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Fig. 1.

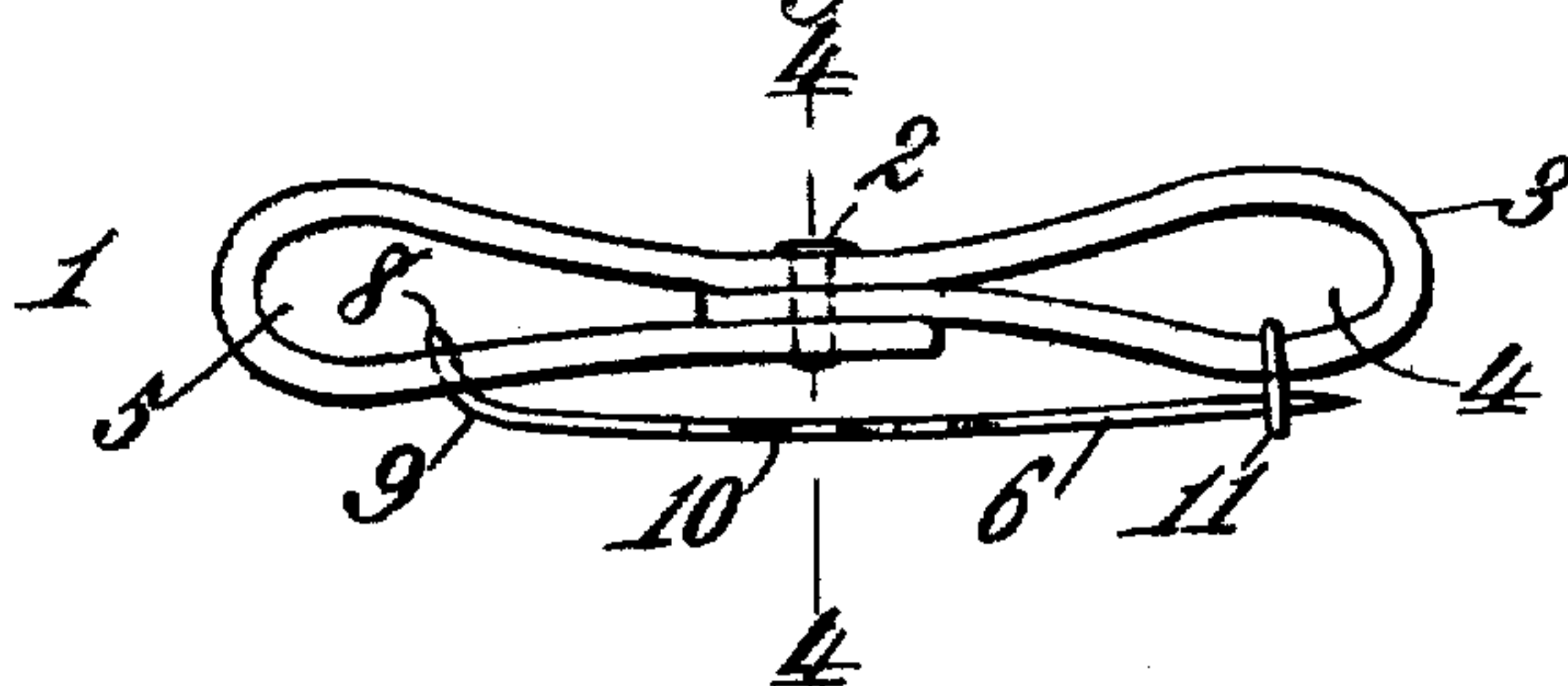


Fig. 2.

