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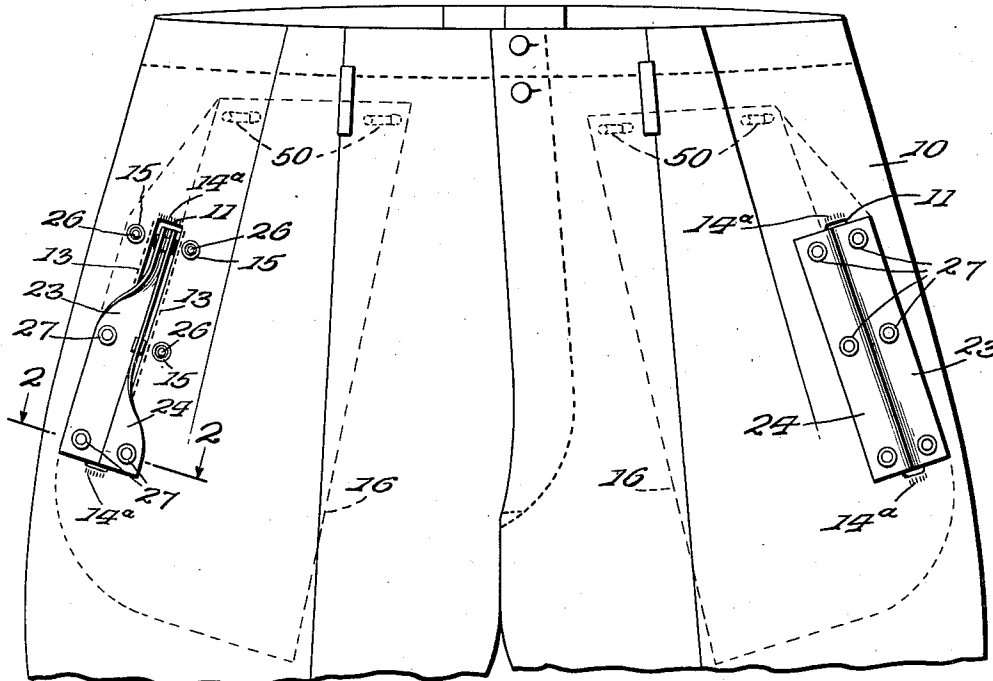


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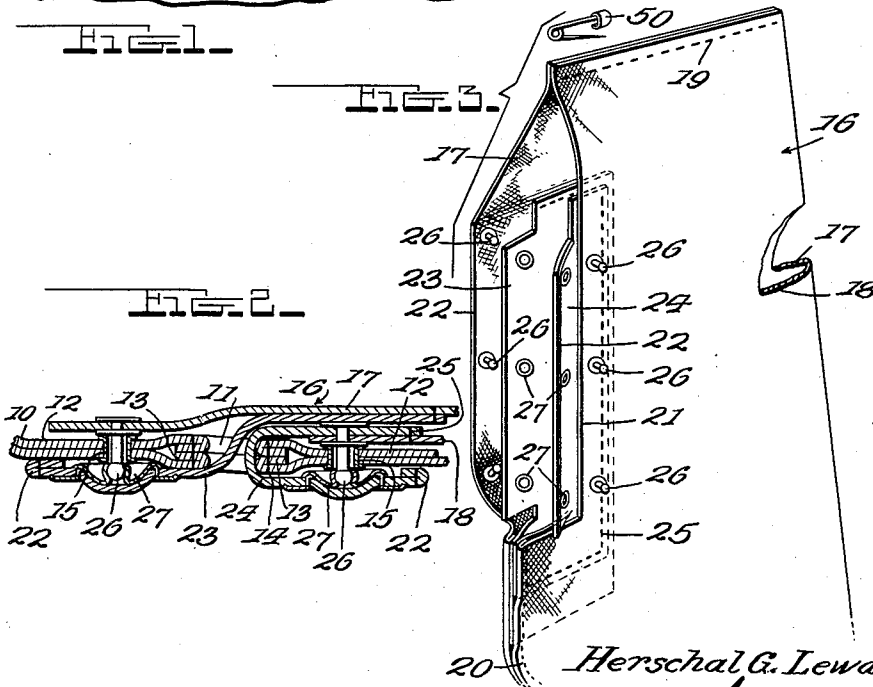


