

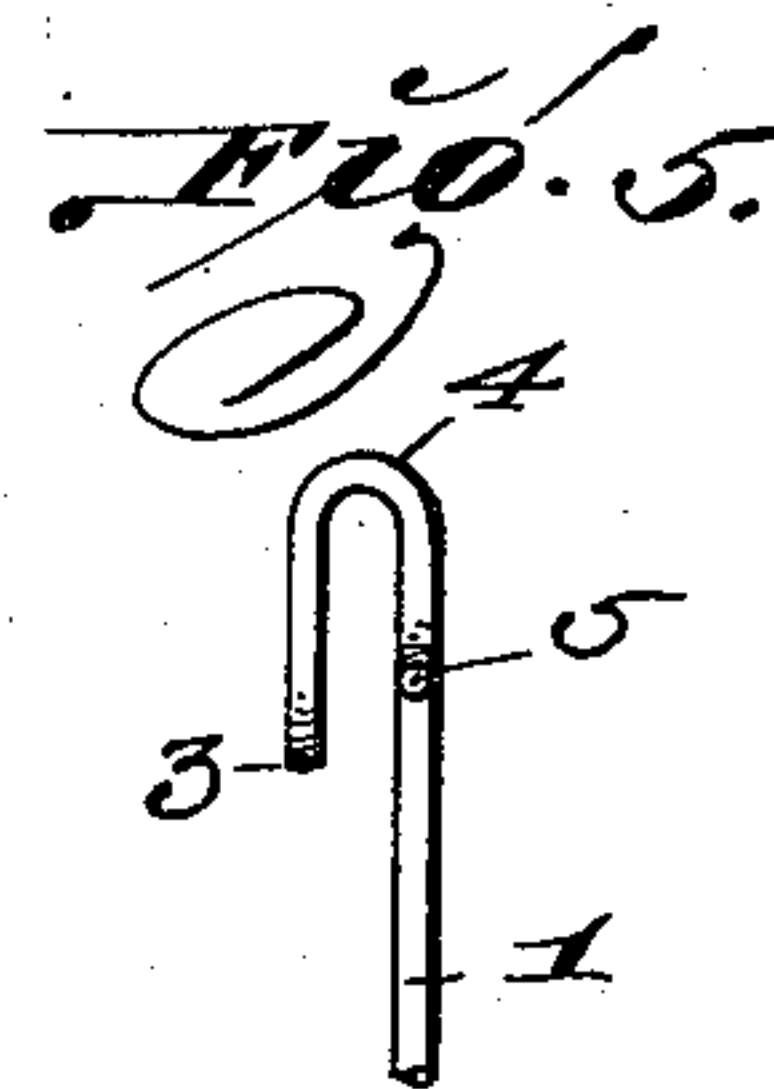
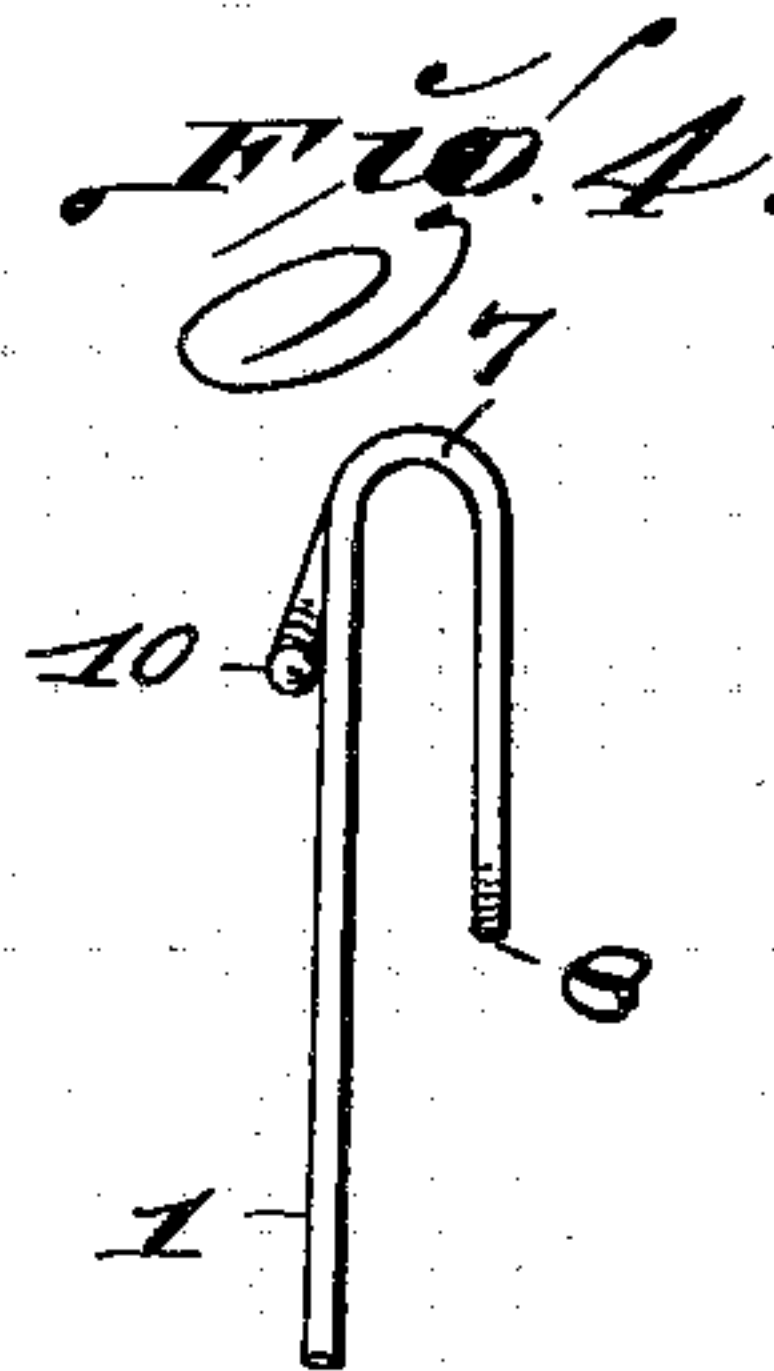
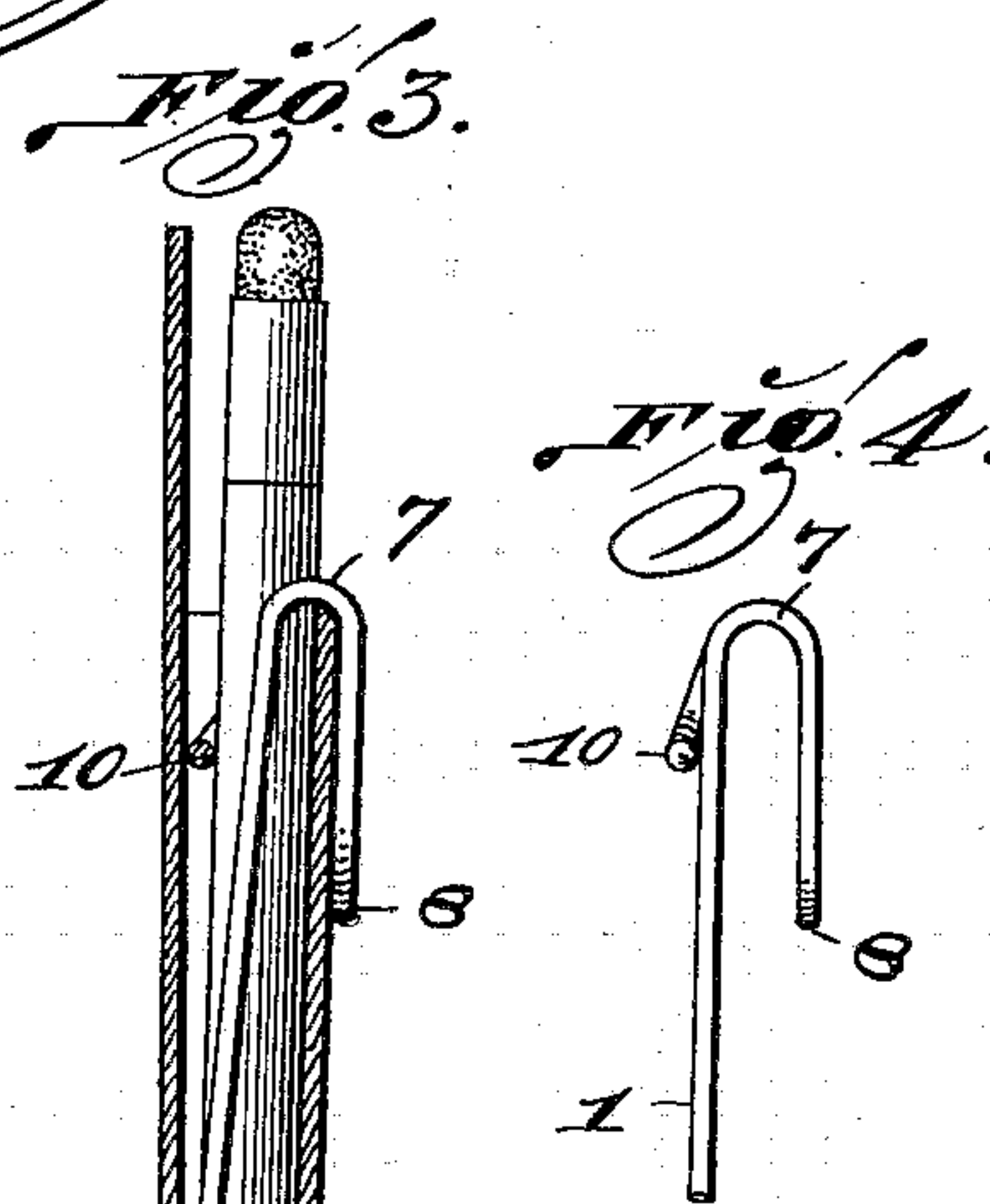
