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POCKET GUARD.
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Fig. 1

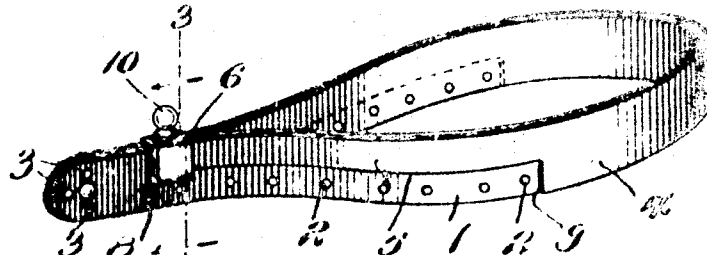


Fig. 3

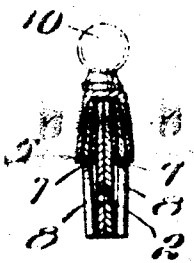


Fig. 4

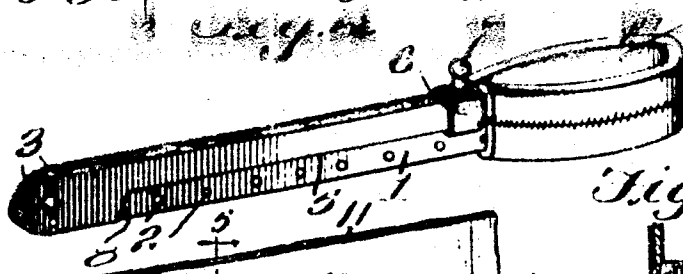


Fig. 4.

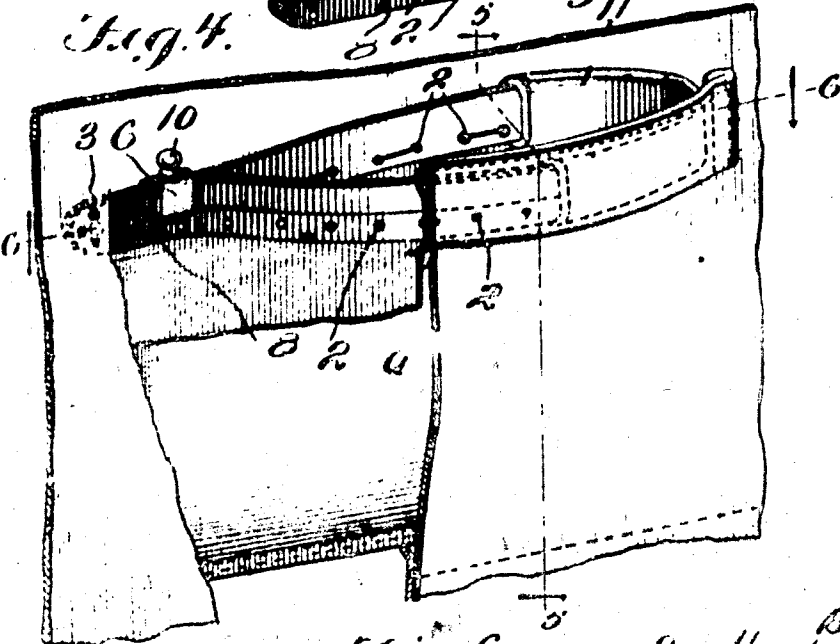


Fig. 5.

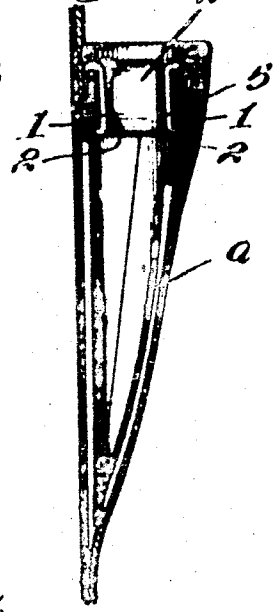
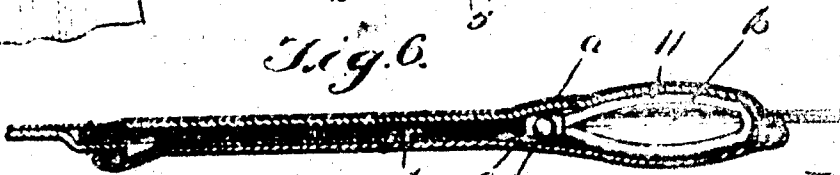


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW J. BELLAH, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Coalinga, in the county of Fresno and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Pocket-Guards, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to pocket guards, and one of the principal objects of the same is to provide a simple and efficient device which can be readily connected to any pocket and which will effectually prevent withdrawal of any article from the pocket without the knowledge of the wearer.

Another object of the invention is to provide a resilient loop to be connected to a pocket, said loop being provided with a slide for closing a portion of the loop and at the same time closing the pocket so that access to the pocket cannot be gained without moving the slide.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a spring loop which normally opens, said loop being connected to a pocket and provided with a slide which will hold the two members of the loop together to close the pocket, means being provided whereby the chain of a watch or other article may pass through between the two members of the loop.

These and other objects may be attained by means of the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which,—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the pocket guard complete detached from the pocket, said pocket guard being shown open. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the guard closed. Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1, looking in the direction indicated by the arrows. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the pocket guard connected to a pocket, parts of which are broken away to better illustrate the construction. Fig. 5 is a sectional view on the line 5—5 of Fig. 4, looking in the direction indicated by the arrows. Fig. 6 is a horizontal sectional view on the line 6—6 of Fig. 4, looking in the direction indicated by the arrows.

Referring to the drawing, the numeral 1 designates a flat strip of spring metal, like steel, said strip having a series of perforations 2 therein, and at the ends a series of perforations 3. A similar piece of spring steel 4 is connected to the piece 1 and pro-

vided with a cut-away portion 5 upon opposite sides. A slide 6 having hooks 7 upon the opposite ends thereof to engage the lower edge of the cut-away portion 5 is mounted upon the members 1 and 4 to slide from the shoulder 8 to the stop 9, said slide having an operating knob 10 thereon. The pocket guard at the loop end is provided with a suitable cover 11.

The safety guard is connected within the pocket by means of stitches extending through the perforations 2 and 3, and it will be obvious that the guard may be readily connected to any pocket and disconnected therefrom whenever it is required to use the device upon another garment.

The operation of my invention may be briefly described as follows: After the watch or other articles have been placed in the pocket the slide 6 is moved up against the stop 9, and the chain of the watch is then permitted to extend through the loop portion 6 of the guard, this loop, however, being of such size as to not permit the watch to be withdrawn from the pocket. Whenever it is desired to gain access to the pocket the slide 6 is moved back against the shoulder 8, the spring normally separating to the position shown in Figs. 1 and 4 of the drawing.

My invention is of simple construction, can be readily connected to any pocket, can be quickly operated by the wearer, is a reliable safeguard against loss of valuable articles and can be manufactured at comparatively slight cost.

I claim:

The herein described pocket guard comprising a pair of flat spring strips superposed one upon the other and bent into the form of a loop, one of said strips being cut away at the lower side and provided with a shoulder and stop and the other strip being provided with perforations for connection to a pocket, and a slide mounted upon said strips between said shoulder and stop for closing the two strips together.

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

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