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SAFETY ATTACHMENT FOR POCKETS.

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Fig. 1.

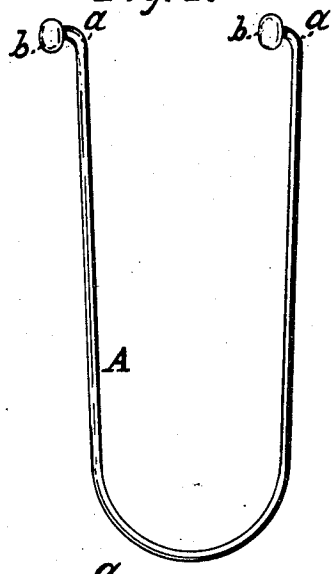


Fig. 2

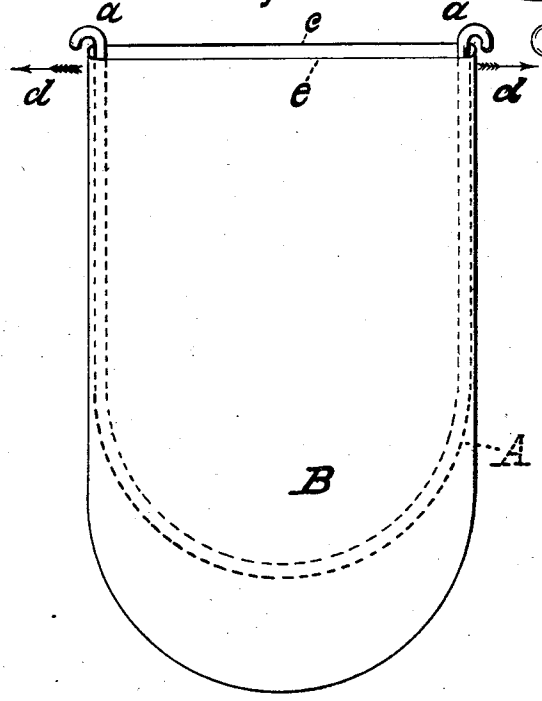
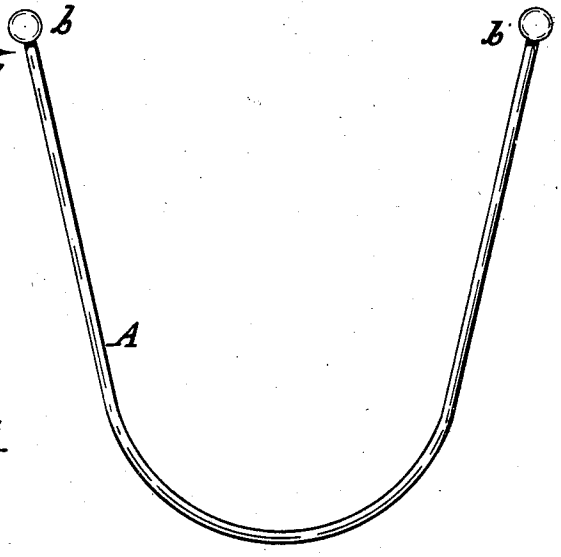


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES W. WELLS, a citizen of the United States, residing in Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket-Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and efficient device for holding the sides of the opening leading into the pocket together or toward each other with sufficient force to prevent a pencil or other article placed therein from dropping out while the person having the same is in a stooping posture; and it consists of a spring of wire or other similar material, formed so as to adapt it to hold the pocket as and for purposes above mentioned, and provided with holding pieces to keep it in place within the pocket, as will be more clearly hereinafter shown by reference to the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view; Fig. 2, a front elevation of a pocket, showing the fastening or holding device in place within the pocket; and Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the device before being put into the pocket.

A represents the spring portion or body of the device. It is made of spring-wire bent to the form substantially as shown in Fig. 3, and is provided with bent portions *a a* and buttons *b b*, to prevent it from going down too far into the pocket, and also to keep it in proper place therein. In Fig. 1 the parts *a* are shown as bent forward and having the buttons *b* attached at the ends; but the parts *a* may be bent sidewise, as shown in Fig. 2, and by bending them more in the form of hooks, as therein shown, the buttons *b* may be dispensed with. The wire used may be either square, octagonal, or round; but I prefer round wire as being the best and less liable to wear the pocket.

When the device is put into a pocket it draws out each side in the direction of the arrows *d d* (see Fig. 2) with a force equal to the strength of the spring, thereby holding the sides *c e* of the opening in the pocket toward each other or together with sufficient force for the purposes above mentioned.

I claim as my invention—

A pocket-fastener consisting of the part A, adapted to fit and distend the sides of the pocket, substantially as specified, and having the bent portions *a*, as and for the purposes described.

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