

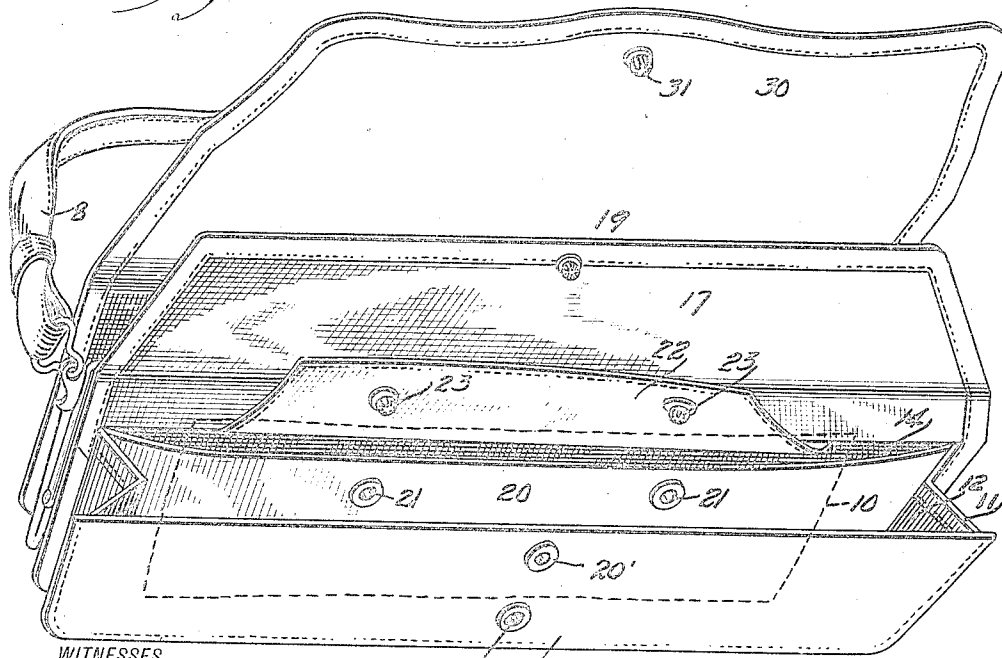
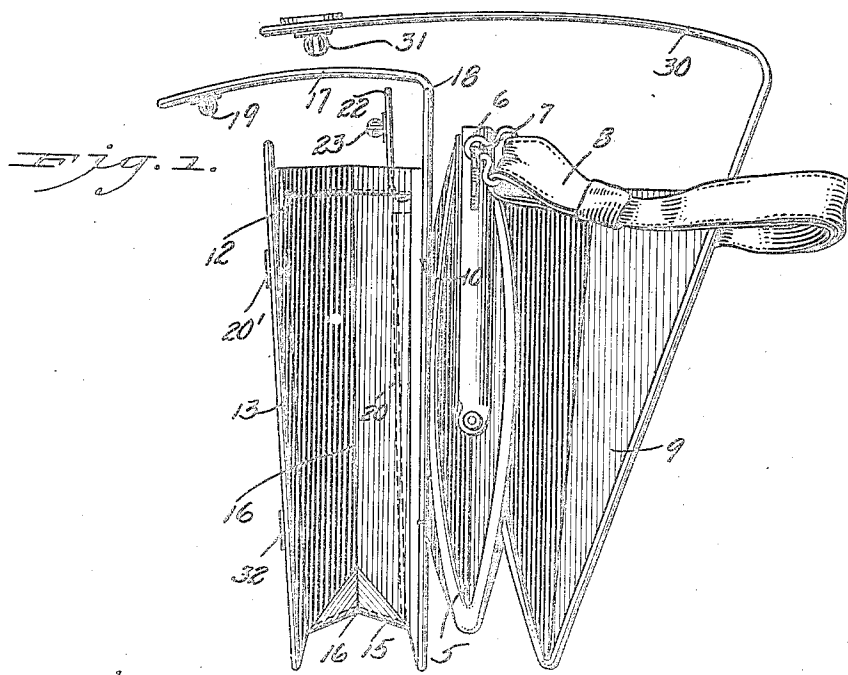
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BERNARD STEMBER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Pocketbook, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in ladies' pocket-books, hand bags, and the like, and it pertains more particularly to that type of bags in which a main change receptacle serves as the carrying and supporting means of a plurality of pockets arranged on either side thereof.

