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COMPLETE SPECIFICATION.

Improvements in Devices for Preventing the Loss of Fountain Pens and Pencils.

I, LEVI DARBY VAN VALKENBURG, of 36, Laurel Street, in the City of Holyoke, County of Hampden, State of Massachusetts, United States of America, Manufacturer, do hereby declare the nature of this invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and
5 by the following statement:—

This invention relates to clips or retainers to be employed on fountain pens or pencils for the purpose of acquiring a clamped engagement of the upper edge portion of a vest pocket between a portion of the retainer and the side of the fountain pen or pencil whereby liability of loss of the pen or pencil is avoided.

10 The improved device is described in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view;

Figure 2 is a front view;

Figure 3 is a partial sectional view on line 3—3.

15 Figure 4 is a perspective view of the parts of the appliance in separated relations; and

Figure 5 is a similar perspective view showing the device as of a slightly different construction.

20 In the drawings, A² represents the thin metal element to be connected with and supported by the cap or barrel of a fountain pen or a pencil; and, as shown in Figs. 1 to 4, this is made with a rectangular shank *m* which has a sliding engagement with the opposite ears *n n* of a plate A³ which by its prongs *o o* is engaged through small slits in the cap of a fountain pen; or the part A³ may be otherwise secured on the round article on which the device
25 is applied.

The thin metal piece A² has a spring tongue B which is of an outwardly bowed form.

30 C represents a metallic bar like plate having by an intermediate portion a fulcrum engagement with the rear portion of the bow-shaped tongue, and also having by a more forwardly located portion an engagement under the tongue; and it comprises respectively a rearwardly extending operating lever member *h* and a forwardly located clamping member *i*.

35 The metallic piece A² most clearly shown in Fig. 4 is made with the angular bend *m²* at one end of the shank, the tongue B being made narrow so that the shoulders *m³* are produced, and the connection of the lever-like member C with the element A² is by an interlocking engagement, as clearly shown in the drawings and as ensured by reason of the provision of the rectangular aperture *f* through which the tongue passes, and so that the part C may have its fulcrum bearing on the shoulders *m³*.

40 The bow-shaped tongue operates to press the clamping portion *i* of the bar with a spring pressure against the pen or pencil or against an intervening leaf of the pocket; but when pressure is applied on the operating lever-like member *h*, the bar, which is sufficiently stiff, is swung on its fulcrum at the shoulders *m³*, *m³* so that the clamping member is moved against the stress of the bow tongue to
45 open position.

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In Figure 5 the device is shown where the bow tongue is carried by and is made as an integral part of the metallic band A³ adapted to constrictively encircle and be detachable from the fountain pen or pencil.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of my said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, I declare that what I claim is:—

1—A device for preventing the loss of fountain pens and pencils from vests consisting of a member to be mounted on the pen or the like, having a forwardly extended spring tongue of outwardly bowed form, a metallic bar-like plate having by an intermediate portion thereof a fulcrum engagement with a rear portion of the tongue said bar-like plate having respectively a rearwardly extending operating lever member and a forwardly located clamping portion,—the forward extremity of the spring tongue being outside of, and bearing upon, the bar-like plate between its fulcrum point and its clamping portion. 10

2—The device as characterized in Claim 1 and in which the attaching portion consists of a pronged plate provided with ears between which the shank of the spring tongue member is detachably engaged. 15

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Fig. 1.

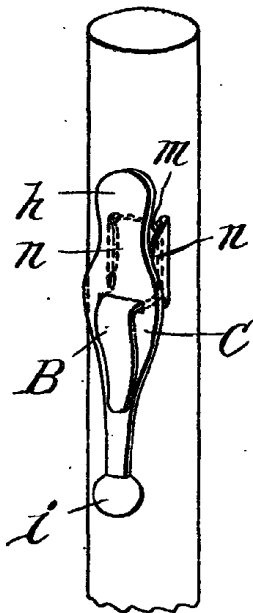


Fig. 2.

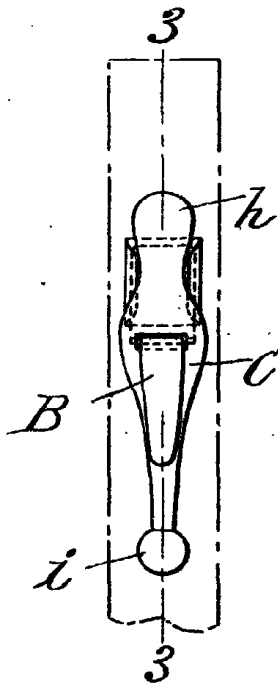


Fig. 3.

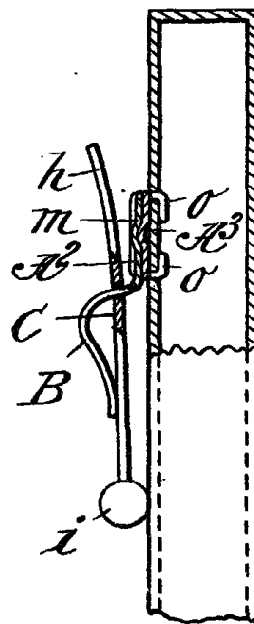


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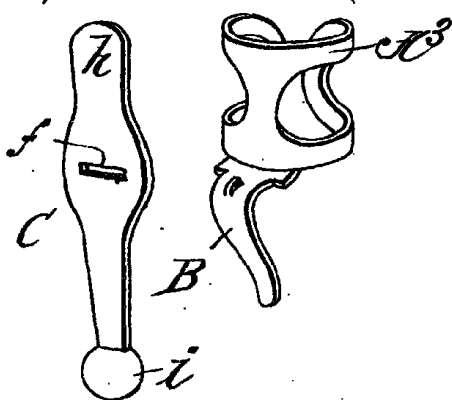
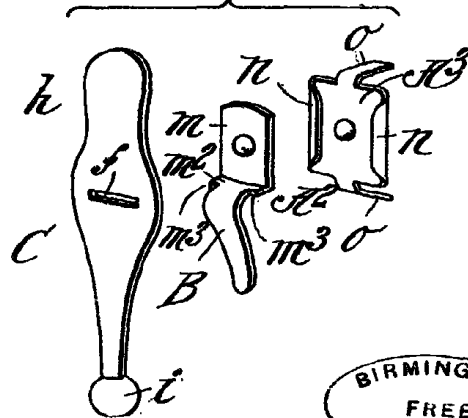


Fig. 4.



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