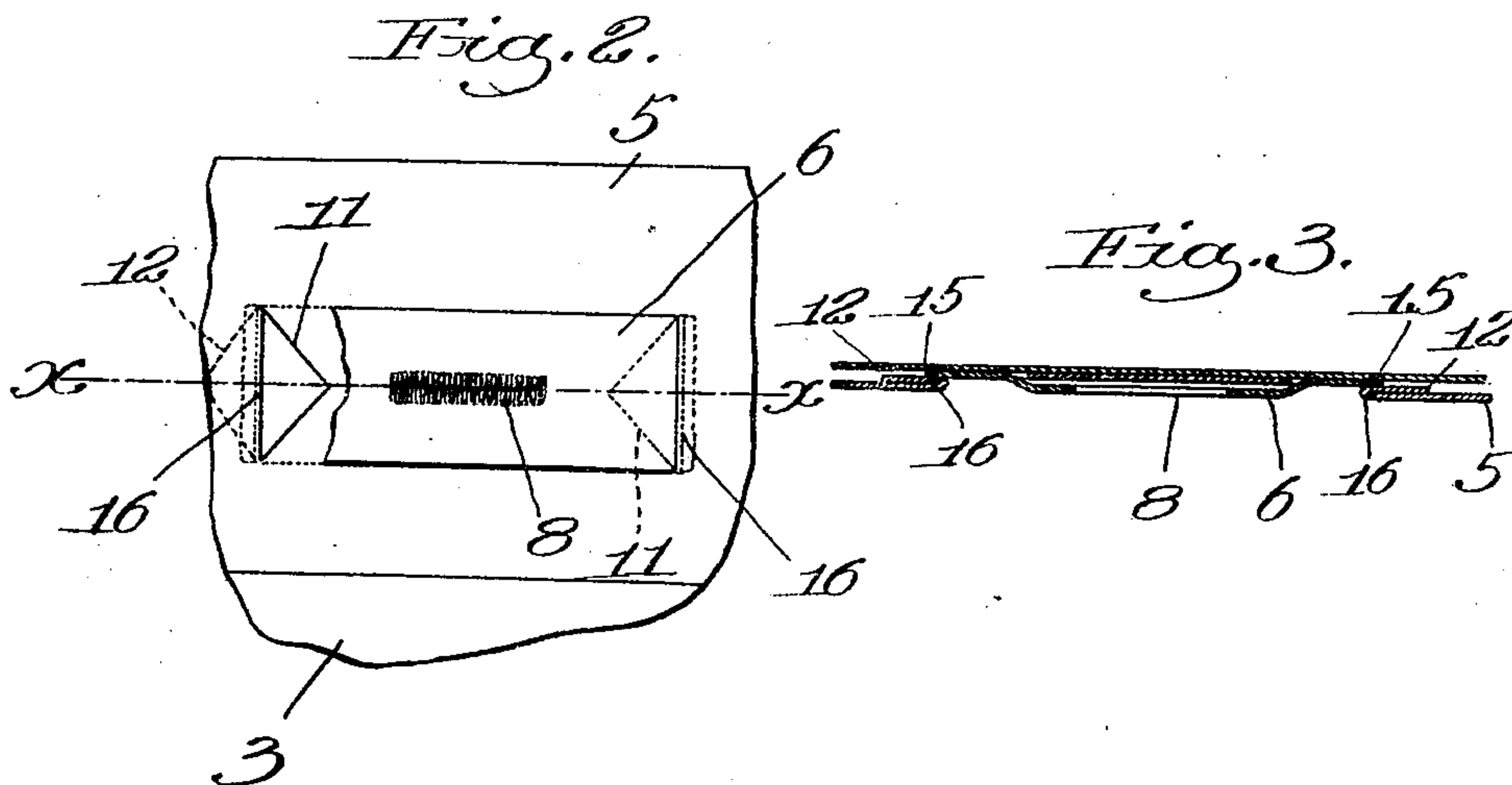
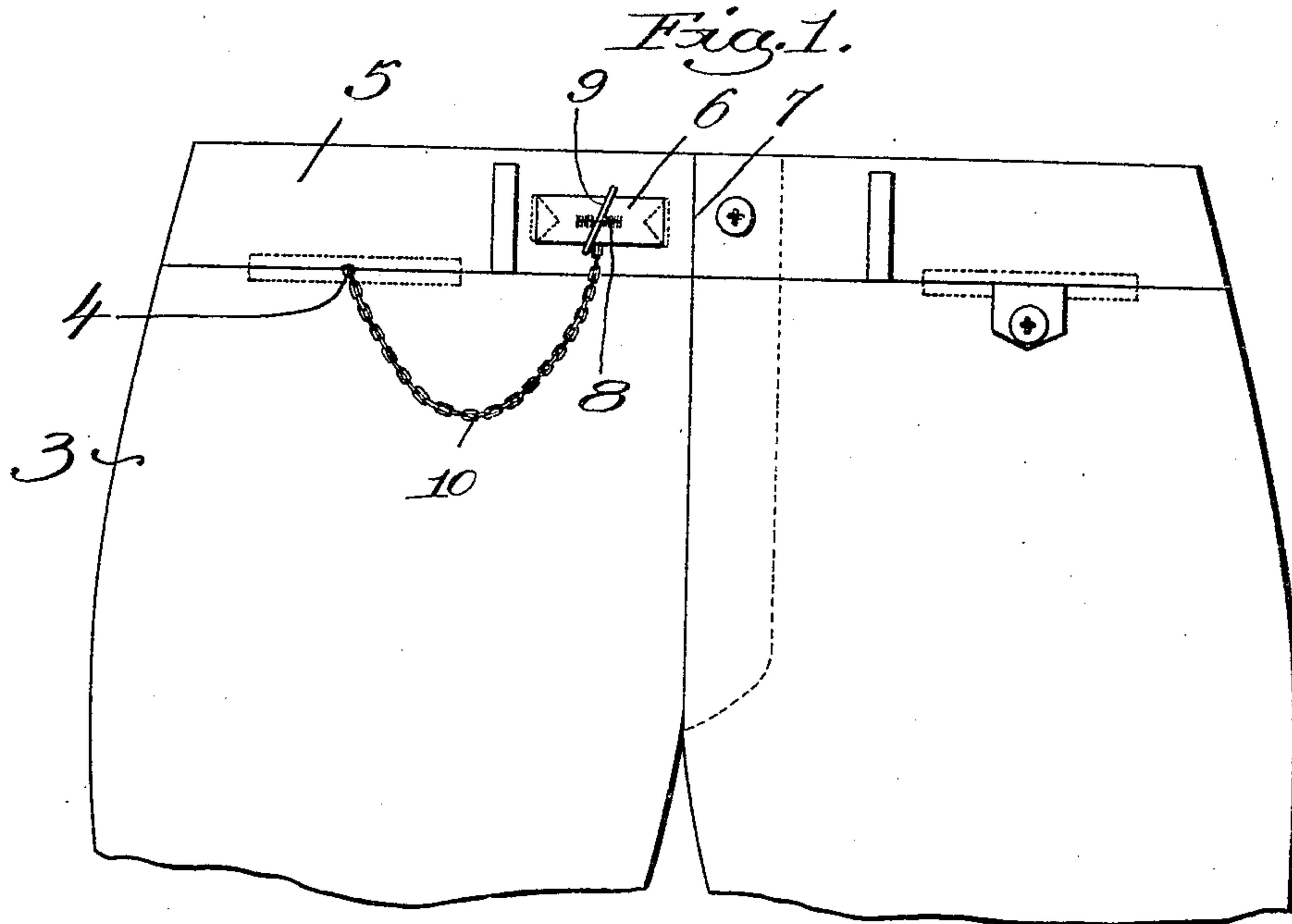


