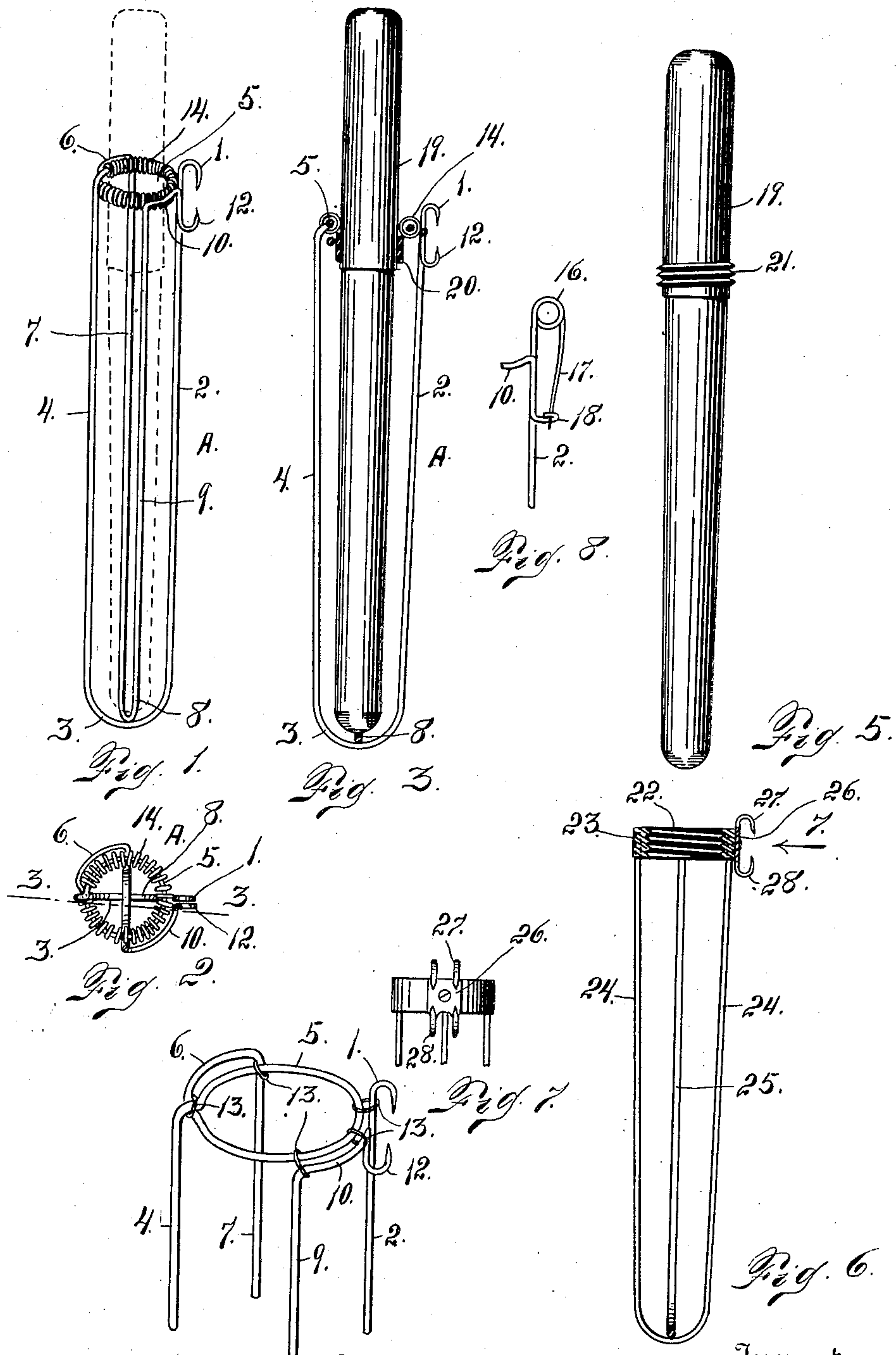


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAY A. ROBINSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city and county of Denver, and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holders for Fountain-Pens; and I do 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in holders for fountain pens, my object being to provide a device adapted to be attached to the garment of the user, in which a fountain pen may be securely held.

The device includes novel means for grasping the cap of the pen when the latter is fully inserted in the holder, thus preventing the cap from working loose when the pen is in the pocket.

My improvement also includes a novel cage or receptacle which may be constructed in various ways, its principal portion being preferably composed of wire. Indeed the cage may if desired be formed from an integral piece of wire, all of which will be fully understood by reference to the accompanying drawing in which is illustrated an embodiment of the invention.

