

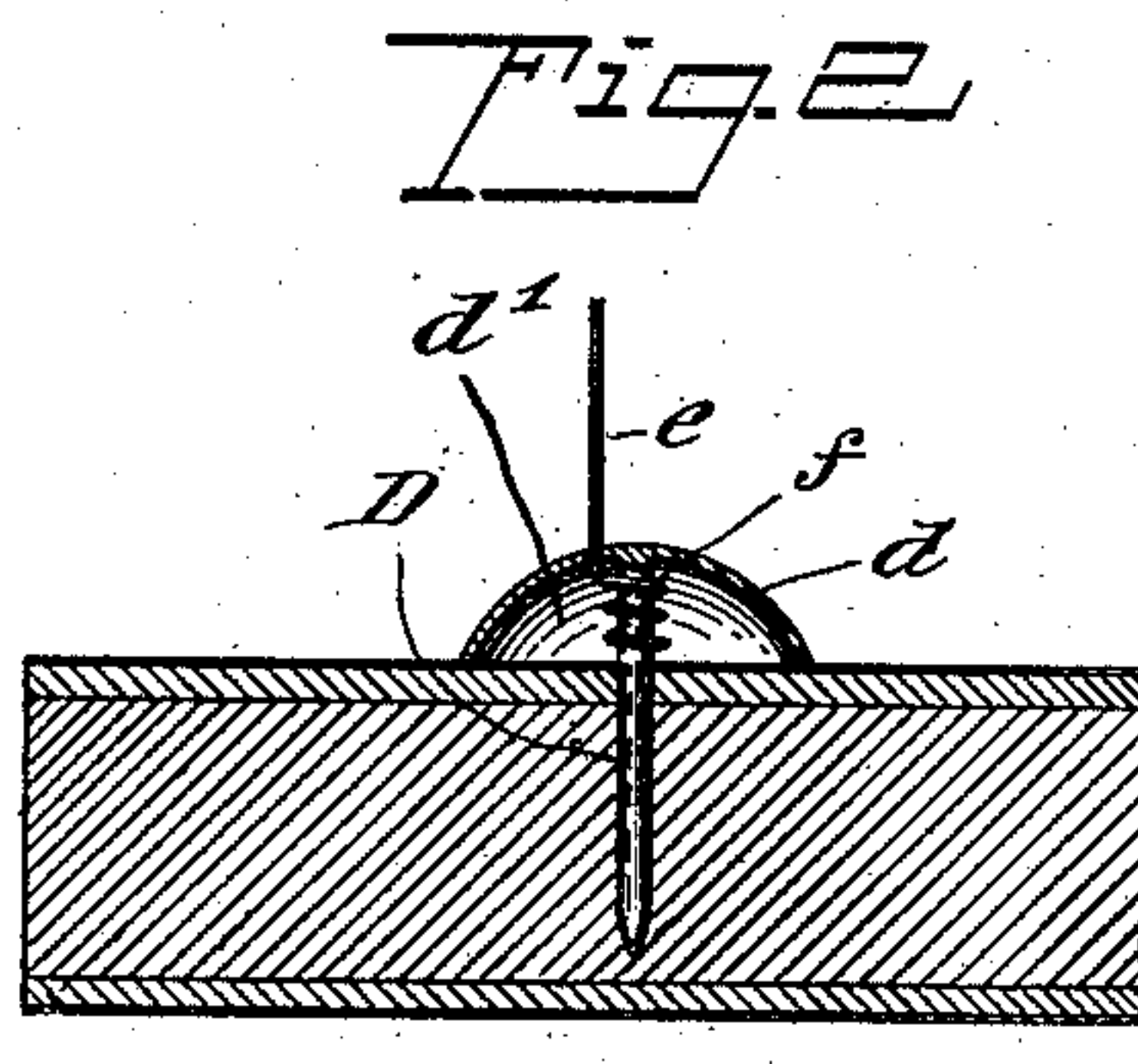
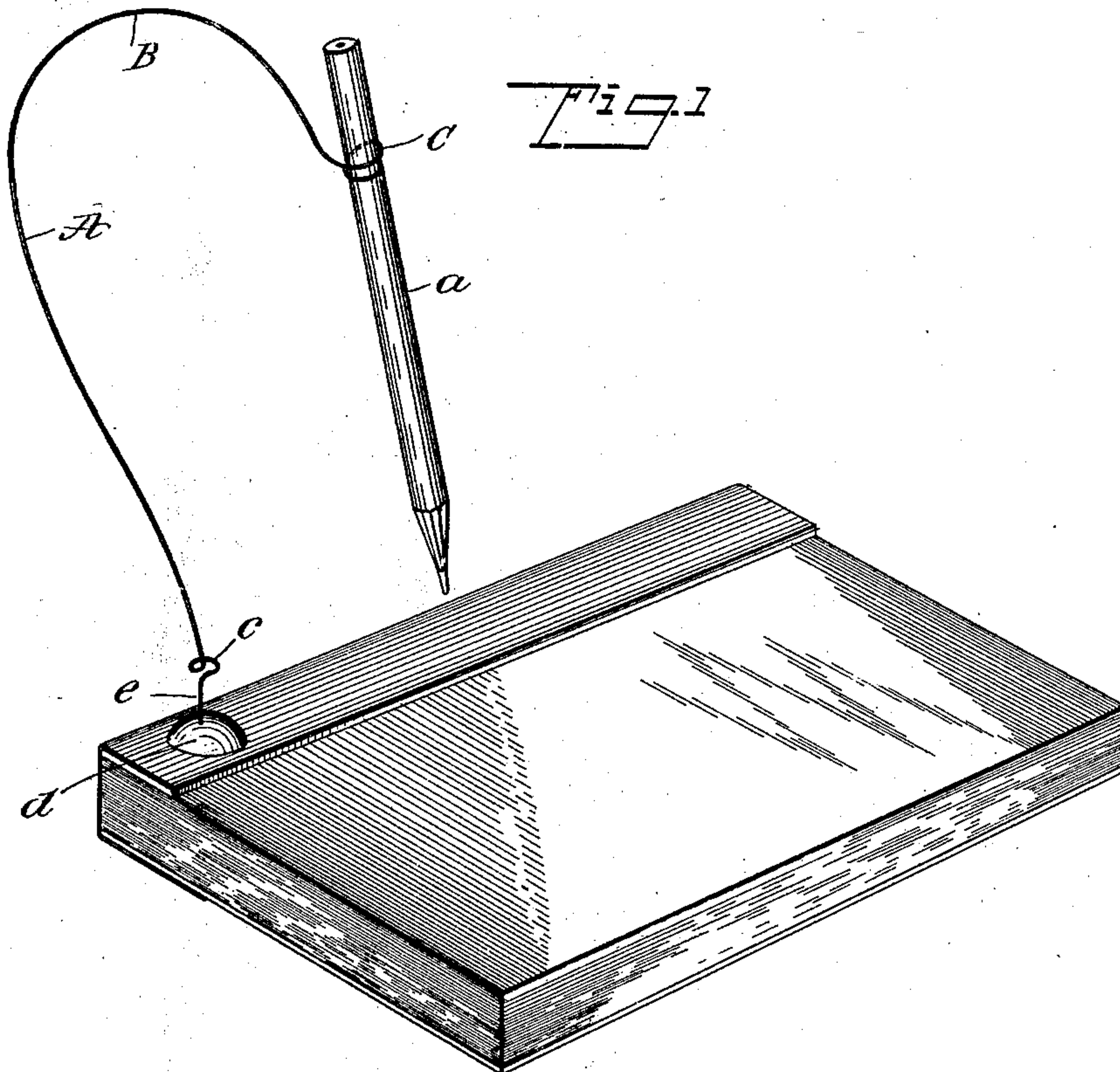
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDGAR E. LONG, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Pencil-Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to improvements in pencil-holders; and the object that I have in view is the provision of a simple, efficient, and cheap device for detachably holding a pencil at a given point, so that it will always be accessible for use—as, for example, the device may be used in connection with a writing pad or tablet, although it is evident that it may be employed on a book, desk, table, scales, telephone, or any other place.

