

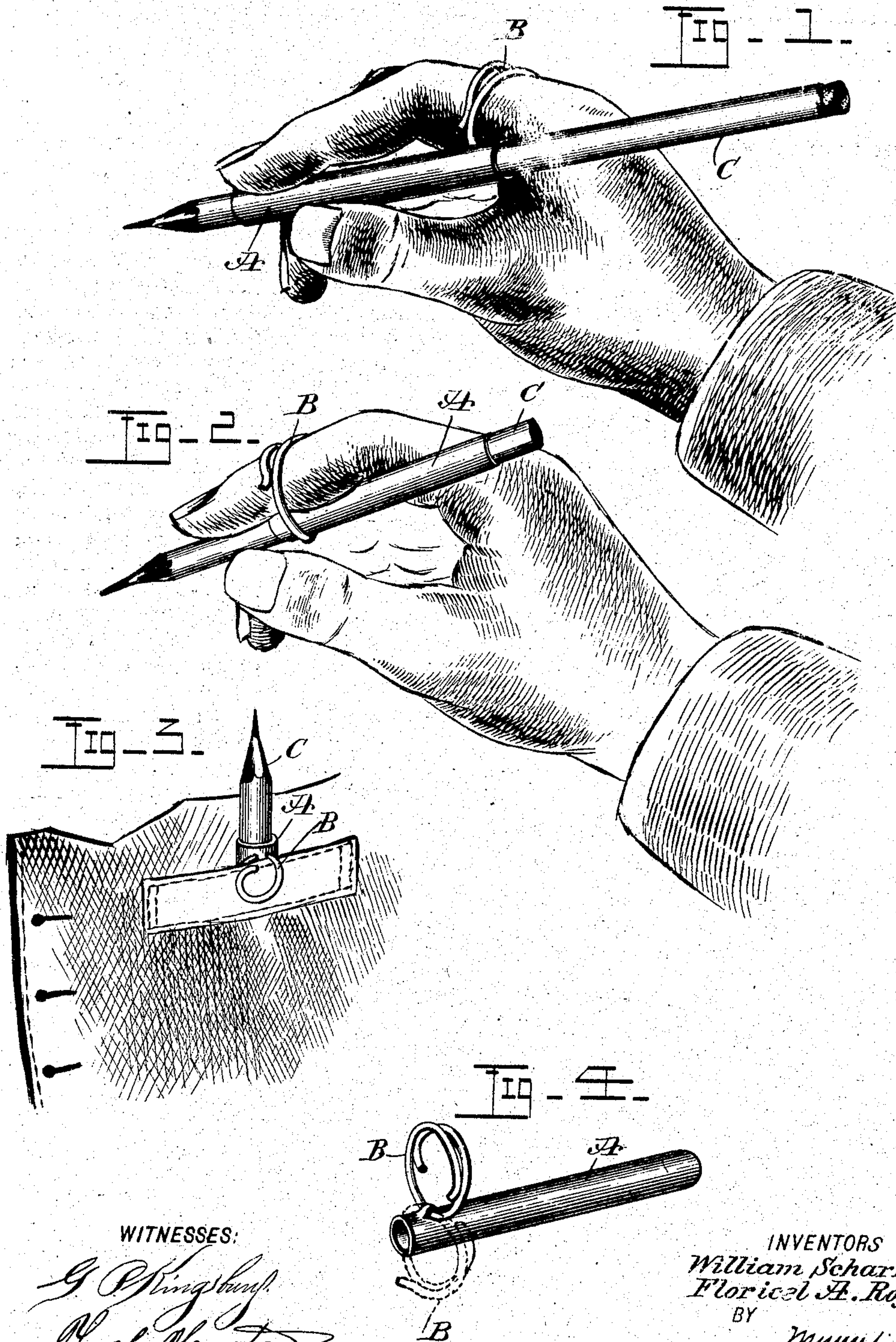
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, WILLIAM SCHARRATH, a citizen of the United States, and FLORICEL A. ROJAS, a citizen of the Dominican Republic, both residents of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Pencil-Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved pencil-holder arranged to permit the user to conveniently attach the holder to a finger and to move it into any desired position thereof or for moving the holder while on the finger into a non-use position to permit the user to conveniently employ the hand for wrapping, tying, and other purposes, the holder being arranged for convenient attachment to a pocket or other part of a garment for supporting the pencil when not in use, the holder also serving as a paper clamp for fastening loose sheets of paper together.

