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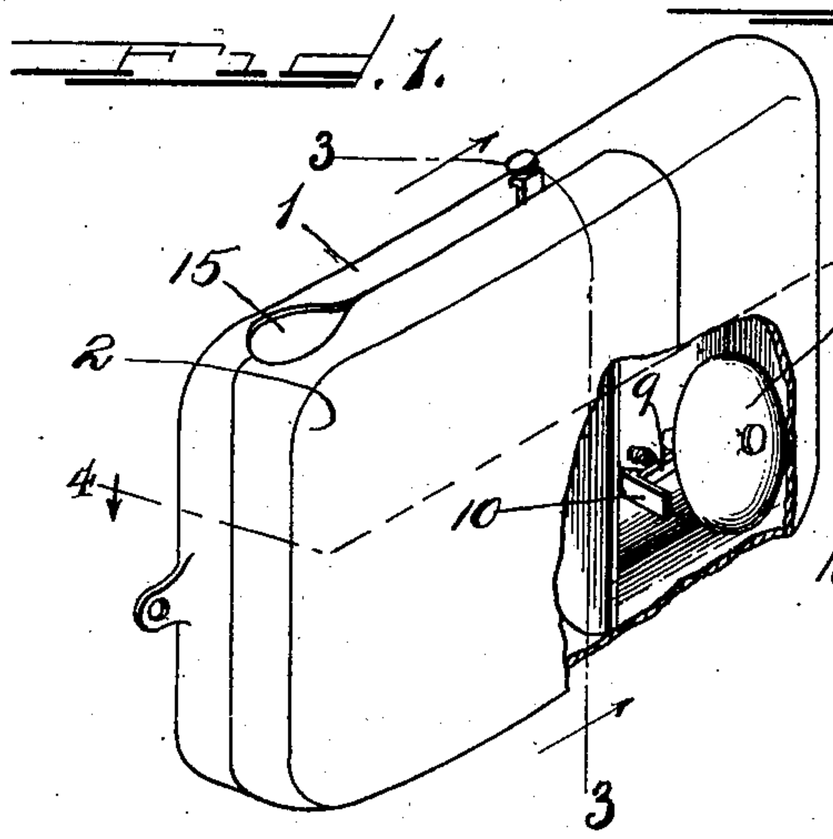

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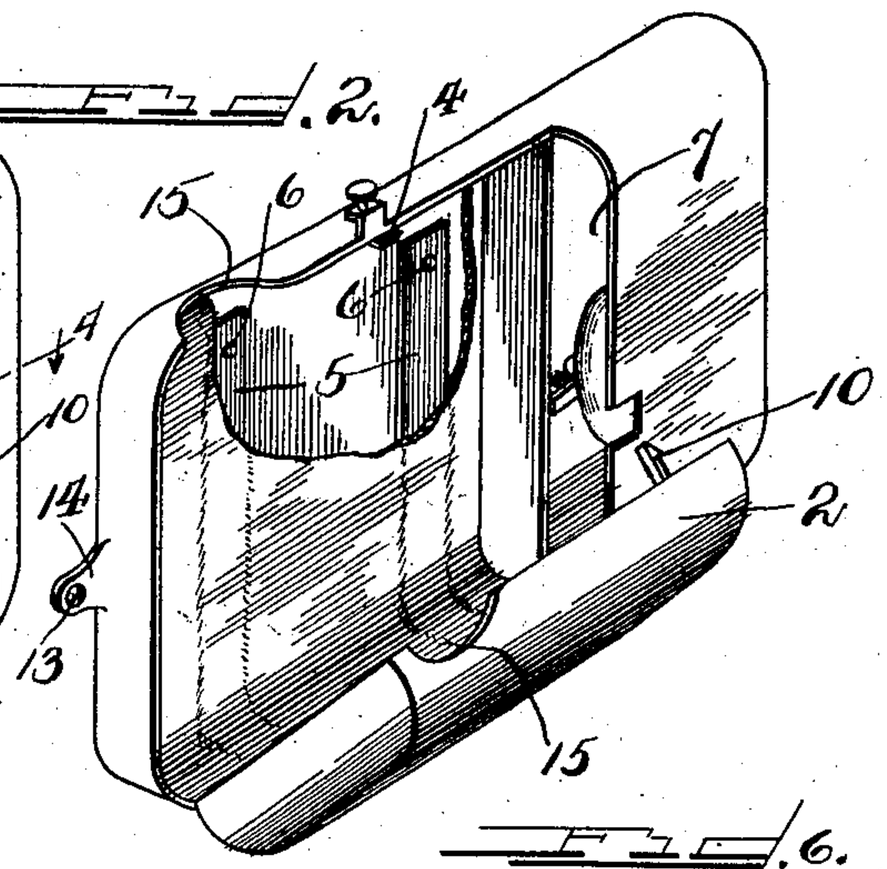

