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SAFETY POCKET.

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Fig. 1 -

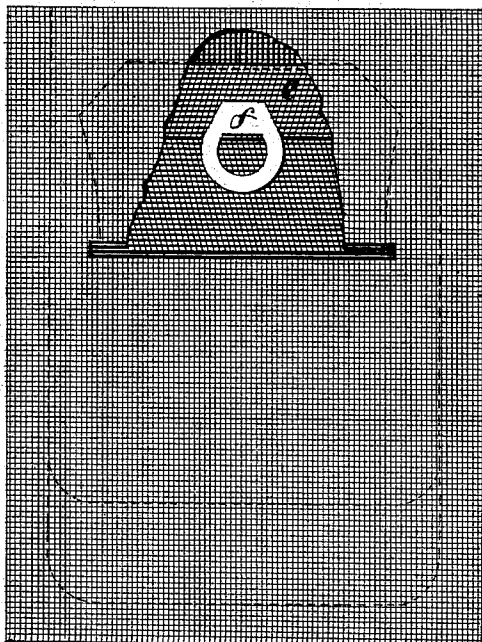
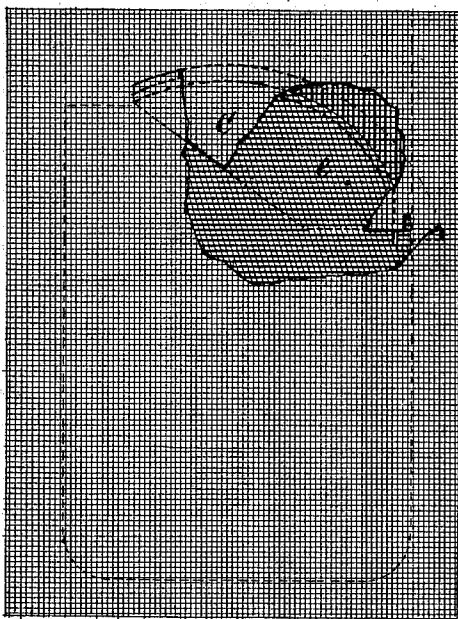


Fig. 2 -

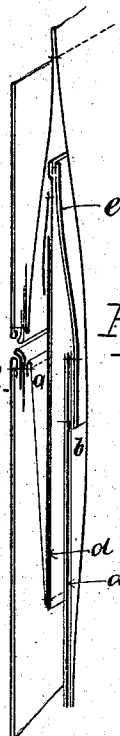


Fig. 4 -

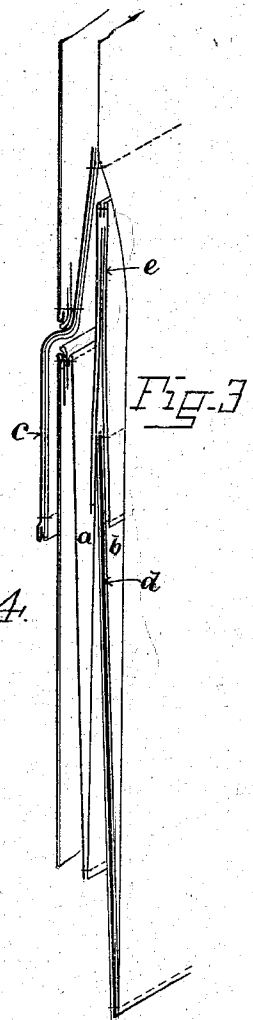


Fig. 3 -

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SAFETY-POCKET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LIZZIE H. LAW, of the city and county of Providence, and State of Rhode Island, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Safety-Pockets; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

This invention has reference to an improvement in pockets for garments in which valuables are to be carried; and it consists in the peculiar construction, in connection with the ordinary pocket, of a safety-pocket protected by a lapel and separated from the ordinary pocket, so that a pickpocket cannot enter his hand or tools without raising the lapel and exerting sufficient strain to give notice to the wearer, as will be more fully set forth herein-after.

Figure 1 is a view of part of a garment showing the construction of my improved safety-pocket, parts being shown as cut away to show the construction more clearly, such pockets being particularly well adapted for gentlemen's trousers. Fig. 2 is a view of part of a garment showing the construction of my safety-pocket by cutting away parts of the cloth. Fig. 3 is a sectional view. Fig. 4 is also a sectional view.

In the drawings, *a* is the ordinary pocket usually made in garments. *b* is extra or safety pocket.

In Figs. 3 and 4 the opening into the safety-pocket is placed considerably above the opening into the ordinary pocket, and the extension *e*, forming the partition between the two pockets, is made of more than one thickness of cloth, and preferably made sufficiently stiff to retain its place in the upward extension between the lining and the outer cloth. This upward extension, *e*, may be provided with the loop *f* shown in Fig. 2, or any other similar device by which the extension *e* can be drawn out, so as to allow the hand to freely enter the pocket. The lapel *c* may be secured to the outside of the garment, so as to extend over the opening to the pocket in the ordinary manner; or it may be secured inside or to the lining of the garment, as is shown in Fig. 3, and be of such form and size that it can be drawn

out and hang over the opening to both pockets, as is shown in Fig. 3; or it may hang down in the ordinary pocket, *a*, and thereby more effectually protect the entrance to the safety-pocket *b*.

To prevent any person, by placing his hand into the ordinary pocket, *a*, from feeling the contents in the safety-pocket, I prefer to line the partition or partitions between the two pockets with wadding or other elastic material. Fig. 3 shows one side, *d*, double, with a sheet of wadding between the two pieces of cloth, and Fig. 4 shows the condition of the sides of both pockets so lined.

The lapel *c* may be secured along the sides and also the partition *e*, so that the hand has to be forced between the same and over the partition to enter the safety-pocket; or the lapel may be so secured and the partition *e* made so that it can be drawn out through the slit or opening and the safety-pocket entered by the hand; or the partition may be firmly secured and the lapel made so as to hang in the ordinary pocket and protect the safety-pocket; but in all cases either the lapel or the partition must be secured along the sides, so as to prevent the entrance of the hand of unauthorized persons into the safety-pocket.

In garments fitted with such pockets valuables may be carried in the safety pocket or pockets without risk or danger. Coats, vests, trousers, and all garments in which pockets are used may be readily provided with these safety-pockets. By raising the opening to the safety-pocket above the opening to the ordinary pocket the outer cloth of the garment forms the lapel by which the entrance to the safety-pocket is protected, as is shown in Fig. 3.

It is evident that three or more pockets may be arranged in this manner in garments each protected by a lapel, and each successively higher than the first, so that the lapel or the cloth will protect the entrance to each safety-pocket.

I am aware that pockets have, before my invention, been divided into two or more pockets; but such safety-pockets had their openings below the openings to the ordinary pocket, and any persons placing their hands into such a pocket will at once detect the safety-pocket, and the entrance thereto, which is not the case

where the entrance to the safety-pocket is at the same height or above the entrance to the outer pocket.

Having thus described my invention, I claim
5 as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. In a garment, the combination, with the ordinary pocket, of a safety-pocket the opening into which is above the opening to the ordinary pocket and beyond the same, as described.
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2. The combination, with a garment, of two pockets formed side by side, the partition between which is made of two or more thicknesses with an intervening layer of batting or
15 similar elastic material, as described.

3. The combination, with the ordinary pocket in a garment, of a safety-pocket the opening into which is through the opening into the ordinary pocket, but above the same, and is protected by a lapel or the cloth of the garment above the ordinary pocket, as described. 20

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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