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AGENT'S POCKET BOOK.

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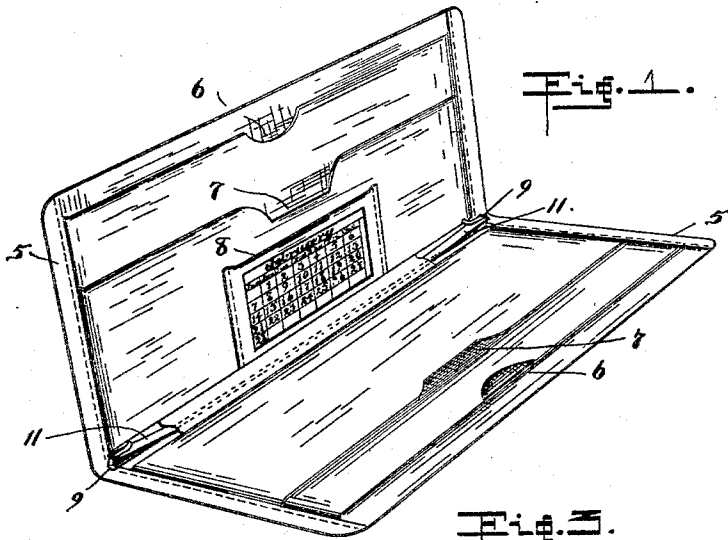


Fig. 1.

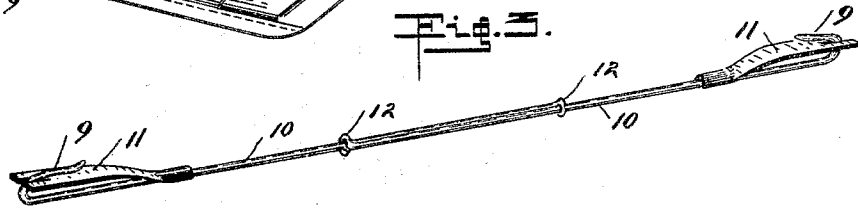


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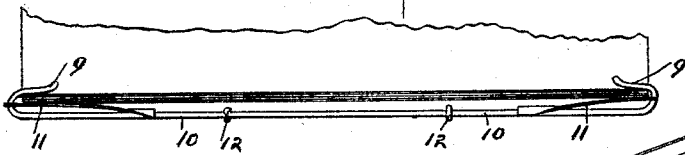
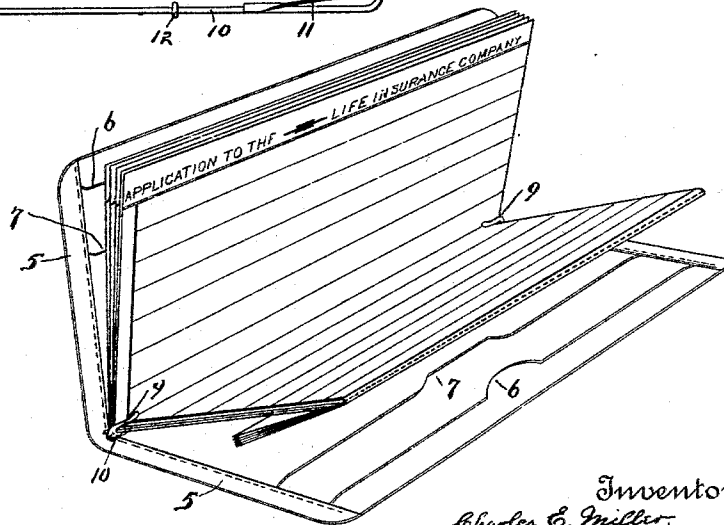


Fig. 4.

Fig. 2.



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## AGENT'S POCKET-BOOK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. MILLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Indianapolis, in the county of Marion and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Agent's Pocket-Book, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in agents' pocket-books.

The object of my invention is to produce a pocket-book particularly adapted for use by life and fire insurance agents, in which pockets are provided to receive various small forms, blotters, &c., and in which is also provided means whereby a number of application-blanks or other blank forms may be detachably secured in the book.

The accompanying drawings illustrate my invention.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved book. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing a number of blank application-forms secured in the book. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the binder, and Fig. 4 is a detail.

In the drawings, 5 5 indicate the outer leaves or the covers of the pocket-book, the said covers being adapted to be folded together in the usual well-known manner. Formed upon the inner side of each leaf are a number of pockets 6 and 7, and upon one of the covers is formed a small pocket 8, adapted to receive a small calendar, the said pockets opening away from the fold in order to facilitate the removal of articles placed therein. Secured to the inner side of the fold between covers 5 5 at each end thereof is a hook 9, the said hooks opening toward each other, and secured to the shank 10 of each hook is a spring 11, the free end of which extends under and engages the free end of the hook. In order to stiffen the back of the pocket-book, each shank 10 is of some length and is provided at its end with an eye 12, which embraces and is longitudinally movable upon the shank of the opposite hook. By this means the hooks may be adjusted toward and from each other to adapt them to blanks or to books of different sizes. If desired, hooks 9 9 may be formed upon the opposite ends of a single piece of

wire. In either case the connecting portion forms a stiffening for the back of the book.

In operation, a number of blank forms which are to be inserted in the book are folded together. One of hooks 9 is then introduced into one end of the fold, spring 11 being depressed by the insertion of the papers. The blanks are then slightly bent and the opposite hook inserted into the opposite end of the fold, the springs 11 holding the blanks in engagement with the hooks, as shown in Fig. 4. As blank after blank is removed from the book, springs 11 continue to hold the remaining blanks up in engagement with the hooks, thus retaining them in the proper position in the book.

It has heretofore been customary for insurance-agents to carry the necessary blank forms either loose in their pockets or in the ordinary form of pocket-book. In either case the forms are being continually misplaced, torn, or defaced. By the above-described device all of the necessary blanks, &c., may be carried in one book and the application-forms are securely held in convenient position ready for use at all times and in all places.

I claim as my invention—

1. As an article of manufacture, a pair of opposed hooks, means for adjustably securing the shanks of said hooks together, and a spring secured to each of said shanks, the free end of each of said springs extending within and engaging one of the hooks, the whole being adapted to be secured within a pocket-book in position to hold papers within said book.

2. The combination with a pocket-book composed of a pair of folding covers, of a pair of opposed hooks mounted one near each end of the fold, and a spring mounted within and cooperating with each of said hooks, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. The combination with a pocket-book composed of a pair of folding covers, of a pair of connected, opposed hooks mounted between said covers, and a spring mounted within and cooperating with each of said hooks, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

4. The combination with a pocket-book

composed of a pair of folding covers, of a pair of opposed hooks mounted one near each end between the covers, an eye formed on the shank of each hook and embracing the shank of the opposite hook, and a spring secured to each shank the free end of said spring extending under and engaging the hook carried

by said shank, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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