

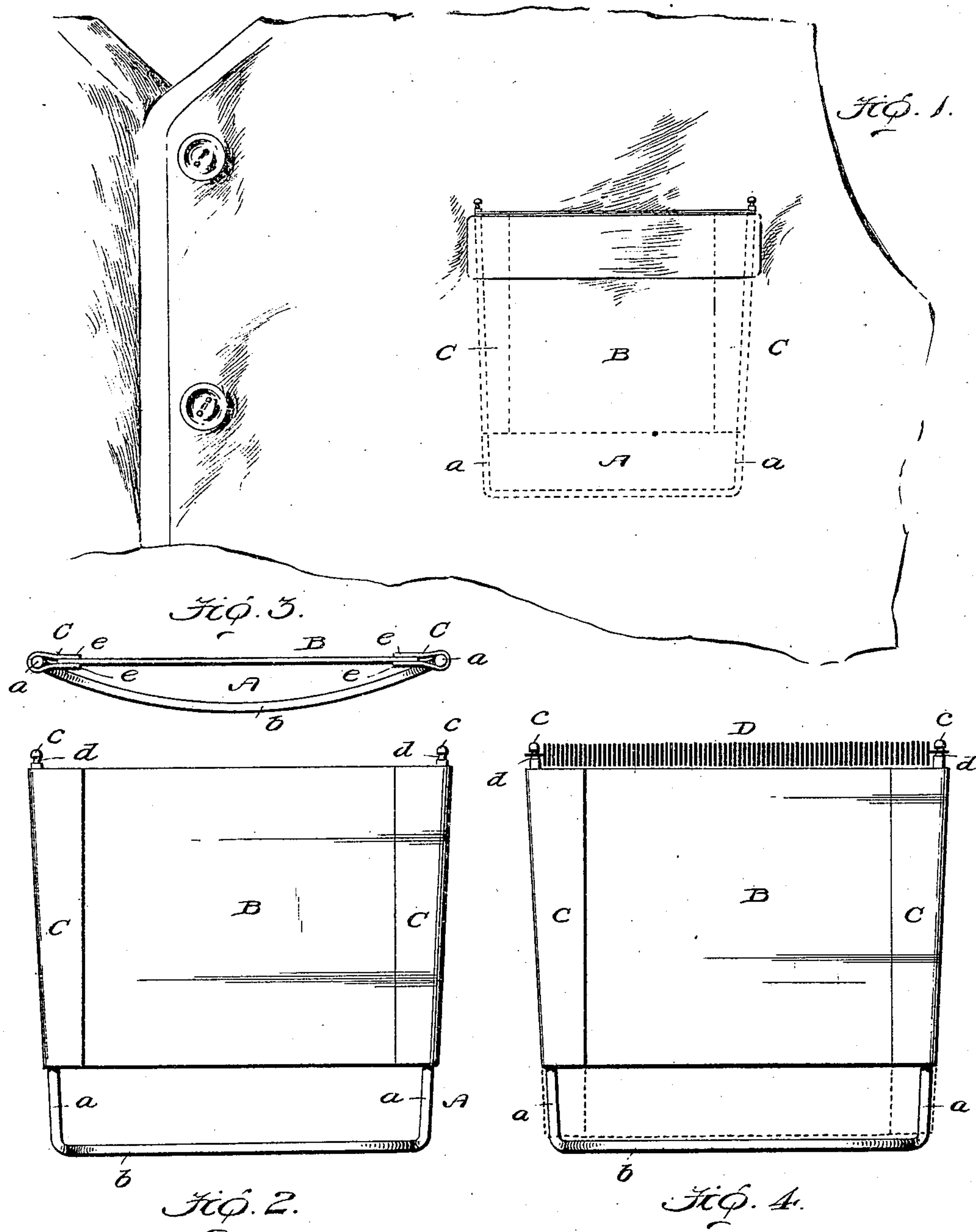
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CASSIUS C. RUSSELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Joseph, in the county of Buchanan and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket Pencil-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in devices for holding pencils, pens, and the like in pockets; and it pertains more particularly to that class of such devices which are designed to hold the pocket distended or flat, being in the form of a spring-wire band or its equivalent, the two sides of which engage opposite sides of the pocket, while the bottom portion is by preference curved, so as to conform more or less to the curvature of the body of the person, a spring or analogous means being employed to join the side portions of the device.

