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POCKET PROTECTOR.

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Fig. 1.

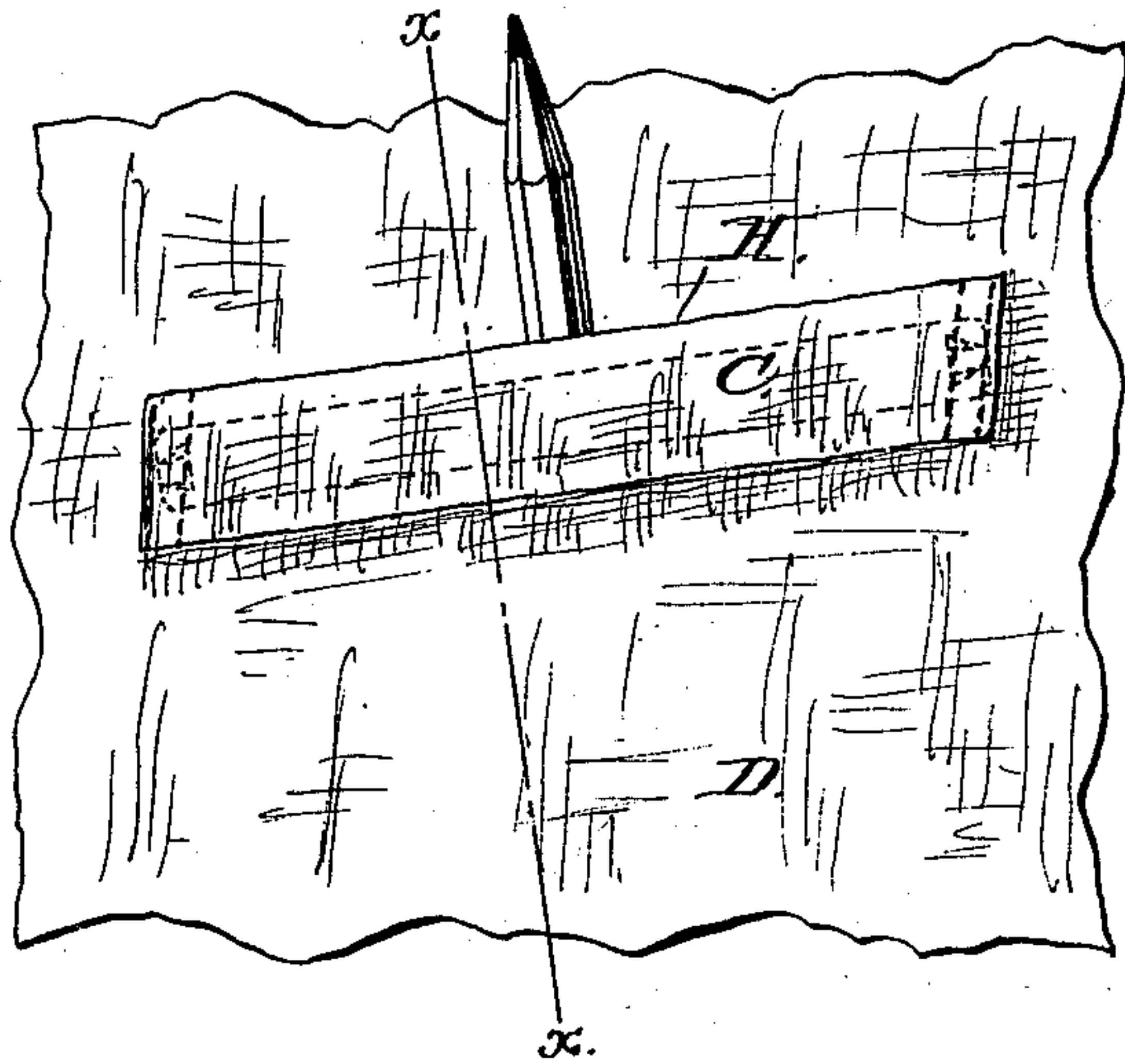


Fig. 3.

