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INSERT FOR A POCKET

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FIG. 1

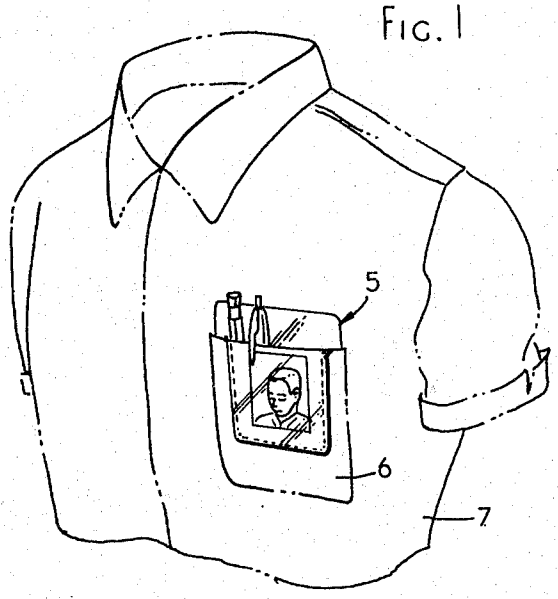


FIG. 3a

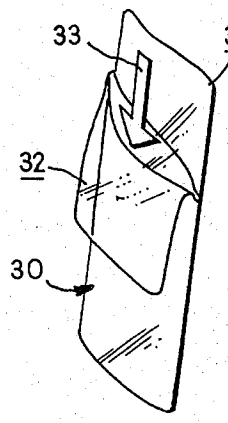
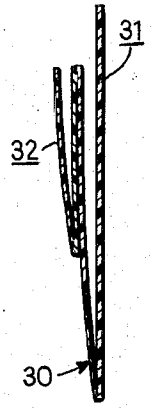


FIG. 3b



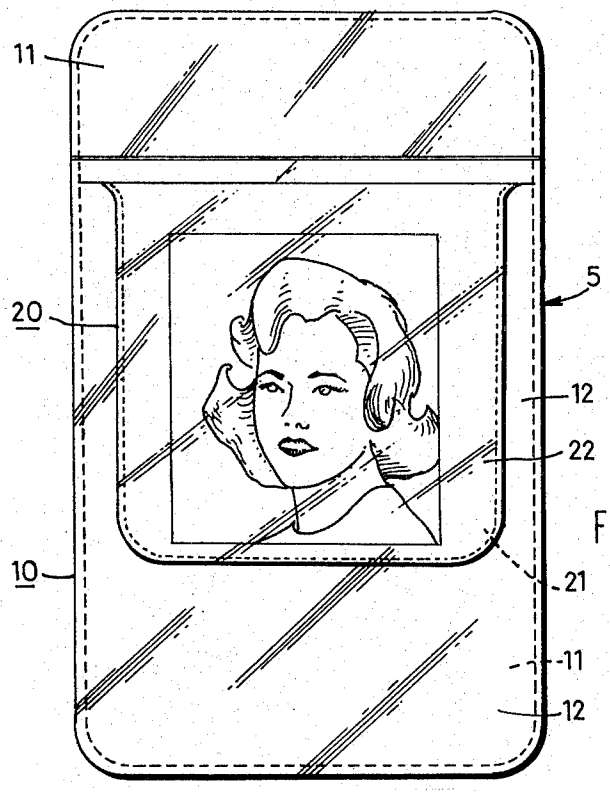


FIG. 2

FIG. 4a

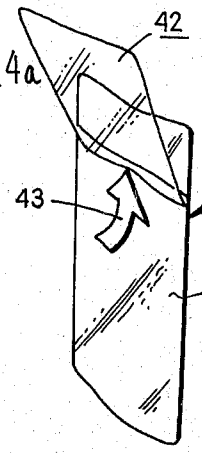
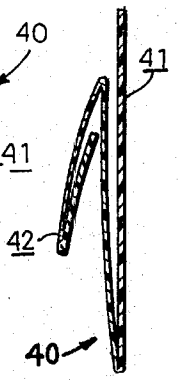


FIG. 4b



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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention constitutes an insert within a pocket, the insert including two portions, one of which extends within the pocket, and the other of which depends from the pocket at the outer surface of the pocket, for displaying and protecting a card through a window therein.

My invention relates to an improved insert for a pocket. My invention particularly relates to such an insert having a first pocket for pencils and the like that fits inside a shirt pocket, and having a second transparent pocket for cards, pencils, and the like that hangs outside the shirt pocket.

Many people, particularly men, like or need an insert for their shirt pocket. Such an insert can carry pencils, a slide rule, and other objects and can protect the shirt pocket from dirt and wear. In many situations, such people must also carry an identification card, a photograph, a radiation card, or a similar object which must be visible. Or, such people must carry additional objects which they prefer to have outside their pocket.

