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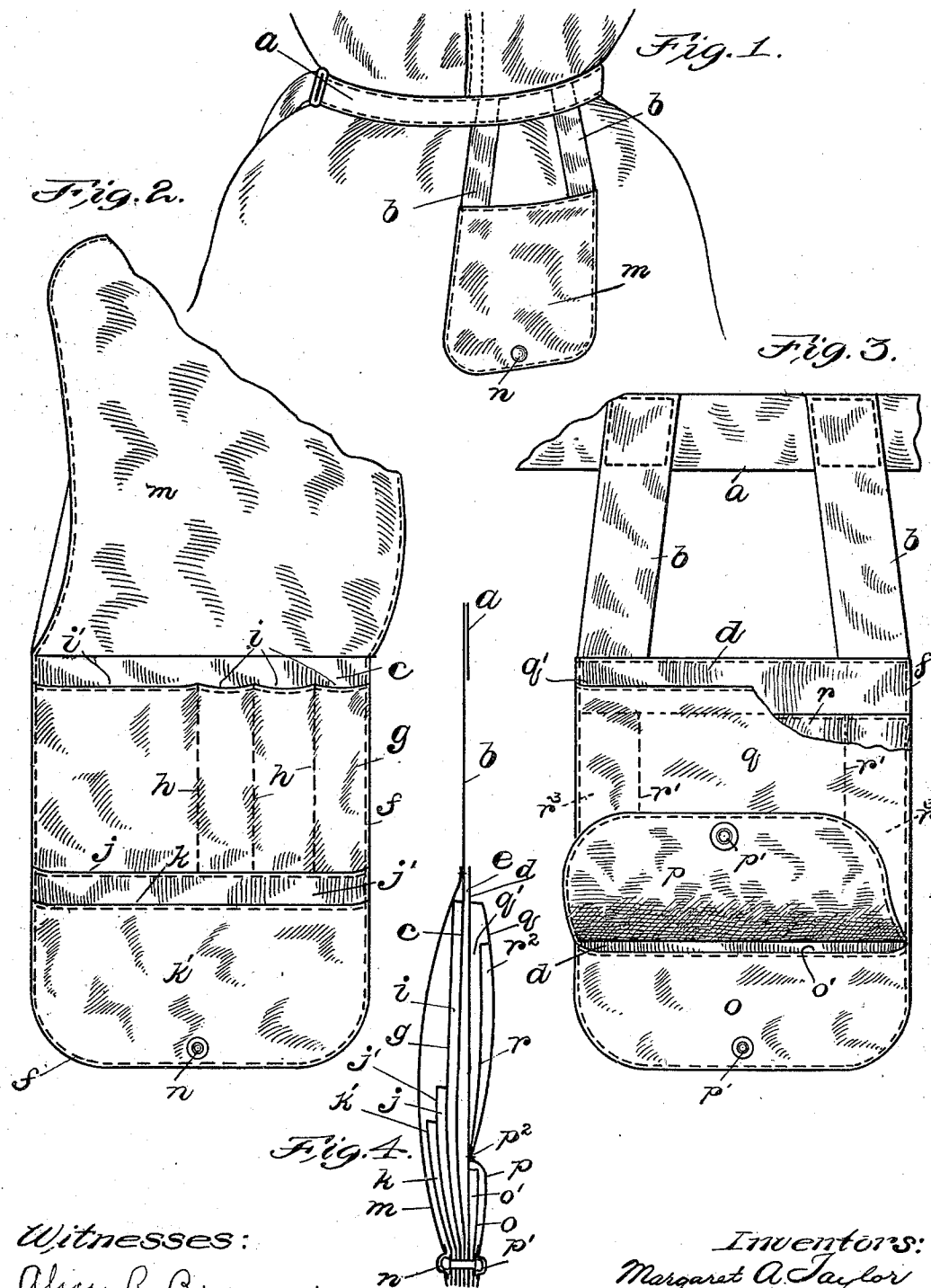
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, MARGARET A. TAYLOR, of New London, in the county of New London and State of Connecticut, and PATRICK A. MURPHY, of Lynn, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Nurses' Companion Cases, of which the following is a description sufficiently full, clear, and exact to enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains or with which it is most nearly connected to make and use the same.

The object of the present invention is to provide a convenient and commodious case or holder for the use of hospital nurses, so that the nurse can always have at hand any of the things which she requires in the ordinary routine of her work.

The invention takes the form of a bag or porte-monnaie suspended from a waistband or belt designed to be worn by the nurse, and by means of a novel arrangement of pockets and flaps provision is made for accommodating numerous articles such as are needed by the nurse in performing hospital duties.

The drawings which accompany and form part of this specification illustrate a preferred form of embodiment of the invention.

Of said drawings, Figure 1 represents the companion case or holder as it would appear suspended from the waist of the wearer. Fig. 2 represents the case on an enlarged scale with the front flap raised. Fig. 3 represents the case as viewed from the reverse side with the flap on that side raised and with a portion of an outer sheet or layer broken away to disclose interior pockets. Fig. 4 is a diagrammatic representation of the case or holder in cross-section.

