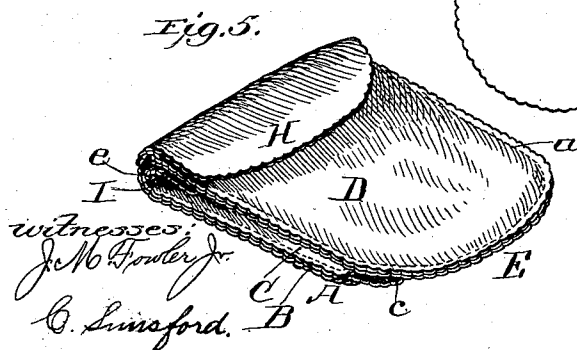
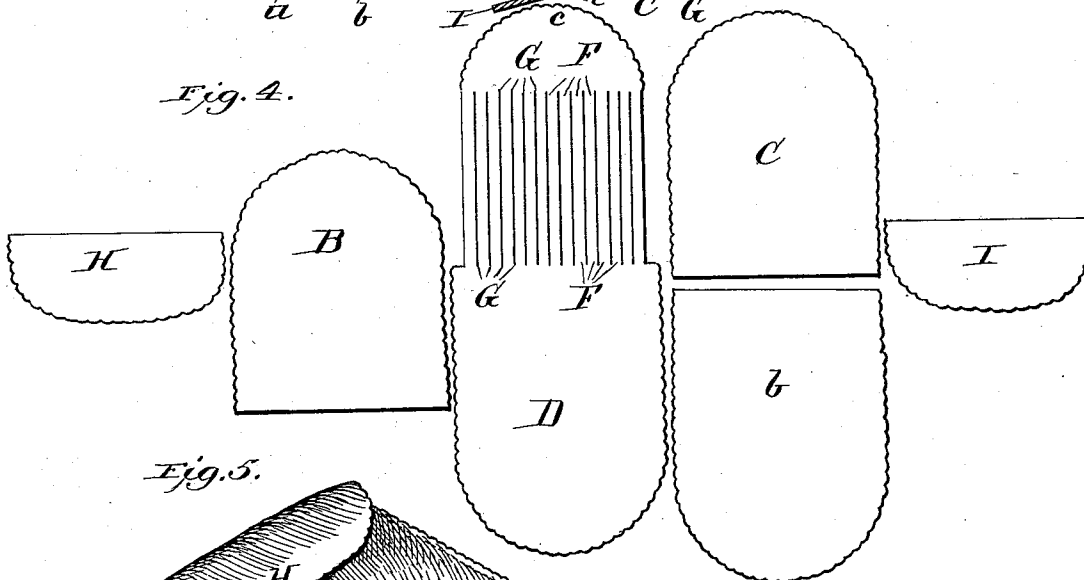
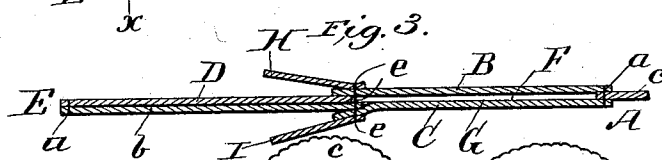
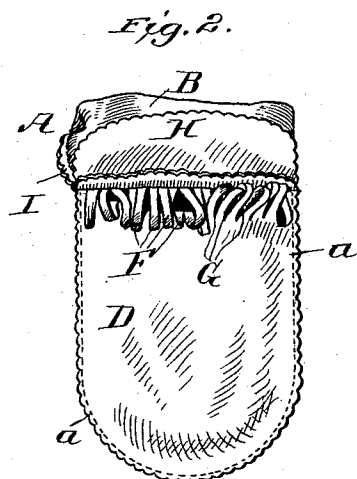
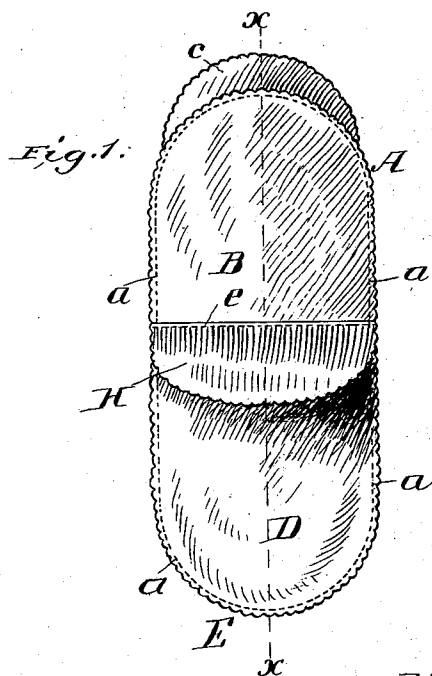


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK F. CHESAK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Poniatowski, in the county of Marathon and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Puzzle-Purses, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to purses, and particularly to a puzzle purse, and its novelty will be fully understood from the following description and claims when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings; and the object of the invention is to provide a purse of any size to carry coin as well as paper money, of simple, cheap and durable construction.

