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NO MODEL.

Fig. 1.

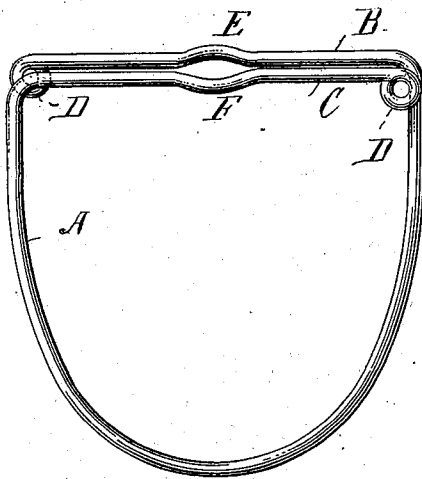


Fig. 2.

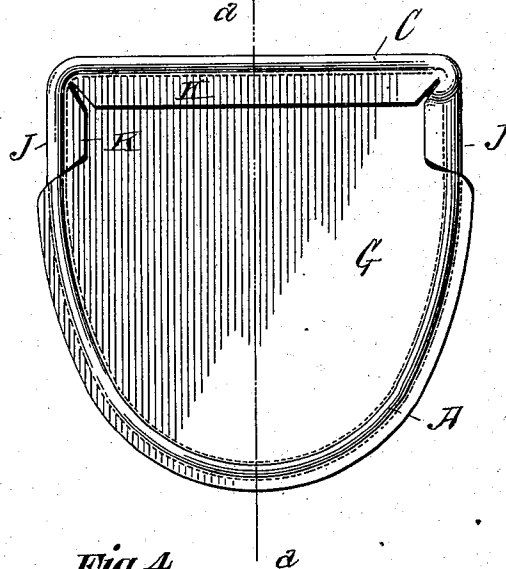


Fig. 3.

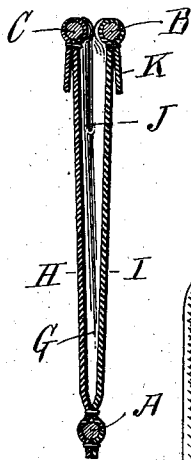
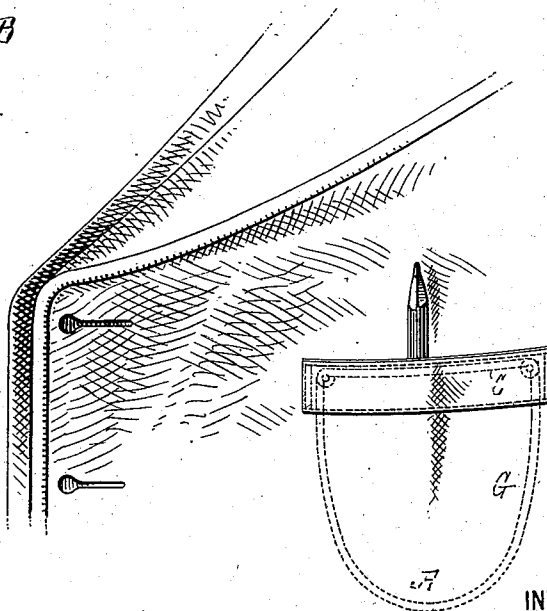


Fig. 4.



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POCKET-PROTECTOR.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HIMAN C. DEXTER, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Pocket-Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

The invention is a pocket-protector constructed to prevent escape of articles contained in a purse, pocket-case, or like receptacle.

The invention consists in a spring clip or holder formed integrally of a length of resilient wire having its body portion in the form of a loop and its end portions turned at right angles in opposite directions parallel and in juxtaposition; also, in the combination of said clip or holder with a pocket of flexible material; also, in the construction set forth more particularly in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents the spring clip or holder separately. Fig. 2 represents the said clip combined with a pocket. Fig. 3 is a section on the line *a a* of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 shows the device applied to the pocket of a garment.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

I construct the clip or holder integrally of a piece of spring-wire, Fig. 1, having its body portion bent to form a loop *A* and its end portions *B C* turned at right angles in opposite directions and disposed parallel and in juxtaposition. At the extremities of said end portions the wire may be rounded or bent over to form eyes or loops *D*. The end portions are also preferably provided with bends *E F* about midway their lengths, which bends come together, as shown in Fig. 1, to form an opening between said end portions.

The clip is placed in a pocket *G*, of cloth, leather, or any other suitable flexible material. Said pocket may be of any suitable shape. The loop *A* of the clip is bent to conform to said shape and is preferably secured in the pocket between the parts *H I* thereof by stitching, as shown in Fig. 2. At the mouth of the pocket are side slits *J*. The material of the pocket on each side of said slits may be folded outwardly over the wire of the clip and then be secured by stitching, as shown at *K*. Normally the spring of the wire holds the end portions *B C* of the clip in close

contact, and thus the mouth of the pocket is kept closed. The slits *J* in the pocket permit of said end portions *B C* being moved asunder to open the pocket, and this is facilitated by the introduction of the finger between the bends *E F*, the moving asunder of the said end portions exerting a torsional strain on the arms of loop *A*. The object of bending over the extremities *D* is to prevent wear to the pocket or garment, which might occur if the ends of the wire were left unguarded. The clip besides holding the pocket closed, so as effectually to prevent the escape of articles therefrom, also acts to retain objects placed between its end portions—such as pencils, &c.—as represented in Fig. 4.

The invention is adapted to a great variety of uses, and especially to all sorts of bags and cases, such as wallets, reticules, pocket-books, carriage-boots, mail-pouches, or tobacco, cigar, cigarette, pencil, watch, or spectacle cases. The spring-wire may be applied to the ordinary pocket made in a garment or combined with a wholly-separate pocket which may be subsequently attached to the garment.

I claim—

1. In combination with a pocket of flexible material, a single piece of resilient wire having its body portion in the form of a loop conforming to the shape of said pocket and secured therein; and its end portions turned at right angles in opposite directions and parallel and secured in said pocket on opposite sides of the opening thereof, substantially as described.

2. In combination with a pocket of flexible material having, at its opening, side slits, a single piece of resilient wire having its body portion in the form of a loop conforming to the shape of said pocket and secured therein, and its end portions turned at right angles in opposite directions and parallel; one of said end portions being secured in the material of said pocket on one side of said slits and the other end portion in the material of the pocket on the other side of said slits, substantially as described.

3. In combination with a pocket of flexible material, a single piece of resilient wire having its body portion in the form of a loop conforming to the shape of said pocket and se-

cured therein, and its end portions turned at right angles in opposite directions and parallel and secured in said pocket on opposite sides of the opening thereof, the said end portions each having an outward bend and the said bends having their concavities facing to form an opening between said end portions, substantially as described.

4. In combination with a pocket of flexible material having, at its end opening, side slits, a single piece of resilient wire having its body portion in the form of a loop conforming to the shape of said pocket and secured therein,

and its end portions turned at right angles and in opposite directions and secured in the folded-over material of said pocket on opposite sides of the mouth thereof, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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