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Fig. 1.

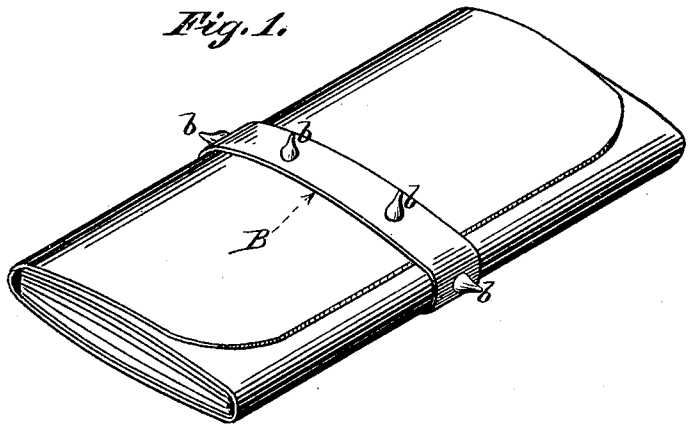
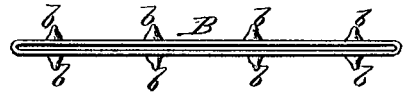


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN S. EBERT, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Elastic Bands for Pocket-Books, &c., of which the following is a specification sufficiently clear to enable others skilled in the art to which the invention appertains to make and use the same.

The object of my invention is to obviate all danger of the accidental dropping out or displacement from the pocket of the purse, book, or other articles to which the ordinary bands are usually applied for the purpose of holding the article closed or in compact form.

My invention consists in a band or fastening for books and other articles to be carried in the pocket, which is preferably, though not necessarily, elastic, and is formed with exterior protuberances of flexible material, which are adapted to engage with the inner sides of the pocket, and by largely increasing the frictional contact therewith to retain the article firmly in position until intentionally removed, which latter may be readily accomplished by spreading apart the sides of the pocket.

It is obvious that the essential feature of my invention is the provision of the exterior protuberances, formed of elastic or semi-elastic material, upon the fastening-band, so that the latter in some cases might be non-elastic without deviating materially from my invention, since it is the pliability of the elastic or semi-elastic spurs or protuberances themselves that render them effective in retarding the removal of the article to which the band or fastening may be applied; but the use of the elastic or semi-elastic spurs or protuberances, in connection with an endless elastic band substantially such as those in common use, is especially desirable, in that the flexibilty of the band itself contributes to the effectual engagement of the flexible protuberances with the inner sides of the pocket.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a pocket-book, to the exterior of which an elastic band formed according to my invention is applied; and Fig. 2, an edge view of the said elastic band.

As far as the especial object of my invention is concerned, the band B simply affords a convenient means of applying the exterior flexible spurs or protuberances, *b b*, so that the form and material of the band may be varied as desired.

The protuberances *b b* are made of any suitable flexible material, and they may be attached to the band by any appropriate means, and their shape may also be varied to suit special requirements of use or fancy. The flexibility of their outer portions being the feature that renders them effective in use, the nipple form shown in the drawings is desirable, especially when made of rubber, since the comparatively broad base facilitates their attachment to the band, while the protuberances present an equal degree of resistance in use in all directions.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A fastening or band for articles to be carried in the pocket, formed with exterior flexible protuberances, substantially in the manner and for the purpose described.

2. As a new article of manufacture, an elastic fastening-band formed with exterior protuberances, substantially in the manner and for the purpose described.

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