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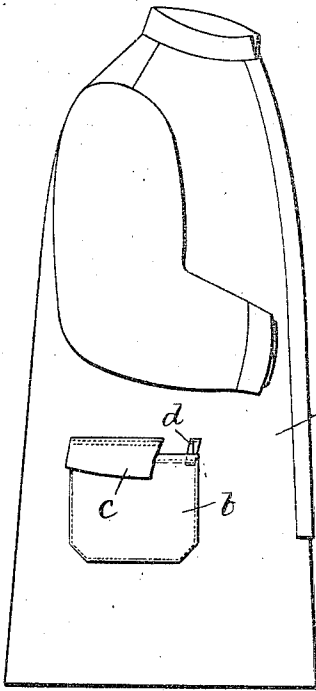


Fig. 1.

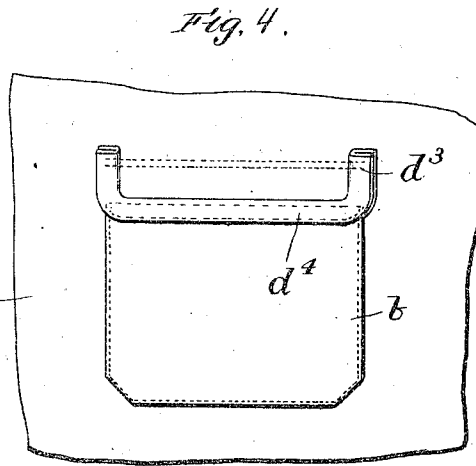


Fig. 4.

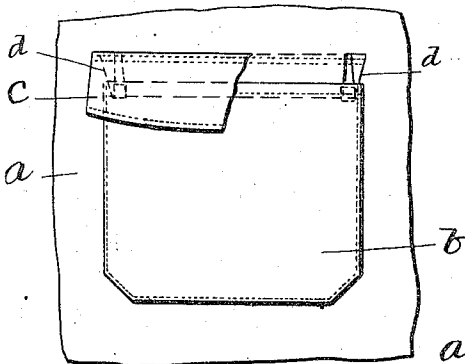


Fig. 2.

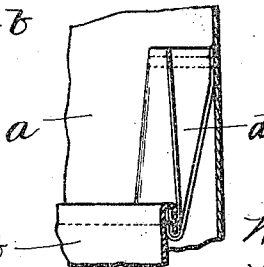


Fig. 3.

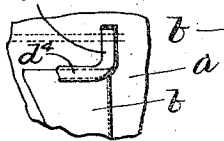


Fig. 5.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER S. BARKER, of Cambridge, county of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts, have invented an improvement in Garment-Pockets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to garment pockets, and has for its object to provide improved means for reinforcing and strengthening the pocket at the opening, whereby breaking of the stitches or tearing of the material at the ends of the pocket-opening is prevented, such reinforcing means being entirely concealed.

In one embodiment of my invention a short strap is arranged at the end of the pocket-opening which extends across said opening and is attached at the opposite sides thereof, and said strap is folded upon itself and arranged with its folded edge on the inside. My invention, however, includes any form of strap, band or cord or equivalent means which may be employed for the purpose.

I employ my reinforced pocket in waterproof coats, and, in such case, the reinforcing means may be made of waterproof material, or may be waterproofed when the garment is waterproofed, by the same material and process. It is applicable, however, to garments other than coats, whether waterproof or not.

Figure 1 shows a waterproof coat having a reinforced pocket embodying this invention. Fig. 2 is an enlarged view of the reinforced pocket, the flap covering the pocket-opening being partially broken away. Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail to be referred to. Figs. 4 and 5 are views representing a modified form of reinforced pocket embodying my invention.

The garment *a* is here shown as a coat of any suitable construction, merely for the sake of illustrating my invention. It has a pocket, which, for simplicity of construction, is here shown as a piece of material *b* stitched to the body of the coat, its upper edge being left unattached to form a pocket-opening, but in lieu of this form of pocket any other suitable form may be employed, as the construction of the pocket itself forms no part of my invention.

c represents a flap which may be employed to cover the pocket-opening, it being stitched or otherwise secured to the coat above the top of the pocket.

d represents a strap, band or cord of any suitable material, but preferably waterproof material, which, as shown in Figs. 1 to 3 inclusive, is made long enough to extend across the pocket-opening and to be attached at the opposite sides thereof, and, as here shown, two such straps are employed arranged one at each end of the pocket-opening. The inner ends of the straps *d* are attached beneath the attached portion of the flap *c*, and the outer ends extended under a hem which is formed at the upper edge of the front part of the pocket, but it is obvious that the ends of the straps may be otherwise secured. The straps are preferably made quite wide, each folded upon itself, preferably on the bias, and they are arranged with their folded edges on the inside, thereby increasing their strength and durability, and furthermore, the overlying portion of the folded strap is narrower than the underlying portion thereof, thereby increasing the width of the end portion or portions of the strap at the point or points of attachment. The strap, when folded on the bias, presents a stronger folded edge than when folded in parallel.

In Fig. 4 the strip of material *d*¹ is carried along the top of the pocket, being folded over the edge thereof, and at the ends of the pocket folded end-portions *d*² of said strip are extended across the pocket-opening and attached to the garment, the fold of said end-portions being on the inside.

The straps thus crossing the pocket-opening serve as reinforcements at the ends thereof and prevent undue strain coming on the stitches at the ends of the pocket-opening and thereby breaking the stitches or tearing the material at such points.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. A garment having a pocket with a flap attached to the garment above and extended down over the pocket-opening, and a strap folded upon itself and extended across the pocket-opening at the end thereof, and arranged with its folded edge on the side adjacent the opening, and attached at one end, from side to side, beneath the attached portion of the flap and attached at the other end from side to side to the inside of the front pocket-portion at the top by means connected with said front pocket-portion at the top whereby a concealed durable rein-

force is provided at the end of the pocket-opening, substantially as described.

2. A garment having a pocket with a flap attached to the garment above and extended
5 down over the pocket-opening, a strip of material folded over the front edge of the pocket-opening and extended from end to end thereof and secured thereto, and having its end-portions folded in continuation of
10 the aforesaid fold and extended across the ends of the pocket-opening with their folded edges arranged on the sides adjacent the

opening, the extremities of said folded end-portions from side to side being attached to the garment beneath the attached portion of the flap, substantially as described. 15

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

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