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Pocket-book.

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Fig. 1.

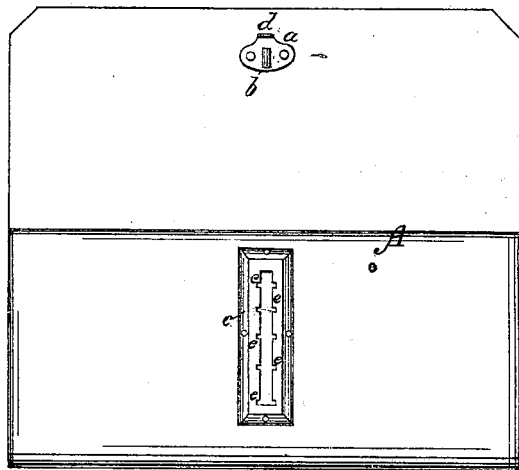


Fig. 2.

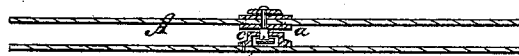
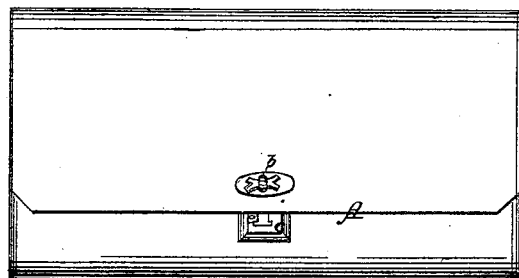


Fig. 3.



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CLASP FOR POCKET-BOOKS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 53,520, dated March 27, 1866.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, J. WARREN BROWN and ELIAKIM RICE, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Fastening for Pocket-Books; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those 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 represents a plan of this invention when open. Fig. 2 is a horizontal vertical section of the same when closed. Fig. 3 is a plan of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to a fastening for pocket-books and other similar articles, which is intended to supersede the ordinary fastening composed of an elastic strap or band, and which accommodates itself to the quantity of bills, papers, or other articles contained in said pocket-book.

The improvement consists in a T-shaped button, which, when turned in one direction, can be made to enter a slotted metal plate, and when turned in the other direction it catches under the inner edges of said slotted plate and fastens the two parts together to which the button and plate are attached. In order to prevent the button from sliding to and fro in the slotted plate, a lip projecting from the bed-plate of the button is made to catch in small nicks on the sides of the slot in the metal plate.

A represents a pocket-book of any suitable construction, or any other article of similar nature. To the closing-flaps of this pocket-book is secured the bed-plate *a*, which is provided with a socket to receive the button *b*.

The inner end of this button is T-shaped, and on its outer end is mounted a handle of any suitable shape, whereby the same can be turned in either direction.

To the body of the pocket-book is secured a slotted plate, *c*, in such a position that when the closing-flap is turned down the T-shaped button *b* can be made to enter the slot in the plate, and by turning the button the pocket-book is closed.

The slot in the plate *c* is of such a length that the closing-flap will accommodate itself readily to the greater or smaller quantity of bills, papers, or other articles contained in said pocket-book; but if the slot is left smooth throughout the button would be liable to slide back and forward and to turn and open spontaneously. This difficulty is overcome by providing the bed-plate *a* with a lip, *d*, which, when the pocket-book is closed, catches in one of the nicks *e* on the edges of the slot in the plate *c*, and by these means the button is prevented from sliding in the slotted plate.

This fastening is very simple in its construction. It can be made plain or it may be ornamented in various ways. It is easily secured in position, and it is durable and not liable to wear out or get out of order as long as the pocket-book lasts.

What we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The lip *d* and nicks *e*, in combination with the swivel-button *b* and slotted plate *c*, constructed and operating substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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