

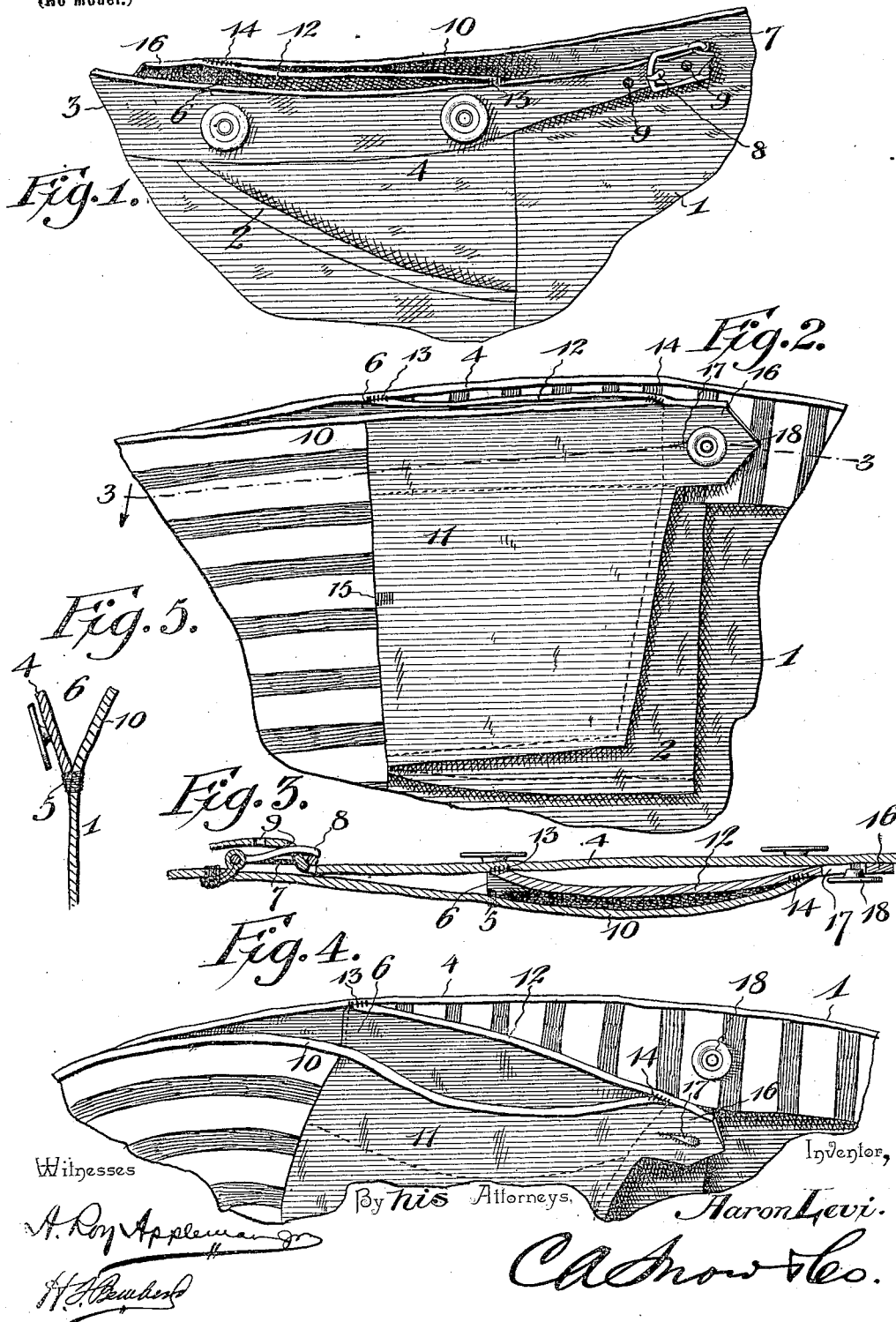
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AARON LEVI, a citizen of the United States, residing at Gilman, in the county of Iroquois and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Trousers-Pocket, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in trousers-pockets; and one object that I have in view is to provide an improved construction which may be worn on the inside of the trousers, within the main pocket, for the safe storage of money and valuables, and which is arranged to permit of ready access by the wearer to be obtained to the auxiliary or safety pocket, while at the same time affording protection against the attempts of evil-disposed persons to relieve the pocket of its contents without notice or warning to the wearer.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improved construction which will afford protection against perspiration to prevent tarnishing of a watchcase and to enable the improved pocket to be held securely in place, while permitting it to be adjusted so that the contents may be easily removed.

With these ends in view the invention consists in the peculiar construction and arrangement of the parts, which will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

To enable others to understand the invention, I have illustrated the same in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of a pair of trousers looking at the outside thereof and showing the application of the auxiliary safety-pocket. Fig. 2 is a similar view looking at the inside of a portion of the trousers and illustrating the safety-pocket more clearly. Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view on the plane indicated by the dotted line 3 3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a perspective view looking at the inside of the trousers and showing the safety-pocket turned inwardly away from the waistband of the trousers to permit the wearer to obtain ready access to the contents of said safety-pocket. Fig. 5 is a vertical transverse section through the trousers and the waistband on the plane of the union between the two flaps with the trousers.

Like numerals of reference denote like and

corresponding parts in each of the several figures of the drawings.

