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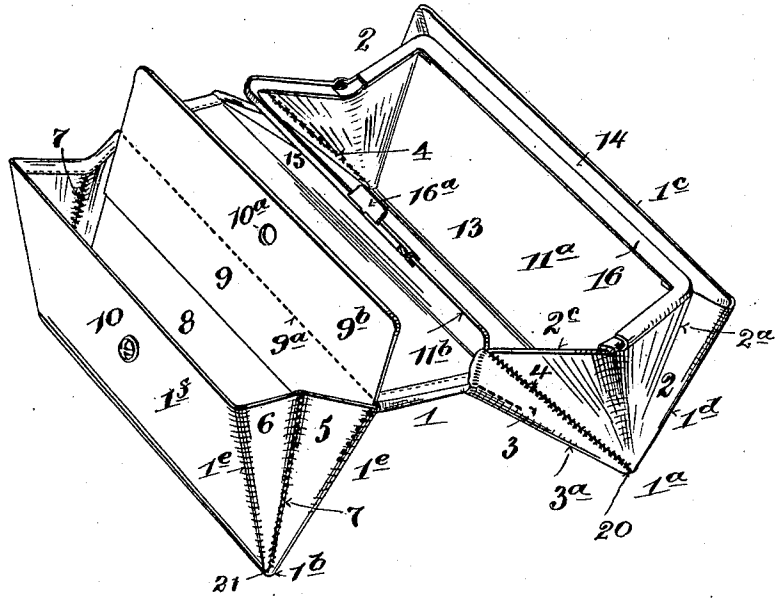
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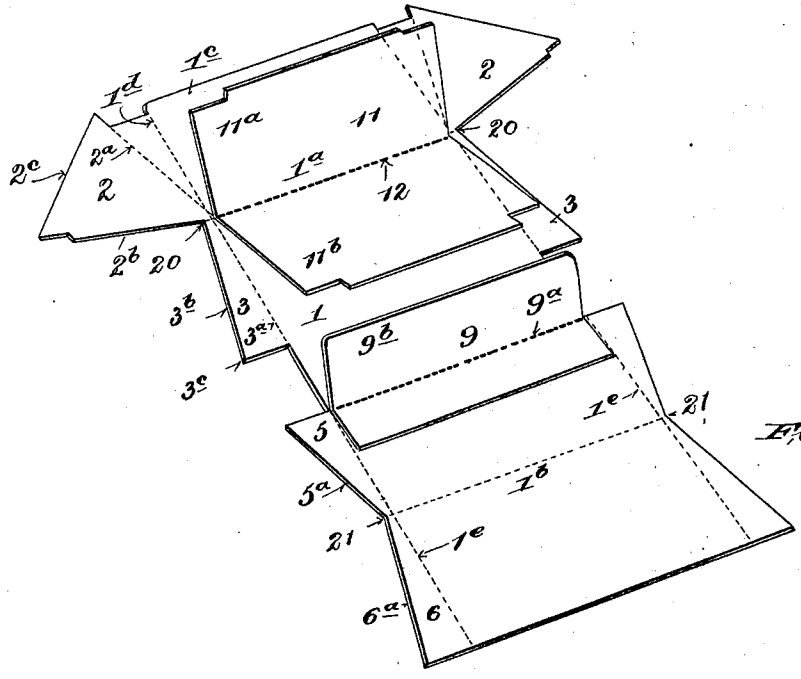


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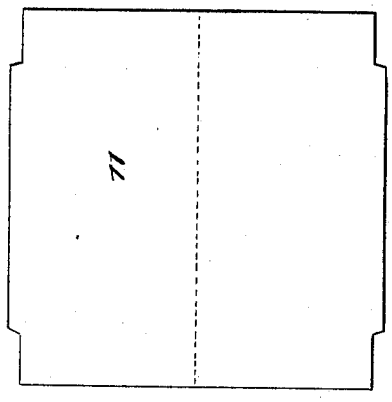


