

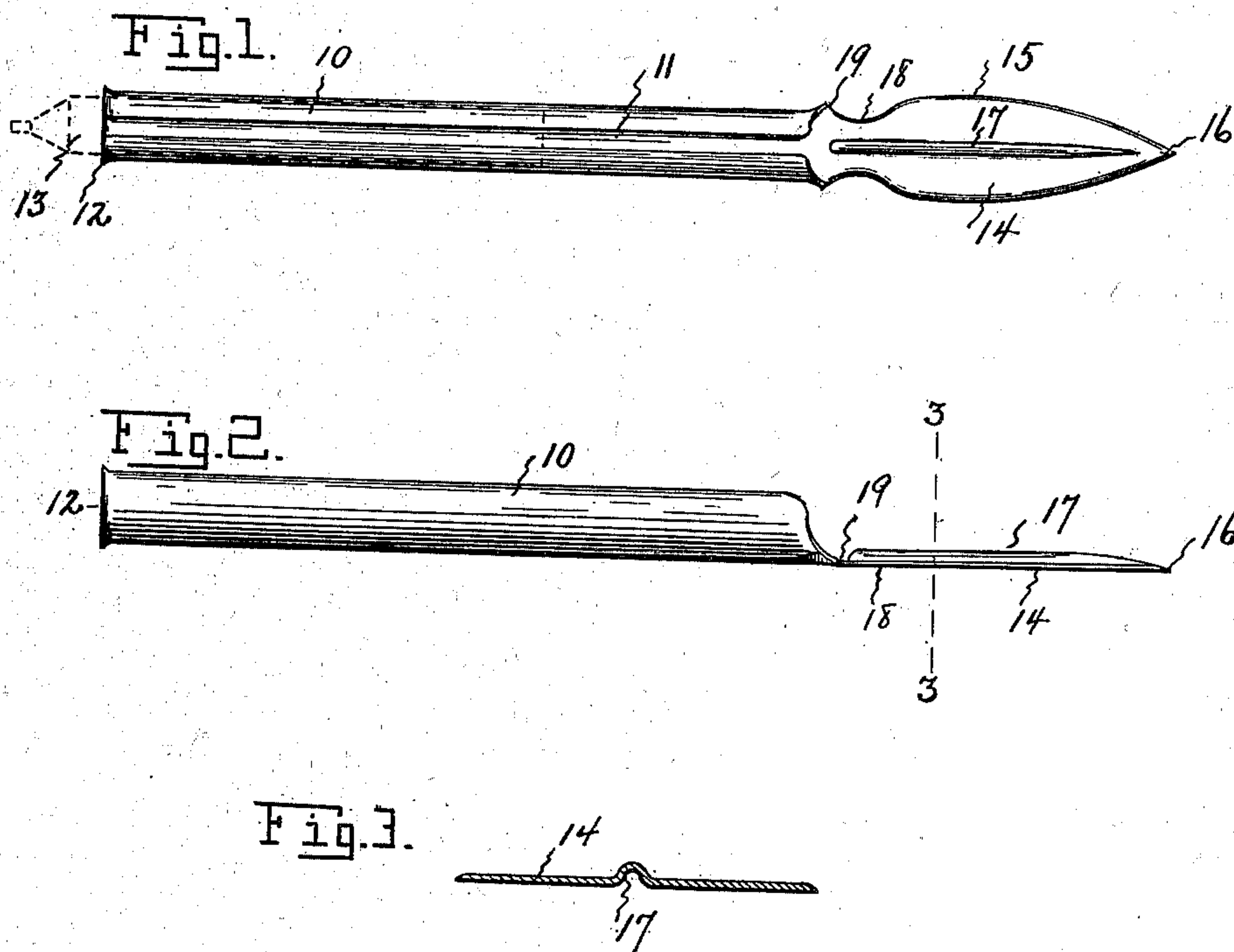
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PENCIL-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. LEARY, of Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pencil-Cases; 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.

10 This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in pencil-cases.

The invention has for its object the production of a combined pencil-case and envelop-opener one end of which is arranged to receive a lead-pencil or the like, the other end being provided with a knife-like extension, with which one is enabled to open a sealed envelop or other similar inclosure, the whole being so constructed as to be conveniently carried in the pocket.

20 In carrying out my invention I form a cylindrical body portion of sheet metal, one end of which is extended and flattened to form a cutting-blade, the other end being free to receive a lead-pencil or the like. Said blade is crimped longitudinally to form a strengthening-rib.

30 The invention will be hereinafter fully set forth, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view illustrating my invention. Fig. 2 is a side view thereof. Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3-3, Fig. 1.

35 Referring to the drawings, 10 designates a cylindrical body portion, preferably made of sheet metal rolled in such manner that its edges approach, but do not meet, as indicated at 11. One end 12 is flared to facilitate the insertion of a lead-pencil 13. The other end is flattened and extended to form a cutting-blade 14, which is widened at 15, the edges being finally converged to form a point 16. The blade 14 is crimped at 17 to form a

strengthening-rib, whereby said blade is stiffened as against bending or buckling. Said blade is also narrowed at 18, and from this point the cutting edges are curved outward or flared to form cutting-shoulders 19.

In practice my improved pencil-case will be found to possess many advantages. The same can be employed for opening letters and the like, and should any notation upon the latter be required—such as reference, &c.—it is only necessary to reverse the device and a pencil is at hand convenient for use. A further advantage lies in its compactness, whereby it may be conveniently carried in the pocket ready for use. It will also be noted that the same being stamped from one piece of metal possesses many advantages in point of simplicity, durability, and inexpensiveness. It will be further observed that by providing the cutting-blade with the flared or outwardly-curved cutting-shoulders a cutting edge is always presented to the paper when an envelop is being opened, and the latter will not be torn or mutilated in the event that said blade should slip forward, as frequently happens; but, on the contrary, the same would be smoothly and easily cut.

I claim as my invention—

A pencil-holder comprising an elongated cylindrical body portion having one end adapted to receive a lead-pencil, the other end being extended to form a flat, integral cutting-blade which is reduced near its inner end to form rear cutting-shoulders, said blade being crimped longitudinally to form a strengthening-rib, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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