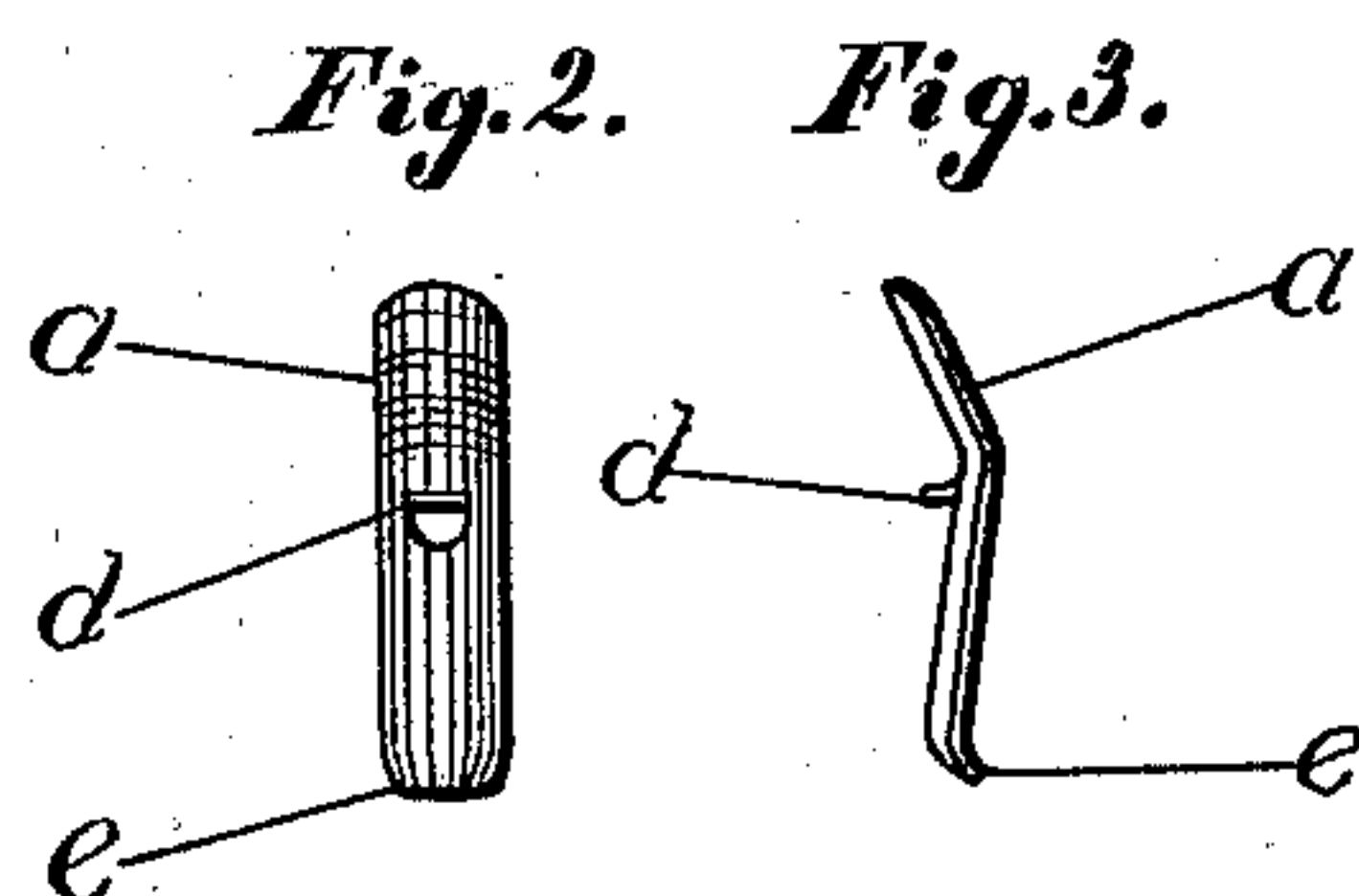
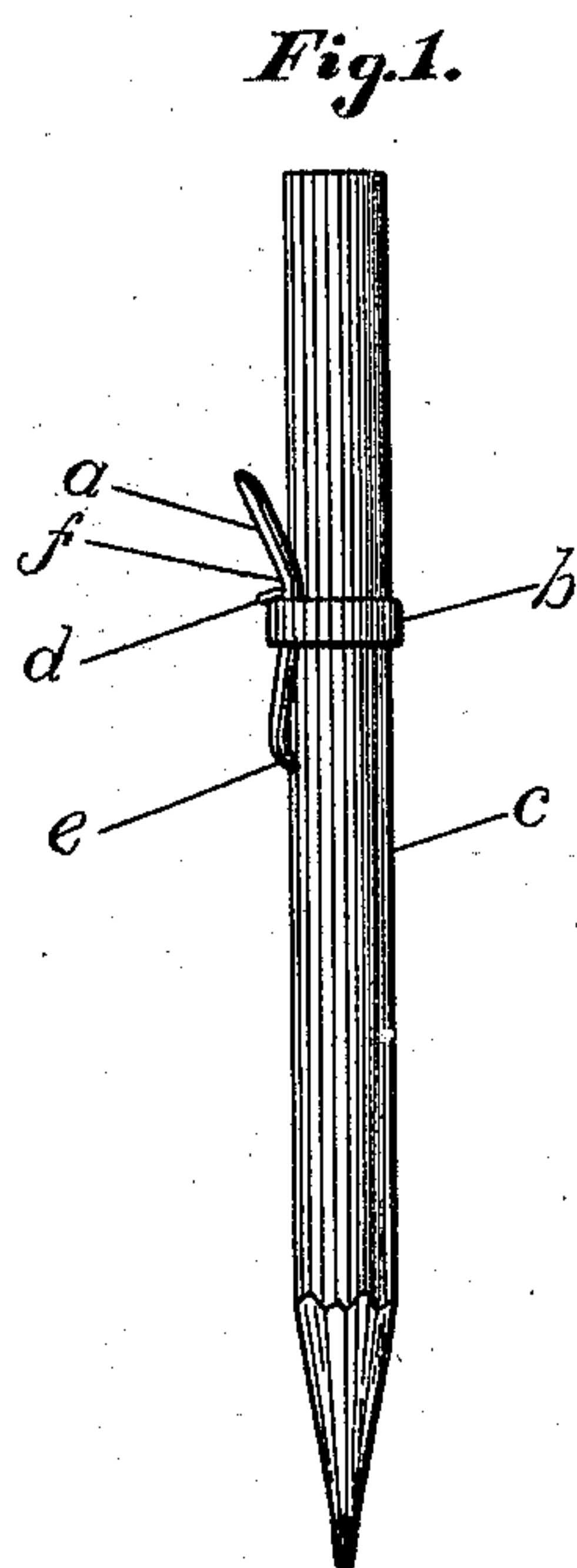


