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NO MODEL.

FIG. 1.

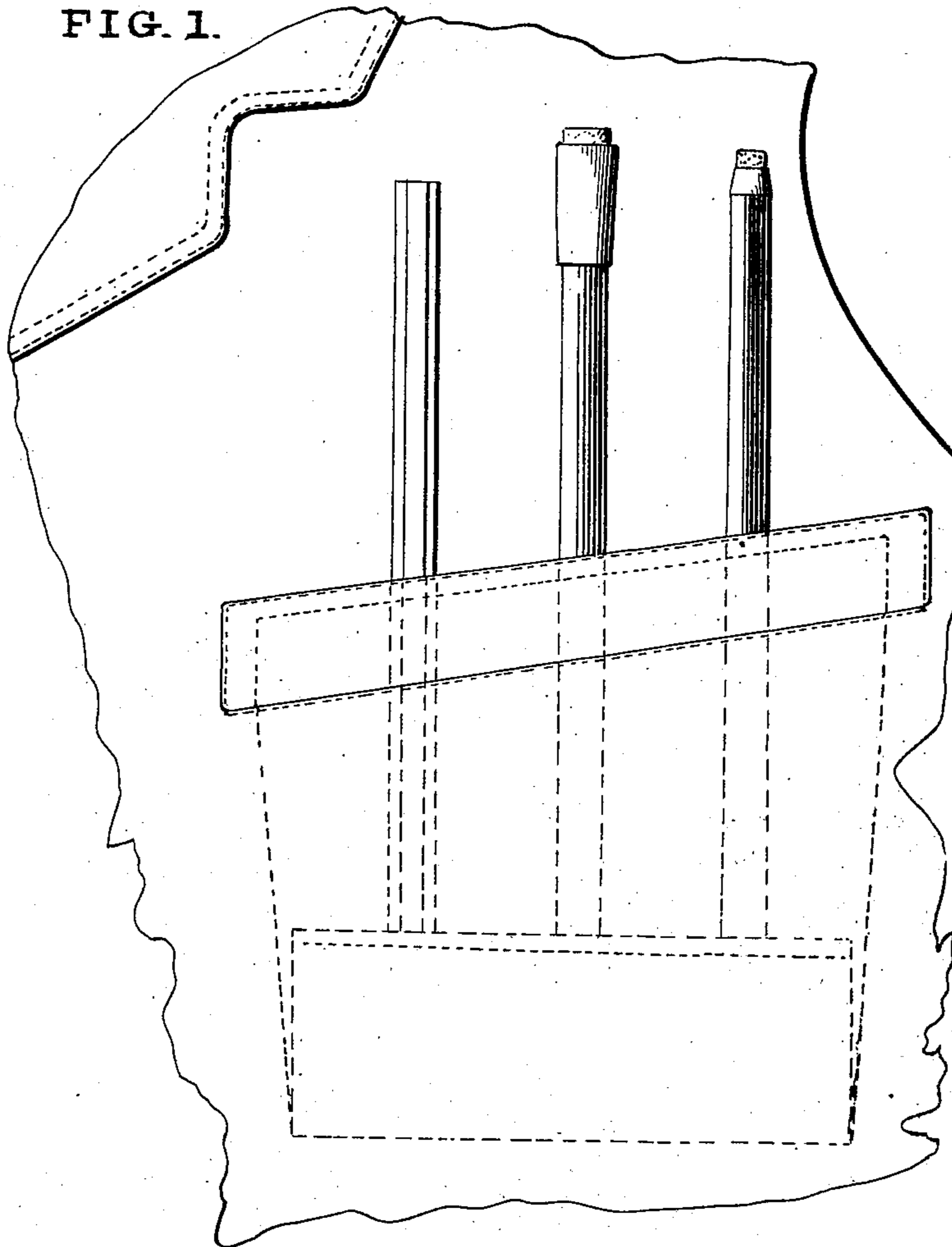


FIG. 2.

