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Safety-Pocket.

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Fig 1.

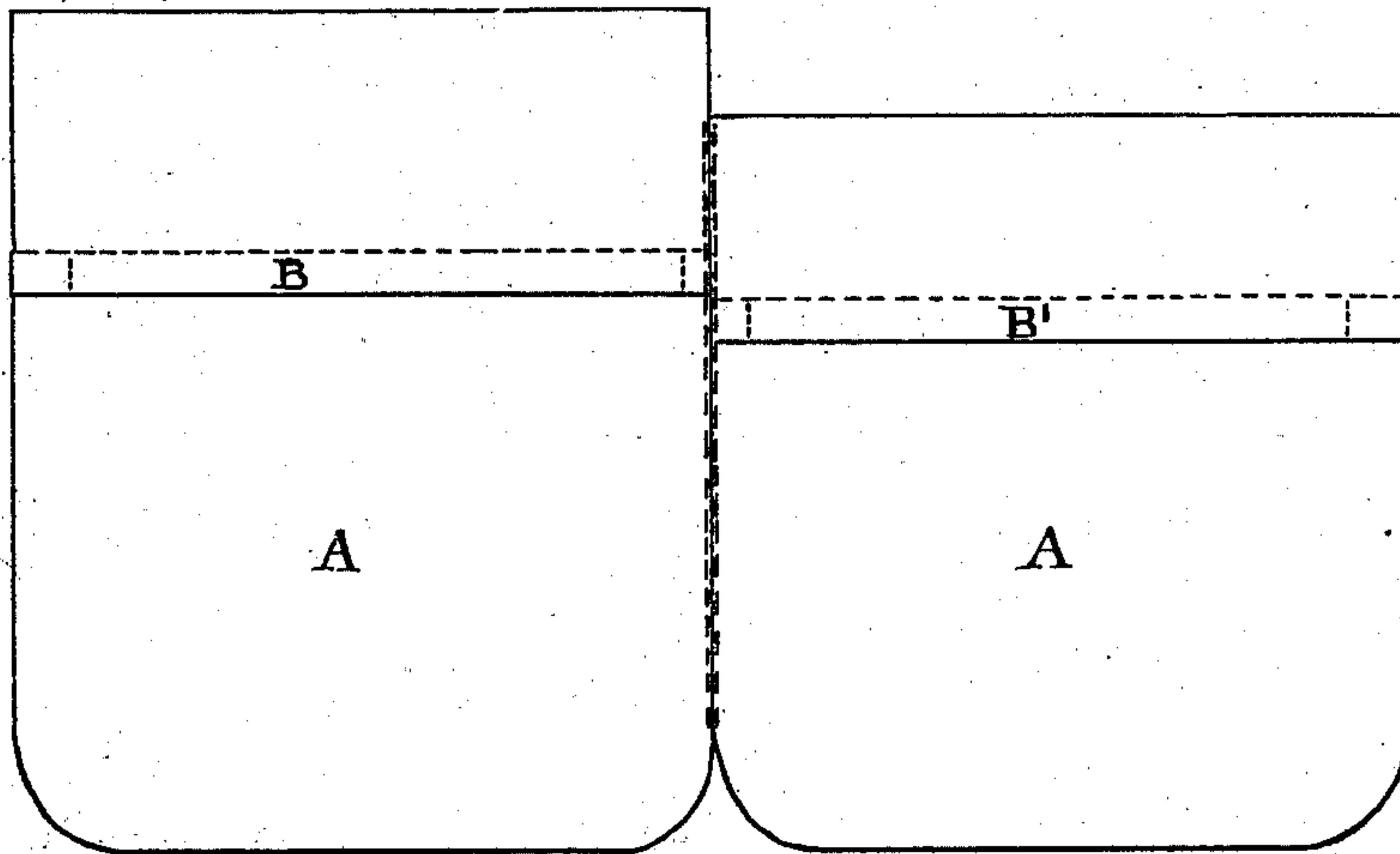


Fig 2.

