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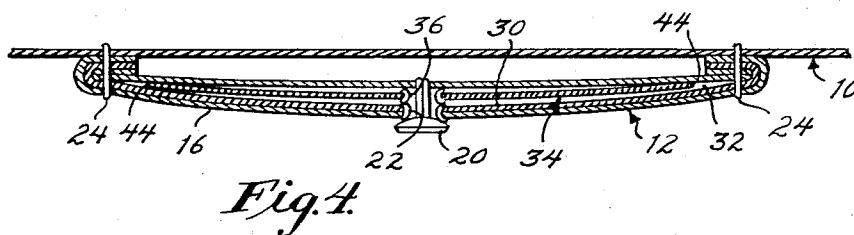
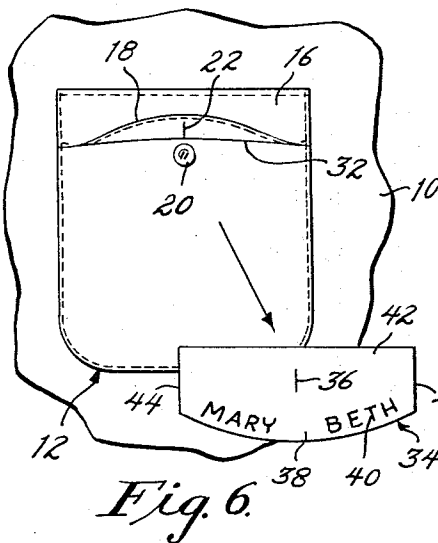
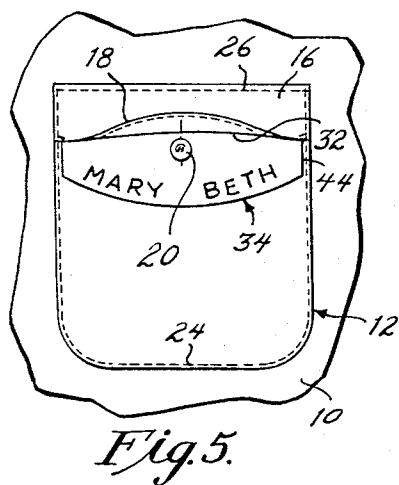
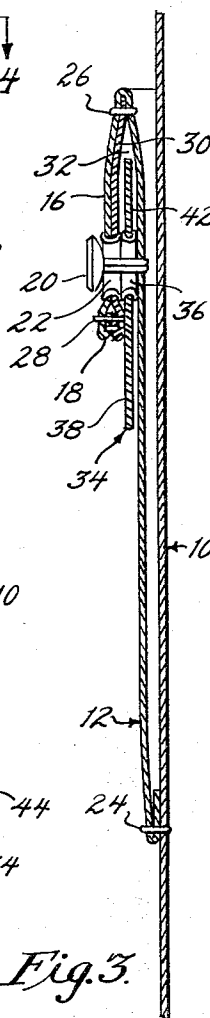
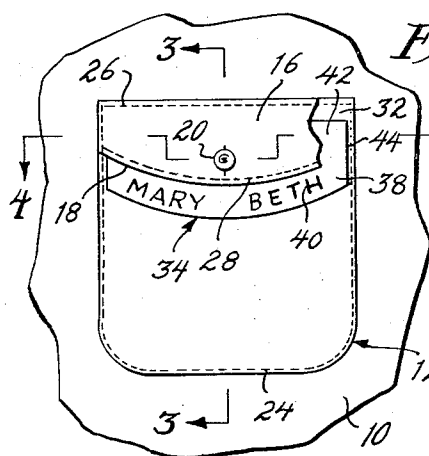
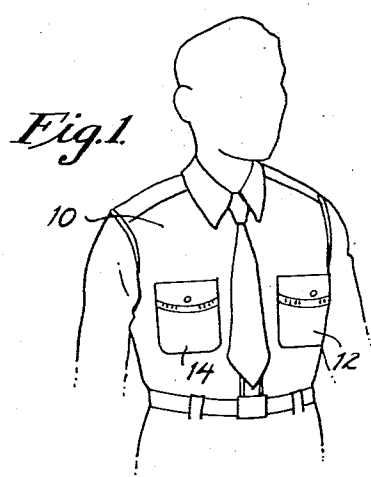
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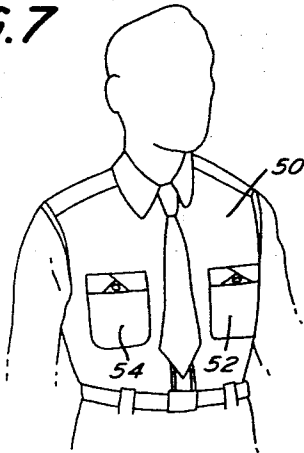