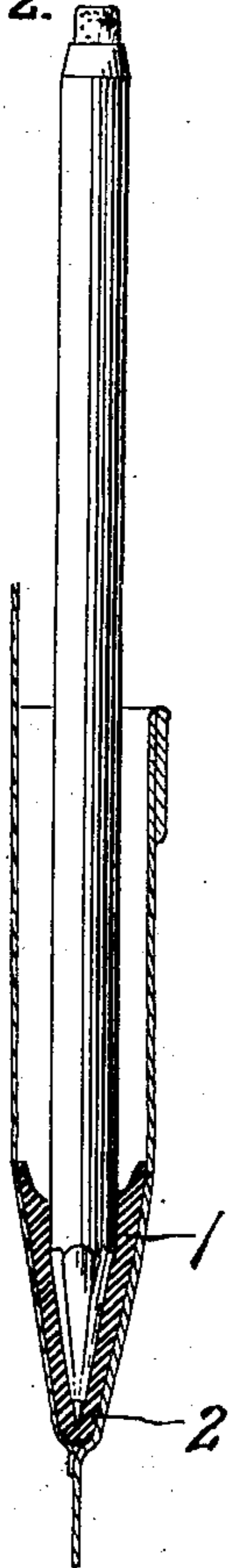


FIG. 3.