1 designates a portion of a pair of trousers, and 2 is the ordinary pocket which is provided therein. The waistband 3 of the trousers is not a continuous piece like ordinary trousers; but it is divided or split at a point adjacent to the main pocket 2, so as to form two flaps, which are adapted to lap one over the other and each of which is secured to the trousers by a separate fastening device. The outside flap 4 is a part of the waistband, and it is united at its lower edge by stitches, as at 5, to the upper part of the garment, thus leaving an opening or space 6 between the garment and the flap. The flap 4 is extended beyond its attachment 5 to the trousers and the opening to the ordinary pocket 2, and the free end of this flap is detachably confined in place on the trousers by a buckle. 7 This buckle is secured to the trousers in the usual or any ordinary way, and its tongue 8 is adapted to fit in one or a series of eyelets or holes 9, provided in the free end of the outside flap 4. The inside flap 10 is formed by a part of the waistband, and said inside flap constitutes a part of the auxiliary or safety pocket 11. This inside flap is stitched or united to the trousers by the same stitches 5 which fasten the lower edge of the outside flap 4 to said garment, and these stitches 5 pass through the inside flap 10 at a point below its upper edge and intermediate of the length of said flap, so that the upper edge of the flap 10 is free or unconfined.

The safety-pocket 11 is made of material which will resist heat and moisture, and in the practical embodiment of the invention I prefer to use asbestos or a cloth of which asbestos forms one of the essential elements. This safety-pocket is made up of the part 11, the inside flap 10, and a section 12, which is arranged between the inside flap 10 and the waistband of the garment 1. This section 12 of the safety-pocket is united, as by stitches 13, to the waistband of the garment, and these stitches are located at points close to the union 5 of the flaps 4 and 10 to the trousers. The other end of the pocket-section 12 is united, as by stitches 14, to the free end of the inside flap 10, and to the section 12 and the flap 10 is suitably secured the safety-pocket proper, 11.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that I have provided a safety-pocket which lies within the trousers and the ordinary pocket 2 therein, and this safety-pocket is confined on the trousers by the union of the flap 10 and section 12. One edge of the safety-pocket is also attached to the ordinary pocket 2 of the trousers by means of the stitches indicated at 15, thus leaving the other edge of the safety-pocket free or unconfined. The safety-pocket is designed to be held in close relation to the waistband of the garment, and to this end I provide an ear 16 at the free edge of the flap 10 and the pocket-section 12. In this ear 16 is formed a button-hole 17, adapted to receive a button 18, which is sewed to the inside of the trousers or its waistband at a suitable distance from the ordinary pocket 2.

In my invention the safety-pocket is permanently united at one edge to the garment, and its free edge is detachably confined in place, so that the pocket is held in compact relation to the garment and its waistband. As the safety-pocket lies close to the garment, and as the wearer under some circumstances may desire to secure free access to the safety-pocket when hurriedly removing the contents thereof, the detachable connection 16 18 between the free end of the pocket and the garment permits the pocket 11 to be turned inwardly after disengagement from the button 18. Ordinarily, however, it is not necessary to disengage the button from the ear 16, because the wearer may obtain access to the safety-pocket by loosening the outside flap 4, thus permitting ready access to be obtained to the upper open end of the safety-pocket through the space 6, provided in the divided waistband. The outside flap 4 provides means by which the waistband may be drawn tightly around the person, so that a pick-pocket cannot readily thrust his fingers into the safety-pocket and abstract the valuable contents thereof without notice or warning to the wearer.

In the drawings I have represented the safety-pocket as applied to a garment having the ordinary pocket 2 located at the hip or waistband of the trousers; but I do not restrict myself to this particular application of the safety-pocket, as it is evident that the improved device may be used in connection with trousers having the ordinary pocket 2 located at the side of the garment.

One of the advantages arising from my construction in which the safety-pocket is sewed

or permanently united at one edge and detachably fastened at its free edge to the garment, at the hip portion thereof, resides in the fact that the pocket may be turned on its permanent connection to the back portion of the trousers. Sometimes the safety-pocket is filled or stuffed to such an extent as to make it inconvenient for the wearer to have the bulged-out safety-pocket at the front side of the trousers, and in such cases the safety-pocket should be unbuttoned, turned backwardly toward the rear portion of the trousers, and fastened in place by a button or other suitable contrivance.

Slight changes may be made in the form of some of the parts, while their essential features are retained and the spirit of the invention embodied. Hence I do not desire to be limited to the precise form of all the parts as shown, reserving the right to vary therefrom.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is—

1. In a garment, a divided waistband having an inside flap extending within the waistband and said flap secured at its free end detachably to said waistband, a safety-pocket attached to the inside flap and having an intermediate layer or section 12 secured at one end to the inside flap and at its other end to the garment, and an outside flap which extends beyond the pocket-section and is confined detachably on the waistband of the garment to draw the same close around the open mouth of the safety-pocket, substantially as described.

2. In a garment, a divided waistband forming the outside flap, 4, and the inside flap, 10, a pocket-section, 12, attached at one end to the inside flap, 4, and at its opposite end to the waistband at a point adjacent to the union of the flaps, 4, 10, therewith, a safety-pocket united to the inside flap and the section, 12, and having one edge confined on the garment or the ordinary pocket thereof, and separate fastening devices spaced at suitable intervals on the waistband and on opposite sides thereof for engaging removably with the free ends of the inside and outside flaps, substantially as described.

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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