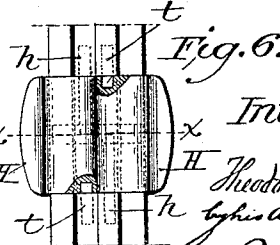
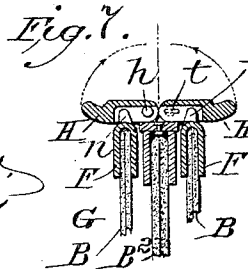
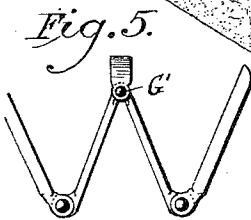
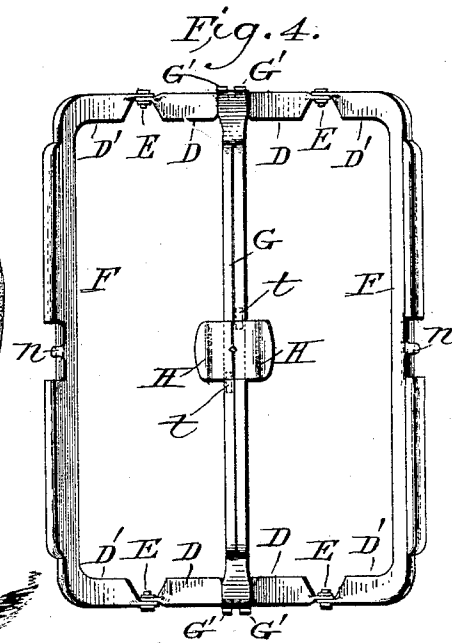
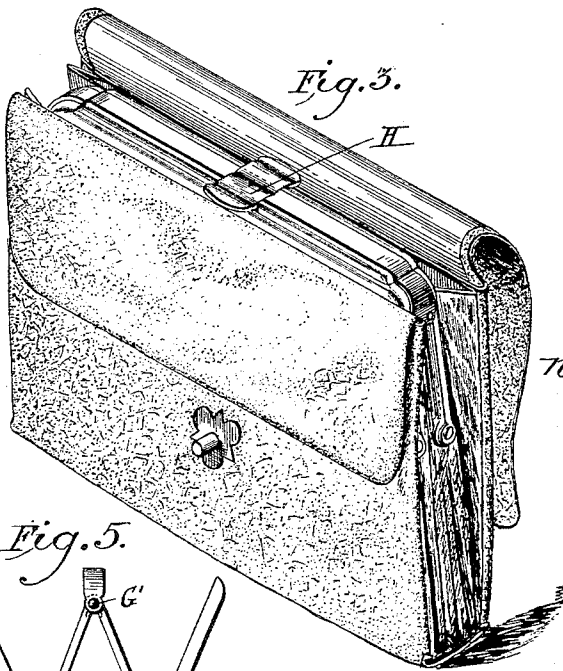
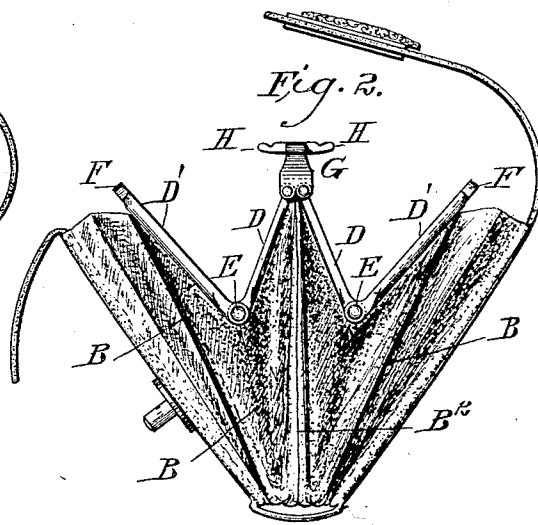
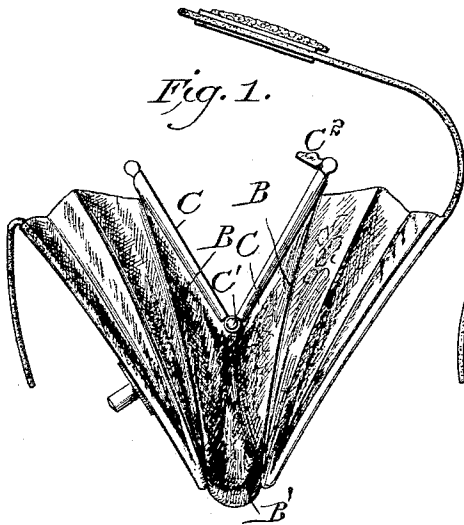


