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POCKET BOOK.
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Fig. 1.

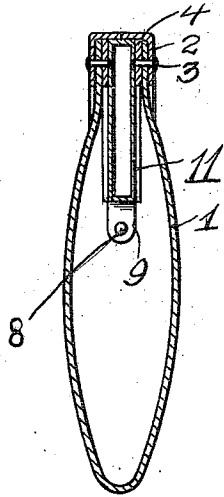


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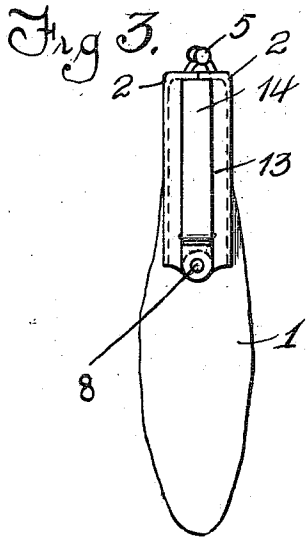
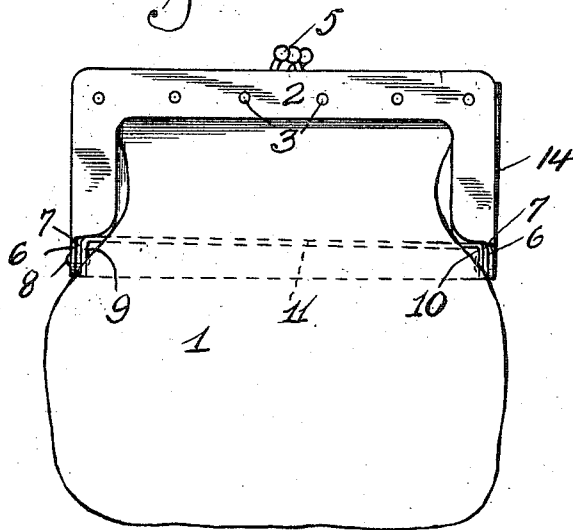


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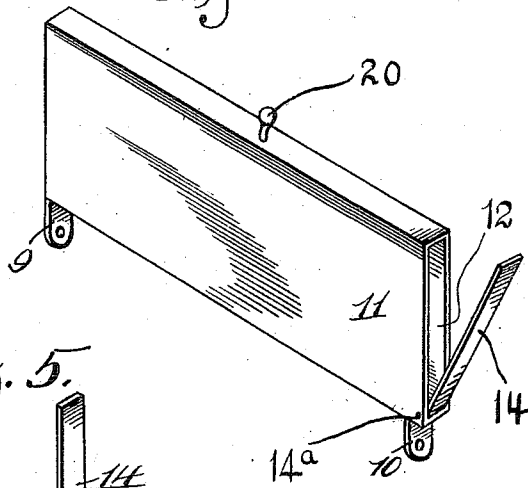
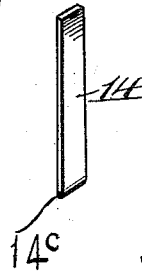


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OLIVER T. PORTER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Wickhaven, in the county of Fayette and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket-Books, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to pocket-books, chatelaine bags, hand-bags and other small receptacles carried by the hand or within a pocket and adapted to contain money and other matter.

The object of the invention is to provide a pocket-book with a novel match receptacle from which matches can be obtained without opening the pocket-book, the matches being safely held within the pocket-book whereby they cannot be accidentally ignited by contacting with the contents of the pocket-book.

I attain the above object by a mechanical construction that will be hereinafter specifically described and then claimed.

Reference will now be had to the drawing forming a part of this specification, wherein there is illustrated a preferred embodiment of the invention, but it is to be understood that the structural elements thereof can be varied or changed without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

In the drawing:—Figure 1 is a vertical cross sectional view of a pocket-book in accordance with this invention, Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the pocket-book, Fig. 3 is an end view of the same, Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a detached match receptacle, and Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the closure for the match receptacle.

The reference numeral 1 denotes a flexible bag-shaped receptacle having the upper edges thereof provided with inverted U-shaped frames 2, said frames being riveted or otherwise secured, as at 3 to the upper edges of the receptacle 1 and to similar frames 4 located upon the inner sides of the receptacle 1 at the edges thereof. The frames 4 are flat and the frames 2 are angular in cross section and intermediate the ends thereof are provided with the conventional form of clasp 5. The frames 2 and 4 have the lower ends thereof bent to provide lugs 6 and 7 respectively and these

lugs are pivotally connected by pins or rivets 8. The inner ends of the pins or rivets 8 pivotally support the depending apertured lugs 9 and 10 of a match receptacle 11 that is oblong and rectangular in cross section with one end thereof open, as at 12. The receptacle 11 corresponds in length to the upper part of the receptacle 1 and the frames 2 of the receptacle 1 are cut away at one end thereof, as at 13 to provide clearance for the open end of the receptacle 11. In order that the open end of the receptacle 11 can be flush with the outer sides of the frames 4, the apertured lug 10 is removed to a point adjacent to the open end of the receptacle 11.

Hinged in the open end 12 of the receptacle 11 is a rectangular strip of suitable material which constitutes a closure 14, the said strip is of a length as to project to a point above the inner face of the top wall of the receptacle as shown in Fig. 2 and when the strip is moved to close the receptacle, the side edges of the strip for a portion of their length frictionally engage the inner faces of the side walls of the receptacle. By setting up the strip of a length as stated, the upper end thereof can be engaged so that the strip can be conveniently shifted to open position. The lower end of the strip or closure 14 is connected to the receptacle by a rivet 14^a which extends through an opening 14^c in the lower end of the strip or closure 14 and also through the lower corner of the receptacle 11, as clearly shown in Fig. 4.

The receptacle 11 has the top thereof provided with a clasp 20 cooperating with the clasp 5 in retaining the pocket-book in a closed position, it being possible to open either side of the pocket-book. The upper edges of the frames 2 intermediate the ends thereof are cut away to provide clearance for the clasp 20.

The contents of the receptacle 11 can be obtained without opening the pocket-book, simply by swinging the closure 14 outwardly.

What I claim is:—

In combination, a pocket-book provided with a pair of pivoted frames at the top thereof, said frames having lugs at their lower ends, said lugs extending in planes inwardly of the planes in which the frames extend, a receptacle interposed between and

seated upon the lugs of the frames and having an open end, lugs carried by the receptacle and arranged inwardly of the ends thereof, means for pivotally connecting the
5 lugs of the frames together and the lugs of the receptacle to the lugs of the frames, and a closure for the open end of said receptacle.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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