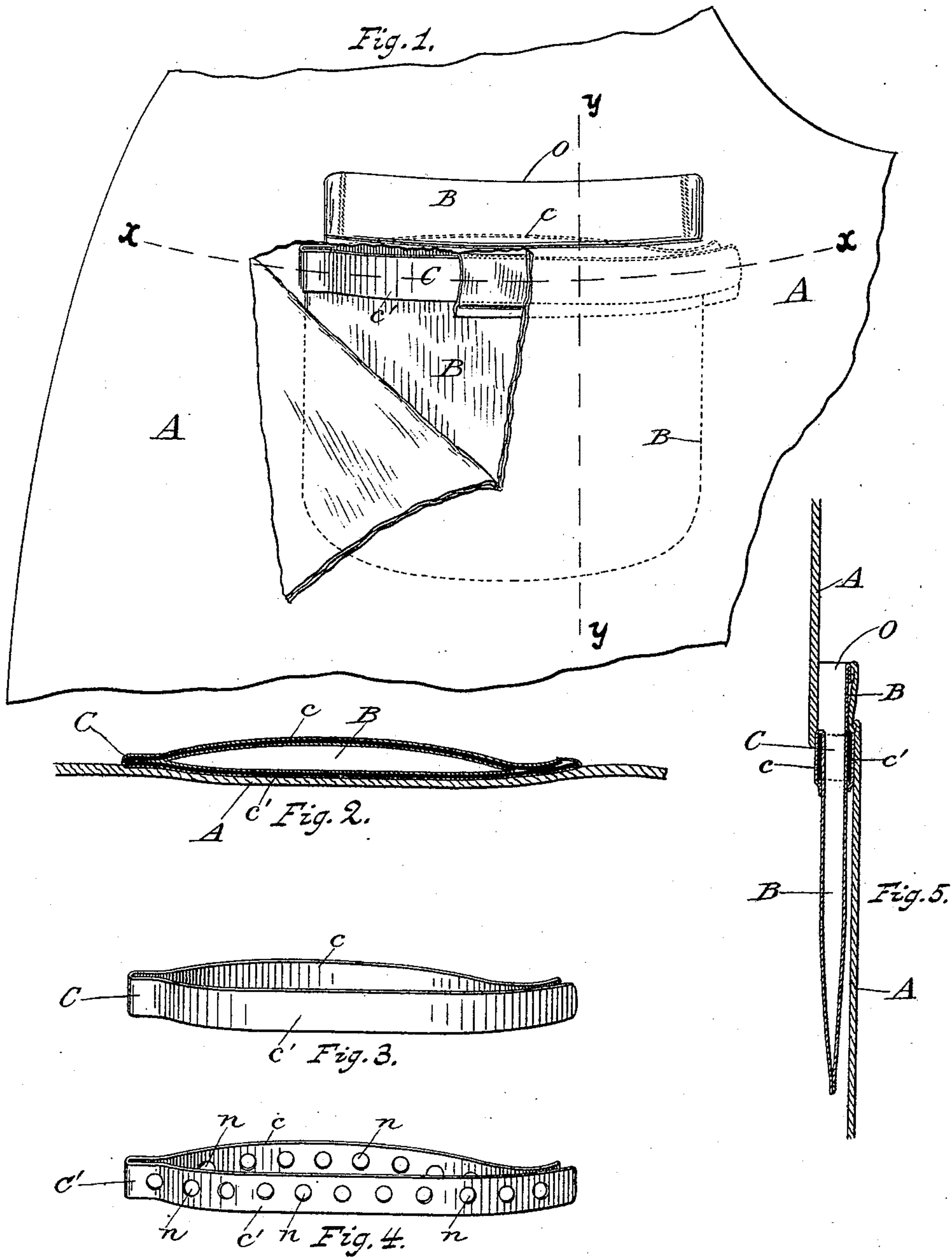


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM V. S. BASTIAN, of the town of Cherry Valley, county of Otsego, and State of New York, have invented
5 a new and useful Improvement in Pocket-Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to pocket-protectors, and has for its object to provide a complete
10 safeguard or device for practically closing the mouth of a pocket and retaining it in that position, which shall at the same time be simple and cheap, and which can be applied to
15 any garment or any sized pocket, said application tending in no way to alter the appearance of the garment; and it consists of a spring-piece formed of a flat strip of spring material doubled upon itself with its ends
20 laid free on each other, as hereinafter described, and as shown in the drawings.

Accompanying this specification and forming a part of it is one plate of drawings containing five (5) figures illustrating my invention, in all of which similar letters refer to
25 corresponding parts.

Figure 1 shows a portion of a garment containing a pocket with my improved protector attached, a part of the fabric being torn away to permit a partial view of the protector to
30 be had, the remainder being indicated by dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a horizontal sectional view taken on the line *xx* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a view of my improved pocket-protector composed of the metallic spring-piece C, provided
35 with the arms *c* and *c'*. Fig. 4 is a view of my improved pocket-protector provided with eyelets or eyes *nn* for attaching the same to a pocket by sewing. Fig. 5 is a sectional view
40 of a garment containing a pocket with my improved protector attached, taken on the line *yy* of Fig. 1.

In the construction of my invention I employ a strip of any composition or substance which when bent will form a spring, preferably
45 spring-steel, of suitable width and of a

length somewhat greater than twice the width of the pocket-opening it is desired to secure. This strip is doubled, forming the double-bow or elliptical spring-piece C, as shown in Fig. 3, the strip being bent back on itself with the
50 ends resting loosely together. This construction permits the free ends to be drawn apart when the hand is placed between the arms of the spring and to return to their closed
55 position when the separating medium is withdrawn or passed below the spring into the pocket.

There are various methods of applying my invention to pockets, one of which is to cover the limbs *c* and *c'* with tape or some similar
60 material, and, inclosing the top of the pocket B within said limbs, attach the protector thereto by sewing.

Another method of application is to construct casings at the top of the pocket on
65 either side and to slip one of said limbs into each of said casings, as shown in Fig. 1.

Still another method is to furnish the protector with eyes or eyelet-holes, as shown in Fig. 4, and to attach it directly to the top of
70 the pocket and around it by sewing.

In the drawings, A designates the garment, and O the opening to the pocket.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, 75 is—

In a safety-pocket, the combination, with the body of the pocket, of the closing device C, consisting of a single straight and flat piece of spring material bent into an elliptic or
80 double-bow shape, with the free ends resting loosely on each other, substantially as described, and for the purpose specified.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 17th day of October, A. D. 1889.

WILLIAM V. S. BASTIAN.

In presence of—

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