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Fig. 1.

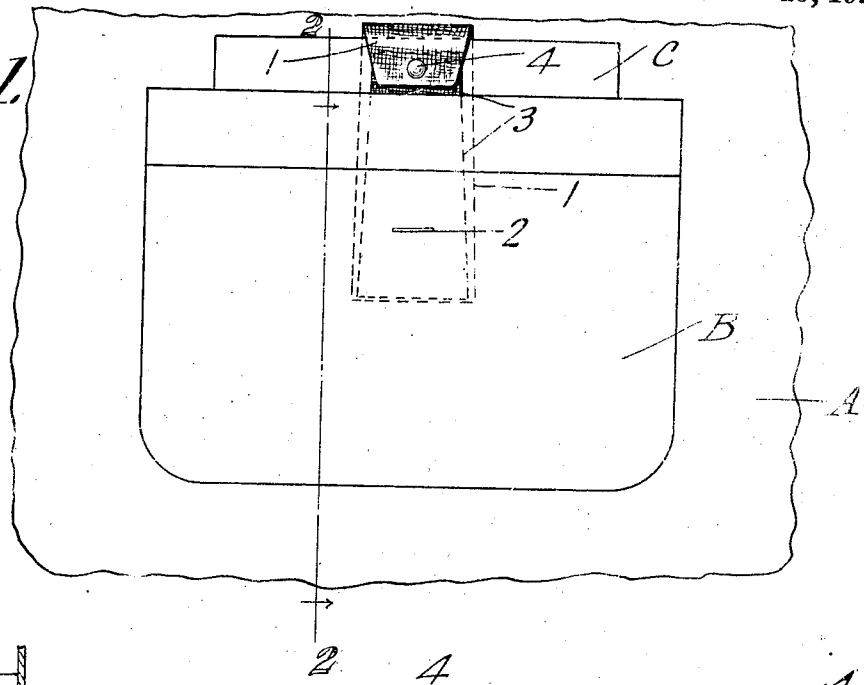


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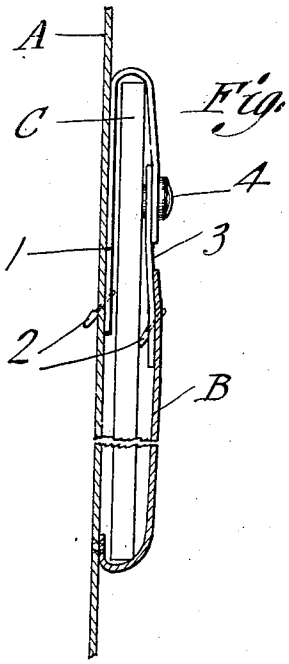


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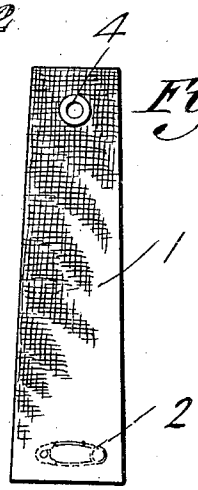
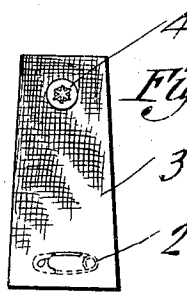


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. LONG, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cedar Rapids, in the county of Linn and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Pocket-Guard, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a pocket guard whereby papers and like contents of a pocket can be held in position without falling from the pocket and becoming lost.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide a device of this character which is cheap to manufacture and which can be placed readily in position for use, the said device being foldable downwardly into the pocket and out of view when not in use.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists of certain novel details of construction and combinations of parts which will be hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claims, it being understood that changes may be made in the arrangement and proportions of the parts without departing from the spirit of the invention as set forth in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawings

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a pocket having the present improvements applied thereto, the guard being shown in use.

Fig. 2 is a section on line 2—2, Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a detail view of one of the members of the guard.

Fig. 4 is a detail view of the other member of the guard.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference, A designates a portion of a garment having a pocket B in which the guard constituting the present invention is adapted to be placed. The said guard includes a relatively long strip of leather or fabric indicated at 1 and which is adapted to be fastened at one end by a pin 2 or the like, or by sewing, to the inside of the pocket B at the back thereof. Another shorter strip 3 is adapted to be similarly fastened to the inside of the pocket at the front thereof. The free end portions of the two strips are provided with the members of a snap fastener or other suitable form of securing means, and which have been illustrated at 4.

After the lower ends of the two strips have been fastened in the pocket at the points and in the manner described, the papers, wallet or the like to be held, is placed in the pocket and the upper end of the long strip 1 is then folded over said object, indicated generally at C, and the members of the fastener 4 placed in engagement with each other. Thus the article C will be held securely and cannot be removed without first unfastening the members 4 from each other.

What is claimed is:—

1. A pocket guard comprising flexible strips of different lengths adapted to lap at one end, means upon the lapping ends of the strips for detachably connecting them together, and means carried by the other ends of the strips for detachably securing them to the front and back portions respectively of a pocket, both of said strips being separate from but adapted to contact with and retain an article within the pocket.

2. The combination with the pocket of a garment, of relatively long and short flexible strips lapping at one end, means for detachably connecting the lapping ends of the strips, means upon the other ends of the strips for detachably securing them to the back and front portions respectively of the pocket, both of the strips being separate from but adapted to contact with and retain the contents of the pocket.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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