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Fig:1.

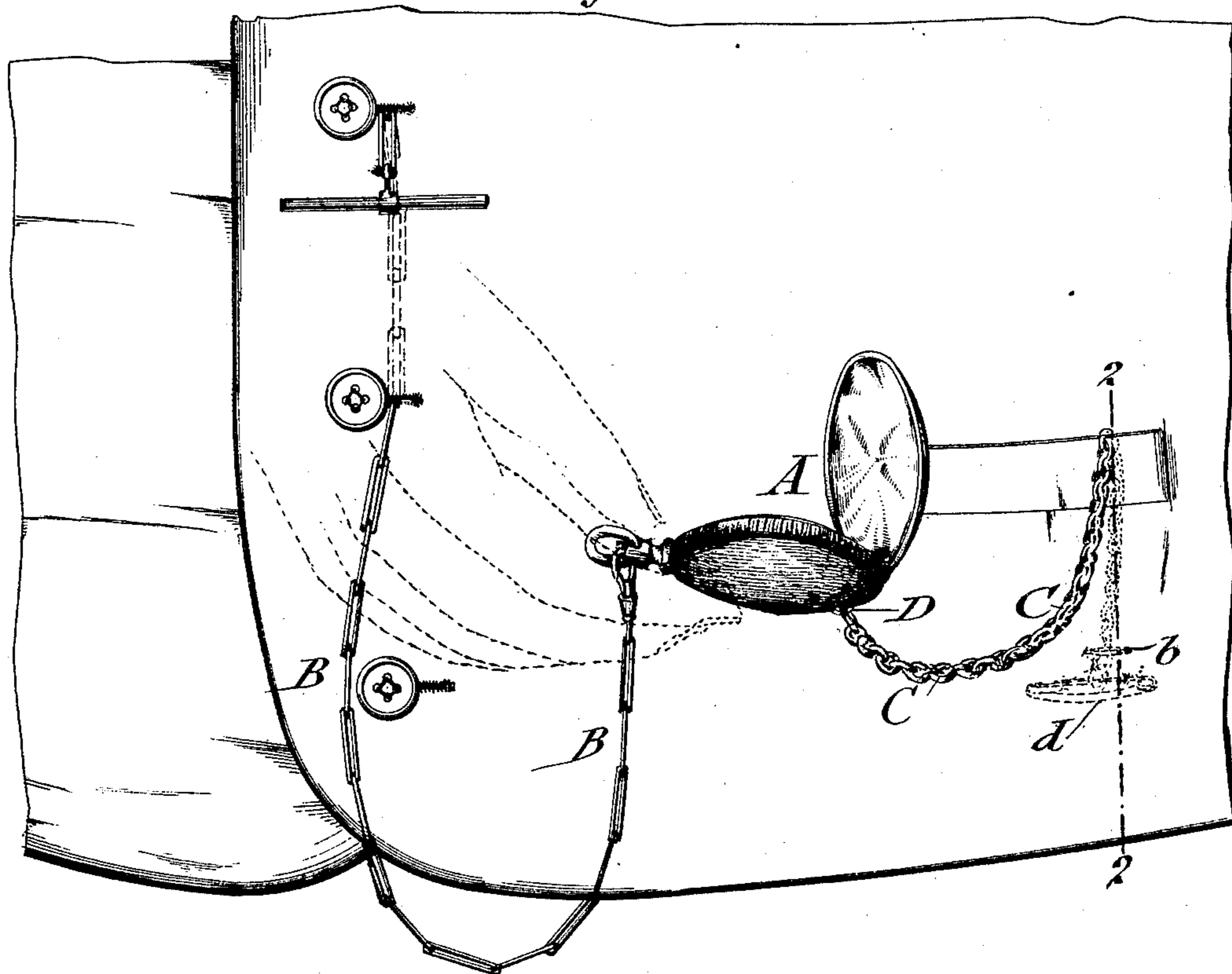
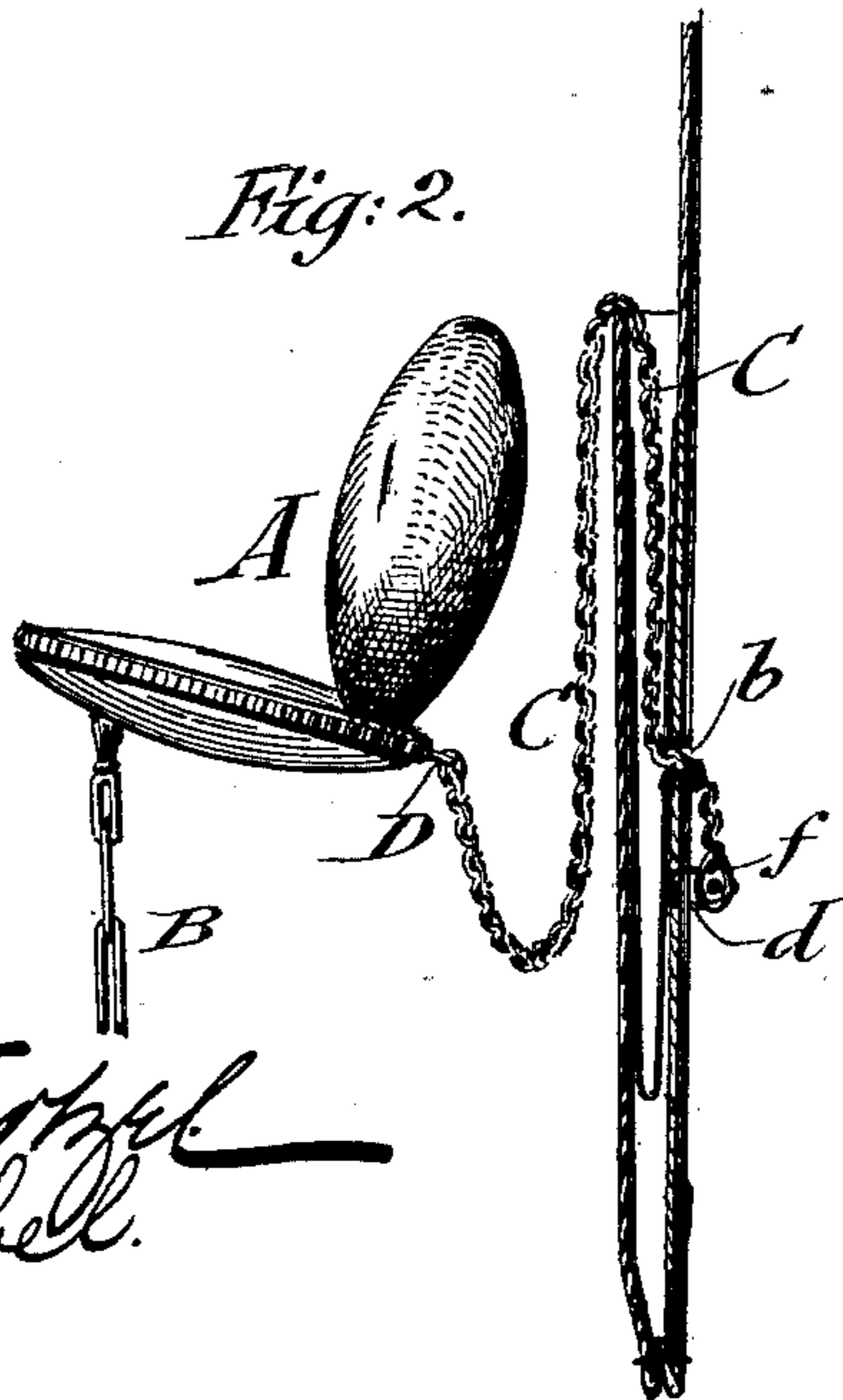


