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Fig. 1.

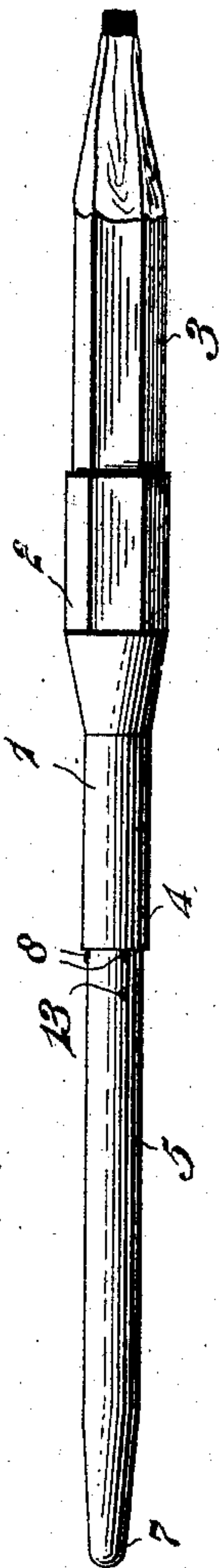


Fig. 2.

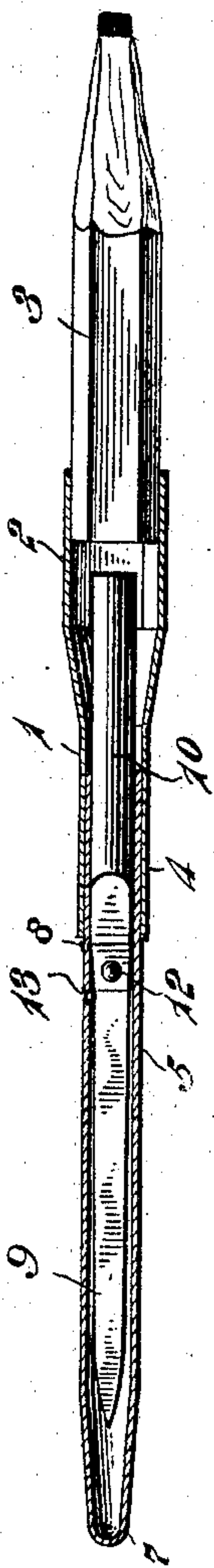
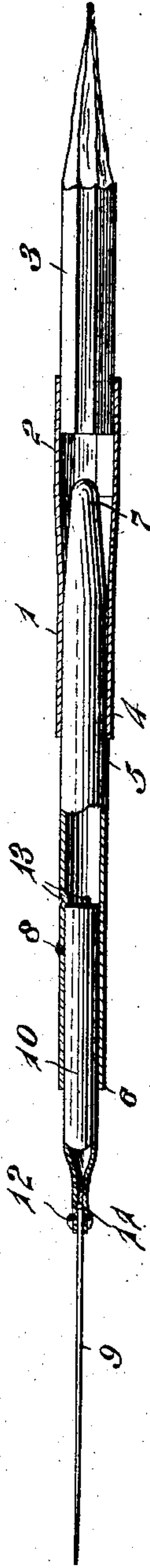


Fig. 3.



Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS B. STEPHENSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Belle Plaine, in the county of Sumner and State of Kansas, have invented a new and useful Combined Scriber and Pencil-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to a combined scriber and pencil-holder.

The object of the present invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive combined scriber and pencil-holder designed for the use of carpenters and adapted when not in use to be conveniently held inserted under the sweat-band of a hat, like an ordinary carpenter's pencil.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device of this character adapted to enable small pieces of pencils to be conveniently used, and thereby prevent the present great waste in this class of pencils.

The invention also has for its object to provide a combined pencil-holder and scriber adapted when the scriber is not in use to enable the scriber-blade to be housed within it.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the construction and novel combination of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended, it being understood that various changes in the form, proportion, size, and minor details of construction within the scope of the claims may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of a combined scriber and pencil-holder, the scriber-blade being housed within the device. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is an elevation showing the device arranged for use as a scriber. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

1 designates a tubular holder having an enlarged socket 2 at one end to receive an ordinary carpenter's pencil 3, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 2 of the drawings. The pencil-receiving socket 2 is shaped to fit the pencil 3, and the other end portion 4, which is of less diameter than the socket 2, is cylindrical and forms a coupling-socket, which is adapted to receive either end of a tubular handle member 5. The tubular handle member 5 is

open at one end to form a socket 6, and its other end 7 is tapered and closed, as clearly shown in Fig. 2. The socket end of the tubular handle member is adapted to fit within the coupling-socket 4, as clearly illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings, and the member 5 forms a handle for the pencil-receiving tube. The inward movement of the tubular handle member into the reduced socket end 4 of the pencil-receiving tube is limited by exterior protuberances 8, formed by indenting the tubular handle member from the interior.

The tubular handle member 5 forms a housing or casing for a scriber-blade 9 when the pencil is in use, and the parts are arranged as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The scriber-blade is provided with a round tubular shank 10, which fits snugly within the socket end of the handle member 5 and which is adapted to be inserted in the socket end of the tubular handle member 5, with the blade arranged either interiorly or exteriorly of the said member 5. When the scriber-blade is arranged interiorly of the handle member 5, the shank, which projects from the socket end of the same, is received within the reduced end of the pencil-receiving tube, so that the blade 9 and the shank 10 are wholly concealed within the device. When the device is arranged in this manner, the tapered end of the handle member 5 may be conveniently inserted beneath the sweat-band of a hat for holding the pencil in convenient position for ready use.

The tubular shank 10, which is closed at one end, has its other end flattened or reduced at opposite sides to receive the end 11 of the blade, which is secured to the shank by a rivet 12 or other suitable fastening means.

When it is desired to use the scriber-blade, the shank 10 is fitted in the socket end of the tubular handle member, the inward movement being limited by interior protuberances 13, formed by exteriorly indenting the said handle member 5. The tapered end of the handle member 5 may then be inserted in the reduced end of the pencil-receiving tube, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4 of the drawings. Either the pencil or the scriber-blade may then be used. The scriber-blade and the handle can be used independently of the pencil should it be desired to shorten the device.

It will be seen that the combined pencil-holder and scriber is exceedingly simple and

inexpensive in construction, that it is adapted to enable short pieces of pencils to be conveniently used to avoid waste, and that when the scriber is not in use it is concealed within the device. Also it will be clear that the tubular handle member serves as a handle for the scriber and the pencil and as a guard or shield for the scriber-blade. It is clear that the pencil-holder can be made in different sizes and shapes to receive various makes of pencils.

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

1. A tool comprising a tubular holder having a coupling-socket at one end, and a reversible tubular handle member provided at one end with a socket and adapted to have either end fitted in the coupling-socket of the tubular holder, and a scriber-blade having a shank to fit the socket of the tubular handle member when the latter has one end fitted in the coupling-socket, said shank and blade being arranged within the tubular handle

member when the other end of the latter is fitted in the coupling-socket.

2. A tool comprising a tubular holder having a coupling-socket at one end, a reversible tubular handle member having one end tapered and closed and open at the other end, either end being capable of fitting within the coupling-socket of the tubular holder, and a scriber-blade having a shank to fit in the open end of the tubular handle member, when the closed end of the latter is fitted in the coupling-socket of the tubular holder, so as to cause the blade to project from that end of the device, said blade and its shank being received within the tubular handle member when the open end of the latter is fitted within the coupling-socket.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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