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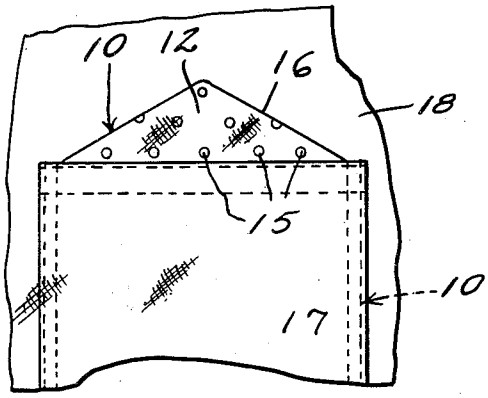



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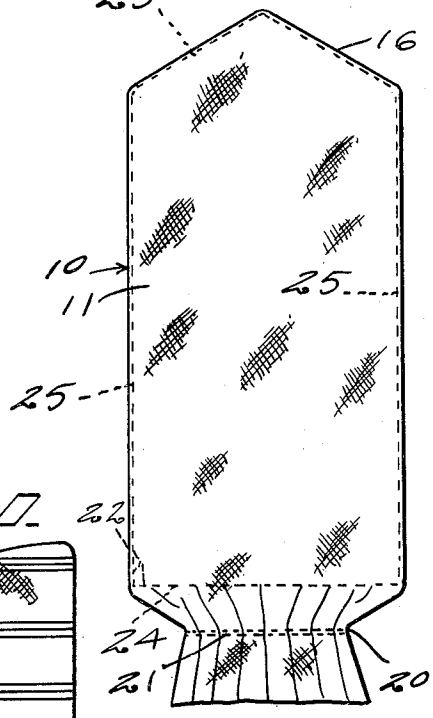



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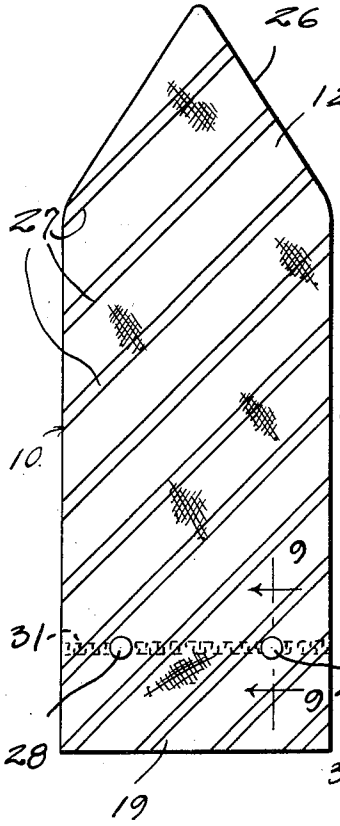



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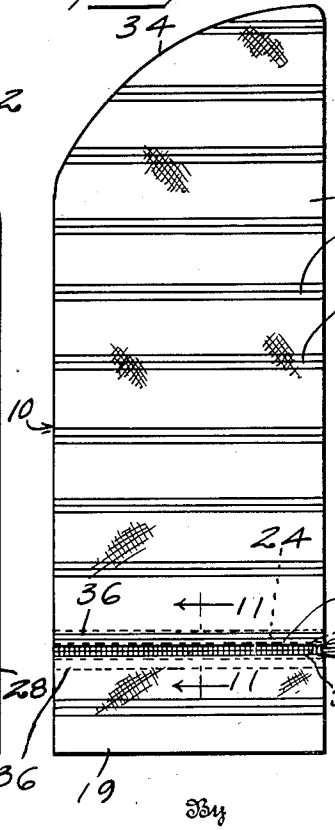



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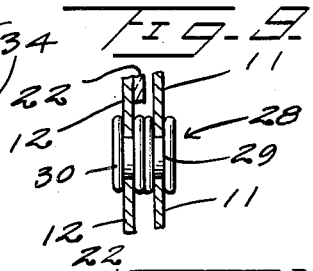
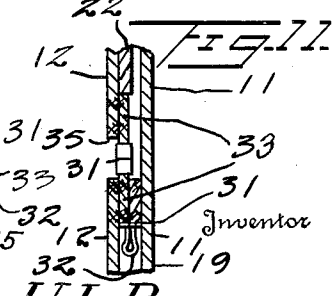



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FIG. 2.