Fig: 2.



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SAFETY-GUARD FOR WATCHES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN J. FOGARTY, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of New York, in the borough of Manhattan and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Safety-Guards for Watches, of which the following is a specification.

In most cases when watches are stolen by pickpockets the watch is either separated from the pendant-ring by twisting the ring off the pendant or the watch-chain and watch are together removed from the vest and vest-pocket, which latter operation is technically called "removing the entire front." My invention is designed to prevent the stealing of the watch alone, or watch and chain together, by pickpockets by connecting the watch with the vest by means of a comparatively simple attachment, so that the pull caused by removing the watch or chain will immediately disclose the attempt of the pickpocket, so that he may be caught; and the invention consists in the combination, with a garment provided with a pocket and a hole or eyelet in the rear wall of the pocket and in the lining of the garment, of a safety guard-chain adapted to pass through said holes or eyelets, means for attaching said guard-chain to a watch, and means for attaching the guard-chain to a garment, as will be more fully described hereinafter and finally pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved safety-guard for watches, showing the same in position when the watch is removed from the vest-pocket and held in the hand; and Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section on line 2 2, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawings, A represents a watch, B the usual watch-chain, and C the auxiliary chain or safety guard-chain, which is attached to an eye D, permanently secured to the watchcase center, preferably at a point adjacent to the hinge of the same, as shown

in the drawings. By the "center" of the watchcase is intended that circular portion of the watchcase between the front and back of the same and to which the front and back portions are hinged. This eye may be in the form of a screw-eye screwed into the case or a ring secured by a small screw-bolt and nut, but is permanently attached to the case, so as not to be removed therefrom by ordinary use or by any manipulation of one attempting to steal the watch. The opposite end of the guard-chain C is passed through a small hole or eyelet in the rear wall of the vest-pocket and lining of the vest to a safety-pin or other suitable device secured to the vest at the inside of the same at any desired point adjacent to the pocket. The guard-chain may be a very light chain of any suitable material, as it is not intended to lock the watch immovably against removal, but simply to indicate any attempt made by a pickpocket to remove the watch, the sudden tug connected with such an attempt indicating immediately that the watch is being taken.

For securing the guard-chain to the safety-pin or other device at the inside of the vest an ordinary ring or other connecting device may be used, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings.

When the safety attachment is applied to a watch and vest, it is obvious that any attempt to remove the entire front—i. e., the combined watch and chain—from the vest, which is the most clever trick of the pickpocket, is immediately frustrated by the tug which is exerted on the vest by the auxiliary safety guard-chain, whereby the attempt at stealing the watch is immediately indicated, so that the pickpocket can be arrested and the taking of the watch prevented. A very effective and comparatively simple and inexpensive device for protecting valuable watches against theft is thereby provided.

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

The combination, with a garment provided with a pocket, and a hole or eyelet in the

rear wall of the pocket and in the lining of
the garment, of a safety guard-chain adapted
to pass through said holes or eyelets, means
for attaching said guard-chain to a watch,
5 and means for attaching the guard-chain to
the garment, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as

my invention I have signed my name in pres-
ence of two subscribing witnesses.

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