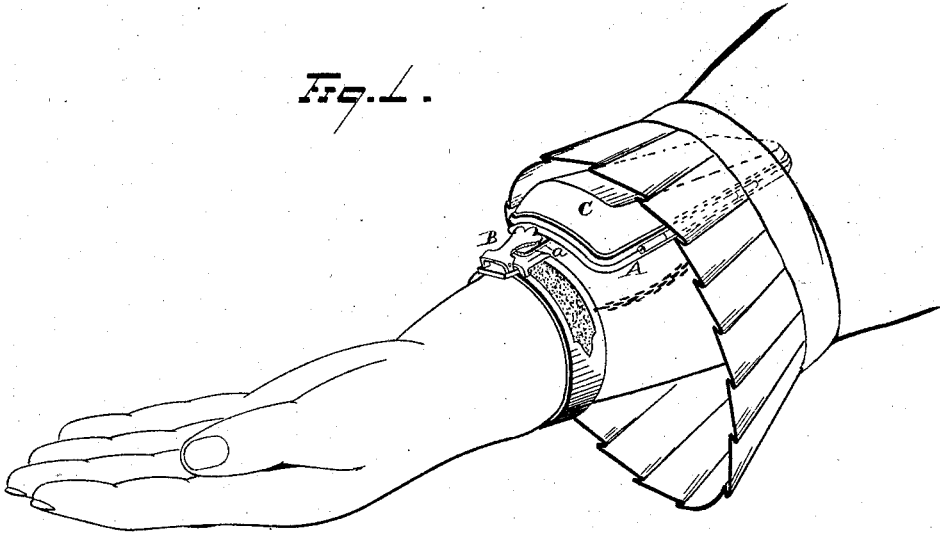


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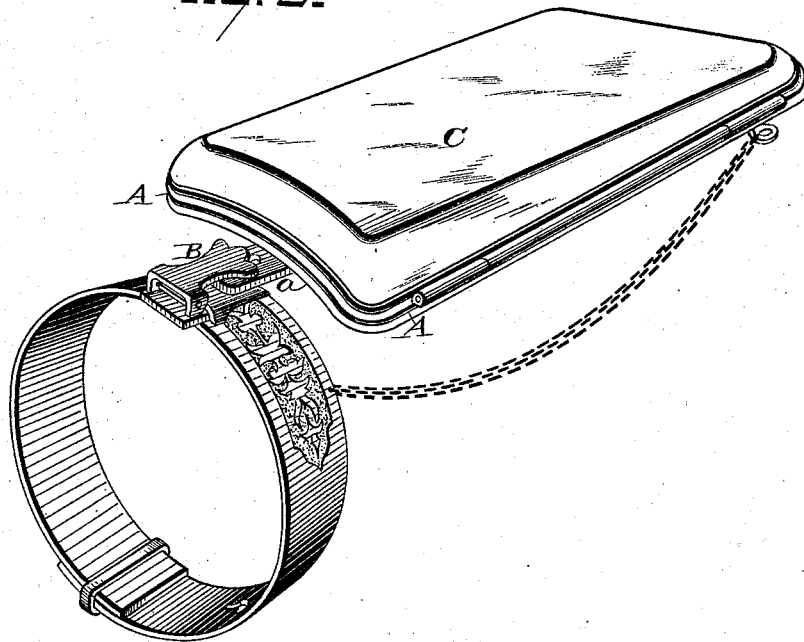
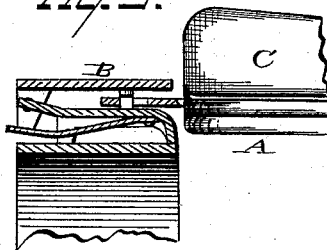


Fig. 3.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN POCKET-BOOKS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM E. BEAMES, of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Porte-Monnaies or Pocket-Books; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to ladies' porte-monnaies or pocket-books, and is designed to provide a form thereof which may be worn upon the wrist or lower part of the arm, and thus be prevented from being snatched from the hand or otherwise lost, while at the same time it may be readily removed from such position and be held in the hand as usual for any purpose or use.

It is well known that ladies and misses are liable to have their pocket-books snatched from their hand as they are holding them, or by reason of other accident lose possession of the same.

My object is to fasten the pocket-book or porte-monnaie to the person in such locality as to be readily accessible, and also permit the same to be at once regained in ordinary hold of the hand for use in putting money therein or taking it out therefrom, the design or principle of the improvement being to slip the porte-monnaie up the sleeve of a lady's dress or other arm-clothing, and there secure it in position out of sight, by attaching it to an ordinary bracelet in a manner whereby it may be detached therefrom and returned to the hand without injury to the dress, and with very little trouble.