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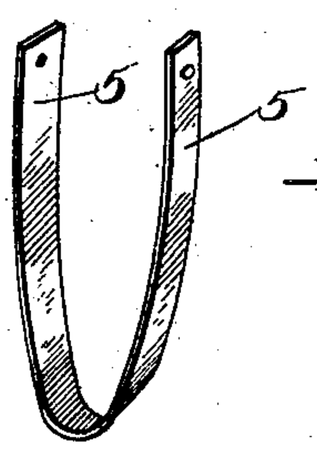

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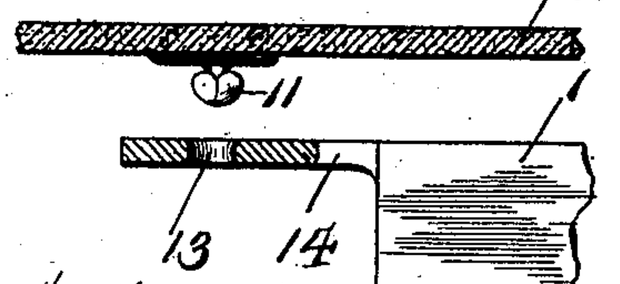

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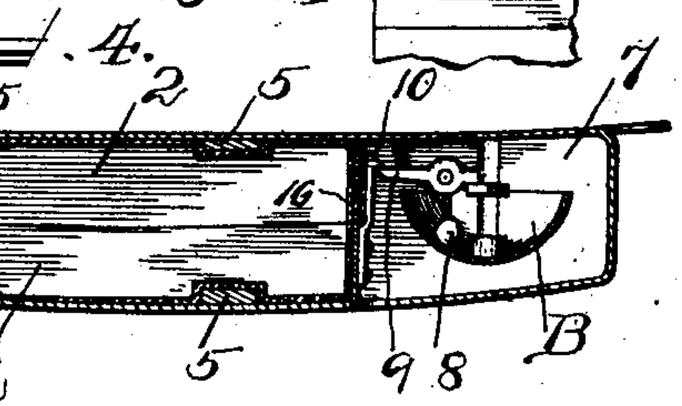

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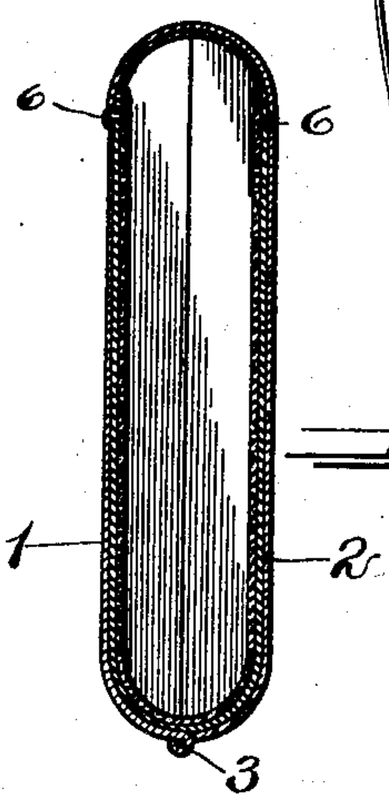

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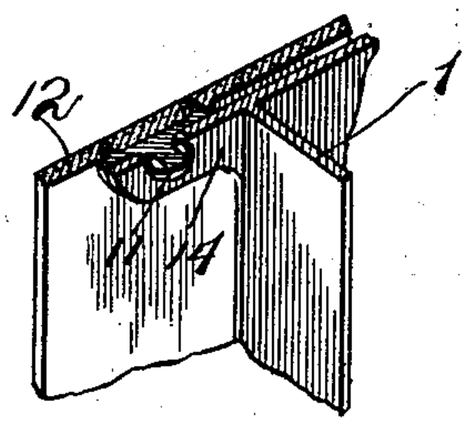

