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Fig 1

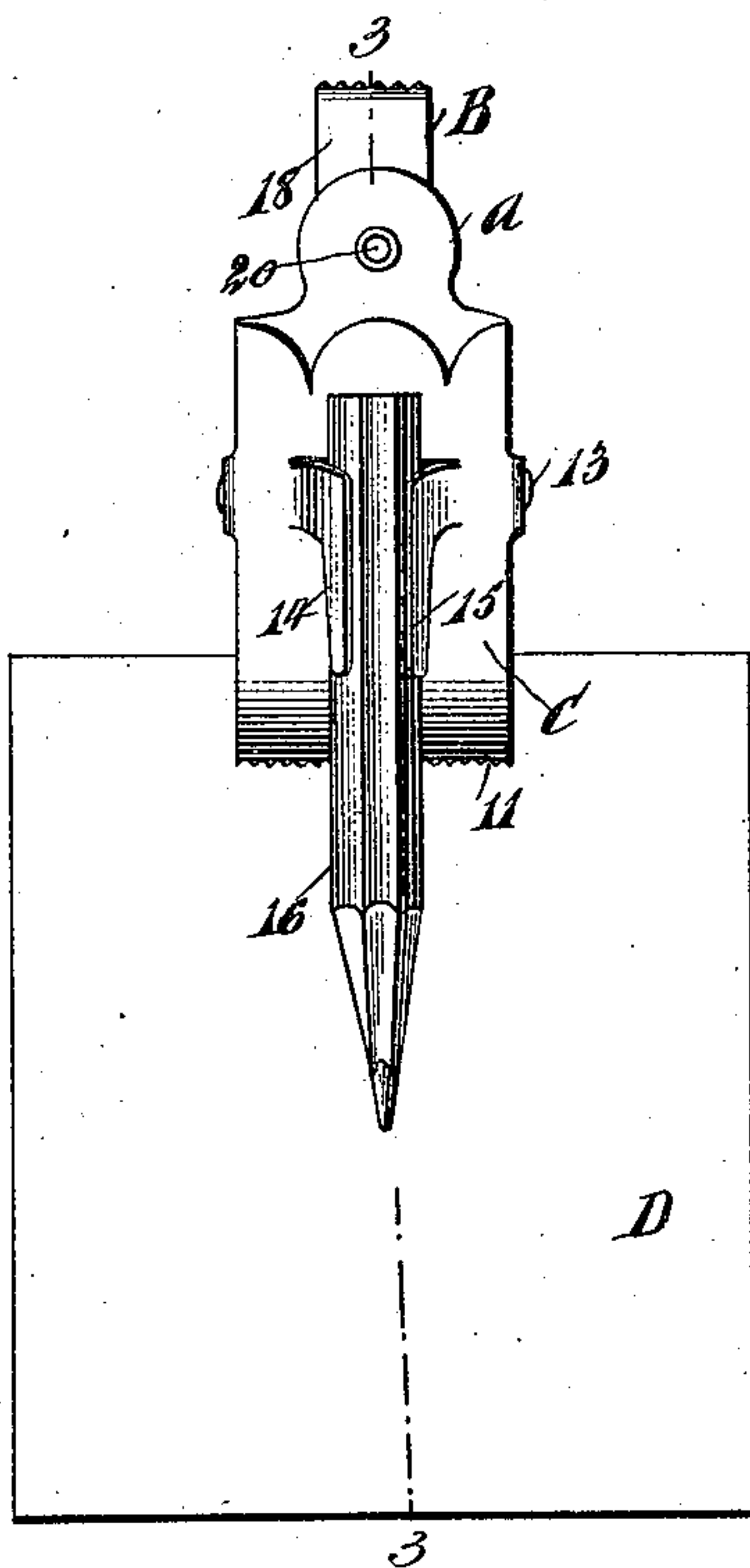


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