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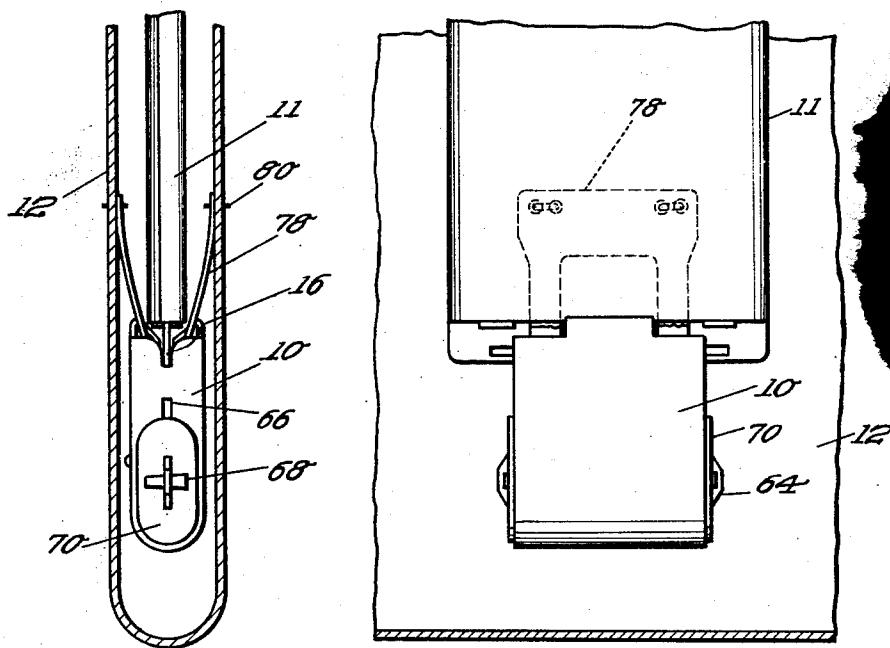


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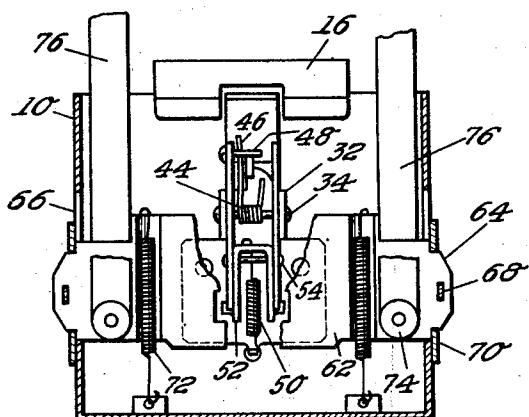


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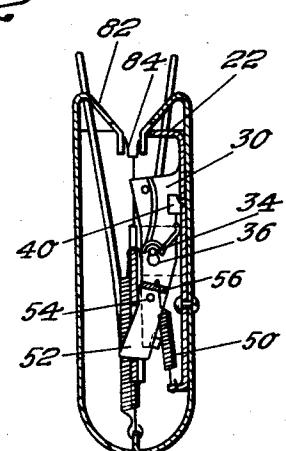


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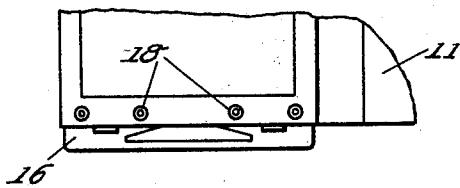


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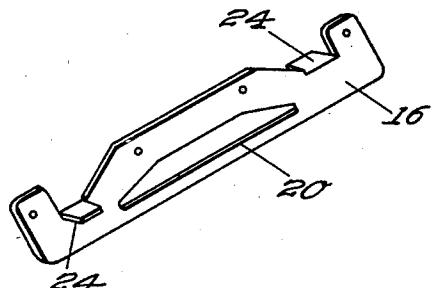


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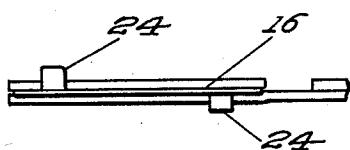


