

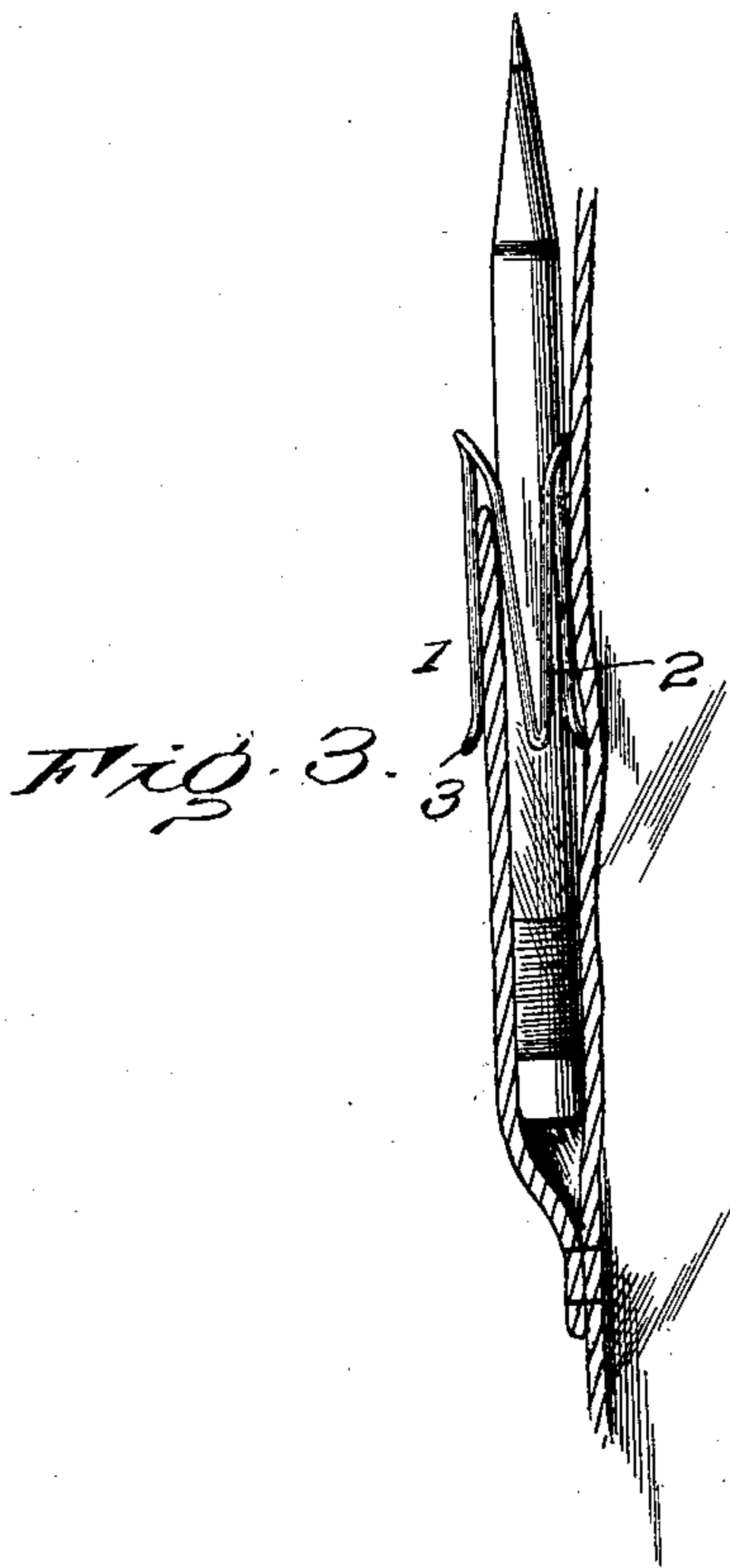
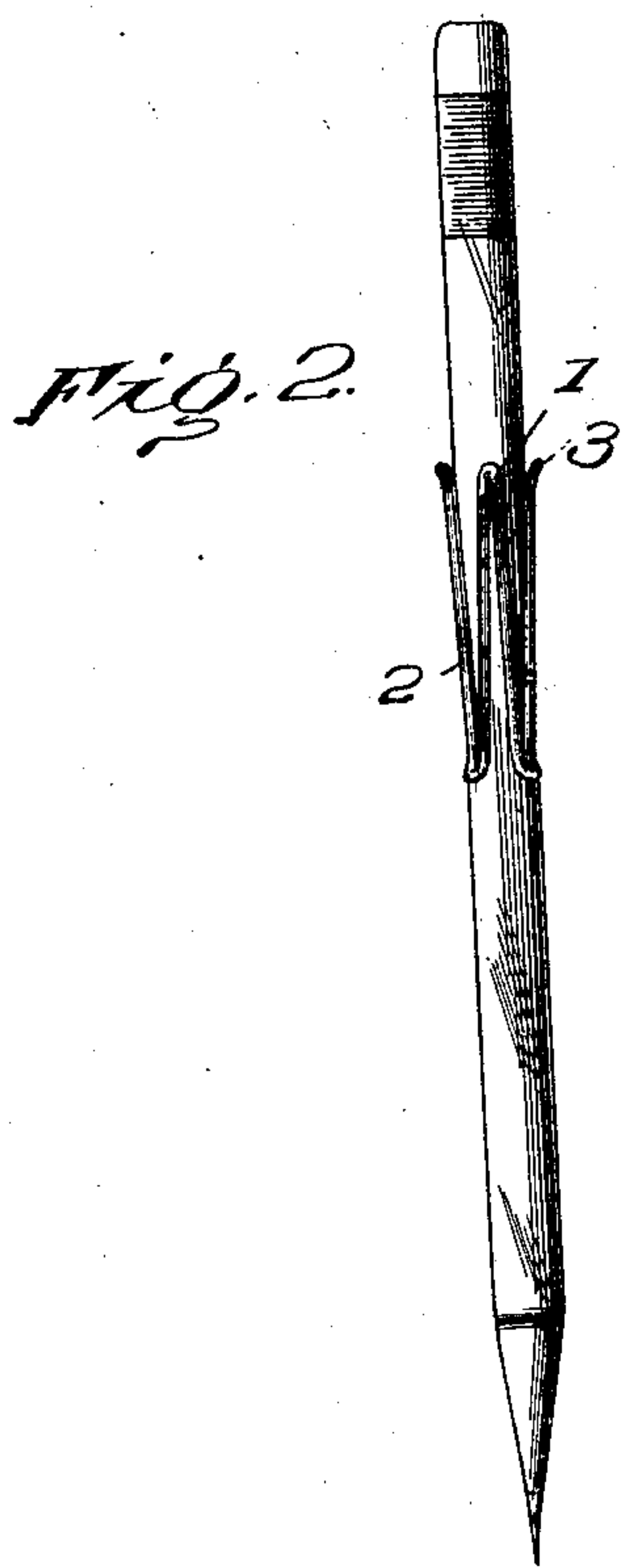
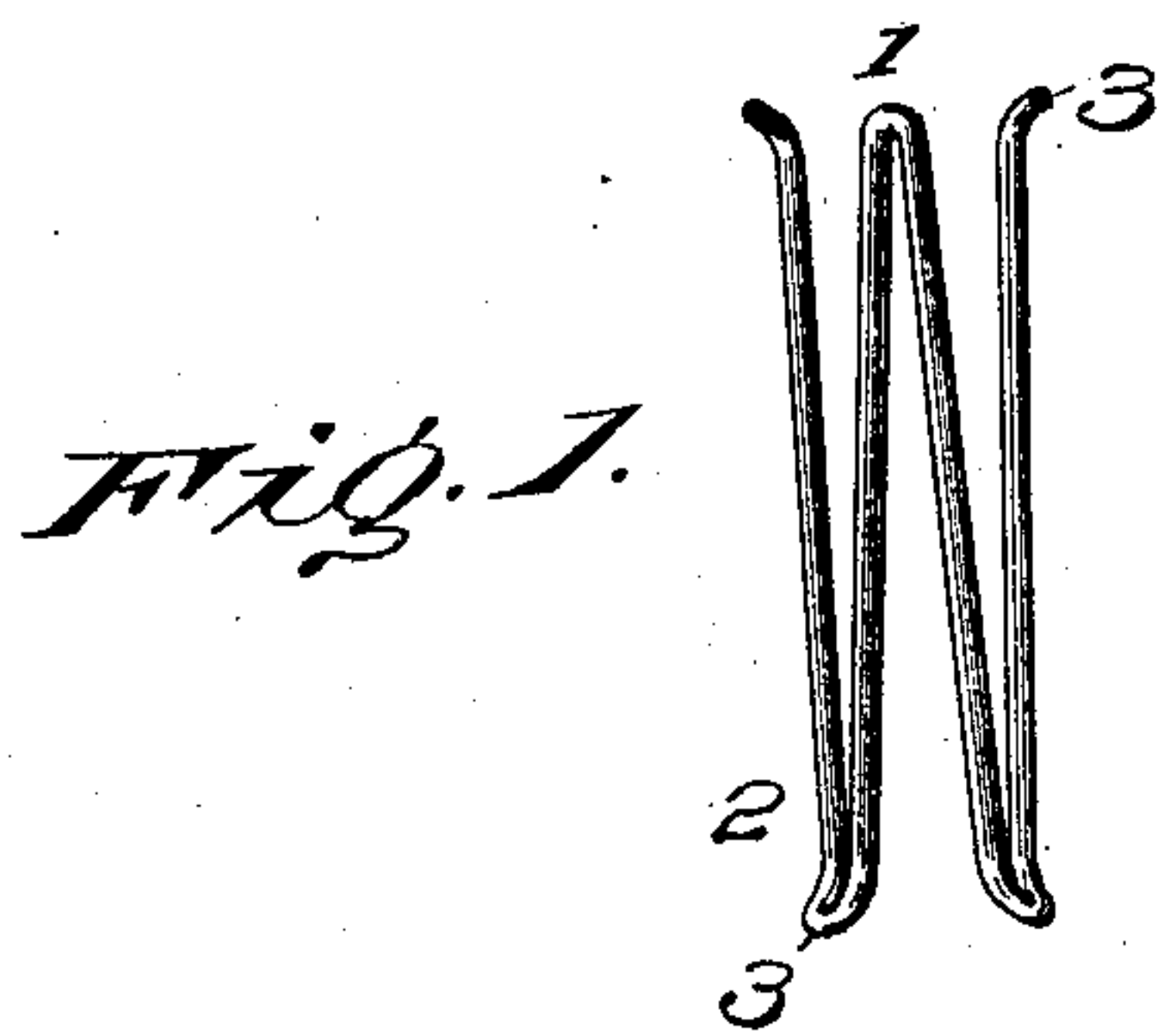
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN LEE MULLINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Greenfield, in the county of Poinsett and State of Arkansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holders for Pens or Pencils; 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 provides a novelty in the form of a holder for pencils, pens, and like articles to prevent slipping of the same from the pocket and enable attachment of said article to a convenient part of the clothing, such as a vest-pocket, shirt-front, suspenders, and the like. The holder also prevents the pen or pencil to which it is fitted from rolling off a desk or table when placed thereon.

