

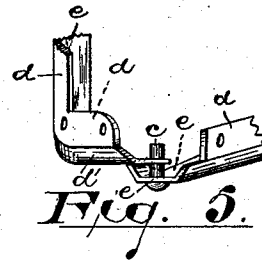
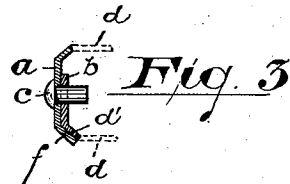
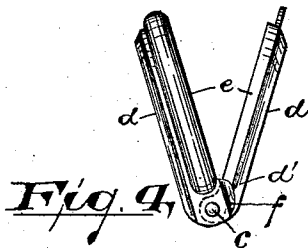
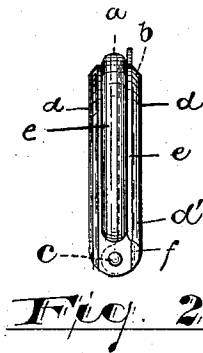
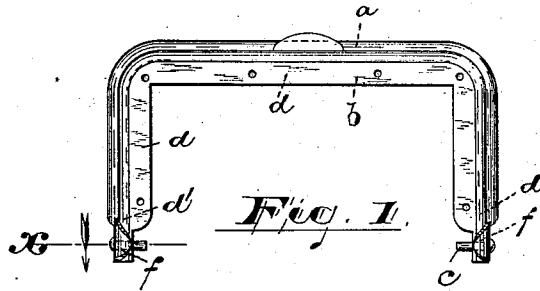
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUST GOERTZ, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Purse and Pocket-Book Frames and Catches; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of this invention is to dispense with independent catches and provide a frame for purses, bags, or pocket-books having an integral catch by means of which the danger of breakage or disarrangement of parts is reduced and the device rendered more durable, simple, and inexpensive.

The invention consists in the improved purse or pocket-book frame and in the arrangements and combinations of parts, substantially as will be hereinafter set forth, and finally embodied in the clauses of the claim.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which like letters indicate corresponding parts in each of the several figures, Figure 1 is a side view, and Fig. 2 an end view, of the improved frame. Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on line *x*, Fig. 1, in the direction indicated by the arrow. Fig. 4 is an enlarged end view showing the frame partly open, and Fig. 5 is a detail bottom view of the joint when the frame is about as indicated in Fig. 4.

In said drawings, *a* indicates the outer or male frame-section, and *b* the inner or female frame-section, each having the usual  shape when viewed in side elevation and being riveted or pivotally pinned together at their depending extremities by hinge-pins *c*. The frame-sections are of resilient sheet metal and are shaped at the hinge-joints, as indicated in Fig. 3, where *d d* are the face-flanges, against which the body material of the purse or pocket-book is secured, and *e e* are the portions which give thickness and strength to the frame. At the depending hinged ends the portions *e* are extended laterally or at right angles to the center line of the hinge-pins, and the extensions are turned

or bent, as at *f*, so as to enter into engagement with outer front face *d* or the beveled or rounded corner surface *d'* of the inner frame-section, so as to hold the two sections together or in their closed relation. The said laterally-projecting and bent tongues *f* thus serve in lieu of ordinary catches and fasten the pocket-book or purse with firmness and security.

By means of the bent extension *f* engaging the beveled corner, as described, an easy opening and closing movement is secured.

In operating the invention, the parts being in the positions indicated in Figs. 2 and 3, the sections are forced apart at their separable sides, as indicated in Fig. 4. The lateral tongues *f*, which are preferably rounded on their edges, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 4, ride up the inclined corners *d'* at the outside of the female section against the spring-power inhering in the sections, the extremities of the parts *e e* being forced apart, as indicated in Fig. 5, the pins *c c* being of sufficient length to admit of separation. After riding up the inclines *d'* and over the surfaces *e* the rounded tongues enter the open angle between the frame, and the tension of the metal forces the sections farther apart, as will be understood, and hold said sections apart until closed by the hand. By this construction special catching attachments are dispensed with, and the catch is rendered more durable because catch-attaching means are not employed. The lateral tongue being formed at the time of forming the frame, the cost of construction is reduced and the frame is given a simplicity and neatness not common to those now in the market.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new is—

1. In combination with an inner section having a beveled corner, an outer section hinged to said inner section and having at the hinged end a lateral extension bent or turned to engage the said beveled edge, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. The purse-frame of two hinged sections, one of which at its hinged extremity is provided with an extension projecting in a direction at right angles to the pivotal center line and bent to engage the outer face of the inner frame near the corner thereof, as de-

scribed, and to enter between the sections when opened.

3. The improved purse or pocket-book frame consisting of two sheet-metal sections
5 having face-flanges *d* and edge portions *c*, giving thickness to the frame, the opposite ends of said frame having depending portions pivoted together and one of said sections having at the pivotal joint a laterally-
10 extending tongue bent to engage the beveled or rounded corner of the other section and having rounded edges to enter the open an-

gle between said sections, and the said other section having said beveled or rounded corner to receive said laterally-projecting tongue, 15 substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 2d day of January, 1892.

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