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DISAPPEARING POCKET

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Fig. 1.

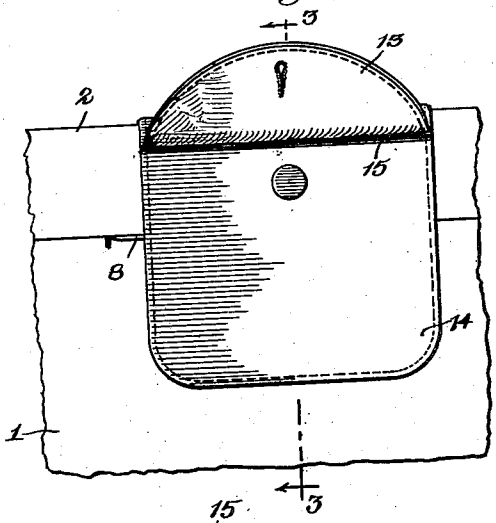



Fig. 2.

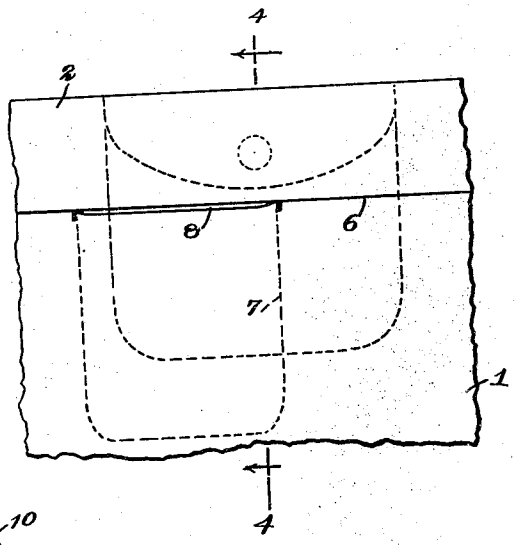



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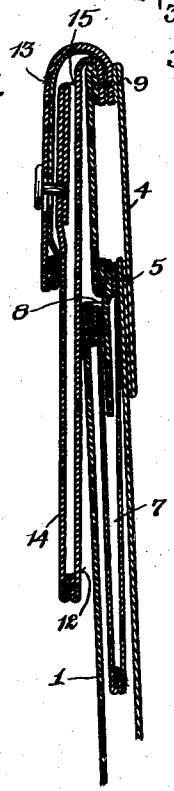



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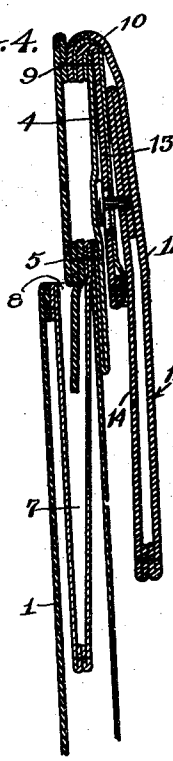
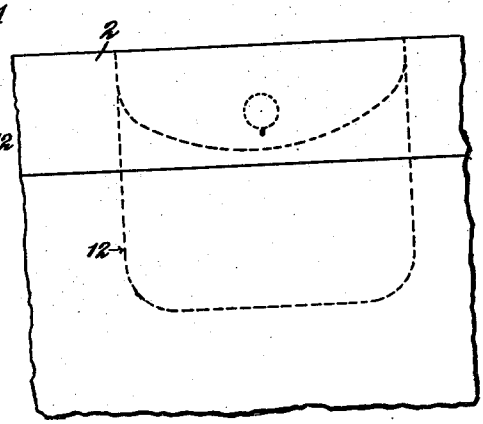



Fig. 5.




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This invention relates to pockets for trousers or similar garments and particularly to a disappearing pocket, an object being to provide a disappearing pocket structure which may be brought to view or swung to an inner or disappearing position.

Another object of the invention is to provide a pocket structure connected to the upper edge portion of a pair of trousers so that it may be swung inwardly of the trousers or outwardly to a position against the outer surface of the trousers.

An additional object, more specifically, is to provide a disappearing pocket wherein the inner and outer walls of the pockets are unconnected at the top to provide a top opening with the parts arranged so that the outer wall will leave the top opened and will close the same when the pocket has been swung to a position interior of the trousers, but exposing the opening when the pocket has been swung to a position exterior of the trousers.

In the accompanying drawing—

Fig. 1 is a detail fragmentary side view of part of a pair of trousers with a disappearing pocket embodying the invention connected therewith and positioned exteriorly thereof;

Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 but showing the trousers when the pocket is swung to an interior position, the dotted lines being merely for the purpose of illustration;

Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional view through Fig. 1 approximately on the line 3—3;

Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional view through Fig. 2 on the line 4—4;

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 2 but showing trousers without a watch pocket.