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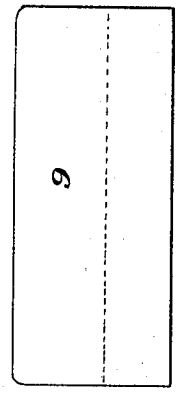
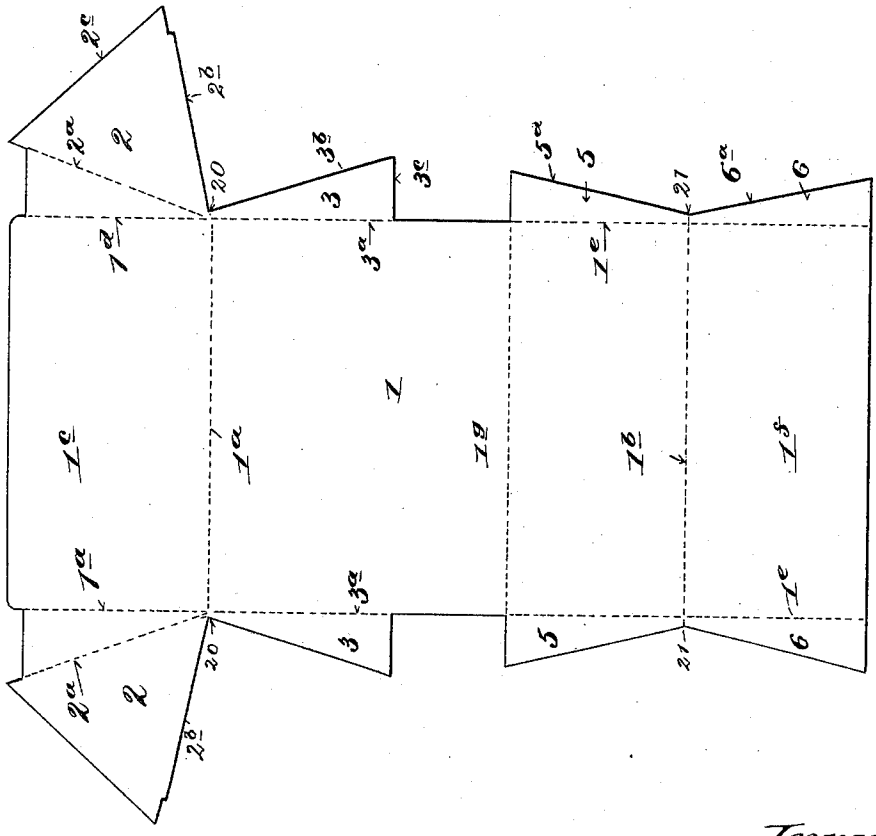


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY J. GAISMAN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York city, county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket-Books, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a pocket-book, purse, or the like which shall have but few seams or joints and be made of few pieces of material compared to the ordinary or well-known construction of pocket-books, whereby the article will have increased strength and durability; and to these ends I provide a blank of suitable material to constitute the main portions of the pocket-book, and made integral therewith at opposite sides are projections or wings arranged in pairs adjacent to each other, and adjacent or corresponding pairs of projections or wings are connected together, the end portions of the blank or body being folded back upon the main portion, whereby a compartment or pocket is provided. To increase the number of pockets, I secure a strip or piece of material between its ends to the body portion at the fold of the latter near one end, which strip thus lies within one of the main compartments or pockets, forming a pocket between its own walls and pockets on either side thereof. A folding frame of well-known or suitable construction may also be secured to the outer edges or mouth portion of said inserted strip, as well as to the edges of the projections or wings for strengthening and closing the middle compartment.

The invention also contemplates novel details of improvement that will be more fully hereinafter set forth and then pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part hereof, wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pocket-book embodying my invention shown opened out to disclose the construction. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the parts of the pocket-book partly assembled. Fig. 3 is a plan view of a blank for the main portions of the pocket-book. Fig. 4 is a similar view of a strip or blank to be used for increasing the number of the pockets, and Fig. 5 is a plan view of a strip for a flap to close one of the pockets.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

