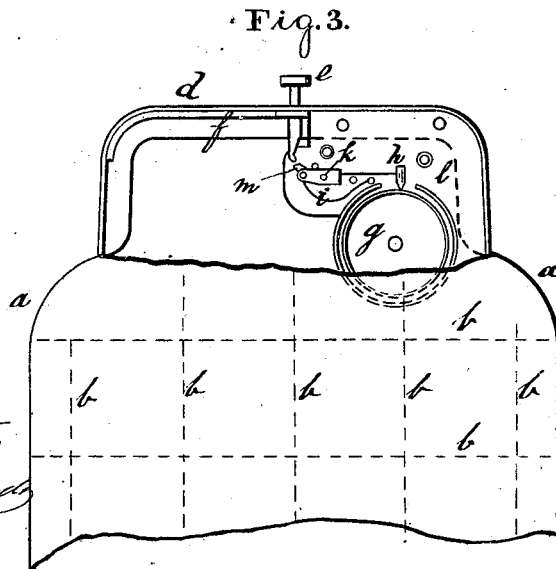
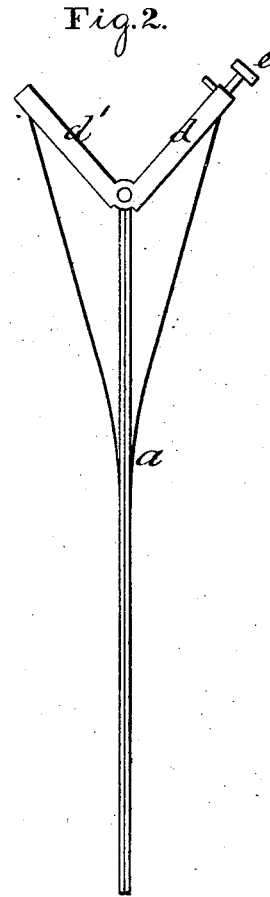
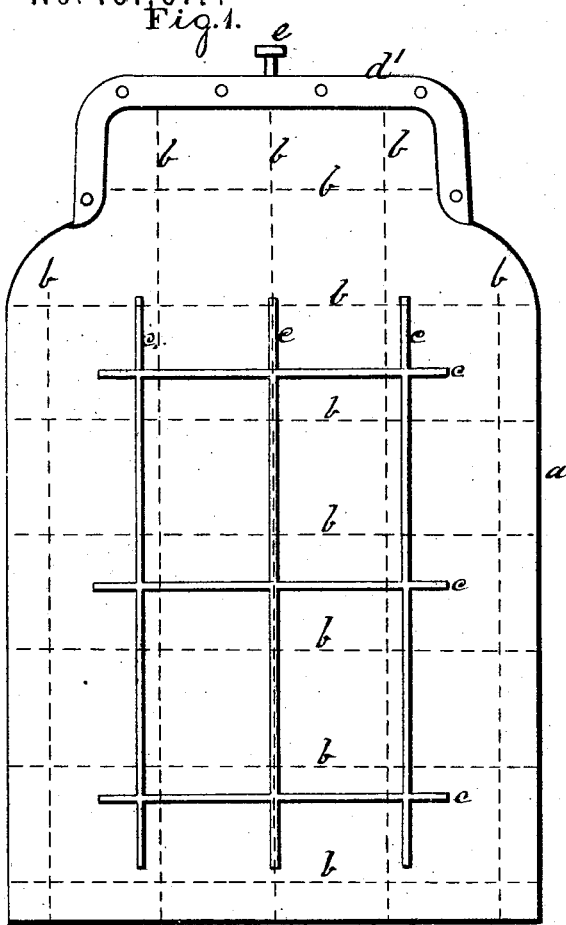


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IMPROVEMENT IN SAFETY-POCKETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES C. IDEN, of Buckingham township, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, have invented an Improvement in Safety-Pockets, Traveling-Bags, Porte-Monnaies, and other like articles, of which improvement the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to prevent the abstraction of money and other valuables from pockets, &c.

My invention consists of a combination of well-known devices arranged as hereinafter described, said devices, when separately considered, being distinctly disclaimed by me.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front or side exterior view of a bag or pocket embodying my invention; Fig. 2, an edge view of the same. Fig. 3 is a front view, in which one section of the clasp and a portion of the body of the bag are broken away to expose the construction and arrangement of the devices employed for sounding an alarm when a clandestine attempt is made to open the pocket.

a is a bag, which may form a coat-pocket or the lining of a traveling-bag, porte-monnaie, or other like article. The bag *a* is made of linen or cotton cloth, or other suitable fabric, into which are woven or otherwise inserted metallic wires *b*, or to which, in lieu of such inserted wires, metallic strips *c* are attached by stitches of thread, or in any other suitable manner, the said wires or strips being preferably crossed and arranged at intervals of about an inch, as shown, to prevent the cutting of the pocket with any sharp instrument. *d* and *d'* are the two parts of an ordinary spring-clasp for opening and closing the mouth of bag *a*. *e* is the ordinary spring thumb-

piece for operating the spring *f* in closing and opening the clasp. *g*, Fig. 3, is a bell. *h* is a bell-hammer; *i*, a spring, the free end of which bears against the hammer-handle *j*, which is pivoted at *k* to a plate, *l*. The thumb-piece *e* is lengthened or extended down and notched at its lower end, which is arranged to come in contact, when pressed down, with a short pivoted projection, *m*, at the end of the hammer-handle, and thus to press down said handle until the notch in the thumb-piece *e* has passed the projection *m*, when the hammer-handle is released, and the hammer is caused, by the action of the spring *i*, to strike the bell and sound an alarm.

The bell and other alarm devices are attached to the plate *l*, which is attached to the clasp, or to one side of the bag, and covered by a corresponding plate. (Not shown.) These plates guard the alarm devices against pressure. The plate last referred to is perforated with a number of small holes over the bell to allow the sound of the bell to escape.

I claim—

A bag or pocket made of a textile or other fabric crossed at intervals with wires or metallic plates and attached to a spring-clasp, in combination with a bell and hammer, or other equivalent alarm devices, arranged within guards inside of said pocket, and actuated to sound an alarm by the depression of the thumb-piece or clasp-fastening when the pocket is opened, substantially as set forth.

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