

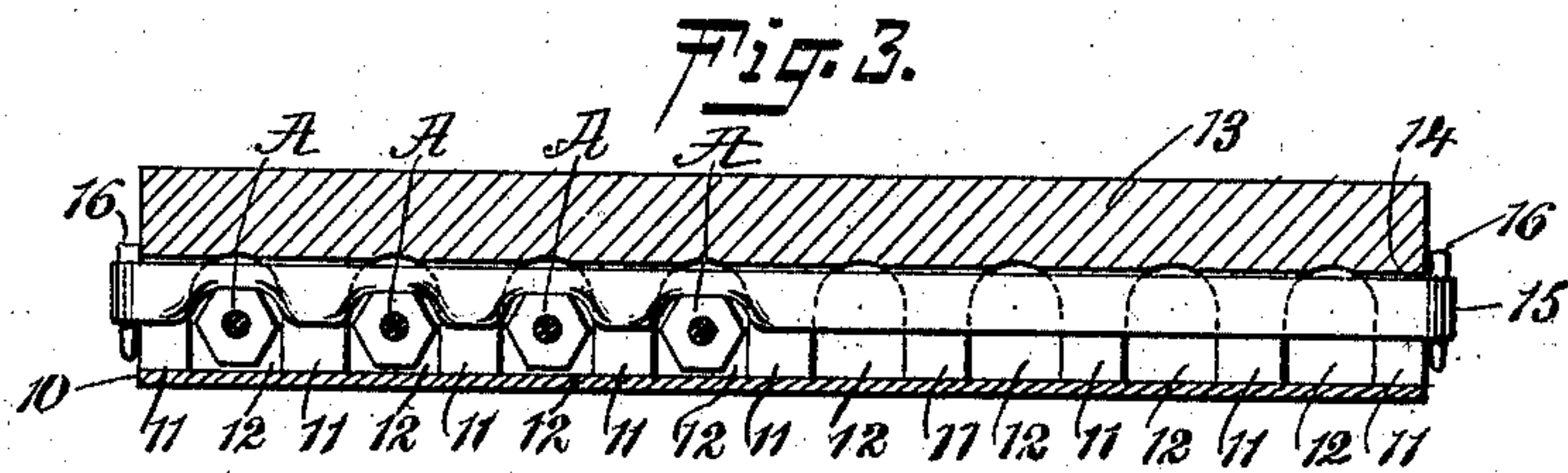
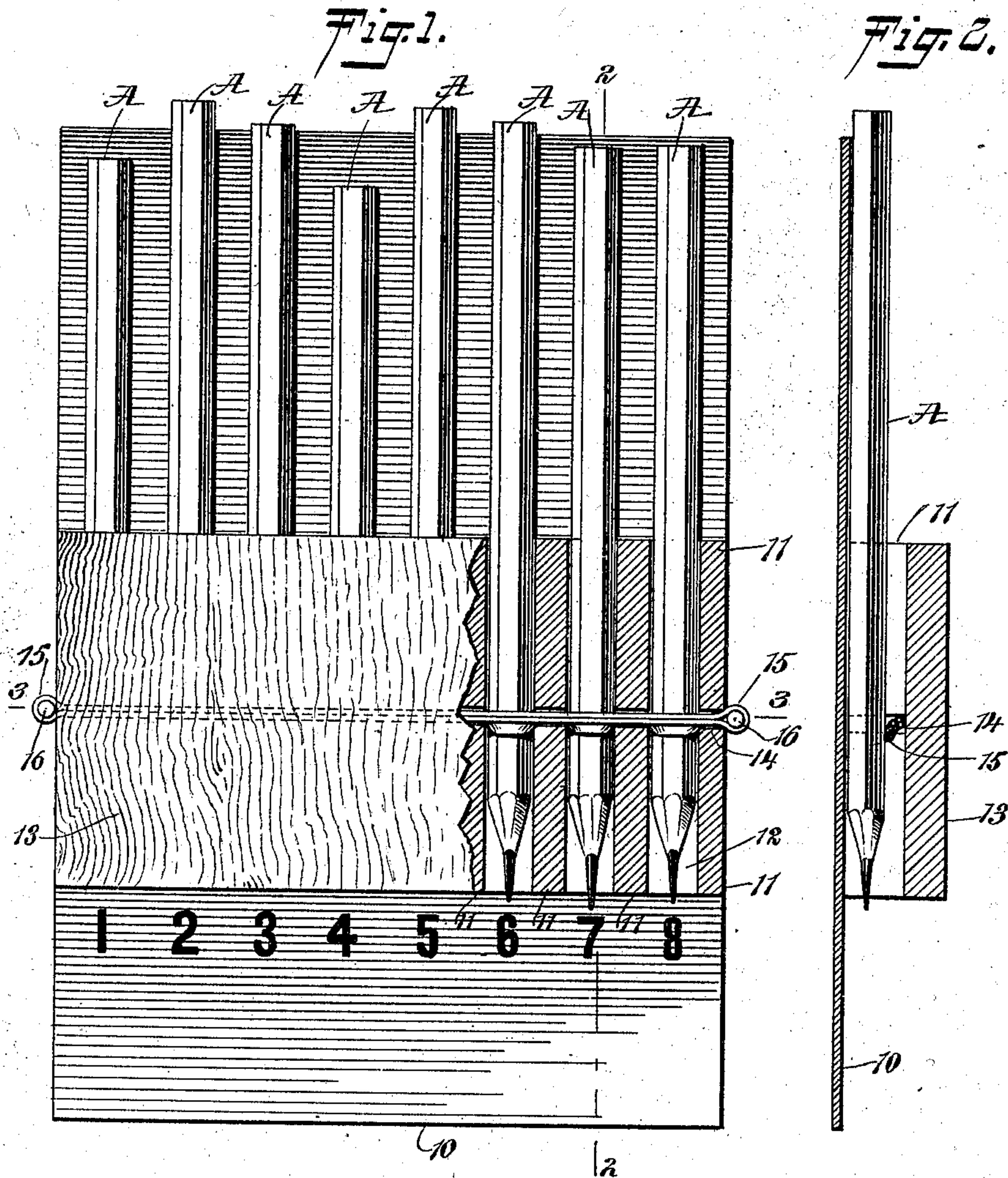
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES S. McCLUNG, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Pueblo, in the county of Pueblo and State of Colorado, have invented a new and Improved Pen or Pencil Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

