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FIG. 1.

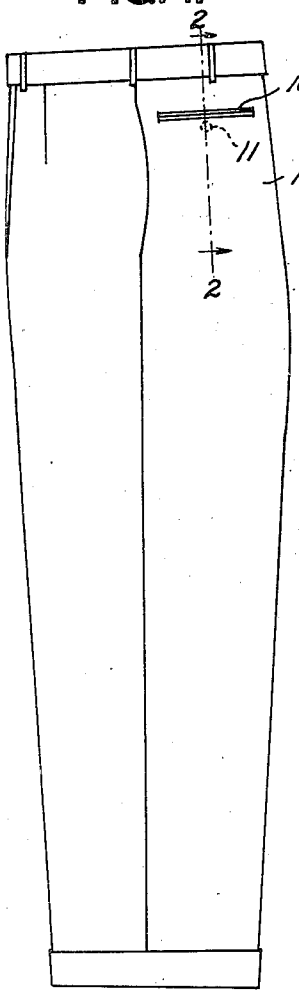


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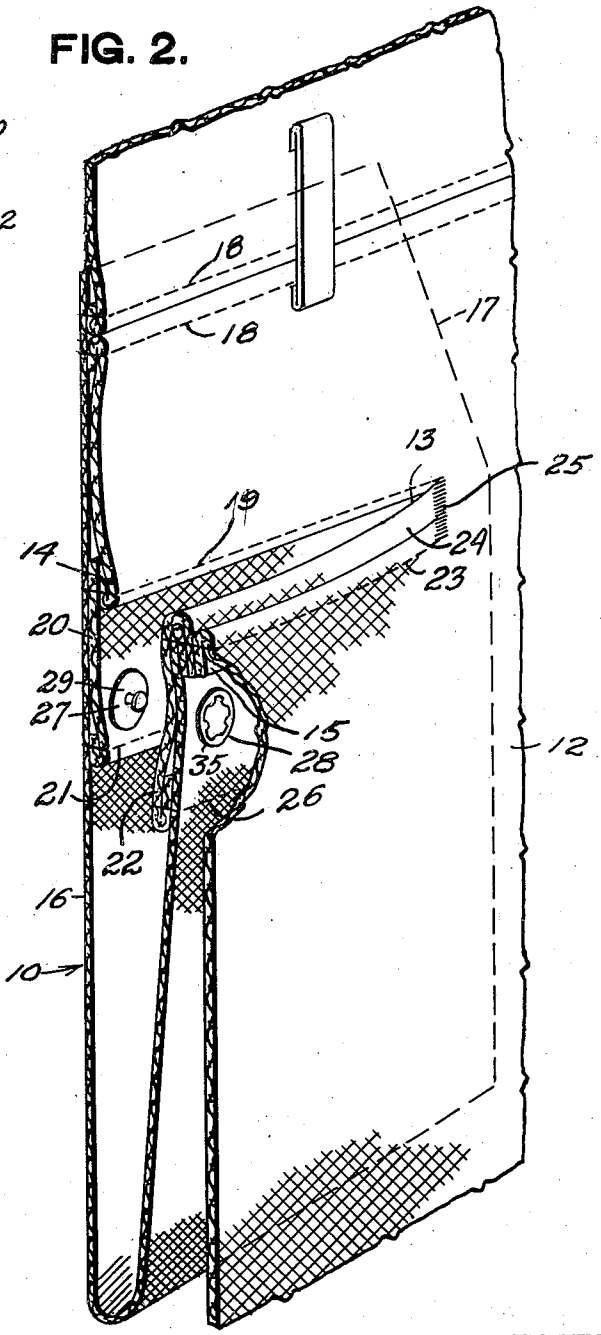
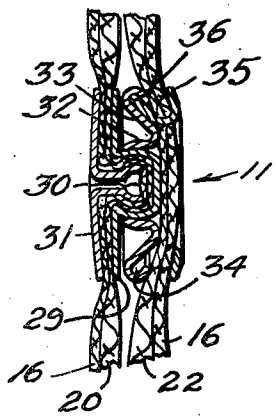


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This invention relates to improvements in garment pockets and more particularly fastening means for trouser hip pockets though not limited thereto, which pocket with the fastening means will be invisible and will not add to the thickness of the garment.

The usual method of closing the trouser hip pockets is by button on the inside facing and the button hole through the outside of the pocket; or by a small tab with a button hole, the tab being fastened above the inside facing of the hip pocket and a button on the outer part of the pocket at the top; or with a flap inserted in the inside facing of the pocket folding down over the entire width of the pocket with a button hole at the center which closes on a button placed in the upper part of the outside of the pocket. While in some instances various forms of snap fasteners and the like have been used in conjunction with pockets the arrangements have not been satisfactory as to appearance or utility, providing projections and the like, much the same as buttons.

The main object of the present invention is to overcome numerous objectionable features found in the usual method of closing the pockets and in order to accomplish this I provide an invisible, mechanical pocket closing member in the form of cooperating snap fastener elements, both of which are secured to the pocket materials just below the welts formed at the top of the pocket opening and entirely behind the outer garment goods, and which, when connected, will not add to the pocket material thickness so as to be noticeable or interfere with suit cleaning or pressing operations. Such pocket closure construction has decided advantages over the usual arrangements wherein the pockets have visible buttons or tabs with visible buttons, or visible snaps showing on the outside of the garment.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved pocket construction wherein the pocket material proper is amply supported in the upper art of the trousers and articularly reinforced along the section of the pocket opening as will be described in detail hereinafter.

