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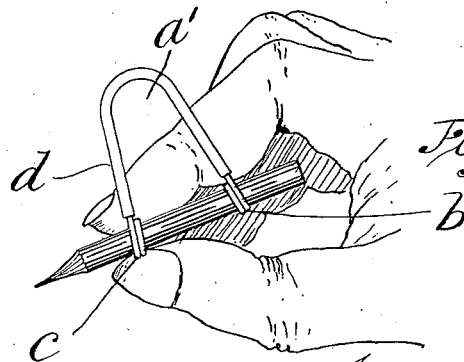
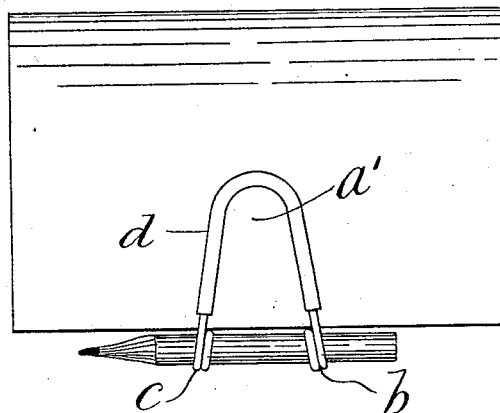
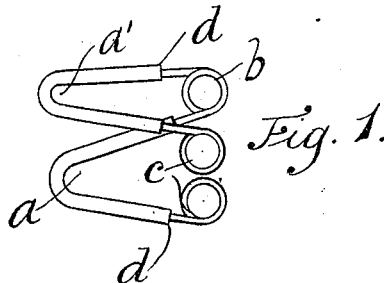
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ERNST WILLIAM ANDERSSSEN, residing at 17 Montague street, Russell Square, London, England, have invented  
5 a certain new and useful Improved Combination Pencil-Holder and Fastener for Pocket-Books and the Like; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact  
10 description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to an improved combination pencil-holder and fastener for pocket-books and the like, and has for its object  
15 the provision of a device for maintaining a pocket-book or the like in its closed position and for holding a pencil in conjunction therewith, such device being simple in construction, efficient in use, and inexpensive of man-  
20 ufacture.

The said invention is designed for the purpose of superseding the arrangements of elastic bands and pencil-sheaths hitherto employed for fastening pocket and similar books  
25 and for holding pencils, respectively, these old arrangements possessing many disadvantages which are overcome by the aid of the present invention.

By the use of my improved pencil-holder  
30 and book-fastener a pocket-book or the like can be quickly opened for reference or other purposes and as speedily fastened again, while, furthermore, the operation of opening the book releases the pencil in its holder  
35 ready for use.

The improved device also obviates the risk of the pencil being lost or mislaid and allows perfect freedom for the user's fingers when the pencil is being used.

40 Other objects and advantages of the invention will appear in the course of the following description.

In order that this my said invention may be the more readily understood and carried  
45 into practical effect, reference is hereby made to the accompanying sheet of illustrative drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device shown independently, Fig. 2 being a  
50 plan view showing the device in use upon a

book, while Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the device detached from the book and in use as a pencil-holder.

Referring to the drawings, wherein like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts  
55 throughout the several figures, *a a'* represent two substantially U-shaped or other bows, which are formed by bending a strip of suitable resilient wire midway of its length into a coil *b*, constituting a spring, the two ends  
60 then being brought one over the other and then bent into two curved loops (or they may be of semicircular or square form) and brought approximately parallel with one another. The  
65 free ends of the length of wire are bent into circular form, as at *c*, which rings coincide one with the other and with the coil *b*. By this means a resilient straddle or clip is  
70 formed, adapted to be placed upon a note-book or the like, at the back or front thereof, and to maintain itself in position by its own  
75 resiliency, the said straddle or clip effectually keeping the book closed. One of the bows—the under one *a*—is somewhat larger in size than the upper bow *a'*, so as to project  
80 beyond the forward part of same for the purpose of facilitating the placing of the device upon the book. The bows *a a'* are covered with a protecting-sheath *d*, of india-rubber or similar yielding material. The coil *b*  
85 and rings *c* are of such a size and shape as to allow a pencil being inserted therein, the action of the resilient coil *b* causing the rings *c* to separate in a vertical manner sufficiently to enable the pencil to be securely gripped  
90 between such rings *c*.

When the note-book—for instance, *d*—is to be opened, the device is withdrawn therefrom, whereupon the pencil *e* can be used  
95 without removing it from the coil *b* and rings *c*, the manner of using such pencil under the circumstances being to hold the bows *a a'* between the forefinger and thumb in such a manner as constitute the device a pencil-holder.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The improved combination pencil-holder and fastener for pocket-books and the like, consisting in two resilient bows connected to-  
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gether at one end by a coil and having at their other ends coinciding separate rings, substantially as described and illustrated.

2. In a combined pencil-holding and book-  
5 fastening device, the two parallel bows *a a'*, one projecting forwardly beyond the other and being arranged one above the other, and having a resilient coil *b*, constituting a spring, connecting them together, and a ring *c* at each  
10 of their free ends, the said bows being cov-

ered with a yielding protecting-sheath, all arranged, combined, constructed and operating, substantially as specified and as set forth by the accompanying drawings.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my 15 signature in presence of two witnesses.

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