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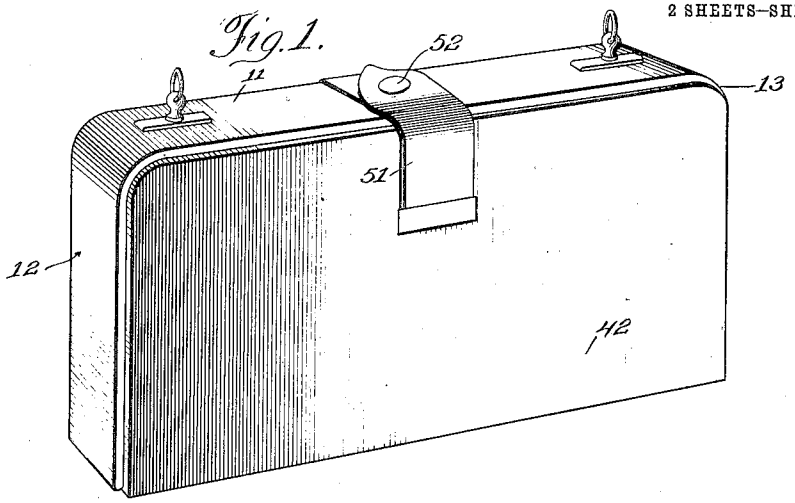


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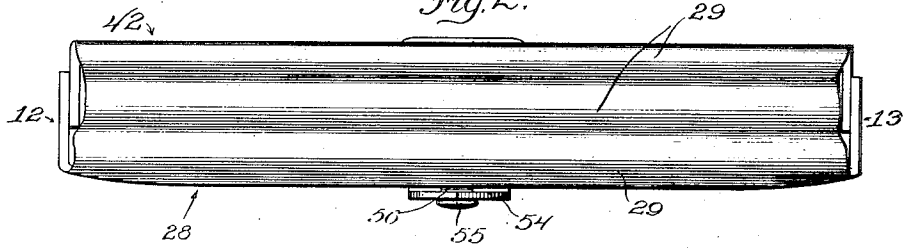
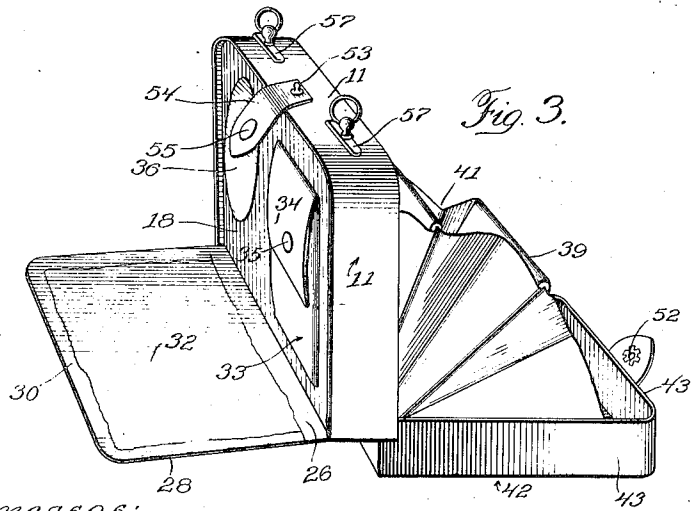