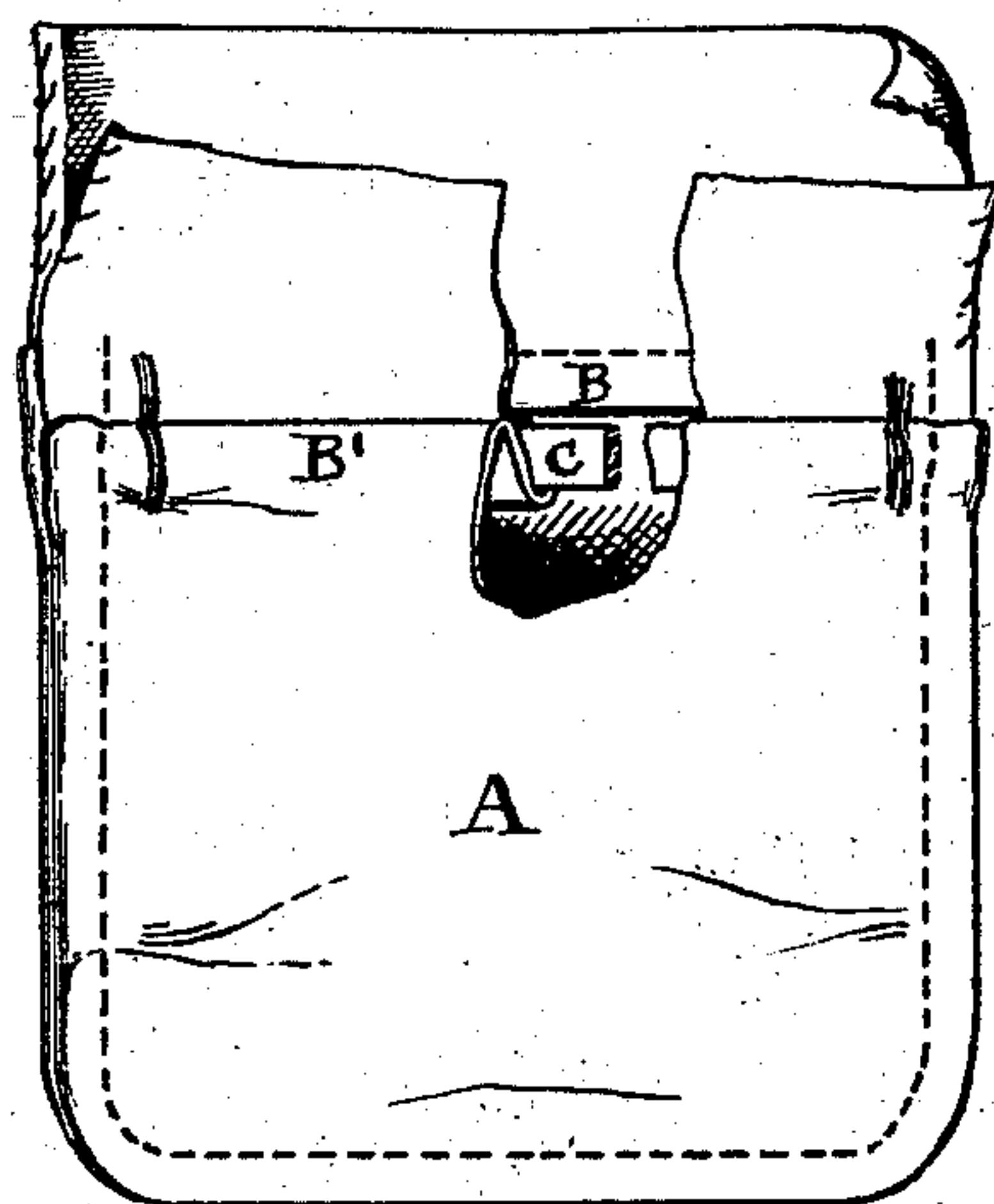


Fig 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SAFETY-POCKETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS JAKUBOWSKI, of San Francisco, in the county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented a certain new and useful invention or Improvement in Safety-Pockets for Ladies' and Gentlemen's Garments, which invention is fully set forth and described in the following specification and accompanying drawings.

My invention has for its object to provide a pocket so constructed that when it is turned bottom up, or nearly so, the articles contained therein will not fall out.

It also has for its object to indicate to the wearer the hand of the pickpocket, and prevent the withdrawal from the pocket of any article without giving an instantaneous warning to the wearer.

It consists in doubling over a portion of each side of the pocket, so as to form tucks or folds, in each of which is placed an inelastic or semi-elastic piece or bar, so as to form a yielding rib on both sides of the inner face of the pocket, one a little below the other.

Figure 1 is a plan of pocket spread out; Fig. 2, an elevation, partly in section; and Fig. 3, detail view, showing tucks and ribs.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, A represents a pocket embodying my invention, and upon the inner faces of which are formed tucks B B', the one placed a little below the other—say about the width of the tuck. Each tuck is stitched across its entire length, from corner to corner of the pocket, so that a hinged tuck or loop on each side of the wall of the pocket is had. In each of these tucks I place a semi-elastic strip or rib, C, and for this purpose I prefer whalebone; yet thin strips of non-corrosive metal, india-rubber, or wood might answer; yet I prefer the whalebone. These strips have a tendency to keep the mouth of the pocket always flattened down and closed, not only when on the person of the wearer, but when being removed and the garment is turned bottom up, in which case the pockets can be turned bottom up and fall outward without spilling any part of the contents, as it will be clearly seen that the tucks

or bars will arrest the further progress of all articles contained in the pocket, even to the smallest denomination of coins, the tucks being a complete bar to the egress of said articles.

It is furthermore apparent that should a pickpocket thrust his hand into a pocket constructed in this way and manner and attempt to withdraw it, the hand would come in contact with the tucks and at once give the alarm to the wearer, and more especially would this be the case if the hand of the thief had anything in its grasp at the time of such withdrawal.

Also, watches cannot be withdrawn from their pockets without meeting the resistance of the tucks, and indicate the fact to the wearer.

The placing of the tucks or bars one below the other is to render the arrest of articles contained in the pocket more complete, as the articles, in falling, will engage the lower tuck first, and then the upper one, effecting two stops. It also allows of the pocket being completely closed by means of the relative positions of the two, the upper edge of the lower tuck fitting down against the lower edge of the upper tuck or bar.

From this description it is evident that my device can be applied to all kinds of pockets employed in the wearing-apparel of all classes with very little extra expense.

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

The safety-pocket herein described, consisting of the tucks or stops B B', having semi-elastic ribs C confined therein and placed on parallel, or nearly parallel, lines, one above the other, on opposite sides of the pocket, in the manner substantially as described, for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of August, 1879.

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