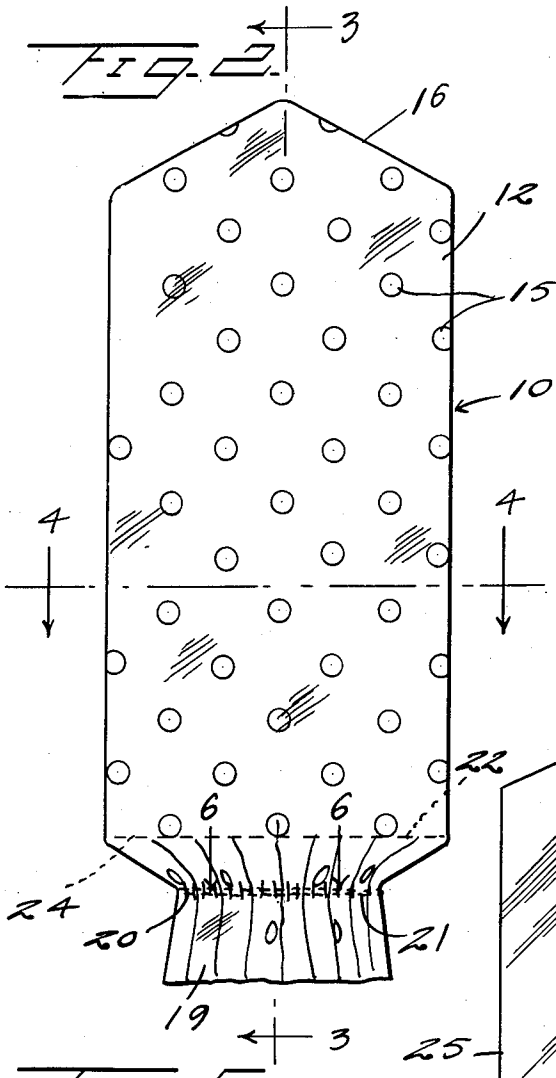



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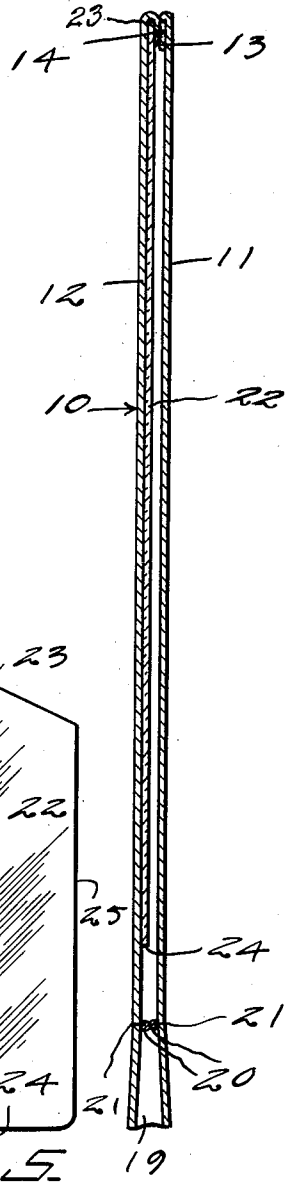



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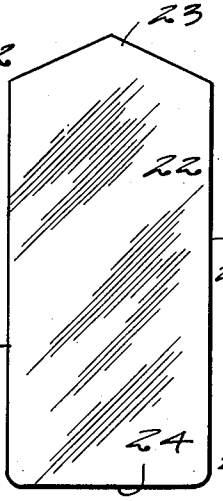



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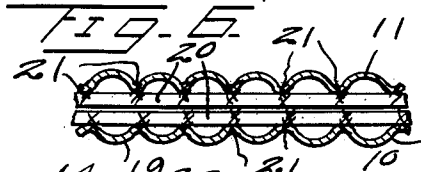
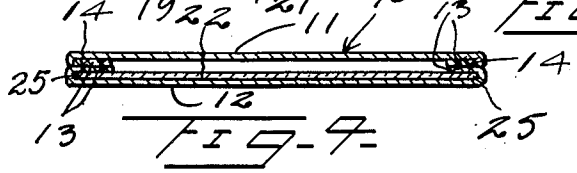



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## POCKET INSERT

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My invention relates to a pocket insert for use in place of a handkerchief or scarf to be inserted in a pocket of a coat for ornamental or dress purposes.

An object of the invention is to provide a decorative or ornamental pocket insert in the form of a cloth envelope or flat bag made of different designs to conform to a dress shirt or tie of desired ornamental or aesthetic character and which may bear different designs of material on opposite sides thereof, such as a design conforming to or matching a shirt or tie or both on one side and another shirt or tie on the other side, or made plain such as white or other shade on one side of the same for dress purposes.

