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SAFETY POCKET FOR GARMENTS.

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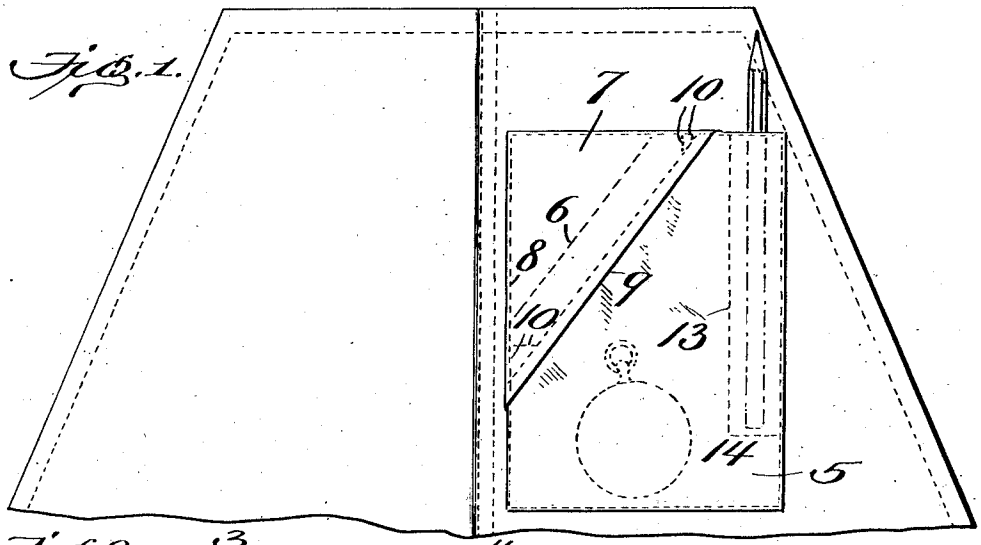


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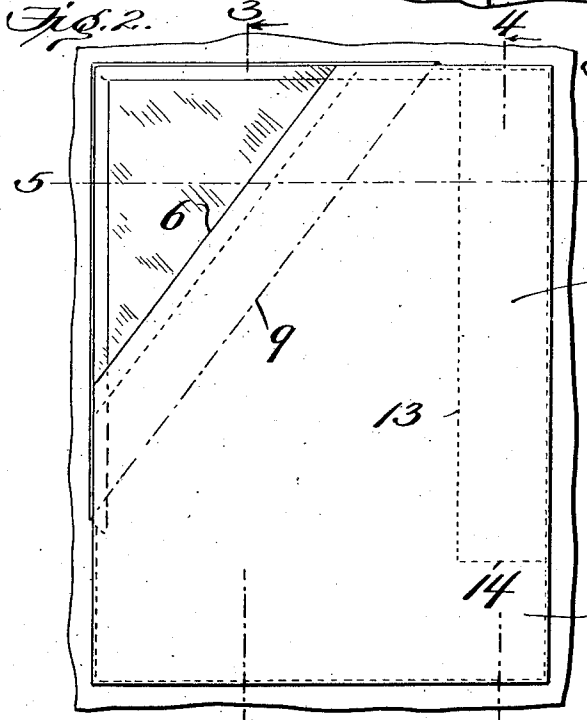


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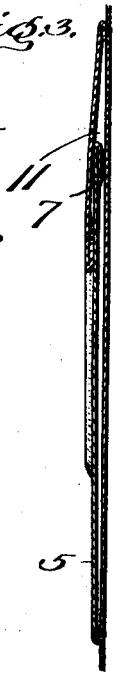


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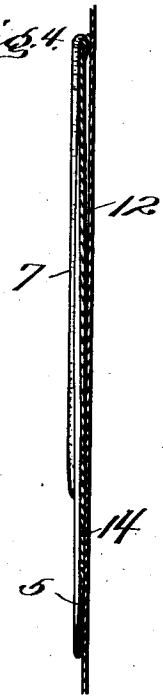
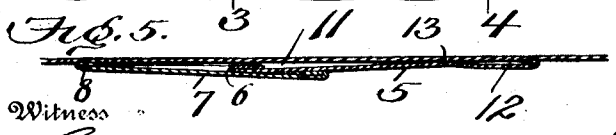


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CYRUS M. MILLER, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Joseph, in the county of Buchanan and State of Missouri, have invented new and useful Improvements in Safety-Pockets for Garments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to safety pockets for apron or bib overalls, jackets, and overall suits, and the primary object of the same is to provide a pocket preferably of the same material as the garment or portion of the garment to which it is applied and embodying a corner or angular mouth or entrance covered by a closure positively overlapping said mouth or entrance in such advantageous manner as to render the mouth or entrance of the pocket readily accessible for insertion of articles thereinto but obstructing accidental egress of the contents of the pocket no matter what position the wearer of the pocket may assume. A further object of the invention is to provide a simple pocket construction that may be readily applied to any part of a garment with facility and at comparatively small expense.