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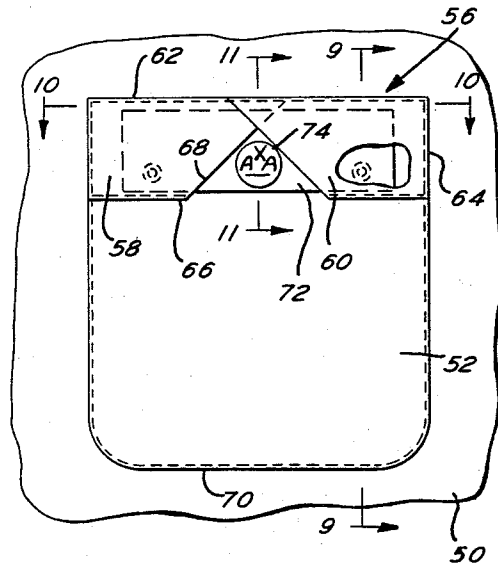


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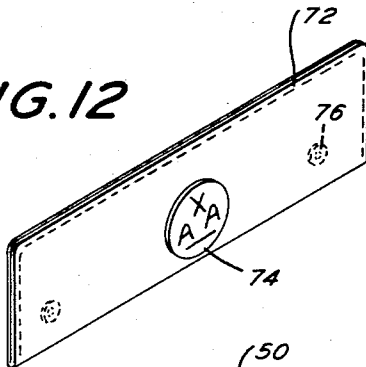


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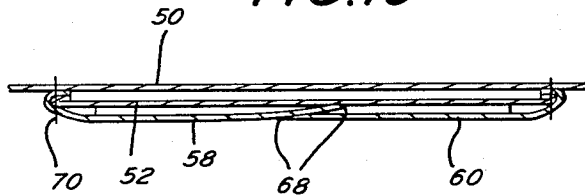


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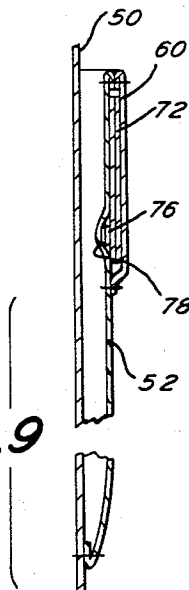
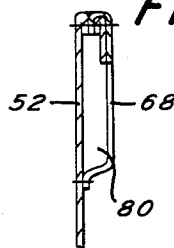


FIG. 11



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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A pocket identification comprising a rectangular piece of cloth secured along three of its edges to an article of clothing to form a pocket with an open top, a flap extending downwardly from the unsecured edge and overlapping a portion of the pocket forming material, with an indicia-carrying insert between the flap and the pocket forming material and fastening means for removably mounting the insert.

This invention relates to pocket identification, and more particularly to an improved pocket identification having a removable insert with identifying indicia thereon.

Accordingly, it is an object of this invention to provide an improved pocket identification.

It is another object of this invention to provide an improved pocket identification including a removable insert with identifying indicia thereon which always remains in view notwithstanding that an item is inserted into or removed from the pocket.

Yet another object of this invention is to provide an article of clothing with a pocket identification which is easy to attach and detach.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

For the purpose of illustrating the invention, there is shown in the drawings a form which is presently preferred; it being understood, however, that this invention is not limited to the precise arrangements and instrumentalities shown.

FIGURE 1 illustrates a person wearing an article of clothing on which one form of the novel pocket identification is attached.

FIGURE 2 is a plan view of a pocket and flap with the pocket identification inserted therebetween.

FIGURE 3 is a cross-sectional view taken substantially along the plane indicated by the line 3-3 of FIGURE 2.

FIGURE 4 is a cross-sectional view taken substantially along the plane indicated by the line 4-4 of FIGURE 2.

FIGURE 5 is a plan view similar to FIGURE 2 with the flap unbuttoned to disclosed the manner in which the removable insert is secured to the pocket.

FIGURE 6 is an exploded view of the pocket in FIGURE 5 with the identification insert detached.

FIGURE 7 illustrates a person wearing an article of clothing on which a second form of the pocket identification is attached.

