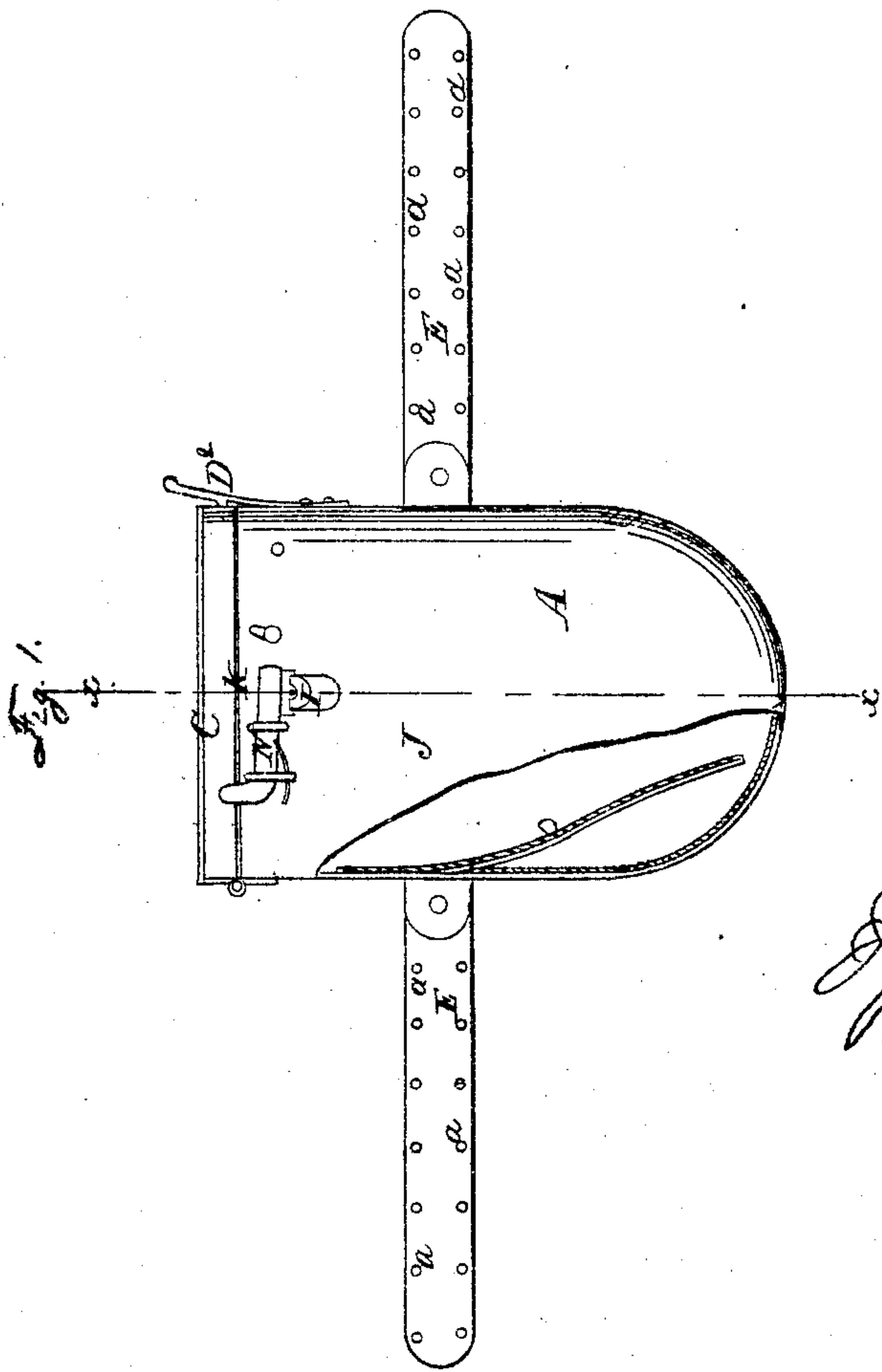
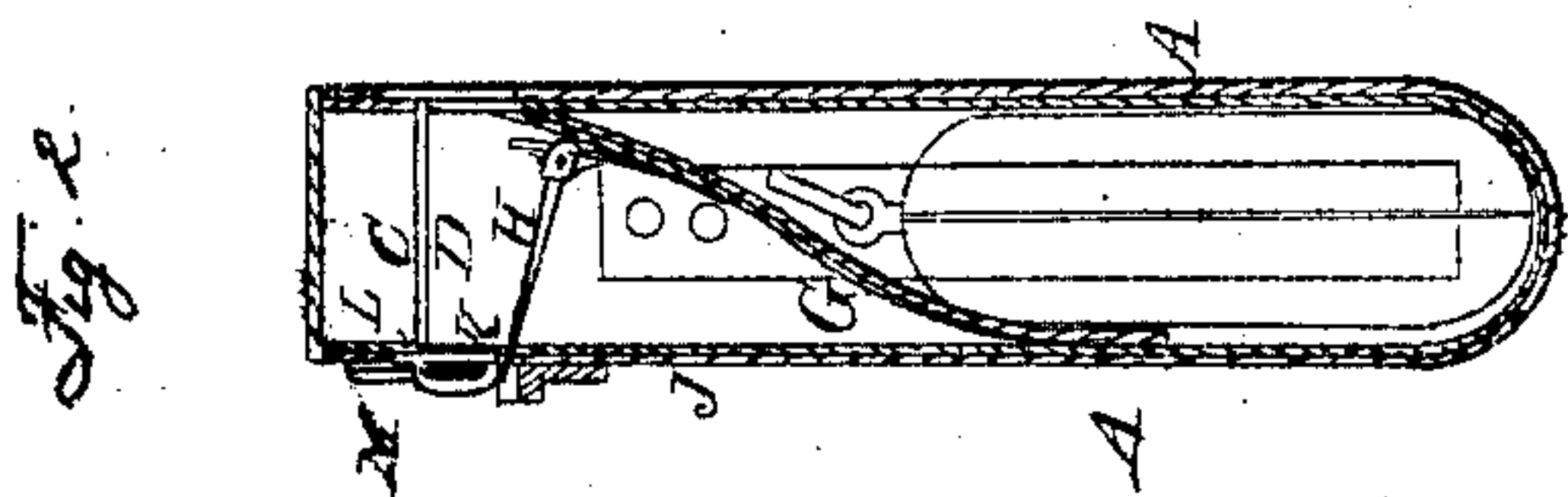


