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POCKETBOOK RETAINER.
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FIG. 1

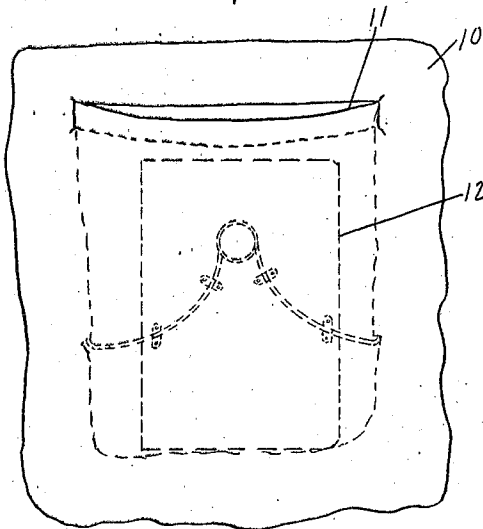


FIG. 2

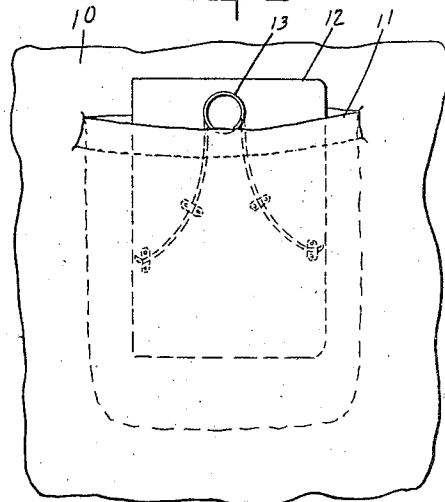


FIG. 3

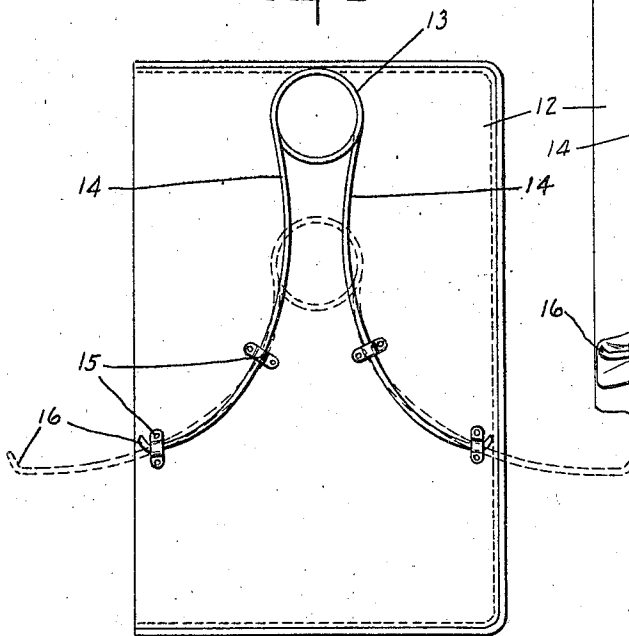
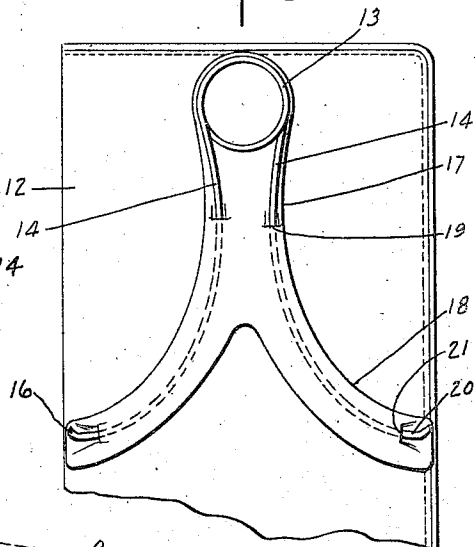


FIG. 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STEELE F. GILMORE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Indianapolis, county of Marion, and State of Indiana, have invented a certain new and useful Pocketbook Retainer; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which like numerals refer to like parts.

This invention relates to a pocket book retainer, and the chief object thereof is to provide means, particularly upon a pocket book or like article, whereby said article may be releasably retained in any pocket in which the article is positioned.

The chief feature of the invention in addition to the accomplishment of the foregoing object, consists in the integral and simplified construction of the releasable article retaining means.