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THEODORE R. WEIDEMANN, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket-Book Frames, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

My invention relates to supporting-frames for pocket-books, cabas, traveling-bags, satchels, and other like articles; and it consists of a multiple-jointed metallic frame for rigidly supporting in position the interior compartments of a pocket-book, caba, &c., and of an automatic locking device combined with said frame and adapted to lock either or both of said compartments at pleasure.

In the accompanying drawings, illustrating my invention, in which similar letters of reference refer to like parts in the several views, Figure 1 is an end view of a pocket-book containing a single-jointed compartment-frame as the same is now constructed and intended to illustrate the present state of the art. Fig. 2 is a like view of a pocket-book provided with my improved interior multiple-jointed frame for two compartments. Fig. 3 is an end and side view in perspective, with the top flap of the pocket-book thrown back in order to show the multiple-jointed frame closed and in locked position. Fig. 4 is a top view of my multiple-jointed frame extended and in a flat position, the side-bars D D' being reduced in size. Fig. 5 is an end view of a modification thereof, in which the lateral arms D D are hinged upon a single bearing in the longitudinal bar G. Fig. 6 is a top view of the locking device adapted to a multiple-jointed frame for two compartments and showing in dotted lines the springs controlling the locks, and Fig. 7 is a vertical sectional view of the same through the line *xx* of Fig. 5.

Interior compartments in pocket-books, cabas, and the like, represented by the leather walls B B B' of Fig. 1, have heretofore been constructed by supporting said walls upon a single-jointed metallic frame C C, (shown in said figure,) jointed at C' at their bases, and locked at the top by any well-known locking

device, such as C². (Shown in said figure of the drawings.) Such construction and frame is capable of forming but a single pocket or compartment.

My improved multiple-jointed frame, as shown in Fig. 2 in position within the pocket-book, forms two contiguous pockets or compartments, supporting, in addition to the two usual interior leather walls of the pocket-book, an additional intermediate and subdividing leather wall, and said frame consists (see Fig. 4) of a central longitudinal fixed bar G, two lateral connecting-arms D D, jointed or hinged thereto at G' on each side and at each end of said central bar G, and two longitudinal side bars F F, each having rigidly secured thereto at each end inwardly-extending lateral arms D' D', hinged to said arms D by a pivot-joint, as shown at E in said figure. As shown in Fig. 5, the lateral arms D D may be hinged to the central longitudinal bar G by a single bearing G', both being mounted on the same pivot-shaft instead of on separate shafts G' G'. (Shown in the other figures of the drawings.) The pocket or compartment formed by the leather walls B B (see Fig. 2) is subdivided longitudinally by a central leather wall B², supported between the end walls B' of the pocket-book, the longitudinal bars F F of the frame supporting the said longitudinal leather walls B B, the central longitudinal bar G supporting the central leather wall B², and the lateral arms D D' on either lateral side of the pocket-book and between the compartments formed by the dividing central wall B' supporting in position the said leather walls B B of the two compartments thus formed in the pocket-book. By reference to Fig. 2 it will be seen that the arms D D D' D' are so proportioned and arranged relatively to each other that the longitudinal bars F, F, and G, when brought together, (see Fig. 3,) will be parallel to each other and in the same horizontal plane and immediately beneath the locking device H H. The lock or catch H for holding together in a closed position the two compartments or pockets thus formed consists, as shown in Figs. 5 and 6, of two narrow metallic flaps or ears H H of sufficient breadth when placed together back to back to overlap the three