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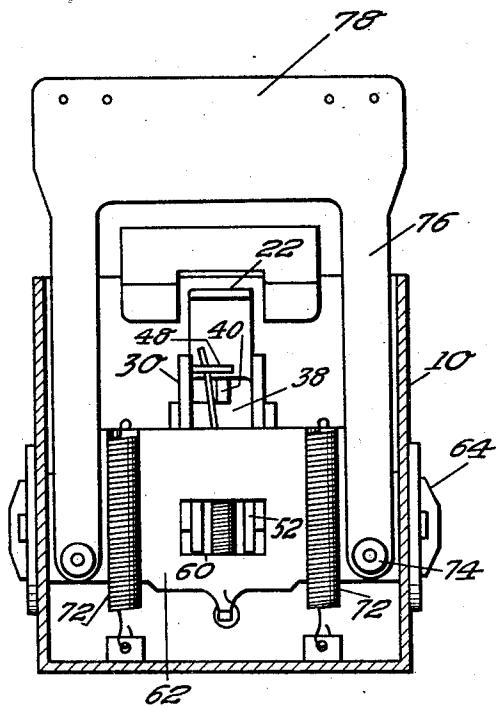
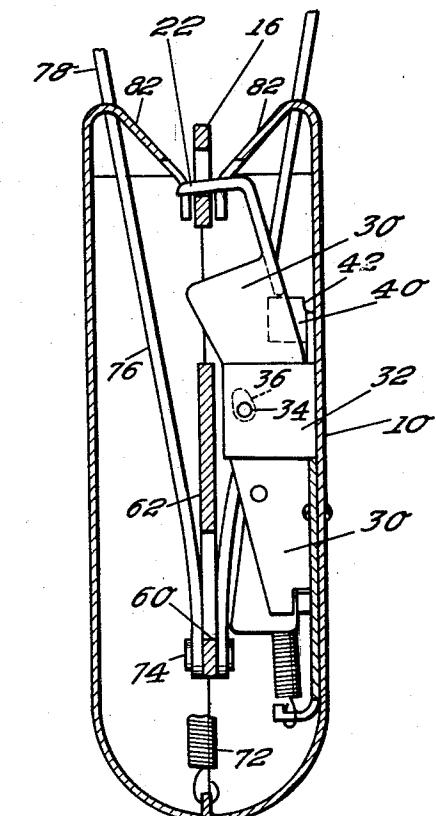


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This invention relates to an improved purse retainer, and has for one of its principal objects the provision of means for positively retaining a purse or similar object in the owner's pocket, thereby eliminating loss due to carelessness or pickpockets.

One of the important objects of this invention is the provision of means for positively and securely retaining a purse or the like in the desired position in the owner's pocket or on the owner's person while at the same time permitting of the ready withdrawal thereof when necessary or desirable with a minimum of effort and time expenditure.

Still another and further important object of this invention is to provide a means for locking or otherwise retaining purses or similar objects in position, which means shall be compact in construction, simple of operation and not at all likely to get out of order, while at the same time affording a maximum protection.

Other and further important objects of the invention will be apparent from the disclosures in the accompanying drawings and following specification.

The invention, in a preferred form, is shown in the drawings and hereinafter more fully described.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a side view of the purse or similar object, showing the improved purse retainer means of this invention applied thereto, and in position in the user's pocket.

Figure 2 is a front view of the purse retainer element in position in a pocket.

Figure 3 is a detail view, showing the inner construction of the purse retainer.

Figure 4 is a side elevation, partly in section, of the purse retainer locking means in open position.

Figure 5 shows the purse with a portion of the retainer element of this invention applied thereto.

Figure 6 is a bottom plan view of the purse retainer shown in Figure 5.

Figure 7 is a perspective view of the element which is attached to the purse.

Figure 8 is an enlarged detail view of the

purse retainer locking element showing the interior construction.

Figure 9 is a sectional view of the device shown in Figure 8, illustrating the same in purse latching position.

As shown in the drawings:

The reference numeral 11 indicates generally a purse or similar object which is adapted to be carried in a pocket 12 or the like, and which purses, usually containing valuable matter, are subject to thievery, and also should be protected against accidental loss.

The present invention resides in the application of a locking means to the pocket to which locking means the purse can be attached and as readily withdrawn by the user, while at the same time accidental loss or removal of the same by a pickpocket is positively prevented.

The locking means of this invention comprises essentially a casing 10 to which the purse is adapted to be removably attached by means of a latch adapted to interfit with the plate 16 which is mounted on one end or edge of the purse by means of screws, rivets, or the like 18, as best shown in Figure 5. This plate 16 has a slot 20 therein adapted for the reception of a latching tongue 22, and the plate is also provided with outwardly extending integral lugs 24, which contact with the lower edges of the other portions of the purse, thereby preventing undesirable buckling when use is made of the locking means.

The latching tongue 22 is slidably and pivotally mounted in the casing 10, this tongue forming the upper end of a channel-shaped member 30, which is pivotally and slidably mounted in a pair of outstanding lugs 32 attached to one side of the casing 10. A pin 34 passes through the lugs 32 and also through the channel walls 30, an elongated opening 36 being provided in the channel walls 30 for slidable reception of the pin 34, whereby this channel element can be moved vertically with respect to the lugs 32 and is also pivotally mounted with respect therewith.

