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Pocket-Book Frame.

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Fig: 1.

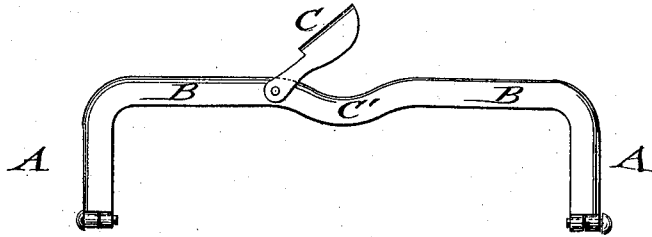
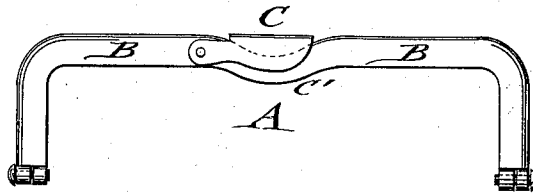


Fig: 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN POCKET-BOOK FRAMES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BART M. J. BLANK, of Jersey City Heights, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Pocket-Book Frame, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figures 1 and 2 represent side views of my improved pocket-book frame, one with the clasp opened, the other with the clasp closed, on the jaws.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention relates to such an improvement in the frames of pocket-books and similar articles by which the projection of the clasp above the jaws of the frame, and the consequent marking and wearing out of the inclosing leather flap of the pocket-book, are avoided, and a neater shape of the frame obtained. The invention consists of the indenting of the middle part of the jaws to the length of the clasp, so that the same closes thereon at a level with the adjoining parts of the jaws.

In the drawing, A represents a pocket-frame with hinged jaws B, and a common pivoted clasp, C, that admits the opening or closing of the frame when raised above or brought

down on the jaws. A part, C', of each jaw, equal to the length of the clasp C, is indented in curved or angular manner at the point where the clasp locks over the same, the indentation being of such a degree that the bridge part of the clasp is at or slightly below the level of the adjoining parts of the jaw, so that thereby the projecting of the clasp above the jaws, and the consequent marking and wearing out of the inclosing leather flap of the pocket-book, are avoided, and also the appearance of the pocket-book or other article greatly enhanced.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A frame for pocket-books and similar articles of manufacture in which the hinged jaws are indented to about the length of the pivoted clasp at the point where the same binds over the jaws, so that the clasp, when locked, is on or below the level of the jaws, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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