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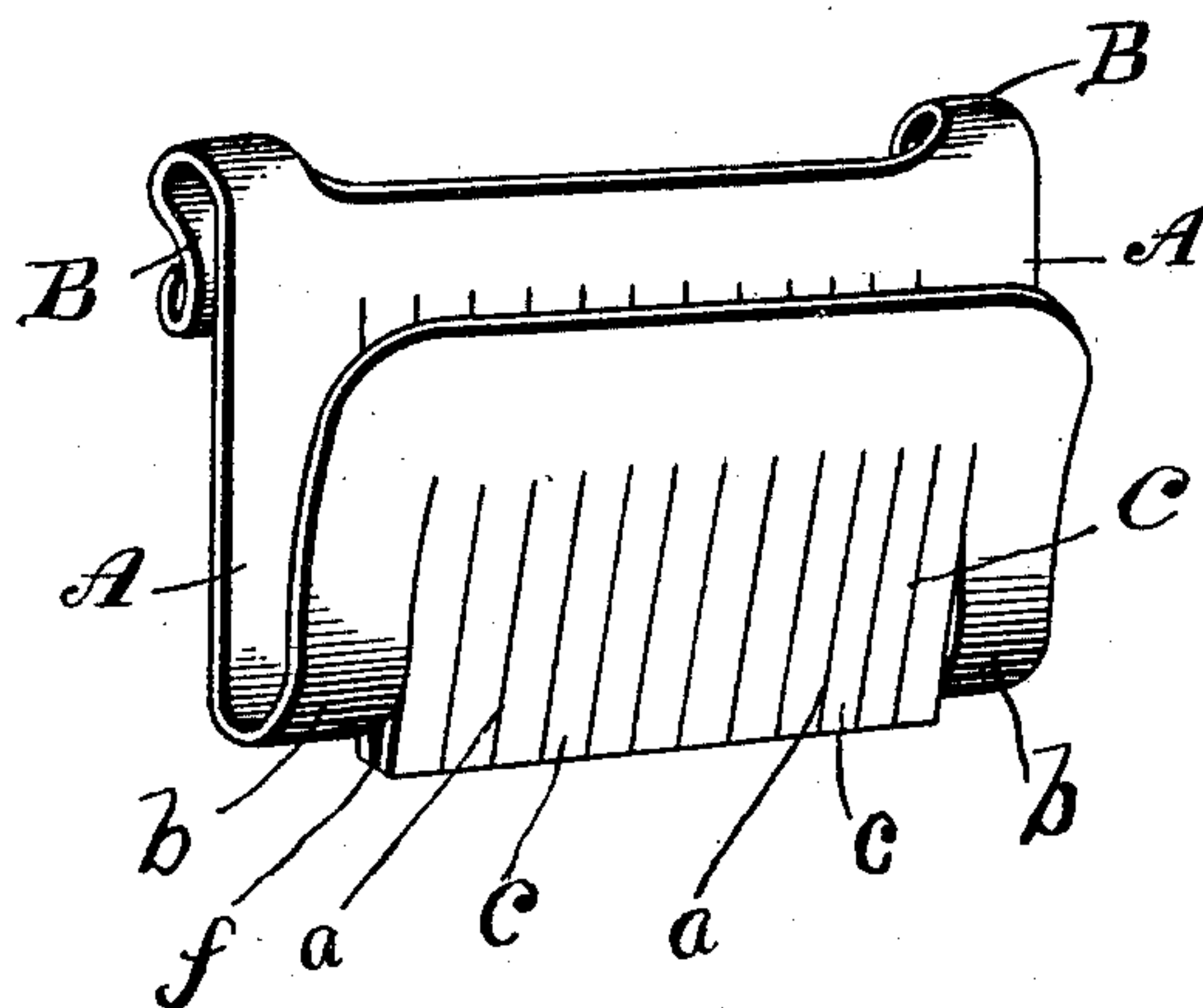
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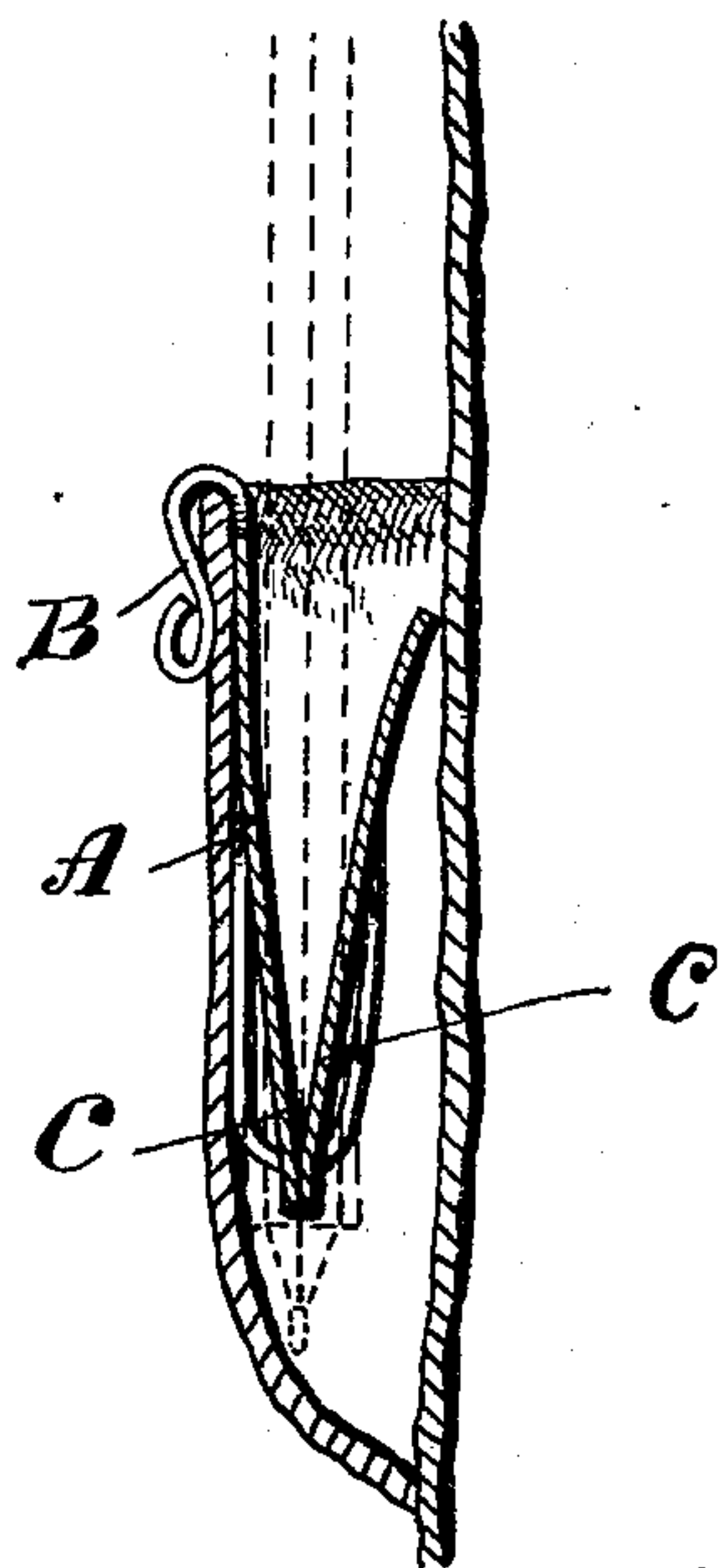
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*Fig 1.*