The bottom of the channel member 32 is cut away as shown at 38, and through this opening projects a latching lug or the like 100

40 which is affixed to one side of the casing 10 and which is provided with a shoulder 42 with which is adapted to contact that portion of the channel member 30 adjacent the 5 opening 38 for a locking relationship as best shown in Figure 4. A spring 44 is coiled around the pin 34 and has a free end 46 contacting with a pin 48 so that the entire channel member 30 with its latching end 22 10 will be normally forced outwardly into purse retaining position whenever this member is pushed upwardly and out of contact with the locking shoulder 42 of the lug 40. A spring 50 is provided whereby the channel member 30 is normally pulled downwardly with 15 respect to the casing 10 and into retracted position as shown in Figure 4.

Pivotedly mounted in the lower end of the channel member 30 is a U-shaped element 52, 20 this pivotal mounting being accomplished by means of a pin 54, and the connection between the spring 50 and the channel-shaped member 30 is formed by hooking the upper end of the spring 50 into the cross-piece 56 25 of the U-shaped member 52 as shown in Figure 4.

This connection is behind the pivotal point 54 and tends to force the lower ends of the U-shaped member 52 outwardly into the position illustrated in Figure 4. In this position, the lower edges of the two legs of the U-shaped member 52 contact with the lower edge 60 of an opening formed in a plate 62 which plate is slidably fitted in the casing 10 30 by having its edges 64 protrude through slots 66 formed in the ends of the casing 10. The ends 64 of the plate 62 are formed with openings therein through which are fitted wedge-shaped locking elements 68 which in turn 35 maintain plate 70 in position whereby the plate 62 is positively maintained in a proper horizontal position with respect to the casing 10 while at the same time being allowed to 40 freely slide in the slot 66. A pair of helical springs 72 are fastened to the top of the plate 62 and to the bottom of the casing 10, 45 whereby this plate is normally maintained in the lower ends of the slot 66.

Fastened by means of rivets 74 or the like 50 to the lower edges of the plate 62 are straps 76 which terminate in extensions 78 which pass upwardly through openings in the top of the casing 10 and are adapted to be fastened by means of stitching or the like 80 to 55 the interior opposite sides of a pocket 12.

When it is desired to lock the purse in position in the user's pocket, it is merely placed in the pocket with the plate 16 lowermost, and the plate 16 will slide down between the 60 straps 78 and then into the slot formed in the top of the casing 10, the plate being guided by the inturned sloping edges 82 of the upper portion of the casing 10 as best 65 shown in Figure 9. Upon contacting with the bottom of the slot 84, downward pres-

sure by the operator will cause the sides of the casing 10 to move downwardly with respect to the plate 62 which plate is maintained in relative position by means of the attached straps 76-78.

Downward motion of the casing 10 with its interior appurtenances will cause pressure to be exerted between the lower ends of the legs 52 and the edge 60 of the opening in the plate 62 whereupon the U-shaped member 52 will be forced upwardly against the tension of the spring 50, as this member is mounted by means of the pin 54 in the channel-shaped element 30. This channel-shaped element will also be constrained to move relatively upwardly in the casing 10 lifting it out of locking position with respect to the notch 42, and allowing the coil spring 44 to force the latching element 22 forwardly 75 into locking position with respect to the opening 20 in the plate 16. In this way, the purse is securely locked in position against accidental loss and even against unauthorized withdrawal thereof by a thief or pickpocket.

In order to release the purse, the operator exercises a downward pressure thereon forcing the casing 10 downwardly and causing a relative upward motion of the plate 62 which contacts with the forwardly projecting edges 95 of the channel-shaped member 30 as illustrated in Figure 9, forcing the latch member 22 rearwardly into the position shown in Figure 4 whereupon the purse can be withdrawn inasmuch as the channel-shaped member is held in retracted position by the notch 42.

It will be evident that herein is provided a simple yet convenient and positively operating means for securely locking purses or similar articles in an owner's pocket or the like, and which while positively preventing accidental loss or deliberate thievery thereof, will at the same time render quite easy the withdrawal of the purse or other object by the legitimate owner or user. Further, the device is very compact, can be readily installed, and is not at all likely to become damaged or to get out of order in use.

I am aware that many changes may be made and numerous details of construction varied throughout a wide range without departing from the principles of this invention, and I, therefore, do not purpose limiting the patent granted hereon otherwise than as necessitated by the prior art.

