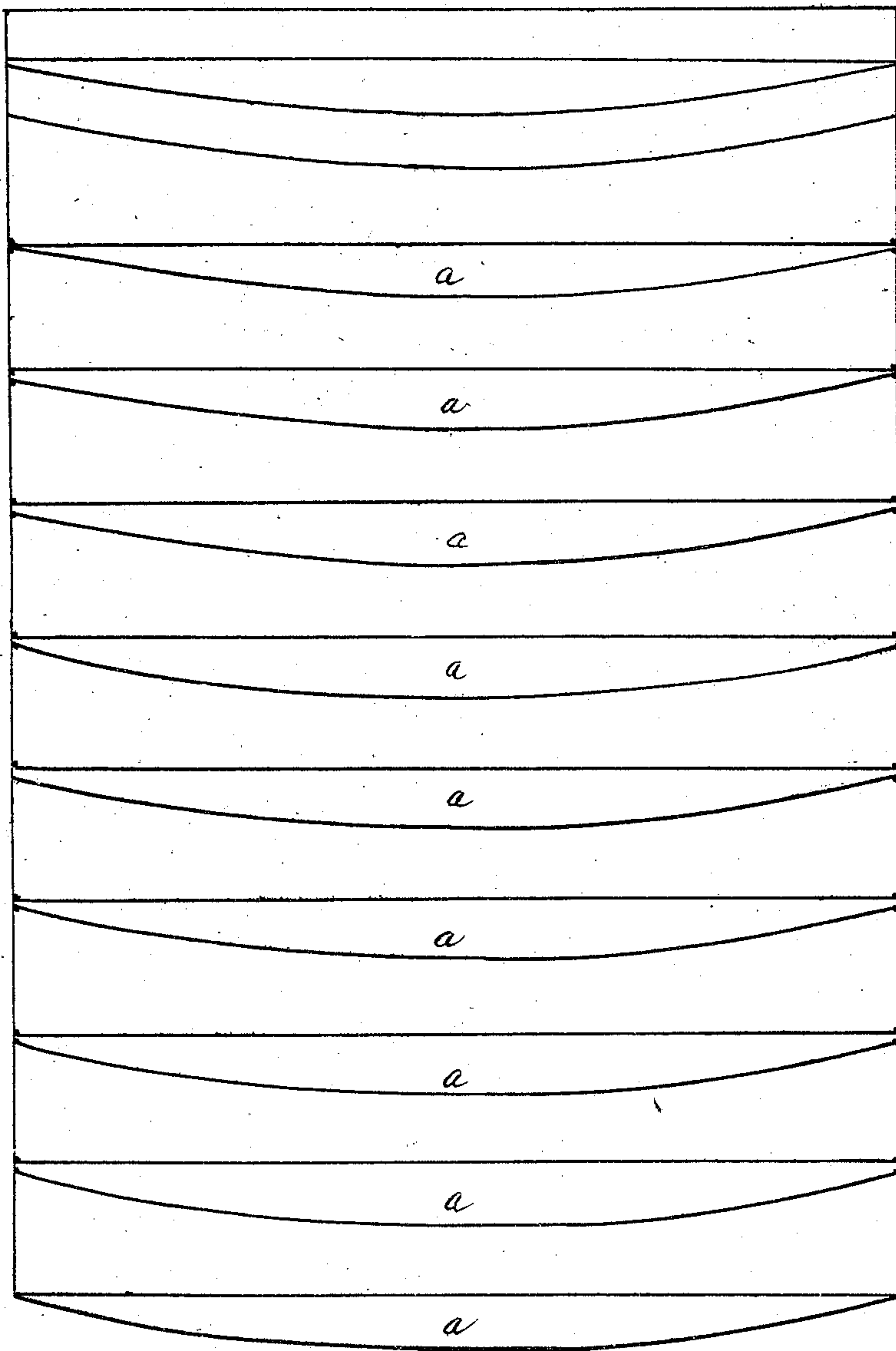


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IMPROVEMENT IN SAFETY-POCKETS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, HENRY D. SNYDER, of the city of Carbondale, county of Luzerne, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and improved Pocket for Pants, Coats, and Vests, and such other articles of dress as pockets are usually worn in, for preventing the pockets from being robbed or picked of their contents, and from losing any article placed therein; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in making a pocket, from drilling or other material ordinarily used in making pockets, in the usual form, and providing a lining of the same material or any other cloth, and attaching the springs marked A crosswise of the pockets, at any convenient distances apart, say one inch for pants. The said spring is made from iron, steel, wood, or any flexible material, the length being the width of the pocket, with a clasp or knob at the end for fastening them to the pocket, so that the ends are movable, so as to allow the spring to open and shut. The springs, thus made, are placed two flatwise to each other, and form pairs, and are then placed upon the outside of the lining, and attached to it. Several of these pairs, depending upon the length of the pocket, are thus fastened to the lining. When thus fastened, the lining is fastened to the pocket inside in the same manner that the pocket is put into the garment, so that the springs surround the lining and are between it and the pocket, and are so placed that when the pocket is empty the springs close up the lining, but when the hand or any object is put into the pocket, it opens the first pair of springs, and so operates upon each succeeding pair of springs till it reaches the bottom. When the hand is withdrawn, the springs above the object placed in the pocket close up, and thereby hold the object secure. The pressure required in getting the hand in the pocket through the springs is so great that the wearer would feel the effort, and be notified if any attempt should be made to pick the pocket; and the springs, being made of iron or steel, or even wood, and only placed an inch apart crosswise of the pocket, would prevent the cutting through with a knife from the outside, so as to extract the contents in that way, thus preventing picking the pocket either by inserting the hand or cutting it open from the outside, and the springs thus closed above any object placed in the pocket would prevent losing by accident.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A safety-pocket, constructed with a series of springs between the pocket and its lining, substantially as described.

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