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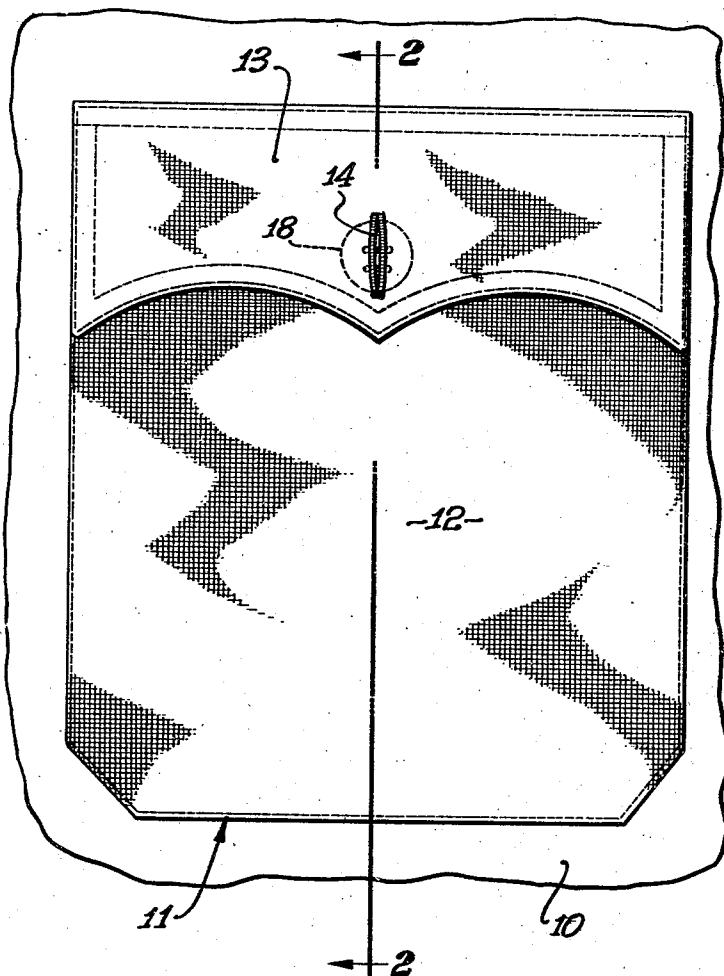


Fig. 1.

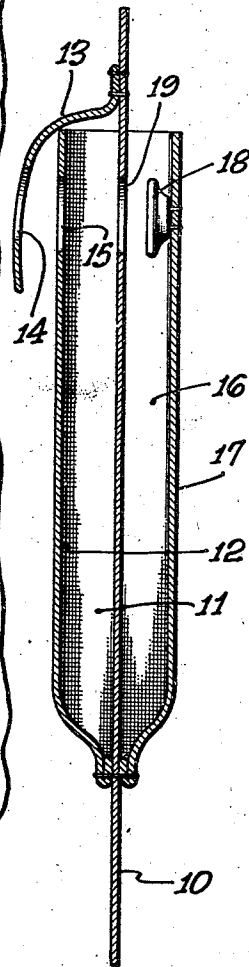


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to a pocket construction for garments.

A primary object of the invention is to provide a pocket construction for a garment within which valuables may be deposited and which is so arranged as to effectively prevent surreptitious or unauthorized removal of such valuables.

Heretofore various garments have been provided with secret pockets at various locations but one serious objection to the majority of such constructions is that if a bulky article such as a wallet is positioned in the pocket the presence of such article and the location of the pocket is readily detected by the bulge that it creates in the garment adjacent its location. The pocket embodying the present invention is highly advantageous in that it is located in registry with an outer pocket but on the inside of the garment material so that if a bulky article is deposited in the pocket creating a noticeable bulge it will present the same appearance as if the outer pocket were filled. If the outer pocket happens to be filled the bulge created by the contents of the outer pocket effectively conceals the presence of an article in the inside or secret pocket.

Another object of the invention is to provide a secret pocket having the abovementioned characteristics which can be fastened closed, and which cannot be opened surreptitiously without the wearer of the garment being aware of its being opened. Even when the inner pocket has been opened, removal of the contents of the inner pocket cannot be accomplished readily by anyone but the wearer of the garment.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a pocket construction consisting of an outer pocket, an inner pocket substantially in registry therewith, and to provide a single fastening means which can be utilized to fasten the top of the inner pocket, the top of the outer pocket, and the cover flap for the outer pocket if such is present.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will be made manifest in the following detailed description and specifically pointed out in the appended claims, reference is had to the accompanying drawing for an illustrative embodiment of the invention wherein:

Figure 1 is a view in elevation of a portion of a garment to which the pocket embodying the present invention has been applied; and

Fig. 2 is a view in section taken substantially upon the line 2-2 upon Fig. 1 in the direction indicated.

