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WATCH POCKET FASTENER.

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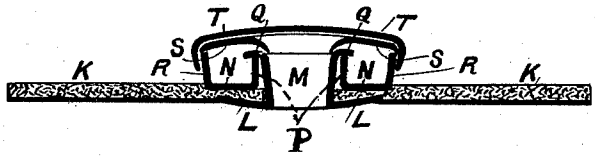
FIG. 2.



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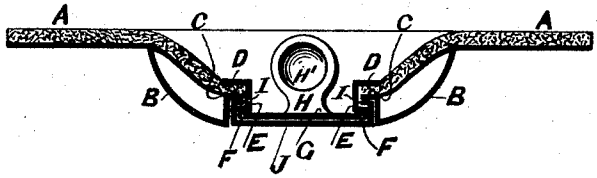

FIG. 3.

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WATCH-POCKET FASTENER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES KERSHAW, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at 12 Charterhouse Square, London, England, have invented a novel construction or arrangement of Fastener for Securing Watch and other Pockets, (patented in Great Britain, No. 6,455, bearing date April 28, 1890,) of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a novel construction or arrangement of fastener specially suitable for securing the mouths of watch-pockets to prevent robbery from the person. The fastener is very flat in character and is readily opened or unfastened by an outward pressure, but remains intact against an edge pull. It is also applicable for closing the side pockets of trousers or other garments.

For the purpose of my invention I attach a split or other shaped bulb to a backing-plate by curling the edge over the wings or base of the bulb, and I arrange a deep-dished plate at the outer edge of the backing-plate, so that its broadest rim is at about the same level or slightly beyond the extremity of the bulb. This constitutes one-half the fastener. The other half is composed of a broad-faced eyelet, and the construction is such that when the two halves of the fastener are engaged the eyelet lies down within the dished portion so as to be flush or substantially flush with the garment, all as hereinafter described and claimed, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a sectional elevation of the dished-plate member of the fastener; Fig. 2, a similar view of the eyelet member of the fastener; Fig. 3, a similar view showing the two members of the fastener connected as in use.

The fastener shown is specially adapted for securing the opening of a watch-pocket of, say, a waistcoat to prevent robbery from the person.

A is the cloth fabric of the body portion of a waistcoat, to which the dished plate B is clamped by its flange C and the splayed-out flange D of an internal collar E. The other flange F of said collar, by contact with the base G of the post H, and the flange I of the outer shell J, also clamped, afford a means by which the several pieces are held together, the post H being within the indent or hollowed portion of the cloth A formed by the depth or the large amount of "dish" given to the plate B for the purpose of preventing the bulb H′ on the outer end of the post H scratching the face of a watch when it is withdrawn from or inserted into the pocket. The post H on the base-plate G is provided with the spring bulb or ball H′ of ordinary construction, whereby it will yield in engaging and disengaging the eyelet.

According to Fig. 2, which represents the cover in section, K is the cloth of the pocket-flap, which is nipped between the flange L of an eyelet M and the body N of a gutter-shaped ring. One wall P of this gutter-ring is jammed by the other flange Q of the eyelet M, and the wall R is pressed upon by the other edge of a washer S, and is fixed by the outer cover or cap T, the edge U of which is curled downwardly into close contact with the wall R of the gutter-ring, which wall is spread outward to enable the curled edge U of the cap T to obtain the necessary grip or fixity of the parts forming the cap appliance of the fastener. The rigidity of the crown of the cap T is maintained by the touch of the washer S, the central edge of which is flanged downward to press upon the neck portion of the eyelet M.

Fig. 3 represents the position the closing parts of the fastener occupy when fixed over the bulb H of the post, the whole of said closing part being within the aperture formed by the deep-dished plate B and of the two fabrics A K as to place the cover or cap T flush or about flush with the exterior fabric K.

I am aware that split and also solid bulbs H have been employed with their bases G fixed in flanged rings and inclosed in a cover J in conjunction with a ring-washer for nipping the fabric; but in each of those cases the bulb projected beyond the fabric, and was always upon and extended from the outside of the garment to which such an article was fixed, and in such a manner that the closing portion always stood out and projected from its fabric as in the position indicated by Fig. 2. Now, by my invention, when the two members of the fastener are fixed together, as in-

dicated by the sectional elevation, Fig. 3, the exterior is flush or about flush with the outside or exposed part of the garment at or near the pocket-opening, which is kept closed and secure against fraudulent withdrawal of a watch, purse, or other article without the attempt being known to the wearer.

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

1. As one member of a pocket-protector, the annular deep-dished plate B, with inner-stepped flange C, the base G, having the post H, the flanges D F of ring E, and flange I of cap J, all arranged as shown on the annexed drawings.

2. A pocket-fastener consisting of the deep-dished plate B, having the flange C, the flanged shell or cap J, the base G, resting on the latter and having the bulb-post H, the collar or ring E, having the flange F, engaging the flange of the cap or shell, and the flange D, for nipping the fabric A, and the eyelet M, comprising the flange L, the ring N, washer S, and cap T, and adapted to engage the bulb-post and set down in the dished plate for placing it flush with the outside of the fabric to which it is attached, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereto signed my name, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, the 16th day of June, 1890.

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