With these and other objects and advantages in view, the invention consists in the construction and arrangement of the several parts which will be more fully hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is an elevation of a portion of a bib or apron of an overall, showing the improved pocket applied thereto.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged elevation of a portion of the bib or overall and the pocket, illustrating the closure of the latter removed but indicating by dotted line the extent of overlap of the closure relatively to the mouth or entrance to the pocket.

Fig. 3 is a transverse vertical section taken in the plane of the line 3—3, Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a transverse vertical section taken in the plane of the line 4—4, Fig. 2.

Fig. 5 is a horizontal section taken in the plane of the line 5—5, Fig. 2.

As shown in the accompanying drawing, the improved pocket is applied to one side of the center of an apron or bib of an overall. It will be understood, however, that this pocket may be applied to any part of the garment where desired as the specific location of the pocket does not in the least affect the structural features thereof.

The pocket comprises essentially a substantially rectangular member or strip 5 having one of the upper corners diagonally cut away or removed to form an angular or diagonal edge 6, the said member or strip 5 being stitched fully around the edges thereof to the opposite terminals of the said angular edge 6. Coöperating with this pocket is an angular closure flap 7 sewed along the upper edge and the outer intersecting side edge, as at 8, to the portion of the garment or overall to which the pocket is applied and also to the pocket member or strip 5 to the extent that the said closure flap overlaps the angularly cut edge of the member or strip 5. The angular closure flap 7 is of materially greater dimensions than the portion of the upper corner of the member or strip 5 that is removed, and as a consequence a wide overlap of the said closure flap relatively to the upper cut-away corner portion of the pocket ensues, as clearly shown between the edge 9 of the flap and the angular edge 6 formed by cutting away the upper corner of the member or strip 5. The edges 9 and 6 are normally parallel and to reinforce the closure flap 7 and also limit it in its opening movement it is angularly stitched, as at 10, adjacent to the points where the free edge 9 of the flap intersects the upper edge and one side edge of the member or strip 5. The angular edge 6 of the member or strip 5 is free and the pocket is formed between the said member or strip 5 and the body of the apron or bib or other portion of the garment to which the said member or strip is secured, as indicated at 11 in Figs. 3 and 5. A supplemental pencil pocket 12 is formed by a vertical line of stitches 13 intersected by a short transverse line of stitches 14 through the member or strip 5 and the part of the garment to which the said member or strip is secured, the upper end of the pencil pocket being fully open. This smaller pocket is only an incidental convenience to the main pocket structure and may be used for other purposes than that of holding a pencil.

In the operation of the pocket the free portion of the edge 9 of the closure flap 7 is

pulled outwardly far enough to reach the angular edge 6 which is adjacent to the entrance of the pocket, and after such disposition of the closure flap a watch or other article may be inserted in the pocket and a release of the said free edge 9 of the flap 7 will result in an automatic return to normal position of said edge, and the extensive overlap and closure of the pocket as hereinbefore indicated will result. It will be seen that if the wearer of a garment embodying the improved pocket stoops over or occupies a position whereby the articles in an ordinary form of pocket would fall from such latter pocket, the closure flap of the improved pocket will prevent accidental falling out of the articles from the pocket in view of the fact that such articles will be checked and retained by the flap 7 which in a sense provides a reverse pocket closure above the entrance to the mouth of the main pocket 11, and when the wearer again assumes an upright position the contents of the pocket which may have moved under the closure flap 7 will again return to the main body of the pocket.

Among other particular advantages of the improved pocket is the fact that it is a safety pocket in any position and has a readily accessible opening that is always covered by an overlapping flap secured at each end at the point of overlap and is capable of being applied to any part of a garment. Moreover, the improved pocket is closed on all four sides and the flap having the extensive overlap relatively to the mouth of the main pocket will always be held in positive, closed position against outward flare in view of the corner or terminal reinforcing stitches applied to the opposite terminals of the overlapping portion of the flap. The improved pocket is also economical in the use of material in the formation of the same. It will be understood that the pocket may also be varied in size and the components thereof may be varied as to their proportions.

What is claimed is:

1. The combination with a garment, of a safety pocket consisting of a main member with an upper diagonally cut-away corner to form a pocket mouth edge which is free, the remaining edges of the pocket being firmly secured to the garment, and a triangular closing flap applied to and partially extending over the main member and having its one side and top edge secured to the main member and garment and its remaining inner edge loosely overlapping and parallel to the said mouth edge of the main member, the closing flap extending a considerable distance over the main member and wholly covering the mouth of the pocket formed by the latter.

2. The combination with a garment, of a safety pocket consisting of a main member with an upper diagonally cut-away corner to form a pocket mouth edge which is free, the remaining edges of the pocket being firmly secured to the garment, and a triangular closing flap applied to and partially extending over the main member and having its one side and top edge secured to the main member and garment and its remaining inner edge loosely overlapping and parallel to the diagonal mouth edge of the main member, the closing flap extending a considerable distance over the main member and wholly covering the mouth of the pocket formed by the said member, the main member of the pocket also being stitched longitudinally for a portion of its length and transversely to the adjacent outer edge and the upper terminal edge of the main member between the said vertical stitching being left free to provide an additional pencil pocket.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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