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Safety-Attachment for Pocket-Books.

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Fig. 1.

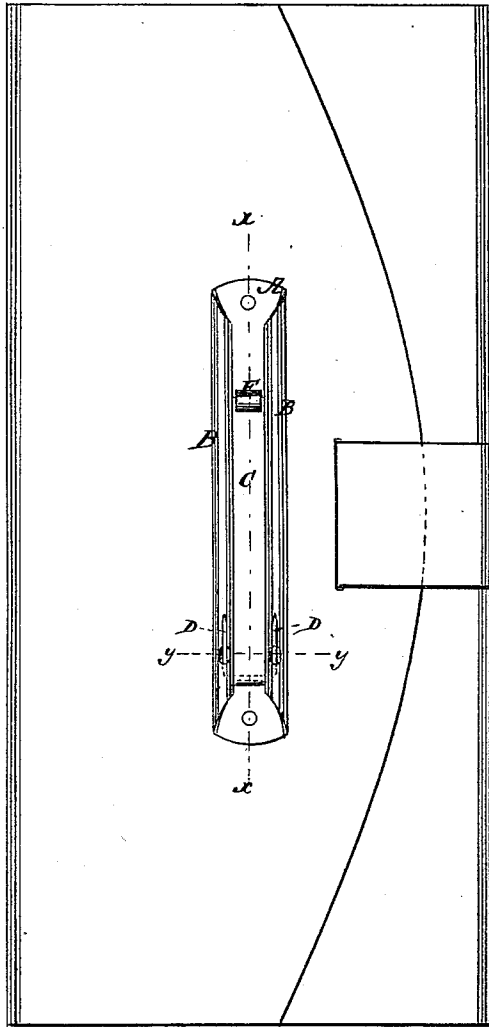


Fig. 2.

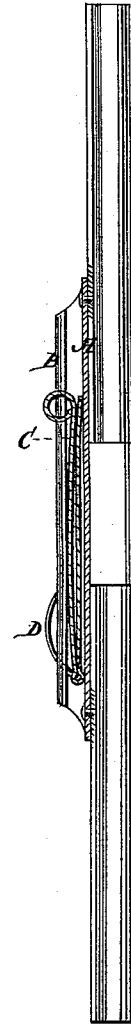
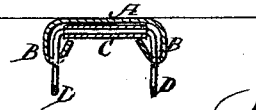


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SAFETY ATTACHMENTS FOR POCKET-BOOKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THADDEUS POTTER, of Jackson, Hinds county, Mississippi, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Safety-Guards for Pocket-Books, of which the following is a specification:

The invention will first be described in connection with drawing, and then pointed out in the claim.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pocket-book with my improved attachment. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section on the line *x x*, Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a cross-section of the attachment on the line *y y*.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A is a plate of sheet metal, with the edges B rolled up to form a groove or way for the spring-slide C to move up and down in. D represents hooks pivoted in the lower end of the slide C, so arranged as to be projected through two holes in the rolled-up edges B, by moving the slide down by means of the head E. The hooks are thus swung out and engaged in the pocket or lining of the garment, and while thus engaged guard against loss or theft of the book. By drawing up the slide the hooks are entirely disengaged and the book released from the pocket. The hooks are also contrived to describe such portion of

a circle by movement of the slide that they cannot become accidentally detached if the slide should inadvertently be pushed down. The motion would fold the hooks closely down to the plate A, and thus prevent harm in handling, or accidental engagement to the pocket or garment. The plate A is attached by riveting each end to the book, and it may be taken off by cutting the rivets, which will be of soft metal. By constructing the slide and the hooks in the plate A the attachment may be made and sold by itself, to be applied to books in use, and it can be applied at a less cost than when it is constructed in the book; and, besides, it can be taken off and put on another book, which will be more economical, as one guard will probably outlast several books.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The combination, with head E and plate A, having rolled-up edges B, of the spring-slide C, having hooks D pivoted in the lower end of slide, and projecting through edges B, as and for the purpose specified.

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