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COMBINED PUZZLE PURSE AND RECEPTACLE.

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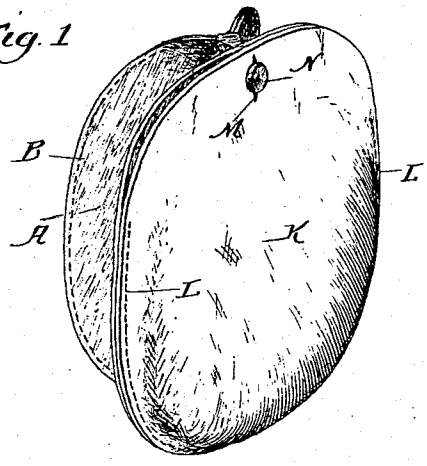
Fig. 1



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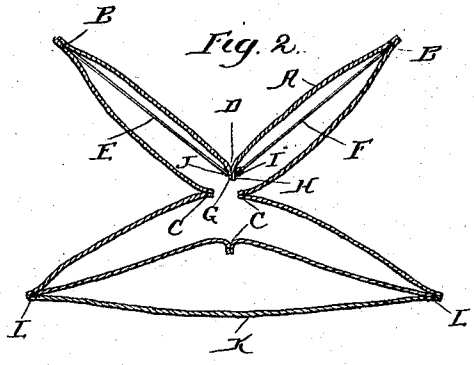

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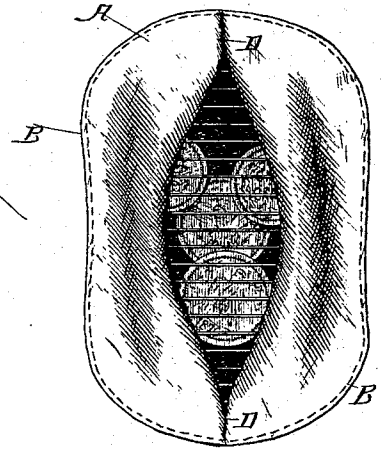

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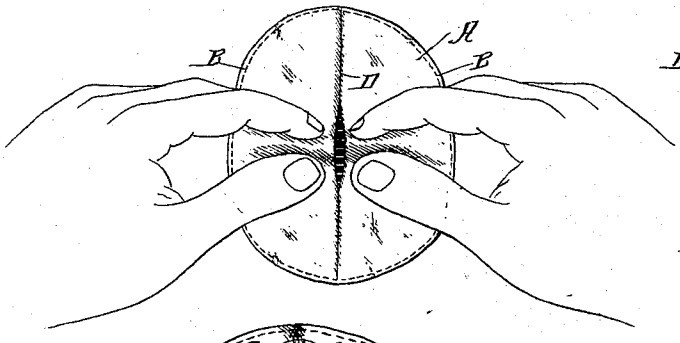

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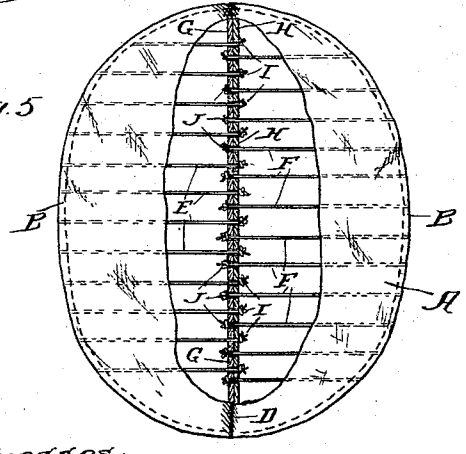

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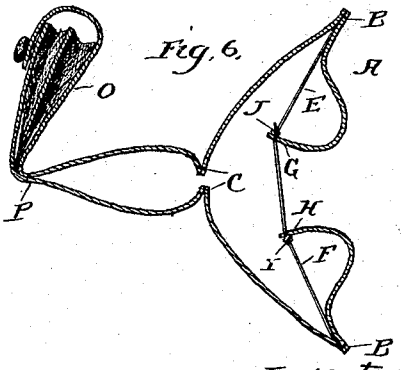

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM GROSS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Puzzle Purse and Receptacle, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in combined puzzle purses and pocket-books or similar receptacles, and has for its object to provide a device of this description which, after coin or other money has been placed in the puzzle-section thereof, none but those familiar with the method of opening this receptacle will be capable of doing so; and the general appearance of the device will be that of a completely-closed envelop, while at the same time combined with this puzzle-section is a receptacle which may be of such a design to be used as a tobacco-pouch, or it may be such as to be used as a pocket-book or card-case.

With these ends in view my invention consists in the details of construction and combination of elements hereinafter set forth and then specifically designated by the claims.