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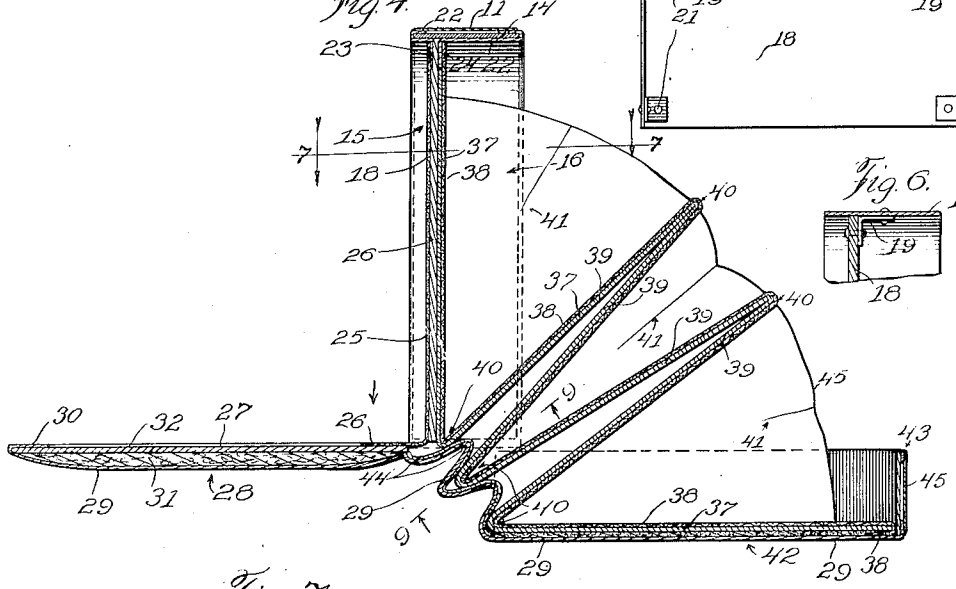


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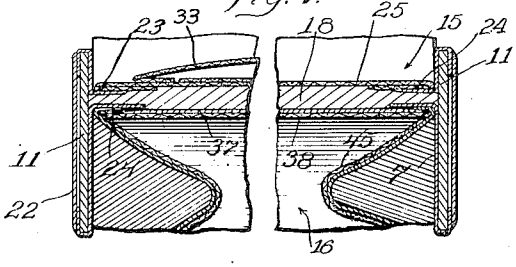


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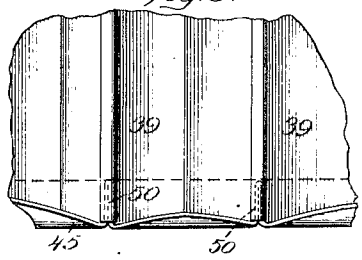


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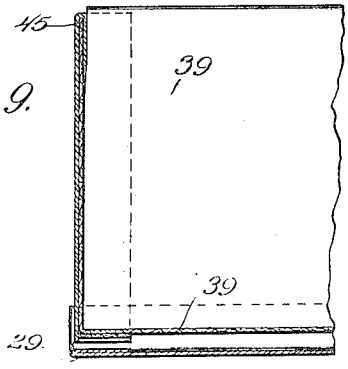
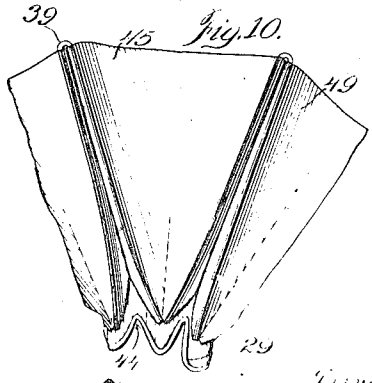


Fig. 10.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN GEISSLER, a citizen of the United States, and resident of the city of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket-Books, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification.

This invention relates to improvements in pocketbooks, provided with receptacles especially adapted for containing paper money, and which may also be provided with an opposing compartment separated from the money compartments for containing a writing tablet, a mirror, and a face powder or other receptacle, when desired.

The prime object of my invention is a pocketbook of maximum capacity for paper money, yet adapted for retaining coins and holding them from escaping from the pocketbook upon opening it, which book is of maximum strength consistent with minimum lightness, is convenient of access and for carrying, is presentable to the eye, and is so constructed that it may be suspended from a chain.

A further object of my invention is a money receptacle, the form of which simulates a library book, the pages of which are inclosed by a metal strip strengthening the book in its entirety and so constructed that when the money pockets are folded to a closed position a rim surrounding the same projects substantially entirely within the metallic edge, or rim.

A further object of my invention is to so secure the immovable divisions, or partitions to the metallic rim that they are not only readily held in operative position but are stiffened by the rim against bending or warping, or becoming loose, and otherwise injured.

Another object of the invention is to provide a means whereby the money compartments when closed are confined entirely within a substantially narrow metallic rim in such a manner that provision is made opposite thereto within the rim, for a receptacle containing a mirror and a face powder receptacle concealed by a hinged cover, the inner face of which forms the writing tablet and which, like the money receptacle, folds entirely within a metallic rim.

