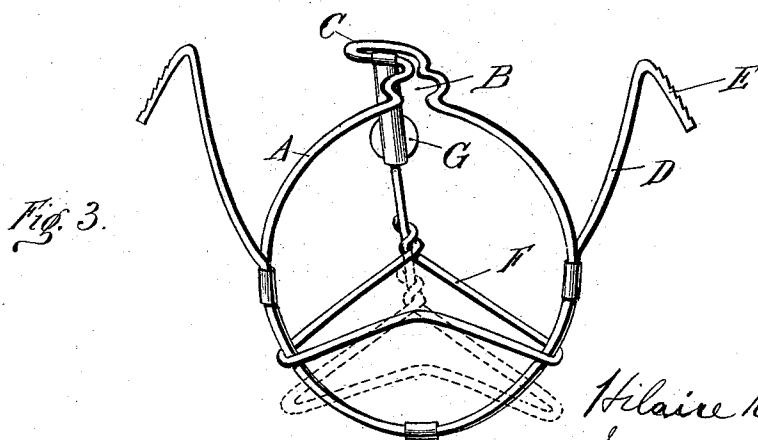
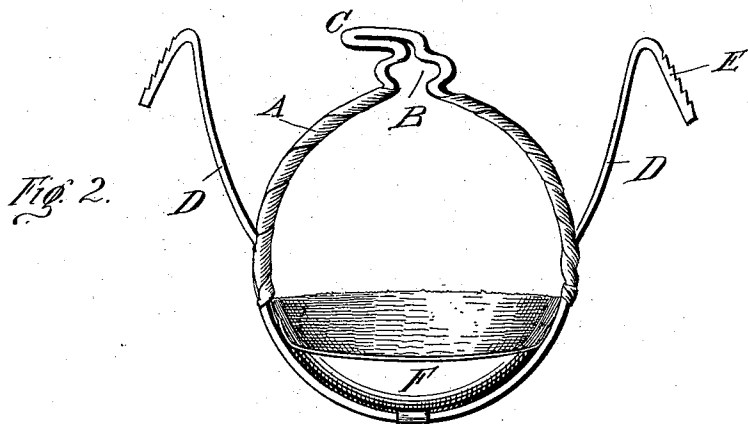
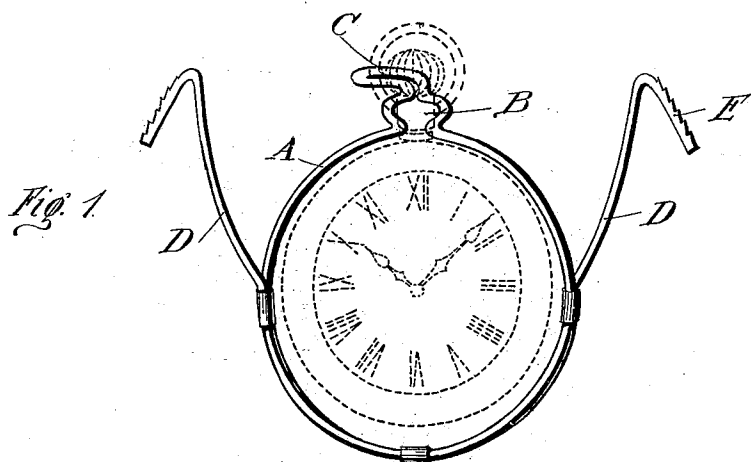


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, HILAIRE RODIER, of Waterbury, and JACQUES RODIER, of Meriden, Connecticut, citizens of the United States, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Watch-Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to that class of watch protectors consisting essentially of a wire bent to engage with the watch and with the pocket of the wearer and to prevent its accidental or felonious removal. It is intended to produce a simple, cheap and efficient device for this purpose.

In the accompanying drawings Figures 1, 2 and 3 represent in perspective various forms of our device.

The same letters refer to like parts in the several views.