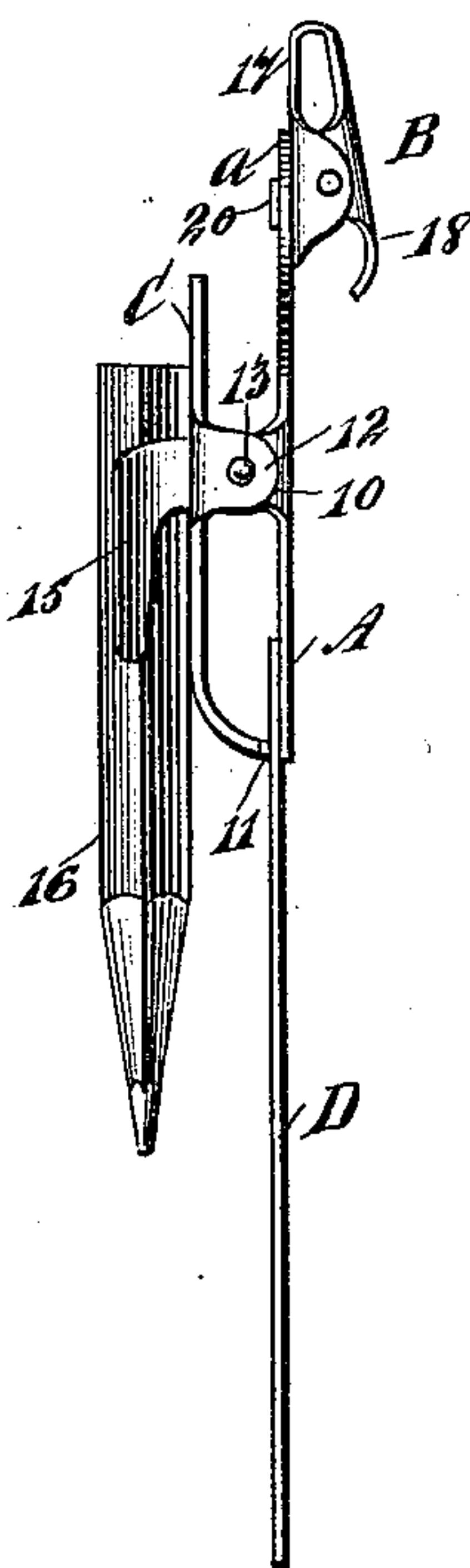


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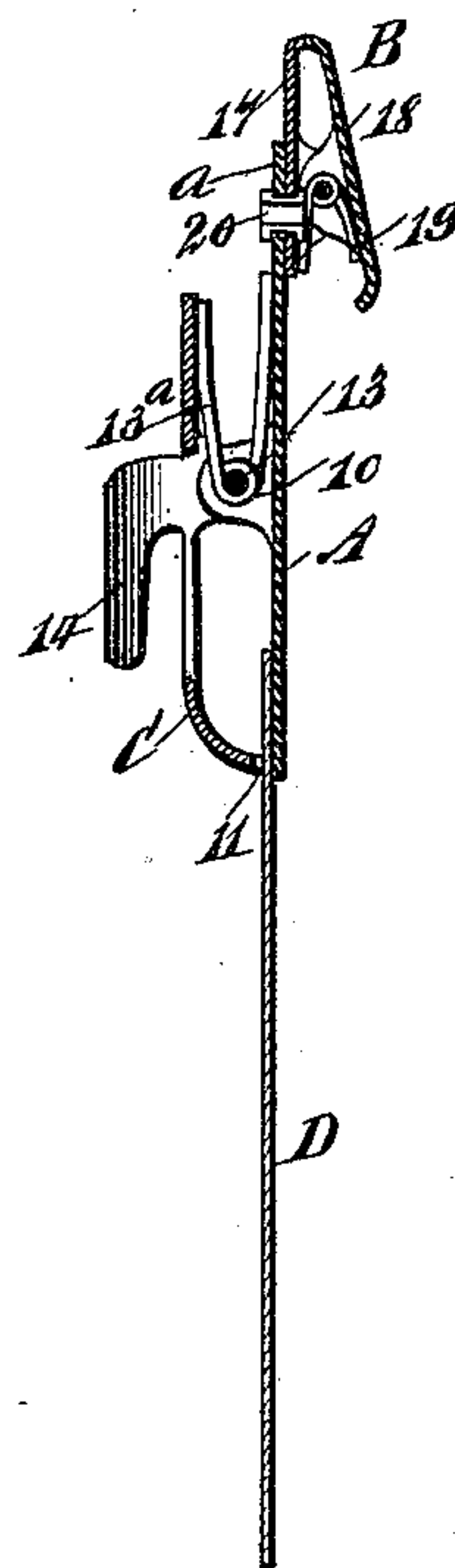


