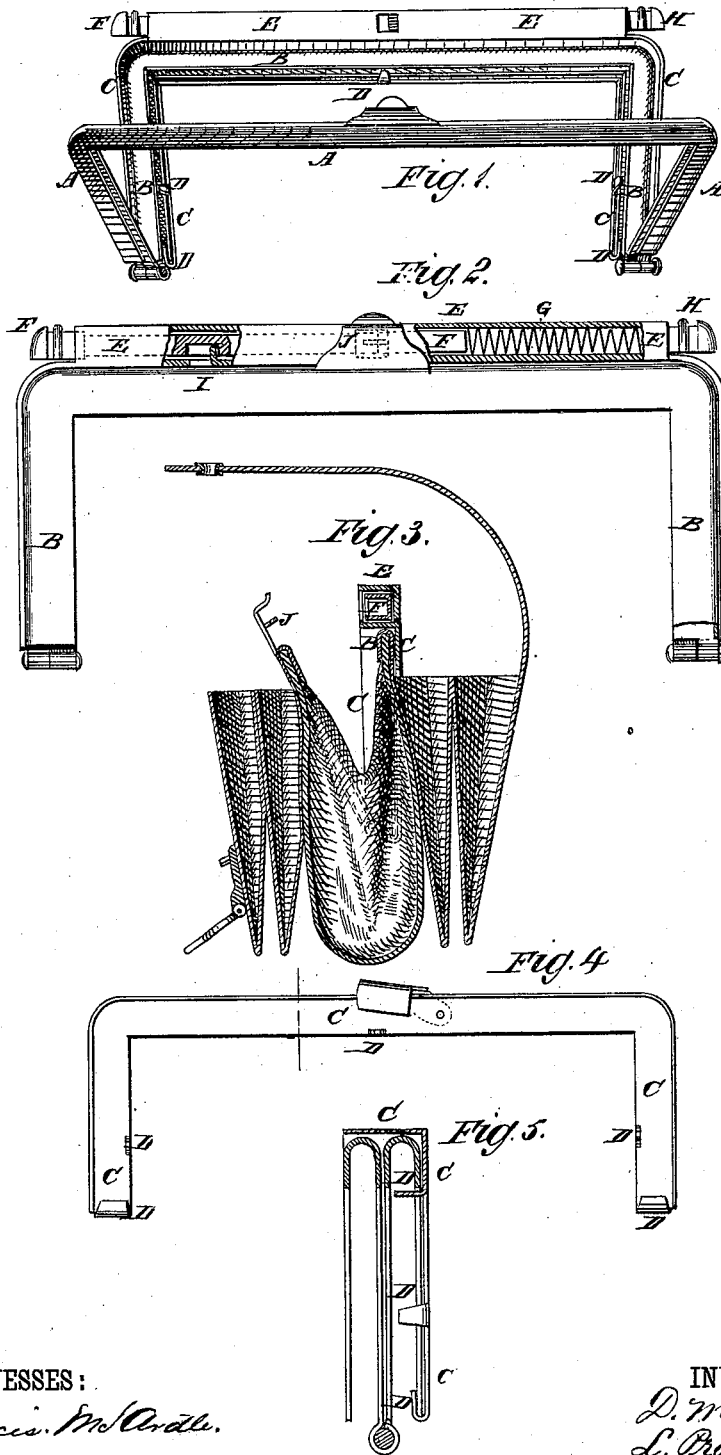


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IMPROVEMENT IN POCKET-BOOK FRAMES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, DANIEL M. READ and LOUIS PRAHAR, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Pocket-Book Frames, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a front view of one of the frames opened. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same closed, and partly in section, to show the construction. Fig. 3 is a cross-section of the same, shown as applied to a pocket-book. Fig. 4 is a detail view of the cap-plate, shown without the catch-socket. Fig. 5 is a detail cross-section of the frame, shown without the catch-socket.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to furnish improved pocket-book frames which shall be so constructed as to prevent small coins from escaping between the sides of the frame when closed, and which shall be simple in construction and inexpensive in manufacture.

The invention consists in the combination of a detachable cap-plate with one side of a pocket-book frame, secured in place by points formed upon one of said parts and bent over the edge of the other part; in the combination of the catch-socket with the cap-plate, detachably attached to one side of the pocket-book frame; and in the catch-plate having a point, and the catch-bolt having a bottom slot or groove adapted to receive said point, in combination with the socket and frames, as hereinafter fully described.

A and B represent the sides of an ordinary pocket-book frame, which are hinged to each other at their ends in the usual way. C is the cap-plate, which is made angular in form to fit upon the side B of the frame, and its upper or cap flange is made of such a width as to overlap the top of two sides, A B, when the frame is closed, as shown in Figs. 3 and 5. The cap-plate C has hooks D formed upon its end or side edges, as shown in Figs. 1, 4, and 5, to be bent or closed down over the edge of the side B of the frame to secure the said cap-plate in place.

If desired, the hooks D may be formed

upon the edge of the side B, to be bent down over the edge of the cap-plate C. In case the frame A B C is fastened with an ordinary clasp, the upper hook D may be omitted, and the cap-plate C secured by the rivet of the said clasp.

E is the catch-socket, which is formed in one piece with the cap-plate C, and is bent over three times at right angles. F is the catch-bolt, which is slipped into one end of the socket E, and has an ornamental head or knob formed upon its outer end. The inner end of the bolt F rests against the end of the coiled spring G, the other end of which rests against a knob or head, H, secured in the other end of the socket E, and made similar to the knob or head upon the end of the bolt F. The bolt F is secured in the socket E by cutting a point, I, in the body of the cap-plate C, and bending it up into a slot in the said bolt F, as shown in Fig. 2. The catch J is secured to the side A of the frame, passes through a hole in the forward side of the socket E, and enters a hole in the bolt F.

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

1. The combination of a detachable cap-plate, C, with one side, B, of a pocket-book frame, secured in place by points D, formed upon one of said parts, and bent over the edge of the other part, substantially as herein shown and described.

2. The combination of the catch-socket E, formed in one piece, with the cap-plate C, detachably attached to one side of the pocket-book frame A B, substantially as herein shown and described.

3. The catch-plate C, having the point I, and the catch-bolt F, having a bottom slot or groove adapted to receive said point, in combination with the socket E and frames A B, as and for the purpose set forth.

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