In public schools where the pupils are taught writing, arithmetic, and drawing as a part of the daily curriculum requiring the use of pens and pencils it is considered of advantage for preservation of the health of the scholars to provide each one with a pen and pencil for individual use and require the rule against indiscriminate use of such instruments to be strictly observed.

The object of this invention is to provide a novel simple pen or pencil holder which affords very convenient means for holding a number of pens or pencils separated and clearly distinguished from each other by suitable designating characters, so that each pupil will be enabled to quickly and unerringly select his or her individual pen or pencil when school exercises commence and at the expiration of the period of daily use return the instruments correctly within the holder for subsequent use.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of parts, as is hereinafter described, and defined in the appended claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a partly-sectional plan view of a pencil-holder embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view substantially on the line 2 2 in Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view substantially on the line 3 3 in Fig. 1.

The improved device for holding pens or pencils consists of the following details of construction:

10 represents a flat tray-board, which is preferably rectangular in contour and is of suitable dimensions for effective service. Between the ends of the tray-board 10 a plurality of walls 11 are erected, which extend longitudinally in parallel planes, said walls being

spaced apart an equal distance, providing channels 12 between them, which are of a width that will permit the bodies of lead-pencils, slate-pencils, or pen-handles to be readily slid endwise therein. The channels 12 are of greater depth than width, and upon the walls 11 a cap-piece 13 is seated and secured, thus providing a cover for all the channels. As an equivalent construction the channels 12 may be in the form of spaced grooves formed in a block of wood or other suitable material, and thus have a cover-piece that is integral with the spaced walls 11, said block being affixed transversely upon the tray-board 10.

Near the longitudinal center of the walls 11 a slot 14 is formed transversely through all of them and is defined in height by the cap-piece 13. The width of the slot 14 is proportioned to adapt it to receive a stout gum band 15, which is passed therethrough and at each doubled end receives a keeper-pin 16, said pins having contact with the outer sides of outer division-walls 11, which is enforced by the resilience of the clamping-band 15, that is stretched somewhat when secured in place, as explained.

It will be seen that the simple act of pushing pencils or pen-handles into the channels 12 will cause them to impinge upon the lower edge of the transverse band 15, which will yield laterally, as shown in Fig. 2, and press upon the pencil-bodies with sufficient force to prevent their accidental displacement.

The pencils A (shown to illustrate the operation of the improved holder device in service) being respectively the individual property of an equal number of scholars, each occupying a seat that is numbered, are when placed in the holder introduced into appropriate channels 12, that are designated by different numbers corresponding with the numbers of the seats occupied by respective pupils, so that each pupil will know his or her pencil when in the holder by the number that is opposite the end of the channel occupied by it, and of course can readily select and withdraw it for use. Obviously for convenience the number of pencils or the like to be held in one of the improved holders should be restricted to avoid the requirement of tray-

boards having objectionable width, the preferred number to be contained in each holder being that of a class of pupils seated on one row of seats and that may be eight or ten in number.

By the provision of a suitable number of the improved holders for pens and pencils these instruments may be kept separate and each pencil or pen be clearly identified by its owner or user.

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

1. A holder for pens or pencils, comprising a tray-board, spaced parallel walls arranged on the tray-board, forming intermediate channels, said walls having alined transverse slots therein, intermediately of their ends, and an endless resilient band, having both runs held taut in the slots, so as to present two edges of the band toward inserted pens or pencils, and

press upon the pen-stocks or pencils that may vary in thickness.

2. A holder for pens or pencils, comprising a flat tray-board, a plurality of spaced division-walls arranged parallel with each other on the tray-board, forming intermediate channels, said walls having alined transverse slots therein intermediately of their ends, an endless gum band held in the slots by pins at the looped ends thereof and engaging the tray-board, a cap-piece covering all the channels, and designating characters placed on the tray-board opposite an end of each channel.

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

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