

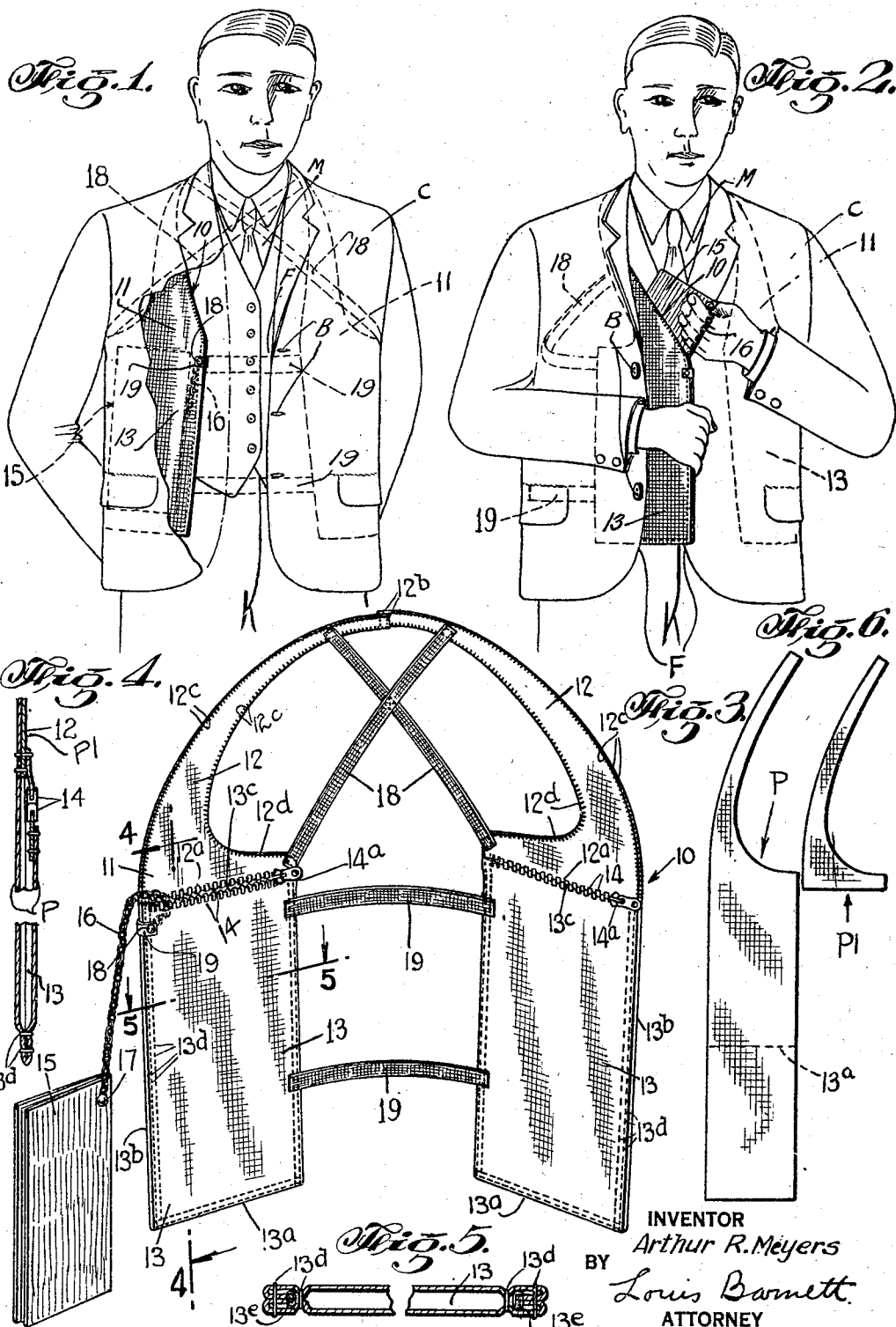
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This invention relates to safety-carrier apparel and more particularly is directed to devices for transporting valuables, adapted to be worn on the person inconspicuously, yet accessibly, with security against theft of the contents, said devices being especially adapted to provide safe means for delivering bonds and stock certificates by runners for bankers and brokers, for transporting jewelry by salesmen, and for other like purposes.

