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Fig. 1

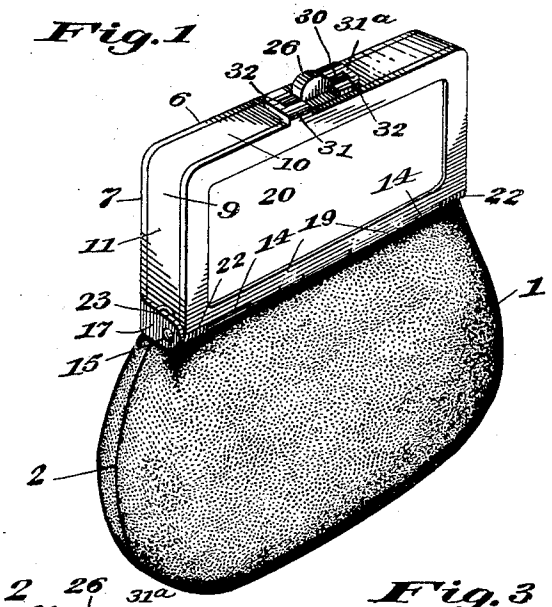


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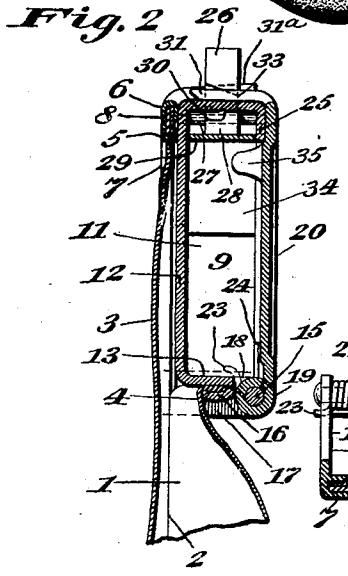


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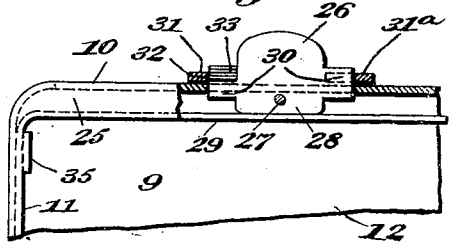
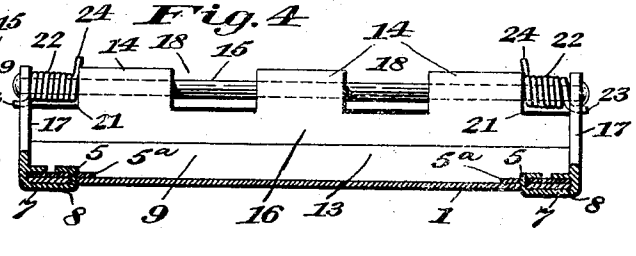


Fig. 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PHILIPP SEILER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, Cook county, Illinois, have invented certain Improvements in Pocket Receptacles or Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain improvements in that class of receptacles or holders which are designed to be carried in the pocket and are adapted for containing articles of different or dissimilar natures, for which purpose it is preferable to provide independent means for receiving such different or dissimilar articles in each of the receptacles or holders; and the object of the invention is to provide a device of this general character of a simple and inexpensive nature and of a neat and attractive appearance, by means of which articles of different kinds may be separately contained in a single receptacle or holder and may still be easily accessible when required for use.

The invention consists in certain novel features of the construction, combination, and arrangement of the several parts of the improved receptacle or holder whereby certain important advantages are attained and the device is made simpler, cheaper, and otherwise better adapted and more convenient for use, all as will be hereinafter fully set forth.

The novel features of the invention will be carefully defined in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, which serve to illustrate my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my improvements embodied in a pocket-book or purse comprising a leather portion adapted for containing money and the like and a metal portion adapted for containing matches, cards, or other articles which it may be desired to carry separately from the contents of the leather portion. Fig. 2 is a sectional view drawn to an enlarged scale and taken transversely through the metal portion of the device and also similarly through the adjacent leather portion thereof and showing certain features of construction to be hereinafter referred to. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary detail view showing certain features of construction of the clasp by means of which the two compartments or portions of the purse or receptacle are held closed. Fig. 4 is an under side view of the metal portion of the device, one part thereof being in section to illustrate the manner in which the leather and metal portions are connected together.

As shown in the views, 1 indicates the leather portion which forms the body of the purse and which is made in a well-known way with side seams 2 and has at one side an upwardly-extended part 3, the edges of which are held to a frame 7, of metal, having a groove extended around it, as indicated at 8, in which said edges are seated. For holding the leather edges in position in said groove 8 I employ a metal strip or plate 5^a of the same general contour as the frame 7 and adapted to have its edges slipped within said groove 8 on the inner surface of the leather, and in said plate or strip 5^a are produced slits or openings adapted for the passage of prongs or points 5 5, integrally produced on the outer wall of the frame 7 and adapted when the parts are pressed together, as seen in Fig. 4, to penetrate the slits or openings in said strip 5^a after puncturing the leather edges and to be turned over on the inner sides of the plate or strip 5^a to form an effective fastening for holding the leather to the frame.

9 indicates as a whole the metal portion of the device, which is made in hollow rectangular form and comprises a top wall whereon is arranged, as will be explained, the clasp devices, said top wall being indicated at 10, side walls or end walls 11 11, a rear wall 12, and a bottom wall 13. The frame 7, to which the leather portion has its part 3 connected, is formed to correspond with the contour of the metal portion 9, its sides 7 fitting flush against the edges of the metal portion 9 around the margins of the rear wall 12 thereof, as indicated at 6 on the drawings.

