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Fig-1

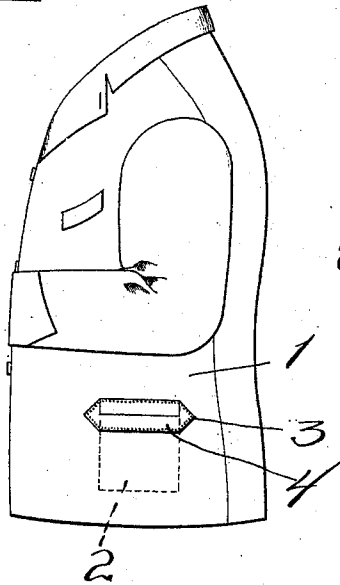


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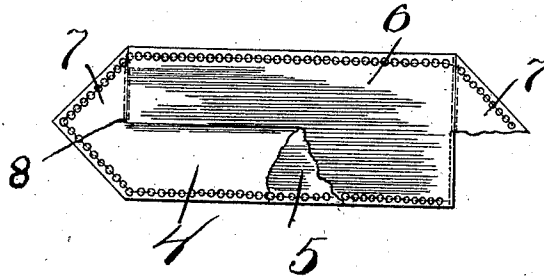


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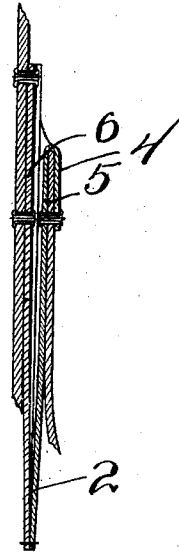
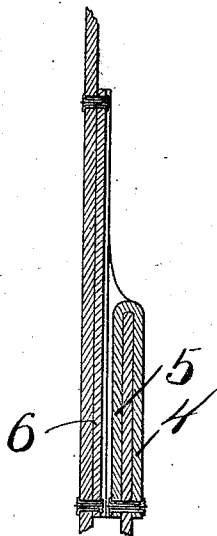


Fig-2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH BERNSTEIN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Reinforced Pockets; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The garments of those who of necessity carry heavy objects in their pockets are soon ruined because of the weight, causing the cloth of the garment to tear at the top corners of the pocket, and, although many attempts have been made to reinforce the pockets of garments subjected to such use, such attempts have usually been ineffectual for the purpose for which intended, in consequence police officers who carry a revolver in the hip pocket find the garment soon injured or the pocket torn down because of the weight. This is also particularly true of conductors in steam railway, interurban and street railway service. Thereby a large expense is incurred of necessity by such employees in the repair of garments and usually the garment is discarded because of such injury to the pockets long before the rest of the garment is worn out.

It is an object of this invention to afford a reinforced pocket which may be attached to the coat or other garment when the coat is made, but which also may be sold as an article of merchandise and may be readily applied to the garment by one not having previous skill in such work.

It is also an object of the invention to afford a construction by the use of which damaged garments, the pockets of which have been torn down, may be efficiently repaired—in many instances after such repair proving more serviceable than would a new garment.

The invention consists in the matters hereinafter described and more fully pointed out and defined in the appended claims.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a side elevation of a conductor's coat showing the pocket reinforced and embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary section taken through the reinforced pocket and in which the reinforcement is shown as

applied only to the top of the pocket and extending for a short distance into the pocket. Fig. 3 is a similar view showing the pocket as a whole constructed to embody my invention, the reinforcement affording a new pocket. Fig. 4 is an enlarged face view broken away of the reinforcement of the pocket shown in Fig. 2.

As shown in the drawings: 1, indicates a conductor's coat, the bottom pocket for which is shown in dotted lines 2, and secured to which and reinforcing the top thereof is the reinforcement indicated by 3, as a whole, which affords the subject matter of this invention. Said reinforcement, as shown, is constructed of a strip or piece of leather cut to afford a bottom portion 4, adapted to fit outside the top of the pocket, an inner fold 5, adapted to fit within the pocket, and a back strip 6, which extends above the pocket and also extends downwardly thereinto to correspond in distance with the width of the inner reinforcing side 5. The outer or facing portion 4 of the reinforcement, as shown, is cut of sufficient width to extend well down on the outer side of the pocket and is cut to afford integral inclined or diamond shaped ends 7 extending well beyond the ends of the pocket, and sewed or otherwise secured to the ends 7, of the front reinforcement and the ends of the fold 5 is said back strip 6, before described. The back strip and inner fold 5, thus reinforce the crotch of the pocket and prevent the pocket ripping at the crotch.

The entire periphery of the outer reinforcement is closely perforated to receive eyelets or to permit stitching about the pocket, as shown in Fig. 1, and as shown, the inner fold 5, which corresponds with the outer front fold 4, at the outer side of the pocket, is perforated to correspond with the perforations in the front fold 4, so that should eyelets be used they may be used to attach both the inner and outer folds in place, as shown in Fig. 2.

By forming the diamond shaped ends 7 integral with the outer or facing portion 4, I more effectually protect against tearing down of the pocket ends 8, as the integral reinforcing material at these points will offer greatly increased resistance to any tearing strain.

In the construction shown in Fig. 3, the inner folds are made much wider—of suffi-

cient width, in fact, to extend for the entire depth of the pocket and are sewed along the bottom and sides so that the entire pocket is lined with leather when the work is completed.

The operation is obvious from the construction described. No matter how badly injured the garment may be because of the sagging of the pockets or tearing away of the corners of the same, the reinforcement when applied serves to effectually remedy these defects and prevents a repetition thereof owing to the exceedingly strong construction afforded thereby.

Of course, while I have mentioned eyelets as affording a convenient means for riveting the leather to the fabric, it is not to be understood that I limit myself to the use of such means, for other means for attaching the same in place may be employed, if desired, and any suitable material other than leather may be used, such as cloth or other fabric, nor do I purpose limiting myself to the extent to which the reinforcement may be effected, for obviously the devices may be constructed of any size and shape dependent upon the pocket to which to be applied, and very many details of the construction may be

varied without departing from the principles of this invention.

I claim as my invention:

1. A reinforcement for a pocket, comprising a piece of material folded to provide an inner reinforcement and an outer reinforcement for the outer edge of the pocket, end reinforcements for said pocket integrally connected to the ends of said outer reinforcement, and a separate strip of material forming the reinforcement for the rear wall of the pocket and extending downwardly thereinto.

2. A reinforcement for pockets, comprising a strip embodying reinforcing end pieces and an inner and outer fold for the outer edge of the pocket integral therewith, and a strip for lining the back of the pocket sewed to the end reinforcing pieces and to the ends of the inner fold.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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