In the accompanying drawings the numeral 1 indicates a blank or piece of suitable material, such as leather, from which the main body or outer portion of my improved pocket-book is to be made, and said blank is adapted to be folded, as on the transverse lines indicated at 1^a 1^b, to form main compartments or pockets. The blank or piece of material 1 near one end and on opposite sides has projections, wings, or the like 2 2 cut out of and integral with the material of the blank or body portion and adapted to be folded toward the end portion 1^c, as on the lines indicated, respectively, at 1^d 1^d. The projections or wings 2 are also adapted to be folded or bent at an angle to the plane of the blank, as on the dotted lines 2^a, respectively. Adjacent to the projections or wings 2 and extending from and integral with the blank 1 are projections 3, adapted to be folded toward the blank on lines substantially parallel with the lines 1^d, as indicated at 3^a. The projections 2 3 are arranged in pairs on the sides of the blank 1, and the edges 2^b 3^b of the corresponding pairs of projections or wings 2 3 extend at an angle to each other, as indicated in Fig. 3, and the corresponding pairs of edges 2^b 3^b are to be connected together, which may be done by stitches 4, as indicated in Fig. 1, or otherwise. With the blank arranged as above described and the corresponding pairs of projections 2 3 connected together, the end part 1^c being folded over, as on the line 1^a, a compartment or pocket is formed, and the material of the connected projections or wings 2 3 may be folded inwardly in bellows-like form, the end portion 1^c and the opposed part of the blank or back 1 forming the sides of the compartment or pocket, while the corresponding parts 2 3 form the end portions of the pocket.

While the opposite end portion of the blank 1 could be used to fold over the pocket formed as above described, I may cut the blank at both ends, as above described, so as to form two similar pockets at opposite ends, or I may form at such end of the blank a pocket of smaller volume. In such case I provide the blank 1 with projections 5 6, cut therefrom and integral therewith, arranged in

pairs on opposite sides and adapted to be folded toward the blank, as indicated by the lines 1^e. The outer edges 5^a 6^a, respectively, are at an obtuse angle to each other and are adapted to be connected together, as by stitches 7 (shown in Fig. 1) or otherwise, the end portion 1^f of the blank being folded back to permit said edges to be so secured. When the portion 1^f is folded back and the edges 5^a 6^a secured, a pocket, as at 8, Fig. 1, will be provided, and the corresponding parts 5 6 may be folded inwardly in bellows-like form.

To provide a flap to close the pocket 8, a strip 9 of suitable material may be placed upon the blank and secured thereto, as upon the line indicated at 1^g, Fig. 3, stitches 9^a securing said strip to the blank. (See Fig. 2.) The extended portion 9^b of the strip 9 forms a flap adapted to be folded over the upper or inner portion of part 1^f to close the pocket 8. (See Fig. 1.) Complemental fastening devices 10 10^a, such as the well-known glove-fasteners or a strap and keeper, may be provided on the parts 1^f 9^b to hold the latter closed over the mouth of pocket 8.

To provide an increased number of pockets at the end first described, I provide a strip 11 of suitable material and approximately the width of blank 1 and secure the strip 11 at about its mid-portion to the blank 1 at the folding-line 1^a, as by stitches 12. (See Fig. 2.) The walls 11^a 11^b of the strip 11 form between them a central pocket, (indicated at 13 in Fig. 1,) and the wall 11^a, in conjunction with the portion 1^e of the blank, forms a pocket 14, while the wall 11^b, in conjunction with the main back portion that is alined therewith, forms a pocket 15. (Indicated in Fig. 1.) The side edges of the strip 11 abut against the corresponding projections or wings 2 3, and the latter are adapted to fold within the space between the walls 11^a 11^b of strip 11. For better securing the parts together I provide a folding frame 16 of well-known or suitable construction, which clamps the outer edges of the walls 11^a 11^b, as well as the corresponding outer edges 2^e of the projections or wings 2, as indicated in Fig. 1, where the frame 16 is shown partly broken away. Thus by the frame 16 the end portions 2 3 and the walls 11^a 11^b are firmly united together, and the pocket 13 may be kept closed by the catch 16^a of the frame 16 in well-known manner.

When desired, a lining of suitable material cut to correspond in outline with the blank 1 and its projections or wings may be glued, pasted, or otherwise secured upon the blank 1, and a lining may be similarly applied upon the strips or pieces 9 and 11, all before the parts are assembled. The strip 11 instead of being folded at its mid-portion to form two walls 11^a 11^b could have but a single wall, or several such pieces could be used in the main compartment to provide the desired number of compartments or pockets, and the pocket or compartment 8 could have one or more walls like 11 within it to increase the number of pockets.

The meeting points or angles of the projections or wings 2 3 and 5 6, as at 20 and 21, preferably do not extend to the folding-lines 1^d and 1^e, respectively, whereby material is provided at the lower corners of the pockets beyond the joints or seams 4 and 7 to strengthen the corners of the pockets.

