

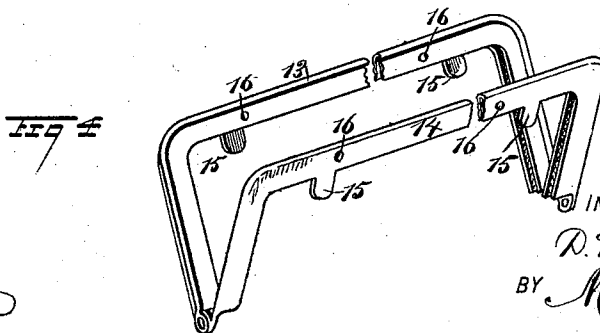
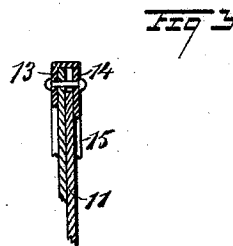
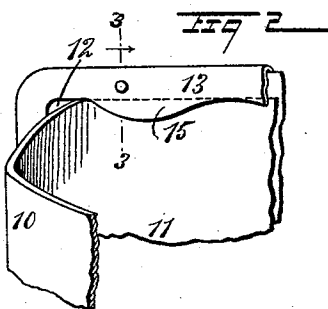
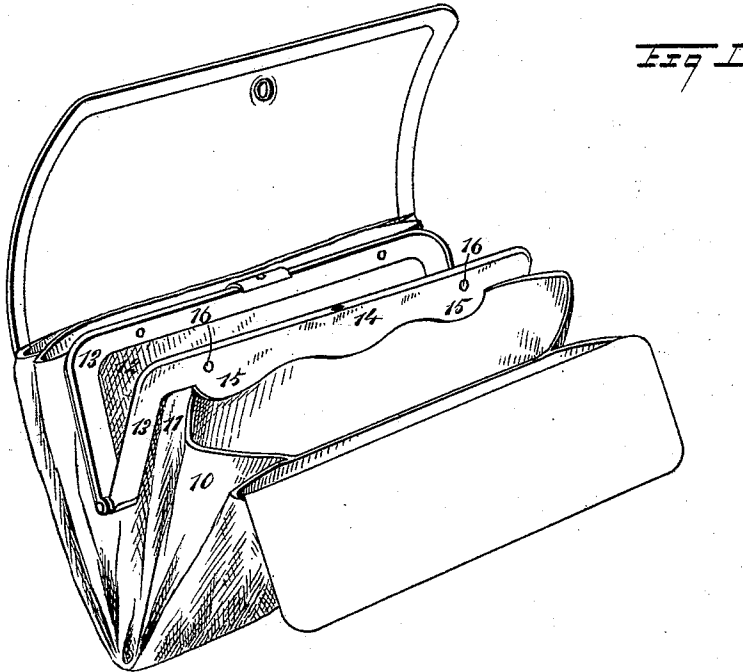
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GUSSET-CLASP FOR POCKET-BOOKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DANIEL M. READ, of New York city, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Gusset-Clasp for Pocket-Books, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to an improvement in pocket-books, and has for its object to provide a simple and economic means whereby the gusset and pocket at their intersection will be materially strengthened and effectually prevented from tearing down.

A further object of the invention is to so construct the pocket-frame that it will act in the capacity of a clasp for the gusset.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of the several parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pocket-book opened and having the improvement applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a partial side elevation of the outer face of a framed pocket, illustrating a gusset as connected therewith. Fig. 3 is a section taken practically on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2, and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a slightly-modified form of frame.

It is well known that the weakest spot in a pocket-book is at the junction of the gussets with the walls of the framed pocket or pockets, as if great care is not exercised in the manipulation of the book the tension exerted upon the flexible pockets will cause the gussets of the latter to tear down or away from the framed pocket or pockets, which are usually quite stiff. To prevent such damage without adding materially to the cost of manufacture of the book is the prime object of the present invention.

The gussets 10 are introduced into and connected with the walls 11 of the framed pocket 12 in any approved or in the customary manner. The improvement lies in the formation of the frame 13, employed to bind the mouth of the pocket. The frame as usually constructed is practically U-shaped in cross-

section and straddles the edges of the pocket at its mouth. The frame is so constructed that its outer members 14 at their body portions are provided with lugs, lips, or extensions 15, integral with or attached to their lower edges. The lugs, lips, or extensions of the frame may be in one piece, as shown in Fig. 1, in which event they are of sufficient length to extend from gusset to gusset and over the gussets at their intersection with the walls of the framed pockets; or each outer member of the frame may be constructed with two lips, lugs, or extensions, as shown in Fig. 4, in which event the lips or lugs are so located that when the frame is in position upon the book one lip or lug will be directly over the point of juncture of each gusset with the framed pocket. The latter construction is most economic, as but little extra metal is needed. When the frame is constructed with continuous lips or lugs, the edges thereof may be scalloped or rendered undulating; or the lips may be otherwise reduced in width at intervals in their length. An aperture 16 is produced in the frame adjacent to each separating lip or lug or near the ends of the continuous lips or lugs, and when the frame is placed in position upon the edge of the pocket, in addition to being clamped in place, rivets or the equivalents thereof are passed through the frame apertures and the walls of the pocket, affording a secure additional means of attachment. The rivets being located near the points where the lips or lugs clamp the gussets, the frame is under all circumstances held in firm connection with the latter.

By reason of the above construction no strain whatever is brought to bear upon the gusset at its point of connection with the frame-pocket and the gusset at said point is rendered as strong as at any other portion.

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

1. As an improved article of manufacture, a frame for the pocket of pocket-books, having one of its members provided with a lip, lug, or extension to clamp the gusset of the book where it joins with the framed pocket, as and for the purpose specified.

2. As an improved article of manufacture,

a frame adapted to stiffen the edges of the pocket in a pocket-book, one member of which frame is provided with a lip, lug, or extension projected downward from said member
5 to clamp the gusset of the book where it connects with the framed pocket, and apertures produced in the frame adjacent to the lip, lug, or extension, as and for the purpose specified.

3. In a pocket-book, the combination, with
10 the frame of a pocket-book pocket and the gussets connecting with the walls of said framed pocket, of a lip, lug, or extension pro-

jected downward from the member of the frame over the point of juncture of the gusset or gussets with the framed pocket, and 15 means, substantially as described, for holding the lip, lug, or extension in firm engagement with the gusset or gussets, as and for the purpose set forth.

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