The forward edge portion 14 of the bottom wall of the metal portion or case 9 has spaced apertures 18 18 produced in it and is bent in a rounded form, so as to be adapted to receive a pivot-pin 15, extended along the length of said case 9 with exposed portions at the openings 18 and with ends protruding at the ends of the case, and on said protruding ends of the pivot-pin 15 are pivotally secured arms or projections 17 17, extended from opposite ends of frame 7 across the ends 11 11 of the case 9, whereby a pivotal connection is produced between the frame 7 and the metal

case 9. The wall 13 also comprises a portion 16, extended underneath it and rearwardly from the pivot-pin 15 and between which and the under side of the main portion of such wall is clamped the forward edge 4 of the leather purse 1 of the device, the arrangement being such that to afford access to said leather portion 1 the frame 7 must be swung pivotally away from the rear wall 12 of the case 9. When said frame is flush on said rear wall of the case, the leather portion or purse will be closed.

The front wall of the metal portion or case 9 is open and is to be closed by a cover-plate 20, the lower edge of which has parts 19 encircling the pivot-pin 15 within the spaces 18 for holding the said cover pivotally upon said pivot-pin, and 22 indicates a spring coiled on each end of the pivot-pin 15, with one end 23 engaged on the arm 17 to throw the frame 7 in opened position when released from the clasp device, the opposite end 24 of each spring 22 having engagement inside the cover 20 to throw the same open also when released from the clasp device.

The top wall 10 of case 9 has its front edge extended down across the open front of the case, as seen at 25, to produce behind it a space or chamber along which is extended a leaf-spring 29, one or both ends of which may be bent downward along the end walls 11 11 of the case, as shown at 34, and may be held in position by an overturned portion 35 of one of the said end walls 11.

At the center of the top wall 10 of case 9 is arranged the clasp device comprising a clasp member 26, having a portion 28 extended through an opening in said top wall of the case into the chamber beneath the overhanging front edge 25 of the top wall, said member 26 being held on a pivot-pin 27, extended across the said chamber from part 25 to the rear wall 12 and having a flat under surface 28, which has engagement on the central elastic and flexible portion of the spring 29 at opposite sides of the pivot-pin 27, whereby the tension of spring 29 is exerted to hold said pivotally-mounted clasp member 26 normally in a central position, in which it is adapted for engagement with reciprocal devices on the frame 7 and cover 20, respectively, as shown in the drawings and as will be explained.

The clasp member 26 has a central rounded thumb-piece adapted to be pressed by the thumb or finger to rock said member pivotally in opposite directions, and at opposite sides said member has extensions 30 30 above the top wall 10 of case 9 and adapted in the normal position of said member shown in the drawings to engage in notches or openings 32 32, produced in ears or projections extended, as seen at 31 and 31^a, from the cover 20 and frame 7, respectively, across the top wall 10 of the case 9 in such a way as to hold said frame and cover closely pressed toward the case 9 at front and back of the same, so that the two portions of the device are closed.

Each extension 30 of member 26 is also provided with a beveled upper surface 33, adapted for engagement beneath a corresponding surface on the corresponding ear or projection 31 or 31^a in such a way as to permit said projection or extension 30 to pass freely beneath its corresponding ear 31 or 31^a when the frame or cover 7 or 20 is pressed into closed position, so that the member 26 will thereby be rocked pivotally until the notch 32 is in position to receive the extension or projection 30, whereupon spring 29 will act to rock the member 26 reversely, so as to automatically engage its extension 30 in such notch 32.

The parts are so arranged that when the member 26 is rocked in one direction the extension 30 at one end of the member is withdrawn by downward movement from the notch 32 in one of the ears or lugs 31 or 31^a, but is not withdrawn from the notch 32 of the other ear or lug, and in this way it will be seen that by rocking the member 26 in one direction the cover 20 is released from the clasp device and the end 24 of spring 22 is permitted to throw the said cover into opened position to expose the contents of case 9, and when member 26 is reversely rocked the frame 7 is released and spring 22 again acts to throw the same into opened position, so as to expose the contents of the purse or leather portion 1.

From the above description it will be seen that the improved receptacle constructed according to my invention is of an extremely simple and inexpensive nature and is especially well adapted for use, since it permits of carrying different articles in separate compartments, so that neither is liable to be soiled or damaged by the other and access may readily be had to either or both by reversely actuating the clasp device.

It will also be obvious from the above description that the device is capable of considerable modification without material departure from the principles and spirit of the invention, and for this reason I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the precise form and arrangement of the several parts herein set forth, nor do I desire to limit myself to the employment of my improvements in pocket receptacles or holders alone, since it will be evident that the reversely-actuated clasp device is capable of application to a great number of purposes without departure from the principles or spirit of the invention.

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

1. A device of the character described comprising two portions each adapted to receive

articles, parts arranged to close the respective portions and each having a notched ear, a pivoted clasp member, the ends of which are adapted, when the clasp member is centrally positioned, to engage the notch of each ear and when rocked in one direction or the other to alternately release and hold the respective ears and a spring engaged with the clasp member to hold the same in central position.

2. A device of the character described comprising a frame having two receiving portions, hinged parts adapted to close the respective receiving portions, and provided with devices adapted when said parts are in closed positions to extend transversely of the frame, and a clasp member carried on the frame between said devices and having end portions normally engaged with said devices but adapted when moved to be disengaged therefrom.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name, at Chicago, Illinois, this 4th day of August, 1904, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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