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Fig. 1.

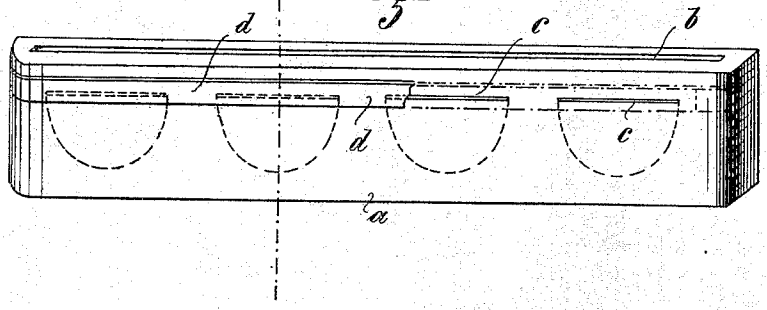


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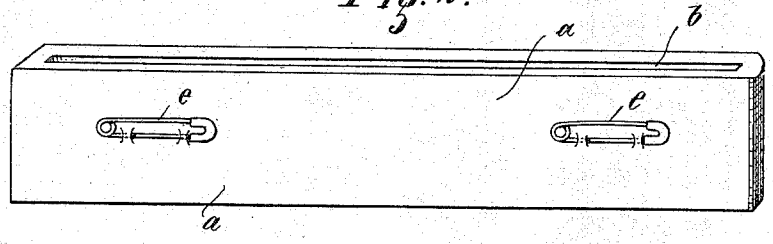
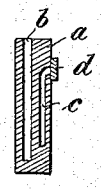


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLAUS FERDINAND EDUARD RUGE, a citizen of the free city of Hamburg, residing at Hamburg, in the German Empire, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Secret Purses, (for which I have applied for patents in England, dated January 6, 1899, No. 333; in Austria, dated December 31, 1898; in Hungary, dated January 4, 1899, No. 164; in France, dated January 7, 1899, No. 272,624, and in Belgium, dated January 5, 1899, No. 109,757,) of which the following is a specification.

The object of the present invention is a purse which may be used, preferably, for containing gold coins, paper money, or valuable securities and which by reason of its inconsiderable proportions may be carried secretly.

A method of realizing the invention is illustrated in the drawings, which give, in—

Figure 1, a front perspective view; Fig. 2, a back perspective view; Fig. 3, a transverse section.

The essential part of the invention consists of the construction of a receptacle for gold or valuables which while not unduly prominent by means of its own elasticity holds its contents with such a tight grip that it is impossible for them to escape and be lost. Consequently substances of the nature of caoutchouc may be preferably used in its construction.

As shown in the drawings, the purse is most conveniently provided with rounded ends, and consists of a small oblong body *a* with a longitudinal incision *b* traversing its whole length, which serves for the reception of paper money, &c., and holds it in such a tight grip on account of the elasticity of its walls that it is impossible for it to escape and be lost. To increase the power of this grip, the inner walls of the incision *b* may have a roughened surface. In the front wall of the substance small pockets *c*, as shown in the drawings, are constructed by means of openings in the solid substance for the purpose of containing coins. The openings may possibly be covered by a strip *d*, laid in front of them, which may be vulcanized on and may be of a more or less elastic nature.

In order to attach this purse on any occasion in a secret way, safety-pins, hooks, or the like *e* are fixed to the back of it, by means of which it can be easily and quickly applied to or removed from any desired position in the clothing without attracting attention.

Naturally the purse need not be made in one piece, but several single plates may serve for its construction by being cemented together or vulcanized or by some similar process, so long as the elasticity of the whole is not impaired by such process.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

A secret purse for containing valuables, consisting of an elastic elongated body provided in its top with a longitudinal incision, and in its side with slit pockets, said incision and pockets being held closed by the elasticity of the material of which the purse is made, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two witnesses.

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