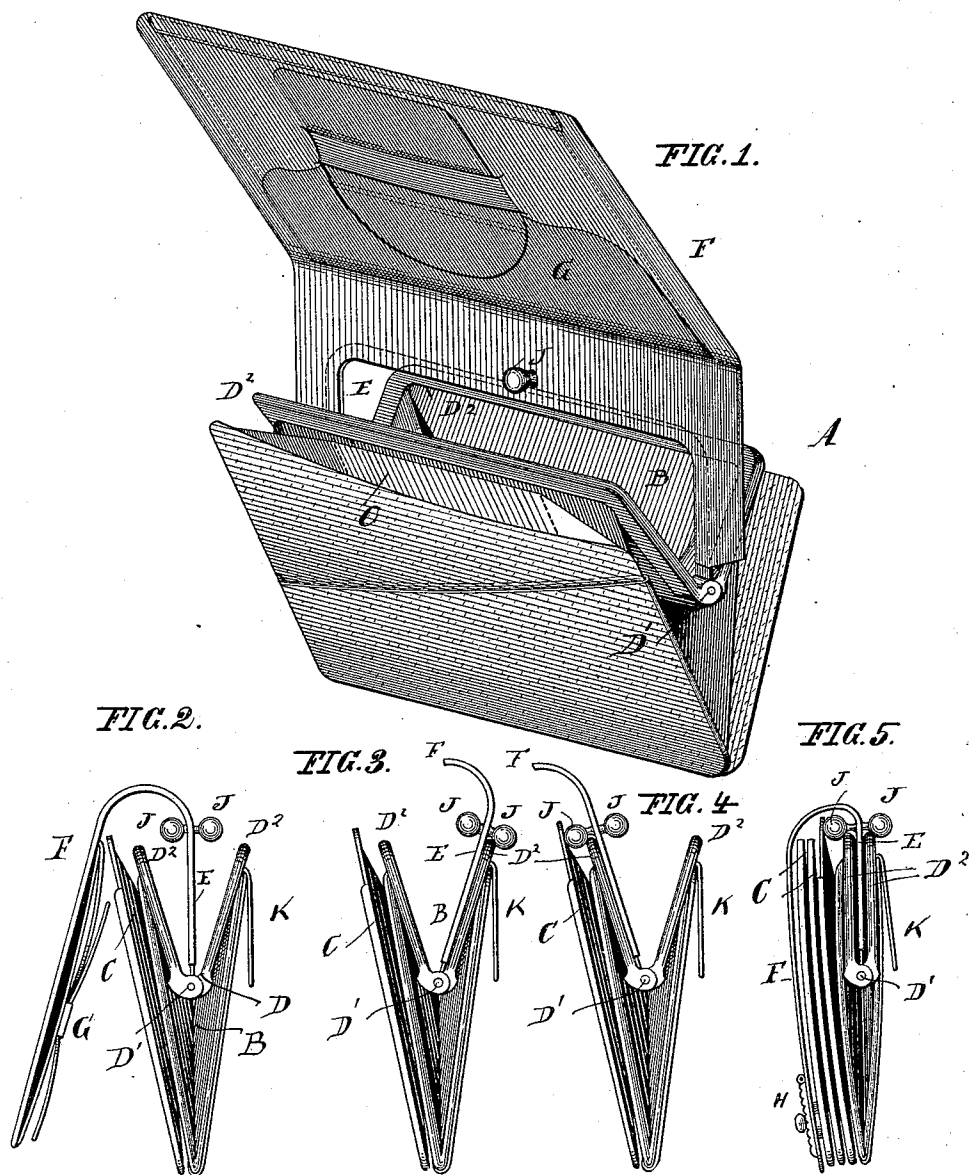


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS HUMMEL, a citizen of Germany, and a resident of New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket-Books, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in pocket-books; and the object of my invention is to provide a pocket-book which is so constructed that the change pocket or compartment in the same can be opened from the outside without opening the entire pocket-book, and can also be reached from the inside when the entire pocket-book is opened.

