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Fig. 1.

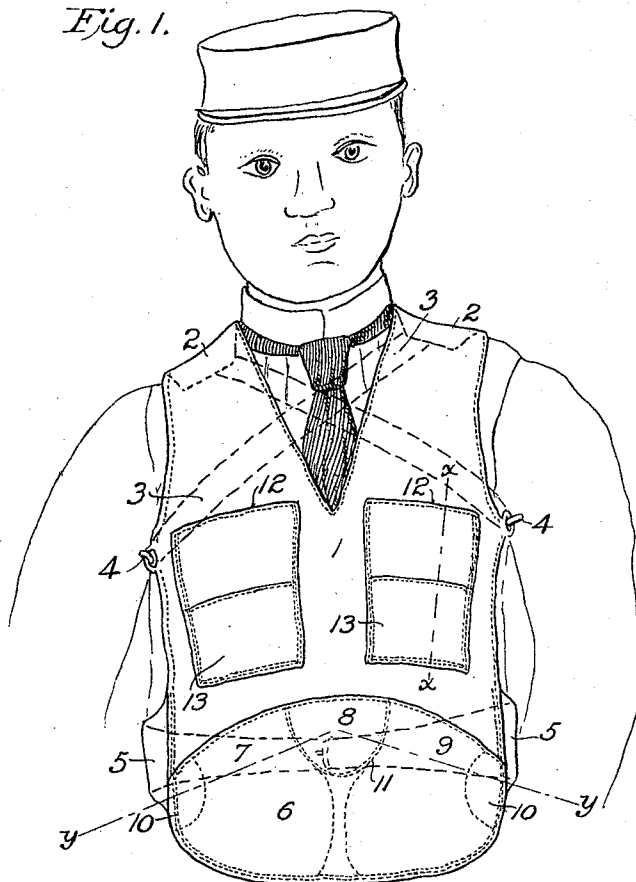


Fig. 2.

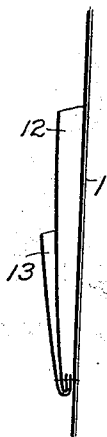
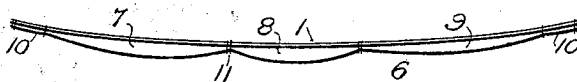


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT J. BELLAMY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coat-Protectors; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to apparel; the object of the same being to produce a garment, which I term a "vestlette," especially adapted for use by street-car conductors, workmen, and the like to hold and retain small change, bills, car-tickets, tools, and other similar articles, at the same time protecting the uniform or ordinary vest worn.

The invention consists of a body part made of a single piece of material adapted to be placed in front of an ordinary vest or to be worn in lieu thereof, means for attaching the same to the body of the wearer, and a strip attached at its lower edges to said main body part having a U-shaped seam at the middle portion thereof forming three separate pockets and inwardly-curved seams at the outer ends thereof forming shoulders or stops for the inside of the outer pockets to prevent articles contained therein from slipping out accidentally.

The invention also consists in other details of construction and combinations of parts which will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my device shown applied. Fig. 2 is a vertical section through one of the upper pockets on the line *x x*. Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view through the lower pocket, taken on the line *y y*.

Like reference-numerals indicate like parts in the different views.

The main body part 1 is made of a single piece of material and is formed with tongues or extensions 2 2 at its upper end which serve as shoulder-pieces. Connected to the outer ends of the extensions 2 are straps or bands 3, of fabric or other suitable material, which are adapted to be passed around the rear of

the shoulder-blade and to be buttoned or otherwise connected to the body part 1 just under the arm, as shown at 4. A waistband 5 is attached to the two opposite sides of the body part 1, the same being provided for the purpose of securing the lower ends of my garment to the wearer. Sewed to the front face of the body part 1 and extending entirely across the same is an elliptical-shaped piece 6, forming pockets 7, 8, and 9 between it and the main body part 1. The lower end of the piece 6 extends around the lower edge of the body part 1 and is secured in place by a plurality of seams, as clearly shown. This provides a solid bottom for the pockets 7 and 9 and prevents the loss of coin or other articles therefrom. At the outer edges of the strip 6 curved seams 10 10 are made, forming shoulders on the inside of the pockets 7 and 9, which prevent the loss of change or other matter from said pockets. The pocket 8 is formed by the U-shaped seam 11, this pocket being provided especially for holding the punch of a conductor. Just above the pockets 7, 8, and 9, formed by the piece 6 and the seams 10 and 11, are located one or more pockets which are formed by pieces 12 12, sewed at their two sides and bottom to the main body part 1, and supplemental pieces 13 13, shorter than the pieces 12 and sewed along their sides and bottom to the top surface of the pieces 12. In the drawings I have illustrated two oppositely-disposed strips 12 12 and an equal number of strips 13 13, forming four pockets at the top of my garment. It is obvious, however, that I may dispense with these pockets altogether or may dispense with one or more of them or may increase the number, as occasion may demand or dictate. The lower ends of the strips 13 are turned under the strips 12, so that a solid and strong bottom for the pocket is obtained.

In using my vestlette the same may be worn on the outside of the ordinary vest or may be worn in lieu thereof, as desired. It is particularly designed for the use of street-car conductors in order to save the expensive uniforms worn by them, which are quickly worn out by constantly inserting the fingers into the pocket to make change or deposit money or tickets for fares. It may be made of any suitable fabric, but in the case of use

by conductors should be of very strong material of the same color as the uniform.

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

1. In a garment of the character and for the purpose described, the combination with the main body part thereof, of a strip attached at its lower edges to said main body having a U-shaped seam at the middle portion thereof, forming three separate pockets and inwardly-curved seams at the outer ends thereof, forming shoulders or stops for the inside of the outer pockets to prevent articles contained therein from slipping out accidentally, said seams serving to secure said strip to the main body part of the garment.

2. In a garment of the character and for the

purpose described, the combination with the main body part thereof, of a plurality of pocket-forming strips secured to the front face of said main body part, one of said strips being longer than the other and the shorter strip secured upon the top surface of the longer with its lower edges folded beneath the longer, whereby a plurality of pockets are formed in the space ordinarily occupied by a single pocket and whereby greater strength and durability are attained.

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

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