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POCKET BOOK OR PURSE.

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Fig. 1.

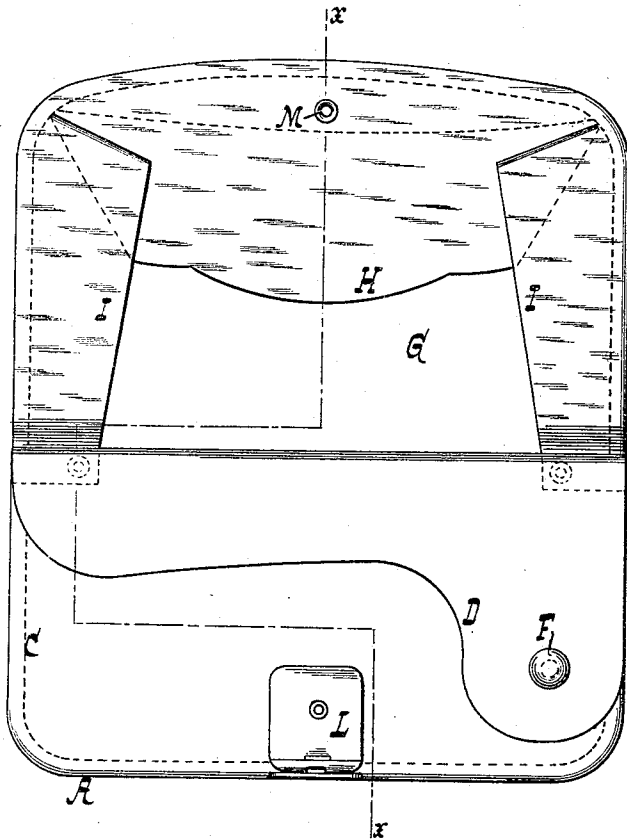


Fig. 2.

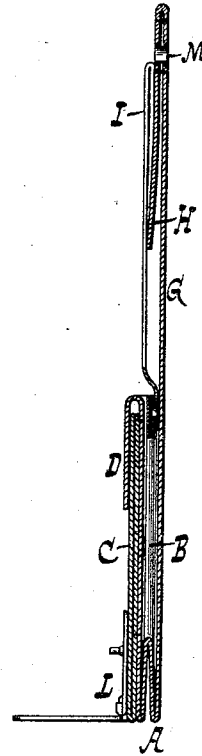
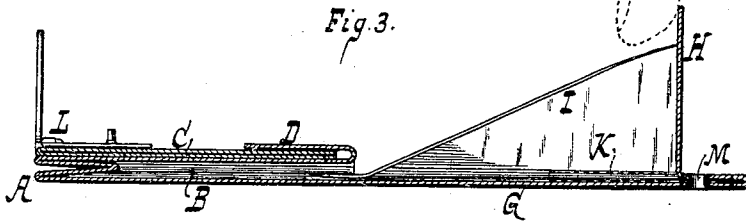


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERNST SCHNOPP, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Pocket-Books or Purses, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improvement in pocket-books or purses, and by means of this invention such objects as coins can be readily selected or taken from the purse or pocket-book, as set forth, in the following specification and claims, and illustrated in the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the pocket-book open. Fig. 2 is a section along *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2, the pocket-book being in position for selecting a coin.

The body A of the pocket-book or purse may have one or more pockets or pouches. In the drawings are shown two pouches or receptacles B C. The pouch or compartment C is conveniently closed by a flap D, held to its closing position by any suitable fastening or button F.

The closing-flap G of the pocket-book is provided with an end gusset or catch-flap H, having its end portions free from attachment to the closing-flap, so that the gusset or catch-flap can be bodily lifted into a position approximately at right angles to the closing-flap to serve as a guard for coins sliding out of the pouch B upon the closing-flap. The closing-flap is also provided with side gussets I, which prevent the coins from sliding or falling laterally off the closing-flap.

The pouch or receptacle B is adapted to receive coin, and when a coin is to be selected the gusset or catch-flap H is raised into a position approximately at right angles to the closing-flap G, as in Fig. 3, after which the pocket-book is turned or inclined so that the coin will slide out of the pouch or receptacle B upon the closing-flap G until such coin is arrested by the gusset or catch-flap H. By this means the coin is left fully exposed on

the closing-flap, and yet it cannot slide or fall to the floor.

In Fig. 3 a single coin K is represented by dotted lines on the closing-flap G. If a variety of coins rest on the closing-flap, the particular one desired can be selected, and then by properly inclining the closing-flap the remaining coins will slide back into the pouch or compartment B.

The gussets H I when released will fall from the position shown in Fig. 3 flat upon the flap or tongue G, as seen in Fig. 1, so that the flap or tongue G can be closed and locked by any suitable catch or lock L, engaging the flap G by means of an eye M or other suitable means.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, with a pocket-book having a pouch B and a closing-flap G, of a gusset or catch-flap H, secured to the closing-flap and having its end portions free from attachment thereto, so that the gusset or catch-flap can be bodily lifted into a position approximately at right angles to the closing-flap to serve as a guard for coin sliding out of the pouch upon the closing-flap, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with a pocket-book having a pouch B and a closing-flap G, of a gusset H, secured to the closing-flap and adapted to be bodily lifted into a position approximately at right angles thereto to serve as a guard for coin sliding out of the pouch upon the closing-flap, and the gussets I, secured to opposite sides of the closing-flap and extending along the same to prevent coin from sliding or falling laterally therefrom, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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