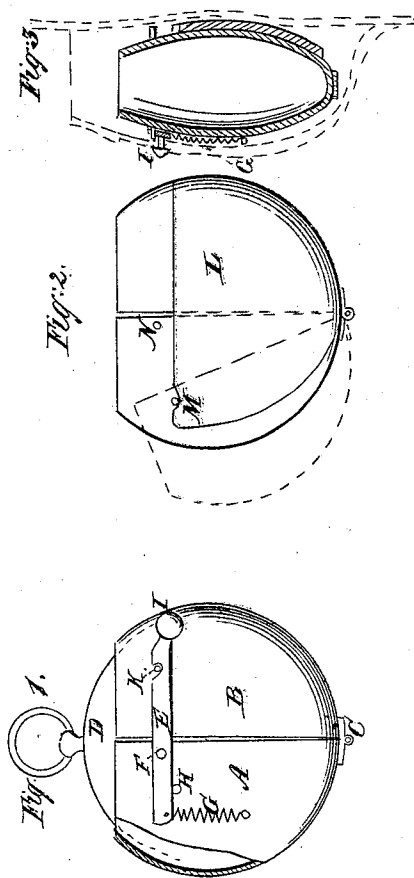


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IMPROVEMENT IN SAFETY WATCH-POCKETS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, WILLIAM O. SUMNER, of Brooklyn, E. D., Kings county, New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Pocket Watch-Safe; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

In the drawings—

Figure 1 represents a side view of my improved watch-safe, showing the spring-catch or latch applied;

Figure 2 is a side view, opposite to that shown in fig. 1; and

Figure 3 is an edge view of one of the sections attached to the pocket, shown in red.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The nature of this invention relates to improvements in pocket watch-safes, which are designed for the protection of watches against the efforts of pick-pockets to abstract them from the pocket.

It consists in the manner of arranging the parts of a pocket-safe, designed for being secured to the interior of the pocket, whereby they may be readily opened, to receive or deliver the watch, and be secured together while holding the same, as will be fully described on reference to the drawings.

In the drawings—

A and B represent the two parts of a case, made of any suitable material, and of a proper form to enclose a watch, except the stem, when closed, which are hinged together at C, and constructed in any suitable manner to provide an opening at the top, for the stem of a watch, or for a portion of the case where the stem is connected, to protrude, as shown in red, at D.

The part A is provided with a spring-latch, E, pivoted at F, and connected at one end to the spiral

spring G, which is secured to the case in any suitable manner, and arranged so as to have a constant tendency to bear the catch against the pin H, which limits the movement of that end of the catch in the direction of the fixed end of the said spring.

The opposite end of the catch is provided with a thumb-stud, I, and, near the stud, with a notch, which hooks into a stud, K, fixed in the part B of the case, and so arranged, with reference to the catch and stud H, that when the spring draws the catch down against said stud, the catch will be hooked by the aforesaid notch, into the stud K, and the two parts, A and B, be locked together.

On the opposite side of the safe a spring-plate, L, is secured to the part A, and provided with a notch, M, and the part B is provided with a stud or pin, N, so arranged, with reference to the notch in the plate L, that when the two parts have been wide enough, it will fall into the said notch, and arrest the further unnecessary opening of the parts.

Within the safe, and in any convenient manner, at the bottom thereof, may be arranged a spring, secured to one part, and so bearing against the other, as to throw the parts open when the catch is disengaged from the pin K.

Having thus described my invention,

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The pocket watch-safe, constructed as described, of the parts A B, hinged together at C, and provided with the pivoted notched latch E, spring G, pins H K N, and notched spring-plate L, all constructed and arranged as described, for the purpose specified.

The above specification of my invention signed by me, this 26th day of May, 1868.

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