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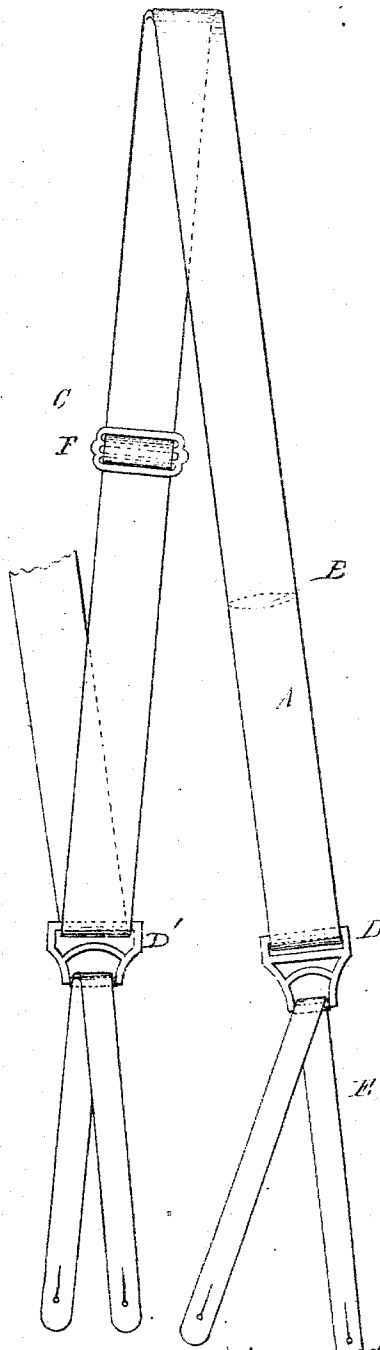
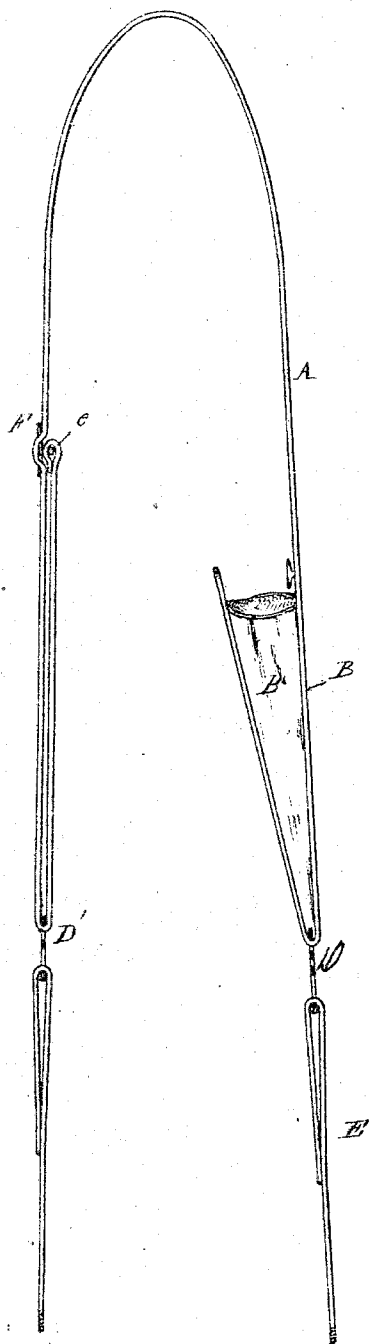
Improvement in Suspenders.

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Fig. 2.

Fig. 1.



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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED SUSPENDERS AND SAFETY-POCKETS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 120,584, dated November 7, 1871.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARX HARRIS, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Combined Suspender and Safety-Pocket; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction of the same, sufficient to enable any one skilled in the art to make and construct the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a complete view of one of the suspenders. Fig. 2 is a side view showing the safety-pocket as open.

This invention relates to an improvement in that class of suspenders which is provided with pockets; and it consists in the construction and arrangement of parts too fully hereinafter described to need preliminary statement.

In the drawing, A may represent a pair of suspenders provided with one or more safety-pockets, B, and a suitable buckle, F, to brace the suspenders from the rear. The suspender A in the front passes through a longitudinal slot in the loop D, and passing upward a short distance, is attached to a button or other suitable fastening device secured upon the inside of the suspender. Between the two portions of the suspender thus produced is located a safety-pocket, B, made of some soft fabric, preferably of chamois-skin. This pocket is designed to receive articles of jewelry or other valuables which at any time it may be desired to conceal, either in crowds or other localities. When the articles are placed within the safety-pocket the front end of the suspender is buttoned or otherwise secured, thus effectually preventing them from working upward and falling out of the mouth of the pocket. The mouth of the pocket is provided with an elastic ring of rubber or its equivalent, which tends to draw and keep the said

mouth tightly closed at all times. The safety-pocket is so formed that it may bulge or swell out at the sides, which is a feature specially adapted when large quantities of jewels, money, or other valuables are desired to be secreted. Watches may be placed within the safety-pocket and the hook or pin pass through the button-hole at the end of the suspender, thus doubly securing it against loss. The safety-pocket, as I have arranged it, will also be found convenient when the vest is laid aside, as is the case generally with workmen. Within the portion *a* of the loop D are secured the straps E E, which engage with the buttons upon the garments desired to support. The back or rear portion of the suspenders are inserted within a slot of the loop D', and passing upward are secured to the center piece *c* of the sliding buckle F upon the suspender A. By bracing the suspenders from behind, instead of the front, one may be lengthened and the other shortened, to suit the irregular height of a person's shoulders when the same are of unequal position, thus retaining at all times the buckles and ends in the front of the suspenders at an even height, and hence not interfering with the concealed pocket, but permitting it always to be at the same distance above the loop D.

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

The suspender A, combined with the safety-pocket B, the latter being constructed, arranged, and secured by the former as shown and described.

To the above I have signed my name this 26th day of July, 1870.

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