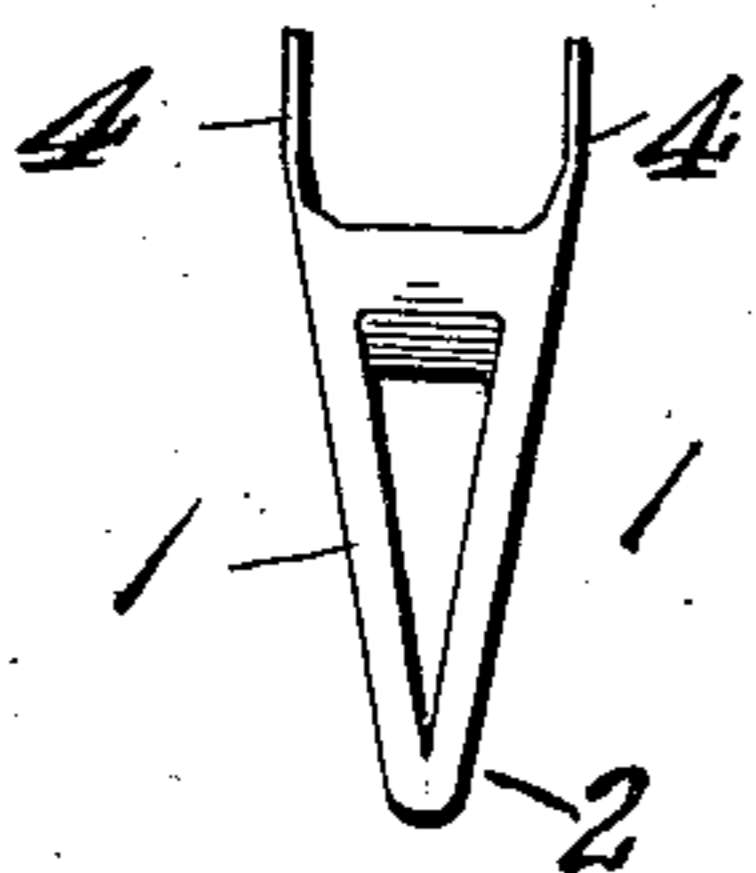


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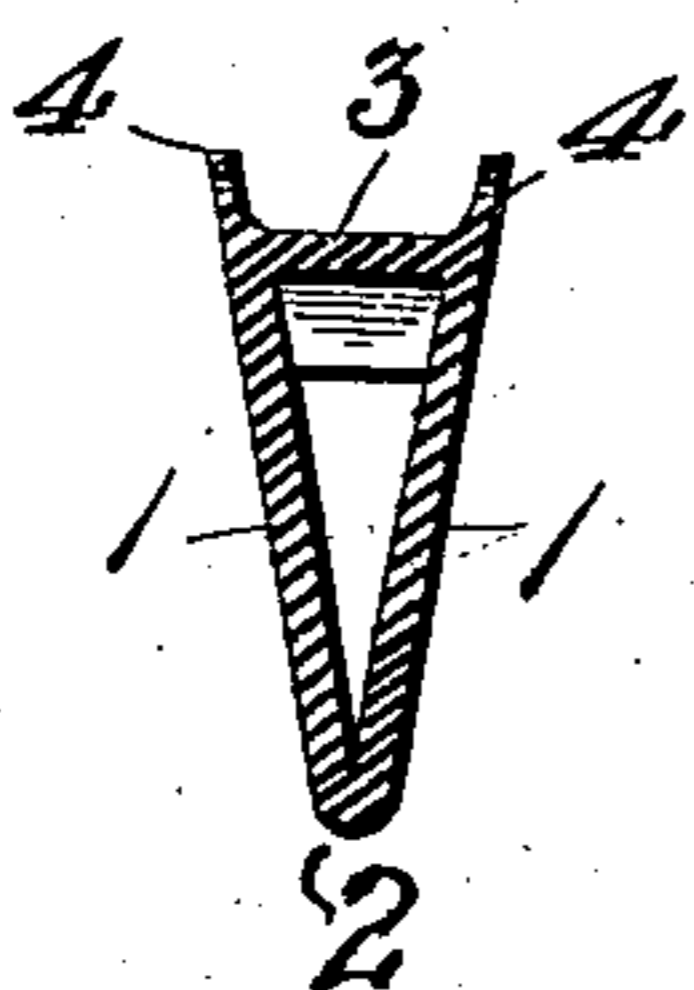