The invention consists of a holder formed of a continuous or endless piece of wire bent back and forth in a zigzag direction to provide a series of loops or folds which alternately extend in opposite directions, the holder when complete being of circular or cage form and capable of contraction and expansion, so as to grip opposite sides of the pencil or pen to which it may be fitted, the end portions of the loops or folds being outwardly deflected to facilitate the passage of the fabric between the same and a side of the pen or pencil when the holder is fitted to a garment or other part of the wearing-apparel.

The invention also consists of the novel features and peculiar construction of the device, which hereinafter will be more particularly set forth, illustrated, and finally claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of the specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a holder for pencils and pens constructed in accordance with and embodying the essential features of the invention. Fig. 2 is a detail view showing the holder applied to a pencil. Fig. 3 is a detail view showing a pencil held in a pocket by means of the holder.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

The holder, as shown, is of cage form and approximately cylindrical; and it consists of a single wire of proper gage bent back and forth in a zigzag direction to provide a series of loops or folds 1 and 2, which extend alternately in opposite directions. The wire is resilient, so as to impart a spring action to the holder and admit of its contraction and expansion, likewise causing the loops 1 and 2 to grip the sides of the pencil or pen. The closed ends of the loops or folds 1 and 2 are bent outward, as shown at 3, to provide a flaring space between them and the sides of the pencil or pen to admit of ready insertion of the fabric or other supporting means for the pencil or pen to which the holder may be attached.

The end portions of the holder are similarly constructed. Hence the holder may be slipped upon the pencil or pen from either end. When the pencil or pen is inserted into the pocket, as shown in Fig. 3, the upper edge portion of said pocket is clamped between the outermost loop or fold and the side of the pencil or pen. Any one of the upper or lower loops or folds may be engaged with the support to which it may be desired to attach the holder carrying the pencil, as will be readily understood. The outwardly-bent ends 3 of the loops or folds serve to prevent rolling of the pencil or pen when placed upon a desk or other inclined surface.

The holder may be of any length and diameter, and the meeting ends of the wire from which it is constructed may be welded, brazed, soldered, or otherwise secured, as found most advantageous according to the cost and finish of the marketable article, so as to provide, in effect, a continuous or endless piece of wire. Each loop or fold of the holder constitutes a clamp member to grip the pen or pencil and the part to which the same may be fitted.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

A holder of approximately cylindrical form to be fitted to a pen or pencil by a sliding motion with either end out and made of a continuous or endless piece of spring-wire bent into the shape substantially as shown to provide loops or folds alternately arranged in

reverse directions, each loop constituting a
clamp member and having its closed end bent
outwardly to provide extensions at each end
of the holder to prevent rolling of the article
5 to which the holder is applied when placed
upon an inclined surface and to further pro-
vide a flaring space at the end of each loop
between the terminal thereof and the side of
the article to facilitate the entrance of the
10 part between any loop and the side of the

article to which it may be desired to attach
the holder and article when applying the same
thereto, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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