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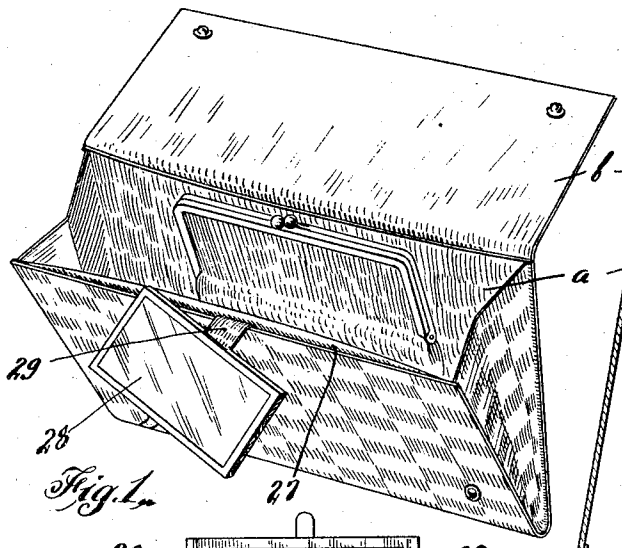


Fig. 1.

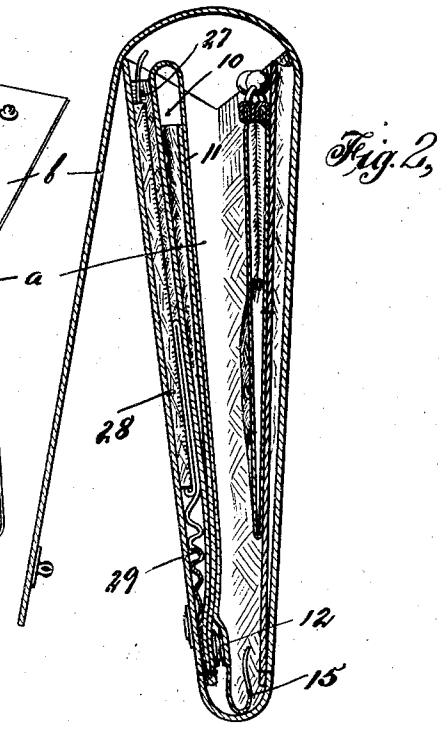


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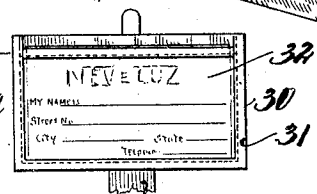


Fig. 1a.

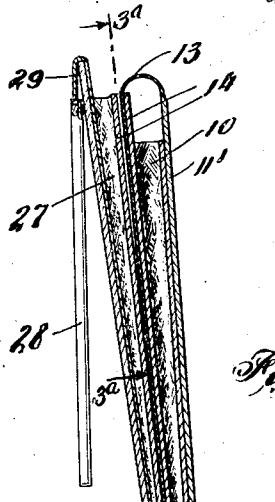


Fig. 3.

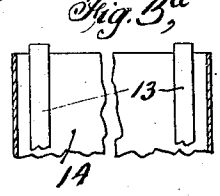


Fig. 3a.

Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAX J. MARYMONT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocketbooks or Hand Bags, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to ladies' pocket-books or hand bags and has for its principal object to provide a lady's pocket-book with a pocket adapted to be concealed from view, and to be easily accessible only to the owner of the pocket-book.

Another object of this invention is to equip the pocket-book with a mirror attached inside the pocket-book by flexible means, so that the same can be extended outwardly when used and to provide the mirror with a frame or other means for retaining an identification card or the like.

Other objects will appear from the detailed description of this invention

In the accompanying drawing in which similar reference characters denote corresponding parts, Fig. 1 is a perspective view of my improved pocket-book; Fig. 1ª is a rear view of the mirror; Figs. 2, 3 and 4 are enlarged sections of the pocket-book in three different modifications and Fig. 3ª is a section on line 3ª—3ª of Fig. 3.

