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Fig. 1.

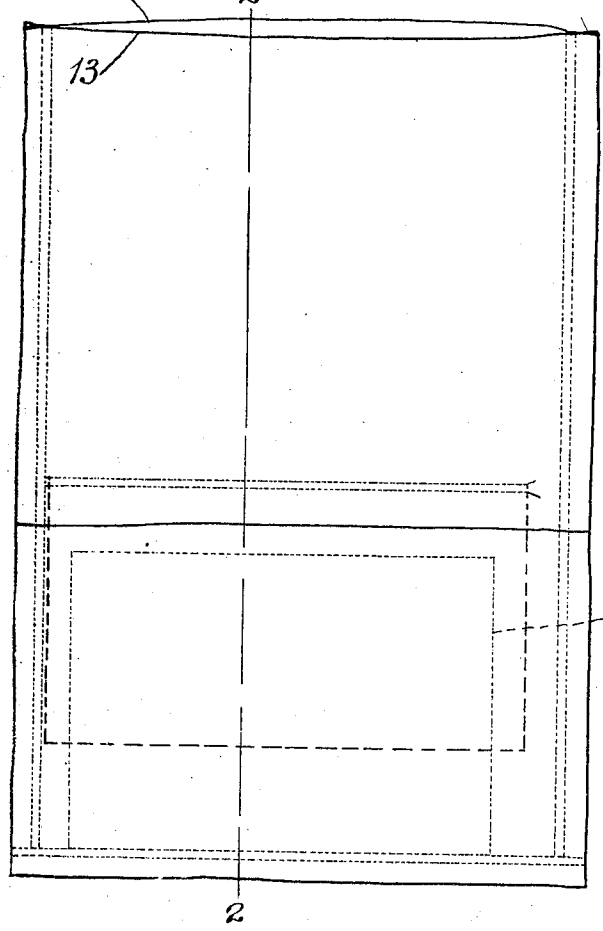


Fig. 2.

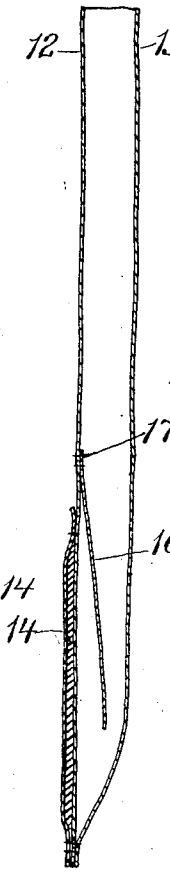
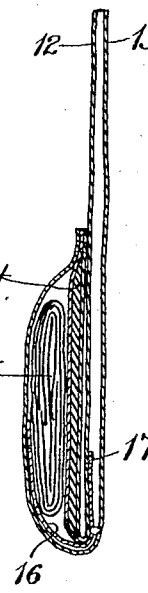


Fig. 3.



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SAFETY-POCKET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDGAR SHAW, of Swampscott, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Safety-Pockets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide a garment pocket which can be adjusted so that its contents cannot be removed without such manipulation of the pocket as will be sure to attract the attention of the wearer.

The invention consists in the improvement which I will now proceed to describe and claim.

Of the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification,—Figure 1 represents a side elevation of a pocket embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a section on line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 represents a view similar to Fig. 2, showing the pocket adjusted to protect its contents.

The same letters of reference indicate the same parts in all the figures.

In the drawings, 12 and 13 represent the side pieces of a garment pocket, the said pieces being stitched together along three edges of the pocket, and left open at the top edge to form the mouth of the pocket. The garment to which the pocket is attached is not shown in the figures now under consideration. The pocket may be attached to the garment in any suitable way.

In carrying out my invention, I stiffen one side of the pocket by applying thereto a stiffening member 14, which may be of any suitable material, such as sheet metal preferably japanned, vulcanized fiber, hard rubber, celluloid, etc. In this embodiment of my invention, the stiffening member is narrower than the side of the pocket to which it is attached, and is located at the lower portion of said side. A roll of bills or other article of value 15 inserted in the pocket beside the stiffening member 14 is protected by folding the pocket, as indicated in Fig. 3, the fold being across the edge of the stiffening piece, which is the upper edge when the pocket is not folded. When the pocket is in a portion of the garment that is in relatively close proximity to the wearer's body, as is the case when the pocket is applied to a vest or a pair of trousers, the pocket cannot be unfolded to permit the removal of its contents without swinging the stiffening piece 14 inwardly toward the wearer's body, and thus creating such pressure that if attempted by a pick pocket, the wearer's attention will be inevitably attracted. To additionally secure the contents of the folded pocket, I attach a flap 16 to the side piece 12, said flap being attached by a line of stitches 17 or otherwise, along one edge immediately above the upper edge of the stiffening piece 14, the flap hanging down at one side of the stiffening piece, and being wide enough to cover the latter. When the article 15 is placed in the pocket, it is interposed between the flap 16 and the stiffening piece before the pocket is folded, the folding operation causing the flap to extend under the lower edge of the article 15, as shown in Fig. 3, so that fingers inserted in the pocket will be prevented by the flap from coming in contact with the article 15.

I claim:

1. A garment pocket having a stiffening member attached to the inner end portion of one of its sides, said member being narrower than the side to which it is attached, so that the portion of the pocket having the stiffening member may be folded against the back of the other portion.

2. A garment pocket having a stiffening member attached to the inner end portion of one of its sides, said member being narrower than the side to which it is attached, and a flap attached at one edge to the same side above the stiffening member, said flap having a free portion located beside the stiffening member, and adapted to protect an article interposed between the stiffening member and flap, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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