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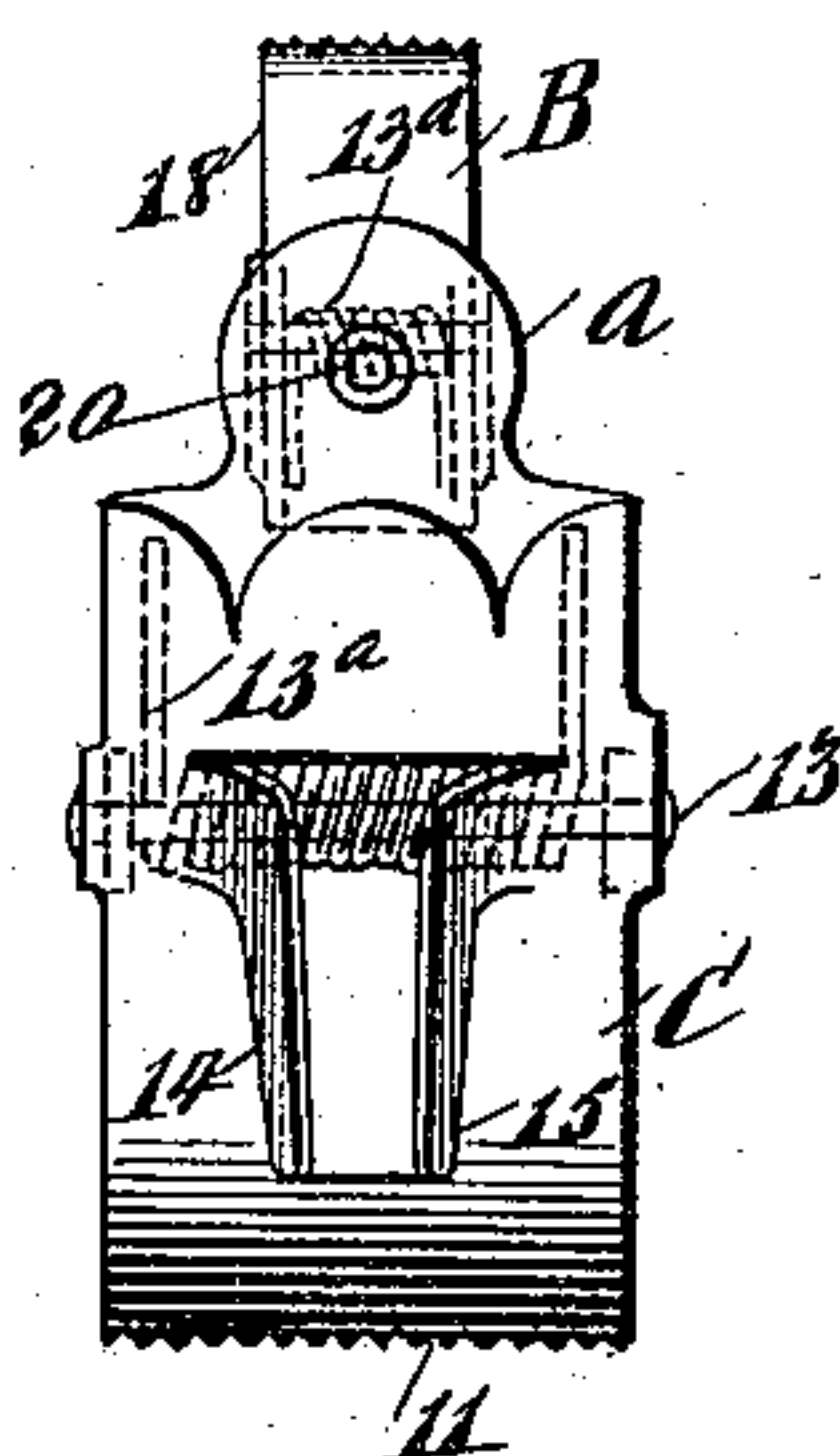
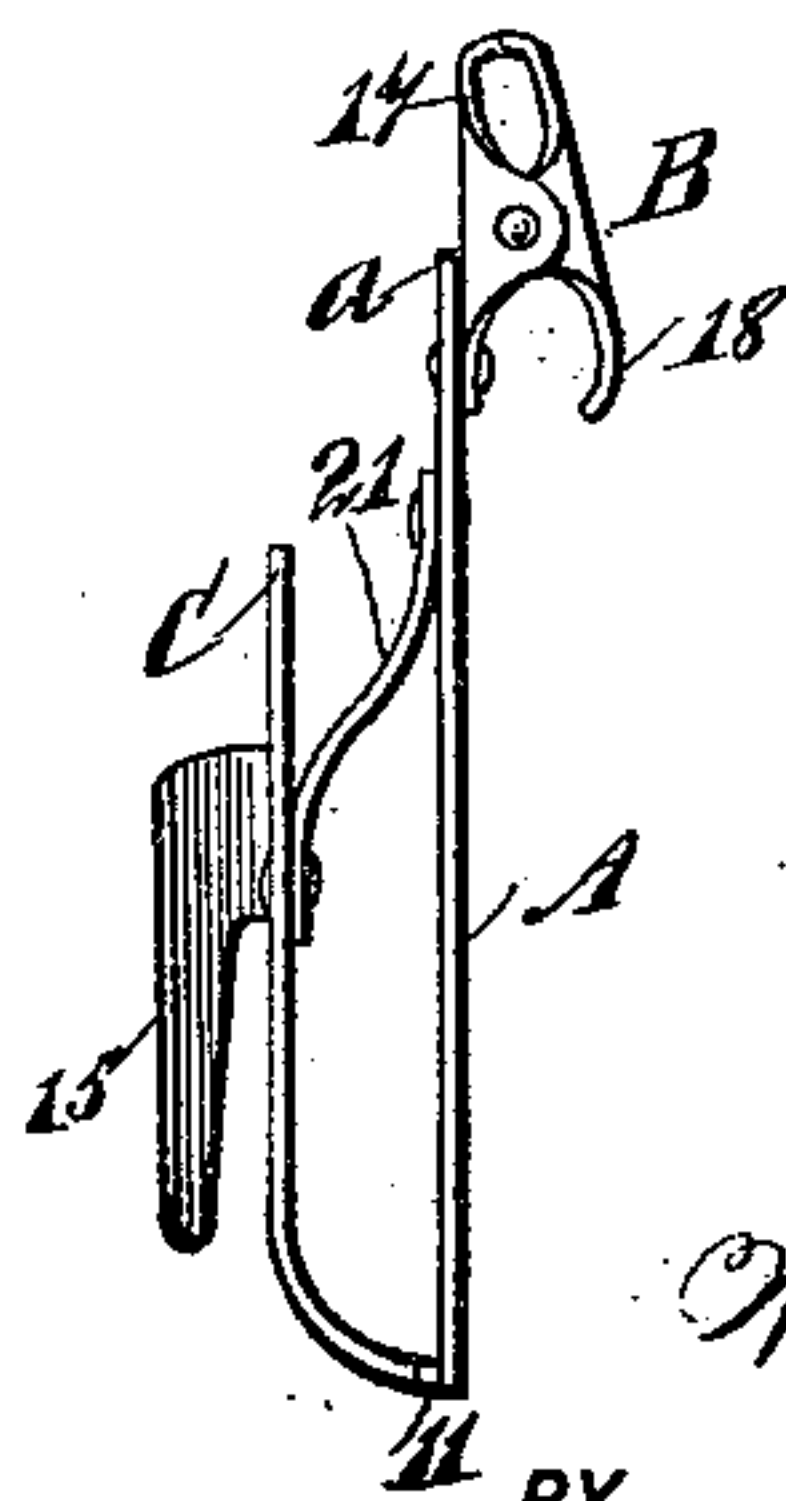