Referring to the accompanying drawing wherein similar reference characters designate similar

parts throughout, 10 indicates the fabric body of a garment such as for example, a shirt or blouse, which has a breast pocket 11 provided on its outer surface. This breast pocket can be formed in any conventional or preferred manner, such as by stitching the fabric 12 to the body material 10 around its side and bottom edges. Many such breast pockets are provided with a cover flap 13 although the presence or absence of such cover flap is more or less optional insofar as the present invention is concerned.

Where the pocket is equipped with a cover flap 13 the top of fabric 12 usually has a button or some similar fastening device attached to the exterior thereof which is receivable in a buttonhole 14 formed in the cover flap. In accordance with the present invention however such button on the fabric 12 is dispensed with and a buttonhole 15 is formed therein with which buttonhole 14 may be caused to register.

The pocket embodying the present invention is indicated at 16 consisting of a suitable section of fabric 17 arranged on the inside of the body fabric 10 so as to be substantially in registry with the outer pocket fabric 12. This pocket may be constructed in accordance with any conventional or preferred design and may consist merely of a section of fabric stitched at its side and bottom edges to the body fabric 10. It is not necessary to have the inner pocket in exact registry with the outer pocket 11 but in accordance with the present invention it is highly preferable to have the inner pocket in substantial registry therewith. Near the top of the inner pocket fabric 17 there is secured a button or similar fastening device indicated at 18 which is receivable through a buttonhole 19 formed in the body fabric 10 and which can also be slipped through the buttonholes 15 and 14 if desired.

The advantages of the improved pocket construction will be manifest to those skilled in the art. Valuables such as for example a bulky wallet, may be deposited in the inner pocket 16. These can be readily deposited therein by slipping such valuables through the front shirt opening. These articles may be retained in the inside pocket against accidental loss by closing the top of the inside pocket which is accomplished by inserting the button 18 through buttonhole 19. If the articles are bulky tending to bulge the body fabric 10, the appearance created from the exterior of the shirt is the same as if the outer pocket 11 contained such articles. The outer pocket may receive articles of less value and if desired these articles may be retained in the pocket by slipping

the button 18 on through buttonholes 15 and 14, if desired. Surreptitious removal of the valuable articles from the inside pocket 16 is satisfactorily prevented. Thus, if the button 18 is unfastened from button holes 14 and 15 surreptitiously the contents of the outer pocket 11 can be extracted but access to the inside pocket 16 is effectively prevented. The wearer of the garment, however, can remove such valuables from the inside pocket 16 whenever occasion requires by slipping the button 18 rearwardly or inwardly through buttonhole 19 and then extracting the valuables from the inside pocket by slipping his hand into his shirt on the underside thereof.

From the above-described construction it will be appreciated that the presence of the secret pocket is effectively concealed by the overlying or registering outer pocket. Even if the existence of the inside pocket is known, articles cannot be removed therefrom without the wearer of the garment being fully aware of such an attempt.

While the improved pocket construction has been primarily designed for use in conjunction with the breast pocket of a shirt or blouse, it will be readily appreciated that it may also be employed on other garments wherever there is an outside pocket.

Various changes may be made in the details of construction without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention as defined by the appended claims.

I claim:

1. In combination with a garment having an outside pocket, means providing an inside pocket substantially in registry with the outside pocket, a button on the inside pocket and a buttonhole in the body of the garment through which the button is receivable, said button and buttonhole being so arranged that when the button is extended therethrough the button is accessible through the outside pocket, and a buttonhole in the outside pocket through which said button is also receivable.

2. In combination with a garment having an outside pocket, means providing an inside pocket

substantially in registry with the outside pocket, a button on the inside pocket and a buttonhole in the body of the garment through which the button is receivable, said button and buttonhole being so arranged that when the button is extended therethrough the button is accessible through the outside pocket, and a buttonhole in the outside pocket through which said button is also receivable, there being a cover flap for the outside pocket having a buttonhole through which said button is also receivable.

3. A pocket construction for garments comprising two sections of material secured to opposite faces of the material forming the body of the garment forming pockets on opposite sides thereof in substantial registry with each other, the interior of one pocket being accessible from the exterior of the garment and the interior of the other pocket being accessible from the interior of the garment, a fastener secured to the section disposed on the inner side of the material of the garment adjacent the mouth of the pocket formed thereby, said fastener being receivable through the material forming the body of the garment to fasten the inside pocket closed and being accessible through the other pocket.

4. A pocket construction for garments comprising two sections of material secured to opposite faces of the material forming the body of the garment forming pockets on opposite sides thereof in substantial registry with each other, the interior of one pocket being accessible from the exterior of the garment and the interior of the other pocket being accessible from the interior of the garment, a fastener secured to the section disposed on the inner side of the material of the garment adjacent the mouth of the pocket formed thereby, said fastener being receivable through the material forming the body of the garment to fasten the inside pocket closed and being accessible through the other pocket, said fastener being also receivable through the outer section of material which forms the outer pocket to fasten the outer pocket closed.

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