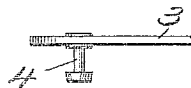
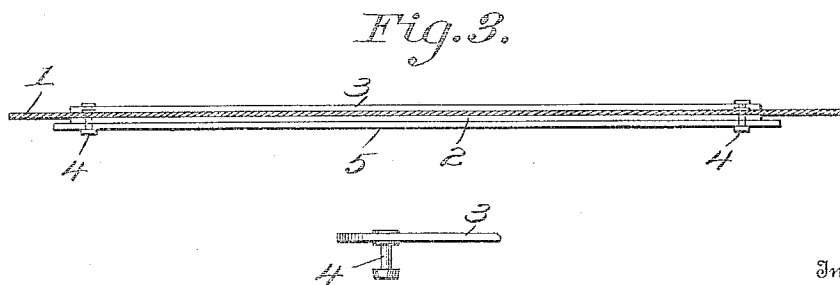
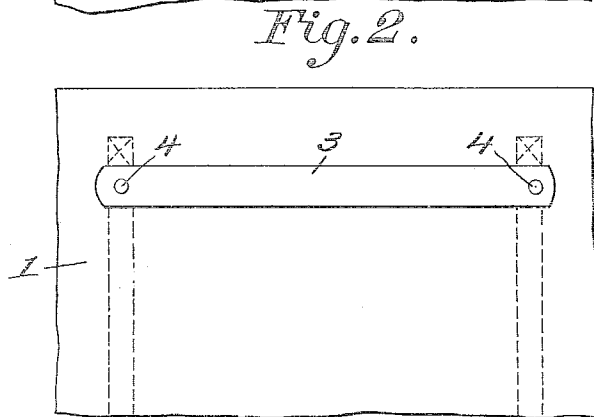
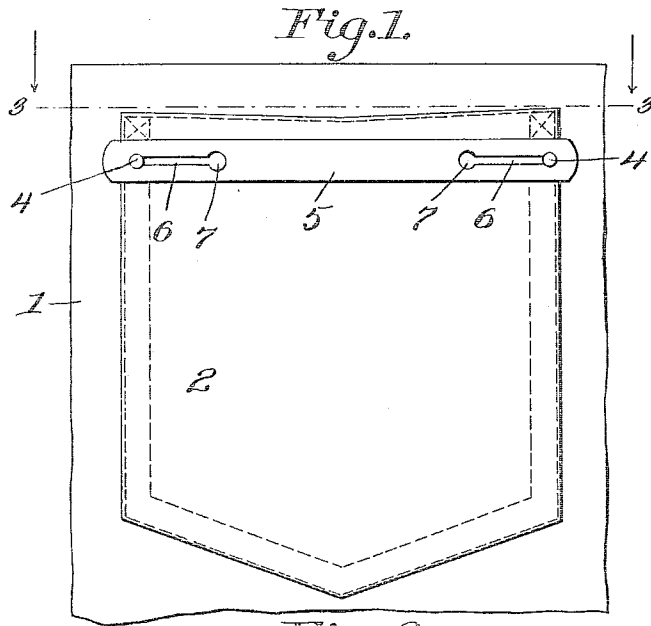


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. HUGHES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Reading, in the county of Berks and State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Improvements in Watch-Pockets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a novel construction of watch pocket, and particularly to a pocket closure or protector, by which an outside pocket in which a watch is placed will be held closed to prevent the watch from falling out and becoming injured or lost or stolen from the pocket.

The object of the invention is to provide a pocket closing means which is particularly designed for the use of workmen and others who carry their watches in outside pockets, such as in the pocket of a blouse or pair of overalls, but which may be readily and conveniently applied to any ordinary form of pocket of a garment, and will serve to hold the pocket securely closed against the accidental displacement of the watch or its surreptitious removal without the owner becoming aware of the fact that an attempt is being made to abstract it.

The invention consists of the novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a portion of a garment embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a detail view of one end of the rear strip, showing the stud carried thereby.

Referring to the drawing, 1 designates a portion of a garment, on the outer side of which is arranged the pocket 2, formed of a suitable section of material sewed to the garment at its bottom and side edges, the pocket thus being open at the top in the ordinary manner.

The pocket closure comprises a rear or inner retaining strip 3 formed of spring metal, which strip extends transversely of the pocket on the inner side of the garment 1, said strip being substantially coextensive in length with the width of the pocket and arranged a short distance below the mouth or open end thereof. This strip carries at each end a headed pin or stud 4, which studs extend to the front of the garment through openings in the body of the garment and the

side edges of the pocket forming strip 2. It will thus be seen that said strip may be readily and conveniently applied to any type of garment of the character shown by simply forming perforations in the garment, as described, for the passage of the studs. If desired, the walls of the perforations may be worked to prevent their enlargement and contract them to hold the strip from displacement, in the event that it is desired to permanently secure said strip to the garment.

A closure strip proper 5 is provided for use in conjunction with the strip 3, and is coextensive in length therewith and also formed of spring metal. The end portions of this strip 5 are each provided with a longitudinal slot 6 formed at its inner end with an enlargement 7. The slots 6 are of proper width to receive the shanks of the headed studs 4, but too narrow to permit of the passage of the heads of the studs there-through, the headed ends of the studs being adapted for insertion and withdrawal through the enlargements or openings 7. After the watch has been placed in the pocket, the strip 5 is applied by first fitting one end of said strip on one of the studs by passing the stud through the opening 7 and sliding the strip to dispose the stud at the outer end of the associated slot 6, after which the material is partially folded upon itself and the strip 3 bowed to bring the other stud into registry with the other opening 7, the stud being passed through said opening and the parts allowed to resume their normal position by the spring action of the strips, whereby the stud will be adjusted to the outer end of said slot. When the strip 5 is applied in the manner set forth, it will be disposed for use as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, and it will thus be seen that the mouth of the pocket will be held closed and the guide or closure strip 5 retained in position by the studs. Hence the watch cannot fall out of the pocket or be abstracted without forcibly bowing the strip 5 or detaching said strip, so that an attempt on the part of an unscrupulous person to remove the watch cannot be successfully carried out without the owner being made aware of the attempt. If at any time it is desired to open the pocket and withdraw the watch, this operation can be conveniently effected by inserting the fingers of the hand into the mouth of the pocket and forcibly

spreading or bowing the strips 3 and 5 in opposite directions, whereupon the mouth of the pocket will be distended sufficiently to allow the watch to be withdrawn.

5 From the foregoing description, the construction and mode of the use of my invention will be readily understood, and it will be seen that it provides a simple and effective device for the purpose.

10 While I have described the closure as primarily adapted for watch pockets, it will, of course, be understood that it may be used as a closure for any other kind of pocket.

Having thus fully described the invention, 15 what is claimed as new, is:—

1. In combination with a pocket, a closure for the mouth of the pocket comprising a spring strip extending transversely across the rear of the pocket, headed studs carried 20 by said strip and projecting at the front of the pocket, and a second spring strip adapted to extend transversely across the front of the pocket and provided with longitudinal

slots to receive said studs and enlargements at the inner ends of said slots for the in- 25 sertion and withdrawal of the studs.

2. A pocket closure comprising a spring strip, headed studs projecting forwardly at right angles from the front face of said strip adjacent the ends thereof, each of said 30 studs comprising a stem or shank of uniform diameter having a head or enlargement at its free end, and a second spring strip provided with elongated longitudinal slots at its ends to receive the shanks of the 35 studs, each of said slots having body portions of uniform width provided with enlargements at their inner ends for the passage of the heads of the studs.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature 40 in presence of two witnesses.

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