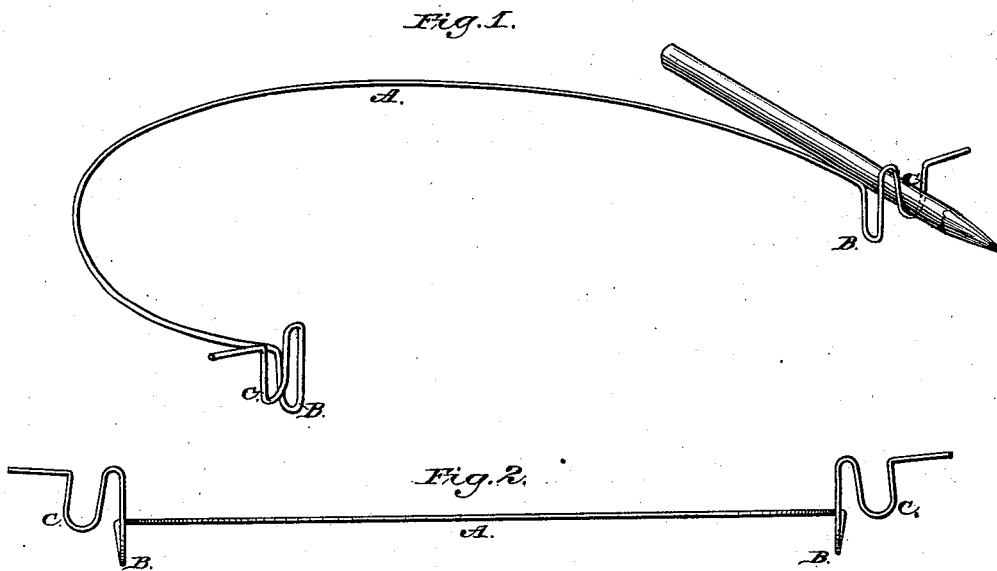


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IMPROVEMENT IN PEN AND PENCIL CLASPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE C. RICKLY, of Ottawa, in the county of La Salle and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Ear, Pen, and Pencil Clasps or Holders, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing.

The object of my invention is to provide a handy device by which a clerk, book-keeper, or foreman in a business house, who is liable to frequent interruptions, can place in a moment his pen or pencil, or both, over his ear or ears, thus saving all the trouble and vexation arising from the misplacing of those articles, which, when needed, must be had at once, and can most readily be found in my improved holder.

It is true that a pen or pencil may be placed over the ear without any mechanical appliance whatever, but it is also true that those who try to do so are greatly annoyed by the pen or pencil falling out, and they are greatly worried by the constant attention which is required to prevent the loss of those implements.

My clasp or holder is so cheaply constructed as to be within the reach of all, and does not in the least discommode those wearing it.

My holder is illustrated more in detail in the perspective view, Figure 1, and the front view, Fig. 2.

The holder is made of a brass or steel wire A, which may, if desired, be gold, silver, or nickel plated. This wire is bent in a semi-circular form, to go around the back of the head, from ear to ear, of the person using it. At each end the wire is turned down and up again, as shown at B, thus forming a hook to hold against the front part of the ears. The wire is then turned down again sidewise and up, to form the spring-clamp, as shown at C, in which the pen or pencil is held. The wire is then turned outward about a half-inch, so as to enable the wearer to easily find the place of the clamp B.

I claim as my invention—

A pen and pencil clasp consisting of a single wire bent to reach around the back of the head, and formed with hooks B B in front of the ears, and having two more bends to form the clasps C C, substantially as described.

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