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GARMENT LOCKING DEVICE

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Fig. 1

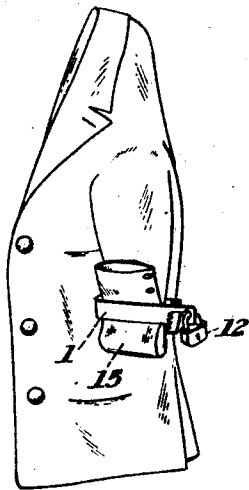


Fig. 2

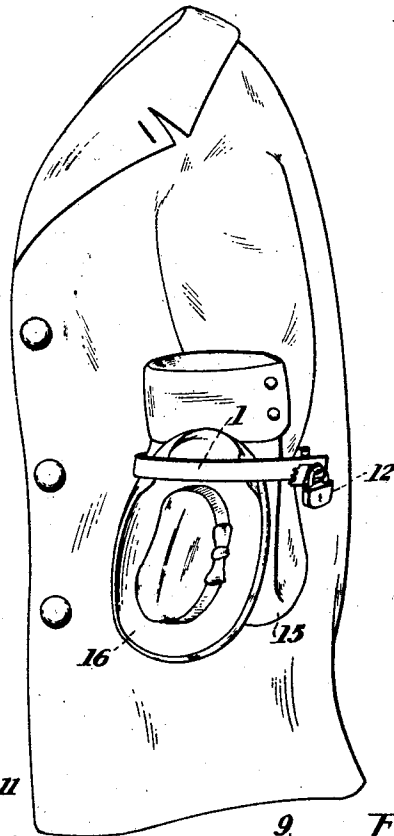


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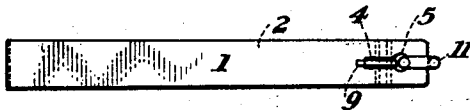


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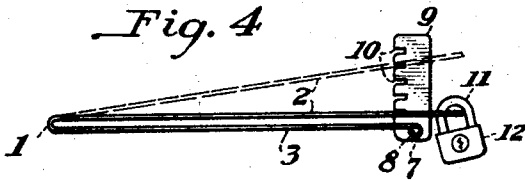
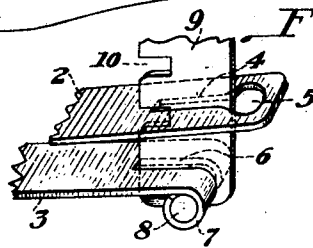


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## GARMENT-LOCKING DEVICE.

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In factories, workshops, and other institutions it is a common practice to provide a large number of clothes hangers in rows at some distance from the places where the owners of the garments are employed. Either by accident or design, garments, particularly jackets and overcoats, left on these hangers are not infrequently removed by persons other than their owners.

This invention aims to provide a garment locking device which may be easily attached to an article of wearing apparel so that the garment in question cannot be worn until after the device has been removed; and as it is necessary to unlock a padlock before the device can be removed it will be seen that its removal cannot easily be accomplished by anyone not in possession of a key. In this manner accidental removal of garments is prevented, and if anyone contemplated taking a garment belonging to someone else he would probably be deterred on seeing a locking device thereon as the latter would, in all probability, lead to his detection.

Another object of the invention is to provide a garment locking device that is cheap to manufacture and simple and foolproof in operation.

Having thus briefly outlined the major purposes of the invention, I will now proceed to describe an embodiment thereof with the aid of the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 illustrates the invention secured to the sleeve of a jacket.

Figure 2 shows a coat and hat with the invention applied to them both.

Figure 3 is a plan view of the invention, and

Figure 4 is a side elevation.

Figure 5 is an enlarged detail.

Referring now to the drawings, 1 designates a resilient U-shaped member, the arms 2 and 3 of which are of unequal length. Through the longer arm 2 and towards its outer end a longitudinally elongated opening 4 is provided which terminates usually in a hole 5 of greater width at its outer end. The shorter arm 3 terminates under the opening 4, is slotted longitudinally for a short distance from its end as indicated at 6, and has its end so shaped as to form an eye 7 for the hinge pin 8. A catch 9 is located in the slot 6, extends

through the opening 4, and is pivotally mounted on the pin 8.

The catch 9 is provided with a plurality of notches 10 any one of which is adapted to engage the inner end of the slot 4, so that when any notch is in engagement there is sufficient distance between the back of the catch and the end of the hole 5 for the element 11 of the padlock 12 to be passed through the said hole 5. It will be noted that the width of the catch is only slightly less than the length of the opening or slot 4 plus the length of the hole 5, so that as long as the element 11 passes through that hole it prevents the catch being moved back sufficiently for the notch to become released from the front of the opening 4.

When I am about to use the device I frequently fold the coat sleeve 15 as shown in Figures 1 and 2 so as to afford a greater thickness for the device to grip.

Before applying the device I first open the arms 2 and 3 so that the garment can easily be passed between them. Meanwhile the catch 9 is swung back so that no notch 10 is in engagement with the front of the opening 4. After the device has been placed on the garment the arms 2 and 3 are pressed together and the catch 9 swung forward so that one of the notches 10 engages the front of the slot 4. The element 11 of the padlock is then passed through the hole 5. If the arms have been well pressed together before the catch 9 was swung forwards the grip of the resilient arms on the garment is such that it is practically impossible to remove the device without first removing the padlock.

It will be noted that in Figure 2 a hat is also shown held by the device. The object of providing a plurality of notches 10 is so that the device may be applied either to a thin jacket or to a heavy overcoat with a jacket inside it and a hat as well.

Having thus described the preferred construction of my invention, and as it is understood that that construction is susceptible to such changes as fall within the scope of the appended claims, what I claim is:

1. In a garment holding device, the combination of a resilient U-shaped member, one arm of said member having a longitudinally elongated opening therethrough towards its outer end, a catch pivotally mounted on the

other arm, said catch passing through said opening and having notches on its inner edge any one of which is adapted to engage the inner edge of said opening, said catch being only slightly shorter than the length of said opening, and a locking member adapted to pass through the outer end of said slot when one of said notches is in engagement with the front of said opening, said locking member then preventing said catch being moved back sufficiently to disengage its notch from the front of said opening.

2. In a garment locking device, the combination of a resilient U-shaped member having arms of unequal length, the longer arm having a longitudinally elongated opening therethrough towards its outer end, a catch pivotally mounted at the outer end of the shorter arm, said catch passing through said opening and having notches in its inner surface any one of which is adapted to engage the inner edge of said opening, a locking member adapted to pass through the outer end of said opening when one of said

notches is in engagement with the inner edge of said opening to hold said catch in engagement with said edge.

3. In a garment locking device, the combination as described in claim 2, wherein the longer arm has a hole of greater width there- through at the outer end of the opening to receive the locking member, and the catch must be moved pivotally back into said hole before the notch by which the inner edge of the opening is engaged is clear of said edge.

4. In a garment holding device, the combination of a U-shaped member the ends of which are adapted to be moved nearer to or further from one another, a catch pivotally mounted on one of said ends, said catch having notches therein, the other of said ends having a slot therethrough through which said catch passes, said notches being adapted to engage one end of said slot, and a locking member adapted to pass through said slot towards its opposite end.

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