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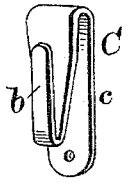
VEST PROTECTOR.

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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN IVES, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Vest-Protectors, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the annexed drawings, forming a part thereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my improved vest-protector in use. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of one of the hooks employed in supporting the vest-protector.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures of the drawings.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and efficient device for protecting garments against wear by contact with the edges of desks and counters.

The invention consists in the peculiar construction and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claim.

The apron A is made of felt, broadcloth, or other suitable textile or fibrous material, and is provided on its upper edge with a binding, B, of leather, tape, or other suitable material. In the binding B, near opposite edges of the apron, are formed series of holes *a* for receiving the hook C, by which the protector in the present case is supported from the edges of the vest-pockets.

The hook C is formed of a tapering strip of metal, bent or returned upon itself twice from opposite directions to form S-shaped hooks, as shown in Fig. 2, the narrower end *b* of the hook being turned upward and received in the holes *a* of the binding B, the wider end C of the hook being turned downward and adapted to engage the edges of the vest-pocket, as shown in Fig. 1.

The hooks C are preferably made of spring-brass, and silvered or nickeled to protect them from corrosion and to give them a neat appearance.

The binding B, when of leather, is attached to the upper edge of the apron A by means of suitable cement, and, in addition to the cement, it may receive a row of stitching. When tape or other textile binding is employed, it will be fastened by stitching only.

The body of the apron is preferably made of felt, as that material is not liable to ravel and requires no hemming; but I do not confine or limit myself to any particular kind of material in the manufacture of the protector.

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

A vest-protector formed of an apron having a perforated binding along its upper edge, and in combination therewith the S-shaped hooks C, received in the holes of the binding and adapted to engage the edges of the vest-pockets, substantially as herein shown and described.

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