supporting-bars F F G when the same are brought together in the position shown in Fig. 3. These flaps or ears H H are placed back to back and let into a recess on the upper surface of the bar G of the frame, where they are hinged by being supported from one side in such recess upon a small shaft *h*, let into the same and into the said recess formed in the bar G, and supported on the other side by a twisted wire *t*, one end of which is rigidly secured in the ear H and the other in the bar G, so that the movement of the ear H upon the shaft *h* in the direction shown by the arrows in Fig. 6 will twist the wire *t* and cause a tension which will automatically bring the ear H to its normal position when released by the fingers. In order to lock the compartments, the said ears H H are recessed on the under surface and the said bars F F are provided with little pins or projections *n*, which thus form a catch or a lock within the said recess of the ear H when the latter is brought over the same.

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

1. A multiple-jointed pocket-book frame for supporting rigidly from the top edges thereof the common dividing leather wall and side walls, respectively, two contiguous interior compartments of a pocket-book or other like article, consisting of stationary central longitudinal bar G, lateral arms D D, separately hinged thereto on each side and at each end thereof, two other longitudinal bars F F, having fixed lateral arms D' D' at each end thereof, said lateral arms D D and D' D' being united at their lower ends by a pivot-joint E, said parts being constructed and arranged relatively to each other in order that the said longitudinal bars F F G, when brought together, will be parallel with each other and in the same horizontal plane, substantially as described.

2. A multiple-jointed frame for rigidly supporting two contiguous interior compartments of a pocket-book or other like article, consisting of a stationary central longitudinal bar G, two lateral arms D D, hinged thereto on each side and at each end thereof, two other longitudinal bars F F, having fixed lateral arms D' on each side thereof, said lateral arms of the bars F and G being united at their lower ends by a pivot-joint E, in combination with the longitudinal leather walls B B B² and end wall B' of a pocket-book, and with means for securing the same at their

upper edges to said supporting-frame, substantially as described.

3. A multiple-jointed pocket-book frame consisting of two longitudinal bars F F, provided with lateral fixed arms D' on each side thereof, a central longitudinal bar G, with lateral arms D hinged thereto on each side and at each end thereof and to the lateral arms D' of the bars F F, said parts being constructed and arranged relatively to each other in order that the said bars F F G, when brought together, will be parallel and in the same horizontal plane, and a locking device supported within the central longitudinal bar G and adapted to adjustably hold the bars F F when brought in contact therewith, substantially as described.

4. In a supporting-frame consisting of three longitudinal bars F F G, connected by laterally-extending hinged arms, whereby said longitudinal bars are capable of being brought together in the same horizontal and parallel planes, a locking device consisting of two overlapping hinged ears H H, placed back to back and mounted upon shafts *h*, having their bearings within a recess in the longitudinal bar G, and a spring *t* between said bar G and the ears H, whereby the latter, when partially rotated on its shaft, will tend to return to its normal horizontal position, substantially as described.

5. In a supporting-frame consisting of three longitudinal bars F F G, connected by laterally-extending hinged arms, whereby said longitudinal bars are capable of being brought together in horizontal and parallel planes, a locking device consisting of two overlapping hinged ears H H, placed back to back and mounted upon shafts *h*, having their bearings within a recess in the longitudinal bar G, and a spring *t* between said bar G and the ear H, whereby the latter, when partially rotated on its shaft, will tend to return to its normal horizontal position, and said longitudinal bars F F being provided with pins or projections *n*, adapted to fit in a recess in the under surface of the ears H when the said parts are brought in contact with each other, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature this 23d day of December, A. D. 1890.

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It is hereby certified that in Letters Patent No. 453,823, granted June 9, 1891, upon the application of Theodore R. Weidemann, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for an improvement in "Pocket-Book Frames," an error appears in the printed specification requiring correction, as follows: In line 30, page 2, the comma after the word "respectively" should be stricken out and the word *of* inserted instead; and that the said Letters Patent should be read with this correction therein that the same may conform to the record of the case in the Patent Office.

Signed, countersigned, and sealed this 30th day of June, A. D. 1891.

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