The improved holder may easily be attached or removed without injury to the device. The pencil can be taken out or replaced as often as desired, and the holder and pencil can be used instantly, because the holder will flex or give so freely to the movements of the fingers when in the act of writing that it is not necessary to detach the pencil from the holder in order to use the pencil.

With these ends in view the invention consists of a pencil-holder embodying certain novel features of construction, which will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

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 both the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating my improved pencil-holder and showing it applied to a writing tablet or pad, and Fig. 2 is an enlarged vertical sectional view through the attaching device of the holder and a portion of the tablet or pad.

The improved holder consists, essentially, of a flexible spring A, having sufficient strength to support a pencil, (indicated at *a*.) This holder is curved into the bowed form indicated at B, and the free extremity of the bowed arm B is doubled or twisted upon itself in order to produce the coil C, that constitutes a clasp for the pencil *a*.

With the flexible holder I have combined or associated an attaching device, which is represented more clearly by Fig. 2. This at-

taching device is in the form of a pointed pin D, having a chambered head *d*, said pin and the head being united together in any substantial way or made integral one with the other by any usual method of manufacture.

The holder A is bent upon itself, as indicated at *c*, and the extremity of this holder forms an arm *e*, which is extended or carried through an opening of the hollow head *d* of the attaching-pin D. This extended arm of the spring-holder is bent or coiled around the upper extremity of the pin D, as indicated at *f* in Fig. 2, and this coiled part of the spring-arm lies wholly within the space or chamber *d'* of the head *d*. The coiled part *f* of the spring-arm embraces the pin D, and it may be united or fastened thereto in any substantial way—as, for instance, by soldering the parts together or by cementing them—the coiled part *f* of the spring-holder affording a comparatively large surface for the secure attachment of the spring to the pin. The arrangement of the coiled part *f* within the chamber of the pin-head serves to conceal the union between the pencil-holder and its attaching device.

In lieu of the pin D, I may employ a screw or nail, these parts forming the equivalents of the pin.

The holder is made complete with the attaching-pin as an integral part thereof, and the entire device may be easily fastened to a tablet or any other article or in any place where it is desired to use the pencil-holder. In the example shown by Fig. 1 of the drawings the pin D is thrust into the bound edge of a writing-pad and the spring A stands upwardly from said pad, so that its curved or bowed arm B will maintain the pencil *a* in a substantially upright position, this spring A being sufficiently strong to sustain the weight of the pencil. To use the device, the writer is not required to detach the pencil from the holder; but the pencil can be grasped and employed in the operation of writing because the spring is sufficiently flexible to give or conform to all the movements of the fingers and hand and said spring is long enough to extend across the width of the tablet.

The pencil may be used with as much freedom as though it were not attached to the holder, and immediately on releasing the pen-

oil the spring A returns to its normal condition, so as to restore the pencil to its upright position, as shown by Fig. 1, thus placing the pencil in condition for instant use
5 when required.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, a pencil-holder comprising a headed pin, and a flexible bowed arm fixed at one end to the headed portion of the pin, the free end of said arm having means for holding a pencil.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a pen-

cil-holder comprising a bowed spring having 15
a pencil-clasp at one end, a pin provided with a hollow or chambered head, and an arm extending from the spring through the head of the pin and coiled around the upper extremity of said pin, the union between the spring- 20
arm and the pin being concealed by the head.

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

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