Referring to the accompanying drawing by numerals, 1 indicates a pair of trousers of any desired kind provided with a band 2 at the top. This band is provided with the usual outer band member 3 formed of the same material as the body of the trousers and an inner wall or lining 4 of any suitable material. The band is connected to the body of the trousers by a suitable line of stitching 5 whereby a line 6 will be presented. A watch pocket 7 of the usual construction is provided showing an opening 8 at line 6.

The upper edge portions of the inner and outer walls 4 and 3 of the band 2 are connected together by a line of stitching 9. This line of stitching also secures in place the protruding part 10 of the outer wall 11 of the pocket structure 12 as well as one edge of a flap 13. Preferably the edge of the flap 13 and the edge portion of the protruding part 10 are inserted between the upper edge portion of walls 3 and 4 of band 2, as shown in Fig. 4, whereby the line of stitching 9 may properly connect the parts together and still remain hidden. However, it will be understood that if desired the upper edge portion of the protruding part 10 may be stitched against the inner surface of the wall 4 or stitched directly to the edge portion of flap 13 and this flap with the upper part of the protruding part 10 stitched in place in any desired manner. It will be noted that the pocket structure 12 is provided with the outer wall 11 and an inner wall 14 which is shorter than the outer wall. These two walls are connected together at the bottom and sides but not at the top so as to provide a mouth or top opening 15. This top opening is closed and covered by the part 10 when the disappearing pocket is arranged interiorly of the trousers. However, when the pocket is swung to the exterior position, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, the opening 15 is uncovered and access thereto may be readily had.

It will be understood that flap 13 may be provided as shown in the drawing or this flap completely eliminated. If the flap were eliminated part 10 would close the top opening 15, as shown in Fig. 4, so as to prevent the loss of any article in the pocket structure and also to prevent anyone, even an authorized person, from gaining access to the articles in the pocket. When the flap 13 is used a button or other disengageable fastener is provided, as shown in Fig. 1, and the flap is unbuttoned and swung to the open position. This will permit ready access to the interior of the pocket through the top opening 15.

Articles may be placed in the pocket or removed therefrom freely, but when the disappearing pocket is swung over to its disappearing position, as shown in Fig. 4, access cannot be had to the interior of the pocket. It will therefore be seen that access to the interior of the pocket can be had only when it is swung to an exterior position.

When the disappearing pocket is swung interiorly the appearance of the trousers is as shown in Fig. 2 except that the dotted lines indicating the two pockets will not be seen but merely the opening 8 as shown in Fig. 1. Access to the watch pocket may be freely had any time but access to the disappearing pocket can be had only when it is swung to an exterior position.

In Fig. 5 a slightly modified structure is shown wherein the disappearing pocket is the same as shown in Figs. 1 to 3, but the trousers are formed without the watch pocket 7 so that the band 2 is retained in the usual way. It will be under-

stood, of course, that the dotted line 12 in Fig. 5 will not be seen but is shown in the drawing merely for the purpose of indicating the locality of the disappearing pocket while in the disappeared position. It will also be understood that the pocket could be made of any size so as to contain either large or small articles.

The invention has been described in connection with trousers but it will be understood that the same inventive concept could be used in connection with other garments without departing from the spirit of the invention.

I claim:

1. A garment comprising trousers and the like, said garment having a waist-band with an edge at the top defining the margin of a garment opening adapted to be occupied by the body wearing the garment, a pocket positioned exteriorly of the garment, said pocket having inner and outer walls of which the inner wall is shorter than the outer wall whereby the outer wall has an extension upwardly of the top edge of the inner wall, and means securing the pocket solely at said extension to said edge with the inner pocket wall next to the garment, thereby to support said pocket from said edge with the opening to the pocket contiguous to the inside of the waist-band, said pocket being freely accessible through said garment opening for unrestricted bodily swinging back and forth over said margin into and out of said garment opening.

2. A garment comprising trousers and the like, said garment having a waist-band with an edge at the top defining the margin of a garment opening adapted to be occupied by the body wearing the garment, a pocket positioned interiorly of the garment, said pocket having inner and outer walls, and means securing the pocket to said edge solely along the upper extremity of the outer wall with the inner pocket wall next to the garment, thereby to support said pocket from said edge with the opening to the pocket contiguous to the inside of the waist-band, said pocket being freely accessible through said garment opening for unrestricted bodily swinging back and forth over said margin into and out of said garment opening.

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