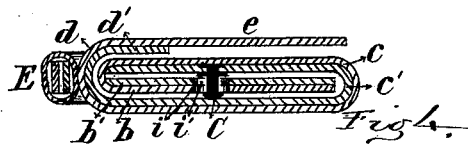
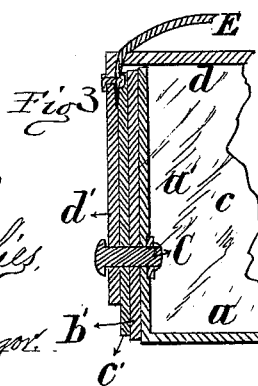
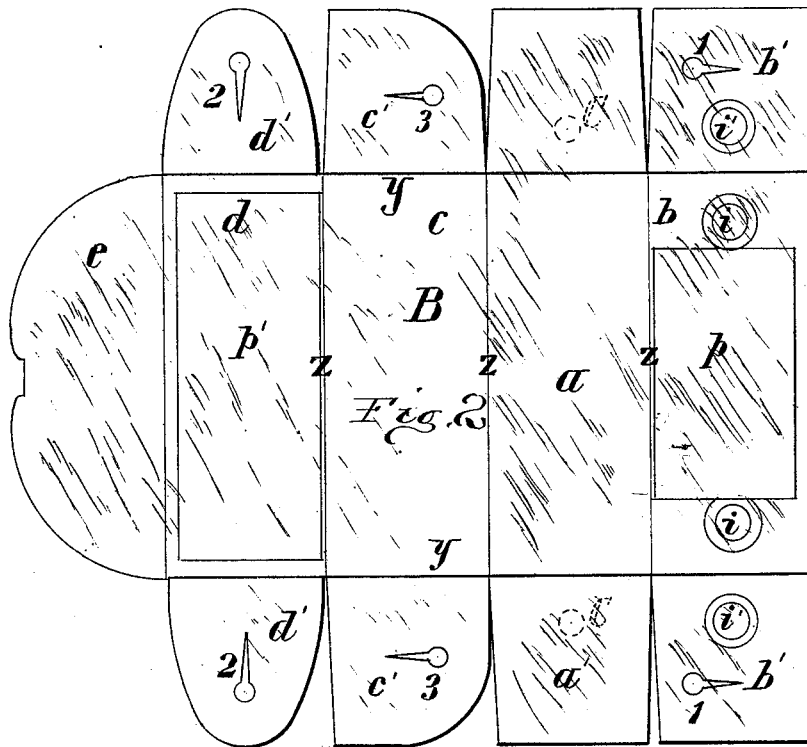
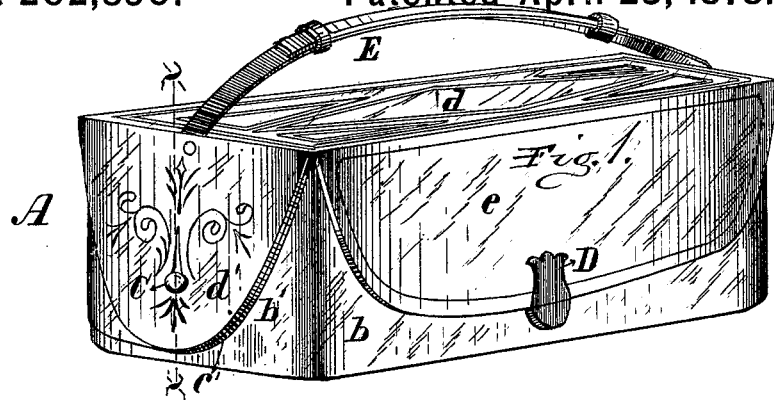


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER MCKINNON, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Folding Satchels, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the satchel when folded and closed; Fig. 2, a plan view of the blank which is folded to form the satchel; Fig. 3, a detailed section taken on the line *x x*, Fig. 1, showing the relative position of the folds and their fastening at the end of the satchel, and Fig. 4 a cross-section of the blank folded up in a flat position, for convenience in carrying, or to make a pocket-book.