The pocket-book may be of the usual construction having a main pocket *a* and a main flap *b* adapted to fold over the front face of the pocket-book. Formed in the main pocket is a pocket 10 provided with a flap 11 adapted to fold inwardly into the main pocket and to extend substantially over the entire front wall of said pocket 10 to a point near the bottom thereof, so that when in closing position, its lower edge will be concealed within the main pocket by the other articles contained in the latter and thus constitute a secret pocket or one whose existence will not be noticed, when the pocket-book is opened. The flap may be fastened in closing position by invisible fasteners, such as snap fasteners 12 arranged near the lower edge of the flap.

To facilitate the opening of the secret pocket, when other articles are contained in the main pocket, the flap 11′, according to the modification shown in Fig. 3, instead of being fastened to or made an integral part of the rear wall of the secret pocket, as in the first modification, may be attached to elastic bands 13, which are fastened to the bottom of the pocket-book and arranged between two layers 14 of material forming the rear wall of the secret pocket. These two layers form a sort of a sheath for said elastic bands and for the flap 11′ or the major portion thereof, when in contracted or opened position. On unbuttoning the flap, the same, through the action of the elastics, will automatically unfold the secret pocket.

A suitable grasp 15 in form of a strap or the like may be provided at the lower end of the flap 11, (11′), which will facilitate the closing and opening of the secret pocket.

But in both above described modifications, the manipulation of the flap, particularly when the main pocket is filled with other articles, will be more or less inconvenient. To obviate this objection, I prefer to use the construction shown in Fig. 4. Here the secret pocket 16 is not stationarily attached within the main pocket. Instead, it is attached to a flexible band 17, which itself is attached to the bottom of the main pocket and which is of a length sufficient to permit the secret pocket to be extended outwardly from the main pocket, when in use. The pocket, in this case, is complete in itself, being composed of side and end walls 16′, 16² and a flap 18 folding over the front wall of the pocket and extended so as to fold around the bottom thereof to be capable of being fastened by the usual snap fasteners 19 or the like to the lower part of the rear wall 16′ of the pocket. To retain it in position in the main pocket, snap fasteners 20 or other suitable means may be provided, preferably near the upper edge of the rear wall of said pocket, whereby it may be fastened to a stationary part of said pocket-book, as for instance, a wall of an intermediate pocket 21 or of the main pocket.

When it is desired to open the secret pocket, the snap fasteners 20 will first be opened, thereupon the secret pocket will be bodily withdrawn or extended from within the main pocket, thereby exposing the fastened end of the flap, which could then be easily reached and unfastened without disturbing the articles contained in the main pocket.

The space 27 between the rear wall of the secret pocket and the front wall of the main pocket, as in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, or the auxil-

iary pocket 21 (Fig. 4) may serve to hold a mirror 28. This latter is attached in said space or auxiliary pocket by flexible means, such as a band 29, ribbon or the like, of a length sufficient to permit the mirror to be extended outwardly, when it is desired to use the same. The mirror, which may be of usual construction, is formed on its back face with a frame 30 made of leather strips 31 or the like and which serves as retaining means for an identification card 32 or the like.

What I claim is:—

1. In a pocket-book, a secret pocket flexibly attached therein to be extensible outwardly and means foldable around the bottom of said pocket and capable of concealably locking the latter.

2. In a pocket-book, a secret pocket flexibly attached therein to be extensible outwardly, locking means foldable around the bottom of said pocket and means for retaining said pocket in position within said pocket-book, when not extended.

3. In a pocket-book, a pocket having a flexible means for its attachment inside said pocket-book to permit it to be extended outwardly from said pocket-book, a flap for closing said pocket adapted to fold around the bottom of said pocket, fastening means for fastening said flap to the rear wall of said pocket and fastening means near the upper end of said pocket for retaining the latter in the pocket-book, when not extended.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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Witnesses.
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JOSEPH T. MCMAHON.