One object of the invention is to provide an improved safety-carrier device of the character described, which shall be adapted to be worn inconspicuously, and concealed under an open-front coat, yet provide convenient and ready authorized access for removing or replacing the contents.

Another object of the invention is the provision of an improved device of the character described comprising few and simple parts assembled to form a neat appearing compact, light weight, form-fitting structure, which shall be comfortable to wear and non-restrictive to free body movements, cheap to manufacture, and practical and efficient, to a high degree, in use.

Other objects of this invention will in part be obvious and in part hereinafter pointed out.

The invention accordingly consists in the features of construction, combinations of elements and arrangement of parts which will be exemplified in the construction hereinafter described and of which the scope of application will be indicated in the following claims.

In the accompanying drawing, in which is shown one of the various possible illustrative embodiments of this invention,

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view showing a safety-carrier apparel embodying the invention, inconspicuously positioned and concealed beneath an open-front coat on the wearer, a portion of the coat being broken away to expose the pouch member hanging over the breast region of the wearer.

Fig. 2 is a front elevation view similar to Fig. 1 but showing the pouch of the improved device drawn out of its normally concealed position and through the front opening of

the coat to permit convenient access to the pouch section pocket for removing or replacing contents thereof.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the improved device removed from the wearer, and showing the inner or under side construction.

Figs. 4 and 5 are cross-sectional views taken on lines 4-4 and 5-5 in Fig. 3, and

Fig. 6 is a plan view showing blanks or patterns of the neck and shoulder band, and pocket structure of the improved apparel.

Referring in detail to the drawing, 10 denotes a safety-carrier apparel embodying the invention in the form of a device particularly adapted to provide inconspicuous, safe, and convenient means for transporting valuables, as for example, it may be profitably worn by runners in the services of bankers and brokers for delivering stocks and bonds, and by jewelry salesmen.

As seen in Figs. 1 and 2, the man M may represent a bank runner or a jewelry salesman, who is clothed in the usual attire, including an open-front outer garment, such as the coat C which may have its front opening F closed by suitable means B, such as buttons and button-holes, in the well understood manner, or may be left open, as shown. The device 10 is adapted to be inconspicuously worn under the coat C, and is concealed by the coat since said device has no portion thereof normally extending to be exposed to view even when the coat is unbuttoned and open.

The device 10 may be made of suitable flexible sheet material, such as canvas, duck, or other strong textile, and is constructed, as here shown, of two identical sections 11, each section comprising a pair of blanks P and P1 shown in Figure 6. Each of the sections 11 may comprise a shoulder and neck band portion 12 preferably having a pouch portion 13 extending from the end 12a thereof. Said pouch portions 13 may be formed by folding a pattern piece P along the line indicated at 13a and secured along opposite longitudinally extended edges 13b to provide a pocket with an opening 13c extending transversely to said edges 13b adjacent the band ends 12a. A suitable closure for said pockets 13 may be provided such as hookless fasteners

14, having an operating slider 14a of any well understood construction.

The edges 13b are preferably secured by a double row of stitches 13d, the edge portion being unturned and retained between said stitches so as to leave the interior seams of the pocket even and free from an extending edge portion, as shown in Figs. 4 and 5. The contiguous rim edges of the material at the seams are secured together with overlapped stitches 13e, the latter being confined between the rows of stitches 13d so that said seams are actually triple stitched. Obviously, this improved construction not only adds the neat appearance and finish of the device but also provides unusual strength to the pocket construction.

For convenience of removing and replacing the contents of the pockets there may be provided a wallet 15 or similar holder of any well understood construction which is attached to one end of a light strong chain 16 by suitable means such as a rivet 17. The other end of the said chain 16 may be anchored within the pocket by a rivet 18 extending through reinforcing layer 19 and the pocket walls adjacent the opening 13c. This construction permits the wallet 15 and chain 16 to be totally enclosed within the pocket without interfering with the hookless fastener closure operation.

The shoulder and neck band portion 12 which is seen to be made of two plies of the material so as to provide against curling have their free end joined together by a double stitched seam 12b. Said band when made of woven material has the double opposite edges thereof preferably provided with a finish overlapped stitch 12c so that there are no edge hems that can discomfort the wearer, which not only adds to the neat appearance of the device but also prevents the material from ravelling.

