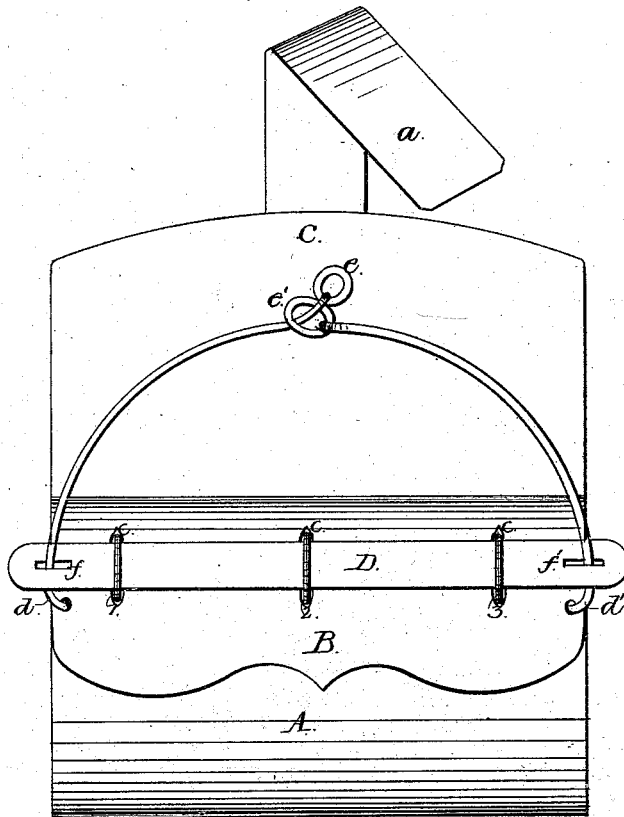


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IMPROVEMENT IN FASTENERS FOR POCKET-BOOKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN HERMAN JANTZEN, of the city of Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fasteners for Pocket-Books, Hand-Bags, and other analogous articles; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and the letters of reference marked thereon.

The object of my invention is to securely fasten the flap of a pocket-book and other similar articles without the use of either lock or key, and at the same time to provide a fastener that is not liable to get out of order, and which can be quickly and easily manipulated.

Referring to the drawings, A is the front of the pocket-book. B is an inner flap, covering the pockets, and C is an outer flap, provided with a strap, *a*. The outer flap folds over the inner, and is fastened down with a strap in the usual manner. The front A is provided with rings 1 2 3. The inner flap, B, is furnished with eyelets *c c c*, corresponding in position with the rings 1 2 3, so that when the flap is closed down over the front the rings are in position to pass through the eyelets and appear above the flap, as shown in the drawing. To one end of the flap is secured a cord or strap, *d*, and to the other end a similar cord or strap, *d'*. The free ends of these cords *d d'* are provided with rings *e e'*, and these ends are connected together by passing end of cord *d* through the ring *e'* before connecting the ring *e* to it. D is a strap, which is passed through the rings 1 2 3 when the inner flap is pressed down over the rings. The ends of this strap are provided with eyelets *f f'*. Through the eyelet *f'* is passed the cord *d'* permanently, and through the eyelet *f* is passed the cord *d* when the flap is fastened down, as shown in the drawing, but at other times it is disconnected.

Such being the construction of my improvement, the method of operating it is as follows: The flap being fastened down, as shown in the drawing, to unfasten it, draw the cord *d* through the eyelet *f* until the end of the strap reaches the ring *e'*. Then pass the end of the strap through this ring, and draw the ring *e* through the eyelet *f*. This releases the strap at one end, and it can be drawn out of the rings 1 2 3, and release the flap. To fasten the flap down, this operation must be reversed. First, press the flap down, so that the rings will pass through the eyelets *c c c*, and then pass the free end of the strap D through these rings. Next, pass this end of the strap through the ring *e'*. Then pass the ring *e* through the eyelet *f* in the end of the strap, and press the latter down flat on the flap, and the book is fastened.

The ends of the cords being connected together, a convenient handle is formed by them for carrying the pocket-book, satchel, hand-bag, or whatever article the device may be applied to. If held in the hand it is, of course, next to impossible for the pocket-book to be picked. If attached to a waist-belt it can be opened without detaching it.

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

As an improvement in fasteners for pocket-books, &c., the combination, with the flap B, provided with the eyelets 1 2 3, of the rings *c c c*, strap D, having eyelets *f f'*, and cords *d d'*, provided with the rings *e e'*, substantially as and for the purpose hereinbefore described and set forth.

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