In order that those skilled in the art to which this invention appertains may understand how to make and use the same, I will describe its construction and operation in detail, referring by number to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective of my improvement embodying the puzzle-purse and tobacco-pouch; Fig. 2, a cross-section thereof. Fig. 3 is a view illustrating the method of opening the puzzle-section; Fig. 4, a similar view, on a larger scale, showing this section open; Fig. 5, a plan view looking from the opposite side of the device from that upon which the opening is formed, a portion of the material from which it is made being broken away, so as to clearly show the position of the several cords therein; and Fig. 6, a cross-section illustrating the positions assumed by the parts when opened and showing an ordinary pocket-book or card-case formed with the puzzle-purse.

In carrying out my invention I take a number of sections A of cloth or other suitable material which have the desired shape, preferably a single straight edge and a curved edge, which may be of any contour, and stitch or otherwise secure these sections together at their curved edges, as indicated at B. I also stitch these compound sections, made as just described, together, as at C, but omitting the stitching together of the meeting edges of one of the sections, as indicated at D, so that it will be seen that a receptacle thus formed will be closed throughout except upon the line D, and this is the opening through which coins or other articles are to be placed within or abstracted from the purse. In order that this opening may be so closed as to have the appearance of the other straight meeting edges of the device, the cords E and F each are threaded through both the inturned edges G and H, each cord E having a knot I formed upon its end so as to bear against the edge H and be prevented from withdrawing therefrom, and its opposite end secured by any suitable means to the outer curved edge of the section upon which the edge G is formed, and each of the cords F are similarly arranged, but in the opposite direction, so that their knotted ends J bear against the edge G, and their opposite ends are secured to the outer curved edge of the section upon which the straight edge H is formed, as clearly shown in Fig. 5. This permits of the two edges G and H being separated from each other by drawing thereon without grasping the cords, and this is accomplished by puckering the sections with the forefinger of each hand, as shown in Fig. 3, and pulling outward, the result of which will be that the cords E will be drawn through the edge G and the cords F through the edge H, the sections assuming the position shown in Fig. 6, when articles may be placed within the purse or abstracted therefrom with little or no difficulty by pressing the cords sidewise.

To close the opening thus formed, it is only necessary to grasp the outer edges of the sections and draw thereon with sufficient force to close the cords E and F to return the sections G and H to their respective central position and in contact with each other, when this line will present the same appearance as those that have been permanently stitched together, and the harder the outer edges are

pulled upon the tighter will the opening be closed, as will be readily understood.

In combining the tobacco-pouch with a purse of this construction it is only necessary to provide a section K, whose outline is substantially that of two of the sections after being stitched together, and securing this section K at its outer edges to the outer edges L of the other section, as clearly shown in Fig. 2, when a compartment will be formed between the puzzle-purse and the section K. It is to be noted that one end of the sections K is not stitched to the purse, thus leaving a flap M, which, when turned back, will provide a sufficient opening through which tobacco or other material may be inserted in the compartment formed by this section.

Any suitable fastening, such as a button N, may be provided for the securing of the flap in place when it is desired to close this compartment.

In combining an ordinary pocket-book or card-case with the puzzle-purse the pocket-book O, of any design, is secured thereto in any suitable manner at P, and it is preferable to have this pocket-book of such size relative to the puzzle-purse that it may fold within one of the compound sections thereof, and thus make a neat appearance.

It is obvious that any number of sections may be used in constructing my improvement, and I do not wish to be limited to either the material of which the device is made or the design of its construction.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and useful is—

1. In a device of the character described, a purse formed of a number of sections of suitable material having a single straight edge and curved edge, the curved edges of each pair of sections being stitched together, the straight edge of one pair stitched to the straight edge of the adjacent pair leaving the last two straight edges unstitched, cords threaded through the last two straight edges and knotted, said edges being turned inward, said cords extending alternately from the adjacent curved edges and a receptacle formed with the first-named sections by a section provided with a flap, as and for the purpose described.

2. The herein-described combination of a number of sections having certain of their edges stitched together, the edges G and H, turned inward, the cords E and F, passing through said edges having knots I and J, formed thereon respectively, the opposite end of said cords being secured to the outer edges of the sections, whereby the edges G and H, may be drawn apart or closed, and a receptacle formed with the first-named sections, by a section K, being secured thereto, said section K, provided with a flap M, adapted to be closed or opened, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

3. In a device of the character described, a purse formed of a number of sections of suitable material having a single straight edge and a curved edge, the curved edges of a pair of sections being stitched together and the straight edges of each pair being stitched to the straight edges of the adjacent pair leaving the last two edges unfastened, cords threaded through the unturned edges of the last two straight edges and knotted, said cords extending alternately from the adjacent curved edges and a receptacle formed with said purse by a section having the outline of two of the sections after being stitched together, the outer edges of said section being stitched to the edges of two adjacent sections and having one end unstitched leaving a flap adapted to be secured to the sections by any suitable means as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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