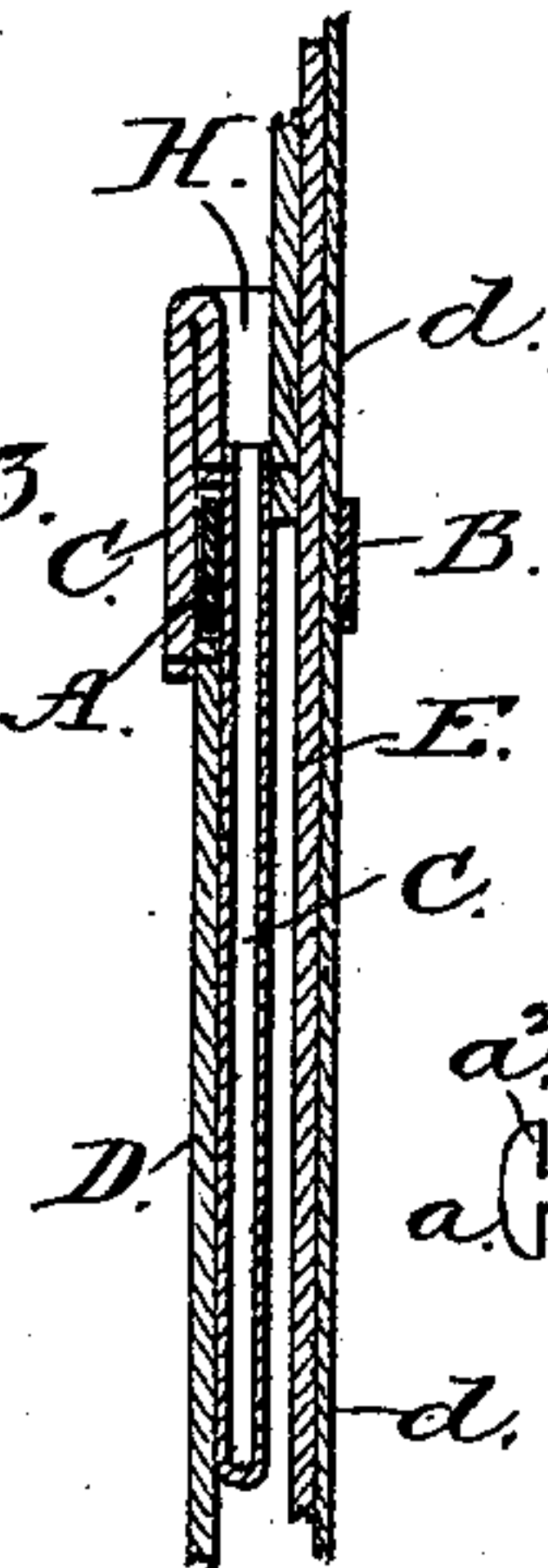


Fig. 4.

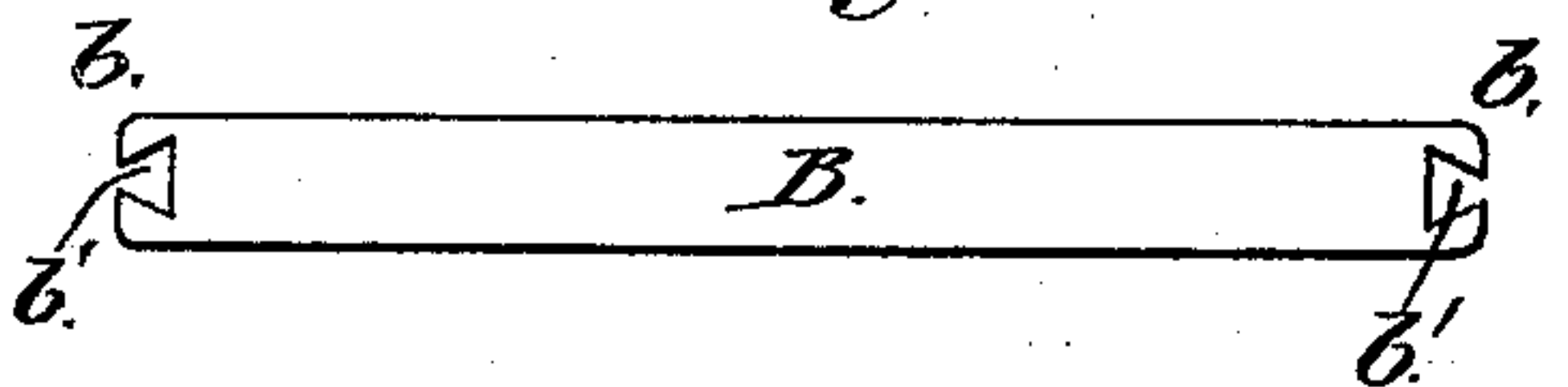


Fig. 5.

