

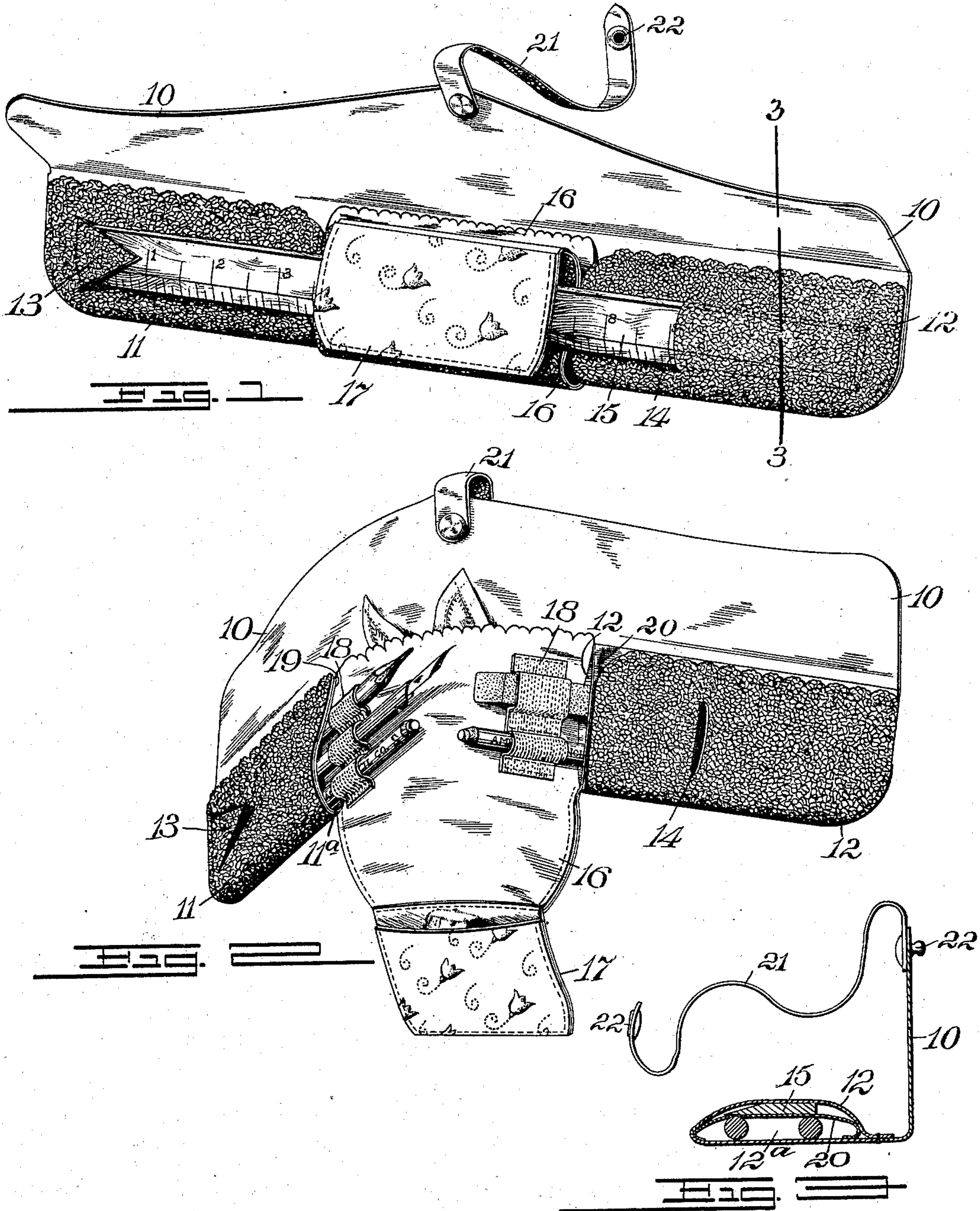
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PENCIL-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANTON J. PAROUBEK, of Jersey City, county of Hudson, New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pencil-Cases, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention is designed to provide a pencil-case, made of leather or suitable flexible material, that can be compactly folded and at the same time quickly and easily flattened, to provide quick access to the contents, and that can be bent to present the ends of the pencils and similar writing implements that may be contained in the case for easy withdrawal.

Another object of my invention is to provide a device of the kind described with a pocket or pockets that can be made waterproof for the reception of a handkerchief or for a sponge or slate cloths. These pockets fold inwardly when the entire device is folded up.

Another object is to provide means for securing a ruler inside the device that assists in maintaining the shape and rigidity when the case is being carried.

With these ends in view my invention consists of certain features of construction and combinations of parts, which will be hereinafter described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar figures of reference refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the pencil-case with the cover lifted to show the arrangement of the interior when folded. Fig. 2 is a similar view, but with the case opened and the ruler removed; and Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3-3 in Fig. 1.

