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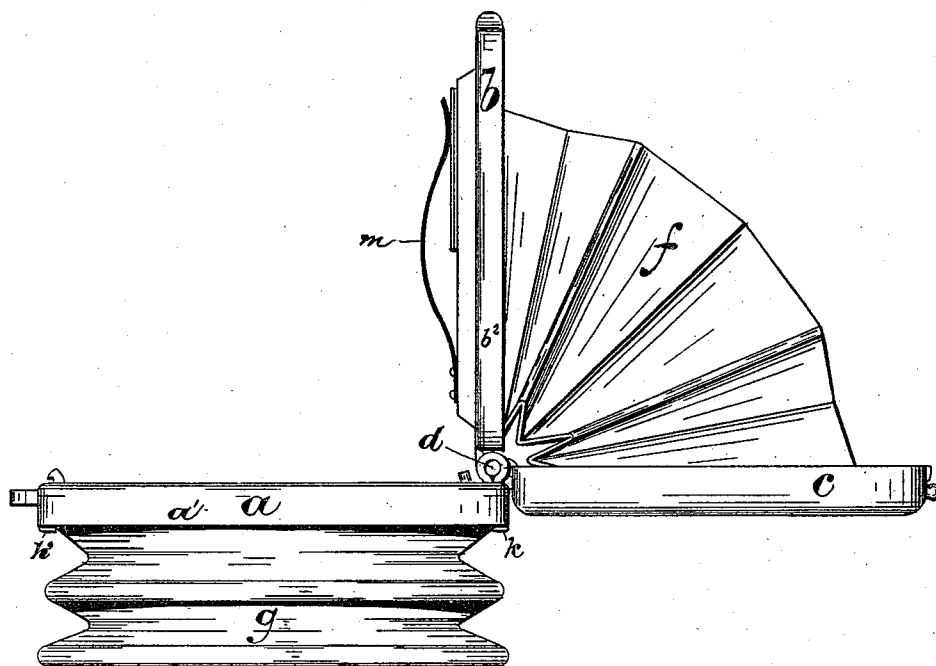


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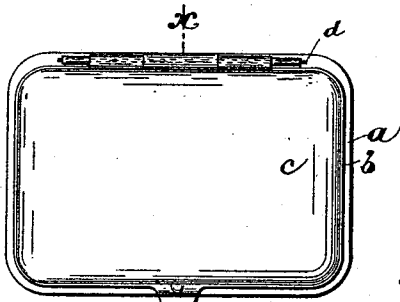


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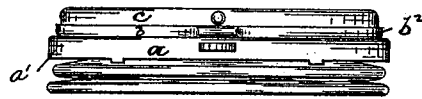


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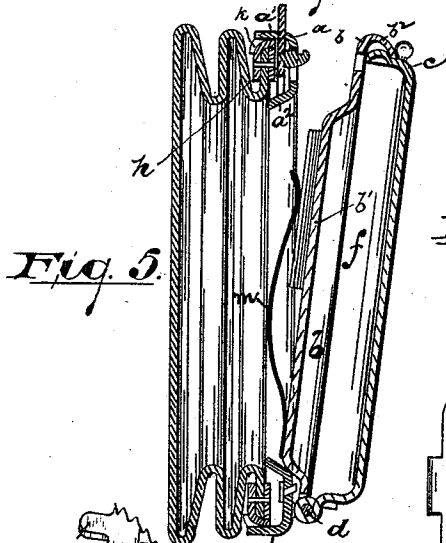


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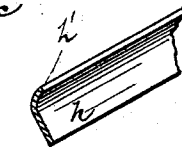


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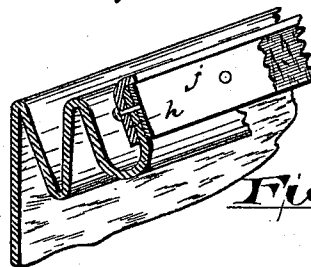


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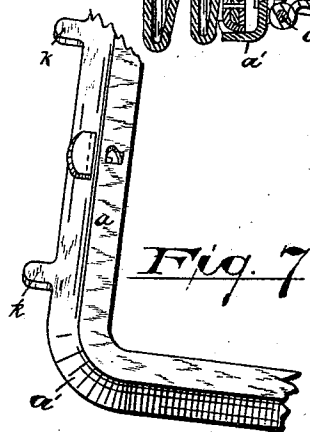


