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SAFETY POUCH

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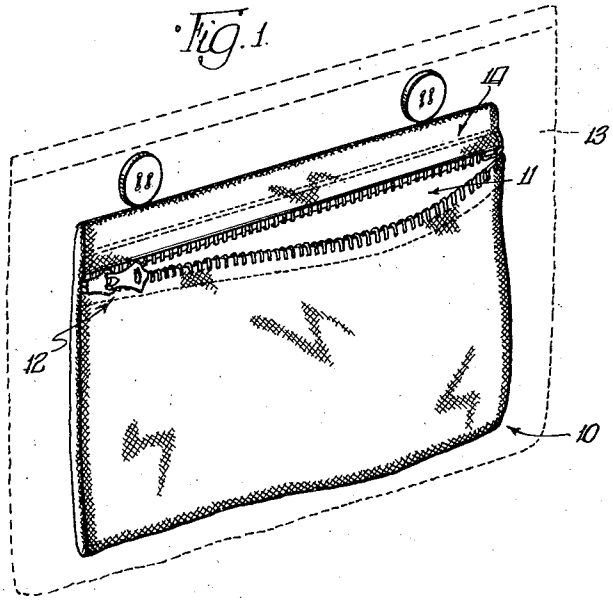


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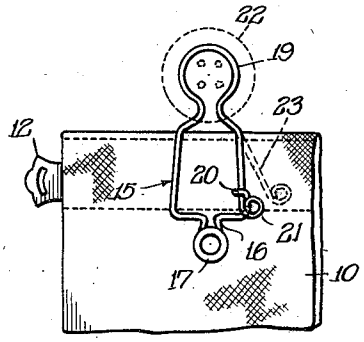


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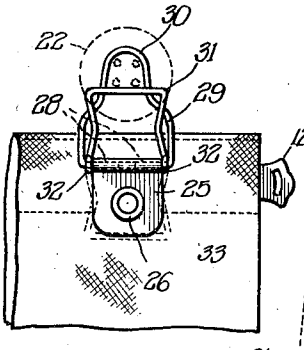


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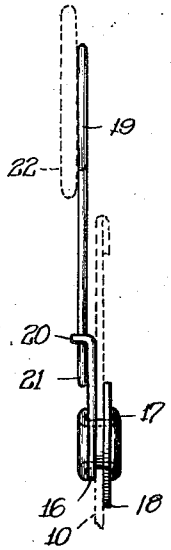


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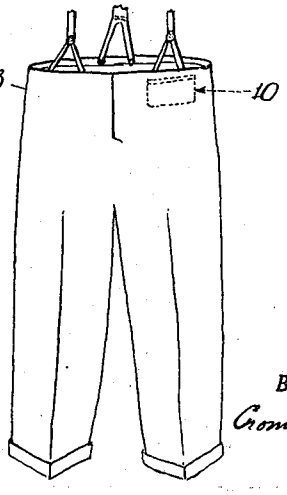
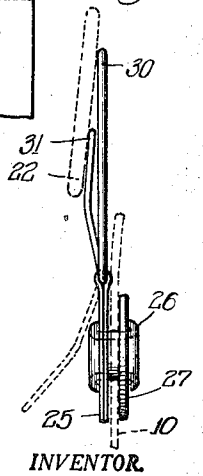


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The present invention relates to safety pouches adapted for use in conjunction with wearing apparel. More particularly, it pertains to an improved type of safety pouch adapted to be concealed, removably or otherwise, in position within a garment, such as men's trousers, women's skirts, or other articles of clothing suitable for the purposes for which the present invention is intended.

Conventional safety devices, such as money belts and the like, are often bulky, cumbersome and uncomfortable to the wearer because they are intended to be worn in a certain position around the body.

A principal object of the invention is to provide an article of manufacture to be used in conjunction with a garment, the article consisting of a safety pouch concealable within the garment, and having a concealed opening with concealed opening and closing means therefor, and concealed means securing the pouch to the garment.

More specifically, it is an object of the present invention to provide a garment, such as trousers or the like, and a safety pouch removably secured within the garment, the pouch, when the garment is in use, being concealed and having a concealed opening with concealed opening and closing means, such as a zipper, and concealed metallic locking means swivelly mounted on the pouch and to spaced apart buttons adjacent the waist of the garment to hold the same in removably concealable position.

Other objects of the invention will in part be obvious and will in part appear hereinafter.

The invention accordingly comprises an article of manufacture possessing the features, properties, and the relation of elements which will be exemplified in the article hereinafter described and the scope of the application of which will be indicated in the claim.