Accordingly, an object of my invention is to provide a new and improved insert for a pocket, particularly a shirt pocket.

Another object of my invention is to provide a new and improved shirt pocket insert having a first pocket for pencils and the like that fits inside and protects the shirt pocket, and having a second pocket for a card or the like that hangs outside the shirt pocket for displaying and protecting the card.

Briefly, these and other objects are achieved in accordance with my invention by an insert having a first pocket closed along its sides and bottom. This first pocket is preferably dimensioned so that when inserted in the shirt pocket, its front top border is substantially level with or slightly higher than the front top border of the shirt pocket. A second pocket is fastened to the front top border of the first pocket. In one embodiment, this second pocket has at least its front transparent, and has its sides and bottom closed to form a pocket into which cards may be slid or inserted. In another embodiment, the second pocket may be shaped to receive pencils. In both embodiments, the second pocket is attached to the front top border of the first pocket, and is arranged to hang outside of the shirt pocket when the improved insert is placed in a shirt pocket. The first insert pocket can carry pencils or similar objects, and protects the shirt pocket from dirt and wear. The second insert pocket can carry a card, photograph, or similar object and display the object or carry the object on the outside of the shirt pocket.

The subject matter which I regard as my invention is particularly pointed out and distinctly claimed in the claims. The structure and operation of my invention, together with further objects and advantages, may be better understood from the following description given in connection with the accompanying drawing in which:

FIGURE 1 shows a portion of a shirt and a pocket carrying an improved insert in accordance with my invention;

FIGURE 2 shows a front view of an improved insert in accordance with my invention;

FIGURES 3*a* and 3*b* show perspective and cross sectional views of one embodiment of an improved insert in accordance with my invention; and

FIGURES 4*a* and 4*b* show perspective and cross sectional views of another embodiment of an improved insert in accordance with my invention.

FIGURE 1 shows an improved insert **5** in accordance with my invention as used in the pocket **6** of a man's shirt **7**. While FIGURE 1 shows the insert **5** used with a man's shirt **7**, it is to be understood that the insert **5** may be used in many forms of pockets other than the shirt pocket shown in FIGURE 1. As shown in FIGURE 1, my insert **5** comprises a first pocket having closed sides and bottom which fits inside the shirt pocket. My insert further comprises a second pocket having closed sides and bottom and a transparent front which is attached to the first pocket and which hangs outside the shirt pocket. Pencils or similar objects can be placed in the first pocket, so that the shirt pocket is protected from these objects. And, a photograph, an identification card, a radiation card, or any similar flat object may be placed in the second pocket so that it can be viewed or is visible from the front. Or, the second pocket may be shaped to receive objects such as pencils in addition to or in place of the card.

FIGURE 2 shows an enlarged front view of the insert **5** in accordance with my invention. The insert **5** shown in FIGURE 2 comprises a first pocket **10** that is formed from any suitable pliable material such as a sheet of plastic that is either transparent or opaque. The first pocket **10** comprises a back **11** that is substantially rectangular with rounded corners if desired. The rectangle has top and bottom borders dimensioned so that the insert **5** can be placed in a shirt pocket, and vertical or side borders preferably dimensioned larger than the shirt pocket depth. The first pocket **10** also comprises a front **12** that is substantially rectangular. This rectangle has top and bottom borders with a length or dimension substantially equal to the length or dimension of the top and bottom borders of the back **11**, and has vertical or side borders with a length or dimension substantially equal to or slightly greater than the shirt pocket depth. The front **12** is positioned on the back **11** with the bottom borders substantially coincident, and with the vertical or side borders substantially coincident for their respective lengths or dimensions. The front **12** is attached to the back **11** by any suitable means, depending upon the material used. If the material is a plastic, the front and back may be attached or fastened to each other along their common borders by means such as sewing, cementing, or applying heat and/or pressure along a thin strip around the common borders. Thus, the front **12** is attached to the back **11** to form the first pocket **10** that is open at the top and closed along the sides and bottom. This top opening permits pencils or other objects to be placed in this first pocket **10** and protects a shirt pocket from these pencils or other objects.