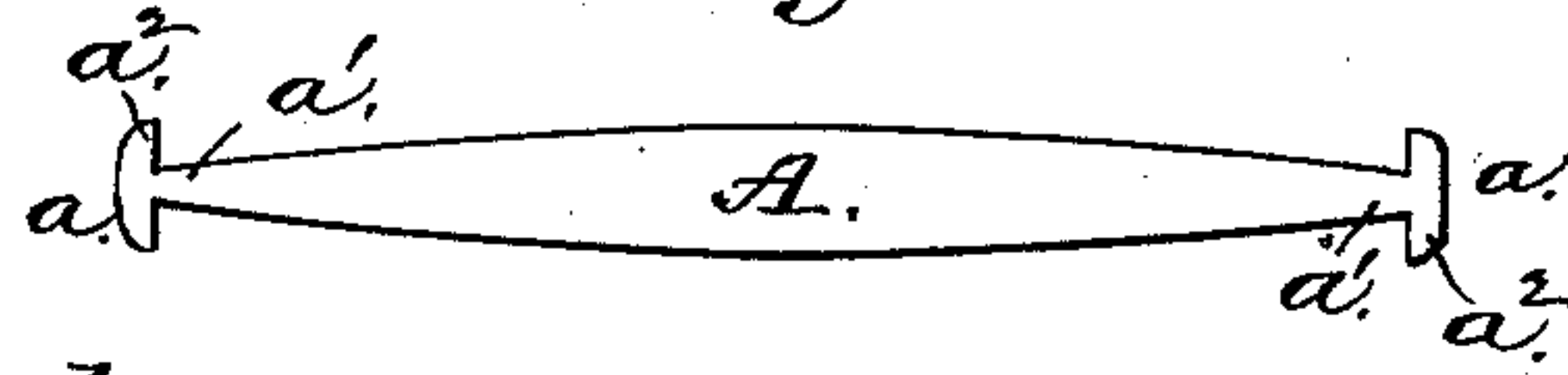
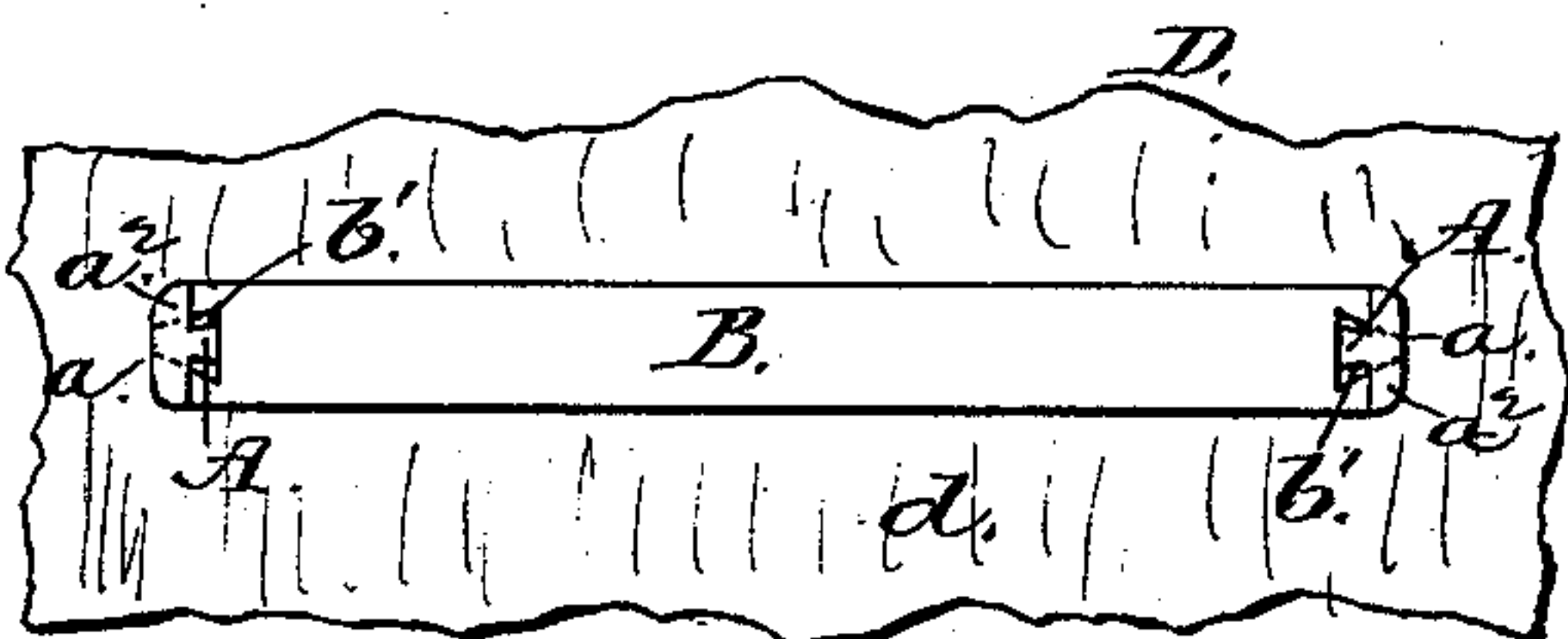


