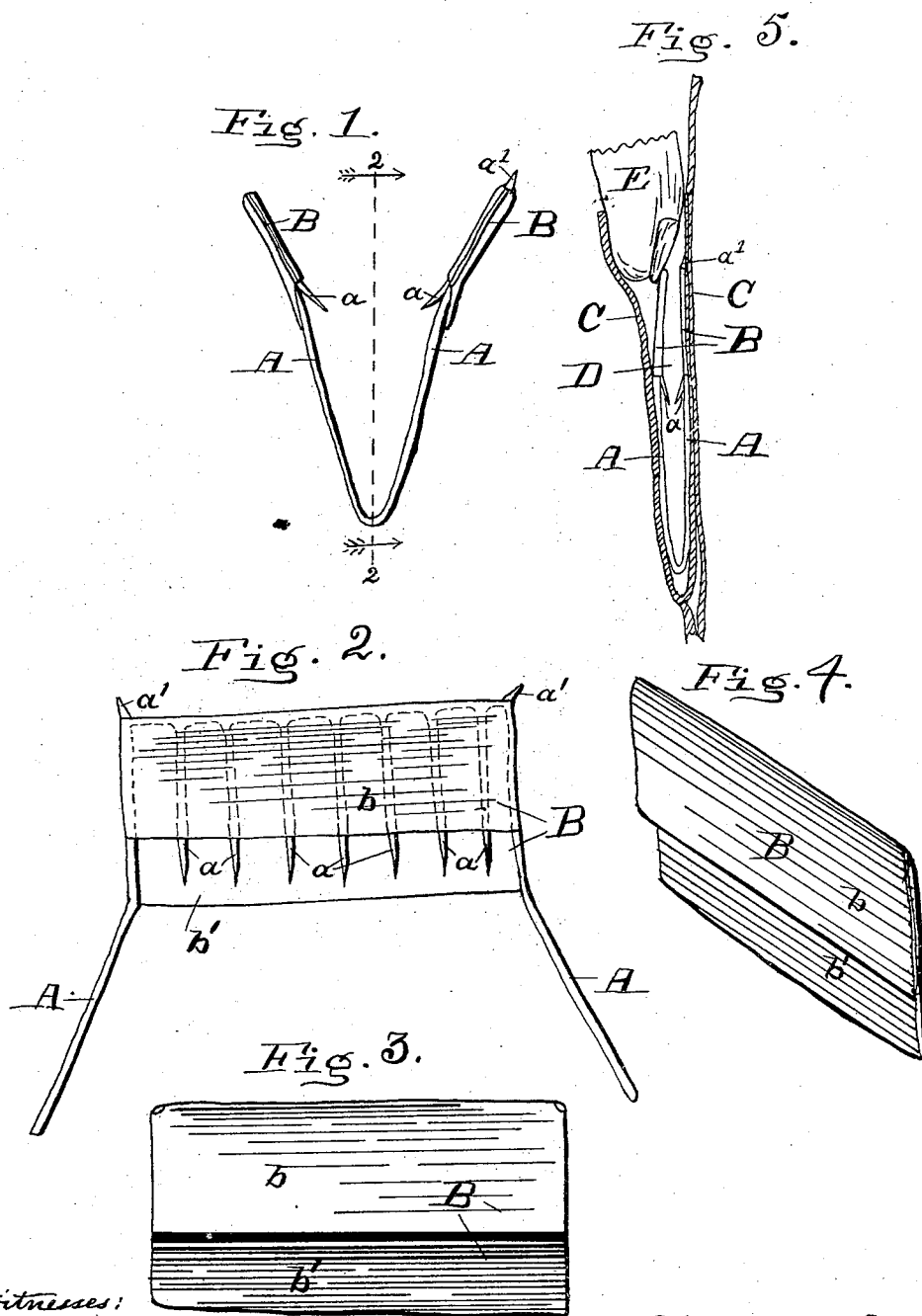


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SYVERT THOMMASON MOSBY, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Safety Attachments for Pockets, of which the following, when taken in connection with the drawings accompanying and forming a part hereof, is a full and complete description, sufficient to enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same.