Fig 5



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## COMBINED PENCIL-HOLDER AND CLIP.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM EUGENE QUINN, of Anniston, in the county of Calhoun and State of Alabama, have invented a new and Improved Combined Pencil-Holder and Clip, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a combined pencil-holder and clip especially adapted for use by conductors, engineers, and telegraph-operators, the article being so constructed as to receive and hold a pencil, pen, or like article, and also to receive and hold memoranda, train-orders, telegrams, way-bills, and other written or printed sheets, thereby providing a means of constantly keeping a memorandum, an order, or a bill before the wearer of the device until the memorandum shall have been complied with, or the order obeyed, or the way-bill disposed of.

A further object of the invention is to so construct the holder that it may be attached to any portion of the wearing-apparel and the body of the holder assume a vertical position.

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 characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the improved holder, illustrating a memorandum and a pencil as held thereby. Fig. 2 is an edge view of the holder, memorandum, and pencil. Fig. 3 is a vertical section through the holder and memorandum, the pencil being omitted and the said section being taken substantially on the line 33 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a front elevation of the holder, the pencil and memorandum being omitted; and Fig. 5 is an edge view of a modified form of the said holder.

In carrying out the invention the body of the holder comprises a back plate A, which may be of any desired shape, but is preferably flat and provided at the top with an extension *a*, while at each side of the said plate an ear 10 is formed, being projected forwardly, and the said ears are at a right angle

to the body of the plate, or practically so. The formation of the body of the holder is completed by the addition of the clamping-plate C, which is preferably provided with ears 12, coinciding with the ears 10 of the back plate, and the clamping-plate is connected to the back plate by passing a pivot-pin 13 through the ears of both of these parts.

The lower end of the clamping-plate is curved downward to meet the lower edge of the back plate and is provided with serrations 11 or the equivalents thereof at its lower end, and the serrated lower portion of the clamping-plate is adapted to clamp and hold material, such as a sheet of paper D, introduced between the back and clamping plates, by means of a spring 13<sup>a</sup>, which in the preferred form of the device is coiled around the pivot-pin 13 and has bearing at one end and against the front face of the back plate and at the other end against the inner face of the clamping-plate.

The clamping-plate is provided with fingers 14 and 15 produced longitudinally thereon, one at each side of the center, and these fingers are preferably struck up from the material from which the clamping-plate is constructed, the said material being of a spring character — as, for example, sheet-iron or brass, preferably the latter.

The two fingers 14 and 15 are parallel and form a socket into which the pencil 16 may be introduced, the fingers clamping the pencil to such an extent as to hold it in engagement with the aforesaid clamping-plate.

The back plate A is provided with a clasp B, which may be of any approved construction, the said clasp in the drawings being shown as constructed with two pivotally-connected jaws 17 and 18, the said jaws being held together at their upper or biting ends by a spring 19 introduced between them, and one of the jaws is pivotally connected to the extension *a* of the back plate, preferably through the medium of an eyelet 20 or its equivalent.

In Fig. 5 the back plate and clamping-plate are not provided with the ears shown in the other figures; but the two plates are connected and are held in engagement at their lower ends by means of a spring 21, secured at its ends to the said plates, and when the



clamping-plate is to be opened up from the back plate this may be accomplished by simply pressing downward upon the upper end of the clamping-plate, the same action being  
5 required to separate the two plates under the construction shown in the other views. By pivoting the clasp to the back plate of the device the device will hang perpendicularly, no matter to what portion of a garment the  
10 clasp may be attached.

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

1. A combined pencil-holder and clip, comprising a back plate, a clamping-plate pivotally mounted on the back plate, and a spring connected to the clamping-plate and arranged to hold the same with its end normally in engagement with the back plate, said clamping-plate having fingers struck up from its central portion, said fingers extending outwardly

from the clamping-plate opposite each other and being adapted to receive and clamp a pencil or the like, substantially as set forth.

2. A combined pencil-holder and clip, comprising a back plate, a spring-clasp pivotally connected with the upper end thereof on the rear face of the back plate, a clamping-plate pivotally mounted on the front face of the back plate, and a spring connected to the  
25 clamping-plate and arranged to hold the same with one end normally engaging the back plate, said clamping-plate having fingers struck up from it, said fingers projecting from the front face of the clamping-plate opposite each other and being adapted to receive and clamp a pencil or the like, substantially as set forth.  
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