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GARMENT POCKET.

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Fig. 1.

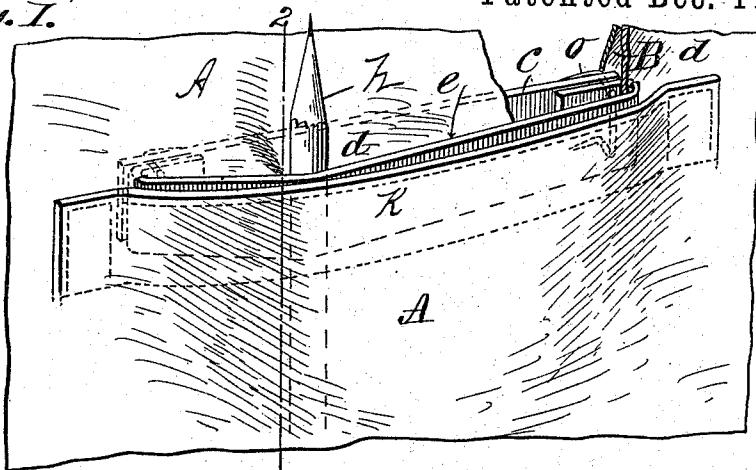


Fig. 2.

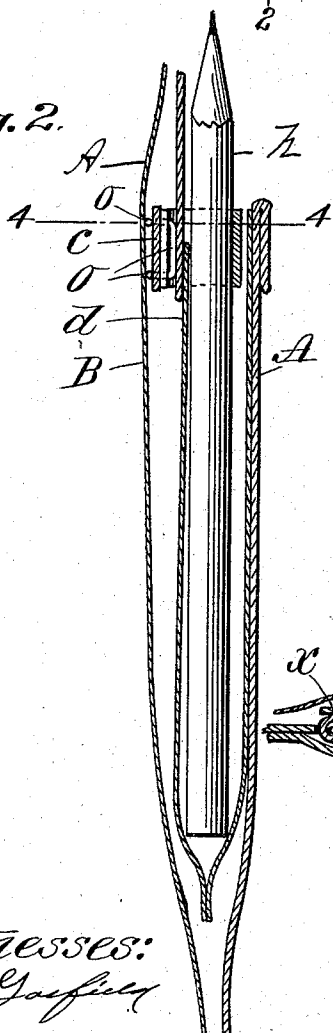


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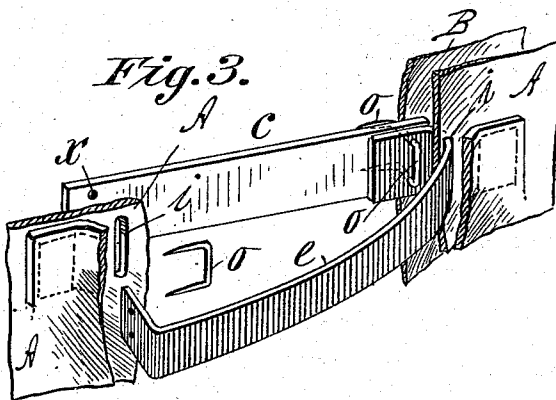
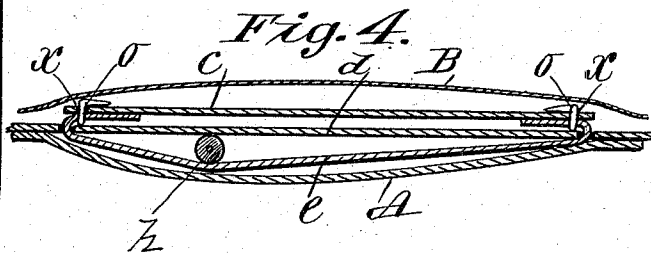


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PATRICK T. MAHON, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Holyoke, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Wearing-Apparel, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to wearing apparel, and particularly to men's vests, the object being to provide a vest of improved construction in regard to one or more pockets thereof, all as hereinafter fully described and more particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings, forming part of this specification,—Figure 1 is a front elevation of that portion of a vest in which one of the pockets, ordinarily called a "watch" pocket, is situated, said portion of the vest embodying my improvements. Fig. 2 is a vertical section on line 2—2, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 illustrates, in perspective view, certain parts of the vest adjoining the said pocket and other parts, which are applied thereto in process of the construction of the same and are hereinafter fully described. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal sectional view on line 4—4, Fig. 2.

In the drawings, A indicates a portion of the fabric of the vest surrounding the pocket therein, or in which said pocket is located.

In the construction of the vest and before the lining, B, thereof is applied thereto and prior to completing the pocket of the vest, a metal plate, c, having perforations, x, x, therein, near its ends, is applied to the inner side of the vest fabric, A, or to the latter and the upper portion of the inner side of that part of the material, d, forming the pocket of the vest. A cut, i, is now made in the vest fabric, A, near each end of said metal plate, c, extending quite through the material, A, of the vest, the inner side of which is covered by the lining, B, to permit the ends of a strip of elastic fabric, e, to be passed through said cuts and to have its ends doubled against the front side of the ends of said metal strip, c. The body of said elastic fabric, e, lying against the outer side of the vest fabric, A, and directly back of the upper edge, K, of the pocket, and said strip of elastic fabric, is secured against the side of the vest in the position just named, preferably by copper, or other soft metal pins, o, which pass through the ends of the said

elastic fabric, e, and thence through the vest fabric, A, and finally through said perforations, x, x, in the plate, c, and the ends of said pins are then bent against the inner side of said metal strip thereby securing the strip of elastic fabric against the outer side of the vest fabric, A, just within the upper edge of the pocket of the vest, as shown in Fig. 1, and holding said strip by means of its engagement with the pins, o, and with the ends of the metal strip, c, in a proper distended position against the side of the vest.

The application of the metallic strip, c, on the rear side of the vest fabric, A, and under the lining, B, thereof, as described, provides the requisite means for holding the strip, e, of elastic fabric, in a rather tightly drawn position against the outer side of the vest fabric and under the edge of the pocket without the slightest danger of drawing up or wrinkling the vest fabric, as it would be were the elastic strip applied directly thereto and not supported in a distended position by said metallic strip.

The vest lining, B, as shown in Figs. 2 and 4, covers, entirely, the said metallic strip and the ends of the elastic fabric, e, which are connected thereto; and, therefore, in the construction of a vest the said elastic strip is entirely concealed from view, or very nearly so, for, as shown in Fig. 1, the upper edge thereof is substantially on a line with the upper edge of the pocket of the vest and very little, if any of it, appears when the vest is looked at in a casual way.

The purpose of the vest construction embodying said elastic strip and its supporting metallic strip, as described, is to provide, in a pocket of a garment, an elastic retaining element which shall serve to hold, and there retain, a pencil, h, or other implement, or article, as occasion may require, securely within the pocket, without danger of its becoming inadvertently disengaged from the pocket so that it may be lost; and the above described manner of applying such elastic article-retaining element to the pocket of a garment obviates the unsightliness of a holder for a pencil, or similar article, as ordinarily constructed and attached on the outer surface of the vest, independent of the pocket.

It is obvious that the application of said ar-

ticle-retaining devices is not necessarily limited to a pocket of a vest, but may be applied in like manner to any other pocket of a garment where it may be thought useful.

5 Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A garment having a pocket comprising an inner and an outer wall, said pocket having
10 an elastic strip applied to the outer face of the inner wall thereof, the ends of said strip

being passed rearwardly through openings in said wall and folded, and a metallic strip with perforated ends applied to the rear face of the garment opposite said elastic strip, and devices for securing the ends of the two strips
15 together, substantially as described.

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