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FIG. 1

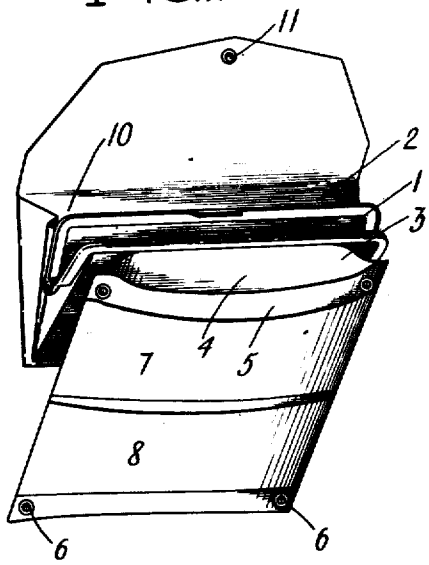


FIG. 2

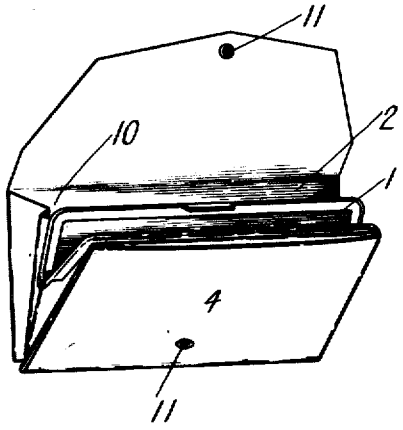


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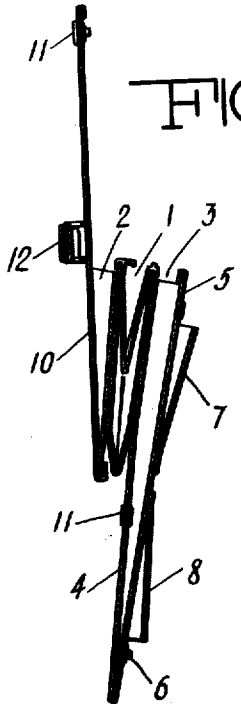
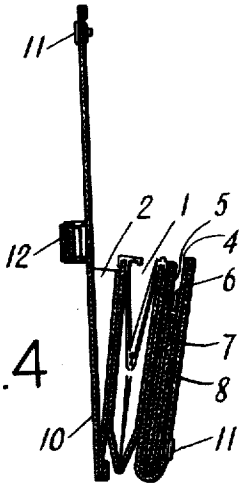


FIG. 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDRICK NICKEL, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Purses, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to purses, and more particularly to purses of the multi-compartment type.

It has for one of its objects the provision of a purse provided with a secret compartment especially adapted to hold bank notes, said compartment being so constructed as to cause the notes, to be engaged by the folds thereof, thus tending to insure against their accidental loss and making them not readily noticeable when the other compartments are open.

A special object of the invention comprehends a purse having a drop fold or extension which gives added depth to the secret compartment provided for the bank notes, thereby permitting their insertion longitudinally.

Other objects of the invention have to do with various features of construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter set forth and defined by the appended claims.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which,—

Figure 1 is a perspective of a purse embodying my invention showing the secret compartment opened at the top;

Fig. 2 is a like view showing the compartment closed;

Fig. 3 is a transverse section taken centrally of the purse shown in Fig. 1; and

Fig. 4 is a like section of the view shown in Fig. 2.

Referring more particularly to the accompanying drawings, the purse shown comprises a main coin-carrying compartment 1, joined upon each side by other compartments 2 and 3. The construction of the compartments 1 and 2 may be of any approved form and they constitute no part of the invention. The compartment 3 is designed for a secret compartment especially suitable for accommodating bank notes, and comprises inner and outer body sections 4 and 5, respectively. The sections are provided with a crease near their center, and the lower half is adapted to fold upwardly, the sections bending along the line of the crease, which thus has the effect of dividing the compartment 3 into two halves, each having a depth equal to each of the other compartments. Eyelets or clasps 6 are provided near the outer longitudinal edges of the compartment 3 for holding the same in a folded condition. On the exterior surface of section 5 there are secured strips of material which may be referred to as partitions constituting supplementary compartments 7 and 8, both of said compartments being available when the secret compartment 3 is folded upwardly. The combined depth of the compartment 3 is slightly greater than the length of a bank note, and when the latter is inserted longitudinally and the compartment folded upwardly, the note is secured against accidental loss. It is manifest that in the folding of the compartment, sections 4 and 5 are caused to lie closely together, practically closing the compartment at the top. This latter feature is augmented if articles are carried in the compartments 7 and 8, which would produce a bulging, thereby forcing the section 5 against its complemental section 4 and substantially concealing the secret compartment 3 and its contents from view.

The compartment 2 resembles the usual compartments found in this type of purses, and includes a back section 10 having an extension or continuation adapted to fold over and form a cover for the top of the purse and fastened to the exterior surface of section 4 of compartment 3 by means of an eyelet 11. The strap or handle 12 customarily provided with this form of purse furnishes a means for carrying the same.

While I have described my invention with reference to the specific embodiment shown, it is obvious that various changes may be made without departing from the spirit and scope thereof.

What is claimed is:—

1. A purse of the character described, comprising a main coin-carrying compartment, a secret compartment secured to the side of said coin-carrying compartment, said latter compartment having a folding extension, and means for securing said extension to the side of the secret compartment so as to substantially conceal the opening of the latter, the mouths of said compartments being substantially in the same plane to facilitate the manipulation of the contents of the compartments.

2. A purse of the character described, comprising a main coin-carrying compartment, a secret compartment secured to the side of said coin-carrying compartment, said latter compartment having a folding extension, said extension having exterior pockets formed thereon, and means for supporting said extension from the side of its compartment, whereby a bulging of the side pockets will substantially conceal the opening of the secret compartment, the mouths of said secret compartment and said coin-carrying compartment being substantially in the same plane to facilitate the manipulation of the contents of said compartments.

3. A purse of the character described, comprising a main coin-carrying compartment, a secret compartment secured to the side of said coin-carrying compartment, said latter compartment having a folding extension, the length of said extension being substantially equal to the width of said coin compartment, giving a combined depth slightly greater than the length of the bank notes, said folding extension having exterior pockets formed thereon, and means for securing said extension to the side of the secret compartment so as to substantially conceal the opening thereof, the mouths of said compartments being substantially in the same plane to facilitate the manipulation of the contents of said compartments.

4. A purse of the character described, comprising a main coin-carrying compartment, a secret compartment secured to the side of said coin-carrying compartment, said latter compartment having a folding extension, the length of said extension being substantially equal to the width of said coin compartment, giving a combined depth slightly greater than the length of the bank note, said folding extension having exterior pockets formed thereon, and clasps provided for securing said extension to the side of the secret compartment, whereby a bulging of said side pockets will substantially conceal the opening of the secret compartment adjacent the coin-carrying compartment, the mouths of said secret compartment and said coin-carrying compartment being substantially in the same plane to facilitate the manipulation of the contents of the compartments.

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