A further object of the invention is to provide a purse of such peculiar construction that when its mouth or opening is closed it is entirely concealed so as to leave no evidence of the location of the said opening.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a purse, with a central or middle piece, slidably secured between two outer pieces, the bottom portion of the said middle piece forming one outer piece or side of the bottom portion of the purse.

The invention consists in the novel construction and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter fully set out.

In the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1—is a front view of my improved purse closed. Fig. 2—is a similar view open. Fig. 3—is a sectional view taken on the plane indicated by the dotted line *x—x* in Fig. 1. Fig. 4—is a detached view of the several parts. Fig. 5—is a view of the purse folded.

The same letters of reference denote the same parts throughout the several figures.

The top *A*, of the purse consists of the front inclosing piece *B*, and the back inclosing piece *C*, secured by the stitching *a*, which extends around the top of the purse and through the middle portion *D*, leaving the projecting end *c* of said middle portion *D*, outside of the inclosing pieces *B* and *C*. This stitching *a* continues to the center of the purse, but does not engage the said middle piece *D* until the center of the purse is reached, where the said middle piece is widened. This widened portion of the middle piece forms one side or front of the bottom *E*, of the purse, while the oppo-

site side or back is formed by the piece *b* secured to the edge of the widened portion of the middle piece *D*, by a continuation of the said stitching *a*. The front and back inclosing pieces *B* and *C*, respectively project and end, just below the center of the purse with their ends overlapping the cross stitching *e*, so as to conceal the ends of the ribs *F* and slits *G*, in the slidable portion of the middle piece *D*. This cross stitching *e* extends through the slits *G*, and secures the front and back pieces of the purse rigidly together, leaving the ribs *F* free to slide between the cross stitches *e*.

H, refers to a front flap or cover, and *I* to a back flap or cover, both serving a double purpose, as follows: Both serve to conceal the cross stitching *e*, while the front flap *H* is grasped in opening the purse, and the back flap *I* is likewise grasped in closing the purse, as will be seen from the following description, as to how to open and close the purse which is as follows:

To open the purse, the front flap *H*, is grasped with one hand, while the front or bottom portion of the piece *D*, is grasped below and near the cross stitching, and pulled in opposite directions. This will cause the ribs to slide from within the inclosing pieces *B* and *C*, sufficiently to allow access to the purse.

To close the purse, the projecting end *c*, is grasped by one hand, while the flap *H*, is grasped by the other hand, and both pulled in opposite directions, which will draw the ribs back within the said inclosing pieces, so that the ends of the slits between the said ribs are entirely covered, and the entrance to the purse is absolutely and entirely concealed.

I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to any particular material, size or shape of the purse, to the manner of securing the parts together, to the number of the ribs, nor to any particular location of the cross stitching, as I desire to reserve to myself the right to change the material, size, shape and manner of securing the parts together, without departing from the spirit of my invention. Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a puzzle purse, the combination of the

- top piece forming the top of the purse the middle piece, one half of which is narrower than the other, ribbed, slidably inclosed in the said top, and secured only to the top edge 5 of the purse above the ribs, the other half of the said middle piece forming one side of the bottom of the purse, and the piece secured to said bottom side to form the other side of the bottom of the purse, as set forth.
- 10 2. In a puzzle purse, the combination of the top of the purse, the middle piece, one half of which is narrower than the other half, the ribs formed in the narrow half and slidably inclosed in the top of the purse, said narrow 15 half being secured only to the top edge of the purse above the ribs leaving its extreme end projecting outside the said edge, and the piece secured to the said bottom side to form the other side of the purse, as set forth.
- 20 3. In a puzzle purse, the upper back and front pieces secured directly together only at their side edges, combined with the middle piece, one half thereof being solid and wider than the other half, the solid half forming the 25 lower front of the purse, the other half having ribs entirely inclosed by the said upper pieces and secured to the latter only at their top, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.
- 30 4. In a puzzle purse, the upper front and back pieces, the middle piece one half of which is wider than the other half, the former half forming the lower front of the purse and the latter half ribbed and inclosed by the said 35 upper pieces which are secured together at their side edges and the said middle pieces only at its top leaving the projecting end c,
- combined with the cross stitches running between the said ribs so that the latter are free to slide in their inclosure, substantially as set 40 forth.
5. In a puzzle purse, the combination of the upper front and back inclosing pieces secured directly together only at their side 45 edges, the middle pieces secured only to the said upper pieces between their top edges and above the ribs of the said middle piece, the portion of the latter below the ribs forming the lower front of the purse, the lower back 50 of the purse, to which front it is secured, and the cross stitches extending through the said upper back and front pieces, between the ribs and through the lower back piece, whereby the ribbed portion of the said middle piece is slidably inclosed in the top of the purse, as 55 set forth.
6. The combination in a purse, of the upper front and back inclosing pieces, the middle piece having slits and ribs, and secured only to the top of the said front and back pieces so 60 as to project beyond them, the lower back piece secured to the middle piece only below the said slits and ribs, the front, and rear flaps, and the cross stitches passing through all of the said pieces, so as to leave the said 65 ribs free to slide into and out of the said inclosing pieces, substantially as shown and described.
- In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand in the presence of two witnesses.
- FRANK F. CHESAK.
- Witnesses:
HYATT HUTTON,
JOHN H. CHESAK.