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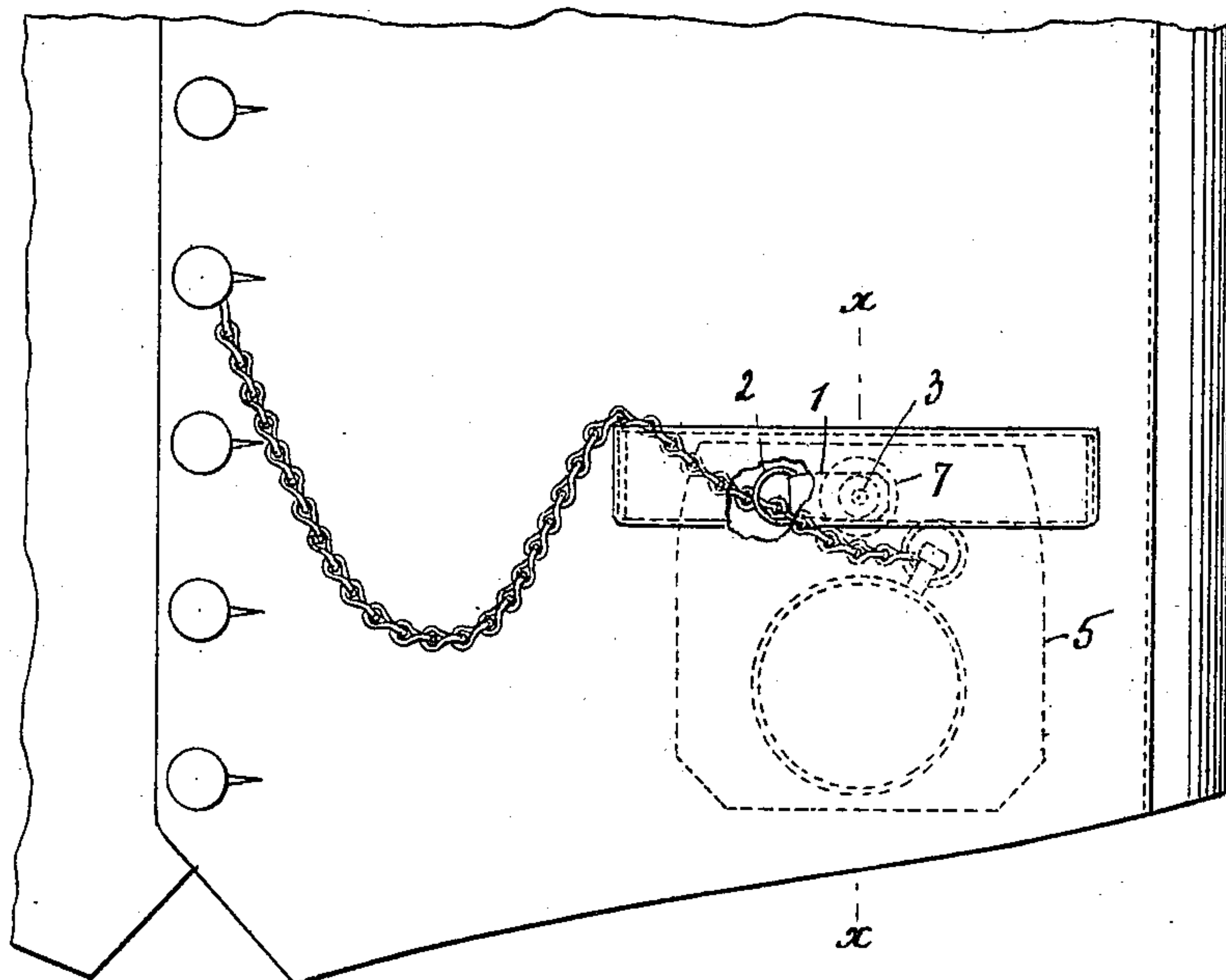
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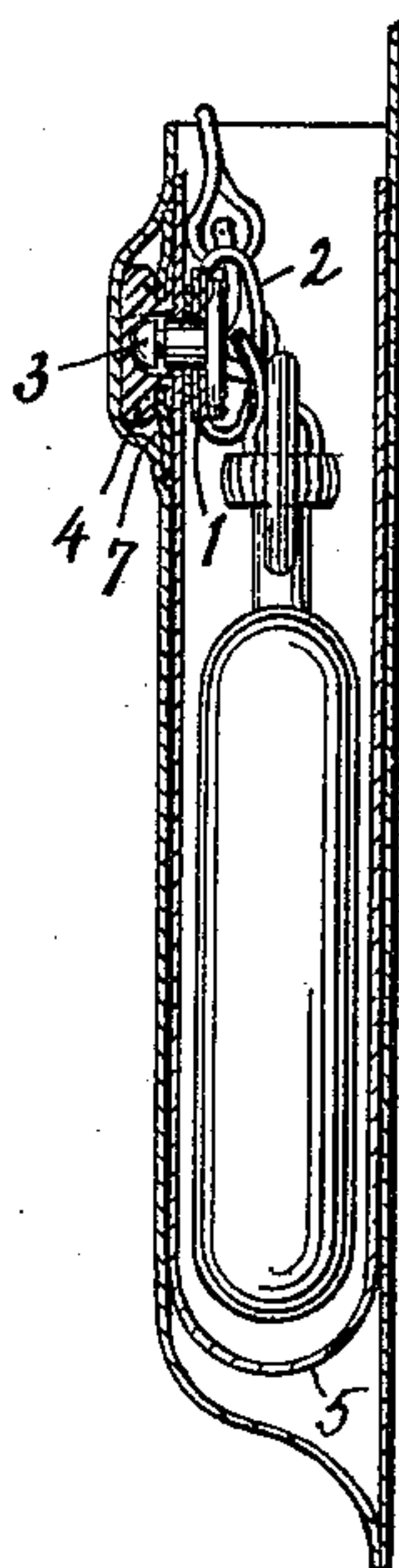
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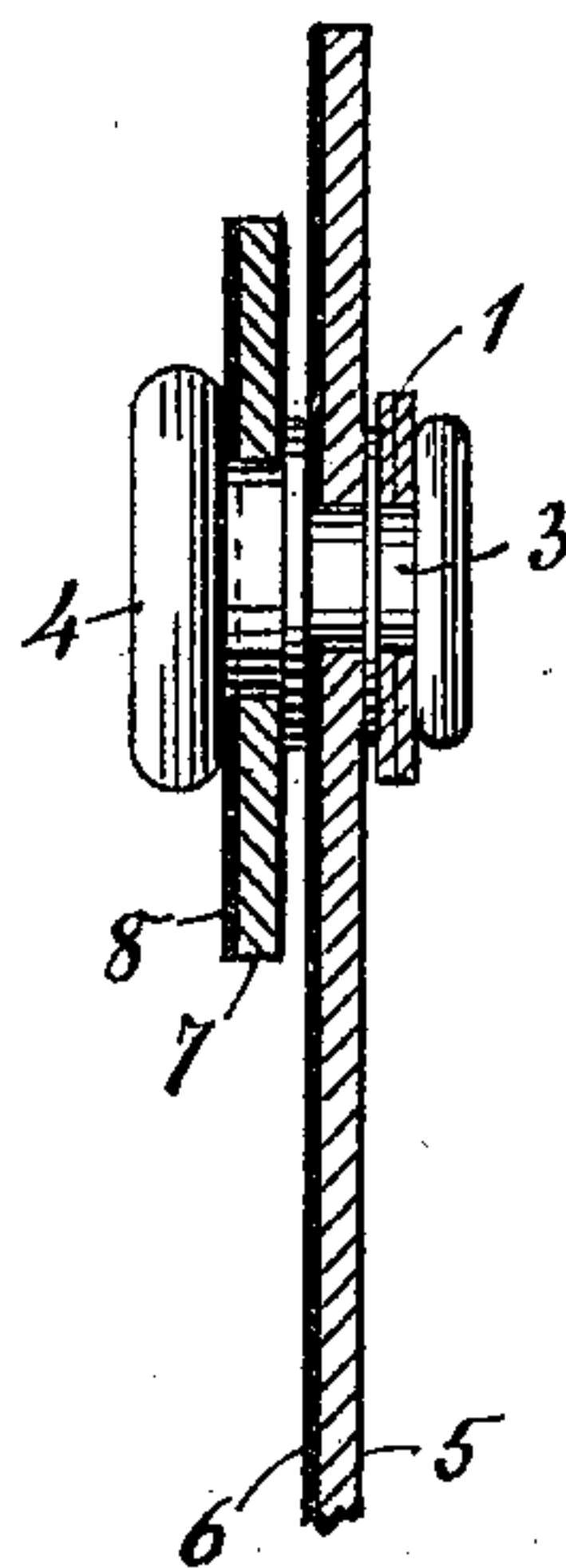
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## WATCH-GUARD FOR POCKETS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH S. COYTE, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Watch-Guards, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a guard for watches and other objects; and the invention resides in certain novel features of construction set forth in the following specification and claims and illustrated in the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a face view of the guard applied to use. Fig. 2 is a section along *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a detail sectional view enlarged.

