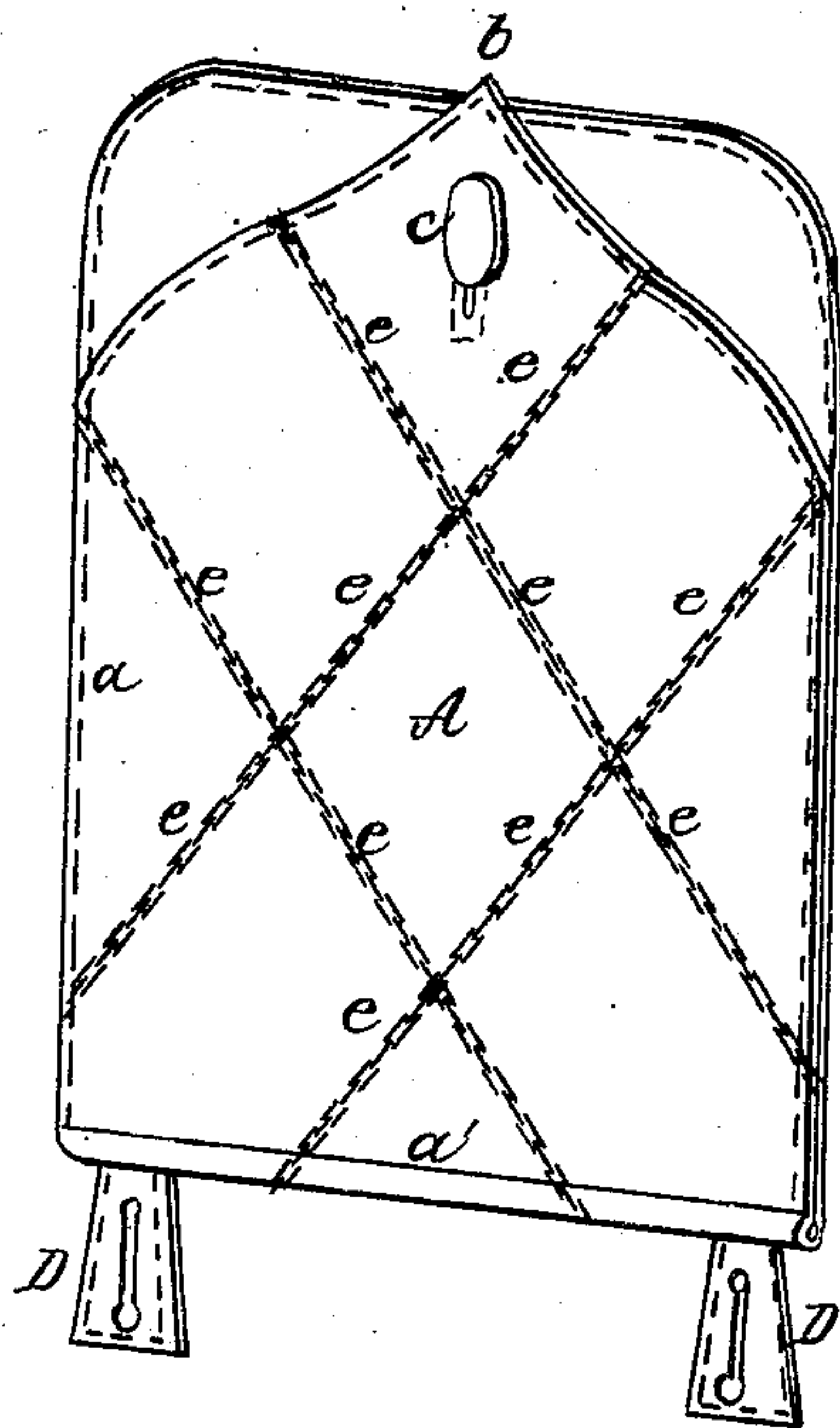


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## IMPROVEMENT IN SAFETY-POCKETS FOR ATTACHMENT TO SUSPENDERS.

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, J. SUMMERS, of Winchester, in the county of Frederick, and State of Virginia, have invented a new and improved Suspender-Pocket; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which my invention is represented by a front view.

The object of this invention is to provide, for public use, a neat and cheap pocket, which can be attached between the suspenders and the waistband of the pantaloons, for the purpose of carrying the watch or other valuables, it being so constructed that it cannot be cut open, and cannot be detached or unbuttoned in any way, without the knowledge of the wearer.

In the drawings—

A is the pocket, the sides *a a* and bottom, *a'*, being firmly stitched together, and the upper end of the front part, *b*, forming a flap, which buttons to the back part at *c*.

D D are two straps, one at each lower corner, which button to the waistband of the pantaloons at the ordinary suspender-buttons.

When the flap *b* has been buttoned to the back part of the pocket, (or, if desired, while the flap is unbuttoned,) the suspender is buttoned to the pocket, at *b c*, so that the pocket itself forms the only connection between the suspender and the pantaloons.

The front side of the pocket is covered with interlaced metallic chains, *e*, (preferably steel,) in order to protect the pocket from being cut open.

This device thus saves the necessity of wearing the leather straps at the lower ends of the suspenders, as heretofore, which, in a little while, become soiled by use, and present a very unsightly appearance. At the same time, it enables the wearer to make use of a very

safe device for containing his money, watch, and other valuables.

If the suspender be buttoned over the flap *b*, it is evident that it cannot be unbuttoned nor detached without the owner's instantly feeling the change.

The pocket is kept pressed against the person, and cannot be disturbed without the owner's knowledge.

The chains not only protect the pocket, but add to its beauty, and prevent it from becoming soiled.

The whole or any part of the pocket may be made of leather, cloth, &c., of any convenient form, containing any number of apartments and openings on either front or rear side, and ornamented according to the taste of the wearer.

I do not claim to be the first inventor of an attachable safety-pocket, designed to be supported by the suspenders, the latter being constructed as now in common use, and the pocket merely adapted to be fastened to their front side, for I am aware that such a device has heretofore been used by J. F. Clark and others; but

What I do claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is the following, viz:

I claim, as a new article of manufacture, the safety suspender-pocket herein described, consisting, essentially, of the part A, having the front flap, *b*, adapted to button to the back part by means of the button *c*, the button *c* adapted to button the flap, and also to connect the pocket to the lower end of the suspender, the straps D D fixed to the lower corners of the pocket, and adapted to be attached to the pantaloons, and the interlaced chains *e e*, covering and protecting the pocket, said parts being constructed and arranged as and for the purpose herein set forth.

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