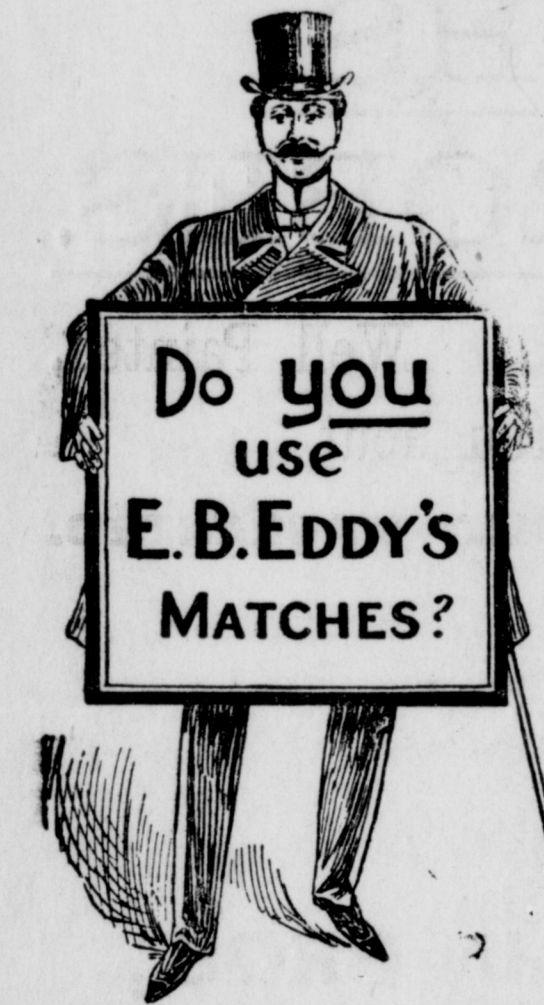




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There is evidently something wrong with the common lead pencil, or else inventors imagine that there is, for a great variety of new designs for making an ever-pointed pencil have been developed and put on the market within a short time.  
For many years a lead pencil meant one of two things, either a stick of baked black lead and clay enclosed in a cover of wood, or a little cylinder of similar substance inserted in a handle which had a screw arrangement back of the lead to work the lead forward as it was used up. Of the wood-covered pencils there were a few grades for ordinary house and office use, artists' pencils and big-leaded flat pencils for carpenters. All of these were made in the same general way by laying the strip of lead in a groove in one side of a piece of wood, preferably cedar, gluing another piece of wood over it, and then finishing the outside in an octagonal or oval form.  
Everybody was supposed to carry a pocket knife, and a knife was needed every time a pencil had to have a new point. Women and others who did not like to soil their fingers by sharpening pencils carried the ever-pointed mechanical pencils, and for half a century or more no jeweller's stock was regarded as complete unless it had an assortment of these pencils in gold, pearl and many other precious and beautiful materials. Staff officers in the English and European armies wear such pencils to receipt orders; women use them in the ballroom, boudoir and drawing room, and many a gentleman of the old school has his pencil always dangling on his watch chain, ready for use. For occasional use they are good enough, and probably will always hold a place.

The effort to make the use of the ordinary pencil easier began a generation ago, and one of the first inventions for that purpose was of the well-remembered cone-shaped pencil sharpener holding a steel blade at one side, where a hole to let out the shavings had been cut. While the blades were sharp these worked well enough, but this sharpness seldom lasted much beyond the time when the vender showed how nicely the sharpener worked. After that the sharpener would wring off the end of the lead every time just as the pencil seemed ready to use. Some years ago a noteworthy advance was made in mechanical pencils and the new pencil came in very general use. This was a pencil case not materially different in size from the wooden pencil, only not so long, which received a round lead about four inches long, and as big as the lead in the wooden pencils. The lead was held by a split tube, which was closed by being drawn into an inclined casing by a spring. The fault with this is that the lead is apt to be forced back if one presses hard upon it in writing, and again that if the tube be opened carelessly the lead falls out and is lost. A very ingenious improvement was made upon this, in which the lead was fed forward about one-fourth of an inch each time the spring was pressed and held from falling out at all times. This still had the fault that the lead would press back. Then another case was invented in which the lead is held from pressing back, but the feeding forward is not certain. Another pencil made to compete with the wooden ones in price carries a long movable lead, which is carried forward by a holder operated by a coarse screw thread cut in the outside of the wooden casing. These pencils have been selling on the street recently for 3 cents each.  
While the pencil case makers were busy the pencil makers were scheming also, and the result was that a little while ago one maker got out a pencil enclosed in paper. The paper is wound on in a spiral, and all that is needed to sharpen this pencil is to loosen the end of the paper and unroll a spiral or two of it disclosing the lead. The wooden pencil makers were beaten for a time but now one of them has gone the paper pencil makers one better; he makes his casing of wood, cut into a spiral like the paper one. The wood can be torn off with the fingers. On the other end of the pencil from the point is a metal ferrule in which a rubber is set. You take this ferrule off when you have exposed a new bit of lead, and inside you find a spiral sharpener to bring the lead to a point.

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Is the nose stopped up?  
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Does your nose discharge?  
Does the nose bleed easily?  
Is there tickling in the throat?  
Is the nose sore and tender?  
Do you sneeze a great deal?  
Is this worse towards night?  
Does the nose itch and burn?  
Is there pain in the back of the head?  
Is there pain across the eyes?  
Is there pain in the back of the eyes?  
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