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Fig. 1.

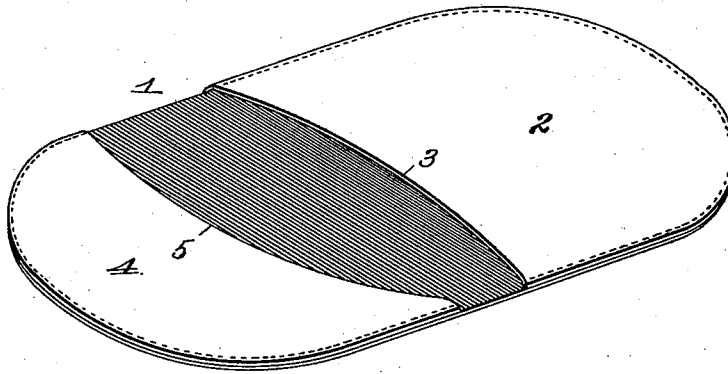


Fig. 2.

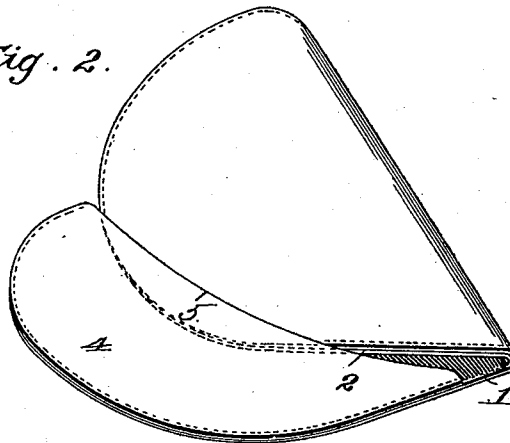
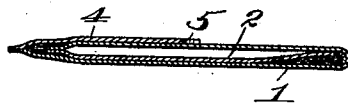


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BOYD KEITH, of Kansas City, Jackson county, Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coin-Purses, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof.

My invention relates to purses, and more especially to that class known as "coin-purses;" and it consists of a pair of flexible and flexibly-connected pockets, the mouth of one of which is of sloping form in order that such pocket may be deeper at one side than at the other.

The object of the invention is to produce a purse of such formation that one of the pockets may be folded quickly and easily into the other to retain the purse as a whole in its closed or folded position.

With this end in view the invention consists in its peculiar construction and arrangement, as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

In order that the invention may be understood, reference is to be had to the said accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a purse embodying my invention in its opened or unclosed position. Fig. 2 represents a perspective view illustrating the manner or mode of slipping one pocket quickly and easily into the other. Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view of the purse in its closed or folded position.

In said drawings, 1 designates a sheet of leather or equivalent material. It is approximately of elliptical form. At one end it is formed with a pocket 2, which in depth equals about half the length of the body portion 1 of the purse, and said pocket is formed by sewing or otherwise permanently affixing the sheet of leather forming the front of the pocket in contradistinction to its body portion or back, as shown. The inner end of said leather sheet forming the front side of the pocket is segmentally recessed, as shown at 3, in order to facilitate or render easier the insertion of one's fingers and thumb in placing coins or other articles in or removing them from the pocket. The second or shallower pocket 4 is formed at the opposite end of the

body portion or back 1 in the manner described with reference to pocket 2—that is to say, a sheet of leather or equivalent material is affixed to the body portion at said end permanently. The upper margin of the front piece forming said pocket 4, however, is segmentally recessed, as shown at 5, for the purpose described, but such segmental recess extends obliquely across the pocket, as shown clearly in Figs. 1 and 2, so that the pocket is considerably deeper at one side than at the other. This is done in order that when the purse is to be reliably closed or folded the purse 2 may be bent obliquely, so that the line of said bend together with the sloping mouth of the pocket 4 will outline approximately the letter V. Said pocket end 2 of the purse is then pressed down upon the body portion or backing, so that its base or bottom will be opposite the shallower end of the pocket 4. Said pocket 2 is then pushed laterally and downwardly into the pocket 4 with ease, as owing to the peculiar form of the pocket 4 it slips almost naturally down into position without the least crumpling or undue force being applied.

The position of the purse when closed is shown in Fig. 3, and when it is desirable to open the purse it is done by grasping the pocket 2 adjacent to the shallow end of the pocket 4 and pulling it easily from such receptacle.

Without sloping the mouth of the pocket 2 it requires considerable manipulation and a greater or less application of force in order to slip one pocket within the other.

It would be found extremely annoying at any time and especially upon a cold day to attempt to fold one pocket of the purse within the other unless the receiving-pocket were provided with the sloping mouth, as indicated.

The endeavor to slip one pocket into another having its mouth at right angles to its length would in most cases result in spilling its contents upon the ground, as the mind of the manipulator would be concentrated upon the attempt to so dispose of the pocket, leaving the change to take care of itself.

From the above description it will be seen that I have produced a simple, cheap, and durable purse, which possesses a decided ad-

vantage over others of this class from the fact that it can be folded or unfolded with ease and despatch.

Having thus described the invention, what
5 I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A coin-purse, comprising a flexible body portion provided with a pocket at one end, and a pocket at the other end; the mouth of
10 one pocket sloping upwardly from one side to the other, substantially as described.
2. A coin-purse, comprising a flexible body portion having rounded ends, a pocket se-

cured at one end and having its base or bottom rounded to correspond with said end of 15 body portion, and a pocket at the opposite end which increases in depth from one side of the body portion to the other, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature 20 in presence of two witnesses.

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