The object of my invention is to provide a satchel or reticule made from a single piece of leather or other suitable material, cut so that it may be folded and fastened to form a box-like satchel, and unfolded or spread out in the form of a blank at pleasure.

The invention consists in a blank of leather, paper, or other suitable material, of peculiar form, and slitted in a peculiar manner, whereby it is adapted to fold up to form a satchel or reticule.

It also consists in the special devices by means of which the several folds are fastened and held together.

It also consists in the satchel or reticule formed from a single blank, cut and folded as hereinafter more fully described.

In the drawings, A represents a reticule or satchel, which is formed from a single piece of leather, cut and folded and fastened to make a finished article. In constructing this article a blank, B, is first cut from the leather or other material, of substantially the form shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings, and creased so as to be folded along the lateral lines *y* and the transverse lines *z*.

It will be seen that the transverse lines *z* divide the blank into several parts. The edges or portions of the blank outside of the lateral lines *y* are slitted down to the lateral lines, as shown in Fig. 2.

In the main body of the blank the subdivision or portion *a* is the bottom of the satchel

when folded; *b*, the front; *c*, the back; *d*, the top, and *e* the flap, while the ends are formed from the successive foldings of the edges outside of the lateral lines *y*. The end pieces *a'* of the bottom section *a* are provided with a stud, C, securely fastened to the leather, and projecting outward therefrom. The end pieces *b'*, adjacent to the sections *b*, are provided with slits or button-holes 1, adapted to button over the stud C, and the end pieces *c'* *d'* are also provided with similar perforations or button-holes, 2 and 3, arranged to accommodate the position of the fold, when made as hereinafter described.

In folding this blank to form a closed satchel the end pieces *a'* are first turned up in a position perpendicular to the section *a*. The front *b* is then folded up against them, and the end pieces *b'* folded upon the outside of the ends *a'*, and buttoned to the studs C. In like manner the back *c* is then folded up into the proper position, the end pieces *c'* coming upon the outside of *b'*, and are also buttoned to the studs; and when it is desired to close the satchel the remaining section *d* is turned down to close the top, and the end pieces *d'* turned down over the ends of the satchel, and also buttoned to the studs. The flap *e* may then be turned down in front of the satchel, and secured by any suitable fastening device, D, and a hand-strap, E, may be secured to the blank in such position that it comes on the top of the satchel when completed.

I provide the front *b* with eyelets *i*, and also the end pieces *b'* with openings or eyelets *i'*. I provide the front *b* with a pocket, *p*. I also attach other pockets to other parts of the blank B, as shown by the pocket *p*. The object of these pockets and eyelets is to enable me to use this blank B when made of thin material, that will fold readily and closely for a pocket-book. By folding the end pieces *b'* in upon the part *b*, and the end pieces *a'* in upon the subdivision or portion *a*, the stud C is carried in such position that by folding the portion *b* over against the portion *a*, the stud C will pass through the eyelets *i i'*, and hold the portion *b* in such position as to form two compartments of a pocket-book; and by folding the other end pieces in the blank can be folded down into the ordinary shape of a pock-

et-book. An ordinary elastic or other suitable fastening can be used to secure it folded.

The pockets *p p'* can be made in the ordinary manner of making pocket-book pockets.

It is necessary to make the blank of thin material when it is desired to fold it, as last above described, to be used as a pocket-book.

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

1. The satchel-blank B, cut substantially as described, and adapted to fold in the manner set forth, and form a satchel having outside flaps *d d e*, as shown.

2. The blank B, composed of four subdivisions or portions *a, b, c,* and *d*, provided with end pieces, one of said end pieces having buttons C, and the other end pieces having button-holes to button thereon, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

3. The front *b*, end pieces *b'*, provided with eyelets, in combination with the end pieces *a'*, provided with studs C, as and for the purposes specified.

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