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Fig. 1.

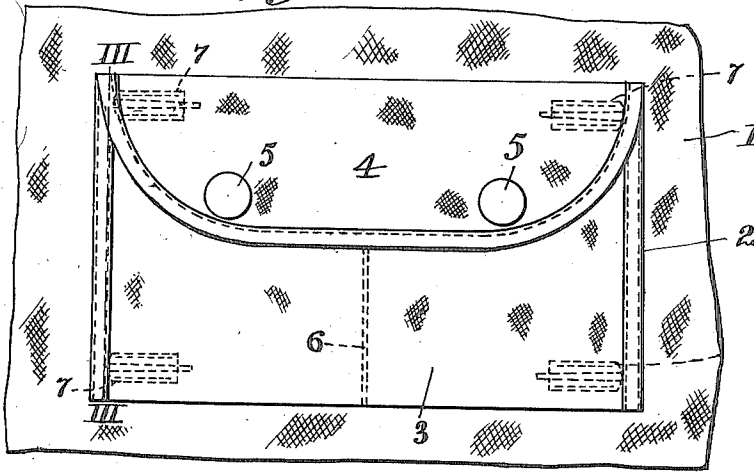


Fig. 2.

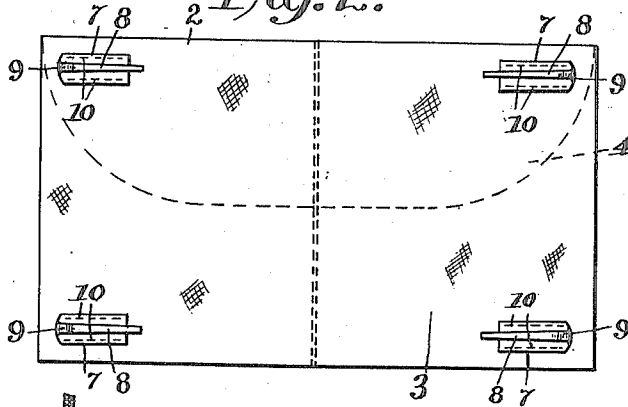


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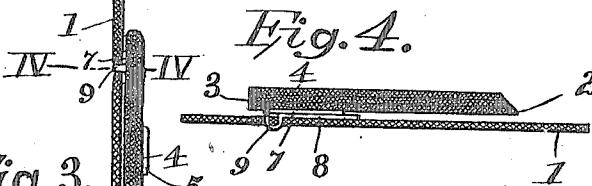


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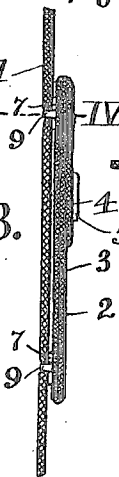
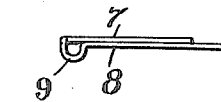


Fig. 5.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERNEST SPRANGER, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Detachable Pockets, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification.

This invention relates to pockets, and has for its object to provide an improved detachable pocket which may be readily attached to a garment, either inside or outside, or used in other places, such as on horse blankets, sides of tents, etc. Another object is to provide a simple, inexpensive and effective device for detachably fastening the pocket to a garment or elsewhere, so that said pocket cannot be detached without the knowledge of the wearer.

The invention will be first hereinafter described in connection with the accompanying drawings, which constitute part of this specification, and then more specifically defined in the claims at the end of the description.

In the accompanying drawings, wherein similar reference characters are used to designate corresponding parts throughout the several views:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a pocket made substantially in accordance with this invention detachably fastened to a portion of a garment, or other fabric.

Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the pocket alone, showing the fastening devices.

Fig. 3 is a section on the line III—III of Fig. 1, showing how the tongues of the fastening devices engage the fabric to which the pocket is attached.

Fig. 4 is a section on the line IV—IV of Fig. 3, and Fig. 5 is a detailed edge view of one of the fastening devices.

In Figs. 1, 3 and 4, the fabric 1 may be part of a garment, or any other articles, such as a tent or horse blanket, where it may be desirable to use the pocket 2. Said pocket comprises a body portion 3 and a flap 4, the latter being secured in closed position by snap fasteners 5. If desired, the pocket may be subdivided into a plurality of compartments, as by the line of stitching 6.

The pocket, as a whole, is detachably fastened to the fabric 1 by a plurality of devices, each consisting of a plate portion 7, secured to the rear surface of the pocket by stitches 10, and a pointed tongue or pin 8 which is bent away from the plate at its juncture therewith, as at 9, and then extends straight along the plate preferably to a point beyond the end of the same. Each fastening device is preferably made of a single piece of metal and the outwardly bent portion 9 of the tongue is designed to be passed through the fabric and back again, while the pointed end portion of said tongue lies close to the plate portion, where it is concealed by the fabric, as shown in Fig. 4. It will thus be seen that only a small portion of each fastening device is exposed and there is no danger of the pointed end of the tongue catching into anything on the outer surface of the fabric, said surface remaining always smooth.

Two of the fastening devices are preferably sewed to the pocket near each lateral edge thereof and are arranged with the tongues or pins 8 pointing toward each other across the pocket and away from the adjacent lateral edge of the same. Because of this arrangement, the fabric 1 must be bunched or drawn together when the pocket is being attached, and after it has been attached it is impossible to detach it without again bunching the fabric which in the case of a garment cannot be done without attracting the attention of the wearer.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:—

1. The combination with a pocket, of a plurality of fastening devices, each comprising a plate portion secured to the pocket, and a tongue to engage a fabric to which the pocket is to be attached, said devices being arranged in parallel pairs near the lateral edges of the pocket with the tongues pointing away from the adjacent lateral edges, whereby the fabric must be bunched to permit the pocket to be attached or detached.

2. The combination with a pocket, of a fastening device comprising a plate portion secured to the pocket, and a tongue initially

formed with an offset portion standing away from said plate portion and adapted to be passed back and forth through the fabric to which the pocket is to be attached, and a
5 relatively long straight portion pointed at its free end and adapted to lie flat upon the plate portion of the fastening device be-

tween said plate portion and said fabric where it is concealed by the latter, for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my
name to this specification. 10

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