Said band portions 12 are cut, shaped and assembled to form a U-shaped form fitting structure, the parts of which have a contour conforming neatly and evenly to the neck and shoulders of the wearer.

In order to provide unrestricted arm movements the band portions 12 are cut out at 12d. This brings the support for the pouch portions 13 to the outer edges.

Thus the shape of the band portions 12 normally tends to position said pouch portion 13 over the breast region of the wearer a spaced distance inwardly from the coat opening F so as to be inconspicuous and concealed by the coat C, as shown in Fig. 1.

Interconnecting the ends 12a of the bands 12 with mid portions thereof, back straps 18 are secured in cross-relation, and one or more cross-back 19 interconnect the pouch portions 13. Straps 18 and 19 are preferably yieldable and resilient and may be made of a suitable elastic material of any well known

construction, said straps being proportioned to aid in snugly retaining the device 10 in normal position on the wearer's body.

The straps 18 and 19 also permit limited movement of the pouch sections 13 from their normally concealed position through the coat opening F, as is clearly shown in Fig. 2 and when released are effective to return said portion 13 to their normal position shown in Fig. 1.

The practical use of the invention will now be apparent. The device 10 constructed as described above and shown in the drawing is inconspicuously worn, and concealed under the coat C as shown in Fig. 1. Access to pouch pocket is had by simply drawing the pouch section 13 through the coat opening F where the hookless fastener can conveniently be operated for releasing the pocket closure. The wallet 15 or pocket contents can then be easily removed and replaced without removing the outer garments. To return the pouch portion 13 to its normal, concealed position, it is obvious that it is only necessary to release said portion 13.

Thus valuables can be safely transported on the person inconspicuously while ready authorized access to the carrier is provided for.

It will thus be seen that there is provided a device in which the several objects of this invention are achieved and which is well adapted to meet the conditions of practical use.

As various possible embodiments might be made of the above invention, and as various changes might be made in the embodiment above set forth, it is to be understood that all matter herein set forth or shown in the accompanying drawing is to be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

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

1. Safety-carrier apparel of the character described having a pocket structure adapted to hang over the breast region of the wearer under a front-opening outer garment, said structure having an opening on the inner side thereof, and resilient members for normally retaining said apparel fitted to the wearer's body under said garment spaced from the open-front thereof and for permitting movement of said structure through said open-front to give access to the structure opening.

2. In safety-carrier apparel of the character described, a section adapted to extend over the breast region of the wearer under an open-front outer garment, said section formed with a neck band and a pocket structure of double ply material, said neck band being shaped to cause the structure to hang in a normally inconspicuous and concealed position under said garment spaced from the

open-front thereof, and yieldable means for retaining the structure in said normal position and for permitting limited movement of said structure through said front opening.

5 3. Safety-carrier apparel of the character described formed of two identical sections, each comprising a neck band portion and a pocket structure, the ends of said neck band portion being permanently joined together, said structure being adapted to extend over  
10 the breast region of the wearer under an open front outer garment, and elastic straps interconnecting said sections for restricted movement of each of said sections through the garment front opening.

15 4. Safety-carrier apparel of the character described comprising a U-shaped band cut from sheet material formed to fit about the neck and shoulders of the wearer, pocket structures extending from the ends of said  
20 band adapted to lie over the breast region of the wearer and to be concealed when worn under an open front outer garment, crossed back straps interconnecting the ends of said band with a mid portion thereof, and a back  
25 strap joining said structures, said straps being resilient to normally retain the apparel fitted to the wearer's body and to permit limited movement of each structure through said garment front opening.

30 5. A safety carrier of the character described comprising a pair of pouch pocket members, means connecting said members and serving to suspend the apparel from the wearer's body, said means being arranged,  
35 constructed and designed so that each member is disposed over the breast region of the wearer and is disposed entirely within the area of the corresponding front portion of an open front garment and spaced from the  
40 open edge thereof, said pouch members being free of each other along their front edges, and means connecting the rear edges of said members and permitting movement of either of said members through said open front.

45 In testimony whereof I affix my signature.  
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