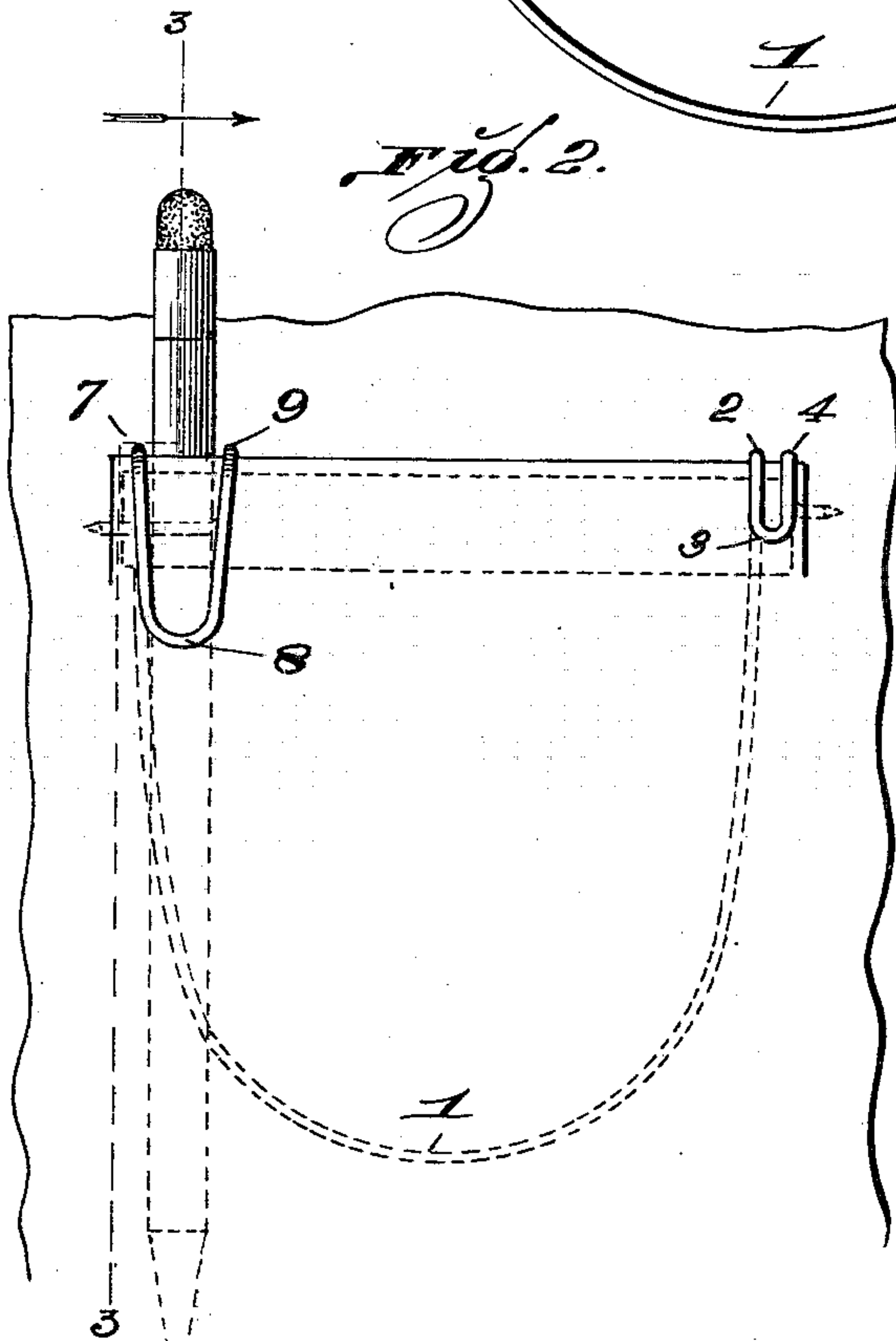
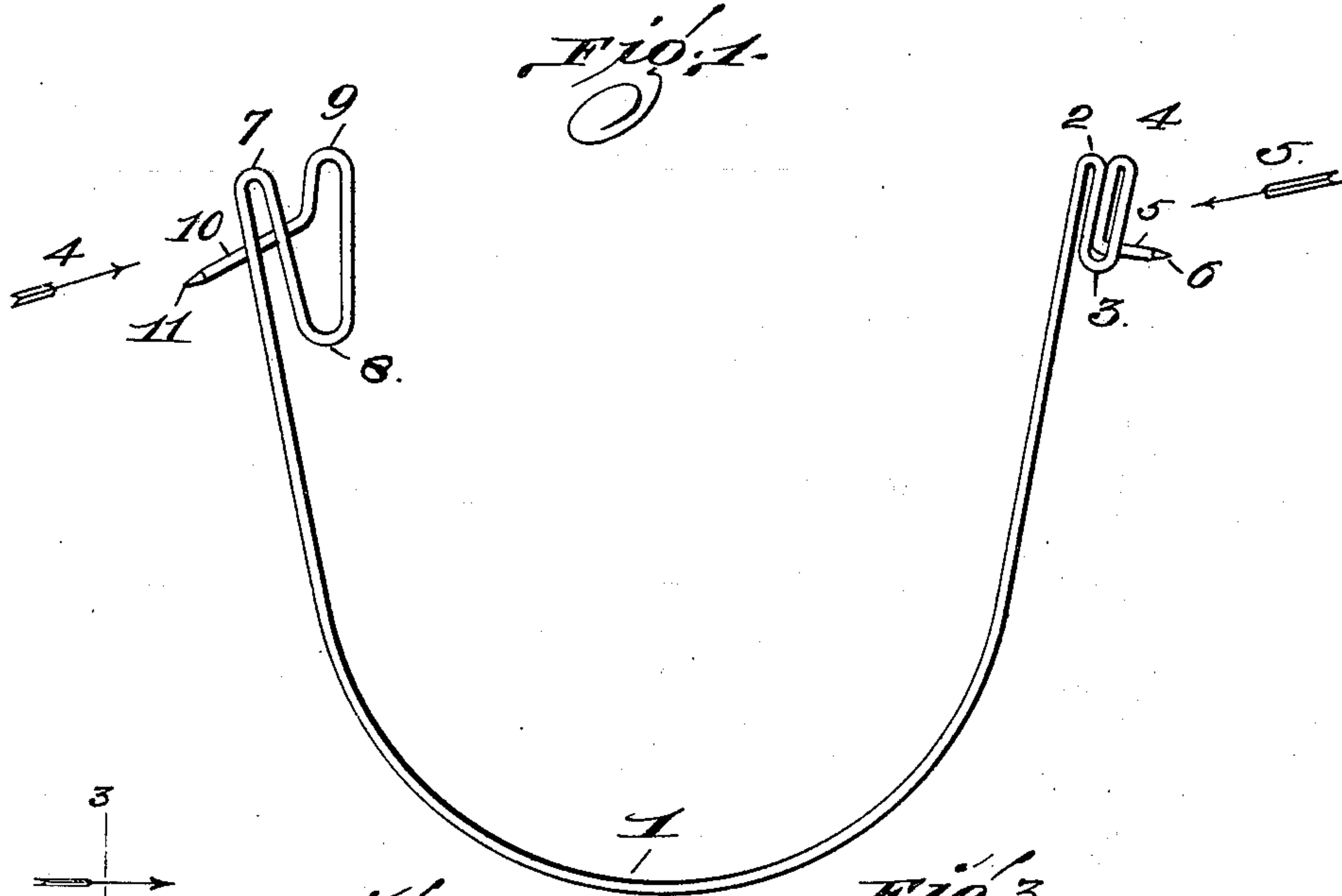
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## POCKET-HOLDER FOR PENCILS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES L. RILEY, of the city of Xenia, Clay county, State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Safety Attachments for Pockets, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof.

