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GARTER PURSE.

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Fig. 1.

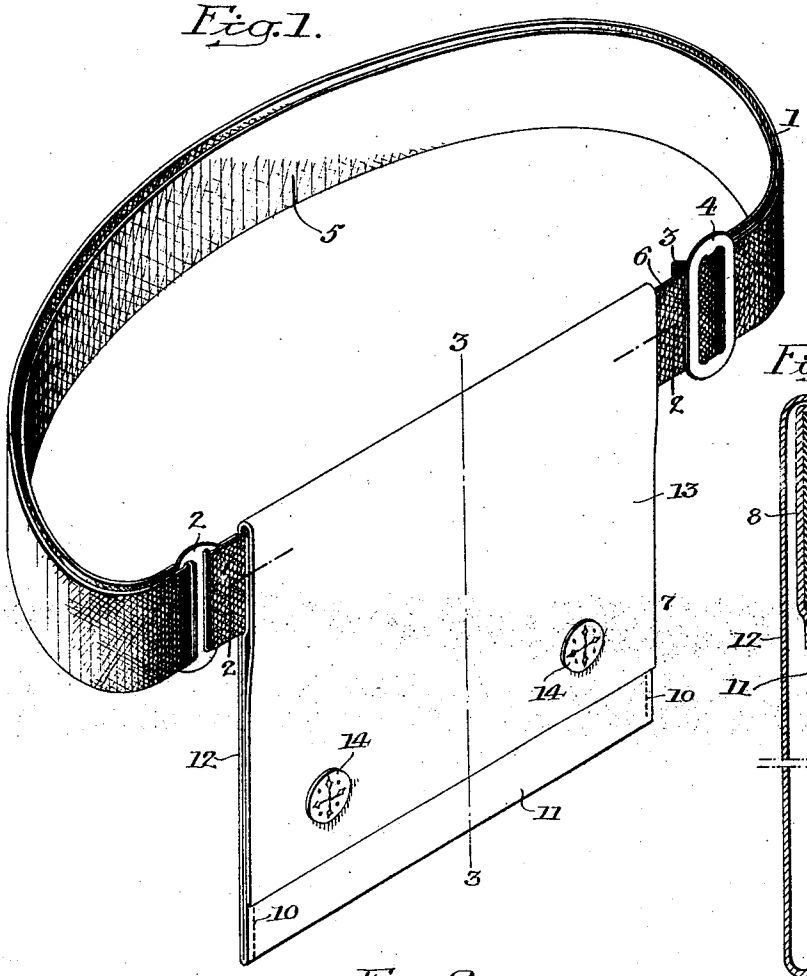


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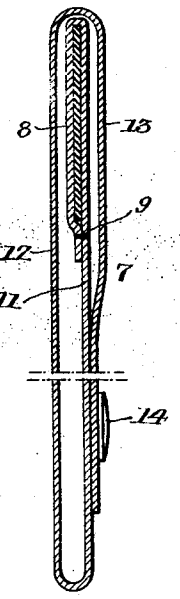
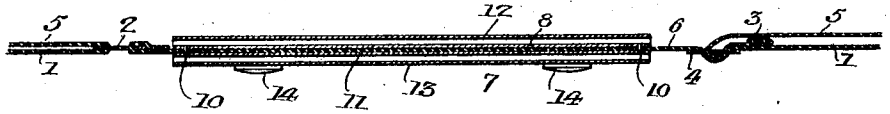


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELLA A. KENDALL, a citizen of the United States, residing in San Francisco, California, have invented a Garter Purse, of which the following is a specification.

One object of my invention is to provide a purse particularly adapted for support by and use in connection with a leg-encircling garter;—the arrangement and construction of parts being such as to insure the retention of the contents of the purse even though the closing flap thereof should be unfastened.

It is further desired to provide a relatively simple, inexpensive and convenient form of garter purse which shall be convenient to apply and adjust and primarily designed to insure the safe holding of its contents.

These objects and other advantageous ends I attain as hereinafter set forth, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which,

Fig. 1 is a prospective view of a garter purse constructed in accordance with my invention;

Fig. 2 is a transverse section on the line 2—2, Fig. 1; and

Fig. 3 is a vertical section on the line 3—3, Fig. 1.

In the above drawings 1 represents a garter which is preferably made of an elastic band having fixed to one end a metallic buckle 2. The other end of the band has a thickened portion 3 which after being passed through the two slots of a second buckle 4 is designed to pass around the leg of the wearer through one of the slots of the first buckle 2, thence back around the leg, to and through the slots of the second buckle 4 noted. There is thus a double thickness of the garter extended around a portion of the leg of the wearer and a single thickness around the remainder so as to directly connect the two buckles 2 and 4; the diameter of the garter being adjustable in the well known manner by drawing the headed end 3 of the band through the buckle 4 and thereby shortening the double portion 5 of the garter.

The single portion 6 which extends directly between the buckles 2 and 4 passes through and is fastened to a flat purse 7 as indicated in Figs. 2 and 3. This purse consists of an elongated rectangular piece of soft material such as kid leather or suitable fabric, one end 8 of which is folded over and attached to the adjacent portion of the body thereof by a line of stitching 9 so as to form a passage or channel through which the portion 6 of the garter extends. The purse is permanently fixed to this part of the garter by two lines of stitching indicated at 10 (Fig. 2) which also and primarily serve to connect the longitudinal edges of the front portion 11 of the purse to the back part 12 thereof, leaving a closing flap 13 which may be folded over the top of said front portion 11 and held in a closed position by snap fasteners 14 or other suitable devices.

It is particularly to be noted that since the band 6 of the garter is connected to the upper edge of the front part 11 of the purse, the latter is held or pressed against the top edge of the rear member 12 by the tension of the garter when this is placed in its normal position upon the leg of the wearer. As a consequence even though the fasteners 14 should not be connected and the flap should be left free or accidentally become loosened, the contents of the purse would none the less be kept in place and the purse held closed by this means. The cover flap 13 however serves as an additional closing device adding to the safety of the purse.

From the above description it will be noted that the purse itself is of the utmost simplicity of construction so that it may be inexpensively made. Moreover it is particularly adapted for the purposes for which it is designed, since under no conditions can its front flap sag to an open position such as might permit of the loss of its contents, but is always held with its top edge tightly pressed against the upper portion of the rear member 12 regardless of whether or not the closing flap is fastened.

I claim:

The combination of an elastic band constituting a garter; two buckles spaced apart on a single length of said band and also connected by a double length thereof; an elongated body of relatively soft sheet material having one end folded closely around

said single length of garter band between the buckles and attached thereto, said body of material being thereafter extended down, then extended up over said folded end and the garter and again down in front of the latter in the form of a flap; stitches connecting portions of the adjacent side edges of said length of material to form a purse body; which means for holding the flap down on the front of the body to close the purse.

In witness whereof I affix my signature.

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