A further object of my invention is a pocketbook of the character above described, which provides for the employment of a minimum number of pieces, such as stiffenings, linings of silk and leather, and for the ends of the accordion folds of the money receptacle, may be employed, and the pocketbook as a whole be made very substantial and attractive at a minimum cost of production.

With these ends in view, my invention finds embodiment in certain features of novelty in the construction, combination, and arrangement of parts by which the said objects and certain other objects are hereinafter attained, all as fully described with reference to the accompanying drawings and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

In said drawings: Figure 1 illustrates in perspective a pocketbook in which my invention finds embodiment as it appears when closed. Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view thereof. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the pocketbook in its open position. Fig. 4 is a transverse section through the open pocketbook. Fig. 5 is a plan view indicating the location of clips for readily securing in its operative position the panel dividing the two compartments of the pocketbook. Fig. 6 is a double cross section thereon on the line 5, 5, looking in the direction of the arrows. Fig. 7 is a double section with parts broken away, showing the location of the linings and coverings for metallic strip and the structure separating the money receptacle from the opposing compartment. Fig. 8 is a detailed top plan view of the accordion plaits of the money receptacle showing the location and arrangement thereon with reference to the divisions thereof. Fig. 9 is a detailed plan view on the line 9, 9, of Fig. 4, and Fig. 10 is a detailed end elevation of the money receptacle.

Similar characters of reference indicate the same parts in the several figures of the drawing.

The top edge 11 and the end edges 12 and 13 of a pocketbook in which my invention best finds embodiment preferably consist of a strip of metal, tin for example, bent to form, and of a width providing for a toilet article receptacle 15, and a money receptacle 16, separated by a partition 18, which may be of pasteboard or stiff cardboard, at the four corners of which are bent metal clips 19 secured to the rim by rivets 20 and to the partition 18 by the rivets 21.

The outer face of the rim is preferably

covered with leather 22, which may be in one piece extending over the edges of the rim and cemented thereto, with its ends 23 and 24, over-lapped and glued, or cemented to the wall, or partition 18, the location of the partition 18 with reference to the rim being such that the toilet article receptacle pocket 15 is of substantially less depth than the money receptacle 16.

The face of the partition 18 adjacent the toilet article receptacle 15 is provided with a lining 25, which may be of silk, or other suitable material, having projecting end 26 over-lapping and cemented to a pasteboard 27, forming a cover 28 for the toilet article receptacle 15, and which when closed lies within the adjacent edges of the rim of the book.

The outer face of the cover 28, being preferably faced with leather 29, the projecting end 30 of which over-laps and is cemented to the partition 27 and there may be and preferably is a padding 31 between the leather and the pasteboard, the over-lapping 30 providing a border for a memorandum writing tablet 32.

Stitched, or otherwise secured to the lining 25 is a pocket 33, provided with a flap 34 and a snap button 35, and between this pocket and the opposite end of the partition 18 is a mirror 36, which although generally small and round, may occupy the entire face between the pocket 33 and the rims of the toilet article receptacle.

The side of the partition 18 adjacent the money pocket 16 is lined with a paper panel 37 glued thereto and preferably covered with silk or satin 38, which panel 37 is continuous with a number of panels 39, 39, by the reverse bends thereof forming flexible money pockets 41, and extending thence forms a lining, or facing of the cover 42 over which extends the leather covering 29.

The cover 42 is provided on three of its sides with a rim 43 adapted to fit within the money receptacle 16, and serves as a receptacle on opening the pocketbook for preventing coins from falling out of the book, the cover 42 with its rim being flexibly hinged to the cover 28 by folds in the leather covering 29, which between the two covers may be stiffened by a paper lining 44.

