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SAFETY WATCH POCKET.
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Fig. 1.

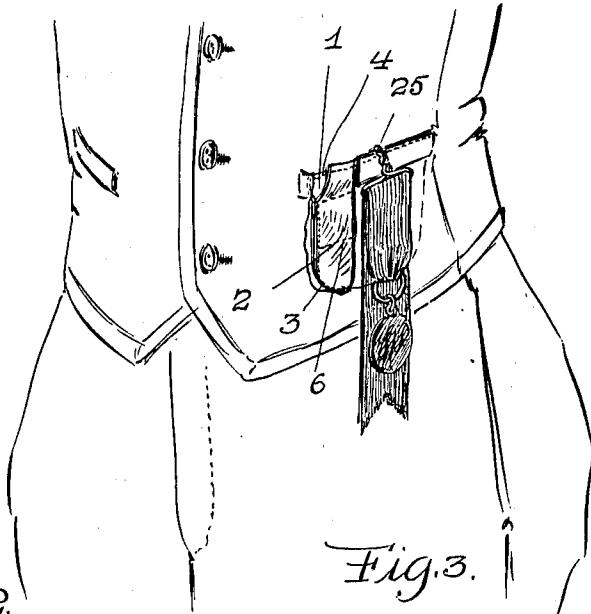


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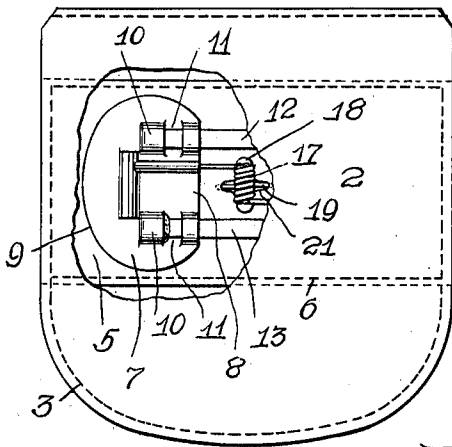


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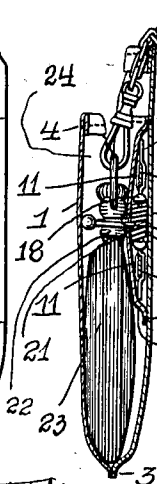


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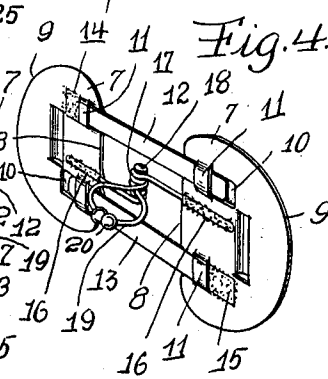
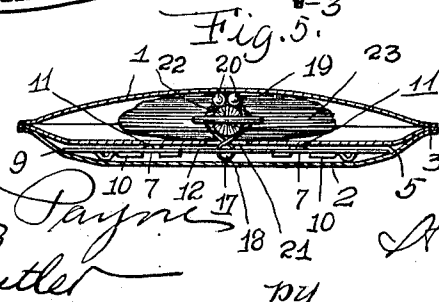


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY A. WOOLSLARE, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Pittsburgh, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Safety Watch-Pockets, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to a safety watch pocket, and the primary object of the invention is to provide the pocket of a garment with positive and reliable means in a manner as will be hereinafter set forth whereby a watch cannot be surreptitiously removed from the pocket.

Another object of the invention is to provide a watch retaining device that can be easily mounted in a pocket to hold a watch therein without necessarily obstructing the pocket to that extent that it cannot be used for other purposes than holding a watch.

A further object of the invention is to provide a watch retaining device that is simple in construction, durable, easy to manipulate to release a watch, and highly efficient for retaining a watch in the pocket against accidental displacement.

I attain the above objects by a mechanical construction that will be hereinafter specifically described and then claimed, and reference will now be had to the drawing, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the safety watch pocket partly broken away and partly in section, Fig. 2 is an enlarged elevation of the pocket partly broken away, Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view of the pocket, Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a detached watch retaining device, and Fig. 5 is a horizontal sectional view of the pocket.