FIGURE 8 is a detailed plan view of a pocket and flap of the form of pocket identification illustrated in FIGURE 7.

FIGURE 9 is a cross-sectional view taken substantially along the plane indicated by line 9-9 of FIGURE 8.

FIGURE 10 is a cross-sectional view taken substantially along the plane indicated by line 10-10 of FIGURE 8.

FIGURE 11 is a cross-sectional view taken substantially along the plane indicated by line 11-11 of FIGURE 8.

FIGURE 12 is a view of the identification insert used in FIGS. 7 and 8.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, wherein like numerals indicate like elements, there is shown in FIGURE 1 a person wearing a shirt generally designated by the numeral 10.

The shirt 10 is of conventional construction having pockets 12 and 14 thereon, each pocket having a flap 16 which is stitched and buttoned to its respective pocket. Applicant's identification insert may be attached to either pocket 12 or 14. Since each of the pockets 12 and 14 are identical, only pocket 12 will be discussed in detail.

The pocket 12 is formed by a generally rectangular piece of cloth-like material stitched as shown at 24 along three of its edges to the shirt 10. As clearly shown in FIGURE 3, a pocket 12 is thus formed having an open top.

The flap 16 is attached to the pocket 12 by a line of stitching 26 along the unsecured edge of the pocket. The flap 16, as is conventional in the art, is composed of two plies of material. The ply of material 30 reinforces the flap and is also stitched to the unsecured edge of the pocket 12 by the stitches 26. The flap 16 is provided with a buttonhole 22 which cooperates with the button 20 on the pocket 12 to hold the flap in closed disposition. It will be seen that the flap 16 has parallel side edges secured to the pocket 12 and shirt 10 by the stitching 24. These side edges are joined by free arcuate lower edge 18. The arcuate edge 18 may be raised as shown in FIGURES 5 and 6 to expose the button 20 and allow access into a recess 32 thus formed between the flap 16 and pocket 12. The reinforcing ply 30 of the flap 16 is secured to the flap adjacent its lower edge 18 by stitches 28.

An identification insert 34 having substantially the same configuration as the flap 16 is provided. Hence, identification insert 34 is provided with parallel side edges 44 and an arcuate bottom edge. The distance between the parallel side edges 44 of the insert 34 is slightly less than the distance between the parallel side edges of the flap 16. This enables ready insertion of insert 34 between the stitched parallel side edges of the flap 16.

Identification copy 40 is provided on the identification insert 34 between the parallel edges 44 adjacent its arcuate lower edge. The identification copy 40 is preferably sewn to the identification insert 34 and can identify either the person, a team, or the name of a person's employer.

The identification insert 34 includes a buttonhole 36. The buttonhole 36 is so positioned on the insert 34 so that when the insert 34 is placed within the recess 32 between the flap 16 and pocket 12, and the button 20 is placed through the buttonhole 36, the area 38 of insert 34 carrying the identification copy 40 will extend beyond the arcuate edge 18 on the flap 16 and be revealed. The remaining area 42 of the insert 34 will be concealed beneath the flap 16.

It will thus be seen that once the insert 34 has been positioned within the recess 32 and secured therein between the flap 16 and pocket 12 by means of the button 20, the flap 16 need not be opened when it is desired to insert or remove an item into or from the pocket 12. This is due to the fact that the flap 16 does not overlie the opening of the pocket 12 but is stitched along the top unsecured edge of the pocket 12. The pocket 12 has an open top which is unobstructed by the flap or the identification insert. Hence, there need be no re-fastening of the insert every time the pocket is opened. To remove or change the insert 34, it is only necessary to open the flap 16 and remove the insert from within the recess 32. A new insert may then be quickly and easily positioned upon the button 20 and the flap closed.

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Further, to the average observer of the shirt 10, the pocket 12 would appear to be closed and the flap 16 aids in improving the appearance of the shirt 10.

Referring now to FIGURES 7-11, wherein a second form of pocket identification is illustrated, there is shown in FIGURE 7 a person wearing a shirt generally designated by the numeral 50.

Shirt 50 has a pair of pockets 52 and 54 thereon, each pocket having a flap 56 which is stitched to its respective pocket. Applicant's identification insert may be attached to either pocket 52 or 54. Since each of the pockets 52 and 54 are identical, only pocket 52 will be discussed in detail.

