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Pocket-Books.

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Fig. 1.

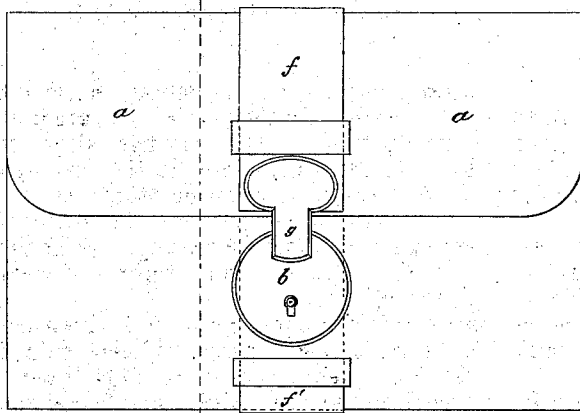


Fig. 2.

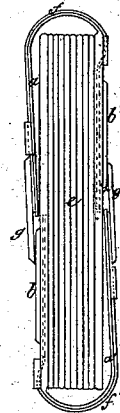


Fig. 3.

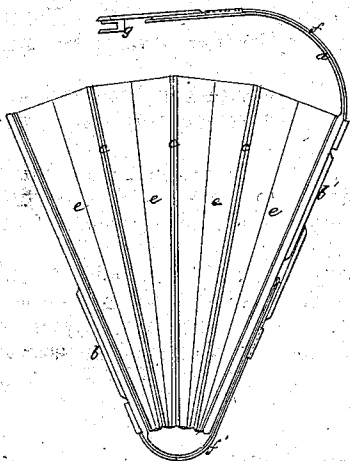
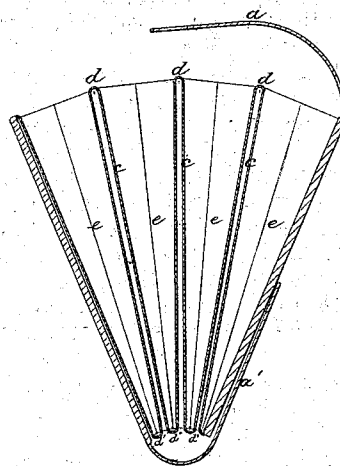


Fig. 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN POCKET-BOOKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM HENRY KING, of Westbury, in the county of Wilts, England, have invented certain Improvements in Pocket-Books; of which the following is a specification:

This invention consists in forming bill-cases, letter-cases, pocket-books, and other like articles with two closing flaps and double the usual number of divisions or pockets, at the same time but slightly increasing the thickness of the bill-case or other article.

To make my invention better understood I will proceed to describe the same by reference to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of either side of a bill-case constructed according to my invention, the case being closed; Fig. 2, end elevation of same; Fig. 3, end elevation showing one flap of the bill-case open; and Fig. 4, section of same on line *xx*, Fig. 1.

I form the bill-case, letter-case, pocket-book, or other article with two closing flaps, *a a'*—*videlicet*, one at each side, each flap having a separate lock, *b b'*, or other fastening. The partitions *c*, forming and separating the pockets or divisions from one another, are double, as shown by the section, Fig. 4, and are connected together alternately at top *d* and bottom *d'*. The folding ends *e* of the pockets are also formed with double the usual number of plaits or folds, which are connected alternately to the partition. In Figs. 3 and 4 each alternate plait is shown, the others being inclosed between the double partitions *c*. *f f'* are straps, the free ends of which carry the staples of the locks, and the other ends pass down behind the locks *b b'*, as seen by the

dotted lines—viz., one behind the lock *b* and the other behind the lock *b'*—and are provided with springs. These springs allow of the straps being drawn out as the case becomes distended with letters or other papers; and as the contents of the case are removed the springs draw back the straps, which by this means are always kept tight and keep the flaps well closed.

By this arrangement it will be seen that the bill-case may be opened at each side, for, if the flap *a* (shown open in Figs. 3 and 4) be closed, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and the bill-case turned over, the flap *a'* will then be in the position of the flap *a*. If the flap *a'* be now opened, the partitions *c* (closed together at *d* by the closing of the flap *a*) will be opened from one another at *d'* and form four pockets, similar in all respects to the four pockets of the flap *a* shown in Figs. 3 and 4. The number of pockets may be increased or diminished as required.

Having thus described my invention, and the manner of performing the same, what I claim is—

As a new article of manufacture, a bill-case with two closing flaps, *a a'*, double partitions *c*, plaited ends *e*, and spring-straps *f f'*, arranged as described.

In testimony whereof I, the said WILLIAM HENRY KING, have hereto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty-first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

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