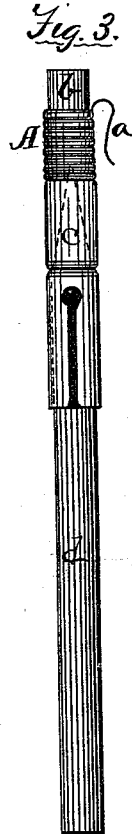
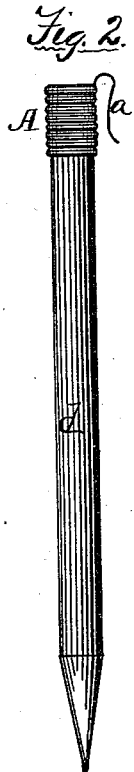


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IMPROVEMENT IN PENCIL-CLASPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR CRISTEY, of Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have made certain Improvements in Attachments for Suspending Pen-Holders, Pencils, &c., of which the following is a specification:

This invention has for its object to furnish a cheap, simple, and effective device for attachment to a lead-pencil or pen-holder, whereby the latter can be suspended from a person's pocket or from other objects.

To this end my invention consists in a metallic sleeve or band formed with a lip which projects outwardly from the upper edge of said sleeve or band and extends downwardly to a blunt point, forming a hook, said sleeve or band being designed to be attached to a lead-pencil or pen-holder, whereby the same can be suspended from a suitable object, in order that it may be in convenient position for use when desired.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents the hooked tube. Fig. 2 shows it set on the upper part of a lead-pencil. Fig. 3 shows it attached to a pencil-point protector, and Fig. 4 is a variation in form.

A represents a tube, band, or clasp, made preferably round, or in any suitable shape to fit on or clasp around a lead-pencil, pen-holder, or handle of any sort, and having formed on the outside thereof, and depending therefrom, a hook, *a*, for the purpose of hanging the same, or any analogous article on which it may be found useful, from the edge of a pocket or other suitable or convenient place, to securely hold the pencil or other article temporarily where it can be readily taken in hand for use and replaced quickly.

In Fig. 3 the device is shown slipped over or screwed on or over a pencil (or pen) point protector, which will allow the same to be hung up, as before described, A being the band; *a*, the suspension-hook; *b*, the rubber

eraser; *c*, the protector, and *d* the pencil or pen.

It will be made to fit over various sizes of pen-holders or pencils, &c., but can also be constructed with a screw-thread, indented rings, or convolutions inside the tube A, so that it can be screwed onto or unscrewed from any handle.

The tube will be made wide or narrow, as circumstances require, and ornamental if found desirable, and may have the two parts *e e* slit open to fit on various sizes of pencils, &c., or made solid.

It is excellently adapted as an attachment to the top of a pencil used in a memorandum or other pocket-book, the hook *a* going over the edge of the book or flap, and thus preventing the pencil from falling out, as is now the case, where the pencil is merely slipped through a loop in such books, and soon lost out.

The hook on the tube will prevent the pencil or pen from rolling on or off the desk or other inclined place, which is not the least of its advantages.

The hook *a* may be made separate from the band or tube A, and soldered or otherwise fastened thereto; but it will usually be made or formed in one piece with the tube or band or bands *e e*, as shown in Fig. 4.

I claim—

As a new article of manufacture, a device for suspending pencils, &c., consisting of the metallic sleeve A, formed with a lip projecting outwardly from its upper edge and depending downwardly beside the sleeve, forming a blunt-pointed hook, *a*, as and for the purpose set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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