The guard comprises a tongue or strip 1, having a ring 2. This ring may be a solid ring for the watch-chain to be passed there-through, or said ring might be made of other forms—as, for example, a split ring or a snap-hook or the like to engage the chain or ring of the watch. The tongue and ring can be formed of one piece of metal or material; but by forming the tongue of soft or flexible material, such as leather, such tongue is not apt to scratch or injure the watch or its casing. The tongue has a fastening 3 for securing the tongue to the pocket or the pocket-lining. The tongue being thus secured prevents theft of the watch or chain engaged by tongue-ring 2.

The fastening part 3 can be of any practical form. As shown, it consists of the well-known stud or head adapted to be engaged by or snapped into socket 4, as in the so-called “glove-fasteners.” The fastener part 4 is secured to the pocket or lining.

The pocket-lining 5 when made of such material as velvet will not scratch the watch, and such lining can be suitably secured in the pocket. A cement or adhesive backing 6, Fig. 3—such, for example, as gutta-percha tissue, which enables the lining to be cemented into the pocket by the application of a hot flat-iron—allows the lining to be rapidly and effectively secured in place.

The socket or fastening part 4, having clamped or secured thereto a flap or disk of fabric or material 7, the lining 5, adhering or being secured to this flap 7, will hold or support the socket 4 in place. Such lining could

be clasped by the socket member; but by allowing the lining to overlie the socket, so as to leave only the entrance for head 3 exposed, such lining will prevent the watch from contacting with or being scratched by any part of the socket member.

The flap 7 when backed by cement 8, Fig. 3, practically forming a continuation of backing 6, the lining 5, with flap 7, can be simultaneously cemented or ironed into place. The tongue 1 when of sufficient length and having the ring 2 at an end portion and the fastening part 3 at the other end portion will allow a watch connected to ring 2 to be consulted. The tongue 1 when swiveling at the side of the pocket will have its ring 2 raised by the action of pulling out the watch or chain, so that said ring will not be apt to scratch the watch. Instead of guarding only watches the device might be applied for securing other objects—as, for example, pedometers, pocket-barometers, and other articles.

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

1. A watch-guard for pockets, comprising a two-part fastening device detachably secured to the pocket, an independent loop or tongue of soft flexible material having an opening in one end through which a part of the fastening device passes whereby said loop or tongue has a swivel connection at such end with the fastening device, and a ring carried by the free end of the said flexible loop or tongue, substantially as described.

2. A guard comprising a tongue of flexible or soft material having at one end portion a ring and loosely connected at the other end to a fastening part, combined with a pocket or lining having a fastening part for engaging the fastening part of the tongue substantially as described.

3. In a watch-guard for pockets, a pocket-lining adapted to be secured within the pocket, a fastening device for the guard secured to the lining and having a part thereof arranged between the pocket and lining so as to be unexposed, a tongue swivelly connected at one end to the fastening device and lying within the said pocket-lining, and a ring carried by the free end of the tongue, substantially as described.

4. A pocket-lining and a guard comprising



a ringed tongue, said tongue and lining having fastener parts, and said lining having an adhesive backing for securing the same in place substantially as described.

- 5 5. A pocket-lining having an adhesive backing, a fastening-socket having a disk or flap cemented to the lining, and a ringed tongue having a stud or head adapted to connect with the socket, said flap having an adhesive  
10 backing made to form a continuation of the

backing of the lining so as to enable the lining and fastening to be secured or cemented in place substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing  
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