A designates a frame; B, a clip; C, a lug; D, a wing; *d*, a barb on the wing D; E, a band; F, Figs. 2 and 3, a pouch; G, Fig. 3, a lock holding the pouch F.

In the example of our invention illustrated in Fig. 1 of the drawings the entire device except the bands E is formed from an integral piece of wire. The frame A, here shown as of substantially annular form, is of somewhat larger diameter than the body of the watch it is intended to inclose. The clip B is formed at the upper side of the frame A, is bent backward in a plane substantially at a right angle with the plane of said frame and is adapted to engage with the stem of the watch as shown. The lug C is formed at the rear of the clip B and is intended as a handle against which the finger or thumb of the operator bears when the stem of the watch is being inserted into or removed from the clip B. The wings D, D, provided at their extremities with reverted barbs *d*, *d*, extend to the sides of the wearer's pocket and engage therewith preventing the forcible withdrawal of the entire device and the inclosed watch. As shown three bands E, preferably formed of flattened wire or narrow strips of metal, are used to hold the device in shape. They may be secured in place by soldering or otherwise.

The operation of our device will be readily understood from an inspection of the drawings. The device is first placed in the pocket

of the wearer by slightly springing inward the resilient wings D, D, the reverted barbs *d*, *d* engaging with the cloth at the edges of the pocket. The watch is then introduced and its stem slipped into the clip B. The lug C forms a convenient handle against which the finger presses in making this engagement. It will be found in practice that to engage and disengage the watch is the work of a moment only. At the same time the watch cannot be removed from the pocket by lifting or pulling at the chain or in any other way without attracting the attention of the wearer.

In Fig. 2 of our device a pouch F is formed at the lower side of the frame A. This pouch forms a seating for the watch and prevents its swinging by the stem from the clip B. The pouch F may be lined with a textile or other soft material if desired.

In Fig. 3 the pouch F is formed as an elliptical horizontal loop adapted to inclose the watch below its middle point. To adapt it to watches of various sizes it is provided at its rear side with a telescoping stem in which is a locking device G, here shown as a setscrew by which the length of the stem and consequently the height of the pouch F may be regulated.

It will be seen that our device has other advantages besides that of protecting the watch against pickpockets. As the watch does not rest in the lower edge of the pocket it would not receive the blow if the garment in which the watch was carried should be dropped, as on a floor. The blow would probably come upon the lower edge of the annular portion A and as this is quite resilient it is unlikely that any injury would be done to the watch.

We are aware that patents have heretofore been issued for watch protectors in which a purse or pouch of leather was provided with wings adapted to engage with the pocket of the wearer. We are however unaware of any previous device in which the watch is suspended by its stem in the pocket.

What we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is as follows:

1. In a watch protector in combination, a watch inclosing frame, wings extending from the sides of said frame and a C shaped clip at the upper side of said frame and in a plane

substantially at a right angle therewith and adapted to detachable engagement with the stem of an inclosed watch, substantially as described.

5 2. In a watch protector in combination, a watch inclosing frame, wings extending from the sides of said frame, barbs on said wings and a C shaped clip at the upper side of said frame and in a plane substantially at a right
10 angle therewith and adapted to detachable engagement with the stem of an inclosed watch, substantially as described.

3. In a watch protector in combination, a watch inclosing frame, wings extending from
15 the sides of said frame, a C shaped clip at the upper side of said frame and in a plane substantially at a right angle therewith and adapted to detachable engagement with the stem of an inclosed watch and a lug on said
20 clip, substantially as described.

4. In a watch protector in combination, a watch inclosing frame, wings extending from

the sides of said frame, a C shaped clip at the upper side of said frame and in a plane substantially at a right angle therewith and
25 adapted to detachable engagement with the stem of an inclosed watch and a pouch secured to said frame, substantially as described.

5. In a watch protector in combination, a
30 watch inclosing frame, wings extending from the sides of said frame, a clip on said frame adapted to detachable engagement with the stem of an inclosed watch and an adjustable pouch secured to said frame, substantially as
35 described.

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