The ends of the money pockets 41 are closed at each end by accordion plaited strips 45, 45, which may be of leather or woven fabric or both, with the one forming the lining for the other, the ends of which project between partition 18 and a lining 38 and at their opposite adjacent ends between the upper panel 37, and its lining 38 where it is glued, the accordion plaits in the ends of the pockets being formed by reverse folds therein, the upper and outer folds of which, as indicated in Figs. 3, 8, 9, and 10, project inwardly between the folds 40 of the partition 39 and to which they may be glued at their outer adjacent opposite sides; in other words, by means of folds 50 in the accordion strips 49, 49 and their alternate projection between the folds of the partition 39, a means is provided by which one piece strips may be used at each end of the pockets.

As a means for holding the free edge of the receptacle 42 within and flush with the edge of the money compartment 16, a strap 51 is secured to the cover 42, and fastened to the rim of the book by engagement of the female member 52 with the male member 53 of a snap button fastener, the male member 53 of which also serves to rivet the strap 54 for holding the cover 28 in a closed position within the rim to which it is fastened by means of a snap button, consisting of a female member 55 and a male member 56, as indicated in Figs. 2 and 3. In this connection, it is proper to observe that the cover 28 when locked in its closed position is confined in its entirety within the rim and flush with the outer edges thereof, and that while this is substantially true of the cover 42 when empty, or with but little paper money in it, the flexibility permits the plaits in the bottom to expand under pressure and thereby prevent the side face of the covers from being bulged when the pocketbook is somewhat stuffed with money, or other articles.

By the employment of a metallic rim forming the top and two side edges of the pocketbook, the book in its entirety is stiffened and retained in shape, the covers are suspended therefrom and an effective means is provided by which the book may be suspended from, or carried by a chain secured to ring plates 57 fastened to the metallic rim by legs (not shown) projected through and clenched upon the under side of the metallic rim, the stiffness of the rim, although of quite thin metal, preventing its being bent by the imposed load contemplated to be carried by the book.

My invention includes a pocketbook simulating in form a reading book, the top and ends of the edges of which are stiffened by a flat metal strip, or other stiffening means, having hinged thereto a money receptacle folded entirely within the rim, between which rim and the cover of the money receptacle are flexible money pockets, and is therefore not limited to the employment in connection therewith of an opposing hinged cover and toilet article receptacle, such as is hereinbefore described, but includes a cover for the side of the pocketbook opposite the money receptacle fitting entirely within the rim and which may be hinged or affixed to the rim. My invention therefore is not limited to the details of construction by which these several partitions are built up, of stiff-

enings and covers, but does extend to pocketbooks so constructed and in which the inner face of the rim is continuous and is folded to form a number of money pockets and the facing for a cover provided with a flange projecting entirely within the rim and connected thereto by folds forming a flexible hinge continuous with and forming the facing of the covers for the pocketbook.

Having described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A book form pocketbook, the top and end edges of which are continuous, and form flat, and a stiffened rim, covers therefor, one of which covers is provided with a flange separate from and adapted to be projected and fit within the rim, a facing for said cover and the opposing side of the book in one piece and having folds therein forming a flexible hinge connecting said covers and a flexible connection between one of said covers and the rim.

2. A pocketbook, the rim of which is stiffened with a flat metallic strip bent to form the top and end edges thereof, a partition dividing said rim into two compartments, clips riveted to the rim and partition, covers for said compartments, both of which closely fit within said rim, and a flexible hinge connecting said covers with each other and with the partition.

3. A pocketbook, the rim of which consists of a flat metallic strip and a cover therefor, the ends of which strip extend at a right angle to the top surface thereof, a partition dividing said rim into two compartments extending the length and width of the rim, covers therefor, one of which is provided with a flange fitting within the rim, a lining for said partition, one of the covers forming a hinged connection therewith, a one piece facing for connecting both of said covers, provided with a fold therein forming a hinge joining said covers.

4. A pocketbook comprising a flat metallic rim bent to form, a side and two end edges at right angles thereto, a partition in said rim, clips riveted thereto and to the rim, a covering for said metallic strip overlapping said partition, a flanged cover fitting within said rim, and a one piece strip lining said partition and cover, having folds thereof forming pockets between the cover and partition.

5. A pocket book provided with separated, opposing, stiffened, flat rims forming the top and side edges thereof, and adapted to fit one within the other, covers therefor, and a facing for said covers provided with a plurality of folds forming a hinge connecting the opposing rims.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 12th day of August A D. 1913.

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