Another object is to provide a unique pocket set-in or ornamental device to take the place of a handkerchief and which comprises an envelope or bag forming a pocket in which a stiffener or sheet of flexible or rigid material in the form of a strip of plastic, Celluloid or otherwise, produces a form to cause the pocket, envelope or bag of ornamental material forming the insert to be retained in flat condition or other form desired, without wrinkling, and means for retaining said form in position in the ornamental cloth pocket or envelope so that when it is inserted in a coat pocket usually at one side and front of the coat, it will project above the pocket to form an attractive article of apparel.

To the foregoing objects, and others which may hereinafter more fully appear, the invention consists of the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts, as will be more specifically referred to and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, but it is to be understood that changes, variations, and modifications may be resorted to which fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a fragmentary elevation showing the top part of a coat pocket with the insert therein and projecting therefrom.

Figure 2 is an elevation of the pocket insert looking at one side thereof.

Figure 3 is a longitudinal sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a horizontal cross section taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 2.

Figure 5 is a detail of the form member or stiffening insert for maintaining the pocket insert flat, the same being taken on a reduced scale.

Figure 6 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view taken on the line 6—6 of Figure 2.

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Figure 7 is an elevation on a reduced scale similar to Figure 2 and looking at the opposite side of the device.

Figure 8 is a view similar to Figure 2 showing a modified retaining and fastening means for closing the pocket to keep the form member or stiffening insert in position.

Figure 9 is an enlarged detailed sectional view taken on the line 9—9 of Figure 8.

Figure 10 is a view similar to Figures 2 and 8 of another form of the device and Zipper or Talon fastener for closing the pocket and retaining the form member or stiffening insert in position.

Figure 11 is a fragmentary enlarged sectional view taken on the line 11—11 of Figure 10.

Referring to the drawings, the pocket insert comprises a flat pocket, envelope or bag 10 composed of two opposite cloth sections or blanks 11 and 12 of suitable design or ornamental material or plain cloth, such as silk, satin, rayon or other suitable materials. These blanks are substantially of elongated rectangular form stitched along their marginal edges 13 as indicated at 14 or otherwise secured together in spaced relation to the edges of the blanks and then reversed or turned inside out to dispose the edges at the inside to give a more attractive appearance. These edges may be selvedges or provided with suitable bindings, especially where the material is apt to unravel or splay out. The stitching or fastening between the blanks or sheets forming the opposite sides 11 and 12 may be substituted by other suitable fastening means but extends around the two long sides and one end corresponding to the width of the pocket and sections thereof. As shown, the strip 11 may be ornamental or dotted as indicated at 15 in Figure 2 of the drawings and the strip 12 of corresponding material, or merely plain, of white or other shade as shown in Figure 7 of the drawings and the closed end may be tapered uniformly from the longitudinal center to both side edges as indicated at 16 so that when the same is inserted in the pocket 17 of a coat 18, the tapered end will project above the top or open portion of the pocket for attractive and ornamental display. Of course, the design may conform or correspond to the shirt, tie or other apparel worn by a person and thus may be worn by either sex, so as to conform to headdress of woman as distinguished from the dress shirt or tie worn by a man.

The other or lower end of the pocket insert as distinguished from the top or tapered end which is exposed by projecting from the pocket, may

be provided with a suitable closure or means for contracting said end. Normally, this end is open as indicated at 19, the edges of the material forming the sides 11 and 12 being unsecured, but on the contrary left free so that the pocket is freely open at this end and may be closed by means of an elastic band 20 that completely encircles the girth of the pocket end and is stitched in position as indicated at 21 or otherwise suitably fastened and designed to contract the open end or mouth of the pocket, envelope or bag to the desired degree or size smaller than the width of the pocket. The purpose of this is to retain a form member or stiffener strip or sheet 22 therein engaged by the contracted open end to constantly urge the stiffener strip upwardly against the tapered side edges 16 that form the closed top end so as to retain the pocket in a smooth flat condition. This form member or stiffening strip or sheet 22 is made substantially of the same shape or outline as the sides 11 and 12 and thus the shape of the pocket 10 itself. It may be produced from suitable flexible or rigid material and may be of waterproof material which will not easily crack or break, such as plastic, synthetic resin, cellophane or Celluloid so that when it is inserted in the pocket, envelope or bag, its tapered end 23 will conform to the shape of the end 16 at the interior and its opposite transverse end 24 disposed at right angles to the side edges 25 spaced from the opposite open end or mouth of the container formed by the pocket and spaced from said end and the closure means or elastic band 20 and extends transversely of the pocket at said end. By this means, the material of the pocket insert is held flat and smooth in the pocket so as to project therefrom for view. The material is therefore maintained in a desirable pressed condition instead of crumpling or wrinkling and dropping down into the coat pocket as often happens with an ordinary handkerchief even though folded in any of the customary ways. The form member or stiffening insert 22 may be flexible or relatively stiff but preferably such as to bend at least slightly or more and may be transparent or opaque. Its shape will depend upon the shape of the pocket insert and the container formed by the pocket, envelope or bag 10, including the upper closed or tapered end thereof and may lie between the folds of the edges of the material at the marginal edge portions 13 after the sections 11 and 12 are stitched or otherwise secured together at the sides and top and wrong or inside out and then turned right side out or reversed so as to give a presentable appearance at the seam around the edges. However, the form member or stiffening insert 22 may be disposed between the folded portions 13 and one side 11 or 12 and will be held from displacement by the contracted mouth portion or open end by reason of the elastic band or other closure provided for this end.