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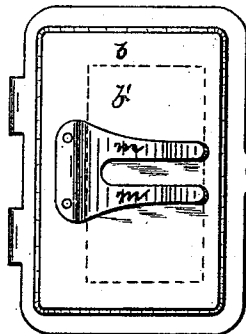


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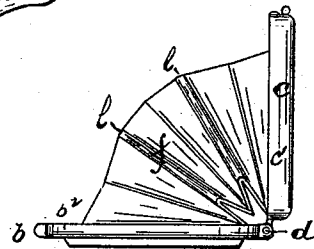
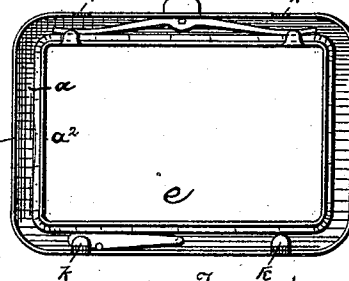


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUST GOERTZ, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bag or Purse Frames; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates more particularly to certain improvements in that class of purses and frames therefor illustrated in my prior patent, No. 423,994 in which the bag or body of the purse is provided with an open frame for distending or holding the same constantly open, and a plate-like cover for closing the distended or open bag.

The object of the invention is to provide a more convenient receptacle for money car tickets, shopping memoranda, and similar small articles, and to secure a simple, neat durable and inexpensive arrangement of parts.

The invention consists in the improved pocket receptacle having the arrangements and combinations of parts substantially as will be hereinafter described and finally embodied in the clauses of the claim.

Referring to the accompanying drawings in which like letters indicate corresponding parts in each of the several figures, Figure 1 is a side elevation of the improved purse or pocket receptacle showing the same fully open. Fig. 2 is a plan of the same when closed, it being on a reduced scale. Fig. 3 is a front view of the device when closed. Fig. 4 is a detail perspective of a portion of a certain distending frame; Fig. 5 is a section view taken on line *x*; Fig. 6 shows the method of holding the bag body to the distending frame; Fig. 7 is a detail view of the bag-carrying frame showing certain lugs adapted to be bent down to hold the distending frame in position therein; Fig. 8 is a detail plan of the cover-plate showing a ticket spring thereon; Fig. 9 is a detail side view showing the cover and a top plate hinged thereto and forming

an inexpandible receptacle therewith; Fig. 10 is a section of the bag-carrying frame and its cover, and Fig. 11 is a plan of the inner side of said bag carrying frame.

In said drawings, *a* indicates the bag-carrying frame, on which the flexible body, *g*, is secured, the said frame being centrally open as at *e*, Fig. 11, to allow access to the said flexible bag-body.

b and *c* are rigid plates, which are concaved on their adjacent sides to form a receptacle between, the said rigid plates being held together, preferably, by a single hinge pin or pivot, *d*, which also joins it to the frame section, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, 5 and 9. At the sides of the plates opposite the hinge, the two are clasped together, by any suitable spring catch or clasp, acting automatically or otherwise, so that when the said plates are clasped they together form a rigid cover, the both sides of which provide a firm, inflexible guard for the contents of said cover. Thus, should a glass, a mirror for example, be placed in the receptacle, there will be no danger of breakage.

The bag, *g*, is preferably of leather and may be crimped or folded at the sides as shown so as to cause the bottom of the bag to lie close to the opening and bring the coin into position convenient for grasping and where they may be readily seen through the opening in the carrier.

The bag may be secured to the carrying-frame in any suitable manner, but to prevent damage to said carrying-frame or to avoid distorting the same when fastening the bag at its edges firmly in position so that it cannot be drawn or forced away when power is brought to bear thereon, I prefer to provide a supplemental carrier which clamps the edges of the bag and holds the same in the distended condition desired. This supplemental carrier or distending frame may be secured to the carrying frame, *a*, at but a few points, without bringing the body of said carrying frame into contact with dies or tools such as would be required for clamping the body of the bag in firm and permanent relation to the carrying frame. Thus the beauty of finish of the frame section *a* is preserved.