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID JENKINS SCOTT, of Ridgeway, in the county of Warren and State of North Carolina, have invented a new and Improved Pocket-Protector, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to pocket-protectors, and has for its object to provide a cheap, simple, yet effective device for retaining the mouth of a pocket in a closed position, which will be applicable to any garment or any sized pocket, whereby the contents of said pockets are prevented from falling out, and wherein the application will not disfigure a garment.

The invention consists in the construction and combination of the several parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a pocket having my invention applied, and Fig. 2 a rear view of the same. Fig. 3 is a transverse vertical section through line $x x$ of Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 a plan view of the rear leaf of my protector. Fig. 5 is a plan view of the front leaf thereof, adapted for engagement with the leaf shown in Fig. 4.

In the application of my invention, I employ a flexible metallic strip, A, of any desired width and of a length slightly longer than the pocket purposed to be closed thereby. Each end a of the said metallic strip A is made more or less contracted near the extremities at a' , the said extremities being provided with T-shaped transverse heads a^2 , which heads are usually constructed of a width about equal to the width of the main body of the strip A at the center, as illustrated in Fig. 5. I now provide a second strip, B, also constructed of a flexible material—such as rubber, whalebone, or brass, but preferably thin steel, plated, if preferred, is used—of a width corresponding with the width of the aforesaid strip A, but, unlike said strip, carrying an equal width to and including the ends b , each of which ends is provided with a central dovetail groove or slot, b' , cut therein, adapted to receive the re-

duced portions a' of the strip A, the transverse head a^2 of said strip A being purposed to bear against the inner face of the inner strip, B, as shown in Fig. 2, whereby a secure and complete joint is made.

In applying my invention to a pocket, C, of a vest, D, for instance, as illustrated in the drawings, an incision is made in the inside lining, d , at the outer edges of the pocket C from the inside—one incision at each end. Then a corresponding incision is made in the interlining, E, of the vest opposite the aforesaid incision in the inside lining, which incisions may be, if found desirable, and are, preferably, worked with a button-hole stitch. The flexible strip A is now entered the one end incision from the inside in the lining, and pushed forward through the opposite incision in the interlining, and then between the interlining E and the material constituting the outer facing of the pocket at the top, longitudinally the same, as shown in Fig. 1. Having reached the opposite end of the said pocket C, the head a^2 of the strip A is passed through the incision at that end outside the inside lining. Then the strip A is so located that the body thereof is situated between the interlining and the face of the vest, while its headed ends project at more or less of an angle through the inside lining. To bring tension upon the mouth of the pocket and complete my invention, I spring the ends of the inner strip, B, so that the dovetail slots b' therein will embrace the reduced portion a' of the said outer strip, A, the heads a^2 of the strip A bearing transversely the outer side of the ends b of the strip B, the said strip B extending longitudinally the pocket in a parallel plane with the inner strip, B, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, also Fig. 3, the result being that a spring-tension is brought to bear upon the mouth H of the pocket C.

Through my invention a pencil or like object (one or more in number) is prevented effectually from falling out, likewise cigars, and the strips being wide, they will not crush the ends. Money, an account-book, or, in fact, anything within a thickness of an inch and a half or two inches may safely be carried without danger of loss, and a watch placed in a pocket thus protected, the springs clamping the ring,

cannot be removed without the knowledge of the wearer.

The invention is applicable to garments of any description, and when found desirable may be readily detached.

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

1. The combination, with a pocket, C, of a flexible strip, A, between said pocket and the inside lining, having headed ends a , and the flexible strip B, having dovetailed ends b , adapted to engage the ends of the said strip A outside the said lining, substantially as shown and described.

2. The combination, with a pocket, C, and the inside and inter lining, E d , of a garment, of a flexible strip, A, between the interlining and

the facing of said pocket, having its ends provided with an enlargement, a^2 , and a flexible strip, B, having dovetails b' in the ends, adapted to extend outside the inside lining and engage said strip A, substantially as shown and described.

3. The combination, with the flexible strip A, provided with reduced end portions, a' , and enlarged extremities a^2 , of a flexible strip, B, of equal width provided with dovetail slot b' at the ends, the said dovetail slots adapted to receive the reduced portions a' of the strip A, substantially as shown and described, and for the purpose herein set forth.

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