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Safety Pocket.

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Fig. 1.

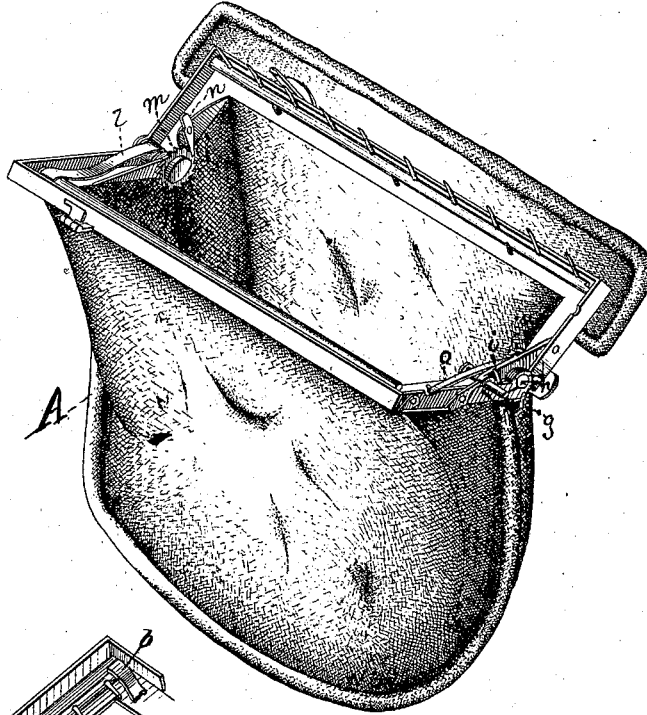


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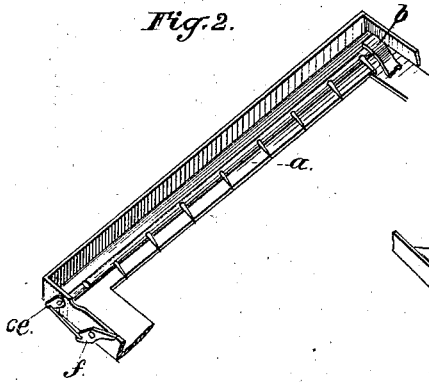


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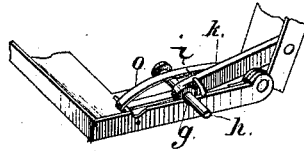


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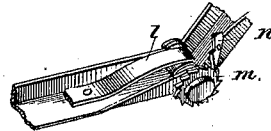
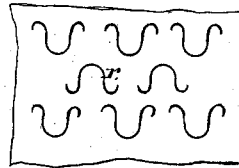
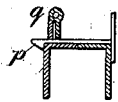


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## IMPROVEMENT IN SAFETY-POCKETS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BY NUNAMACKER, of Earlham, county of Madison, and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pockets for the Safe-Keeping of Valuables; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a pocket secure against thieves.

To enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawings.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the pocket A open. Fig. 2 represents the movable jaw *a*, spring *b*, toggle-joint *c e*, and lever *f*. Fig. 3 represents receiving-catch *g*, catch-pin *h*, guide *i*, pivoted arm *k*, and spring *o*. Fig. 4 represents the ratchet-wheel *m*, pallet or pawl *n*, and spring *l*. Fig. 5 represents jaw-catch *p* and lock *q*. Fig. 6 represents the arrangement of V-shaped wire *r* in cloth or rubber, to make pocket knife and water proof.

In putting anything into or taking it out of the pocket, the movable tooth-jaw *a* is turned in or down, the toggle-joint *c e* throwing lever *f* into position, so that when the pocket is closed again, catch-pin *h* strikes lever *f*, moving toggle-joint *c e*, and causing the tooth-jaw *a* to rise into position again. The object of the tooth-jaw is to arrest and hold a hand when thrust into the pocket without first adjusting the catch-pin *h*. Spring *b* acts as tension on the movable tooth-jaw *a*. The spring *o* holds

the pivoted arm *k*, so as to bring catch-pin *h*, when opening the pocket, under the guide *i* into receiving-catch *g*, holding the jaws open. On closing the pocket, catch-pin *h* is thrown out of receiving-catch *g*, and the pocket is closed by action of spring *l*. The ratchet-wheel *m* is for the purpose of tightening the spring *l*, to produce a stronger gripe in the jaws. When the pocket is closed, jaw-catch *p* and the lock *q* are for the purpose of holding the jaws securely together. The V-shaped wires *r* are arranged on or in cloth or rubber, in such a manner as to prevent the cloth or rubber of which the pocket is made being cut by a knife or other sharp instrument. The V-shaped wires are locked in such manner as to leave the material flexible.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The movable tooth-jaw *a*, spring *b*, toggle-joint *c e*, lever *f*, in combination with the pocket, as and for the purpose above set forth.
2. Receiving-catch *g*, catch-pin *h*, guide *i*, pivoted arm *k*, and spring *o*, in combination with pocket A, as and for the purposes herein set forth.
3. The ratchet-wheel *m*, pallet or pawl *n*, and spring *l*, in combination with the pocket A, as and for the purposes herein set forth.
4. The jaw-catch *p*, lock *q*, and movable tooth-jaw *a*, in combination with pocket A, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own invention I hereto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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