The edges 2^b 3^b of projections 2 3 and the edges 5^a 6^a of the projections 5 6 are preferably respectively brought together so they will abut edge to edge, and the stitches 4 and 7 are preferably of the kind that are looped together between the apertures in the material through which they pass.

If desired, a pocket-book, purse, bag, or the like can be made in accordance with my invention, having a single main compartment or pocket in which the material of the main body would not extend beyond the edges 3^c or the line 1^g, so as to fold over, the device in other respects being constructed as indicated at either end of Fig. 2 or Fig. 3.

A pocket-book, purse, or analogous bag-like structure made in accordance with my invention will be strong and durable, because the main body portion, the folded end portions 1^e 1^f, and the side projections or wings are all integral, thus dispensing with inserted pieces or gussets and seams at the edges, as in the well-known construction of such articles, and the article is also simple to manufacture.

It is evident that any desired number of pockets may be provided in accordance with my invention, and the details of construction and arrangement may be varied without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having now described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A pocket-book or like article comprising a body portion having integral projections or wings at the sides, part of the body portion being folded and corresponding projections or wings being connected together forming a compartment or pocket and a frame secured to the edges of the projections or wings, substantially as described.

2. A pocket-book or like article comprising a body portion having integral projections or wings at the sides, part of the body portion being folded and corresponding projections or wings being connected together forming a compartment or pocket, a strip or piece of material located within said compartment to provide a plurality of pockets and a frame secured to the edges of the projections or wings and to the edges of said strip or piece of material, substantially as described.

3. A pocket-book or like article comprising a body portion having integral projections or wings at the sides, part of the body portion being folded and corresponding projections or wings being connected together forming a compartment or pocket, and a strip or piece

of material folded between its ends and having the folded portion at the bottom of the compartment and the free edges projecting outwardly in the compartment forming two walls and located in said compartment, substantially as described.

4. A pocket-book or like article comprising a body portion having integral projections or wings at the sides, part of the body portion being folded and corresponding projections or wings being connected together forming a compartment or pocket, a strip or piece of material folded between its ends forming two walls and located in said compartment, and a frame secured to the outer edges of said walls and to certain of said projections, substantially as described.

5. A pocket-book or like article comprising a body portion or blank having integral projections or wings arranged in pairs at opposite sides near opposite ends, said body portion or blank being folded near opposite ends and the corresponding pairs of projections or wings connected together, whereby pockets near opposite ends of the body portion are provided, substantially as described.

6. A pocket-book or like article comprising a body portion or blank having a plurality of projections or wings at opposite sides, said body portion being folded transversely and the projections or wings being folded on lines at approximately right angles thereto, the inner adjacent edges of the projections or wings ending at a distance from the last-named folding-lines providing material to be folded inwardly at the corners of the pockets, substantially as described.

7. A pocket-book or like article comprising a body portion having a plurality of integral projections or wings at each side near the opposite ends and having a space or web portion between the adjacent inner projections or wings, the body portion being folded near both ends and the corresponding projections or wings being connected together forming compartments or pockets on opposite sides of said space or web portion whereby the pockets can be folded toward each other, and a frame secured to the edges of the projections or wings of one of the pockets, substantially as described.

8. A pocket-book or like article comprising a body portion having integral projections or wings at opposite sides, certain of said projections or wings being of greater area than the adjacent ones, the corresponding projections or wings being secured together and folded inwardly, part of the body portion also being folded, the larger of said projections or wings also being folded on lines extending at angles to the lines on which they are folded inwardly, substantially as described.

9. A pocket-book or like article comprising a body portion having integral projections or wings at the sides, part of the body portion being folded and corresponding projections or wings being connected together and folded inwardly forming a compartment or pocket, the outer edges of the projections or wings also being folded, and a frame secured to the last-named folded edges of the projections or wings, substantially as described.

10. A pocket-book or like article comprising a body portion having integral projections or wings on opposite sides near the opposite ends and having a space or web portion between the adjacent inner projections or wings, the projections or wings being folded inwardly and the body portion near the opposite ends being folded over the corresponding projections or wings to form pockets whose mouths open toward said space or web portion, whereby the pockets can be folded toward each other, substantially as described.

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