they will be firmly held in place, and that the pocket will not be bulged or rendered unshapely in any manner by reason of the device; and, again
5 it is evident that an article may be introduced into the holder or device without necessitating the eye being directed thereto, since the article may be readily directed between the device and the body of the garment.

10 The object in using the rubber band is to assist in the security of the pens, pencils, &c.; the device assuring absolute security to a single article or several articles at a time.

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

1. A pen and pencil holder and pocket
20 stretcher, the same consisting of adjustable plate sections, and a yielding guard surrounding the sections, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A pen and pencil holder and pocket
25 stretcher, the same consisting of adjustable plate sections, locking devices for holding the sections in the adjusted position, and a yielding guard carried by the said sections, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A pen and pencil holder and pocket
stretcher, comprising plate sections having

sliding movement one upon the other, a latch 30 carried by one section, adapted for engagement with keepers located upon the opposing section, and an elastic guard carried and operated by the sections, as and for the purpose set forth.

35 4. In a pen and pencil holder and pocket stretcher, a body the same consisting of plates of a spring material having sliding and guided movement one upon the other, a rack surface 40 formed upon one of the plates, a latch carried by the opposing plate adapted for engagement with the said rack surface, and an elastic band surrounding the body sections, as and for the purpose set forth.

45 5. A pen and pencil holder and pocket stretcher, the same consisting of body plates held to slide one upon the other, one of the plates being provided with a series of apertures and the other with a tongue adapted to enter any one of the apertures, both plates 50 being provided with spurs at their end portions, and an elastic band surrounding the plate sections and passing between the said spurs, as and for the purpose set forth.

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