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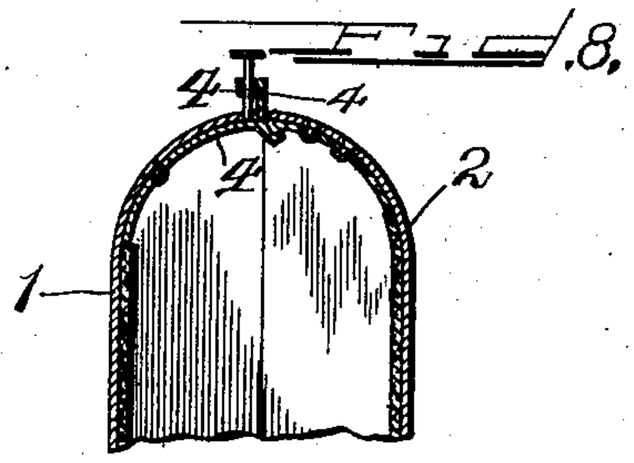

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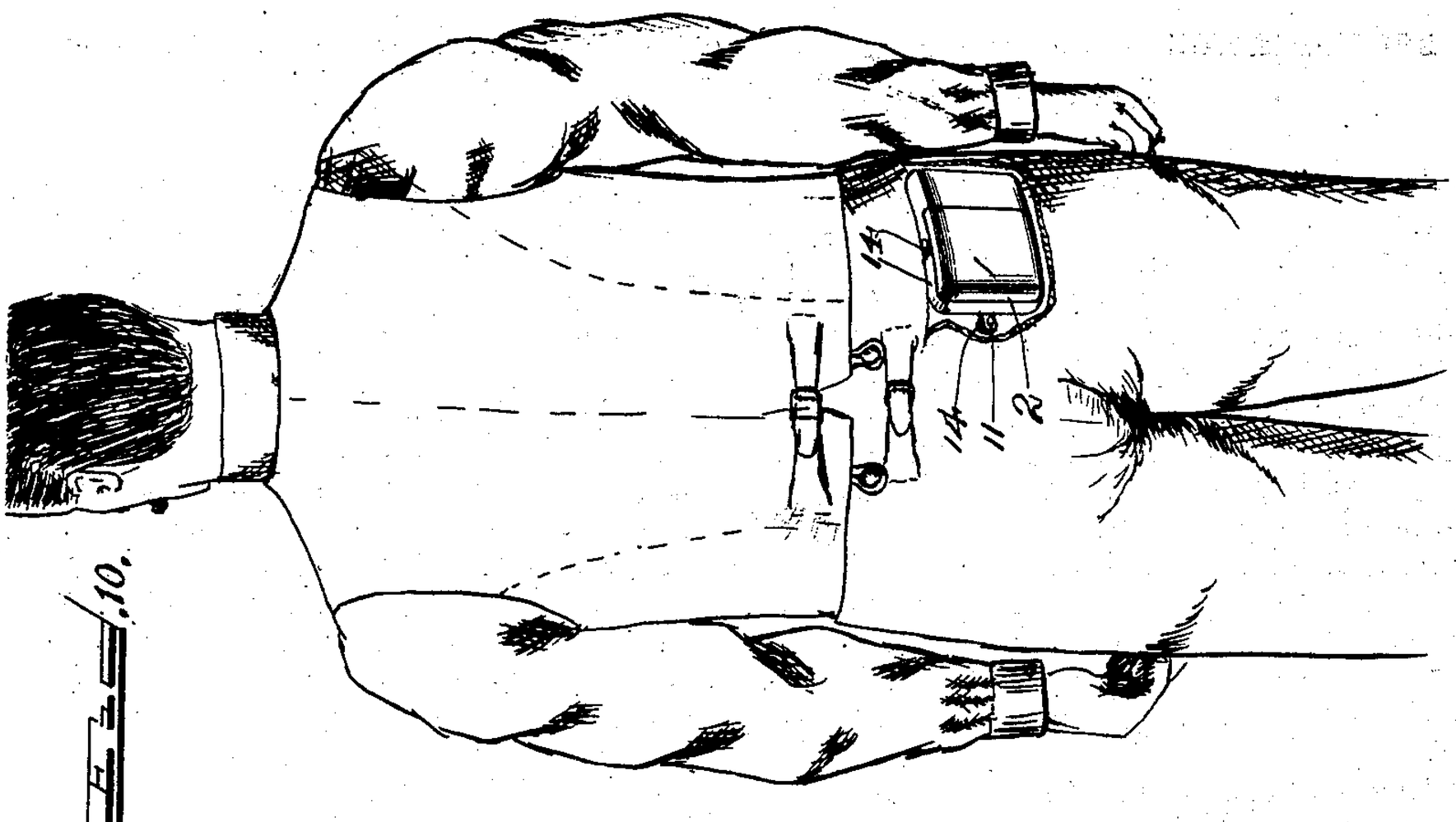