While the form of the invention shown in Figures 1 to 7, inclusive, has the upper or closed end tapered equally on opposite sides, the degree of taper may vary such as to a greater or sharper point as indicated at 26 in Figure 8 of the drawings. Also, the material of the front portion 12 may be of a different design as indicated by the diagonal lines 27 thereon instead of the polka dots 15 as shown in Figure 2. Of course, this design may be varied to any design used in such material or in connection with shirts, ties, dress materials or otherwise and include flower or other design. In the form shown in Figure 8, instead of using the elastic band for contracting the mouth or open end of the container or pocket insert, with the band 20 disposed at the inside and connected to the material by the longitudinal or cross loops of the stitches 21, the opposite sides adjacent the open end may be fastened together by snap fasteners 28 including interfitting ball head and socket members 29 and 30, respectively, to resiliently and frictionally snap together or be separated for the insertion or removal of the form member 22 and to facilitate cleaning or laundering of the cloth material of the container or pocket which as previously stated, may be of natural or synthetic fiber or cloth.

In the form of the invention shown in Figure 10 of the drawings, the sides are in spaced relation to the open end and extending transversely thereof in spaced relation to said end like the band 20 or the fasteners 28 is another fastener shown as a Talon or Zipper fastener 31 having separable jaws designed to be drawn together or parted by the usual slidable member 32 and fastening to the interior of the cloth or opposed sides 11 and 12 at the mouth portion as by means of strips or tapes 33 which may be sewed to the cloth to leave the opening at the end as shown in Figure 10 or at one side as indicated in Figure 11, to permit the insertion or removal of the stiffening member 22. In this instance, the design may be transverse stripes 34 on one or both sides, or either one of the designs shown in Figures 8 and 10 and may have a plain white or other shade of material as shown in Figure 7 on the opposite or both sides to simulate a white handkerchief or other shade, depending upon the color of the suit or coat being worn and the use, such as a dress suit or to conform or match the shirt and tie, headdress or scarf or other apparel. Also, while the closed end may be provided with any number of formations such as three points usually provided in connection with a handkerchief, the end in this instance is shown tapered but from one side edge to the other on a curved line indicated at 34 so that the higher side or end may be disposed at the outside of the pocket although this is optional and it may be provided at the inside. It is of course to be understood that the tapes or strips 33 are suitably fastened to the cloth at the opposite sides 11 and 12 within the pocket insert or container 10, either in an opening or slot 35 provided in one side as shown in Figure 11, and suitably stitched in position as indicated at 36 or otherwise anchored or fastened to the material. Attention is directed to the fact that in all forms, the device forms a pocket insert to take the place of a handkerchief for insertion in a coat pocket and the closed end is at the top and the open end provided with fastening or closure means or merely means for contracting said end due to the flexible character of the material, over the lower end of the form member or stiffening insert 22 to prevent displacement thereof and in fact to retain it in position snugly against the upper closed end, so that the device will remain flat, smooth and attractive and properly exhibit the design and dressy character of the material so as to be attractive whether used in the pocket of a ladies' or men's coat.

I claim:

1. A pocket insert for use instead of a handkerchief comprising opposed cloth sections secured together around their margins to form an elongated container having a closed upper end and an open lower end, said upper end being tapered and adapted to project from the open top of a

pocket when inserted therein, a flexible stiffening member in the container and a closure for said open end comprising a contractible member formed as a transversely positioned elastic band in contractual engagement with said open end to contract said end around the adjacent end of the stiffening member to constantly urge the latter in position against the closed end to maintain the shape of said end and prevent displacement thereof from the container while permitting removal thereof for cleaning or laundering the material of the container.

2. A pocket insert for use instead of a handkerchief comprising a container having a closed upper end and an open lower end, a stiffening member in said container conforming to the shape thereof, and resilient means engaging about said



open end that completely encircles the girth of said open end for contracting said open end and for urging said stiffening member against said closed end to maintain said container in a smooth and unwrinkled condition.

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