The supplemental carrier preferred is illus-

trated more clearly in Figs. 4, 5 and 6 in which, *h*, is a distending frame approximately corresponding in its dimensions with the frame, *a*, but sufficiently small to lie within and be partially concealed by the curtain-like flange, *a'*, of said frame as indicated in Fig. 5. The said distending frame is preferably turned at its outer edges, as at *h'*, Fig. 4, so as to provide a guide or stop projection for use in arranging the bag material in position and in covering and concealing the edges of said bag material when in position. Said bag may be fastened by rivets or by any other suitable means, and an inlay or co-operating clamping plate, *j*, between which and the distending frame, *h*, the said edges of the bag are firmly held, may be, and preferably is, employed. The bag being firmly fastened to the distending frame as described, or in any other manner, the same is secured to the carrying frame by arranging the said distending frame so that its outer edges lie within the flange or curtain, *a'*, and turning the holding lugs, *k*, formed at the edges of the said curtain, as shown in Figs. 5 and 7 beneath the said distending frame, thus holding the parts firmly and securely in place. On the interior of the frame section *a*, is formed another concealing flange or curtain *a²* which tends to conceal the inner edges of the inlay and to give a finish to the interior of the purse. The groove formed on the underside of the section *a* by the curtains or flanges *a'*, *a²*, provides a chamber for the springs used in connection with throwing the cover, *b*, open and providing a spring catch for said cover.

To prevent the coins from working into the joint between the sections *a* and *b* and thus being lost, I have formed the rigid cover section, *b*, so that its outer edges lie on the face of the frame and its central part, *b'*, is lowered below the plane of its edges as shown in Figs. 5 and 10, and so that the said central part, which conforms in plan to the shape of the opening, *e*, in the frame, enters said opening and closes the joint, *e'*, as will be understood upon reference to Fig. 10, so that the coins cannot work therethrough. At the outer edges, the plate forming the cover section *b*, is bent upward, as shown at *b²*, forming a flange which co-operates with the flange, *c'*, formed up from the section *c*, to form the chamber, *f*, therebetween. Within the said chamber, *f*, Fig. 5, may be inserted partitions, *l*, similar to those of an ordinary pocket book, or other receptacles, such for example as are provided for manicure articles, may be provided.

The metallic plates, when clasped together form a rigid plate-like receptacle, the chamber, *f*, of which is of sufficient capacity to receive a few small papers, tickets, or tools, and

together they form a cover for the mouth of the distended bag.

The convex or outwardly forced and projecting face of the cover plate *b*, may be plain metal but in many cases I prefer to rivet thereto a spring or springs, *m*, for holding car-tickets, &c., to the under face of the cover where they may be readily secured for use. The arms of the spring, *m*, are preferably curved or bent as indicated in Fig. 3, so that about a dozen tickets more or less may be fastened against the cover at one time.

Having thus described the invention what I claim as new is:—

1. The combination with the frame *a* and its bag, *g*, of a hinged cover comprising inner and outer plates *b*, *c*, the inner plate being bent toward the center, its edge portions lying on the face of the frame *a*, and the central parts being lowered into the central opening of the said frame to close the joint between said frame and inner plate at the inside, to prevent coin from entering the joint, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination with the frame, *a*, and its bag, *g*, held open or distended by said frame, of a cover consisting of two plates hinged together and to said frame, the plate, *b*, next adjacent to the frame being centrally bent and conforming in plan to the outlines of the opening in the frame, to give increased capacity to the chamber between said plates and to break the joint between the frame and said plate *b*, and suitable catches holding said plates closed together and to the frame, substantially as set forth.

3. In combination with the centrally open frame and its bag, a rigid covering plate, *b*, hinged to said frame and a ticket spring, *m*, secured to the face of said plate and lying in said central opening in the frame, the said spring being adapted to clamp the tickets against said plate substantially as set forth.

4. In a bag or purse, the combination with the centrally open frame *a*, the edges of which are bent and form flanges *a'*, *a²*, a distending frame *h* adapted to enter between said flanges, said frame, *h*, being bent at its outer edges and an inlay *j*, adapted to clamp the edges of the open end of the bag body to said distending frame, and means, *k*, for holding said distending frame and inlay in position between the flanges of the frame *a*, substantially as set forth and shown.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 29th day of August, 1890.

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