In this drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form of my improved device, the fountain pen being shown in position indicated by dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the device shown in detail. Fig. 3 is a section taken on the line 3—3 Fig. 2, the pen, however, being shown in position and in elevation. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the upper portion of the cage, the coil spring being omitted. Fig. 5 is a view of a fountain pen whose cap is especially constructed for use in one form of my improved holder. Fig. 6 is a section taken through a form of the device adapted for use in connection with the special construction of pen shown in Fig. 5. Fig. 7 is a fragmentary elevation looking in the direction of arrow 7 in Fig. 6. Fig. 8 is a detail view illustrating a special form of device for fastening the holder to the garment of the user.

The same reference characters indicate the same parts in all the views.

Referring first to the form of construction shown in Figs. 1 to 4 inclusive, let A designate the holder in its entirety, the body portion of the same being formed from an integral piece of wire, one extremity of which terminates in a hook 1 while the other extremity terminates in a hook 12. This cage is composed of four upright wire members designated respectively 2, 4, 7 and 9. The members 2 and 4 lie in the same plane while the members 7 and 9 lie in a plane at right angles to the plane of the members 2 and 4. The members 2 and 4 are connected at the bottom by a bend 3 while the members 7 and 9 are connected at the bottom by a bend 8 engaging the bend 3. The piece of wire of which the cage is composed, is formed into ring 5 constituting the upper portion of the cage. The ring 5 is connected at one extremity with the top of the member 4, while the other extremity of the ring merges into an offset part 6 having a length corresponding about a quarter of the circumference of the ring and lying on the outside of the same. The upper extremity of the part 9 merges into a part 10 extending approximately at right angles to the part 9 and extending concentric with the ring and having a length equal to about one-fourth of the circumference of the latter. The free extremity of the part 10 terminates in a hook 12 while the upper extremity of the member 2 terminates in a hook 1. The upper extremities of the members 2, 4, 7 and 9 are connected with the ring member by means of rings or eyes 13, whereby all of the members or parts of the device are maintained in operative relation. The ring is surrounded by a coil spring 14 one extremity of which engages an offset in the ring where it merges into the part 6, while the other extremity is topped by the bend at the top of the member 4 where it merges into the member 5.

As shown in the drawing the hooks 1 and 12 occupy opposing positions, that is to say one is bent upwardly and the other downwardly. It must be understood that these hooks may be arranged in any suitable manner for fastening the device to a garment. They may be in the form of a safety pin shown in Fig. 8. In the form of construction shown in the last-named figure the member 2 merges into a spring 16 and terminates in a pin proper 17 which engages an eye 18 into which the part 10 of the device merges.

It is evident, however, as heretofore explained that the fastening means may be varied at will since the extremities of the wire, where the device is made from an integral piece of wire, may be formed into different shapes for fastening purposes.

It is evident that the exact manner of forming the device from an integral piece of wire may be also varied within the scope of the appended claims without departing from the spirit of the invention. In this form of construction the cap or removable part 19 of the pen, is preferably provided with a rubber or yielding or elastic band 20, so located that when the pen is inserted in the cage, the coil spring 14 will occupy a position just above the said band, thereby retaining the cap as well as the body of the pen securely in place. When this form of construction is in use the fastening device whether of the form shown in Figs. 1 to 4 inclusive, or in the form shown in Fig. 8, may be used to secure the article to the garment in any convenient location. When so positioned, the pen may be inserted and removed in a manner that will be readily understood.

In the form of construction shown in Figs. 5 and 6, the cap or removable part 19 of the pen is provided with a number of exterior screw threads 21 adapted to engage interior threads 22 formed in a band 23, secured to the upper extremities of wire members 24 and 25. The two members 24 occupy one plane and the two members 25 another plane, the two planes occupying positions preferably at right angles to each other. To the ring 23 is applied a fastening plate 26 carrying upper and lower hooks 27 and 28 for fastening the device to the garment. When this form of construction is in use, the threaded portion 21 of the cap is screwed into the band 23 of the cage. This form of the device affords an exceedingly simple and secure holder for a fountain pen as will be readily understood.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A holder for fountain pens comprising a cage closed at the bottom to form a stop for the pen, the cage being made from an integral piece of wire and provided at its upper extremity with a device for engaging and holding the pen in place when the latter is inserted, and suitable means for attaching the device to the garment of the user, substantially as described.

2. A holder for fountain pens, comprising a cage composed of a number of wire members formed into bends at the bottom of the cage and crossing each other in the center to form a stop for the lower extremity of the pen, and holding means mounted on the upper extremities of the said members and adapted to engage the pen when the latter is inserted, substantially as described.

3. A holder for fountain pens, comprising a cage consisting of a number of wire members, each formed into a bend at the bottom of the cage and crossing each other in the center to form a stop for the lower extremity of the pen, all of the said members being formed from an integral piece of wire, and holding means mounted on the upper extremities of the said members and adapted to engage the pen when the latter is inserted, substantially as described.

4. A holder for fountain pens, comprising a cage composed of a number of wire members formed into bends at the bottom of the cage and crossing each other in the center to form a stop for the lower extremity of the pen, and suitable means for attaching the device to the garment of the user, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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