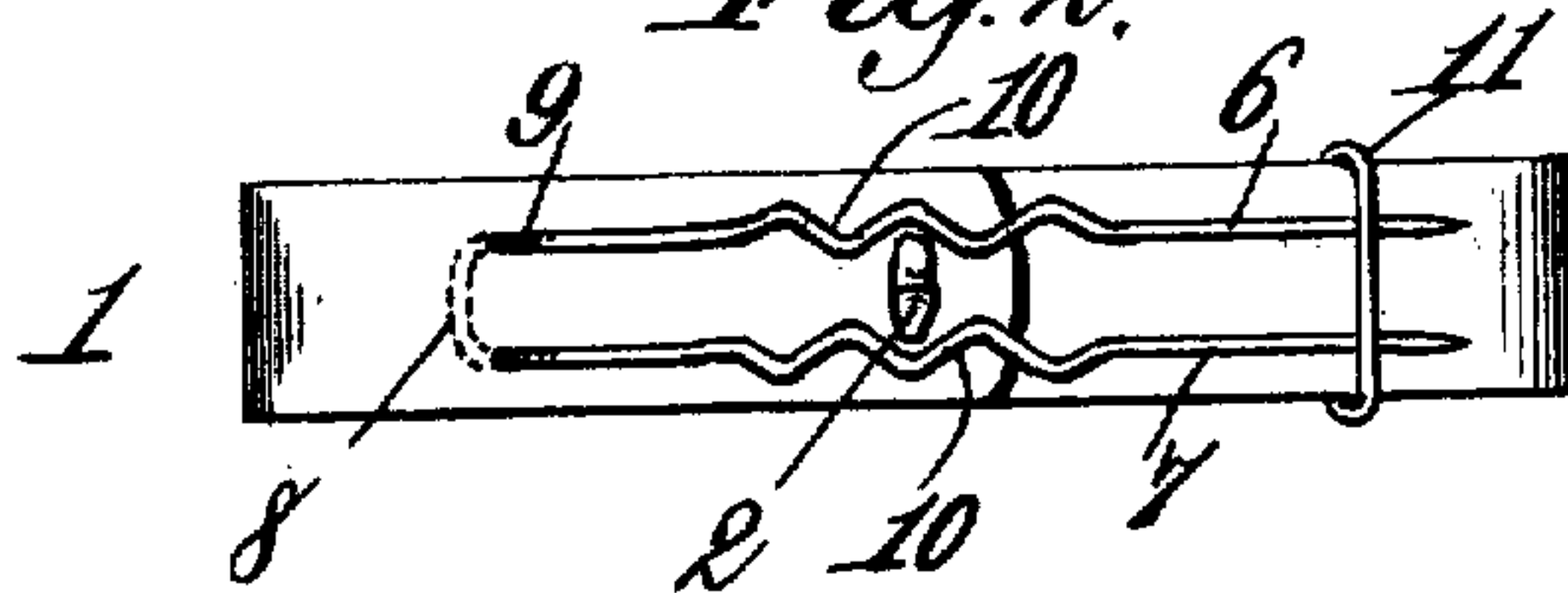
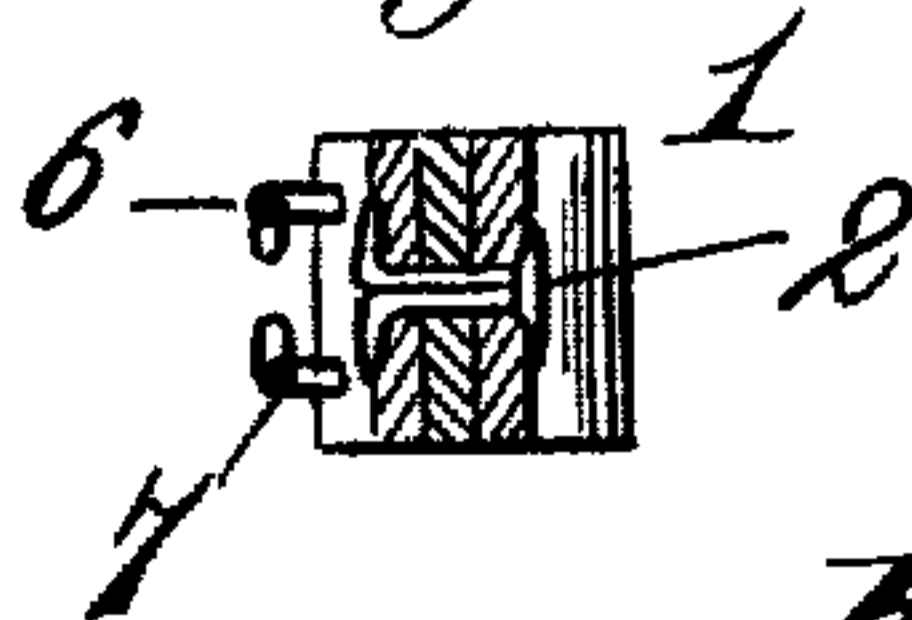


Fig. 3.



Fig. 4.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, RALPH M. DOWLIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at North Adams, in the county of Berkshire and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Pen and Pencil Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to pen and pencil holders adapted to be attached to the garment of a person, and aims to provide in a manner, as hereinafter set forth, a holder comprising spring-loops adapted to receive the pen or pencil and to further provide the holder with an attaching device therefor of such form that when the holder is connected to the garment of a person the holder will not rock, but will remain in a horizontal position with the pen or pencil receiving loops always in upright position, so that the pen or pencil can be readily inserted without it being necessary to adjust the position of the holder.

