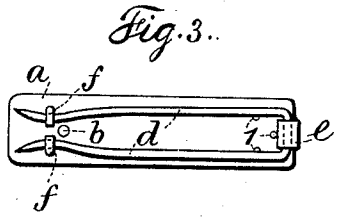
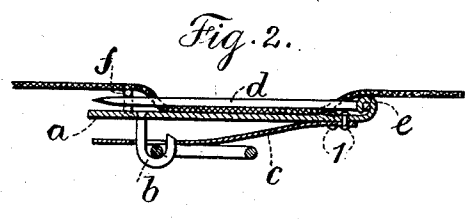
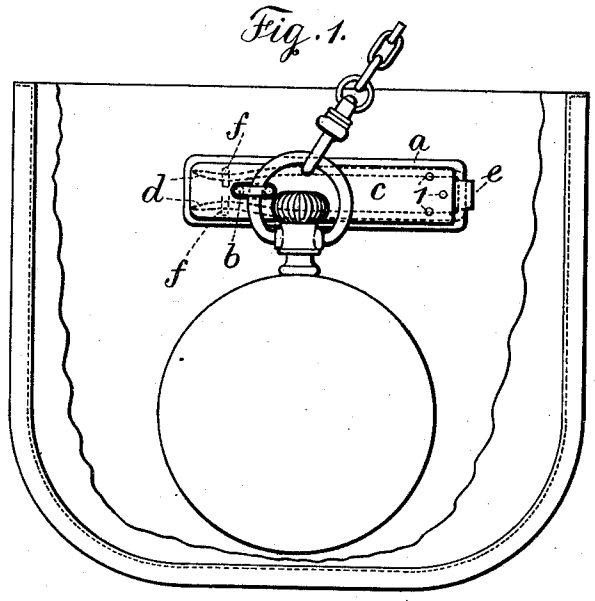


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## WATCH GUARD OR PROTECTOR.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. LOCHERTY, a citizen of the United States, residing at the borough of Manhattan, in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Watch Guards or Protectors, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification.

My invention has for its object the provision of a simple device adapted to be secured to the pocket or other part of the clothing of the wearer to effectually prevent a watch being stolen or accidentally pulled out of the pocket; and the same consists of a strip or plate of metal or other suitable material provided with means for attaching the same to the clothing of the wearer at the pocket or other place, the same having a hook near one end permanently secured thereto and a flat piece or blade of spring metal with one end secured to the strip or plate near its other end, there being a slot or elongated opening in the spring near its free end, receiving and through which the hook passes.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation showing my invention with a watch and part of a chain attached. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal side section, and Fig. 3 is a rear view.

*a* is a plate of metal or other suitable material provided with means for attaching it to the lining of the pocket or clothing of the wearer.

*b* is a hook riveted or otherwise permanently secured to the plate *a* near one end, with the point of the hook turned from the end of the plate *a*, and *c* is a flat piece or blade of spring metal, one end of which is permanently secured to the plate *a* at or near the other end of said plate. I have shown the spring attached by rivets *l*; but it is evident that it may be soldered or otherwise secured to the plate. There is a slot or elongated opening in the spring near its free end, through which the hook *b* passes, and the normal position of the free end of the spring is adjacent to the free end of the hook.

As a means for securing the plate *a* to the lining of a pocket or other parts of the clothing of the wearer I prefer and have shown a double pronged and pointed pin *d*, pivotally held to one end of the plate *a* by an eye *e*, which, although shown as integral with the

plate *a*, may be soldered thereto on the under side or back, and at or near the other end of the plate *a* on the same side I rivet or solder clips *f* for the reception and retention of the points of the pin *d*. The points of the clips extend toward one another.

It will be apparent that holes may be made in the plate *a* at its ends or sides, or both, to permit its attachment to a garment by sewing; but I prefer and use a pin, because it allows for the easy attachment or removal of the guard or protector from the clothing, and I further find that the double pronged and pointed pin shown holds the guard or protector to the pocket-lining or clothing without the liability to wobble or to move, as would be the case where a single pin is made use of.

The guard or protector having been secured to the clothing of the wearer it will be seen that a watch can be readily attached to the hook *b* by a slight pressure of the watch-ring upon the flat spring in front of the hook, pushing back the spring and allowing the ring of the watch to be drawn within the hook, and that upon the pressure being released the spring will assume its normal position, covering the opening in the hook, and thereby preventing the risk of theft of the watch or its accidental fall from the pocket. The watch-chain may be engaged in like manner and if not too bulky may pass within the grasp of the hook.

It will be readily understood that the wearer can easily detach and replace the watch upon the guard whenever desired by simply depressing the spring to a point below the opening in the hook, when the ring of the watch or the chain can be readily withdrawn or inserted.

I claim as my invention—

1. In a watch guard or protector, the combination with a strip or plate of suitable material and means for removably attaching the same to the clothing of the wearer, of a hook permanently secured to said strip or plate near one end thereof, a flat blade-spring having an elongated slot near one end to receive and fit over said hook and at its other end permanently secured to the end of said plate distant from said hook so that the normal position of said spring is adjacent to the free

end of the hook for the purposes and substantially as specified.

2. A watch guard or protector, comprising a strip or plate of suitable material, a hook  
5 secured near one end and standing out therefrom, a blade-spring having an elongated aperture at one end to fit over the hook and secured at its other end to said plate, and a double  
10 pronged and pointed pin secured at its bent part to one end of said plate on the side opposite to the spring, and hooks for engaging the prongs of the pin at the points.

3. In a watch guard or protector, the combination with a plate of suitable material, of  
15 a double-pointed pin pivotally attached at one end of said plate on its under side, de-

vices attached to said plate at its other end on the under side for receiving and holding the free ends of said pin, a hook permanently secured to said plate near one end thereof on  
20 its upper side, a flat spring with one end permanently secured to the other end of said plate on its upper side, said spring having an elongated opening in it near its free end for receiving and fitting over the said hook as  
25 specified.

Signed by me this 13th day of May, 1903.

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