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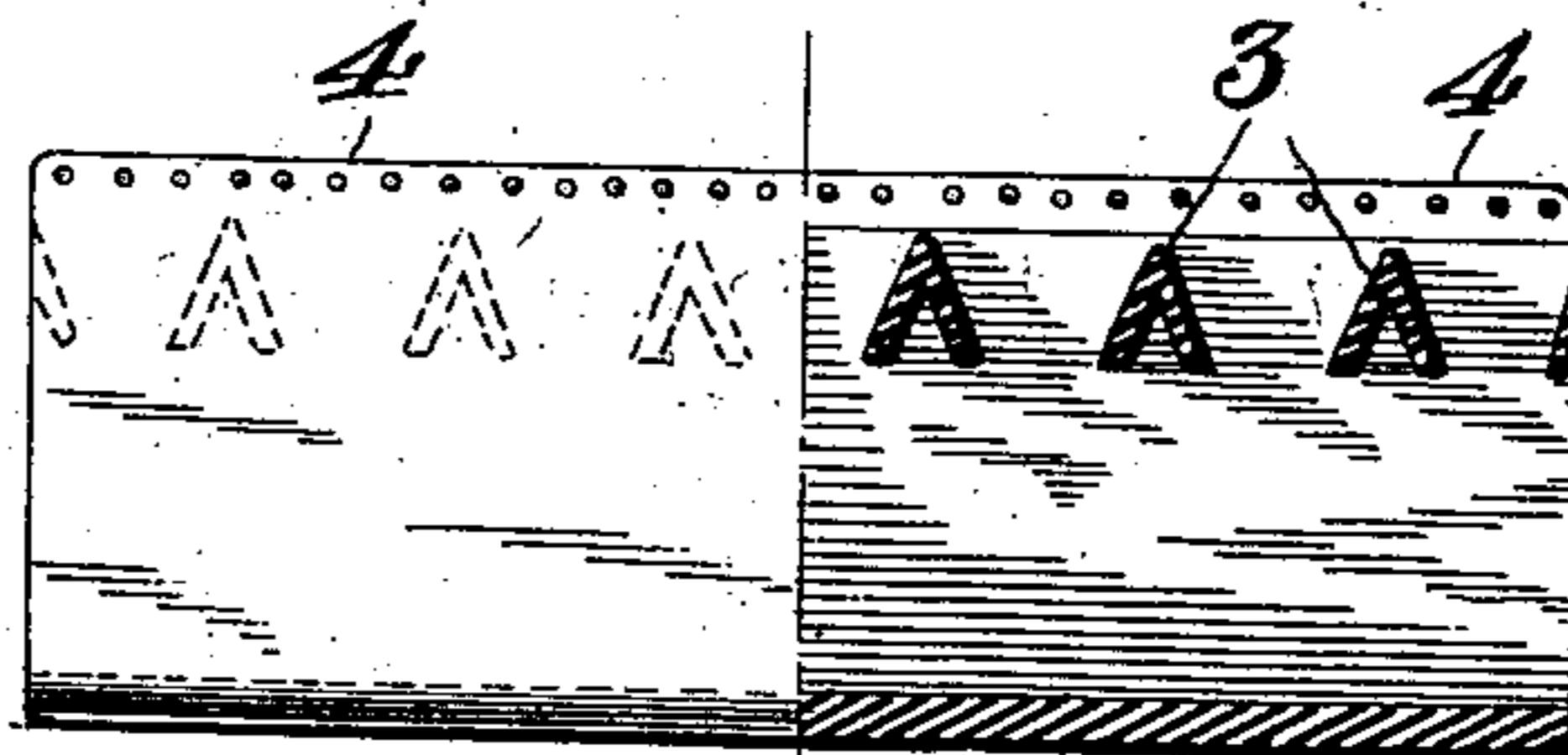
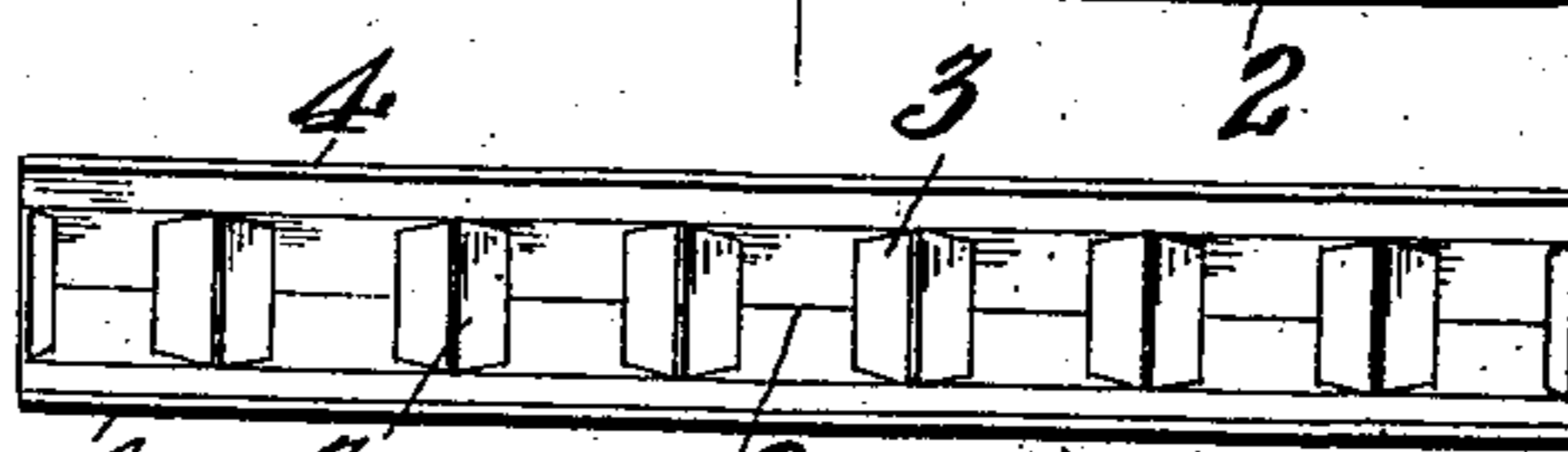


FIG. 6.