As in the first embodiment disclosed, pocket 52 is formed by a generally rectangular piece of cloth-like material stitched as shown at 70 along three of its edges to the shirt 50. The pocket 52 is thus formed having an open top.

The flap 56 is formed from two flap pieces 58 and 60. Each flap piece includes a top edge 62, a first side edge 64, a bottom edge 66, and the second side edge 68 disposed at an acute angle with respect to the first side edge 64. The top edges 62 of each flap are stitched along the unsecured edge of the pocket 52 in such a manner that the angled side edges 68 overlap. The side edges 64 are stitched to opposed side edges of the pocket 52. Similarly, the bottom edges 66 are stitched to the pocket 52.

An insert 72 having indicia 74 provided thereon in any suitable manner, such as embroidery or the like, is adapted to be inserted in the space 80 between the pocket 52 and the flap pieces 58 and 60. This is accomplished by merely inserting the ends of the insert beneath the angled side edges 68. As shown in FIGURE 8, the spacing between the side edges 68 expose the indicia 74 on the insert 72 to view.

To insure adequate securement of the insert to the pocket, the back of the insert 72 is provided with male snaps 76. The male snaps 76 are adapted to interfit with female snaps 78 on the pocket 52 beneath the flap pieces 58 and 60.

While the flap material has been shown as constituting only a single ply, it should be readily understood that the flap material can be made from double ply in order to have greater strength.

Thus, once the insert 72 has been positioned within the cavity 80 and secured therein between the flap pieces 58 and pocket 52 by means of the snap fasteners, the flap 56 need not be opened when it is desired to insert or remove any item into or from the pocket 52. To remove or change the insert 72, it is only necessary to release the snap fasteners and slide the insert 72 from beneath the angled side edges 68 of the flap pieces.

It is also contemplated that the identification insert 34 or 72 will be of a different color than the pocket and flap if desired. For example, a waitress' or nurse's uniform could be made of white material and the insert made of red material. Since the identification insert 34 or 72 is readily detachable from the article of clothing, the insert need not be thrown into the same laundry with the article of clothing and is readily substituted by another insert if the person using the clothing is changed. Many fields of endeavor such as those involving waitresses, airline hostesses, milkmen, etc., where there is a large turnover of personnel, can utilize the novel identification insert to great advantage. Since the indicia is not sewn

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directly on the article of clothing, it need not be subjected to the rigorous treatment given to uniforms by commercial laundries.

While the applicant's improved identification insert is shown as being on a shirt, it will be appreciated that the applicant's novel identification insert can be utilized with pockets on jackets, coats, pants, etc.

The present invention may be embodied in other specific forms without departing from the spirit or essential attributes thereof and, accordingly, reference should be made to the appended claims, rather than to the foregoing specification as indicating the scope of the invention.

I claim:

1. A pocket identification for securement to an article of clothing, said pocket identification comprising a generally rectangular piece of cloth-like material adapted to be secured along three of its edges to an article of clothing to form a pocket with an open top, a flap secured to said pocket-forming material along its unsecured edge, said flap having a substantially centrally located cut-out portion, said flap extending downwardly from said unsecured edge and overlapping a portion of said pocket-forming material, said flap being permanently secured along its sides to the pocket-forming material, at least a portion of the bottom edge of said flap being unsecured to the pocket-forming material so that said flap forms a pocket with the pocket-forming material, an indicia-carrying insert in the pocket formed between said flap and said pocket-forming material, the indicia on said insert being exposed through said cut-out and fastening means on at least one of said flap and underlying pocket-forming material for removably mounting said insert so that the indicia-carrying part of said insert extends below the unsecured bottom edge of said flap.

2. A pocket identification for securement to an article of clothing, said pocket identification comprising a generally rectangular piece of cloth-like material adapted to be secured along three of its edges to an article of clothing to form a pocket with an open top, a flap secured to said pocket-forming material, said flap extending downwardly from said unsecured edge and overlapping a portion of said pocket-forming material, said flap including two pieces, each piece having a top edge, a bottom edge, a first side edge, and a second side edge disposed at an acute angle to said first side edge, means securing the top edge of each flap piece to the unsecured edge of said pocket-forming material in overlapping relationship, means securing the first side edge of each flap piece to opposed lateral side edges of said pocket-forming material, means securing the bottom edge of each flap piece to said pocket-forming material, and an indicia-carrying insert removably mounted between said flap pieces and pocket-forming material through said unsecured second angled side edges, the indicia on said insert being exposed to view between said angled side edges.

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