

F. H. SMITH.
Pocket-Books.

No. 152,876.

Patented July 7, 1874.

Fig. 1.

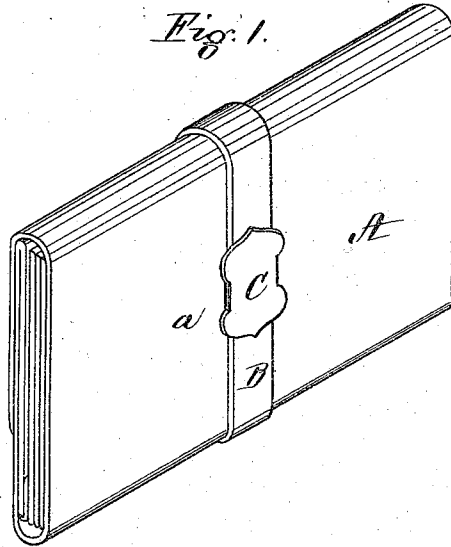


Fig. 2.

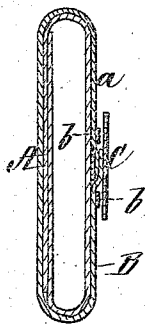


Fig. 3.

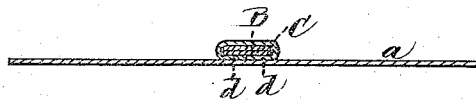


Fig. 4.

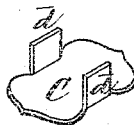
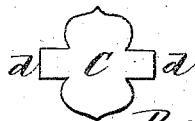


Fig. 5.



Witnesses,
W. J. Cambridge
C. N. C. O'ry.

Inventor,
Frederic H. Smith
Per Teschemacher & Stearns
Attorneys.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

FREDERICK H. SMITH, OF PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

IMPROVEMENT IN POCKET-BOOKS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **152,876**, dated July 7, 1874; application filed June 15, 1874.

CASE B.

To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, FREDERICK H. SMITH, of the city and county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented an Improvement in Pocket-Books, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view representing a pocket-book having my improvement applied thereto. Figs. 2 and 3 are sections. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of my clasp detached and in an inverted position. Fig. 5 represents the same before it is bent into shape.

The ends of the elastic band usually employed for closing pocket-books when not in use have heretofore either been stitched to the cover, and the joint thus formed concealed by a narrow strip of leather, known as the "bar," or the ends of the elastic have been stitched directly to the bar, which methods are objectionable for the reason that when the elastic is worn out it is difficult to attach a new one in place.

My invention has for its object to overcome the above-mentioned objections; and consists in a metallic clasp provided with tongues, which are pressed tightly down upon the lapped or united ends of the elastic placed between them, each end of the elastic being previously passed under a bar, the clasp serving to conceal the whole, whereby a neat, secure, and permanent fastening is afforded, which at the same time admits of the elastic being conveniently replaced when worn out without the necessity of stitching.

To enable others skilled in the art to understand and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the manner in which I have carried it out.

In the said drawings, A represents a pocket-book, the back *a* of which is provided with two bars, *b b*, under each of which is passed one end of an elastic band, B, the two ends of the band being lapped and cemented together, if desired. C is a metallic plate, of the form seen in Fig. 5, being provided with two tongues, *d d*, opposite each other, which are bent over and pressed tightly down upon the lapped ends of the elastic, so as to hold them securely in position, the plate with its tongues serving as a clasp, which, when drawn down upon the back *a* by pulling the elastic in opposite directions, conceals both the bars *b b* and the lapped ends of the elastic, thus forming a neat, cheap, and secure fastening.

When the elastic B is worn out, it is simply necessary to raise and turn over the clasp C, and lift the tongues *d d*, when the elastic may be readily removed and replaced, no stitching being required.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The clasp C, with its tongues *d d*, in combination with the elastic B and the bars *b b* of a pocket-book, and operating substantially as and for the purpose described.

Witness my hand this 11th day of June, A. D. 1874.

F. H. SMITH.

In presence of—

N. W. STEARNS,
W. J. CAMBRIDGE.