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Fig. 1.

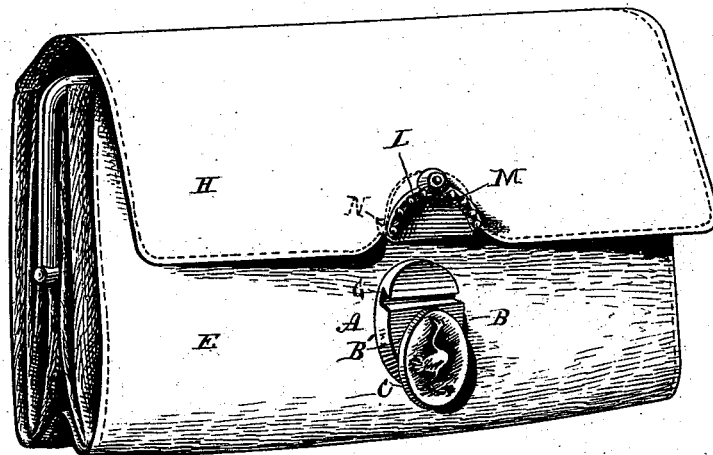
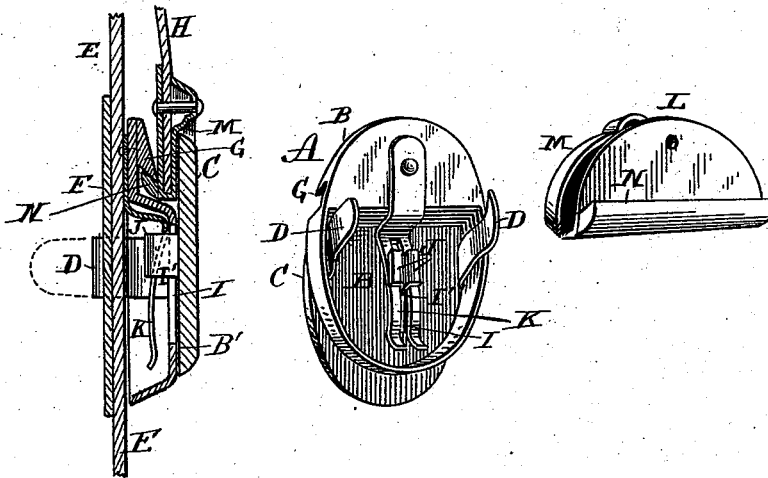


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.

Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT L. BOYD, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Pocket-Book Fastenings, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to an improvement in pocket-book fastenings in which a catch-plate attached to the flap of the pocket-book and having a hook-shaped jaw is adapted to engage a corresponding jaw on a base-plate attached to the body of the pocket-book, and the base-plate is provided with a movable button arranged to be pushed over the engaging jaws to lock them together.

The object of my improvement is to secure a simpler, stronger, and more convenient fastening of this character than has been heretofore attained; and the invention consists of a novel construction and combination of parts, substantially as hereinafter fully described, and as distinctly claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pocket-book provided with a fastening embodying my improvement, the fastening being unlocked. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the fastening when locked. Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the under side of the body-fastener. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the flap-fastener.

The body-fastener A (shown detached in Fig. 3) is composed, mainly, of a metallic base-plate, B, and a locking-button, C.

The base-plate B is formed, preferably, with bottom claws, D, adapted to be passed through the body E of the pocket-book and bent over upon the inside of the same, or upon a metallic re-enforcing plate, F, as may be necessary to secure the base-plate firmly in place. The base-plate B is of oval shape, and is formed on its upper face with a jaw, G, extending entirely across the tip of the oval and having its inner face or shoulder inclined sharply inward and forward toward the pocket-book flap H, transversely to which the length of the oval is placed. The base-plate B is also formed just behind the jaw G with a flat seat, B', ele-

vated thereabove and conforming to the general oval outline, on which seat is adapted to slide the corresponding oval locking-button, C, before mentioned.

The top of the seat B' is formed with a longitudinal slot, I, closed at both ends, through which is passed a shank, I', projecting from the under side of the button C, and having on its lower end a head, J, which rides on a friction-spring, K, attached to the under side of the base-plate, the arrangement being such that the button can be slid forward over the jaw G to coincide with and cover the correspondingly-shaped base-plate or retracted to uncover the jaw, as shown in Fig. 1, and will be held stiffly in either position.

The flap-fastener L (shown detached in Fig. 4) is formed of an oval piece of thin metal stamped up at one end to form a curved ridge, M, and folded upon itself, so as to receive between its folds the edge of the flap, which is suitably secured thereto, and a sharply-inclined hook-shaped jaw, N, corresponding to that on the base-plate is provided, preferably, by soldering a separate properly-beveled strip to the under side of the plate along the edge of the fold. The construction and arrangement is such that the jaw N on the flap-fastener can be readily engaged with that on the base-plate, and when the button is slid forward on its seat to lock the jaws together the oval end of the button will be guided by a cam action between the converging sides of the ridge M on the flap-fastener and the respective fasteners thus centered.

The button being able to slide only and not to swing, the separation of the meeting inclined faces of the jaws is absolutely prevented by the button when slid over them, while the button is the more securely locked the greater the strain of separation on the jaws.

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

1. A pocket-book provided with a fastening consisting of a base-plate attached to the body of the pocket-book and formed with a hook-shaped jaw and an elevated seat, a plate attached to the flap of the pocket-book and formed with a hook-shaped jaw adapted to engage that on the body base-plate, and a lock-

ing-button mounted to slide lengthwise on the said elevated seat over the engaging-jaws, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with the body and flap
5 of a pocket-book, of a base-plate attached to the body and formed with a transverse jaw and an elevated seat, a button mounted to slide on said seat over the jaw and having a front cam end, and a fastener attached to the flap
10 having a transverse jaw adapted to engage that on the base-plate, and formed with converging cam-ridges to receive and guide the cam-ended button, substantially as described.

3. The herein-described fastening for pocket-
15 books, consisting of a body base-plate provided with attaching-claws and formed with a

jaw extending entirely across the tip of the oval and having an inner face inclined sharply forward and downward, and with a flat seat just behind and elevated above the jaw, a but- 20 ton mounted to slide on said seat over the jaw, and a flap-fastener formed of a plate folded upon itself to embrace the flap and having a curved ridge on its outer face to engage the button, and a transverse hook-shaped jaw pro- 25 jecting from the face opposite the ridge, substantially as described.

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