For a fuller understanding of the nature and objects of the invention reference should be had to the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a safety pouch embodying the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary portion of a pouch illustrating one form of securing and locking means to affix the same with a garment;

Fig. 3 is an end elevational view, somewhat enlarged, of the device shown in Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is a view, somewhat similar to Fig. 2, illustrating another modification of securing and locking means;

Fig. 5 is a somewhat enlarged elevational view of the device shown in Fig. 4; and

Fig. 6 is an illustrative embodiment of a garment suitable for carrying such a pouch as therein indicated.

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Referring more particularly to the drawings, there is indicated generally at 10 a safety pouch preferably made of fabric or any other suitable material. This pouch has an opening 11 adjacent one upper marginal portion and preferably is secured by means of a conventional type zipper arrangement indicated generally at 12. Such a pouch can readily be permanently secured in an inconspicuous position within wearing apparel 13 in any suitable manner, such as by stitches along the upper marginal portions thereof, as indicated at 14. The pouch is secured to the inside of the garment, preferably around the waist where it is readily accessible to the wearer. Such pouches can conveniently be made permanent parts of each garment when the latter are originally manufactured, or they can be made to be removably secured in position at any other time if it is desired to sell the article separately.

When the pouch is intended for separate sale it preferably has affixed thereto a locking means so that the same can readily be transferred and removably secured to different garments. In Fig. 2, for example, there is shown one form of such a locking means. Preferably this consists of a suitably bent wire in the form generally indicated at 15. A loop 16 of the wire is secured to the pouch 10 by means, for example, of a rivet 17 beaded over at both ends and preferably with a washer 18 to secure it to the side wall of the pouch. Such a securing means is best attached to the wall opposite the side on which the zipper arrangement 12 is located. The other end of the wire consists of a hook or clamp in the form of a loop 19. The remaining intermediate portions of the locking arrangement 15 have the ends of the wire terminating in engageable hooks, one of which, 20, is an extension of the loop or hook portion 16, and the other of which, 21, is a resilient extension of the loop or hook portion 19. A pouch fitted with at least one of such hooks will be swivelly mounted around the rivet 17 to hold the pouch in properly suspended position when the hook 19 is secured within the garment, as, for example, to a suspended button 22. Most men's trousers are provided with such buttons, whether a belt or suspenders are worn, and it becomes a simple matter to insert the pouch within the garment and to secure the same in position when the hooks 20 and 21 are brought into interlocking engagement.

In another form of locking arrangement for the pouch, Fig. 4, a different type of locking device is provided. This consists preferably of a flat piece of metal 25 doubled back upon itself and secured to the pouch wall opposite the zipper 12 by means of a tubular rivet 26 which also has secured on the inside of the pouch a washer 27 between the other end of the rivet and the pouch wall 13. The ends 28 of a bent wire 29, which has a hook portion 30,

are secured to the plate 25. Mounted on the bent wire, exteriorly of where the ends are carried by the metal plate 25, is another bent wire 31. The ends 32 of this wire form hooks whereby the same is secured to the wire 29. The wire 31 performs the function of a locking member. For example, after the pouch has been secured in position by hooking the member 31 over a suspender button, or the like, as described in connection with the modification shown in Fig. 2, the locking member 31 is moved upwardly from the dotted line position indicated at 33 and disposed between the button 22 and the garment. Preferably, the member 31 should be of sufficient length to reach a point where the button is sewed to the garment and is thus held by the button in locked position.

These are suitable engageable and disengageable devices for such a safety pouch readily to secure them within a proper garment so that the entire pouch itself and thus all locking members are made inconspicuous when worn in garments such as those herein indicated.

It will thus be seen that the objects hereinbefore set forth can readily and efficiently be attained, and since certain changes may be made in the above article and different embodiments of the invention could be made without departing from the scope thereof, it is intended that all matter contained in the above description and shown in the accompanying drawing shall be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

It is also to be understood that the following claim is intended to cover all of the generic and specific features of the invention herein described, and all statements of the scope of the invention which, as a matter of language, might be said to fall therebetween.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

A securing means for securing articles, such as

pouches, to garment buttons, comprising a single strand of free-springing wire bent centrally into generally rectangular formation with the free ends of the wire lying substantially adjacent each other, one portion of said generally rectangularly bent wire having a small looped portion extending therefrom and secured to said article by means of a rivet member passing through said looped portion and through said article, and another portion of said wire being bent to provide a hook consisting of a loop having a constricted opening formed by adjacent portions of said wire, said hook being oppositely disposed from said first named looped portion and integral with said generally rectangularly bent wire formation, said hook being adapted to be hooked over a garment button, one end only of said wire being free springing when so bent and terminating in a curved portion, the other end of said wire terminating in a bent hook portion, and said free-springing curved portion being adapted to be interlockingly engaged with the bent hook portion of the other end of said wire, thereby to secure said looped portion firmly in locked position with respect to said button.

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