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POCKET HOLDER.

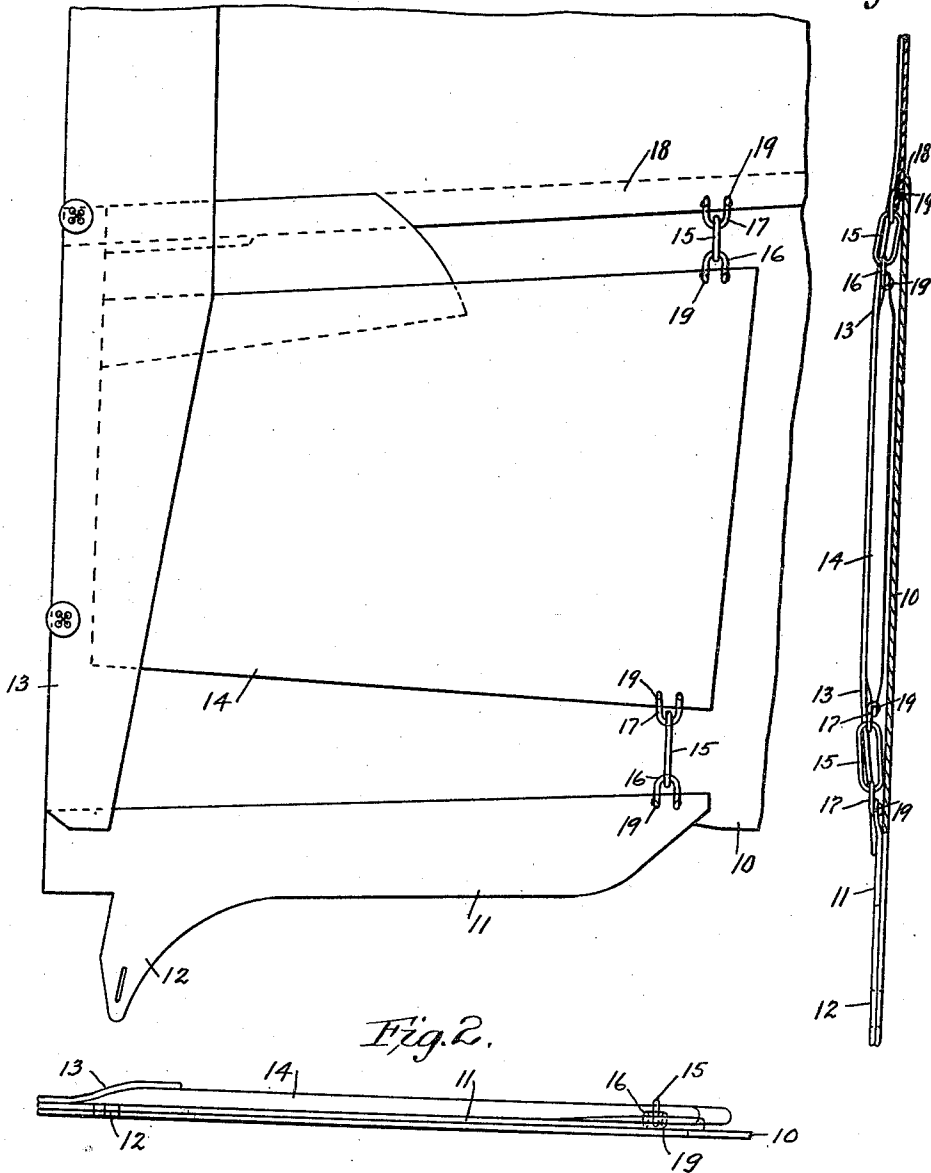
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Fig. 1.

Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MICHAEL JOSEPH HURLEY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York, in the borough of Bronx, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has reference to means whereby the pockets of a garment, for instance, a pair of trousers, can be stayed so they will remain in place, irrespective of the position assumed by the wearer, whether standing or reclining, and regardless of the condition of the hands or the haste with which they may be thrust into the pockets when inserted therein, either to put in or take out the articles which the pockets are designed to contain.