With this end in view, the invention consists, first, in the combination of a porte-monnaie or pocket-book, a bracelet or band for the wrist and a locking device which detachably fastens the same together, said parts being adapted to permit the porte-monnaie to be removed from the arm without removing the bracelet from the latter; second, in the combination, with a bracelet or band adapted to be independently secured to the wrist, of a

porte-monnaie or pocket-book and a spring locking device, which fastens the same together; third, in the combination of a porte-monnaie or pocket-book and a bracelet, the latter being provided on its outer periphery with a spring-fastening adapted to engage and disengage with a longitudinal stud formed rigid with the contiguous extremity of said porte-monnaie; fourth, in a porte-monnaie or pocket-book adapted to be worn upon the lower arm or wrist, the same being made in tapering form, decreasing in its transverse section from the end near the hand to the opposite extremity; fifth, in a porte-monnaie or pocket-book having a rigid concave side adapted to fit about the wrist or arm, and a main portion made in expandible or bag form, the same being largest at the extremity near the hand and decreasing in transverse section as it approaches the opposite extremity.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a view representing one form of the invention as the latter is applied in use. Fig. 2 is a view of the same detached from the arm. Fig. 3 represents, in detail view, the specific form of locking device preferred by me.

The porte-monnaie or pocket-book is made with its side A, which is designed to be worn next to the wrist or arm, of longitudinal concave form; and made of any suitable rigid material. It may be in its own character soft and adapted to prevent any harsh friction or wearing action upon the person, or it may be provided with any suitable covering for comfort or appearance' sake. Preferably the same is metal or card-board, and the extremity nearest the hand is provided with a longitudinal stud, *a*, formed rigid therewith.

The bracelet may be of any desired character, style, or material, and that shown in the drawings is merely by way of illustration.

To the outer periphery of the bracelet a spring-fastening, B, is secured, the same being adapted to engage with the stud of the porte-monnaie in a firm connection, and one which is adapted to readily attach the porte-monnaie to the bracelet or detach it therefrom.

It is evident that the position of the fastening and its catch may be relatively changed. Thus the stud may be formed upon the brace-

let, and the spring-fastening be formed on the porte-monnaie. So, too, it is not necessary that this particular form of connecting device be employed in order to use the broad principle of my invention, inasmuch as the latter is independent of any special construction for connecting and disconnecting the porte-monnaie from the bracelet.

That portion, C, of the porte-monnaie or pocket-book which does not fit against the arm or wrist is made of a flexible material of any desired character, so that it may cause the porte-monnaie to correspond to the bulk of its contents. Preferably this portion is of a yielding character, made full and capable of expansion, and of being filled to conform to the capacity and shape of the space occupied by or within which said porte-monnaie is fitted. This purpose is accomplished by increasing the size of the "bellows," as the same is technically termed, toward the middle portion and lower end of the porte-monnaie. If desired, however, this outer side may be made rigid and firm, instead of flexible and expansive, so that while its capacity is equal to that of my preferred construction it lacks the capacity of being reduced in bulk when not filled.

The form of the porte-monnaie is longitudinally tapering, so as to cause the transverse section of that extremity near the hand, and where the most room is, to be greater than the sectional dimension of that part of the porte-monnaie which is inserted farther up the sleeve. This gradual decrease in size from the outer to the inner end of the porte-monnaie permits of the ready introduction of the latter into the sleeve and its location in due position.

Throughout the description and claims I speak of the device to which the porte-monnaie is fastened as a bracelet. This latter term is, however, only used for convenience in expression, inasmuch as I comprehend therein any form of band which may encircle the wrist and accomplish the end in view. I prefer to employ for this purpose the specific article known as a "lady's bracelet;" but any other form of band will answer, and it is in this sense that I use the word "bracelet."

I also represent in the drawings a chain which connects the porte-monnaie to the bracelet, which may or may not be used, as desired,

and if used the chain or its equivalent may be of any suitable length, and connecting in any suitable manner with the two parts.

I desire to be understood that the invention is not restricted to the specific form and construction of parts herein described; and, on the contrary, it comprehends, broadly, any device or arrangement of devices capable of accomplishing the general result of the invention as herein claimed.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination of a porte-monnaie or pocket-book, a bracelet or band for the wrist, and a locking device, which detachably fastens the same together, said parts being adapted to permit the porte-monnaie to be removed from the arm without removing the bracelet from the latter, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, with a bracelet or band adapted to be independently secured to the wrist, of a porte-monnaie or pocket-book and a spring locking device which fastens the same together, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination of a porte-monnaie or pocket-book and a bracelet, the latter being provided on its outer periphery with a spring-fastening adapted to engage and disengage with a longitudinal stud formed rigid with the contiguous extremity of said porte-monnaie, substantially as set forth.

4. A porte-monnaie or pocket book adapted to be worn upon the lower arm or wrist, the same being made in tapering form, increasing in its transverse section from the end near the hand to the opposite extremity, substantially as set forth.

5. A porte-monnaie or pocket-book having a rigid concave side adapted to fit about the wrist or arm, and a main portion made in expansible or bag form, the same being largest at the extremity near the hand, and decreasing in transverse section as it approaches the opposite extremity, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 12th day of March, 1879.

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