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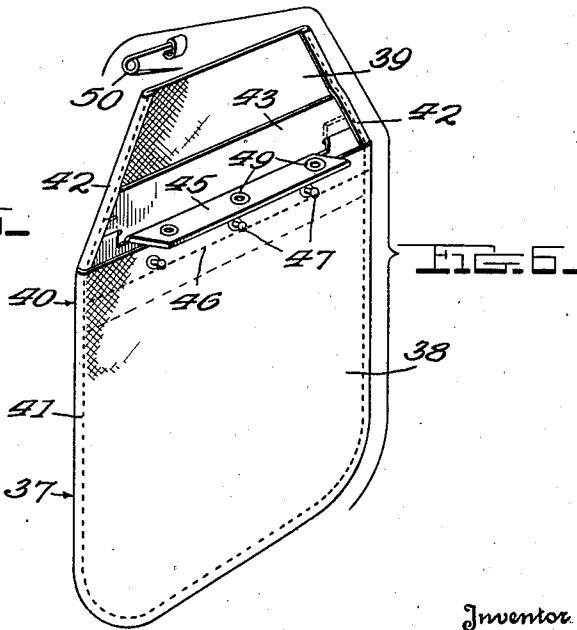
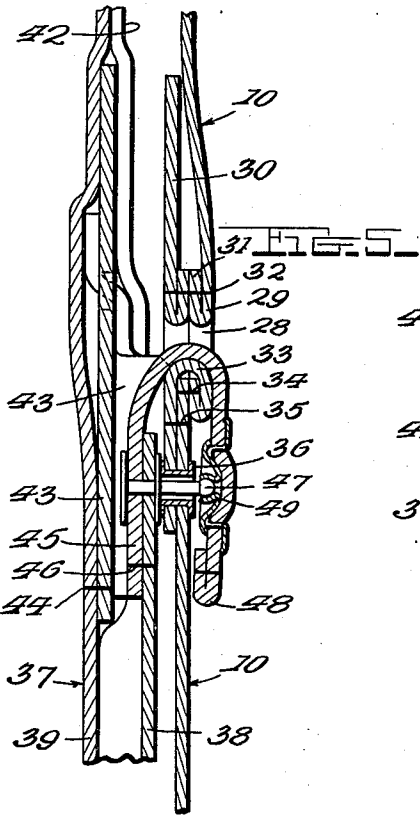
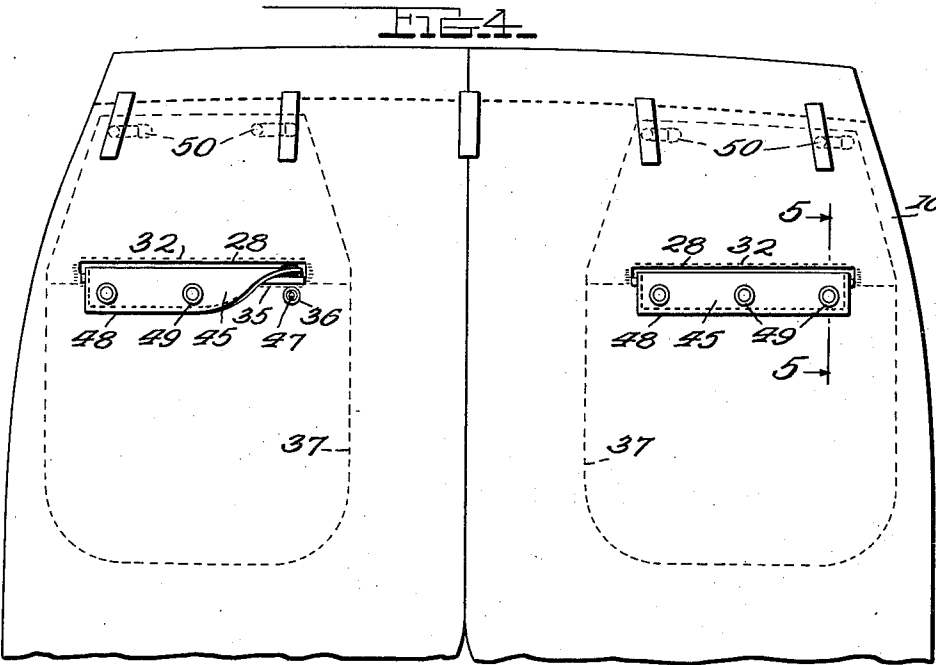
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This invention relates to garments having detachable pockets and, while not confined to trousers, is principally for use in connection with trousers.