The invention further aims to provide a pen or pencil holder which shall be simple in its construction, strong, durable, efficient in its use, and comparatively inexpensive to manufacture.

With the foregoing and other objects in view the invention consists of the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter more specifically described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and particularly pointed out in the claims hereunto appended.

In describing the invention in detail reference is had to the accompanying drawings, wherein like reference characters denote corresponding parts throughout the several views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a pen and pencil holder constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation. Fig. 3 is a rear elevation of a modified form. Fig. 4 is a transverse section showing the means employed for connecting the material together to form the loops, the section being taken on the line 4 4 of Fig. 1.

A pen or pencil holder in accordance with this invention has the body portion thereof formed of a single strip of suitable material, and the said strip of material which forms the body portion of the holder is indicated by the reference character 1, which, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, is constructed so as to form a pair of pen and pencil receiving loops, the ends of the strip, as well as the center thereof, being riv-

eted together, as at 2, thereby forming what is termed the "body portion" 3 of the holder into the said loops, which are indicated by the reference characters 4 5. The attaching means for the holder, which also acts as a reinforcing medium for the body portion, is formed of a pair of connecting-bars 6 7 in the form of elongated pins, having one end free and the other ends joined together by a cross-piece 8, bent in a curvilinear manner, and which acts as a hinge—that is to say, the bars 6 7 extend through the rear wall of the loop 5, with the connecting portion 8 bearing against the inner face of the rear wall of the loop 5, and the bars 6 7 have that portion thereof which terminates in the connecting portion 8 formed in a curvilinear manner, as at 9. Intermediate the ends of the bars 6 7 they are formed in a corrugated or wavy manner, as at 10. The bars 6 7 are adapted to pierce an article of clothing so as to connect the body portion of the holder in position. The said bars 6 7 extend across the back of the body portion 3 in the direction of its length and to a point at the rear of the loop 4, and the said bars 6 7 have their free or pointed ends retained against the back of the body portion through the medium of the slide-loop 11. The free ends of the bars 6 7 when the loop 11 is moved to operative position extend between the loop 11 and the back of the body portion 3. The corrugated or wavy portions of the bars 6 7 act as a means when the attaching device is in position for connecting the holder to a garment to prevent the rocking or twisting of the holder, so as to retain the holder in a rigid horizontal position, and which also enables the pen or pencil to be readily inserted or withdrawn without moving the holder out of its horizontal position. If two connecting-bars 6 7 are employed, the holder would be retained in a rigid horizontal position and prevented from rocking or twisting, even if the said bars were straight and not provided with the corrugated or wavy portions.

In Fig. 3 the holder is illustrated as formed with three pen or pencil receiving loops 12, 13, and 14, the loops being formed through the medium of securing the strip of material together by a pair of rivets 15 and 16. The attaching device is shown as formed of a pair of connecting-bars 17 18, which are constructed and arranged in the same manner as the bars 6 7, with the exception that the bars 17 and 18 are straight and not corrugated or



wavy as the bars 6 7. Otherwise than that as stated the construction of Fig. 3 is the same as that shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the same reference characters being applied thereto.

5 The holder is equally serviceable on the outside of a coat, a butcher's apron, a shirt-waist, or any article of clothing where pens or pencils can be conveniently carried about the person.

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

1. A pen and pencil holder, comprising a body portion formed of a single strip of material, bent upon itself, a pair of rivets for connecting the strip together, thereby forming a series of pen and pencil receiving loops, a pair of connecting-bars hinged at one end to the rear of said strip and having the other end thereof free, and a slide-loop extending through one of the pen and pencil receiving loops and adapted when shifted to connect the free ends of said bars to said strip.

2. A pen and pencil holder consisting of a single strip of material having its inner face bent upon itself, a pair of rivets for connecting said strip together, thereby forming a se-

ries of pen and pencil receiving loops, a pair of connecting-bars hinged at one end to said strip and having the other end free, said connecting-bars having a portion of their length corrugated, and a slide-loop connected to said strip and adapted when adjusted to connect the free end of the said bars to said strip.

3. In a pencil-holder, the combination with a body portion formed with a plurality of pen and pencil receiving loops, of means for securing said body portion in position, said means consisting of a member comprising a pair of corrugated bars connected together at one end and hinged at their connected ends to the body portion, and an adjustable slide-loop carried by the body portion and adapted to connect the free ends of the bars to the body portion.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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