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Pocket-book.
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Fig. 1.

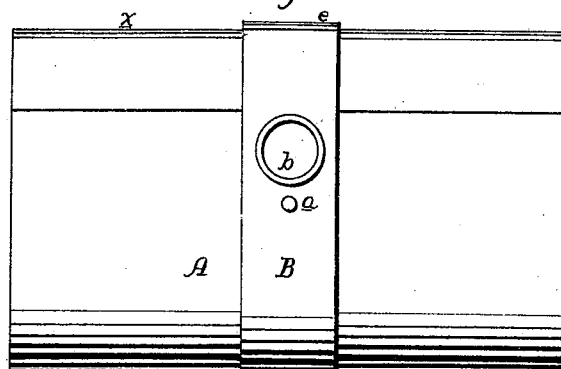


Fig. 2.

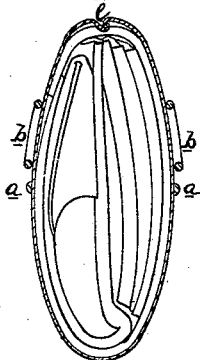
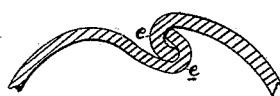


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN POCKET-BOOKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS SAARBACK, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented an Improvement in Pocket-Books or Porte-Monnaies; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention consists of an elastic strip or band combined with and arranged in respect to a pocket-book or porte-monnaie, and having bent ends adapted to each other, in the manner described hereinafter, so as to form a more durable fastening than the gum-elastic bands heretofore used for the same purpose.

In order to enable others to make and use my invention, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation.

On reference to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a front view of my improved pocket-book or porte-monnaie; Fig. 2, a transverse section, and Fig. 3 an enlarged view of part of the metal strip or band for securing the book.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

Before describing my invention it may be well to state that it relates to that class of pocket-books and porte-monnaies in connection with which elastic bands composed partly of gum-elastic have been heretofore used for keeping the books closed and maintaining the contents in the folds or pockets. It is well known that, however well these elastic bands may serve the desired purpose when new, they ultimately become deprived of their elasticity, and consequently of their utility, owing to repeated stretching.

In place of the usual gum-elastic band, I use a thin strip, B, (which I prefer to make of properly-tempered steel,) which I rivet or otherwise secure to the back of the porte-monnaie or pocket-book A at two points, *a a*, Fig. 2, the strip passing around the book, its two ends meeting each other at the edge *x* of the book, and the said ends *e e* being bent so that one shall catch into the other, as seen in Fig. 3. To each side

of the metal strip B, immediately above the points *a a*, where it is secured to the book, a ring, *b*, is soldered or otherwise attached. The strip is of such a length and so formed that it will fit snugly to the book, and is so elastic that it will yield to a limited extent when the book is enlarged by its contents.

When the book has to be opened it should be so held in the hand that a finger will bear against one of the rings and a thumb against the other ring. A slight pressure of the strip between the finger and thumb will then contract the book and cause one bent end of the strip to escape from the other, after which the book can be readily opened, owing to the elasticity of the strip.

By pressing the two ends of the strip toward each other near their ends, one bent end can be readily made to catch onto the other, thereby securing the book.

It will be evident that the metallic strip or band applied to the book in the manner described affords a much more convenient and durable medium for confining the folds of the book together than the usual gum-elastic band. It will also be evident that any pieces of metal conveniently formed for the reception of the finger and thumb may be substituted for the rings *a a*.

I am aware that an elastic metal band has heretofore been used for confining detached papers, the ends of the band being arranged to catch into each other. This I do not claim; but

I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The elastic metal band or strip B, combined with and arranged in respect to a pocket-book or porte-monnaie in the manner described, and having bent ends adapted to each other, as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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