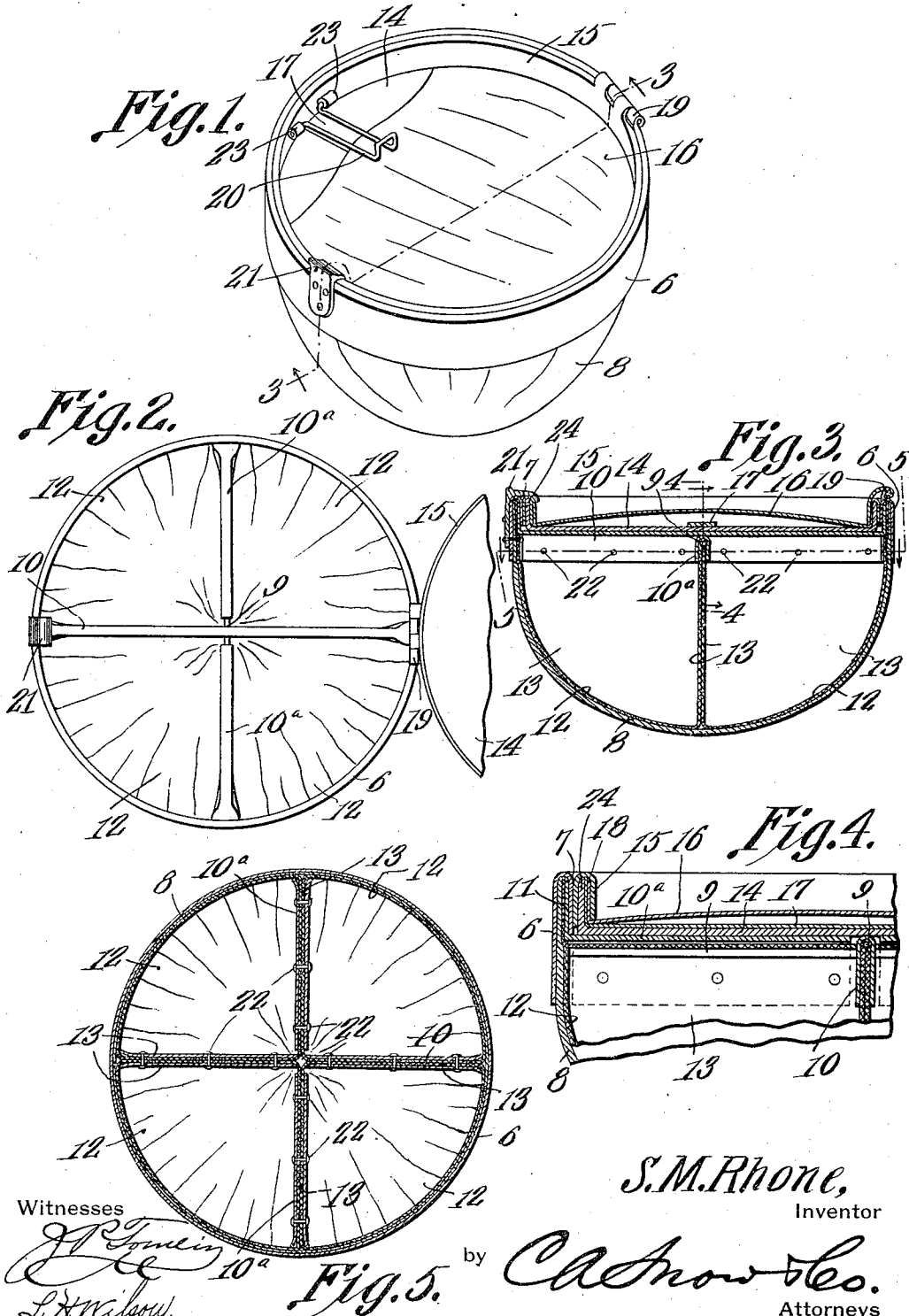


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL M. RHONE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Montgomery, in the county of Lycoming and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Purse, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to purses, and has for its primary object to provide a purse having a plurality of compartments or pockets for containing coins of various denominations, and a cover adapted to close the pockets or compartments *in toto* and individually, whereby the pockets or compartments are closed from each other.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a purse of this character, which is simple, compact and comparatively inexpensive in construction, and which shall be convenient and efficient in its use.

With the above and other objects in view, this invention is embodied in the novel construction and combination of parts elicited in the following description and pointed out in the appended claims, it being understood that this device is susceptible of alterations or deviations in its details within the scope of the appended claims, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

The invention is illustrated in its preferred embodiment in the accompanying drawings, wherein similar reference characters indicate similar parts, and wherein,—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the purse. Fig. 2 is a plan view thereof, with the cover open and partially broken away. Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a sectional detail taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 3.

Referring in detail to the drawings, the numeral 6 designates a metallic ring forming an annular frame for the purse, which has its upper edge bent back inwardly, as designated by the numeral 7, and a pair of diametrical rods 9, which cross each other at right angles, have their extremities secured to the ring 6 below the inturned edge 7. A U-shaped clamping strip 10 is arranged on the upper rod and extends throughout, while a pair of U-shaped clamping strips 10^a are arranged on the other or lower rod 9 at each side of the clamping strip 10, all of the said clamping

strips having their outer extremities bent upwardly, as designated by the numeral 11, which upturned extremities are connected under the inturned or upper edge 7 of the ring or frame 6.

