

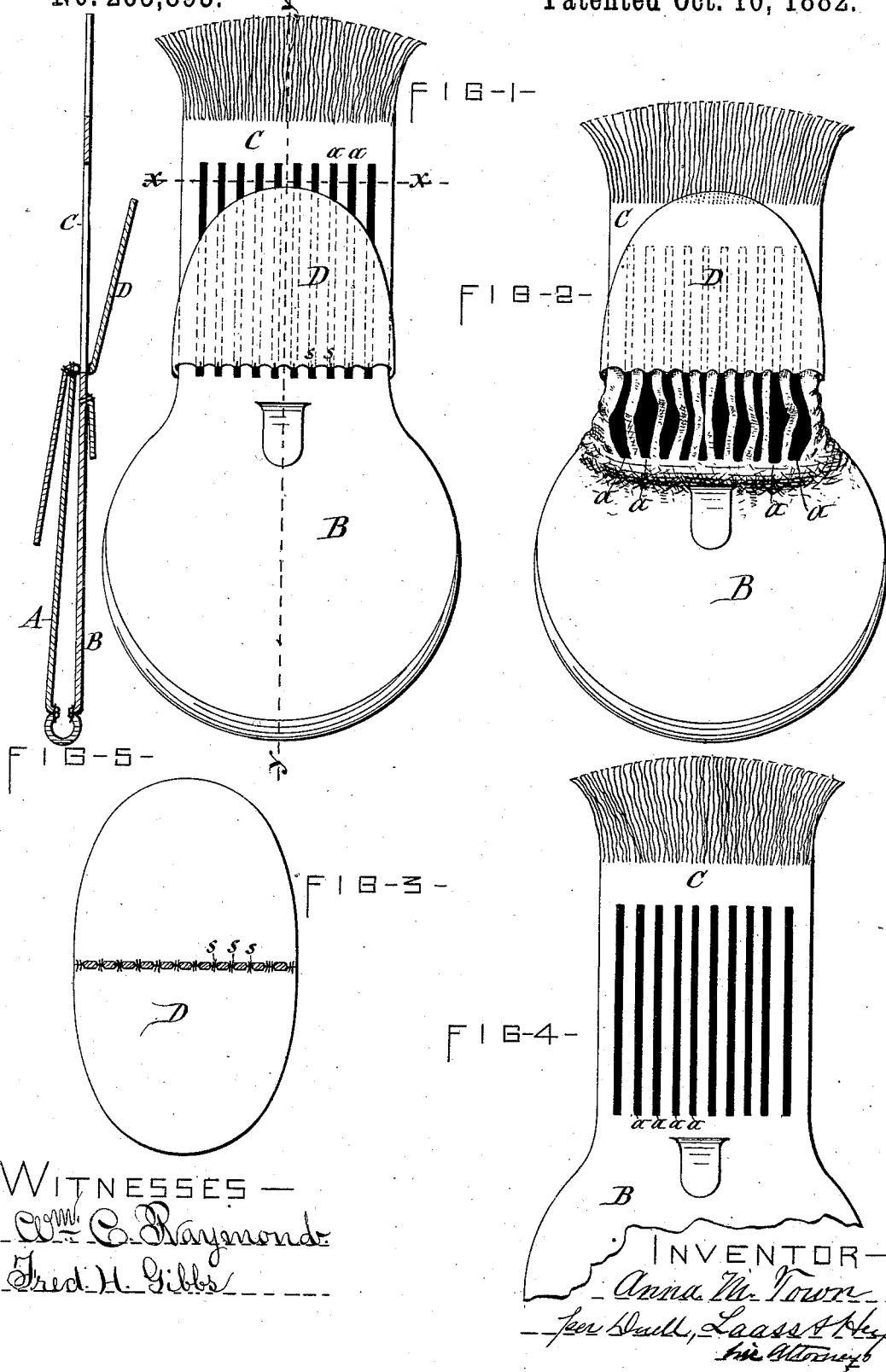
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANNA M. TOWN, of St. Johns, in the county of Stafford, in the State of Kansas, have invented new and useful Improvements in Purses, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention consists essentially of a pocket having on one side of its mouth an extension formed with a series of longitudinal strips, and on the opposite side of the mouth a flap having a series of slits through which the aforesaid strips slide, all as hereinafter more fully explained, and specifically set forth in the claim.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of my improved purse in a closed position. Fig. 2 shows the same in an open position. Fig. 3 is a transverse section on line *x x* with the flaps distended from the purse. Fig. 4 is a detail view of the upper part of the front section of the purse; and Fig. 5 is a vertical transverse section on line *y y*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A and B represent the rear and front sections of a pocket or pouch composed of any desirable flexible material and constructed in any convenient and suitable shape, with a mouth or opening at its upper end. The front section, B, is provided with an extension, C, which has a series of longitudinal slits, *a a*, forming a series of strips united at their extremities. Upon the exterior of the front section is a flap, D, which is connected to the rear section, A, at the mouth of the purse by means of stitches *s s*, or other suitable fastening devices, passing through the slits *a* of the front section, the

loose portions of the flap between the stitches *s s* forming a series of slits or openings through which the strips of the extension C slide, and being crimped around the said strips, so as to more effectually close the purse.

The purse is opened by holding the flap by one hand and drawing outward the section B by the other hand, thereby bringing the slitted portion of the extension C in front of the flap, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings, and thus affording access to the interior of the purse through the said slits.

To close the purse it is only necessary to take hold of the lower end of the purse with one hand and drawing the extension C with the other hand, thereby bringing it into the position shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings.

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

The within-described purse, consisting of the rear section, A, front section, B, having the extension C, provided with slits *a a*, and the flap D, attached to the rear section by stitches *s s* through the slits *a*, and having intermediate crimped loose portions partially surrounding the strips formed by the slits *a*, substantially as described and shown.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my seal, in the presence of two attesting witnesses, at Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York, this 23d day of June, 1882.

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