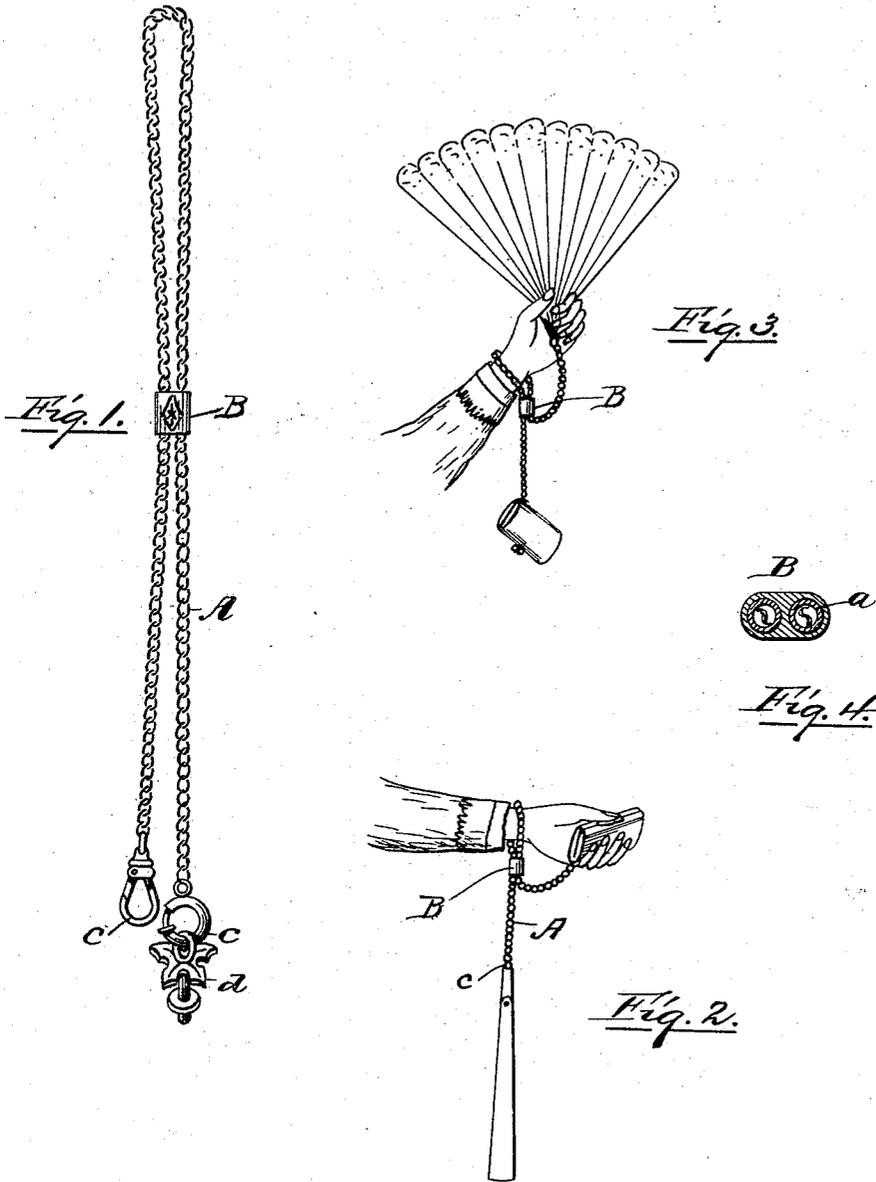


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES R. BATES, of Attleborough, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain
5 new and useful Improvements in Safety-Chains for Personal Wear; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters
10 of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to safety chains used for the purpose of securing small articles of personal wear, such as pocket-books, fans and
15 the like, to the person. It is fully illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1, shows the chain with a clasp, hooks, and a screw eye and nut attached. Fig. 2, shows the chain looped on the wrist,
20 and one end attached by a hook to the screw eye on a pocket book held in the hand, and a fan suspended from the hook at the other end of the chain. Fig. 3, shows the same articles as Fig. 2, only the pocket-book is allowed to hang on the chain, and the fan is
25 held in the hand as for use. Fig. 4, shown a cross section of the clasp and chain.

The object of the safety chain, is to secure those articles that ladies find it desirable to
30 carry around with them, in such a way as to leave at least one hand free for other purposes, and at the same time to make an ornamental article of wear, easily put on or off, as occasion may require.

35 It consists of a chain A, of some desirable pattern, doubled into a loop, and a clasp B, having a double passage made through it

lengthwise, to receive the two parts of the chain loop, one in each passage. The inside
of the passages in the clasp B, are preferably
40 lined with some soft material *a*, to create sufficient friction on the chain to hold the clasp at any place on it, so it will not slide of itself, and the lining serves also for the purpose of
45 preventing wear on the chain, that would from use of the clasp otherwise, injure its appearance in any way. It is easily made fast on the wrist, by putting the hand through the
loop and sliding the clasp up near the wrist, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The screw eye *d*,
50 can be easily attached to any pocket-book, by making a small hole in the leather, and putting the screw through and screwing on the nut. The pocket-book is provided with a
55 screw eye, and the fan has the usual ring attached to the handle. A cord or like article can be substituted for the chain, retaining the clasp and hooks. The drawings illustrate
60 two of the innumerable ways in which it can be made to be highly ornamental and useful.

Having thus described my improvement, I claim as my invention—

A chain adapted to be fastened around the wrist, and provided with a fastening device
65 *c* at each end, combined with the slide, having two openings through it, and a lining *a*, of soft material for each opening, whereby the chain is both held to the wrist and prevented from injury or wear, substantially as shown and described.

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