I claim as my invention:

1. A purse retainer, including in combination, an element adapted to be attached to a purse, and a locking means for removable association with such element, said locking means adapted to be attached to the interior of a pocket, and comprising a spring-impelled latch, said latch being normally maintained

in open position for the reception and later securing of a purse.

2. A purse retainer, including in combination, an element adapted to be attached to a purse, and a locking means for removable association with such element, said locking means adapted to be attached to the interior of a pocket, and comprising a spring-impelled latch, said latch being normally maintained in open position for the reception and later securing of a purse, and means for impelling the latch into purse securing position upon application of the purse thereto.

3. A locking means for purses, adapted to be secured to the interior of a pocket, said locking means comprising a casing, a retractable latch in the casing, straps for securing the casing to the interior of a pocket, and means connected with the straps for operating the retractable latch, said means comprising a plate slidably mounted in the casing, said plate having an opening therein, and latch releasing means operatively connected with the lower edge of the opening.

4. A locking means for purses, adapted to be secured to the interior of a pocket, said locking means comprising a casing, a retractable latch in the casing, straps for securing the casing to the interior of a pocket, and means connected with the straps for operating the retractable latch, said means comprising a plate slidably mounted in the casing, said plate having an opening therein, and latch releasing means operatively connected with the lower edge of the opening, together with latch retracting means operatively associated with the upper edge of the plate.

5. A locking means for purses, adapted to be secured to the interior of a pocket, said locking means comprising a casing, a retractable latch in the casing, straps for securing the casing to the interior of a pocket, and means connected with the straps for operating the retractable latch, said means comprising a plate slidably mounted in the casing, said plate having an opening therein, and latch releasing means operatively connected with the lower edge of the opening, said latch releasing means comprising a U-shaped element having its legs normally projecting through said opening, said element adapted to be moved upwardly upon a corresponding relative upward movement of the plate.

6. A locking means for purses, adapted to be secured to the interior of a pocket, said locking means comprising a casing, a retractable latch in the casing, straps for securing the casing to the interior of a pocket, and means connected with the straps for operating the retractable latch, said means comprising a plate slidably mounted in the casing, said plate having an opening therein, and latch releasing means operatively connected

nected with the lower edge of the opening, together with latch retracting means operatively associated with the upper edge of the plate, said latch-retracting means comprising a channel-shaped element pivotally and slidably mounted in the casing, and adapted to be moved rearwardly about its pivotal mounting upon a relative upward motion of the plate thereagainst.

7. A locking means for purses, adapted to be secured to the interior of a pocket, said locking means comprising a casing, a retractable latch in the casing, straps for securing the casing to the interior of a pocket, and means connected with the straps for operating the retractable latch, said means comprising a plate slidably mounted in the casing, said plate having an opening therein, and latch releasing means operatively connected with the lower edge of the opening, said latch releasing means comprising a U-shaped element having its legs normally projecting through said opening, said element adapted to be moved upwardly upon a corresponding relative upward movement of the plate, together with springs for normally maintaining the plate in its lowermost position and the U-shaped element in position with its legs projecting through the opening in the plate.

8. A locking means for purses, adapted to be secured to the interior of a pocket, said locking means comprising a casing, a retractable latch in the casing, straps for securing the casing to the interior of a pocket, and means connected with the straps for operating the retractable latch, said means comprising a plate slidably mounted in the casing, said plate having an opening therein, and latch releasing means operatively connected with the lower edge of the opening, together with latch retracting means operatively associated with the upper edge of the plate, said latch-retracting means comprising a channel-shaped element pivotally and slidably mounted in the casing, and adapted to be moved rearwardly about its pivotal mounting upon a relative upward motion of the plate thereagainst, together with a coil spring for normally forcing the channel-shaped member with its attached latch into forward purse locking position.

9. A locking means for purses, adapted to be secured to the interior of a pocket, said locking means comprising a casing, a retractable latch in the casing, straps for securing the casing to the interior of a pocket, and means connected with the straps for operating the retractable latch, said means comprising a plate slidably mounted in the casing, said plate having an opening therein, and latch releasing means operatively connected with the lower edge of the opening, together with latch retracting means operatively associated with the upper edge of the plate, said latch-retracting means comprising

a channel-shaped element pivotally and slidably mounted in the casing, and adapted to be moved rearwardly about its pivotal mounting upon a relative upward motion of the 5 plate thereagainst, together with a coil spring for normally forcing the channel-shaped member with its attached latch into forward purse locking position, and a notched lug fastened to the casing and projecting through 10 an opening in the bottom of the channel-shaped member, and adapted for locking contact with the corresponding edge of the opening in the channel-shaped member for retaining the latch forming part of said channel-shaped member in purse releasing position.

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