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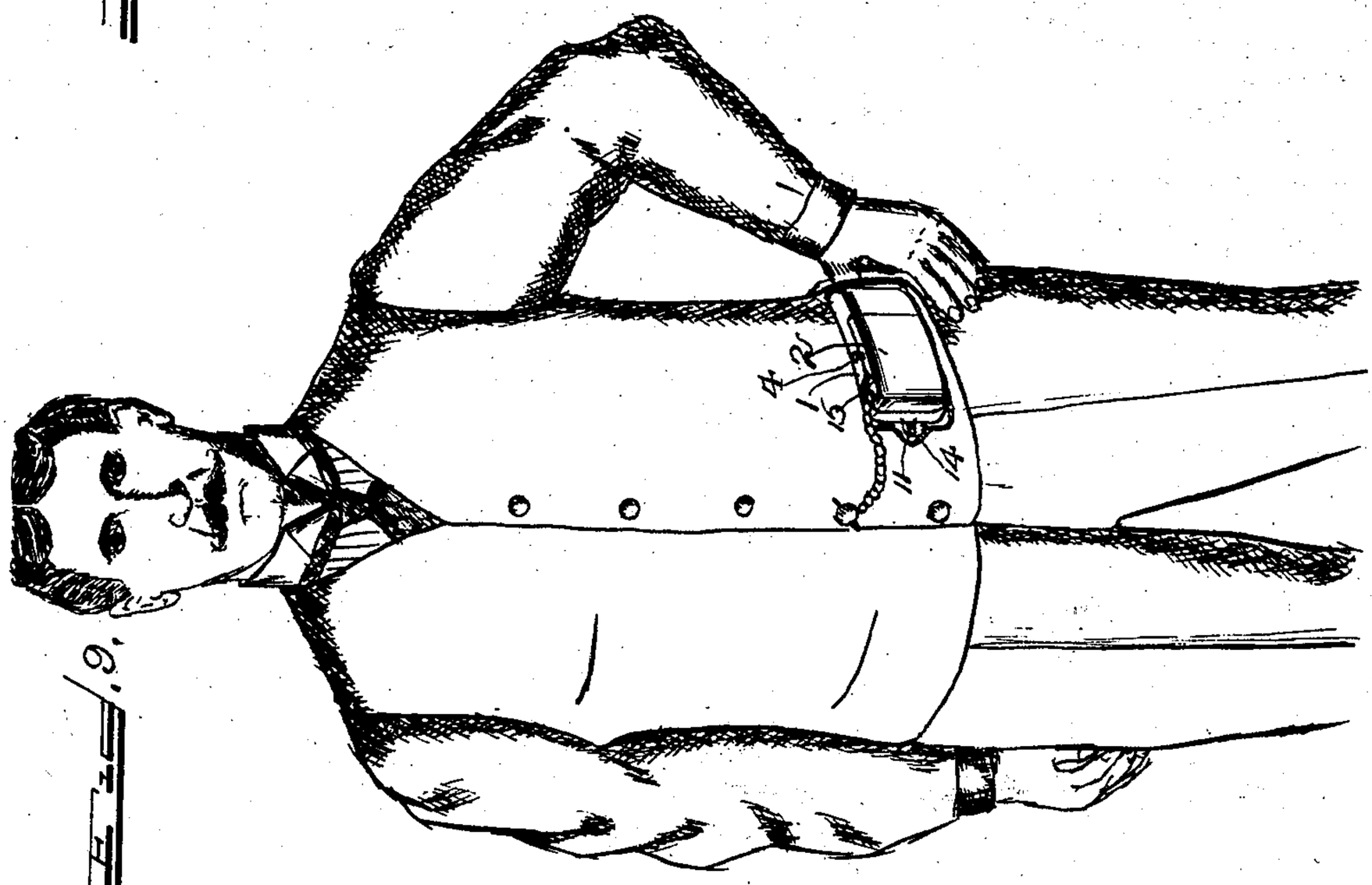

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EGBERT B. BROWN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Maywood, in the county of Cook, in the State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Safety-Pockets, of which the following is a specification.

The object of the present invention is to provide a safety-pocket for personal wear capable of securely retaining valuables placed therein against any nefarious attempt on the part of an unauthorized or thieving person, however skilful, to remove them without giving such an alarm as would be bound to attract the attention of the wearer to such attempt.

To this end the invention contemplates a construction capable of being readily inserted and secured within the ordinary pockets of men's attire or of being securely attached to the belt or to other articles of personal wearing-apparel.

