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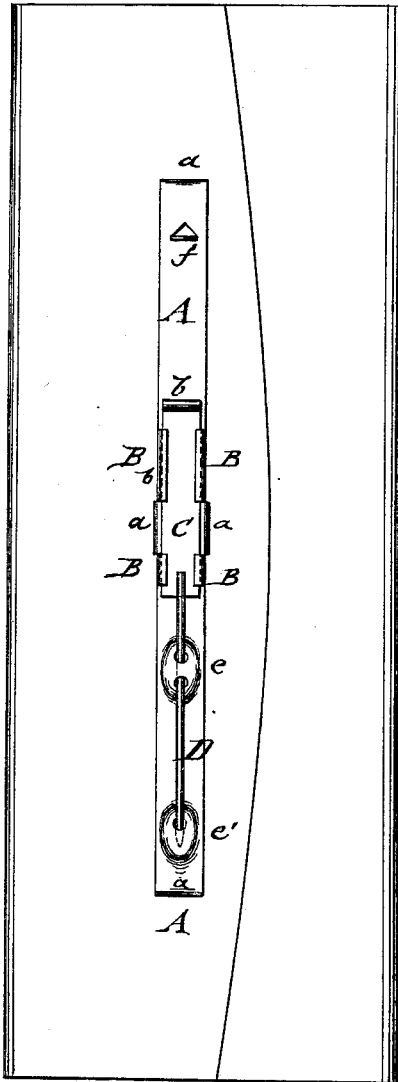
SAFETY ATTACHMENTS FOR POCKET-BOOKS.

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Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SAFETY ATTACHMENTS FOR POCKET-BOOKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS FERGUSON, of Parkersburg, in the county of Butler and State of Iowa, have invented a new and Improved Safety Attachment to Pocket-Books, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a front view of a pocket-book with my improved safety attachment, and Fig. 2 a sectional end view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The invention relates to an improved safety attachment for pocket-books of all kinds, by which the same may be secured easily to the pocket-lining in such a manner that it cannot be withdrawn except by first releasing the fastening device; and it consists of a base-plate attached to the pocket-book with a sliding pin that enters raised guard-sockets of the base-plate and attaches the pocket-book to the lining by being passed through the same.

In the drawing, A represents a base-plate of my improved attachment, which base-plate is made of a longitudinal strip of suitable sheet metal, that is attached by prongs *a* to the outer or closing flap of the pocket-book. The base-plate A guides, by bent up side flanges B, a slide-piece, C, that is provided at the upper end with a bent-up rest, *b*, for taking hold thereof with the finger, and at the lower end with a pin, D, that passes through a raised perforated guard-socket, *e*, of the base-plate and enters through a hole of a second guard-socket, *e'*, below the former when the slide is forced down until the rest *b* comes in contact with the guide-flanges B. By withdrawing the pin D the point of the same clears the lower guard-socket, and is brought into

the upper socket, so as to prevent any injury to the fingers in handling the pocket-book, the rest-piece *b* of the slide forming at the same time contact with a stop, *f*, at the upper end of the base-plate A.

The attachment is operated in the following manner: The pocket-book is placed into the coat or other pocket with the attachment toward the outside, and the slide then pushed down by the fore-finger of one hand, while the other is pressed at the same time on the outside of the coat at about the height of the coat-pocket, so that the sliding pin passes through the inside lining before entering the lower guard-socket. The pocket-book is thus locked to the coat, and cannot be detached or dropped out of the pocket.

When the pocket-book is to be taken out for use the fore-finger takes hold of the rest-piece of the slide and draws the slide up, releasing the pin from the lining and admitting the almost simultaneous withdrawal of the pocket-book.

By a little practice the pocket-book is almost instantly put in and attached, or detached and taken out of the pocket, and thus a neat and simple safety device for pocket-books furnished.

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

A safety attachment for pocket-books, consisting of the base-plate A, provided with raised guard-sockets *e e'*, and a slide having straight pin D, that enters said sockets, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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