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SAFETY-POCKET.

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Fig. 1.

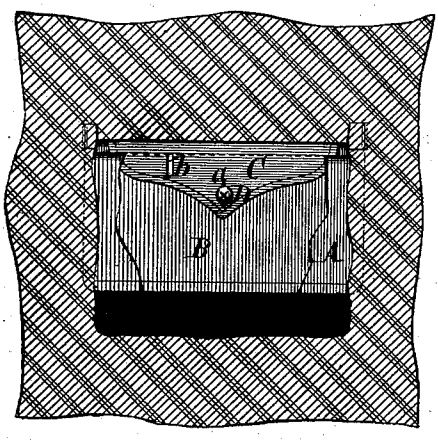


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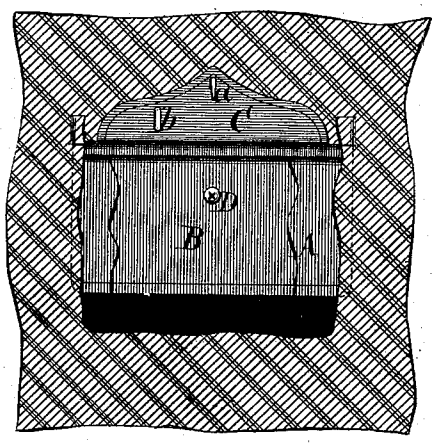


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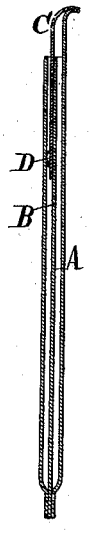
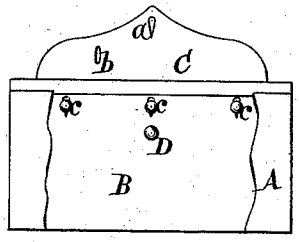


Fig. 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SAFETY-POCKETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM M. BLUME, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Pockets for Garments, which invention is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 represents a front view of a pocket containing my improvement and applied to a garment, portions of the latter as well as of the pocket being broken away to show the interior of the pocket. Fig. 2 is a similar view thereof when the flap is raised. Fig. 3 is a vertical cross-section of the same detached, and on a larger scale than in the previous figures.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

My invention relates to a pocket having a center piece by which it is divided into two compartments, and having a flap which is firmly attached at one edge to the upper edge of the pocket, and fastened to the center piece by means of one or more buttons and button-holes, or other suitable means, so that by the flap the mouth of one of the compartments of the pocket is closed.

My invention consists in the combination, with such flap, of a hole of sufficient size to permit of the passage of a watch-chain through it, so that if a watch is placed in one of the compartments of my pocket, and the chain attached to the watch is drawn through said hole while the flap is fastened, the watch is effectually prevented from being removed from the pocket.

In the drawing, the letter A designates my pocket, which is secured to a garment in the usual way, and through which extends a center piece, B, of cloth or other material similar to the two side pieces of the pocket, said center piece being left free at one edge, and serving to divide the pocket into two compartments, as shown. C designates a flap, which serves to close or cover up the mouth of the inner compartment of the pocket. This flap C is sewed or otherwise attached at one edge to the upper edge of the pocket A, while near its opposite or free edge it is provided with one or more button-hole, *a*, by which it is fastened to a button or buttons, D, affixed to the center piece B; but other means may be substituted for said button-hole and button.

It is obvious that when the flap C is fastened access to the inner compartment of the pocket A is prevented, and, hence, articles of value may be carried in such compartment with perfect safety.

In any suitable part of the flap C is formed a hole, *b*, equal to the thickness of a watch-chain, and by which my pocket is especially adapted for carrying a watch, inasmuch as when a watch is placed in the inner compartment of the pocket, and the watch-chain is drawn through the hole *b*, while the flap C is fastened, the watch is prevented from being removed, except when the flap is released and thrown back, as shown in Fig. 2.

In some cases I provide the center piece B with button-holes near its upper edge, so that it can be fastened to buttons *c*, affixed to one of the side pieces of the pocket, as shown in Fig. 4.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with the flap of a pocket having a center piece, of a hole for the passage of a watch-chain, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 28th day of May, 1877.

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