My invention relates to safety attachments for pockets whereby pencils, tooth-brushes, books, spectacles, &c., may be held in place in the pocket of the wearer; and it consists of the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter shown, described, and claimed.

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of my improved pocket-holder, the same being removed from the pocket. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of a portion of a vest, showing the pocket therein and my improved holder in position in said pocket and holding a pencil. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view taken approximately on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a side elevation of one end of my improved holder, said view being taken looking in the direction indicated by the arrow 4 in Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is a detail side elevation of the opposite end of my holder, which view is taken looking in the direction indicated by the arrow 5 in Fig. 1.

The object of my invention is to construct an improved holder which may be readily applied to the pocket and when applied will not become detached from said pocket and which holder will securely hold the pencil, tooth-brush, memorandum-book, or like article, such as is usually carried in the upper vest-pocket.

Referring by numerals to the accompanying drawings, 1 indicates a length of resilient wire, which length of wire is bent into the form of the letter U and the upper ends of which diverge slightly from the curved portion. One end of this U-shaped length of wire is bent forwardly and then downwardly to form the inverted-U-shaped bend 2, and then said end is bent laterally and upwardly to form the U-shaped bend 3, which lies in a plane in front of the plane occupied by the body of the wire 1, and then said end is bent laterally and downwardly to form the invert-

ed-U-shaped bend 4 in the same horizontal plane and in alinement with the inverted-U-shaped bend 2, and then said end is bent laterally, as indicated by 5, and terminates in the point 6, which laterally-bent end and point are in alinement in a vertical plane with the body of the wire 1. The opposite end of the length of wire 1 is bent forwardly and downwardly to form the inverted-U-shaped bend 7. Then said end is bent laterally and upwardly to form the U-shaped bend 8, which U-shaped bend 8 lies in a plane in front of that occupied by the body of the wire 1, and then said end is bent rearwardly and downwardly to form the inverted-U-shaped bend 9, which is in alinement and in the same horizontal plane with the inverted-U-shaped bend 7, and then said end is bent into a horizontal plane, as indicated by 10, and terminates in the point 11. The horizontal portion 10 of the end of the wire bears directly upon the rear side of the body of the length of wire 1.

When applying my improved holder to the pocket, the upper ends of the holder are caught between the thumb and fingers of the hand and pressed toward one another. The body portion of the holder is now passed into the vest-pocket until the upper edge of the pocket contacts with the under sides of the U-shaped bends 2, 4, 7, and 9. This movement brings the main body portion 1 of the wire, together with the horizontal portions 5 and 10, into the pocket, while the U-shaped bends 3 and 8 are outside of the pocket. The thumb and fingers of the hand are now released from the ends of the holder, and the resiliency of the spring-wire of which the holder is constructed will cause the points 6 and 11 of the horizontal portions 5 and 10 of the holder to pass into the goods of which the vest is constructed, and thus hook and securely hold the holder in the proper position. When it is desired to securely locate the pencil or like article in the pocket and holder, the point of the pencil or other article is passed downwardly between the inverted-U-shaped bends 7 and 9 and between the U-shaped bend 8 and the horizontal portion 10. As the wire is resilient, the pencil or like article will be securely clamped and held in position when so located in the holder. As the upper ends of the holder tend to spring away from each



other, they will when in position draw the upper edge of the vest-pocket taut, which movement will necessarily cause the upper edge of said pocket to be drawn tightly against the goods or body of the vest, and for this reason a memorandum-book or like article will be securely held in the pocket and not easily lost therefrom.

A holder of my improved construction is very light and convenient, is readily placed in or removed from position, and is almost entirely concealed from view.

I claim—

1. A pencil-holder constructed of a single piece of resilient wire bent into U shape and its ends being bent into hooks to engage the upper end of the pocket, one of which hooks is wider than the other, and provided with a horizontal portion for retaining an article

within said last-named hook, substantially as specified.

2. The herein-described pocket-holder constructed of a single length of wire bent into U shape, one of the ends of said wire being formed into a hook to engage the edge of the pocket and the end of said hook being pointed, the opposite end of said wire being bent into a clamping-hook, the extreme end of said last-mentioned end being bent into a horizontal plane behind the clamping-hook, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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