The reference numerals 1 and 2 denote two pieces of fabric forming the rear and front sides of the pocket, the pieces of fabric 1 and 2 having the side and lower edges thereof connected by stitches 3. The piece of fabric 2 is of a greater height than the piece of fabric 1 and both of said pieces of fabric have the upper edges thereof bent inwardly and stitched, as at 4.

Secured to the inner side of the piece of fabric 2 which forms the front wall of the pocket is a transverse piece of fabric

5 constituting a holder for the watch retaining device, said piece of fabric having the edges thereof stitched, as at 6 to the piece of fabric 2.

The watch retaining device which is arranged between the pieces of fabric 5 and 2 comprises two oppositely disposed plates 7 having vertical confronting edges 8 and outer rounded edges 9. The plates 7 are preferably made of metal and are cut and stamped to provide depressed portions 10 and straps 11. Connecting the plates 7 are flat springs 12 and 13 arranged under the straps 11, the spring 12 having one end thereof soldered or otherwise connected, as at 14 to one of the plates 7 and the spring 13 having the opposite end thereof soldered or otherwise connected, as at 15 to the opposite plate 7, these springs 12 and 13 normally holding the plates 7 in longitudinal alignment.

Soldered or otherwise connected to the plates 7, as at 16 are the outer ends of coiled springs 17, the coils of said springs being arranged one above the other with a vertical pivot pin 18 extending through the coils of the said springs. The other ends of said springs are bent outwardly and curved to provide two oppositely disposed gripping arms 19 having the extremities thereof provided with spherical bodies 20 normally held in engagement by the tension or stress of the springs 17. The piece of fabric 5 or holder of the device is provided with a central opening 21 through which the arms 19 extend. These arms are adapted to grip the stem 22 of a watch 23 placed within the pocket 24 formed by the pieces of fabric 1 and 2.

Attached to the stem 22 is a chain or fob 25 and it is obvious that the watch 23 cannot be removed from the pocket 24 by pulling upwardly upon the chain 25 until the arms 19 are separated to liberate the stem 22 of the watch.

To remove the watch 23 from the pocket, it is only necessary to grip the pocket with one hand and press the plates 7 toward each other, this pressure upon the outer curved edges 9 of the plates causing the springs 12 and 13 to bend, the device assuming a concave position which causes the arms 19 to separate. The very gripping of the outer side of the pocket to actuate the device in the manner just described opens

the pocket sufficiently to allow the stem 22 to shift toward the rear wall 1 of the pocket, and then the watch 23 can be raised between the arms 19 and the rear wall 5 formed by the piece of fabric 1. To place the watch 23 in the pocket, it is only necessary to insert the watch between the pieces of fabric 1 and the arms 19 and as the stem 22 aligns with the arms, the stem can be 10 pushed forwardly between said arms and held thereby.

From the foregoing it will be observed that the pieces of fabric 2 and 5 provide a holder or auxiliary pocket for the device, 15 and that the device is constructed whereby it cannot injure the fabric forming the outer wall of the pocket.

The device in its entirety can be made of light and durable metal, and while in the 20 drawing there is illustrated a preferred embodiment of the invention, it is to be understood that the structural elements thereof are susceptible to such changes as fall within the scope of the appended claims.

25 What I claim is:—

1. A watch retaining device, comprising plates movably connected together, and coiled springs arranged between said plates and having ends thereof secured to said

plates and the opposite ends thereof bent to 30 provide retaining arms adapted to engage the stem of a watch.

2. A watch retaining device for pockets comprising a pair of spaced plates disposed in the same plane, longitudinally-extending 35 means engaging with the plates, for movably connecting them together, and resilient means interposed between and connected with said plates and including retaining arms adapted to engage the stem of the 40 watch to prevent the removal of the watch from the pocket.

3. A watch retaining device for pockets comprising a pair of plates, flat springs for movably connecting the plates together, and 45 coiled springs arranged between said plates and having one end thereof secured to the plates and the opposite end bent to provide retaining arms adapted to engage the stem of the watch for maintaining it in the 50 pocket.

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

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