In my device I form a pair of pockets 11 and 12, which may be made integral with or secured to a cover 10, and these pockets are opened on the inner ends, or, in other words, they face one another. In the pocket 11 is made a V-cornered tongue 13, and a slit 14 is cut in the pocket 12. By the insertion of a ruler 15 in the slit 14 and entering the pocket 12 it can be pushed into the pocket far enough to allow its being placed under the flap 13 when the flap is lifted, and then the ruler can

be slid the other way into the pocket 11 far enough to bind both ends of the ruler. It will be seen from this that the ruler will act as a stiffener and hold the frame rigid longitudinally and to a great extent transversely.

Between the pockets 11 and 12 is placed a pocket 16 for the reception of handkerchiefs or similar articles, which may be made, as shown, of approximately twice the length of the pockets on the sides and in this way be made to fold up upon itself, as shown in Fig. 1, and it may have attached thereto an additional pocket 17, which may be made of waterproof material and hold a sponge or other material adapted to be wet, and this pocket when the device is folded as in Fig. 1 is preferably allowed to hang over outside the ruler; but of course it is understood that the ruler can be placed outside of all the pockets.

On the outside of the pocket 16 I place strips 18, formed with suitable loops, these strips being preferably made of elastic material, so as to bind the pencils, erasers, &c., that might be inserted into them. These writing-tools are held by the loops in the straps 18, and the major portion of them enter and are held by the pockets 11^a and 12^a, formed inside the pockets 11 and 12 by the webs of material 19 and 20. This web separates the ruler when it is inserted from the pencils or pens and prevents any scratching of one by the other, as shown more particularly in Fig. 3. When the pocket is bent, as in Fig. 2, it will be seen that the ends of the writing implements contained in the case are thrown away from the pocket 16, so that they can be easily grasped and withdrawn, which is a most desirable feature in pencil-cases. When the case is folded, the lower half of the pocket 16, in the first place being folded over the pens and pencils, forms very good protection for the pens and also insures their retention, and then the ruler is inserted into the pockets 11 and 12, as hereinbefore described, and holds the pocket 16 in its folded position, and the ruler thus serves to assist in locking the contents of the case, and finally the cover 10 is brought down over the pockets and the strip 21 is folded around the whole case and suitable fastening means 22 is em-

ployed to secure the whole in a compact approximately round parcel.

It will be evident that this pencil-case affords a convenient carrier and one in which by the insertion of a ruler a rigid and partial locking is secured, and the withdrawal of the ruler allows a bending that gives access to all the implements or tools contained in the case.

Of course it will be understood that I do not limit my invention to the particular proportions or arrangement shown; neither do I wish to be understood as limiting myself to a case for writing materials, inasmuch as this same arrangement could be applied advantageously to cases for small tools such as might be used by draftsmen or surgeons, and I do not limit my invention to the particular scope described herein.

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

1. A pencil-case, comprising side pockets adapted to face one another, a central pocket adapted to fold upon itself, and means removably secured in the side pockets to lock the central pocket in its folded position.

2. A pencil-case comprising side pockets arranged in line and opening toward one another, a central pocket adapted to fold upon itself, a pocket secured to the end of the aforesaid central pocket, means for securing a ruler to the side pockets, said ruler acting to hold the central pockets in their folded position, and a cover adapted to fold over and cover all the pockets.

3. A pencil-case, comprising side pockets lying when folded in the same plane and opening toward one another, pockets within said pockets, a central pocket arranged between the side pockets and adapted to be folded over upon itself when the case is folded, means for securing pencils or writing-tools in the inner pockets of the side pockets, means on the side-pockets to secure a ruler thereto, said ruler acting to hold the central pocket in its folded

position, and a cover adapted to fold over and cover all the pockets.

4. A pencil-case, comprising side pockets, lying normally in the same plane and adapted to open toward one another, a transverse pocket between the side pockets adapted to fold over upon itself, a cover designed to fold over and cover all the pockets, and means for securing said cover in its folded position.

5. A pencil-case, comprising side pockets lying normally in the same plane and opening toward one another, a transverse pocket arranged between the side pockets and adapted to fold over upon itself when the case is folded, pockets within the side pockets for the reception of pencils and writing-tools, straps on the outside of the transverse pocket to secure the ends of the pencils, slits in the side pockets to receive and hold a ruler, the ruler acting to hold the transverse pocket in its folded position, a cover adapted to fold over and cover all the pockets, and means for securing the cover in its folded position.

6. A pencil-case, comprising side pockets lying normally in the same plane and opening toward one another, a transverse pocket arranged between the side pockets and adapted to fold over upon itself when the case is folded, a pocket secured to the end of the transverse pocket, pockets within the side pockets for the reception of pencils and writing-tools, straps on the outside of the transverse pocket to secure the ends of the pencils, slits in the side pockets to receive and hold a ruler, the ruler acting to hold the transverse pocket in its folded position, a cover adapted to fold over and cover all the pockets, and means for securing the cover in its folded position.

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

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