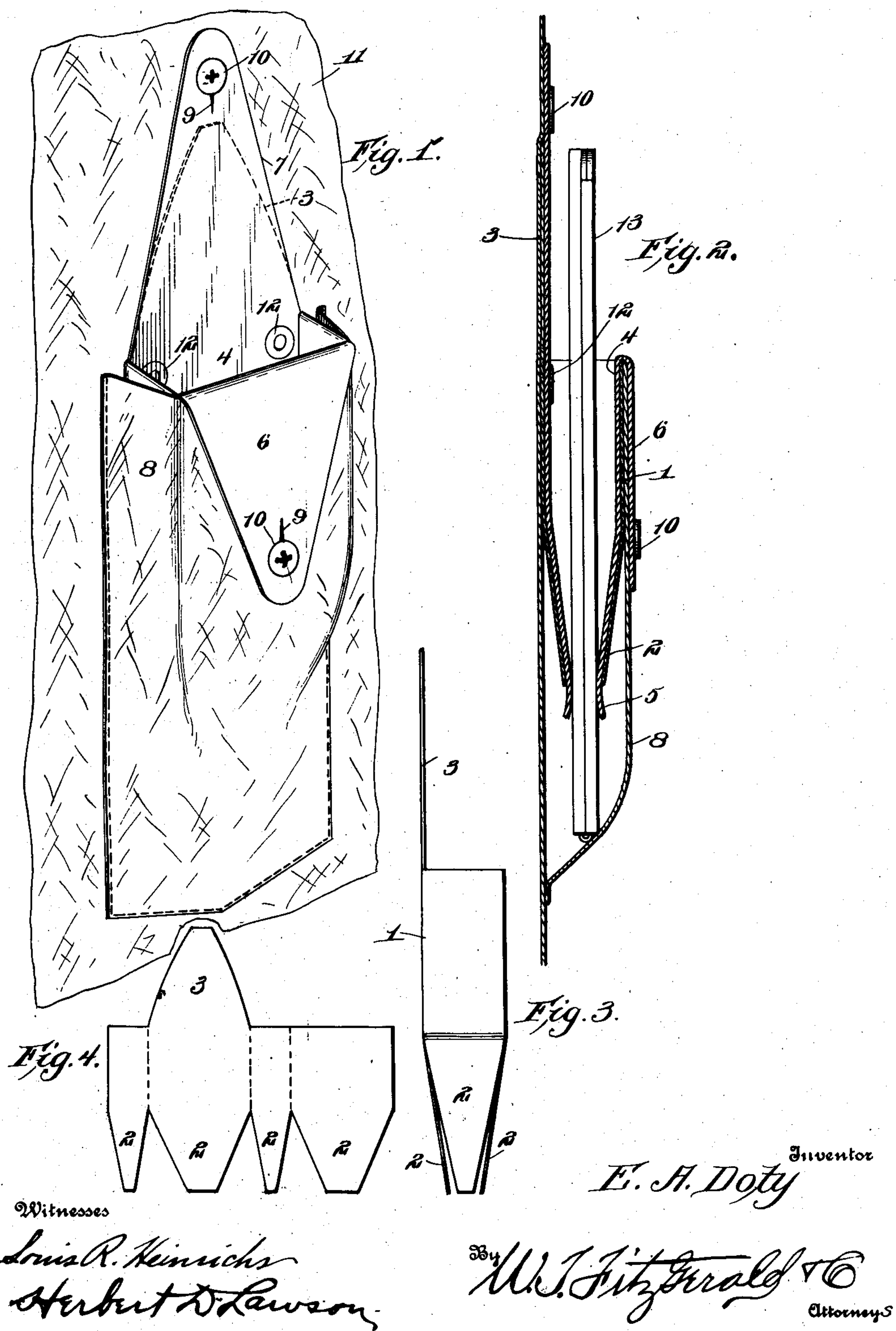


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWARD A. DOTY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bloomsburg, in the county of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Instrument-Holding Appliances; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to a pocket attachment for holding rules, pencils, and the like so that the same will not accidentally fall from the pocket.

A still further object is to provide an attachment of this character which practically fills the mouth of the pocket, so that a rule or pencil can be very readily placed therein.

A great trouble heretofore experienced by carpenters, roofers, and other mechanics has been the fact that when stooping over rules, &c., within their pockets will fall therefrom, and considerable delay is therefore experienced in picking up the instrument, which oftentimes falls a considerable distance.

The object of my invention is to provide a very simple form of attachment which can be very readily connected to a pocket and into which a rule, &c., can be easily inserted and will be firmly retained.

The invention consists of a rectangular casing formed of sheet metal and having converging tongues extending downwardly from its walls. The entire casing is lined with leather or other flexible material which is fastened to the casing and has flaps adapted to be secured by buttons or other preferred means to the garment at points adjacent the pocket. The entire device is adapted to be slipped into a pocket and fastened in place and when so disposed practically fills the entire mouth thereof.

The invention also consists of the further novel features of construction and combination of parts, the preferred form whereof will be hereinafter more clearly set forth, and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, which are made a part of this application, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of a garment having a pocket in which my improved device is fastened. Fig. 2 is a central vertical section therethrough, showing a rule in posi-

tion therein. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the casing minus its lining; and Fig. 4 is a view, on a reduced scale, of the blank from which the casing is formed.

Referring to the figures by numerals of reference, 1 is a rectangular casing, preferably oblong from side to side and formed from a single blank of spring metal, such as shown in Fig. 4. Each wall of the casing has a downwardly-extending tapered tongue 2, and all of the tongues converge toward the longitudinal axis of the casing, as shown particularly in Figs. 2 and 3. Another tongue 3 extends upward from the back wall of the casing and is for a purpose hereinafter more fully described.

Extending through the casing is a lining 4, formed of leather or other soft material, and this lining is open at the bottom and extends a short distance below the tongues 2, as shown at 5, Fig. 2. Triangular flaps 6 and 7 are formed at the other end of the lining and are so disposed that one of the flaps 6 can overlap the edge of a pocket 8, while the other flap can extend upward and overlap the tongue 3. Both of the flaps 6 and 7 have buttonholes 9, adapted to receive buttons 10, extending from the pocket 8 and from the garment 11 at a point above the pocket. The lining 4 may be fastened to the casing in any preferred manner, preferably by means of rivets 12.

Where an attachment of the character described is to be employed, the same is inserted into a pocket, and the tongue 3 will extend upward therefrom against the garment 11. Flap 6 is then folded over the pocket and secured to button 10, while flap 7 is placed in engagement with the upper button 10. The attachment is thus securely held against displacement, and by forcing a rule, pencil, or other device down into the attachment and between the converging tongues thereof the same will be clamped upon by said tongues and held against accidental displacement. By utilizing the tongue 3 a rigid deflector is provided for directing the rule, &c., into the pocket and protecting the garment directly above said pocket.

The lining 4 presents a soft surface to the rule or other device placed in the pocket, and not only protects the same from being scratched, but also grips upon it more firmly than would a metal surface.

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

The combination with a garment-pocket  
5 having securing devices above and upon the pocket, respectively; of an attachment adapted to be disposed in the pocket comprising a casing having side and end walls, the side  
10 walls being of a greater width than the end walls, a tapered spring member integral with the lower end of each wall and directed inwardly, a tapered guard integral with and extending upwardly from the rear side wall,  
15 thereto and flaps integral with the lining, one

of said flaps covering the guard and engaging the securing device on the garment and the other flap overlapping the front of the pocket and engaging the securing device thereon, the casing being rectangular in cross-section 20 and composed of one continuous piece of metal.

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

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