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IMPROVEMENT IN SAFETY-POCKETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES T. CHAMBERS, of Utica, in the county of Oneida and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Safety-Pocket; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

The present invention consists in so constructing a pocket that a watch, memorandum-book, pocket-book, or other article placed therein cannot be abstracted without the knowledge of the person owning or possessing the article.

In accompanying plate of drawings my improved safety-pocket is illustrated, Figure 1 being a view of the rear side of the pocket, partially broken out to show its interior construction; Fig. 2, a central vertical section taken in the plane of the line xx , Fig. 1.

A in the drawings represents the pocket, made of sheet-brass, but may be made of other sheet metals or india-rubber, or other suitable material. This pocket A in the present instance is made of a shape and size suitable to receive a watch, and, in order to prevent any injury to the same, is lined upon its inside with cloth or other suitable soft material.

C is a cover hinged to one end of the upper and open end, D, of the pocket A, which cover, when shut or closed down over the pocket, is there held by means of a spring-catch, D², properly arranged therefor and attached to the outside of the pocket A.

From each side of the pocket A extend spring or flexible bands or plates E, which plates are perforated at various and suitable points, a , to enable it to be secured to a vest or other article of wearing apparel at the proper parts of the same where watch-pockets are usually located.

Upon the inside of the pocket A, and at its lower end, is secured a bent spring-arm, G, that extends up through the pocket toward its upper and open end, there terminates, and has hung or hinged to it a sharp-pointed pin or needle arm, H, which, by its pointed end, passes through the slot or opening K in the

back plate, J, of the pocket, and rests upon the guide-piece I, secured to the outside of the same.

With this opening K a vertical slot, L, connects at its lower end, terminating at the upper edge, M, of the pocket. This slot L is in a line corresponding to that of the swing of the pointed or needle arm H upon the spring-arm G, so as to allow the same to be swung up and into a vertical position.

N is a slide arranged upon the back side of the pocket A in proper position for being slid across the slot L of the back plate.

O O are springs secured to each end of the pocket A upon its inside, which springs, when a watch is placed in the pocket, bear upon its edges, and thus firmly hold it in place and prevent it from moving or playing from one side to the other in the pocket.

In using my improved pocket, constructed as above explained, the cover or lid of the pocket is first opened, when the needle or pointed arm is swung up and into a vertical position, and the spring G then being forced toward the back plate, the watch is then placed in the pocket, when, releasing the pressure upon the spring G, it resumes its original position, and the pointed or needle arm is then swung down across the pocket, the slide slid over it, and the cover closed.

From the above it is plain to be seen that to remove the watch from the pocket the cover is first to be opened, the slide withdrawn, and the needle-arm sprung up, when the watch is then free to be removed, but otherwise impossible, even if the cover or lid is opened, without the knowledge of the person or owner, for if the pointed or needle arm is down the attempt to remove the watch must necessarily cause such needle to penetrate the skin, and thus alarm or warn the person, as is obvious without any further explanation.

By using the spring-arms for securing the pocket to the garment a secure fastening is obtained, and one which is extremely pliable and adjustable to the form of the wearer.

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The pocket A, provided with a spring-arm, G, upon its inside, having a sharp-pointed

or needle arm, H, hung to its upper end, when combined together and arranged so as to operate substantially in the manner and for the purpose described.

2. In combination therewith, the springs O upon the inside of the pocket A, for the purpose specified.

3. In combination therewith, the perforated

spring or flexible bands E, secured to the pocket A, for the purpose described.

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