In the drawings the reference-letter *a* designates a belt or band for encircling the wearer's waist, and *b* designates strips depending from said band for supporting the companion case or holder. The latter may be described generally as comprising a series of superposed layers or sheets of thin leather or other light flexible material stitched together, so as to provide pockets of various dimensions, and flaps for closing certain of

the pockets. What may properly be termed the "foundation" layers or sheets are designated by the letters *c* and *d*, and they form between them a wide deep pocket *e*, open across the top and closed at the sides and bottom by the line of stitching *f*, extending around the margin of the case, said pocket forming a spacious receptacle for a handkerchief or other article frequently called into use. On the outer side of the sheet *c* another sheet or layer *g* is secured, the same being shortened a little at the top, but otherwise having the full dimensions of the foundation-sheets. Lines of stitching *h*, (see Fig. 2,) extending through this layer *g* and the sheet or layer *c*, form a series of pockets running to the bottom of the case or holder, as indicated in Fig. 4. The lines of stitching are run near enough together to form a number of narrow pockets *i* at one side suitable for containing and holding a pencil, fountain-pen, thermometer, and scissors, and a wide pocket *i'* is left at the other side adapted to hold thread, thimble, and tape-measure, all easily removable from the open tops of the pockets.

The outer side of the lower half of the sheet or layer *g* forms the inner wall of a pocket *j*, formed by a sheet or strip *j'*, extending across the said sheet *g* and stitched thereto along the sides and bottom, this pocket having the full width of the case and being open from side to side. A similar pocket *k* is formed by a second sheet or strip *k'*, extending across the sheet or strip *j'* and stitched thereto with its upper edge below that of the latter. These two wide and shallow pockets are designed to contain such articles as needles and safety-pins.

A flap *m*, having the full dimensions of the foundation-sheet *c*, is secured to the upper edge of the latter and is adapted to constitute a covering for the pockets *i*, *i'*, *j*, and *k*, the flap being held down by a ball-and-socket fastening *n*.

The appearance of the case or holder when the flap is closed and fastened is well illustrated in Fig. 1, while Figs. 2 and 4 give a clear illustration of the pocket structures above described on the outer side of the case.

On the inner side of the holder or case a sheet or strip *o* (see Fig. 3) extends across the lower part of the foundation-sheet *d*, forming a shallow pocket *o'*, designed to contain a purse or, perhaps, itself to constitute a purse. For special security of the contents of this pocket a flap *p* is provided to cover the same from end to end, this flap being held down by a ball-and-socket fastening *p'*. Said flap works on a line of stitches *p*², which fasten it to the foundation-sheet *d*, and it forms part of a sheet or layer *q*, extending from side to side of said foundation-sheet and to within a short distance of the top of the same, forming therewith a pocket *q'* of the width of the holder, but limited in depth by the line of stitching *p*². On the front wall of this pocket *q'*, formed by the inner side of the sheet or layer *q*, other pockets are provided by a sheet or layer *r*, extending from side to side of the case and to within a short distance of the top of said sheet *q*. Lines of stitches *r'*, connecting the latter and the inner sheet *r*, divide the space between them into a wide central pocket *r*² and two narrow pockets *r*³ at each side. The central pocket *r*² is of a convenient size to hold a note-book, while the wider pocket *q'* will accommodate a prayer-book. The narrow side pockets *r*³ may be used for various small articles, and the large central pocket *e* is adapted to receive a handkerchief and other things frequently needed.

It will now be seen that the invention embodied as herein described provides a most convenient holder or case for the use of hospital nurses and one capable of containing all necessary articles, so that the nurse will with such an appliance be fully equipped for any emergency.

Of course it is to be understood that modifications may be made in the construction shown without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new is as follows:

1. A nurse's case to be worn on the person, the same comprising foundation layers or sheets of flexible material forming between them a pocket of the length and width of the case; sheets fastened on the outer sides of

said foundation-sheets, one forming a shortened pocket of the width of the case and also a flap, and the other forming a number of pockets of the length of the case; outer pockets extending across the last-named pockets; a flap arranged to cover the latter and the outer pockets; pockets on the inner side of the sheet forming the first-named flap; and a pocket under the latter.

2. An article of the character described, the same comprising a foundation layer or sheet of flexible material; a similar sheet or layer overlying said foundation-sheet with lines of fastenings connecting it thereto and forming pockets extending substantially from top to bottom thereof; superposed sheets or layers overlying the lower portions of the second-named sheet forming outer pockets extending crosswise of the first-named pockets; and a flap united to the upper part of the foundation-sheet and adapted to cover all of the said pockets.

3. An article of the character described, the same comprising foundation-sheets of flexible material forming between them a central pocket of the full length and width of the article; a sheet of material on the outer side of one of said foundation-sheets forming a shortened pocket and also a flap below the same; and a pocket extending across the lower part of said foundation-sheet and arranged to be closed by said flap.

In testimony whereof we have signed our names to this specification each in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, I, MARGARET A. TAYLOR, signing this 7th day of December, A. D. 1900, and I, PATRICK A. MURPHY, signing this 11th day of December, A. D. 1900.

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