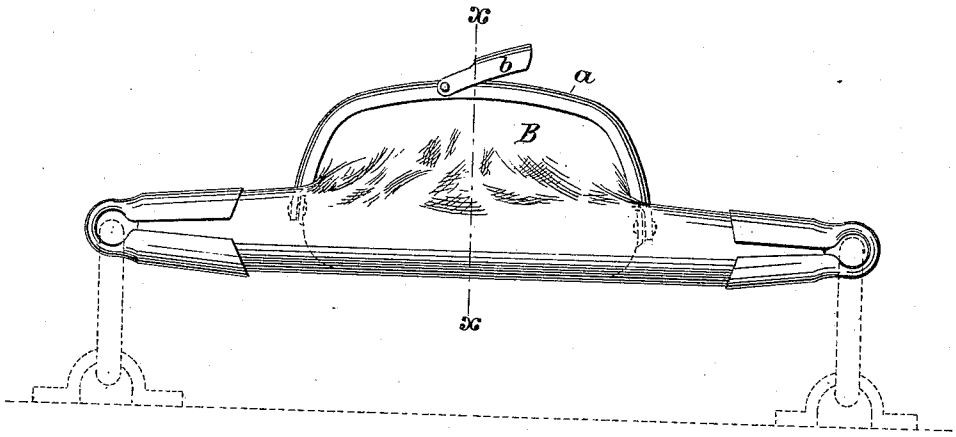
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Fig. 1.



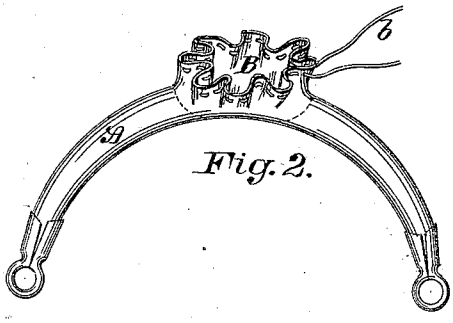


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.

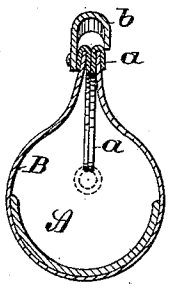


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. GAY, a resident of Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shawl-Straps and Handles therefor, and for other Purposes; 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, which will be hereinafter fully described, and finally embodied in the claims, is to furnish, in connection with handles for shawl-straps, valises, satchels, or other similar parcel-carriers, or with shawl-strap bars, a convenient receptacle for small articles, such as railroad or ferry tickets, small amounts of money or change, to which access may be readily had by persons carrying the same with the least possible inconvenience or loss of time, and without having to lay aside their satchels or shawl-straps, or to put their hands in their pockets to take out their pocket-books, thereby furnishing an article both useful and novel and of great convenience to persons when shopping or traveling, as will be readily understood.

In the accompanying drawings, in which similar letters of reference indicate like parts in each of the several figures, Figure 1 represents a longitudinal or side elevation of a handle embodying my improvement, a shawl-strap bar or satchel-frame and its connection therewith being indicated by dotted lines. Fig. 2 shows a handle and receptacle in a modified form. Fig. 3 is a section taken through line *x* of Fig. 1; and Fig. 4 illustrates one of the many forms in which the frame of the receptacle, or rather the bottom portion thereof, may be constructed.

In carrying out the invention the handle A, or bar in connection with which the receptacle or purse B is to be formed, may be, as it is in the present instance, composed of sheet metal, approaching somewhat the form of a hollow cylindroid having a central upper portion of the shell removed, as will be understood by referring to Figs. 1, 3, and 4; or it may be formed as shown in Fig. 2, or in any other manner that taste may suggest or approve, and be covered with leather or other appropriate materials and provided with an inside lining, as I do not wish to limit myself in any manner in these respects, nor in the manner of fastening the handles to the bars or satchels.

The receptacle or purse may be composed of the same materials which constitute the covering of the handle, (or it may be formed of separate materials and be secured thereto,) and be provided with a frame, *a*, and a suitable fastening device, *b*, similar to that of an ordinary pocket-book or porte-monnaie, as indicated in Fig. 1, or with an elastic band adapted to close the mouth of the receptacle automatically, or with a shirr-string, as indicated in Fig. 2, or be secured in any other suitable manner.

It will be manifest, as already observed, that in the case of that class of parcel-carriers commonly known as "shawl-straps" the purse or porte-monnaie may be formed in connection with the bars or frames to which the handles are connected with the same facility, or nearly so, as with the handles, so that in cases where it is desirable, and the form will allow, the same may be combined with the handle and bar both, or with either, as may be preferred.

The end portions of the hollow handle or bar on each side of the purse or porte-monnaie, when the latter is not lined, should be filled or otherwise closed up with some appropriate material, in order to prevent any portion of the contents of said purse, &c., from working into the extremities of said handles or bars, out of easy reach of the carrier, as will be readily understood.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to have secured by Letters Patent, is—

1. As an article of manufacture, a shawl-strap or parcel-carrier having, in addition to means for carrying larger parcels, a flexible pouch or wallet for small change, formed on

the handle or some rigid part at the top of the carrier, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A handle for a shawl-strap or parcel-carrier, having a flexible pouch or wallet formed thereon, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 27th day of May, 1881.

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