It is one of the objects of the present invention to provide a hand bag with a pocket of the accordion type.

It is a further object of the invention to construct the bag so that the accordion pocket will be upon the exterior of the frame of the bag.

It is a further object of the invention to provide a concealed or safety pocket within a pocket arranged upon the exterior of the frame.

With the above and other objects in view, reference is had to the accompanying drawings, in which

Figure 1 is a view in end elevation of a pocket-book constructed in accordance with the present invention, said pocket-book being extended to open position;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the pocket-book with the several pockets in open position and showing the location and arrangement of the safety or concealed pocket of the pocket-book.

Referring more specifically to the drawings, the pocket-book comprises a main change or money pocket 5, and said main change or money pocket is formed in the ordinary manner upon a suitable frame structure 6. This frame is provided with suitable eyes or the like 7 by means of which the handle 8 is attached thereto, all of which is constructed in the usual manner.

Secured to the rear face of the main change or money pocket 5, is a pocket 9, and said pocket 9 is of the ordinary V type commonly employed in devices of this character.

Secured to the front wall of the main change or money pocket 5, as by stitching 10, is a pocket 12. This pocket 12 is of the bellows or accordion type, and is provided with end walls 11, a front wall 13, and a rear wall

14. The stitching 10 heretofore mentioned passes through the rear wall of the pocket at a point removed from the ends thereof, as more clearly shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2. Each of the end walls 11 and the bottom wall 15 of the pocket, is provided with a centrally-disposed line of fold 16. The rear wall 14 of the pocket 12 is extended as at 17, to provide a cover adapted to fold at the point designated by the reference character 18, and said cover is provided with a snap or other suitable fastening 19 adapted to engage a suitable fastening 20' carried by the front wall 13 of the pocket 12. Mounted within the pocket 12 and normally forming the rear wall thereof, is a partition 20, and said partition 20 is provided with sockets 21 of separable fasteners to be hereinafter more specifically referred to.

Secured to the rear wall 14 of the pocket 12, is a flap 22, and said flap 22 is provided with the head members 23 of the separable fasteners, which head members are to be received within the socket members 21 when the flap 22 is folded downwardly over the partition wall 20. By this construction it is apparent that the partition 20 in reality forms the rear wall of the forward pocket 12, and that the space between the partition 20 and the rear wall 14 of the forward pocket, provides a safety or concealed pocket which is hidden by the flap 22 when the same is in its folded-down position.

The rear wall of the rear pocket 9 is extended as indicated by the reference character 30, and is provided with a head member 31 of a separable fastener, said head member 31 being adapted to be received within a socket member 32 carried on the front wall of the forward pocket 12.

From the foregoing it is apparent that by providing a pocket 12 of the bellows or accordion type upon the front wall of the main change or money pocket, this pocket is capable of carrying a greater quantity of papers, etc., without distortion of the pocket-book than is possible with a pocket of the V-type as commonly employed.

Further, it will be noted that a pocket of the bellows or accordion type is particularly well adapted for the purpose of carrying a concealed pocket, such as the pocket formed by the partition 20 and the flap 22, since this pocket may carry material without bulging or distorting the outer pocket 12.

From the foregoing, it is apparent that

the present invention provides a new and improved pocket-book capable of carrying a larger number of articles without unduly distorting and consequent bulging, than is possible with a pocket-book of ordinary construction.

I claim:

A pocket book comprising a main frame, a pocket formed on said main frame, a bellows pocket mounted on the front of said first-mentioned pocket, a collapsible pocket mounted on the back of said first-mentioned pocket, a partition separating said bellows pocket from the front wall of the first-mentioned pocket, a pocket formed on said par-

tition and between the partition and the rear wall of the bellows pocket, a flap carried by said partition and adapted to overlap the rear wall of the bellows pocket to close the pocket formed between the rear wall and the partition, a second flap carried by the first-mentioned pocket and adapted to overlie the bellows pocket to form a closure therefor, and a flap forming an extension of the rear wall of the collapsible pocket and extending to the front wall of the bellows pocket to close the entire open side of all of the pockets, substantially as described.

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