One important object of the invention is to provide a garment having novel means for the reception of a detachable pocket and a novel form of pocket for use therewith.

Another object of the invention is to provide a novel construction of this type wherein the pocket opening may be positioned vertically, horizontally, or at an angle to the vertical.

A further object of the invention is to provide a novel arrangement of this character whereby a pocket may be readily attached to the garment to hang inside thereof without disturbing the contents of such pocket.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a novel garment with a detachable pocket and attaching means for securing the pocket to the garment whereby the garment is prevented from wear by the pocket attaching means.

Yet another object of the invention is to provide a novel combination of garment wherein loss of articles by accidental insertion between the pocket and the garment at the pocket opening will be obviated.

Again an object of the invention is to provide a novel arrangement at the pocket opening of such character that loss of articles from the pocket through the opening will be minimized.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists in general of an arrangement of garment and detachable pocket having a novel construction of parts and combination of details hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and particularly claimed.

In the drawings like characters of reference indicate like parts in the several views, and

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the upper part of a garment of trouser form and having the novel pockets of this invention adapted to be entered from a side applied thereto;

Figure 2 is an enlarged detail section on the line 2-2 of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is an enlarged perspective view of a portion of the detachable pocket shown in Figure 1 and showing the opening or mouth of the pocket and the arrangement of its parts;

Figure 4 is an elevation of the upper rear portion of a pair of trousers and showing the arrangement of detachable hip pockets therefor adapted to be entered from the top;

Figure 5 is an enlarged detail section on the line 5-5 of Figure 4; and

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Figure 6 is a perspective view of a hip pocket such as is shown in Figure 4, the pocket being free from the trousers.

In the illustration of two of the forms of the invention, the detachable pockets have been shown in connection with a pair of trousers. However the trousers here shown are to be understood as merely typical of any form of garment arranged to cooperate with the detachable pockets and securing means here set forth. For instance, the arrangement of pocket shown in Figure 1 will apply equally well to a skirt, overcoat or other garment to be used with pockets to be entered from a side. Again, the arrangements of Figure 2 may be used for the breast pockets of a waist, a coat, a vest, the bib of an overall or other garment having pockets to be entered at the top. The showing in the drawings and any reference herein to trousers is to be understood as covering all forms of garments to which this invention is applicable.

In the form of the invention shown in Figures 1, 2 and 3, there is disclosed a garment 10 in the form of a pair of trousers. At each side of the trousers there is provided the usual substantially vertical slit or opening 11 which is reinforced on the inside of the garment by a reinforcing strip 12 having a similar opening. The side edges of these openings are turned back to provide hem 13, and these hems are stitched together by stitching 14. This turning back of the side edges is apt to permit fraying at the ends of the openings and, in order to prevent such fraying, the openings may have their end edges protected by whipstitching or buttonhole stitching. Adjacent the side edges of the openings metal eyelets 15 are passed through the fabric of the garment and the strip 12 in spaced relation along both sides of the opening.

