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FIG. 1

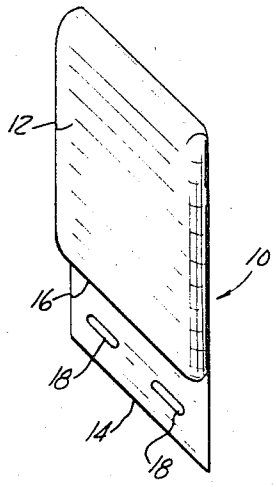
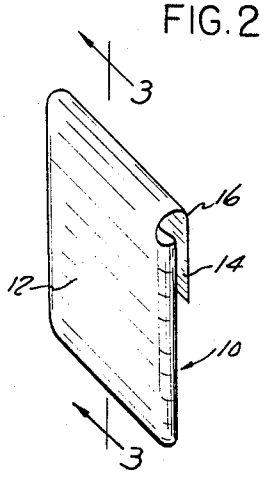



FIG. 2



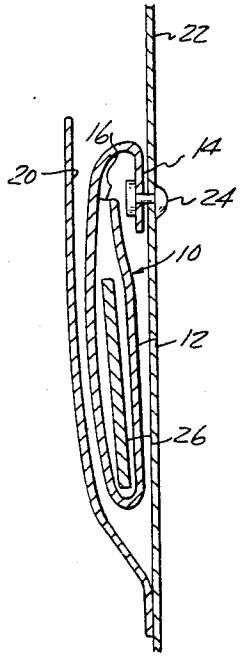




FIG. 3

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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An auxiliary safety pocket comprises a thin, flat container, open at one edge with a flap adapted to fold over and cover the open edge. The flap has button holes or other fastening means adapted to be secured within a clothing pocket. After securing the flap within the clothing pocket, with the open edge down, the safety pocket is folded downward 180 degrees about the flap, the flap thereby covering the open edge and preventing access thereto.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINS

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the safety pocket of this invention, shown in the position for securing it within a clothing pocket.

FIG. 2 is a perspective view similar to FIG. 1, but showing the safety pocket in its secured configuration.

FIG. 3 is a sectional elevation viewed in the arrows of 3—3 of FIG. 2, and showing the safety pocket within a clothing pocket.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Referring now to FIGS. 1 and 2 in particular, there is illustrated the safety pocket **10** of this invention, which generally comprises a container portion **12** and a securing flap **14**. The container portion **12** is preferably thin and flat in shape and may be fabricated of a non-rigid material such as fabric or plastic. The container portion **12** has a single open edge **16** adjacent securing flap **14**. Securing flap **14** is provided with a pair of button holes **18** for purpose to be described below.

For use within shirt and trouser pockets, the safety pocket would preferably be about 4¾ inches long by 4¼ inches wide, with a ½ inch securing flap.

To use the safety pocket of this invention, the pocket is first oriented in the position shown in FIG. 1. In this position, it is inserted within pocket **20** of an article of clothing **22**. As shown in FIG. 3, in section, the button holes **18** of securing flap **14** are then secured to buttons **24** fastened to the pocket interior, with container portion **12** on the opposite side of flap **14** from the surface to which button **24** is attached. It will be noted that the safety pocket **10** must remain in the position shown in FIG. 1 during the securing of flap **14** to the pocket, otherwise the buttons and button holes are rendered inaccessible by the flap. Once this has been accomplished, the valuables **26** are inserted upwardly into open edge **16** of safety pocket **10**, and the pocket thereafter folded downwardly through 180 degrees about flap **14** to the position shown in FIGS. 2 and 3. In this position, it will be understood that it is impossible to gain access to the



interior of safety pocket **10**, without first exposing open edge **16** by lifting container portion **12** out of pocket **22** to the position shown in FIG. 1. Thus, the safety pocket is self-locking.

Though the safety pocket has been described as for use within a clothing pocket, it is to be understood that it could be fastened at any location to the interior of a man's or woman's clothing. The safety pocket may also be used within a bag or briefcase. Similarly, snaps, safety pins, stapling or any other appropriate fastening means could be employed in place of buttons.

It will be appreciated that the use of this unique safety pocket, while allowing convenient access to the wearer, prevents surreptitious removal of the contents by requiring an extra step in exposing the open edge. Accidental loss is also prevented. If safety pins are utilized to pin shut the open edge, the safety pocket can be readily transferred between garments without removing the contents.

This invention may be further developed within the scope of the following claim. Accordingly, the above description is to be interpreted as illustrative of only a single operative embodiment of the invention, rather than in a strictly limited sense.

I now claim:

**1.** In combination, a safety pocket and a basic pocket for an article of clothing, the safety pocket adapted to be inserted within and secured within the basic pocket which includes inner and outer walls, first fastening means on the inner wall of the basic pocket upon the interior upper portion thereof; a thin flat container, open only along a single edge and having a short flap integrally formed therewith and adapted to fold over and thereby cover said open edge;

said flap being provided with fastening means adapted to cooperate with said first fastening means to secure said safety pocket flap to the clothing;

said safety pocket being otherwise free of connection to the clothing; whereby said safety pocket may be securely positioned within said basic pocket by orienting said open edge downwardly and fastening the outer side of said flap to the interior of the basic pocket and thereafter folding said safety pocket downwardly approximately 180 degrees relative to said flap so that said flap covers said open edge and conceals and covers said fastening means, thereby preventing access to the interior of the safety pocket;

said safety pocket nesting entirely within the basic pocket, and adapted for rotation about its flap 180 degrees as the sole means of obtaining access to its interior.

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