The invention consists in a pocket-book provided with a change-pocket having the U-shaped side piece of a hinged frame secured to its edges, a U-shaped piece mounted to swing on the pivots of the side pieces, said U-shaped pieces being provided with a flap adapted to fold over one side of the pocket-book, and catches for locking one or both of the side pieces on the hinged frame to the swinging U-shaped piece between them.

The invention also consists in the construction and combination of parts and details, which will be fully described hereinafter, and finally pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved pocket-book, showing the same opened at both sides; and Figs. 2, 3, 4, and 5 are end views of the same, showing the parts in different positions.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The pocket-book A is constructed in the usual manner with a change pocket or compartment B and one or more compartments C for bills, cards, &c.

Figs. 1, 2, 3, and 4 show a pocket-book with three compartments C. To the edges of the flaps forming the change pocket or compartment B a hinged metal frame D is secured, which opens and closes as said pocket or compartment is opened or closed and is composed of the U-shaped side pieces D². A U-shaped or stirrup-shaped metal or other piece E is mounted on the pivots D' of the frame D to swing between the two hinged side pieces D², constituting said frame D, and to said U-

shaped or stirrup-shaped metal piece E a flap F is secured in any suitable manner. In the pocket-book shown the flap is so constructed as to embrace said U-shaped piece E. The flap F folds over that side of the pocket-book containing the compartment C. As shown in Figs. 1 to 4, said flap F is provided on its inner side with the pocket G for bills; or said flap can be constructed without the pockets and may be provided at its free edge with a clasp H, as shown in Fig. 5, for locking it to the pocket-book. On said U-shaped piece E a fastening-cap J is provided on each side, which catches J J can engage the upper edges of the U-shaped pieces D², forming the frame D, so as to lock either one or both of said pieces D² of the frame D against the piece E. When the pocket-book is entirely closed, the parts are in the position shown in Fig. 5—that is to say, both pieces of the frame D are engaged by the catches J J and held against the U-shaped piece E. When it is necessary to take change only from the pocket-book, the coin pocket or compartment B is opened by pulling the outer piece D² of the frame D from the piece E, whereby said compartment B is opened, as shown in Fig. 4. To facilitate thus opening the coin-pocket, the same is provided with a leather flap K. When it is desired to take bills and change at the same time out of the pocket-book, the outer part of the frame D remains held against the piece E and the inner part of the frame D is disengaged from its catch J on the piece E and moved from said piece E, as shown in Fig. 3, which permits of removing the change from the change-pocket and at the same time reaching the bill-pockets. The pocket-book can thus be used in such a manner as to expose to view only the change-pocket or the change and bill or card pockets at the same time, as may be desired. The advantages of a pocket-book of this kind are that when a person is in a car or for any other purpose only requires change he need not expose the contents of the entire pocket-book, and all compartments, except the one from which the coins are to be removed, remain closed. When bills or cards are required, the pocket-book is opened in such a manner as to expose the pockets containing the same, and at the same time the

change-pocket can be opened from the inside, so as to give access to the same.

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

1. In a pocket-book, the combination, with a coin-pocket, of a frame formed of two U-shaped hinged pieces and connected with the edges of said pocket, a U-shaped piece
10 mounted to swing on the pivots of the said frame, catches for locking the side pieces of the frame to said U-shaped piece, and a flap connected with said U-shaped piece, substantially as set forth.

15 2. In a pocket-book, the combination, with two or more pockets, of a metal frame composed of two hinged U-shaped pieces, the edges of which are attached to the edges of one of the pockets, a U-shaped piece mounted
20 to swing on the pivots of said frame, two catches on said U-shaped piece, adapted to

engage the side pieces of the frame, and a flap secured to said U-shaped piece, which flap can be swung over the pockets adjacent to the one provided with the frame, substan- 25 tially as set forth.

3. In a pocket-book frame, the combination, with two U-shaped side pieces pivoted to each other, of a U-shaped piece mounted on the pivots of the side pieces to swing between 30 said side pieces and two catches on opposite sides of said U-shaped pieces to engage the edges of the side pieces of the frame, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as 35 my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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