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LOCKS FOR POCKET-BOOKS.

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Fig: 1.

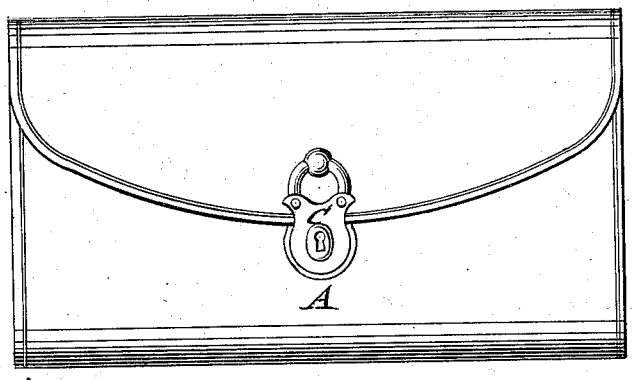


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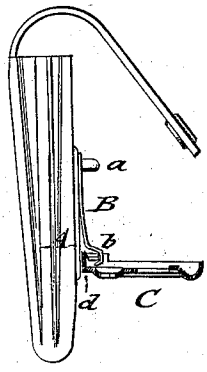


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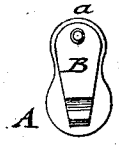
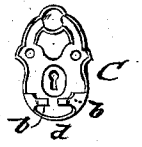


Fig: 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN LOCKS FOR POCKET-BOOKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMIL SUHR, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Pocket-Book Lock, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a front view of my improved pocket-book lock; Fig. 2, a vertical longitudinal section of the same; and Figs. 3 and 4 are, respectively, a top view of the base-plate and spring and a rear view of the swinging face-plate, both shown in detached state.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The invention relates to a pocket-book lock of simple and cheap construction, which is so made that the working parts are entirely hidden from view, and thereby a lock of neater appearance obtained; and it consists of a base-plate having a spring-plate riveted thereto, the spring-plate being bent at the end to receive the pivots of the swinging face-plate of the lock, which turns on the spring end, and is retained in open or closed position by the same.

In the drawing, A represents the base-plate, B the spring-plate, and C the face-plate, of my improved pocket-book lock.

The base-plate A is attached, in the usual manner, by suitable prongs, to the body of the pocket-book, while the spring-plate B is riveted by the locking-pin *a* to the top part of the same, as customary in this class of locks. The spring-plate may be placed on the base-plate, or set flush with the same into a recess of the base-plate, when a steadier and more positive attaching of the spring is desired.

The free end of the spring-plate B is bent up, and then formed in the shape of a U, as shown in Fig. 2, so as to form the seat or bearing for the inwardly-bent pivots *b* of the face-plate, which are inserted into the U or hook shaped end of the spring. The pivots *b* are bent inwardly from the solid flange *d*, that extends at right angles to the face-plate, around the lower part of the same, and which covers the connecting spring-joint of base-plate and face-plate, so that the entire working mechanism is out of sight, and thereby the hinge-joint, which, in the present locks of this class, furnishes a lodgment for dust and dirt, is done away with, and a neater and more finished appearance imparted to the lock.

The face-plate swings readily on the bearing of the spring-plate, and is held reliably in closed or open position by the action of the spring, as shown, respectively, in Figs. 1 and 2.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The combination of the base-plate, and of the spring-plate riveted thereto at one end, and having a bent seat or bearing at the free end, with the swinging face-plate, having solid covering end flange and inwardly-bent pivots inserted in the seat or bearing of the spring, as and for the purpose specified.

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