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Fig. 1.

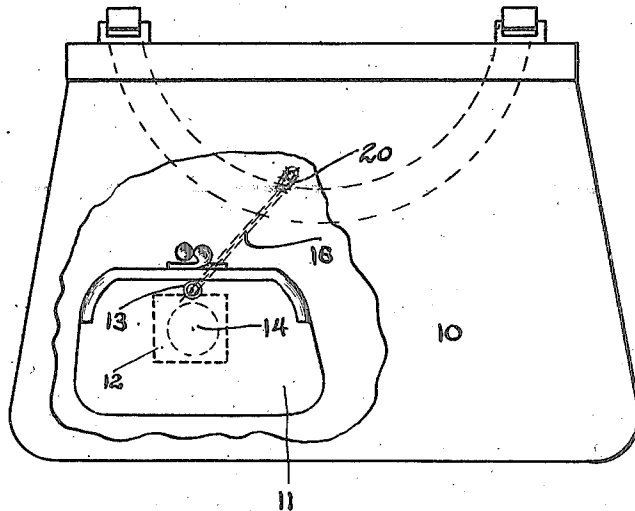


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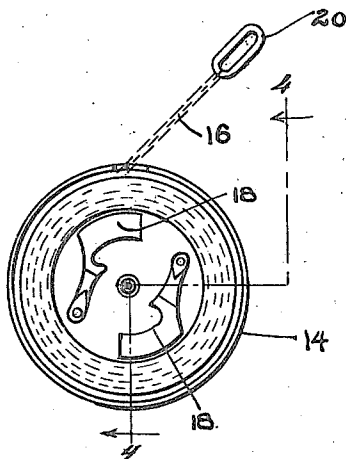


Fig. 3.

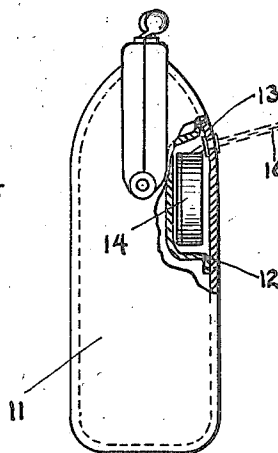
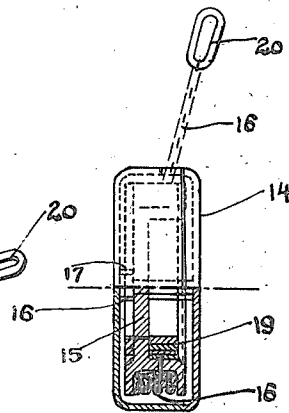


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LAWRENCE R. DELANEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Gage, in the county of Ellis and State of Oklahoma, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Safety Devices; 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.

This invention relates to a safety device and is designed for use in connection with small change purses which are adapted to be retained in handbags. Ordinarily the small change purses are allowed to rest loosely in the handbag, and should the handbag become accidentally opened there is nothing to prevent said change purse from dropping out. By the provision of the present invention, should the handbag become accidentally opened, the purse will not drop out and if it does, will not become disconnected from the handbag. The present invention may also be used, in connection with purses, to be carried in the pockets of men, etc., and prevents the same from being disconnected from the person of the wearer.

With the above and other objects in view, this invention consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts, all as hereinafter more fully described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein;

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a handbag having a portion thereof broken away to illustrate the change or coin purse retained therein; Fig. 2 is an end elevation of a coin purse, illustrating the safety catch mounted therein; Fig. 3 is a side elevation of my device with a portion of the casing removed, showing the roller and the locking catches mounted within the casing. Fig. 4 is a vertical section taken on line 4-4 of Fig. 3 showing a portion of the flanged roller with the flexible elements mounted thereon and the spring secured to the roller.

The safety device forming the subject matter of the present invention is used chiefly and primarily in connection with small coin or bill purses adapted to be retained in handbags, said coin or bill purses being provided with a pocket on one side thereof, the outer wall of which is pierced by an eyelet. A chain or other flexible member pierces said eyelet and is wound

upon a spring actuated wheel retained within the pocket. The outer terminal of the chain is sewed or otherwise secured to the adjacent wall of the pocketbook, thereby securing said purse to the interior of the pocketbook or handbag. When the purse is removed from said pocketbook or handbag the chain unwinds from the reel and permits the purse to be withdrawn, but when the purse is released and replaced in the handbag, the chain or other flexible member is wound on the interior of the pocket, as will hereinafter be more specifically described.

Reference being had more particularly to the drawings, 10 indicates generally a handbag, in which is adapted to be retained a coin or bill purse 11. Sewed or otherwise secured to the interior of one wall of the side of purse 11 is a pocket 12 which has access to the exterior of the purse by means of a metal eyeleted aperture 13 formed in the adjacent interior side of the purse 11. A casing 14 is mounted on the interior of the pocket 12 and has mounted for rotation therein a reel 15 about which a flexible member or chain 16 is adapted to be wound. One side of the casing is provided with a plurality of lugs 17, which are adapted to be engaged by the pivoted catches 18 to retain the reel in a stationary position. The opposite side of the casing is provided with similar lugs which engage the free terminal of the coil spring 19, which is mounted on the interior of the reel 15 and which has its opposite terminal secured to said reel. Thus as the chain 16 is withdrawn from the casing 14, the spring 19 will be wound, and when the free terminal of the chain 16 is released, said spring will automatically rotate said reel and draw the chain into the casing. The free terminal of the chain 16 which projects through the eyeleted aperture 13, is provided with an enlarged eye 20 which is sewed or otherwise secured to the adjacent wall of the handbag 10. Thus when the purse 11 is removed from the handbag 10, the chain 16 will be withdrawn from the casing 14, thereby retaining a permanent engagement between the purse and the handbag.

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

In a safety device, the combination of a purse having an eyelet, a piece of fabric se-

cured to the inner face of one of the sides
of the purse at each of its marginal edges
forming a completely closed pocket with
which the eyelet communicates, a casing lo-
5 cated within the pocket and having oppo-
site walls and a peripheral opening, a cen-
tral transverse pivot mounted within the
casing, lugs located at one of the walls of
the casing interiorly thereof, a reel mount-
10 ed on the pivot and provided with a pe-
ripheral groove and having a shallow recess
at one side into which the lugs project, a
spring located within the reel and connect-
ed with the same and the pivot, gravity

catches pivoted to the reel in the said shal- 15
low recess and arranged to engage the said
lugs to hold the reel, and a flexible element
wound around the reel in the peripheral
groove thereof and extending through the
said opening and the said eyelet and pro- 20
vided at its outer end with attaching means.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
in presence of two witnesses.

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