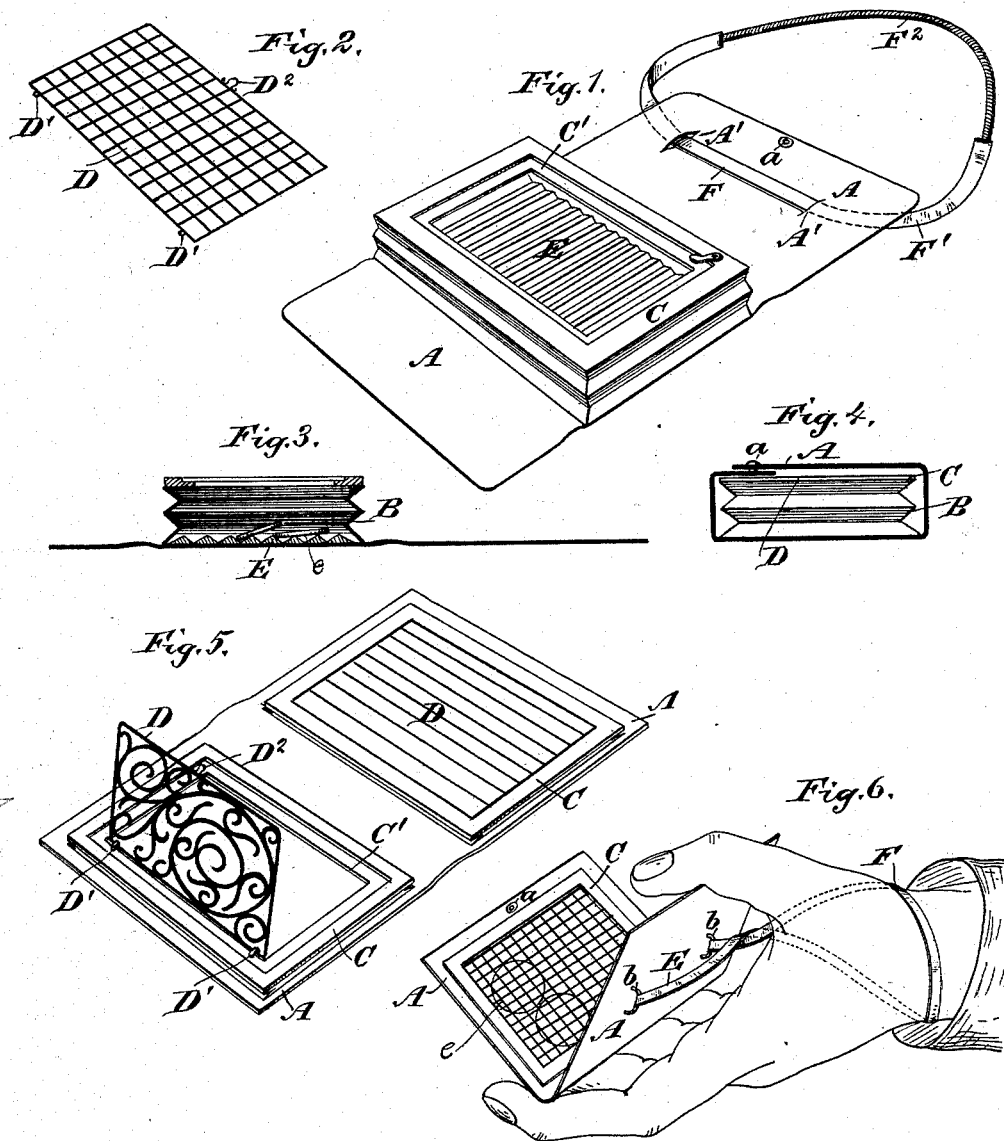


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, KILBOURNE TOMPKINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, county and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Coin Pocket-Books, of which the following is a full and true description, enabling others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make the same.

My invention relates to pocket books and more particularly such pocket books as are adapted to be used for carrying coins and are carried by ladies in the hand. Its object is to provide a safe and convenient receptacle for all kinds of coin and one which will admit of said coins being seen at a glance when the pocket book is opened.

It consists in providing a perforated plate for one side of each of the pockets in the pocket book through which perforations the exact value of the coin may be determined.