The invention consists of novel features and parts and combinations of the same, as will be more fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claims.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement as applied and showing the holder in position for writing with the aid of the forefinger and thumb. Fig. 2 is a like view of the same, showing the holder in position for writing with the aid of the forefinger only. Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the holder attached to a garment-pocket, and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the improvement.

The holder consists, essentially, of a tubular body A and a ring B, fulcrumed on the side of the tubular body A, near one end thereof, as plainly illustrated in the drawings. The tubular body A is preferably split lengthwise and made of spring metal for adjustably receiving and clamping a pencil C, and the ring B is preferably split with the ends overlap-

ping, as plainly indicated in the drawings, so that the ring readily accommodates itself to different-sized fingers, and at the same time the overlapping ends of the ring form clamping members to form the ring into a clasp for attaching the ring to a flap or other support on a garment, as indicated in Fig. 3, the clasp also serving for clamping loose sheets of paper and the like together. By arranging the fulcrum of the ring B near one end of the tubular body A the said ring may be swung into two positions relative to the tubular body, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2—that is, the ring may lie outside of the longitudinal axis of the holder A, as plainly indicated in Figs. 1 and 4, or the ring may be swung into the position shown in Fig. 2 and in dotted lines in Fig. 4 for the axis of the tubular body A to pass through the ring. In either of the two positions mentioned the ring may be slipped onto the forefinger of the user's hand, and when the ring is in the position shown in Fig. 1 then it engages the third joint of the forefinger, while the tubular body A extends alongside the finger to the tip, so that the end of the pencil projects beyond the tip of the finger. When the holder is in this position, the user may employ the thumb on the tubular body so as to securely hold the holder in position for convenient writing, it being, however, understood that the holder is mainly supported from the third and strongest joint of the forefinger.

When the ring is engaged with the first or second joint of the forefinger, as illustrated in Fig. 2, then the tubular body A extends in a rearward direction under the finger, so that the user is enabled to write without the use of the thumb or other finger, and when it is desired to move the holder out of an active position into a non-use position then it is only necessary to turn the ring on the finger so as to bring the body A to the top thereof to allow the user of the device free use of the hand for tying, packing, and other purposes without the least hindrance on the part of the holder. When the ring is in the exterior or outside position relative to the body A, then it may be swung into the position shown in Fig. 3—that is, to lie close to the side of the

body for engaging the overlapping ends of the ring with a pocket-flap or other part of the garment to securely hold the holder in position on the garment, with the body A extending inside of the pocket or outside thereof, as desired by the user.

The holder, with or without a pencil C in position in the tubular body A, may be used for holding loose sheets of paper together by engaging the overlapping ends of the ring with the sheets to be fastened together.

The device is very simple and durable in construction and can be cheaply manufactured.

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

1. A pencil-holder, comprising a tubular body for receiving a pencil or the like, and a ring fulcrumed on the side of the tubular body near one end thereof, the axis of the pivotal portion of the ring being transverse to the axis of the tubular body, the said ring being adapted to be swung over the adjacent end of said tubular body.

2. A pencil-holder comprising a tubular body for holding a pencil or the like, and a ring fulcrumed on the side of the tubular body, near one end thereof, the pivotal portion of the ring extending at right angles to the axis of the tubular body, the ring being of greater

diameter than the distance from its fulcrum to the adjacent end of the tubular body, whereby the ring can be swung into position to bring the axis of the tubular body either inside or outside of the ring.

3. A pencil-holder comprising a tubular body for receiving a pencil or the like, and a split ring of greater diameter than the tubular body and fulcrumed in a transverse bearing on the side of said body near one end thereof, the said split ring having overlapping ends and forming a clasp, for the purpose set forth.

4. A pencil-holder, comprising a tubular body split lengthwise for removably clamping a pencil or the like, and a split ring fulcrumed in a bearing on the side of the tubular body near one end thereof, the said ring being of greater diameter than the tubular body and having overlapping ends, the axis of the pivotal portion of the ring being at right angles to the axis of the said body, the fulcrum-point of said ring being directly opposite the split in the tubular body.

In testimony whereof we have signed our names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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