A second pocket **20** is attached to the first pocket **10** along the top border of the front **12** on the exterior or front side thereof. The second pocket **20** comprises a back **21** and a front **22** of substantially rectangular dimensions. The front **22** is made of any suitable transparent and pliable material such as plastic, and the back **21** may be made of the same type of material as the front **22** or as the first pocket **10**. The front **22** and the back **21** are positioned with their borders coincident, and are joined together along their vertical or side borders and along their bottom borders by any suitable means, such as mentioned for the first pocket **10**. The second pocket **20** is formed with closed vertical borders and a closed bottom border, and with an opening near or at the top border. The second pocket **20** is suitably attached

at its top to the top border of the front 12 of the first pocket 10 so that a card or other object may be inserted between the back 21 and the front 22 of the second pocket 20. FIGURE 2 shows an identification photograph inserted in the second pocket 20. When the insert 5 is placed in a shirt pocket, such as the pocket 6 in FIGURE 1, the first pocket 10 is in the shirt pocket and the second pocket 20 hangs down from the first pocket 10 and over the shirt pocket. Thus the first pocket 10 protects the shirt and shirt pocket from objects, and the second pocket 20 provides a transparent pocket for a card or the like which can be easily seen. The back 11 of the first pocket 10 may extend upward beyond the front 12 for any suitable distance, usually far enough to protect the shirt from the longest pencil or object carried. While not shown, the second pocket 20 may be shaped to receive pencils or similar objects as well as the card, so that the pencils are outside the shirt pocket.

FIGURES 3*a*, 3*b*, 4*a*, and 4*b* show perspective and cross sectional views of two modifications of my invention. The insert 30 shown in FIGURES 3*a* and 3*b* has its second pocket 32 attached to the first pocket 31 by and along the rear or back of the second pocket 32 so that cards or similar objects may be inserted in the second pocket 32 through a slit or opening (along the top borders) at the front of the insert 30, as indicated by the arrow 33. The insert 40 shown in FIGURES 4*a* and 4*b* has its second pocket 42 attached to the first pocket 41 by and along the front of the second pocket 42 so that cards or similar objects may be inserted in the second pocket 42 through a slit or opening along the top borders between the back of the second pocket 42 and the front of the first pocket 41 as indicated by the arrow 43. This slit or opening is exposed by raising the second pocket 42 as shown in FIGURE 4*a*. In this modification the back of the second pocket 42 should have a vertical dimension less than the front of the second pocket 42 to make the insertion easy. This arrangement of FIGURES 4*a* and 4*b* provides more protection for the card or photograph. In both modifications shown in FIGURES 3*a*, 3*b*, 4*a*, and 4*b*, the second pocket is attached along its top border (of either the front or back) to the top border of the front of the first pocket. Thus, the second pocket is attached in a hinge-like manner so that it can be positioned on the outside of a shirt pocket as shown in FIGURE 1, with the first pocket on the inside of the shirt pocket.

It will thus be seen that my invention provides an improved insert for a pocket, particularly a shirt pocket. Persons skilled in the art will appreciate that modifications may be made to my invention. For example, various pliable materials may be used, depending upon wearer preference or style. The fronts and backs and pockets may be attached in any suitable means, such as by sewing or other fastening. And the second or outer pocket may take a number of shapes, depending on wearer preference and needs. Therefore, while my invention has been described with reference to a particular embodiment, it is to be understood that modifications may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention or from the scope of the claims.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. An improved insert for use in a pocket of an article of clothing comprising:

(a) a substantially flat, rectangularly shaped first pocket comprising a first back of a sheet of pliable material, said first back having a generally rectangular shape with top and bottom borders having lengths to permit insertion into said clothing pocket and with side borders having lengths that are greater than the interior depth of said clothing pocket; a first front of a sheet of pliable material, said first front having a generally rectangular shape with top and bottom borders having lengths that are substantially equal to said lengths of said back top and bottom borders respectively, and with side borders having lengths that are substantially equal to the interior depth of said clothing pocket; said first front being positioned on said first back with said front bottom border substantially coincident with said back bottom border and with said front side borders substantially coincident with said back side borders respectively over their common length; said first front and said first back being fastened together along said coincident borders to form said first pocket for pencils and the like;

(b) a substantially flat, rectangularly shaped second card pocket comprising a second front of a transparent sheet of pliable material, and a second back of a sheet of pliable material; said second front and back each having top, bottom, and side borders of substantially the same dimensions; said second front and back being positioned adjacent to each other with their borders respectively coincident, and being joined together throughout said bottom borders and said side borders to form said second pocket for holding a card-like object inserted between said second front and back at said top borders thereof;

(c) and means fastening the top border of said second pocket to said top border of said first front so that said second pocket depends from said first front on the exterior thereof coextensively with a slot through which said card-like object can be inserted for bottoming within an envelope defined by the confronting bottom and side edges of said second pocket.

2. The insert of claim 1 wherein said top border of said second front is fastened to said top border of said first front so that said card-like object is inserted in said second pocket from the rear thereof.

3. The insert of claim 1 wherein said top border of said second back is fastened to said top border of said first front so that said card-like object is inserted in said second pocket from the front thereof.

4. The insert of claim 2 wherein said second pocket has top and bottom border lengths which are each less than said first front top and bottom border lengths.

5. The insert of claim 3 wherein said second pocket has top and bottom border lengths which are each less than said first front top and bottom border lengths.

6. The insert of claim 1 wherein said second pocket is further shaped to receive a pencil and like objects.

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