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PURSE OR BAG FRAME.

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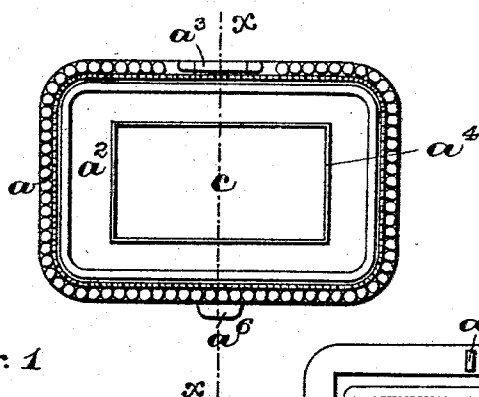


Fig. 1

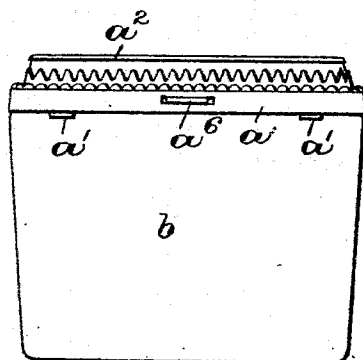


Fig. 2

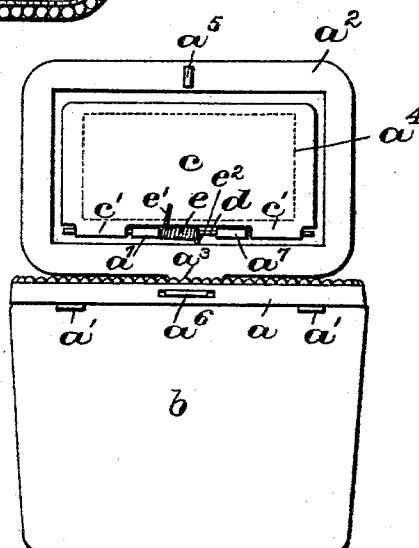


Fig. 3

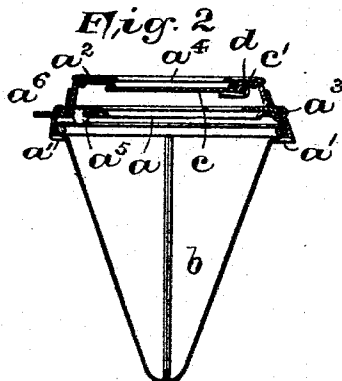


Fig. 4

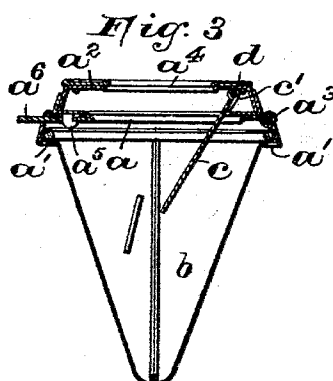


Fig. 5

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JULIUS E. MERGOTT and CHRISTIAN HIERING, citizens of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Purse or Bag Frames; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The invention herein set forth has reference to improvements in purse or other like frames, designed to be secured around the mouth of a bag, and the invention consists of the arrangement and combination with an open bag-frame comprising therein the hinged frame-sections and a lid pivotally arranged in relation to one of said frame-sections, whereby, the purse or bag may be opened by operating the frame-sections with which said lid is connected, but in order to place money into the purse, all that is necessary is to force the said lid inward and the money can be securely deposited in the bag portion of the purse.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying sheet of drawings, in which similar letters of reference are employed to indicate corresponding parts in each of the several views.

In said views, Figure 1 is a top view of one form of bag or purse frame embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a side view of the frame, showing the arrangement of the bag-portion of a purse. Fig. 3 is a similar view, clearly illustrating the frame sections in their open relation to one another, and a spring-actuated lid pivotally secured to the open frame sections. Fig. 4 is a vertical cross-section taken on line x in Fig. 1, showing the frame-sections and the lid in their closed positions, and Fig. 5 is a similar section, showing the frame sections closed and the lid opened inwardly for depositing a coin in the bag or purse.

The bag or purse on which the improved frame is intended to be used is shown in the drawings, and consists of any ordinary form

of bag or purse b , made of leather or other suitable material.

As indicated in the several figures of the drawings, the mouth closing device, which may be of any suitable outline and configuration, consists essentially of a lower frame-section a secured by means of prongs a' , or in any other well-known manner to the mouth of the bag or purse b . Secured to said lower frame-section a by means of the usual form of hinges a^3 is an upper frame-section a^2 , conforming in outline to the outline of the lower frame-section and being provided with an opening a^4 , as will be clearly seen from Figs. 1, 3, 4 and 5. Of course said frame-section a^2 can be suitably ornamented, and is provided on its under side with a hook-shaped tongue a^5 , which engages with the usual form of spring-catch a^6 , when closed upon the lower frame-section a .

As will be seen more especially from Fig. 3, on the under side of the frame-section a^2 are formed suitable lugs or eyes a^7 to which is pivotally secured by means of the lugs or eyes c' and a pin d , the closing plate or lid c . Encircling said pin d is a light spring e having the projecting ends e' and e^2 , which bear against the said plate c and the frame-section a^2 and thereby act to normally force said plate or lid c against the under side of said frame a^2 and thereby close the opening a^4 in said frame.

When it is desired to deposit a coin or any money into the bag or purse b , all that is necessary is to push the plate or lid c inward and allow the money to drop into the bag, and when the fingers are removed, the said lid or plate c automatically closes the mouth of the bag, as will be understood. Should it be the desire of the person to remove some of the money from the bag, then by a pressure upon the spring catch a^6 , the upper frame-section a^2 and the lid used in connection therewith will assume the position illustrated in Fig. 3 and the fingers can be placed within the mouth of the bag or purse. Of course it will be understood that said lid or plate c can just as well be pivoted to the upper surface of the frame-portion a^2 , but the arrangement illustrated in the accompanying drawings is the preferred form of construction.

The advantage in the arrangement of an upper frame-portion provided with an opening, as stated, and an automatically closing plate or lid used in connection therewith is, that coins or bills can be placed in the bag or purse without first opening the frame-sections, as is the case in purse or bag frames now ordinarily made. Said plate or lid *c*, can also be suitably ornamented, thereby making a pretty and novel form of purse or bag frame and a cheap construction.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A purse or bag frame adapted to be secured to the mouth of a bag, said frame comprising therein, a lower frame-section and an upper frame section pivotally attached to said lower frame-section, said upper frame-section having an opening therein, and a lid or plate pivotally secured to the under side of said upper frame-section, and being adapted to move inwardly when pushed substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. A purse or bag frame adapted to be secured to the mouth of a bag, said frame comprising therein, a lower frame-section and an upper frame-section pivotally attached to said

lower frame section, said upper frame section having an opening therein, and a spring-actuated lid or plate pivotally secured to the under side of said upper frame-section, and being adapted to move inwardly when pushed substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

3. In a purse or bag frame adapted to be secured to the mouth of a bag, in combination with the lower and upper hinged frame-sections, a lid or plate *c* provided with eyes or ears *c'*, for pivotally securing said lid or plate to the under side of said upper frame-section ears or eyes *a'* on the upper of said frame-section, a pin *d* and a spring *e* encircling said pin, for causing the automatic closing of said lid or plate *c* against an opening in the upper frame section, when said lid or plate has been pushed inwardly substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that we claim the invention set forth above we have hereunto set our hands this 20th day of February, 1893.

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