

No. 800,955.

PATENTED OCT. 3, 1905.

J. STRAUSS.  
POCKET PROTECTOR.  
APPLICATION FILED FEB. 6, 1905.

Fig. 1.

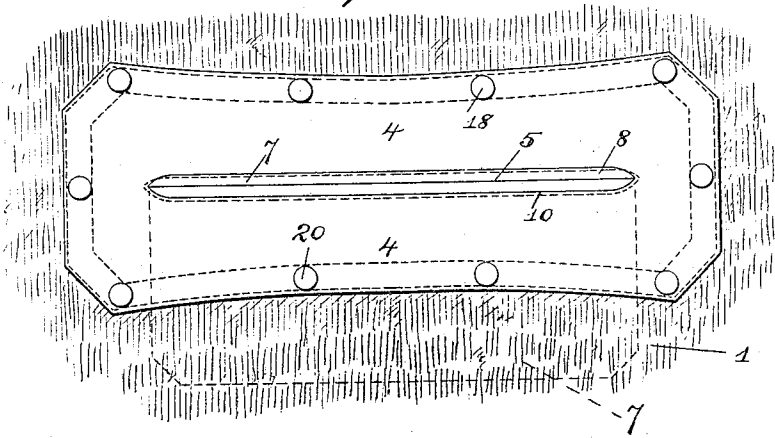


Fig. 2.

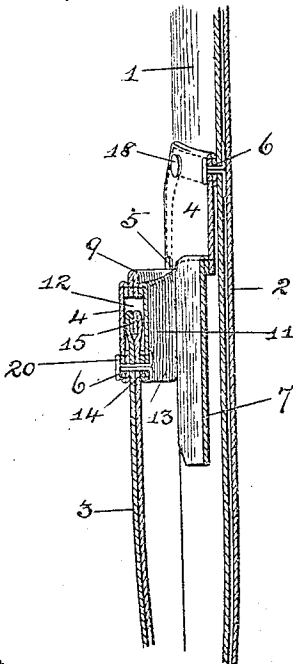
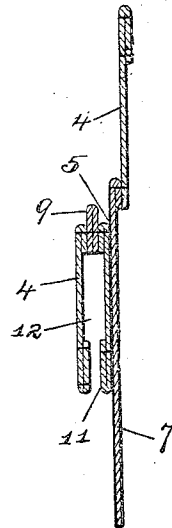


Fig. 3.



Witnesses

Edwin L. Bradford  
G. Ferdinand Vogt.

Inventor

Joseph Strauss

By

Manu & Co.,  
Attorneys

# UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

JOSEPH STRAUSS, OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

## POCKET-PROTECTOR.

No. 800,955.

Specification of Letters Patent.

Patented Oct. 3, 1905.

Application filed February 6, 1905. Serial No. 244,523.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH STRAUSS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket-Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in pocket-protectors.

The object of the invention is to produce a device of this character which may be readily attached to or detached from the pocket-opening and which will completely surround the said opening and protect the fabric of the garment from wear by the insertion of the hand.

The invention is particularly adapted for the use of street-car conductors and other persons who are constantly putting their hands into their pockets to make change or for other purposes.

It is to be understood that the invention is not a supplemental pocket, but a protector to be secured around the pocket-opening.

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

Figure 1 illustrates a front elevation of a garment-pocket opening provided with my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same on an enlarged scale, and Fig. 3 is a vertical section through the detached protector.

Referring to the drawings by numerals, 1 designates the garment fabric, and 2 the inner lining thereof. The pocket 3 may be formed in the garment in any suitable manner.

The protector comprises a strip 4 of suitable flexible material, such as leather, and of a size to entirely cover the pocket-opening. The protector-strip is provided with a longitudinal central slit 5 and a plurality of marginal perforations 6. A flap 7 is secured to the protector-strip adjacent the upper edge 8 of the longitudinal slit and hangs pendently below said slit. A folded reinforce-strip 9 is secured to the protector-strip 4 at the lower edge 10 of the slit 5, and a flap 11 is secured to the inner side of the reinforce-strip 9 and also adjacent the lower edge of the slit 5, and this latter flap 11 also depends below said slit. The interposition of the reinforce-strip 9 at the upper edge of and between the protector-strip 4 and the flap 11 forms a space 12 between said strip and flap for a purpose to be presently described. The flap 11 along its lower depending edge 13 is provided with per-

forations 14, which register with the marginal perforations 6 at the lower edge of the protector-strip. It will thus be seen that the protector comprises a strip with a central strip and two depending flaps, one of which is attached to the strip above the slit and the other also attached to the strip below the slit.

In attaching the protector to the garment the leather strip 4 is placed over the pocket-opening and against the outer surface of the fabric 1. The edge 15 of the pocket is then inserted in the space 12 between the flap 11 and the strip 4, as seen in Fig. 2, so that the flap 11 will hang down inside of the pocket and against the outer wall thereof. The flap 7, attached at the edge 8 of the slit 5, will thus extend across the slit and down into the pocket and lie against the inner side of the pocket. When in this position, metallic fasteners 18 may then be inserted in the marginal perforations 6 and also through the fabric 1 and engage on the inner side of the fabric and between the latter and the lining 2. At the lower edge of the strip metallic fasteners 20 are inserted through the lower marginal perforations, then through the upper edge 15 of the pocket and through the lower flap 11. Thus it will be seen that the protector is secured around the pocket-opening, and the flaps 7 and 11 will hang inside of the pocket, so that all friction caused by the insertion or withdrawal of the hand will be against the flaps and the leather protector-strip.

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

1. A pocket-protector having a strip larger than the pocket-opening and surrounding the latter and provided with a slit which registers with said pocket-opening, said strip also having a flap secured to each edge of the slit which depends from said slit into the pocket.

2. A pocket-protector having a strip which surrounds the pocket-opening and provided with marginal perforations and also having a longitudinal slit, a flap secured to said strip adjacent the upper edge of the slit and depending from the slit into the pocket and another flap also secured adjacent the lower edge of and depending from said slit also into the pocket.

3. A pocket-protector having a strip which surrounds the pocket-opening and provided with marginal perforations and also having

a longitudinal slit, which registers with the pocket-opening, a flap secured to said strip at the upper edge of the slit and depending into the pocket, another flap secured adjacent the lower edge of the slit and depending below the latter and also into the pocket and having perforations which register with the marginal perforations on the exterior of the pocket and at the lower edge of said strip.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of witnesses.

his  
JOSEPH X STRAUSS.  
mark

Witnesses:

G. FERDINAND VOGT,  
JAMES E. HEWES,  
FELIX R. SULLIVAN.