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GARMENT POCKET.
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Fig. 1.

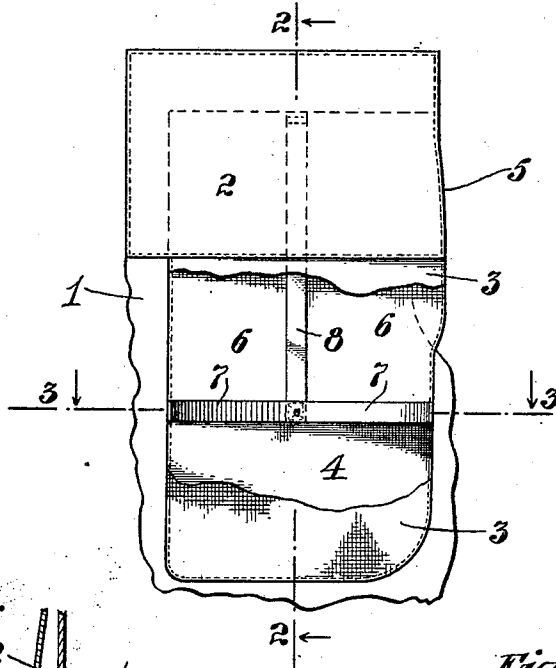


Fig. 2.

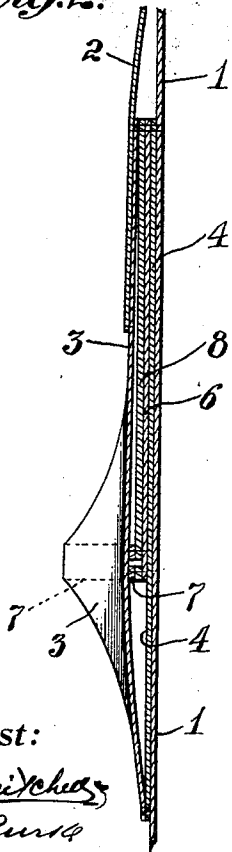


Fig. 3.

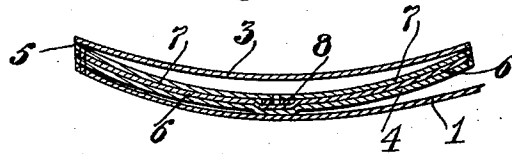


Fig. 4.

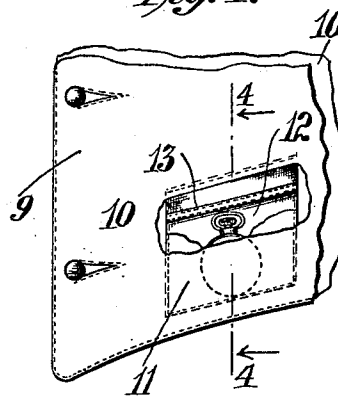
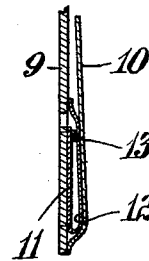


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAURICE I. SHAPIRO, a subject of the Czar of Russia, residing at No. 87 Main street, Haverstraw, New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Garment-Pockets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to garment pockets.

One of the objects is to provide a pocket with means for preventing its contents from accidentally falling out.

Another object is to provide a pocket which is so constructed that it will be difficult for a person to "pick" the pocket without attracting the notice of the wearer of the garment.

Further objects will be in part obvious and in part pointed out hereinafter.

In the accompanying drawings showing two illustrative embodiments of the invention in which the same reference numerals refer to similar parts in the several drawings—Figure 1 is a side view of the pocket in elevation, parts being broken away for the sake of clearness. Fig. 2 is a sectional view, taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a sectional view, taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a view in elevation of a modified form of pocket, part being broken away for the sake of clearness. Fig. 5 is a sectional view, taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 4.