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FREDERICK H. SPRAGUE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Orange, county of Franklin, and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Trousers, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawing, is a specification, like characters on the drawing representing like parts.

Most trousers are made with a watch pocket in which a person frequently carries his watch, especially in the summer when he has discarded his coat and vest, but so far as I am aware, trousers have never been provided with any device or attachment to which a watch chain might be secured, and as a consequence when a person carries a watch in his trousers pocket to which a watch chain is attached, he is obliged to tie the watch chain to the belt strap, or insert the bar of the chain through the buttonhole of his suspenders if he wears them, or pass the bar through the button hole at the waist band of the trousers, none of which arrangements are satisfactory.

It is the object of my invention to provide a novel attachment which is especially designed to form an anchorage through which the watch chain may be secured, which attachment adds to instead of detracting from the neat appearance of the trousers.

In the drawings wherein I have shown one embodiment of my invention, Figure 1 is a front view of a portion of a pair of trousers having the improvement applied thereto; Fig. 2 is an enlarged view of the attachment with a part broken out to better show the construction; Fig. 3 is a section on the line  $x-x$ , Fig. 2.

3 designates the trousers which may be of any suitable or usual construction and which are provided with the usual watch pocket 4 adjacent the waist band 5. My improvements consist in a tab or anchor strip 6 which preferably extends horizontally and is fastened at each end to the waist band 5 at some

suitable point, as, for instance, adjacent the front opening 7. This tab or anchor strip is provided with a buttonhole 8 through which the bar 9 of a watch chain 10 can be passed, as shown clearly in Fig. 1. While the tab 6 might be sewed to the trousers in a variety of ways and yet answer as an anchorage for the watch chain, I prefer to sew it in the manner illustrated in the drawings, that is, I first make in the waist band or the material of the trousers two V-shaped slits 11 arranged with the points facing toward each other and then fold backward the portion 12 which lies between the sides of each slit, and then I insert the ends 15 of the tab 6 through the openings thus formed, so that they lie behind the folded back portions 12, and then I sew the anchor strip 6 to the trousers by stitches 16 which extend through the waist band, the folded portions 12 and the ends of the tabs, as clearly seen in Fig. 3. When the tab is sewed in this way it covers up the V-shaped opening formed by the slits 11 and the ends of the tab are concealed from view so that the stitching 16 and the edge of the fold are all that appears. This makes a very neat appearance and adds to instead of detracting from the general appearance of the trousers.

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

The combination with trousers having a watch pocket, of an anchor strip for the watch chain secured at its ends to the waist band of the trousers and provided intermediate of its ends with a buttonhole to receive the bar of the watch chain.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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