*Fig 2.*



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## POCKET-HOLDER FOR PENCILS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. TILLINGHAST, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Springfield, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket-Holders for Pencils, Pens, &c., of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to improved pencil-holders of a class which are adaptable to be carried inside of the pocket, and by means of which several pencils, pens, or other small articles, even though they may be of varying sizes, will be retained and prevented from accidental displacement or loss.

The object of this invention is to improve and simplify devices of the indicated character and to render the same extremely cheap of production and susceptible of being made from a single spring sheet-metal blank by the employment of few and inexpensive tools or dies and few mechanical operations.

The invention consists in a pen or pencil holder consisting of a single blank having features and formations substantially as hereinafter described, and set forth in the claim.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, in which my present improved pen or pencil holder is illustrated and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same indicated as secured in position inside of a vest-pocket.

The device consists, as manifest from the representation of the completed article seen in Fig. 1, of a single approximately rectangular blank of sheet metal having at one end, at or near the corners, extensions or wings which are overturned to constitute the clasp-  
ing or clamping ears B to engage the margin of the pocket, and the said blank is constructed with a series of longitudinal slits *a*,  
said longitudinally-slitted blank being sev-

ered transversely along the middle at *f*, producing two sets of spring-tongues *c c*, the said transverse line of severing or splitting not extending to the lateral margins of the blank, which unsevered portions *b* at the sides and intermediate between the ends are doubled to bring the blank into an upwardly-opening U shape, while the said spring-tongues are brought into normally downwardly-convergent relations adaptable for separation, those of the one side pair from those of the other side pair, at their lower ends.

A single set of blanking and slitting dies may be used, and the bending operations require but very simple and inexpensive appliances, and the article may be produced from already-tempered metal, or after being struck up and bent to the required shape and relations of its parts it may be finally tempered.

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

As a new article of manufacture, a pen or pencil holder designed to be worn inside of the pocket, and consisting of a single blank of spring sheet metal, having at one end integral overturned clasp-ears B, constructed with a series of longitudinal slits *a a*, extending in parallelism from within the end margins of the blank, and said blank severed transversely across its middle slitted portion, constituting two sets of spring-tongues *c c*, the said blank being doubled at the unsevered lateral marginal portions *b* into an upwardly-opening U shape, and the opposite pairs of spring-tongues being brought into normally downwardly-convergent relations, and adaptable for separation at their lower ends, substantially as described and shown.

Signed by me at Springfield, Massachusetts, this 22d day of October, 1900.

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