Another feature of the invention consists in the association of a guard or housing construction.

The full nature of the invention will be understood from the accompanying drawings and the following description and claims.

In the drawings, Fig. 1 is an elevational view of a pocketed garment showing in dotted lines a pocket book with which the invention is associated and showing the same in the retaining position. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the same members showing the pocket book in a partially withdrawn position and the invention in the released or retracted position. Fig. 3 is an enlarged side elevational view of a pocket book, bill fold or the like with the invention shown in full lines to indicate the non-retaining position, and in dotted lines to indicate the retaining position. Fig. 4 is a similar view of a modified form of the invention which includes a housing or guard plate.

In the drawings 10 indicates a garment provided with a pocket-forming flap 11. The pocket thus formed is adapted to receive a pocket book or bill fold 12 of any usual or preferred construction, or design. All of the foregoing and the relationship thereof is old in the art. The means for retaining the pocket book within the pocket to prevent surreptitious or accidental removal therefrom is herein shown secured to and supported by the pocket book for engagement with the pocket forming portions.

Reference will now be had to Fig. 3 wherein the particular retaining means embodied in the invention is illustrated in detail. In said figure a spring loop, which may be termed a finger loop 13, is provided, and both ends of the wire forming said loop are extended at 14 to provide arms which curve outwardly from the same to form a Y-shaped construction. Each of the arms is slidably supported in guides 15, which herein are illustrated as straps suitably secured to the pocket book 12. Each of the arms 14 terminates in a hook 16. It will be noted that when the finger piece 13 is positioned, as shown by the full lines in Fig. 3, the hooks 16 are in the retracted position and lie adjacent the straps 15. Herein the straps 15 limit the inward or retractive movement of the arms 14. When the finger piece is depressed after the pocket book has been inserted in the pocket, the arms 14 are projected outwardly until the hooks 16 engage the walls of the pocket. The hooks are so formed that they oppose the removal of the pocket book from the pocket, by engaging the walls thereof. When it is desired to remove the pocket book from the pocket, the finger piece 13 is moved from the dotted line position to the full line position shown in Fig. 3, whereupon the pocket book may be removed from said pocket without the engagement of the hooks 16 with the pocket.

In Fig. 4 a modified form of the invention is illustrated, and in this figure there is shown a housing or guard member constituting a Y-shaped plate having the stem portion 17 and a pair of arms 18. The stem portion 17 is provided with slots 19. Each of the arms terminates in an offset portion 20 which is provided with a slot 21. The finger loop 13 with each of the arms 14 is positioned in front of the plate or housing 17, and each of said arms 14 extends into a slot 19 and lies beneath the guard, as shown. The offset portion 20 provides a housing for the reception of the hook 16 when the retaining means is in the retracted position and also limits the retractive movement of the arms.

The invention claimed is:

1. An article retaining device comprising an accessible finger grip, arms adapted to be slidably applied to the article to be carried rigid with said grip and extending outwardly therefrom, and the free ends of the arms adapted to be projected beyond the

edges of the article to which they are applied.

2. An article retaining device comprising two sliding members, an accessible finger grip mounted on the inner ends thereof, and hooks on the outer ends of said sliding members.

3. The combination of a pocket book or the like, a Y-shaped guide plate, and a Y-shaped anchor supported by said plate and movable into retaining and releasing position.

4. The combination of a pocket book or the like, a Y-shaped guide plate, and a Y-shaped anchor supported by said plate and movable into retaining and releasing position, said plate having offset portions for limiting the movement of the Y-shaped anchor.

5. A retainer for an article of the character described comprising a pair of resilient arms, one end of each of said arms being resiliently connected to the other, and guide means mounted on said article through which said resilient arms are adapted to slidably extend, whereby when slidably

moved in one direction, said arms will be caused to protrude laterally from said article, and when moved in the opposite direction will be caused to withdraw from protruding position by means of the resiliency thereof.

6. The combination with a pocket book or the like, of a retainer therefor comprising a pair of arms formed of resilient wire, guide means on said pocket book through which said arms are adapted to slide, so arranged as to maintain them in a substantially inverted Y-shaped position having outwardly extending ends and inwardly extending adjacent ends, and means for resiliently connecting said adjacent ends, whereby upon said connected ends being forced downwardly, said arms will bend in their sliding movement and protrude laterally from said pocket book, and when moved upwardly will be withdrawn from protruding position.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature.

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