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## POCKET PENCIL-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWARD C. BATES, of Grand Forks, county of Grand Forks, and State of North Dakota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket Pencil-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following is a full and clear description thereof.

My invention relates to pen and pencil holders.

The object of the invention is to provide a holder for a pen or pencil adapted to go into and practically form the bottom of the pocket of a garment—for instance, a vest—for the purpose of protecting the pen or pencil point and preventing holes being worn in the bottom of the pocket through which the pen or pencil may slip.

The invention is more particularly adapted for the upper vest-pockets of men's apparel and will be described in connection therewith; but it is understood that the invention is not limited thereto, it being applicable to all purposes for which it may be adapted.

For brevity the invention will also be described in connection with its use as a holder for pencils, the term "pencil" being understood to cover a pen as well.

Figure 1 represents a side view of a portion of a vest and its pocket to which my invention has been applied. Fig. 2 represents a sectional view of the vest and pocket, the pencil-protector being shown in section with the pencil therein. Fig. 3 represents an end view of a modified form of pencil-protector, showing the upper edges extended somewhat for conveniently stitching or securing the same to the sides of a pocket. Fig. 4 is a cross-section of the pencil-protector. Fig. 5 is partly a side elevation and partly a longitudinal section of the pencil-protector. Fig. 6 is a top plan view of the same.

The pencil-protector comprises a wedge-shaped rectangular molding, preferably of soft rubber. It has the converging sides 1, forming an apex 2 at the bottom. Near the top are a series of transverse inverted-Λ-shaped walls or bridge-pieces 3, between any pair of which the pencil may be inserted. The bridge-pieces 3 are also preferably wedge-shaped, with their apexes upward, from which downwardly-projecting sides diverge. These

bridge-pieces form, in effect, partitions between any two of which a pencil may be held.

Bridge-pieces 3 being flexible, a pencil when shoved between the same causes the side walls to diverge or be pushed away from their normal position, thereby forming a compress, serving to hold the pencil in position and prevent its accidental withdrawal. The space between the apex 2 and the bridge-pieces 3 is open from end to end, enabling the same to be kept clean and free from obstructions. Along one or both of the top edges 4 of the holder may be formed a series of holders to receive a fastening device, such as stitched thread, or the free upper ends 4 may be stitched directly through the soft-rubber holder without the previous formation of holes therein. In Fig. 3 the side pieces 4 are shown carried some distance upwardly to permit the stitching to be done by a machine.

It will be understood that the holder is placed in the bottom of the ordinary pocket of a vest or other garment and sewed to the walls of the pocket. Instead of sewing it may be cemented in the bottom of the pocket.

Being all soft rubber, the pencil-holder may if too long have its end trimmed off with shears to fit the particular width of pocket desired. In other words, the pocket-holder strip may be sold by the yard and the strip severed or sheared off in lengths suitable for any width of pocket.

Great annoyance is occasioned by pencils which are carried in the pocket wearing holes in the bottom of the same and either being lost where unlined garments are used or passing down into the lining of the garment where lined. This invention obviates this annoyance and at the same time prevents the breaking of the point of the pencil or its accidental loss.

What I claim is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a multiple-compartment pocket pencil-holder comprising a molded strip of elastic material having converging side walls and a series of intermediate transverse inverted-Λ-shaped walls common to the compartments on either side.

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prising an integral strip of molded elastic material having converging side walls and intermediate transverse inverted yieldable  $\Lambda$ -shaped walls common to the compartments  
5 on either side.

3. A new article of manufacture, comprising an integral strip of molded elastic material with a plurality of compartments with transverse  $\Lambda$ -shaped walls, which strip is

adapted to be severed into two or more parts, 10 each part forming a pocket pencil-holder.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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