The pocket 16 to provide a side opening is formed of a sheet of fabric folded along a substantially vertical line to produce a back portion 17 and a front portion 18. At the top these two portions are held together by a line of stitching 19 and at the lower part of the access side of the pocket and around the bottom edge said two portions are held together by stitching. The substantially vertical edges of the portions 17 and 18 are free from each other between the upper end of the stitching 20 and the line of stitching 19. An L-shaped notch 21 is formed in the free edge part of the front 18 of the pocket so that the vertical edge is displaced laterally towards the fold of the fabric from the free edge of the back 17. The free edges of the parts 17 and 18 are folded

under and sewed to produce hems 22. A back flap 23 and a front flap 24 are secured to the inner faces of the pocket back and front by stitching 25. The free vertical edges of the flaps 23 and 24 align respectively with the lower sewed edges of the pocket front and back but the free edge portion of the flap 24 projects beyond the edge of the notch 21 as does flap 23; but the latter extends further and beyond flap 24 to the vertical edge of back 17. Mounted adjacent the free edges of the pocket front and back are male snapbutton parts 26 and adjacent the free edges of the flaps 23 and 24 are female snapbutton parts 27. The spacing of these parts is such that the parts 26 will pass through the eyelets 15 and be received in the parts 27, thus securing the opening of the pocket closely to the opening in the garment in the manner shown in Figure 2 and at the left of Figure 1, both flaps 23 and 24 passing through the opening 11 and engaging the outside of the garment.

The arrangement for the hip pocket or other pocket having a substantially horizontal opening at its top is shown in Figures 4, 5 and 6, and is quite similar to that previously described. In these views, the trousers 10 are shown from the rear and are provided with the usual pair of openings 28 at the hips. Above each opening the longitudinal edge is turned inward and upward of the garment to form a hem 29. A reinforcing strip 30 has its lower edge turned forwardly and upwardly to form a hem 31 and the two hems 29 and 31 are brought together and secured by stitching 32. The bottom edge of the opening is left raw but a reinforcing strip 33 has one edge positioned evenly along said bottom edge of the opening and, at first extends down on the outside of the garment until it is secured by stitching 34. The depending portion of the strip 33 is then turned or folded back or upwardly passed inwardly through the opening 28 to wrap over the raw edges of the opening and strip 33 beyond or below the upward fold thereof and stitching 34, being there secured by stitching 35. Through the lower part of the strip 33 and the material of the garment extend laterally spaced tubular rivets or eyelets 36 which assist in holding the strip 33 in place.

The detachable pocket for this arrangement is indicated generally at 37. This pocket is formed to provide a front wall 38, this being the part nearest the garment fabric below the opening 28, and a rear wall 39. The front wall terminates at its top in a horizontal edge and is secured to the rear wall along its sides and bottom by stitching 40. These walls may be made of a single piece of fabric cut and folded to bring parts of the side edges together as at 41. The rear wall extends above the front wall in trapezoidal form and has the side edges of this extension folded and stitched to provide hems 42. The inner face of the rear wall carries a reinforcing strip 43 which has its lower edge held to the wall by stitching 44. The upper side edges of this strip are received in the hems 42 and secured in place by the stitching of these hems. The front wall 38 is provided on the inside with a reinforcing strip 45 which has its lower edge portion secured by stitching 46. This strip 45 extends above the top edge of the wall 38 and is turned outwardly so that it may pass through the opening 28 and is then folded downwardly to have its free edge portion depend on the outside of the garment to form a flap below opening 28. Male snapbutton parts 47 are secured through the front wall 38 and strip

45 and are spaced to pass through the eyelets 36. The free edge portion of the strip 45 is provided with a stitched hem 48 and adjacent the hem carries female snapbutton parts 49 in which the parts 47 engage when the pocket is attached.

Safety pins 50 may be used if desired to hold upper portions of the pockets from displacement.

What is claimed as new is:

1. The combination with a garment having a slit for a pocket opening formed therein, reinforcing means extending along the longitudinal edges of the slit within the garment and stitched to the garment, a pocket having an access opening and having a wall extending along the inner face of the garment, a reinforcing strip stitched to the inner face of the said wall and extending through the said access opening, said reinforcing strip being extended through said slit to lie against the outer face of the garment fabric, and snapbutton parts having male and female members secured respectively to the reinforced portion of the pocket and the free edge portion of the pocket reinforcement.