My invention relates to a device designed to be placed within a coat or vest pocket and to give warning to the person wearing the same of the placing of a hand or finger in the pocket by another person.

The object of my invention is to obtain a device which can be readily placed into a vest or coat pocket and when placed therein will permit the person wearing the vest or coat and having a knowledge of the construction and manner and use of the device to place a hand or finger therein and to remove such hand or finger for the purpose of placing and removing articles from the pocket, but will prevent the insertion and withdrawal of the hand or finger of another person into the pocket.

In the drawings illustrating the invention, Figure 1 is an end view of the device. Fig. 2 is a sectional view on line 2 2 of Fig. 1, viewed in the direction indicated by the arrow; Fig. 3, an elevation of a covering adapted to extend over a portion of the device; Fig. 4, a perspective of such covering; Fig. 5, a cross-section of a pocket having the device placed therein and showing a finger partially inserted in such vest-pocket in a manner not to be affected by the presence of the device therein. The same letter of reference is used to indicate a given part where more than one view thereof is shown in the several figures of the drawings.

A is a frame bent up of spring-wire or formed up of spring sheet metal, as preferred. *a a a* and *a' a'* are teeth or prongs on frame A. The teeth or prongs *a a a* point downward and inward, while the teeth or prongs *a' a'* point upward and outward.

The frame A, as will be observed by reference to Fig. 1, forms in end elevation the letter V, and the teeth or prongs *a a a*, pointing

downward and inward on such frame, are adapted to catch a hand or finger inserted between them and engage therewith when any attempt is made to withdraw such hand or finger. In order, however, that no material injury shall be done by such teeth or prongs *a a a*, they are made by me of spring metal and not of sufficient strength to tear the flesh from the hand or finger.

B B are flexible covers made of cloth, sheet-rubber, or equivalent material, adapted to draw over the frame A and over the greater portion of the teeth or prongs *a a a*. The cover B has thereon the side or face *b* and the side or face *b'*. Side or face *b* does not extend to the points of the teeth or prongs *a a a*, while the side or face *b'* extends below the points of such teeth or prongs. The purpose of having the side or face *b'* of the cover B extend below the points of such teeth or prongs is to allow the insertion of a finger or more than one finger in the pocket when the device is placed therein by placing such finger between the side or face *b'* and the side of the pocket.

C is the fabric or material of a garment—say a vest—and D is a pocket in such garment.

When the device is placed in the pocket, the points *a' a'* will engage with the fabric or material of which the pocket is constructed, and the device will be thereby held in such pocket. When it is desired to place a finger or more than one finger in the pocket, such finger should be inserted between the face or side *b'* and cover B and the side of the pocket, as illustrated in Fig. 5. When so inserted, the finger is protected from the points *a a a* by the cover B and can be extended to the bottom of the pocket. If, however, the finger is inserted in the pocket in the ordinary manner, such finger coming between the faces or sides *b b* of the cover B will come in contact with the points *a a a*, and upon any attempt to withdraw such finger it will be caught thereby. Such attempt to withdraw the finger from the pocket will have a tendency to withdraw such device from such pocket, and this tendency will cause teeth or prongs *a' a'* to engage with the walls of the pocket, and the hand or finger, as well as the device, will be held in the pocket for sufficiently-long a time at least to attract the attention of the person

wearing the garment in which such pocket is placed.

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

A safety attachment for pockets, consisting of a spring-metal frame having the ends thereof V-shaped, such ends being connected by a bar, with prongs on such bar extending
10 downward and inward, whereby when the device is placed in a pocket the spring of the V-shaped ends will tend to hold the springs apart, with pointed prongs on one of the bars

connecting the ends, extending upward and outward and adapted to engage with the fabric of which the pocket is constructed, and a flexible cover extending over the bar connecting the ends of the frame and over the downwardly-extending prongs thereon on the outer side thereof and partially over such prongs
20 on the other side thereof, substantially as described.

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