Referring to the drawings, there is shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, by way of illustration, a pocket adapted for trousers. In these figures, 1 indicates the cloth of which the trousers are made, having the usual lining, 2, between which and the cloth is sewed a pocket having outer and inner side portions, 3 and 4. The construction so far described is merely the usual construction, and the pocket is, as ordinarily, provided with a suitable opening, 5, within which the hand may be inserted. In the embodiment shown in these figures, there is provided a downwardly-extending partition, 6, preferably formed of the same material of which the pocket is formed, and extending from the top of the pocket downwardly to a point between the bottom of the pocket and the lower end of the opening. The lower end of the partition is preferably substantially parallel with the bottom of the pocket, as clearly shown in Fig. 1, and to the lower end is secured a resilient band, 7, which is preferably made of spring steel, whale bone, or

other suitable material, which is so flexed that it tends to hold the lower end of the partition, 6, normally in engagement with the outer side portion of the pocket. It is understood that at the side and top edges the partition is sewed fast within the pocket, but that the lower end of the partition may be moved relatively to the side portions of the pocket. In order that the member 7 may be held in its position against transverse movement, a vertically-extending member, 8, is provided, which member is preferably resilient and is secured at its upper end to the upper end of the pocket and at its lower end to the lower end of the partition and to the member 7. In practice, the members 7 and 8 are preferably covered with cloth or similar material, and they may be secured in position in any suitable manner.

In use, as should be clearly obvious from the above description, the member 7 normally holds the lower end of the partition against the outer side portion of the pocket, thereby forming an effectual closure between the opening of the pocket and the bottom thereof, and, therefore, preventing any articles which may be contained within the pocket from inadvertently dropping out. If, however, the person wearing the garment wishes to take out anything contained within the pocket, he simply places his hand within the opening of the pocket and presses the hand downwardly, which action will cause the resilient member 7 to yield and to be withdrawn from the outer side portion of the pocket, permitting the hand to be extended to the bottom of the pocket. Upon withdrawing the hand, the resilient member automatically causes the lower end of the partition to engage the outer side wall of the pocket to form a closure, and any movement of the member 7 in the direction of the movement of the hand will be prevented by reason of the vertically-extending member 8. While the resiliency of the member 7 is such that the user of the garment may readily insert his hand within the pocket or withdraw it therefrom, it nevertheless offers such a resistance to the insertion of the hand that no other person could insert his hand within the pocket and gain access to the articles contained therein without the knowledge of the wearer of the garment. Referring to the modified form shown in Figs. 4 and 5, there is shown a vest pocket,

to which the invention is applied. In these figures, 9 indicates the cloth of which the vest is made, 10 the lining and 11 and 12 the outer and inner portions of the pocket. In this modification, instead of employing a partition placed within the pocket, a resilient member, 13, corresponding to the resilient member 7 in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, may be directly secured to one of the portions of the pocket itself. As shown, it is secured to the inner portion. In use, the action of the resilient member 13 is the same as that described above with respect to the resilient member 7, shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3.

Having described this invention in connection with the illustrative embodiment thereof, to the details of which disclosure the invention is not of course to be limited, what is claimed as new and what is desired to be secured by Letters Patent is set forth in the appended claims.

1. A garment pocket comprising inner and outer side portions, said pocket being provided with an opening, a partition within said pocket between said side portions, the lower end of said partition being spaced from the bottom of the pocket, and means for normally holding the lower end of said partition against the outer side portion of said pocket whereby a closure is formed between the opening of the pocket and the bottom thereof.

2. A garment pocket comprising inner and outer side portions, said pocket being provided with an opening, a partition within said pocket between said side portions, the lower end of said partition being spaced

from the bottom of the pocket, and resilient means for normally holding the lower end of said partition against the outer side portion of said pocket, whereby a closure is formed between the opening of the pocket and the bottom thereof.

3. A garment pocket comprising inner and outer side portions, said pocket being provided with an opening, a partition within said pocket between said side portions, the lower end of said partition being spaced from the bottom of the pocket, and resilient means secured to the lower end of the partition for holding the same against the outer side portion of the pocket, whereby a closure is formed between the opening of the pocket and the bottom thereof.

4. A garment pocket comprising inner and outer portions, said pocket being provided with an opening, a partition within said pocket between said side portions, the lower end of said partition being spaced from the bottom of the pocket, resilient means secured to the lower end of the partition for holding the same against the outer side portion of the pocket, whereby a closure is formed between the opening of the pocket and the bottom thereof, and means for maintaining said resilient means in position and for preventing lateral movement thereof.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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