It is familiarly known to adults who wear trousers that the pockets thereof, as generally made, will keep shifting with the movements of the body in the sense that they will open wide when stooping, squatting or bending over something, and also be displaced with the articles therein while the trousers are being put on or off, so that there is constant danger of the article slipping out and becoming lost. Or, even though one may be standing, the hand will at times be covered with perspiration, or otherwise difficult to introduce into a pocket to deposit or withdraw a desired article, and it will cause the pocket to be partly or wholly turned inside out, with the result that its contents will be spilled, and frequently one may thus lose a coin or a penknife, or some other article of greater or less intrinsic value. Such losses are traceable largely to the habit which from time immemorial tailors have acquired of attaching the pockets to trousers so they will hang loose.

The holder afforded by the present invention is designed to cure this evil.

The preferred embodiment of the invention will now be set forth in detail with reference to the drawing hereto annexed, which forms an integral part hereof, and wherein like numerals designate corresponding parts wherever they occur in the several views.

Figure 1 is an elevation, showing part of one side of a pair of trousers having a pocket with my improved holder thereto applied. Fig. 2 is an edge view of the same, looking from the left of the preceding figure; and

Fig. 3 is a sectional plan, looking up from the bottom of Fig. 1 also.

In the said drawing, the numeral 10 represents the upper front portion of the right hand side of a pair of trousers, to which is sewed the usual button-carrying flap 11, with gore 12, that come under the fly or buttonhole piece on the left-hand side (not shown). The said portion 10 is partly covered on the inside with lining, as 13, in the approved manner. The pocket, herein designated by the numeral 14, has its upper end inserted under the said lining, where it is secured in place by stitching, as is well known in the tailor's art. It is likewise stitched around the mouth or opening left for the insertion of the hand, but from there down it is allowed to stay loose as far as the corners at the bottom, where the holder, presently to be described, is applied.

The said holder consists essentially of a link 15, engaging eyes 16 and 17, located one at each end of the same. By preference two such links, with a pair of eyes for each, are employed. When two links are thus made use of, they are placed one on each side of the pocket, at or near the bottom thereof, and their respective eyes are assigned corresponding positions. For example, one link will be located between the lower end of the flap 11, and the adjacent corner of the pocket on the forward side, and the other link will be positioned on a line therewith between the rear side of the pocket and the customary side seam 18 of the trousers. The eyes for the former are conveniently attached, one (16) to the said flap, and the other to the said adjacent corner of the pocket. The eyes for the latter are as easily attached, one (16) to the rear bottom corner of the pocket, and the other (17) to the seam 18 directly opposite. Any suitable mode of attachment may be followed in applying the said eyes. Thus, the ends thereof may be clenched into the cloth, as indicated at 19, or the same may be otherwise fastened in conventional fashion. The arrangement above formulated is considered the most advantageous to follow when two links are called into service.

It can now be seen that the said improved holder, whether used single or double, that is to say with either one link or two links and the eyes thereto belonging, will operate to stay the pocket at the bottom and yet allow it considerable freedom of movement

in every permissible direction. Retained by the holder in the manner described and illustrated herein, the pocket may be moved; pushed out or drawn in, from side to side
5 sufficiently to have it conform to the shape of the articles lodged therein without wrinkling or distorting the cloth of the trousers thereover, or to accommodate the hand of the user, and to some extent it may
10 even be pulled upwardly if desired, but in no instance can it be turned far enough outward to eject its contents, or become so twisted and displaced as to render it inconvenient to reach the inside thereof, and the
15 things it is meant to contain. The holder is a yielding one and consequently gives and takes in every conceivable way. It is also made light and of small compass, so that its presence will not be felt between the trousers and the under garment, commonly worn
20 thereunder. Otherwise it may be sheathed or covered up in various ways which it would be superfluous here to mention.

Let it be noted that although I have described and illustrated what I believe to be
25 the best method of practicing my said inven-

tion, still I do not wish to confine myself to the exact details and precise mode of construction hereinabove outlined, and therefore the right to all modifications thereof is
30 hereby reserved.

What I now claim as novel, and desire to secure protection in by Letters Patent of the United States, is:—

The herein-described pocket holder for
35 trousers, including a pair of eyes respectively fastened to the lower end of the button-carrying flap and to the corner of the pocket on the forward side, a second pair of
40 eyes placed in line with said first named pair and respectively attached to the other corner of the pocket at the bottom on the rear side and to a contiguous point on the trousers' side seam, and links joining each pair of
45 said eyes together.

Signed at the borough of Manhattan in the county of New York and State of New York this 19th day of April A. D. 1910.

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