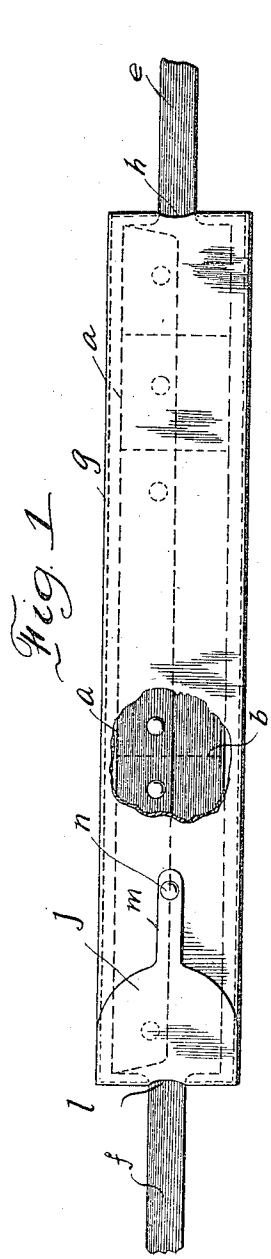
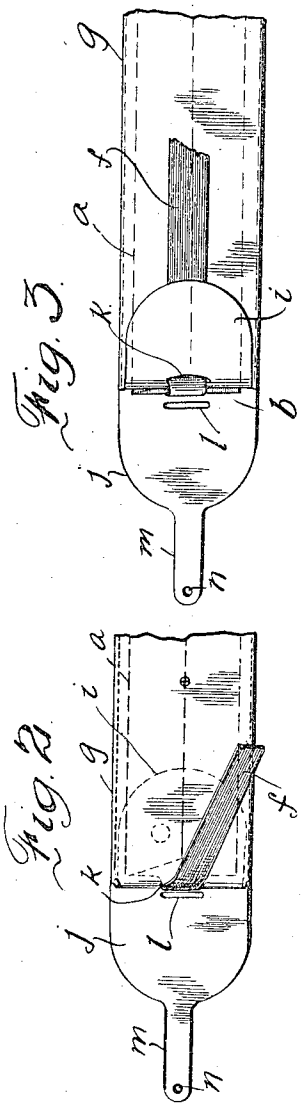
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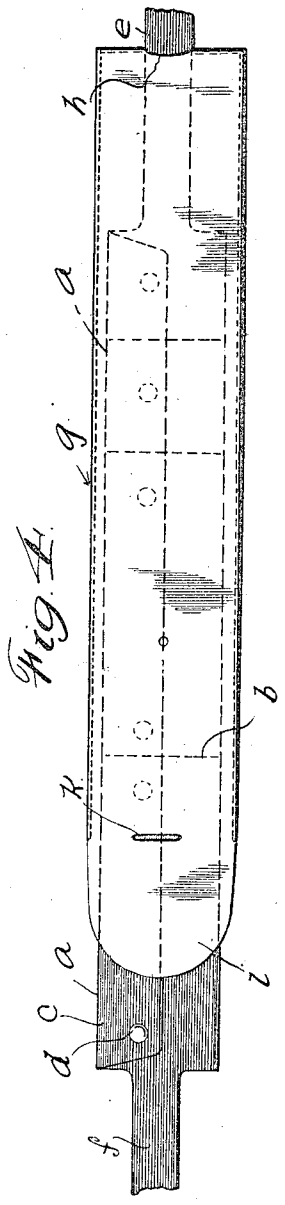
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS J. KEATING, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of Portland, county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Belt-Purses, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a belt-like purse adapted for securely holding money and other valuables, and for being carried and fastened in the form of a belt on the person.

It is further my object to have the pocket comprise a purse—preferably having a number of pockets—closed by an overlying flap fastened in place by suitable means; and to inclose the purse in a sheath-like outer case, thereby securely holding the valuables in the purse though its flap became inadvertently unfastened.

The construction and operation of my belt purse is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a partial front elevation;

Fig. 2 is a perspective detail of that end of my device at which the sheath-like outer case is to be opened;

Fig. 3 is a similar detail; the latter two views illustrating the construction of the open end of said outer case and the manipulations necessary for opening such end and releasing the inner purse; and

Fig. 4 shows the inner purse partially withdrawn from its case.

The purse consists of an elongate body, *a*, divided by transverse stitchings *b* into a plurality of pockets and having a flap *c* to be secured in place by suitable fastenings *d*, such, for example, as glove fasteners. Straps *e*, *f* are secured to the opposite ends of the purse, the extremities of the straps being provided with suitable means (not shown) for fastening them together.

The purse is adapted to be inclosed in a sheath-like case *g*, closed at one end and there provided with a slit *h* for the purse strap *e;* the other end of the case being open, and each of its sides being provided at this end with a flap *i*, *j*. Said flaps are each provided with slits *k*, *l*, through which to draw the purse strap *f*, such straps being adapted to be folded one over the other over the adjacent end of the purse for inclosing the latter. The outer flap *j* is provided with fastening means of any convenient type, such, for example, as a strap *m* and a catch *n* of the glove fastening type.

When the purse is inserted in its case *g* it is drawn toward the right end of the latter, with respect to Fig. 1, then the strap end *f* of the purse is inserted through the slit *k* of the flap *i* of the case; this flap being then folded in and over the rear side of the purse; next the strap of the latter is inserted through the slit *l* of the flap *j* of the case, and the latter flap is then to be fastened in place as illustrated in Fig. 1. My belt purse is now ready for fastening on the person.

In order to get access to the inner purse the outer flap *j* of the case *g* is first unfastened and the strap *f* of the purse is pulled out of the slit *l* thereof, as shown in Fig. 2. Next the inside flap *i* of the case is pulled out and the purse strap *f* released therefrom, upon which the purse is free to be pulled out of the case, as shown in Fig. 4.

I claim:

1. A purse-belt comprising an elongate purse having a strap at each end, and an outer sheath-like case for said purse, said case being closed at one end and having there a slit for the strap of the related end of the purse, the other end of the case being open, and each side of this end being provided with a flap each of which has a slit for the strap of the other end of the purse, the latter flaps being adapted to be folded one over the other, and over the adjacent end of the purse for inclosing the latter, the overlying flap of the case being provided with means for fastening it to the exterior of the case.

2. A purse-belt comprising an elongate purse provided with a longitudinally extending closing flap and means for fastening the latter in place, the purse having a

strap at each end, and an outer sheath-like case for said purse, said case being closed at one end and having there a slit for the strap of the related end of the purse, the other end of the case being open, and each side of this end being provided with a flap, each of which has a slit for the strap of the other end of the purse, the latter flaps being adapted to be folded one over the other, and over the adjacent end of the purse for inclosing the latter, the overlying flap of the case being provided with means for fastening it to the exterior of the case.

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