The present invention has for its objects, among others, to improve upon this style of pencil holders or retainers to the end that the device shall serve the further function of a protector for the garment, and thus prevent injury or damage thereto by the ink that is so apt to escape from a fountain-pen, and thus avoid staining of the light-colored vest or negligée shirt, my improved device comprising a frame adapted to distend the pocket and a protecting-sheet, preferably of rubber, secured to the side portions of the frame in any suitable manner and extending substantially the whole height of the frame. This sheet serves not only to prevent too great spreading of the sides of the frame, but to protect the pocket, as above mentioned, and, further, if made of rubber, to prevent the pen or pencil from slipping out, the frictional contact being sufficient to prevent this action. When rubber is employed, I use leather loops or the like as the means of connection or attachment between the side edges of the rubber and the metal of the frame to avoid rapid decay of the rubber caused by the contact of the metal and rubber, as has been found to be the case.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear, and the novel

features thereof will be specifically defined by the appended claims.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a view showing the invention applied to a pocket. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the holder. Fig. 3 is a top view thereof. Fig. 4 is an elevation showing a spring connecting the top ends of the side portions of the frame.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views.

Referring now to the details of the drawings by letter, A designates the frame, preferably of wire, bent into substantially the shape shown, its side portions *a* being connected or joined at their lower ends by the cross portion *b*, which, as seen best in Fig. 3, is curved outwardly, so that when the device is applied to the pocket this lower cross bar or portion will conform to the curvature of the body. The upper ends of these side portions *a* may or may not be provided with ornaments, as seen in Figs. 1 and 2, in this instance the said upper ends of the side portions being provided with knobs *c* or the like and with the annular grooves *d* adjacent thereto, as shown, and these serve as means for attaching the ends of a spring when the latter is employed.

B is a protecting-sheet, preferably of rubber. It extends nearly or quite the whole height of the frame and is attached to the side portions thereof, preferably in the following manner: C represents loops of leather or other suitable material loosely engaged on the side portions of the frame, so that the sheet may be moved up or down thereon, as may be desired, in case it is not in the proper position thereon, and to the parallel portions *e* of these loops and between them the side edges of the rubber sheet B are cemented or otherwise affixed. This prevents contact of the rubber and metal, and consequently the rubber is not affected by the metal which tends to soon rot the rubber, and thus render the device worthless.

In practice the device is placed in the pocket, as seen in Fig. 1, and to facilitate this the upper ends of the side portions of the frame may be drawn together, and when in-

serted in place the said side portions will engage opposite sides of the pocket and keep the same distended or flat. The sheet B forms a lining or protector for the outer lining or portion of the pocket and further serves as a friction-retainer for the pens or pencils and prevents the same from slipping out. The pens or pencils are inserted between this sheet B and the inner wall of the pocket, as will be readily understood.

In some instances I may employ a spring D, as seen in Fig. 4, which serves to hold the ends of the arms from springing too far, and thus protecting the rubber sheet against being spread so far as to break it, in which instance the device is constructed the same as above described, the spring being attached at its ends to the upper ends of the side portions of the frame in the groove *d* thereof, as shown in said Fig. 4. This spring serves as additional means for retaining the pen or pencil in place.

Modifications in detail may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

What I claim as new is—

1. A device of the character described, com-

prising a frame with side portions, a rubber sheet and leather loops cemented to and securing the said sheet to the side portions of the frame, as set forth.

2. A pencil-retainer of the class described provided with a frame having side bars and curved lower cross portion, and a sheet of rubber on one side only connecting the side portions of the frame and extended substantially the whole height of the frame, as set forth.

3. A pencil-holder of the character described having its side portions connected by a single sheet of rubber serving as a lining to the pocket and as a frictional retainer for the pen or pencil, as set forth.

4. A pencil-holder comprising a frame with side bars, a rubber protecting-sheet connecting the side bars, and a spring joining the upper ends of said side bars, as set forth.

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

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