2. The combination with a garment having a slit for a pocket opening formed therein, reinforcing means extending along the longitudinal edges of the slit within the garment and stitched to the garment, a pocket having an access opening and having a wall extending along the inner face of the garment, a reinforcing strip stitched to the inner face of the said wall and extending through the said access opening, said reinforcing strip being extended through said slit to lie against the outer face of the garment fabric, snapbutton parts having male and female members secured respectively to the reinforced portion of the pocket and the free edge portion of the pocket reinforcement, and eyelets carried by one of the reinforced edges of the slit for passage of the male snapbutton parts therethrough.

3. The combination with a garment having a slit for a pocket opening formed therein, reinforcing means extending along the longitudinal edges of the slit within the garment and stitched to the garment, a pocket having an access opening and having a wall extending along the inner face of the garment, a reinforcing strip stitched to the inner face of the said wall and extending through the said access opening, said reinforcing strip being extended through said slit to lie against the outer face of the garment fabric, said pocket having a second wall parallel to the first mentioned wall, a second reinforcing strip attached to the inner face of the second wall and extending through said access opening parallel to the first strip, said second strip being adapted to extend through said slit and lie against the outer face of the garment, and releasable means connecting the edge portions of each of said walls at the access opening and the free edge portions of the reinforcements.

4. The combination with a garment having a slit for a pocket opening formed therein, reinforcing means extending along the longitudinal edges of the slit within the garment and stitched to the garment, a pocket having an access opening and having a wall extending along the inner face of the garment, a reinforcing strip stitched to the inner face of the said wall and extending through the said access opening, said reinforcing strip being extended through said slit to lie against the outer face of the garment fabric, said pocket having a second wall parallel to the first mentioned wall, a second reinforcing strip attached to the inner face of the second wall and

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extending through said access opening parallel to the first strip, said second strip being adapted to extend through said slit and lie against the outer face of the garment, and releasable means connecting the edge portions of each of said walls at the access opening and the free edge portions of the reinforcements, said releasable means comprising male snapbutton parts carried by the edge portions of each wall at the access opening and female snapbutton parts carried by the free edge portions of said pocket wall reinforcements.

5. The combination with a garment having a slit for a pocket opening formed therein, reinforcing means extending along the longitudinal edges of the slit within the garment and stitched to the garment, a pocket having an access opening and having a wall extending along the inner face of the garment, a reinforcing strip stitched to the inner face of the said wall and extending through the said access opening, said reinforcing strip extending through said slit and lying against the outer face of the garment fabric, said pocket having a second wall parallel to the first mentioned wall, a second reinforcing strip attached to the inner face of the second wall and extending through said access opening parallel to the first strip, said second strip being adapted to extend through said slit and lie against the outer face of the garment, releasable means connecting the edge portions of each of said walls at the access opening and the free edge portions of the reinforcements, said releasable means comprising male snapbutton parts carried by the edge portions of each wall at the access opening and female snapbutton parts carried by the free edge portions of said pocket wall reinforcements, and eyelets carried by the reinforced edges of the slit for passage of the male snapbutton parts there-through.

6. The combination with a garment having a slit for a pocket opening formed therein, reinforcing means extending along the longitudinal edges of the slit within the garment and fastened

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to the garment, a pocket having an access opening along one edge thereof and having a wall extending along the inner face of the garment and terminating short of the slit, a reinforcing strip fastened to the inner face of said wall and extending outwardly through said access opening, said reinforcing strip extending through said slit and lying against the outer face of the garment material beyond the slit, and releasable means detachably connecting the pocket, through said wall and reinforcing strip, and the garment along said slit and its reinforcing means, to the free edge portion of said strip.

7. The combination with a garment having a slit for a pocket opening formed therein, a reinforcing strip extending along both longitudinal edges of the slit within the garment and stitched to the garment, a pocket having an access opening along one edge thereof and having a wall extending along the inner face of the garment and terminating adjacent the slit, a reinforcing strip stitched to the inner face of said pocket wall beyond the slit and extending outwardly through said access opening and slit and lying against the outer face of the garment beyond the slit, and detachable fasteners connecting the pocket, through said second reinforcing strip and said wall, through said garment and first reinforcing strip adjacent thereto at one side of the slit, to the free end portion of the second strip at the inside thereof.

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