A semi-spherical bag or casing 8 has its edge clenched under the upper or inturned edge 7 of the ring 6, and lining sections 12 for the said bag or casing having their upper edges clenched under the said edge of the ring, the sections 12 being approximately triangular, and being arranged edge to edge whereby the lining sections as a whole coincide with the bag or casing 8. These lining sections 12 have partitions 13 attached to their free edges, the adjacent partitions resting or lying against each other, and forming with the lining sections 12, a plurality, in this case four, of pockets or compartments which are hung from the ring 6 and the rods or members 9, the partitions 13 being clenched under the U-shaped clamping strip and over the said rods. Rivets 22 or other securing members are preferably passed through the clamping strips 10 and 10^a to retain the clamping strips in position on the rods 9. The bag or casing 8 is preferably constructed of leather or other similar material, and the pockets comprising the lining sections 12 and the partitions 13 are preferably constructed of cloth, but it is understood that various materials may be employed for the formation of either the bag or the pockets.

The cover for the purse comprises a ring 15, which is preferably of metal and U-shaped in cross section, and a disk 14 of leather or other similar material has its edge upturned, as designated by the numeral 24, and clenched within the said ring. This ring 15 fits within the ring or frame 6 and is hinged at its upper end to the upper end of the ring or frame 6 by means of a hinge joint designated by the numeral 19. A metallic strip 17 passes diametrically over the disk 14 and has its extremities 18 upturned and clenched within the ring 15, and a piece of leather or other similar material 16 is arranged on the disk 14 and has its curved edge upturned and clenched within the said ring, this piece 16 being circular with a segment cut therefrom to form an opening into the space between the piece 16 and the disk 14. This piece 16 forms a pocket with the disk 14. A wire clamp 20

of approximately U-shape having its extremities deflected or bent outwardly and journaled in bearing or eyes 23 secured to the ring 15 is adapted to normally press downwardly on the open end of the piece 16 to retain the free end thereof in contact with the disk 14. This clamp 20 is adapted to be raised or swung within the bearing or eyes 23 to free the piece 16 and permit currency to be placed in the pocket formed by the piece 16 and disk 14, or to permit the currency or bills to be withdrawn therefrom.

In order to normally retain the cover or closure in position, a spring catch 21 is secured to the ring or frame 6 opposite the hinge 19, which spring catch is adapted to engage the upper end of the ring 15 and thereby retain the cover normally in closed position, but permitting the cover to be opened by disengaging the said catch from the ring 15. When the cover is closed, the disk 14 seats upon the clamping strips 10 and 10^a to close the coin pocket *in toto* and individually, whereby the coin pockets are separated from each other to prevent the various denominations of coins retained in the various pockets from becoming mixed with each other. The disk 14 being of leather permits the strips 10 and 10^a to embed slightly therein for the purpose of assisting in a complete separation of the coin pockets from each other.

If desired, the frame 6 and the member 15 may be elliptical or oval in form, or in fact, may be of any design, the same being shown circular for convenience and being described as such in the appended claims. The lining portion 12 may also be omitted, if desired, in which event the partitions 13 may be attached to the bag 8 to form the pockets.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:—

1. A purse embodying an annular frame, diametrical rods secured in the frame and carrying each other, a bag hung from the said frame, partitions hung from the rods and providing pockets, and a cover hinged to the frame and adapted to seat on the said rods to close the pockets *in toto* and individually.

2. A purse embodying a ring forming a frame, diametrical rods crossing each other at right angles and secured at their extremities to the said ring, clamping strips on the said rods and having their outer extremities secured to the said ring, a bag having its edge secured to the said ring, partitions clenched under the said clamping strips and over the rods to provide coin pockets, and a cover hinged to the said ring and

adapted to seat on the said clamping strips within the said ring.

3. A purse embodying a ring forming a frame, cross rods secured at their extremities to the said ring, a bag secured to the said ring, pockets hung from the said ring and rods; and a cover comprising a ring fitting in the aforesaid ring and hinged thereto, and a disk secured to the said ring and seatable on the said rods to close the pockets *in toto* and individually.

4. A purse embodying a ring forming a frame, cross rods secured at their extremities to the said ring, a bag hung from the said ring, pockets hung from the said ring and rods, means for clamping the pockets over the said rods and to the ring, and a cover hinged to the said ring and seatable on the said rods within the aforementioned ring to close the pockets *in toto* and individually.

5. A purse embodying a ring forming a frame and having its upper edge bent back inwardly, diametrical rods crossing each other at right angles and secured at their extremities to the said ring below the intumed edge, U-shaped clamping strips on the said rods and having their outer extremities bent upwardly and clenched under the intumed edge of the said ring, a semi-spherical bag having its edge clenched under the intumed edge of the said ring, lining sections for the bag having their upper edges clenched under the intumed edge of the said ring and having partitions attached thereto clenched under the U-shaped strips and over the said rods to provide coin pockets; a cover comprising a ring of U-shaped cross section fitting in the former ring and hinged thereto, a disk having its edge upturned and clenched within the latter ring, and a piece of circular form having a segmental portion cut away and arranged on the said disk and having its curved edge upturned and clenched within the last mentioned ring; and a catch on the former ring opposite the hinge joint and adapted to engage the latter ring.

6. A purse embodying a frame, cross rods secured in the frame, pockets hung from the said frame and said rods, clamping strips on the rods, secured to the frame and clenching the pockets on the rods, and a cover hinged to the frame and seatable on the rods to close the pockets *in toto* and individually.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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