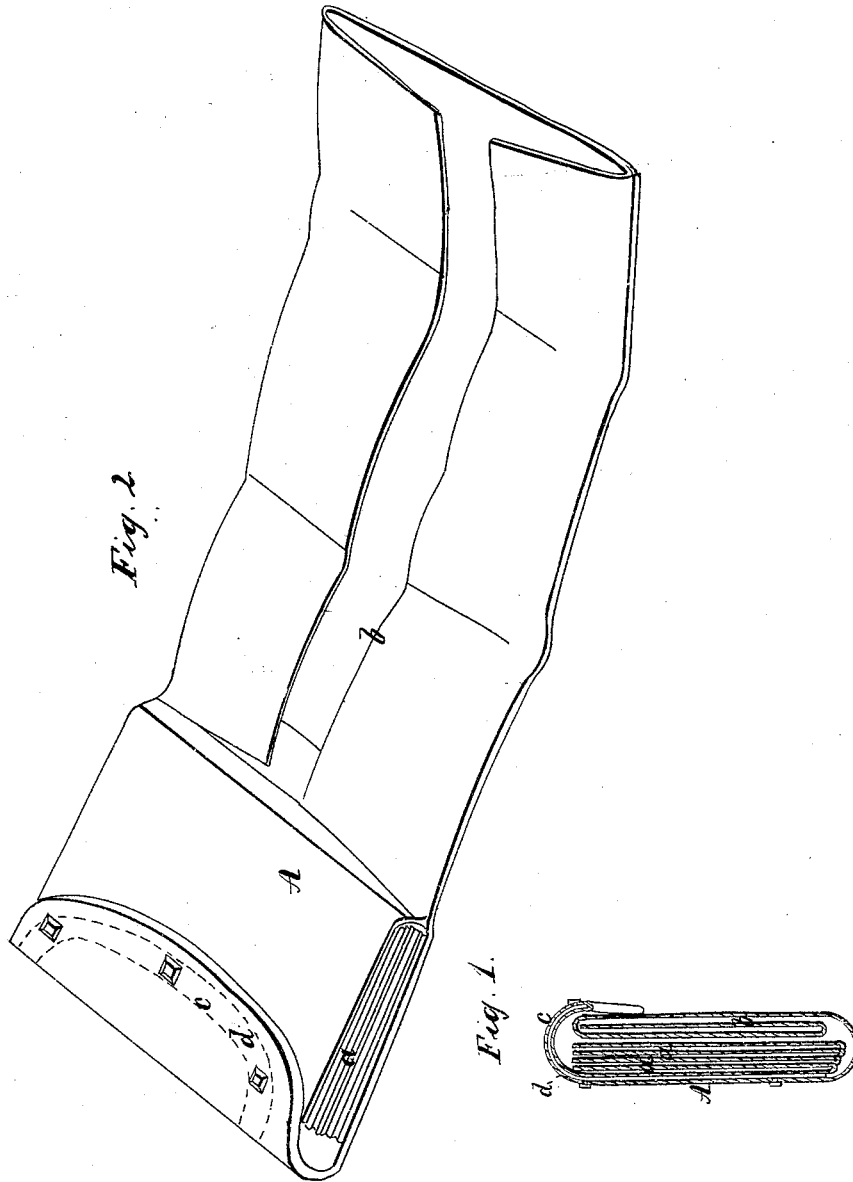


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Pocket Book.

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POCKET-BOOK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, J. FREDERICK DUBBER, of 42 Hicks street, Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Pocket-Book; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a transverse section of this invention when closed. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same when partially open.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

This invention consists in the application of one or more strips of spring-steel to the closing flap of a pocket-book, said strip being secured in the edge or edges of the flap in such a manner that by its action the pocket-book is kept closed without the aid of the usual clasps, strings, or other fastenings, and if a portion of the pocket-book is unfolded or opened the remaining pockets are still closed by the action of the steel flap and their contents are prevented from dropping out accidentally. Furthermore, by the action of said strip of spring-steel the closing-flap is strengthened and the pocket-book rendered stiff and durable.

A represents a pocket-book of any desirable construction and size, provided with a series of pockets, *a*, to receive and hold coin or small currency, and with a folding pouch, *b*, to receive bills.

A flap, *c*, which passes over the edge of the pocket-book when the same is in the position shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, serves to keep it closed. This flap is provided with one or more strips of spring-steel, *d*, one continuous

strip being used by preference, which is embedded in the edge of said closing-flap and fastened thereto by rivets or in any other suitable manner. By the action of this spring the edge of the closing-flap is strengthened and the pocket-book is rendered stiff and durable; and, furthermore, the closing-flap is enabled to keep the pocket-book closed without the aid of strings, clasps, or other fastenings. Said spring is so adjusted that when the bill-pouch is unfolded, as shown in Fig. 2, the pockets *a* are kept closed by the action of the closing-flap, and it forms a safeguard against the accidental loss of a portion or the whole of their contents.

A pocket-book constructed according to my invention can be made cheaply, it is very convenient in its use, and it is more durable than a pocket-book of the ordinary construction or provided with a fastening such as now in use.

My fastening is not liable to get out of order, whereas the springs, clasps, india-rubber springs, or other devices now used are occasionally getting out of order, and when a pocket-book with an ordinary fastening is opened the contents of the pockets not in the hands of the owner when he takes a bill out of the bill-pouch or puts one in are liable to drop out and get lost, whereas by my fastening said pockets are kept closed and the loss of their contents is avoided.

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A pocket-book provided with a strip of steel, *d*, in the edge of its closing flap *c*, as a new article of manufacture.

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