In the accompanying drawings in which like letters refer to like parts in each of the views, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pocket book opened and showing the perforated plate removed, also showing the guard band passing through holes in one of the flaps as a means of connecting it to the pocket book. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the perforated plate. Fig. 3 is a cross sectional view of a compartment in pocket book showing the uneven or corrugated bottom of the same, and showing coin *c* tilted to admit of easy handling. Fig. 4 is an end view of the pocket book. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a pocket book showing the perforated plate thrown back. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a pocket book held in the hand with elastic attachment or guard in position about the hand.

In the drawings A represents the outer covering of a pocket book. This pocket book does not materially differ in outward appearance from the ordinary pocketbook having bellows compartments. These compartments in this book are made so that they will separate one from another like the leaves of a book in such a manner as to admit of the larger superfluous or flat side being utilized for the purpose intended.

B shows the bellows compartments in this book; these compartments are provided on

one side which is the bottom with a corrugated or otherwise uneven surface E. The other side is cut away leaving a frame C, shown square in the drawings with a rabbet edge C'. In this frame and in the rabbet C' the perforated plate D is adapted to lodge.

The plate D is preferably made of metal, but it is obvious that this is mere selection as any material through which the contents of the compartment can be observed will effect the desired purpose. Glass or any other transparent medium could in some cases be used. The plate D is hinged at D' and has a catch D² to retain it in position, instead of a plate as shown in Fig. 6, a piece of mesh as shown in Fig. 2 or simple bars as shown in Fig. 6 may be used. The object of having this plate is to admit of the exposure through the perforations of the character of the coin in that particular compartment; in this perforated or transparent plate is lodged the first part of my invention.

Each compartment covered on one side by plate D, has a corrugated or otherwise uneven side E; this is shown in Figs. 1 and 3, instead of corrugations E' squares or protruberances may be formed and effect the desired purpose, which is to admit of the coin tilting to enable the one extracting a coin to readily grasp the same. In this uneven bottom to the compartments is lodged the second part of my invention.

Attached to the exterior superfluous of one of the flaps of A is a carry strap F; this carry strap may be attached to the flap by means of catches as shown in Fig. 6, in which case it will have catches *ff* upon its end adapted to engage in suitable attachments on the flap of the pocket book, or it may pass through orifices A' A', see Fig. 1, provided for that purpose; in Fig. 1 the strap is shown continuous, that is to say, it is unbroken and may be adjusted through the perforations A' A'; the strap is preferably made of a rigid part F' and an elastic part F² connected to F'; this strap is to admit of the pocket book being safely carried in the hand. It is in no sense a closing device for the pocket book, but admits of the pocket book being opened and shut freely, and without obstruction, the catch *a* being the means provided for holding

the leaves of the pocket book closed. In this carry strap is lodged the third part of my invention.

The operation of this pocket book may be thus described: The perforated plate is raised by means of the catch attached, and the coin deposited in the compartment E. This has an uneven bottom. When a coin is to be extracted the desired one can be seen through the interstices in the plate D. The plate is raised and a slight pressure on one edge part of the coin causes it to raise on the other, this being caused by the uneven surface of the bottom E' of the compartment E. The carry strap F is used as shown in Fig. 6 by twisting it around the wrist or hand; a lady by using this as shown can have the use of the hand carrying the pocket book as the strap assists in retaining it in her hand but in no wise holds the parts together or prevents the free opening or closing of the pocket book in so doing.

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

1. A pocket book consisting of an outer case within which is fixed one or more separable leaved compartments, bellowsed upon their edge and having one of their superior surfaces perforated and hinged to the frame of the compartment, the other superior surface provided with a series of corrugations or protuberances formed integral with said surface, as herein shown and described.

2. A pocket book consisting of one or more leaved compartments adapted to open like

the leaves of a book, each of said compartments being provided on one side with a hinged flap held in position by a catch, and upon the other side with a flap having an interior uneven surface, as herein shown and described.

3. A pocket book consisting of one or more leaved and bellowsed edge compartments said compartments being adapted to hold in the same compartment coins of various denominations, secured in said compartment by a movable perforated plate hinged to the frame of the compartment, said perforated plate secured in position and to the frame of the compartment by catches upon said plate and frame, as herein shown and described.

4. The combination in a pocket book of an outer case or cover a series of leaved and bellowsed edge compartments adapted to contain coins of various denominations commingled each of said compartments provided on one side with an adjustable, perforated plate adapted to be closed and held in position by a catch located upon said plate and the frame of the compartment the other side of said compartment having a roughened interior surface, and a flexible guard cord adapted to be attached to one of the exterior surfaces of the outer case, the bight of said cord adapted to pass around the wrist or hand for the purpose of securing said pocket book to the hand, as herein shown and described.

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