Another object is to provide such construction as further improved means whereby the invisible fastening of the pocket may be accomplished.

Further objects, details and advantages of my improved pocket fastener will appear in the following detailed description of the preferred embodiment of my invention, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawing forming a part of the specification.

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In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of trousers having invisible pocket closing means applied thereto in accordance with my invention.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged fragmental perspective of the trousers pocket and arrangement of the adjacent garment material in the construction of the pocket, being a section taken substantially along line 2—2 of Fig. 1, with the pocket in an open position.

Fig. 3 is a greatly enlarged sectional view along line 2—2 of Fig. 1, directly through the fastener, in closed position and showing the attachment of the fastener elements to the material adjacent thereto.

Referring to the drawing Fig. 1 generally illustrates a pair of men's trousers including a hip pocket 10 to which an invisible fastener 11, in accordance with my invention, is applied, the fastener being invisible is indicated in dotted lines.

The pocket and adjacent trouser construction is best illustrated in Fig. 2 wherein it will be seen that outer pants goods 12, (which is generally of loosely woven, comparatively heavy yarn) is slit at 13 to form the pocket opening and the upper and lower edges 14 and 15 are folded under. The pocket proper is formed of usual pocket material 16 (which is generally of tough, finely woven cotton twill or linen) and extends as shown by the broken lines 17 so as to have its back portion secured at the top by the trouser belt stitching 18 as a support therefor. This back section of the pocket material is also stitched along line 19 which stitching also holds the inturned edge 14 of the outer garment material and the upper edge of inside facing material 20. The latter is the same as the outer garment material, and extends downwardly into the pocket with its lower edge folded under, and is stitched along line 21 to the pocket material back section. An outer facing 22 of the pants goods is placed along the upper edge of the front section of the pocket material and the two are folded and stitched along line 23 to the inwardly folded edge 15 of the pocket opening in the outer pants material, as shown, thus forming a welt 24 and reinforcing the pocketing material. The various parts are stitched through at the end of pocket slit 13 as indicated at 25. The lower edge of outer facing 22 is folded and stitched to the front section of the pocket material along line 26 as shown.

This pocket construction provides a very neat appearance, being well reinforced and not materially increased in thickness along the section of the overlying inner and outer facings 20 and 22,

but are so arranged that the outer surface of the garment will extend in a substantially continuous smooth surface.

This arrangement also provides the overlying dual thicknesses of each of pants goods and pocket material in the section of the overlying facings; immediately below the pocket welt **24** in the middle portion of each overlying facing elements of the invisible fastener are secured so as to directly overlie each other.

As shown in Fig. 3, the invisible fastener **11** comprises a male element **27** secured to the inner pocket section and facing **20** and a female element **28** secured to the outer pocket section and facing **22**, all inside the garment just below the stitching **23** forming the welt **25** of the pocket and invisible outside the pocket at the point of such closure elements.

The fastener elements **27** and **28** each comprise two parts, the parts substantially engaging in flat relationship opposite sides of the material or layers of material in which they are applied. Male element **27** includes a front hollow male element with an extending flange **29** which engages one side of the material and the back part includes a projection **30** which is inserted through the material and engages within the back of the front hollow male element and a flange **31** which engages the opposite side of the material. These parts are united by a clamping machine which secures them together and compresses the material between the flanges in a substantially flat condition. The female element **28** comprises a central socket **32** for receiving the projection of male element **27** and a surrounding flange **33** formed with an annular recess **34** which is positioned on one side of the material and on the other side of the material is an element comprising an annular flange **35** having teeth **36** extending from its inner periphery, pressed through the material and into the annular recess **34** around the socket element. These parts are clamped together so as to be comparatively flat compressing the material so as to provide a firm hold thereon, although in the drawing the female element is shown expanded somewhat for purposes of illustration. This type

of fastener is known as a laundry-proof fastener and a particular feature of its use in the present invention is that at the location in the pocket, each element of the fastener is secured through the same thickness of material—a layer of pants goods, often of loosely woven material, and a layer of the pocket material, of finely woven, tough material, and standard elements are employed for the same thickness without having to make changes or alterations of the fastener elements.

This novel arrangement provides an attractive pocket with an invisible closure, being simple and useful and having advantages which are clear from the foregoing description.

While the embodiment of the present invention as herein disclosed applied to a hip pocket constitutes a preferred form, it is to be understood that other forms might be adopted, all coming within the scope of the claim which follows.

I claim:

A hip pocket for trousers comprising a belt portion and outer garment material secured to and depending from said belt portion, said outer garment material below said belt portion having a slit with its edges folded under forming welt portions; pocket material secured to and depending from the belt portion, providing a pocket extending to said slit and undelying the garment material below said welt portions adjacent to the slit; inner and outer facings secured to the back and front sections of the material of the pocket and secured with the pocket material to the folded edges or welt portions of the garment material along said slit therein; and a flat snap fastener of the laundry proof type, including male and female elements secured in overlying positions respectively to the back and front sections of the material of the pocket and each including the respective overlying facings, in a position adjacent to and just below the slit and welts in the garment material, underlying the same, so as to be invisible on the outside of the garment whereby the garment will have a flat appearance at and surrounding the pocket portion and fastening means therefor.

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