The invention consists in the matters herein set forth, and particularly pointed out in the appended claim, and will be fully understood from the following description of the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a safety-pocket embodying my improvements, a portion of its exterior being broken away to show the alarm. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the device with its lid opened, a piece of the lining being broken away to expose the opening-springs. Fig. 3 is a transverse section taken on line 3 3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a horizontal section taken on line 4 4 of Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is a detail of one of the opening-springs alone. Fig. 6 is a sectional detail of one suitable device for fastening the safety-pocket to a garment or other article of personal wear. Fig. 7 is a somewhat similar view in perspective. Fig. 8 is a vertical transverse sectional detail better showing the latch for locking the lid closed. Fig. 9 is a view showing the manner in which a safety device of the character previously illustrated may be used in a vest-pocket to receive a watch. Fig. 10 is a similar view showing its application in a hip-pocket to receive a purse or other valuables.

Referring to said drawings, 1 designates the main casing of a pocket-like receptacle made of sheet-steel or other suitable material difficult to cut or tear. This receptacle is provided with a lid 2, secured by a hinge 3 to the bottom of the casing and arranged to be normally held closed by a spring-latch 4 at the top thereof. This lid will be thrown open when unlatched by suitable springs 5, herein shown as flat plate-springs, placed against the inner surfaces of the casing and hid beneath the lining thereof and secured in position therein by rivets 6, as better shown in Figs. 3 and 4. These springs are compressed when the lid is closed and serve to instantly throw it open when the latch 4 is released. An alarm device, consisting in this instance of a bell B, is also arranged in connection with the receptacle to sound whenever the latter opens. As herein shown, this bell is contained within a closed chamber 7, formed at the end of the casing at one side of the lid 2, and is provided with a pivoted clapper 8, connected with a spring-pressed pawl 9, that is actuated by latch 10 on the lid whenever the latter springs open, said latch and pawl being so shaped that they automatically reëngage when the lid is again closed.

Means are provided for detachably securing the safety-pocket described to the clothing or wearing-apparel so that its removal cannot be accomplished except after manipulation sufficient to attract the wearer's attention. Such means conveniently consist, as herein shown, of a pair of spring-headed studs 11, which are secured to the fabric 12 of the garment or belt and are adapted to be forced through apertures 13, provided in lugs 14, suitably located on the casing. Any other suitable form of attachment for securing the pocket to the clothing or belt may, however, be employed in this connection, if so desired.

In cases where a pocket-safe of the construction described is designed to be worn in the watch-pocket of a vest or other garment to receive a watch it will be provided at its upper inner corner with an opening 15, through which the watch-chain may pass, as shown in Fig. 8. It will, however, be understood that the device may be made as a receptacle for money, jewels, or papers instead of a watch, in which case the aperture 15 would be unnecessary and would be dispensed with, Fig. 10, for example, showing it as secured in the

hip-pocket of the trousers for such purpose. It will be equally understood that the device may be made of any suitable size and shape and adapted for insertion in other pockets of the clothing or to a belt, and when designed to be attached to a lady's belt or otherwise worn on the exterior of the clothing it will desirably be made of ornamental appearance, so as to be an attractive and sightly object. Desirably, also, it will be lined with velvet or other soft fabric or membrane suitable for preventing the watch or other articles from being marred or injured when carried therein.

It will be observed that a feature of importance lies in forming the alarm-chamber at one end of the main casing and as a continuation thereof, so that ample space is secured for an alarm of sufficient audibility for the purpose intended without unduly increasing the thickness of the device, and the advantage of employing a separate closed chamber for the alarm device is that the same will be hidden from view and be protected against injury.

It will be observed, further, that the alarm-chamber 7 is separated from the article-chamber by a partition-wall 16, divided vertically into two sections, one section being carried by the cover and the other section by the main case, so that when the pocket is closed the alarm-chamber will be entirely cut off from the main receptacle, and when it is open access may be had to the alarm-chamber. It will be obvious, further, that by thus dividing the two pockets or chambers from each other by a two-part partition the alarm-operating hook 10 may be attached to one of the parts of the partition, so as not only to leave the thumb-catch 4 free, but also to completely house all the parts of the alarm device in a separate chamber.

I claim as my invention—

A safety-pocket consisting of a casing provided with means for facilitating its attachment to wearing-apparel and a hinged lid at the front side, this lid extending from one end of the casing to near its other end, a partition-wall in the casing coincident with this latter end of the lid, this wall being vertically divided and one part being carried by the main casing and the other part by the lid, whereby when the lid is closed a closed alarm-chamber is formed at the end of the casing beyond the partition, an alarm-bell in this chamber, a spring-actuated clapper, and an operating latch or hook attached to the lid part of said partition, as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I affix my signature, in presence of subscribing witnesses, this 24th day of October, A. D. 1900.

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