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LEVI D. VAN VALKENBURG, of Holyoke, in the county of Hampden, State of Massachusetts, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Lead-Pencil and Penholder Attachments, whereby said pencil and penholder may be secured to the border or hem of a pocket or to the bib of an apron or other places for convenience, the following being a description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of a pencil with my attachment attached thereto, and Fig. 2 a front elevation of the metallic lever, and Fig. 3 a side elevation of the same. Fig. 4 is a plan of the elastic band, and Fig. 5 a side view of the same.

Like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the different figures of the drawings.

The object of my invention is to provide an attachment for pencils and penholders, whereby the same may be secured to the border or hem of a pocket or to the bib of an apron or other places for convenience. This I attain by means of the metallic lever A, made into an obtuse-angle form, also made concavo-convex to fit the pencil C and prevent it from turning crosswise on the same. Said lever is secured to the pencil C by means of the elastic band B, which passes around said pencil and the lever A below the fulcrum, the pencil C forming a fulcrum at F, as shown.

I form a spur D from the material in the lever A, below the fulcrum F, by cutting a half-circle and turning it outward, as shown. This prevents said elastic band from working

or moving upward to the fulcrum F when the lower end is raised to pass over the edge of the pocket. The lower end of said lever is bent or turned inward to the pencil C, as shown at E, which is the only point having a bearing on the border of the pocket.

The pencil C may be secured to the hem or border of the pocket by pressing on the upper portion of the lever A, which raises the lower end E sufficiently to allow the edge of the pocket to pass between it and the pencil C, and by removing the pressure at the upper end the lower end E is drawn firmly against the outside border of the pocket by means of the elastic band B, thereby holding said pencil securely within the pocket.

It will be obvious that the improvement is a simple, effective, and inexpensive device for securing or holding a pencil within a pocket, and that in transferring it from one pocket to another the clasp is carried with it, which is much more convenient than transferring the pocket-pads now in ordinary use.

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

In combination with a lead-pencil, an obtuse-angled metallic lever A made concavo-convex with a spur or projection D below the fulcrum F and turned inward to the pencil at the lower end E, an elastic band B encircling the pencil C and lever A below the spur D all for the purpose of clasping the border or hem of a pocket, substantially as set forth and described.

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