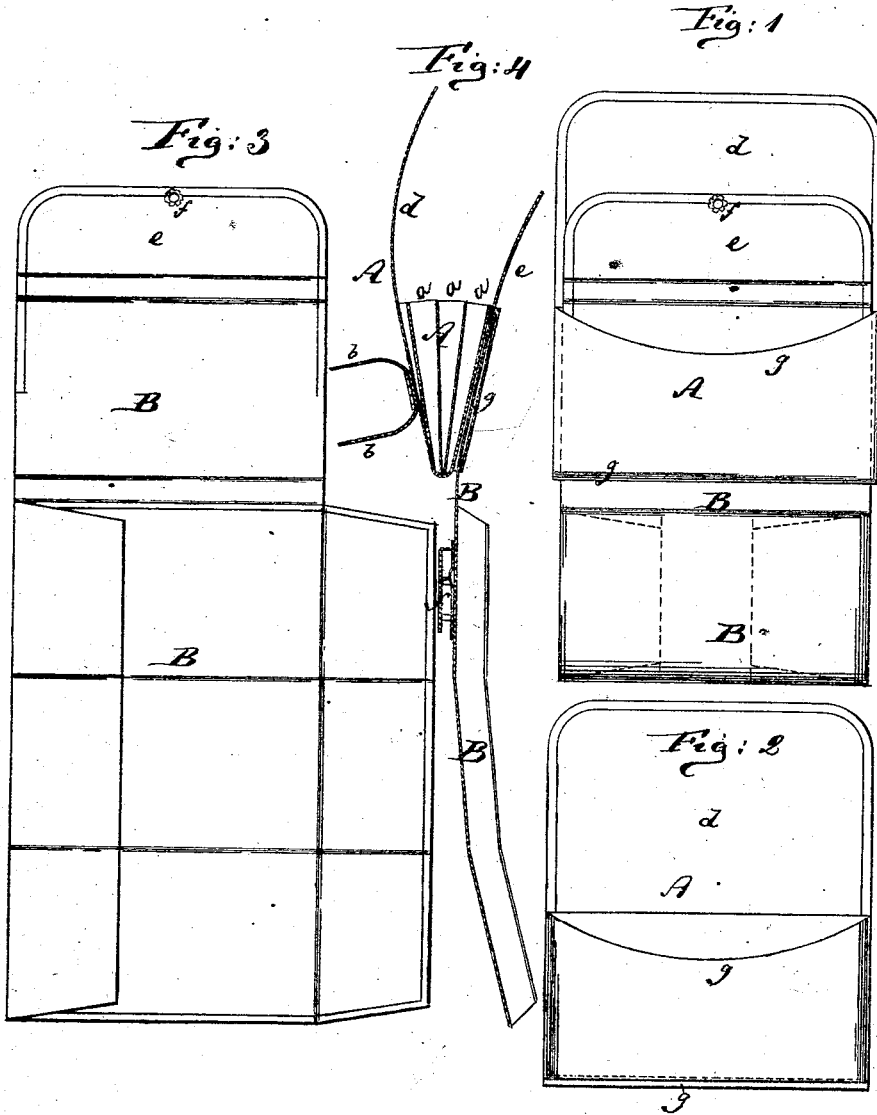


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## IMPROVEMENT IN POCKET-BOOKS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GABRIEL STRAUSS, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Pocket-Book, of which the following is a specification:

The object of this invention is to produce a pocket-book or porte-monnaie which can, at the will of its owner, be separated into distinct parts and reunited into a single receptacle.

For travellers who are obliged to carry large amounts of money with them it will be desirable to separate the bank-notes of higher value from the book containing what is necessary for current expenses, and to confine them in a place of greater safety; all of which can, under my invention, be done with one single pocket-book, which may be used as a single book whenever the special occasion for separating its parts does not exist.

My invention consists in making a pocket-book of two parts, each capable of constituting a receptacle for money, &c., one part having a projecting flap that can be drawn through a slit or loop in the other part, and then closed or secured to unite the two books, all as hereinafter more fully described.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a face view of the united book, showing it partly open; Fig. 2, a face view of one of its parts, having the slit or loop; Fig. 3, a face view of the other part, having the projecting flap. Fig. 4 is a cross-section through the whole book, showing it open, and how its parts may be joined; and Fig. 5 is a face view of the whole book when closed.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

A in the drawing is one part, and B the other part, of my improved pocket-book. The part A is provided with pockets *a a*, or other suitable receptacles for money, and has a closing-flap, *d*, which can be closed by an elastic strap, *b*, or otherwise. The part B has, also, suitable

pockets and bill-receptacles, and is shown to be a plain bill-receptacle, though its arrangements for holding money may be of suitable kind. It also has a closing-flap, *e*, which can be fastened closed by a suitable catch or lock, *f*, strap, or other suitable means. Thus each part may be a pocket-book for itself. The part A has a slit or loop, *g*, formed at its front, back, or other part, through which slit or loop the flap *e* of the book B may be drawn, in manner clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 4.

When the books A B are thus united they will form one single book, which will be useful for the ordinary objects of a business man. But for extraordinary occasions, where great caution is required, and for other purposes, the book may be separated into two books, each to be used as a receptacle.

The flap *e* may, when it is drawn through the loop *g* of the book A, be closed or fastened by its lock *f* or other fastening, so that thus the parts will be secured together, and the part B at the same time closed.

When the parts A B are united the whole book will be closed by the flap *d* and fastening *b* of the part A.

I do not confine myself to the junction of the two parts A B by flap and slit, as shown, as it can also be effected by hooks and eyes, locks, catches, or other suitable connection.

I claim as my invention—

1. A pocket-book composed of two parts, A and B, which may be separated to constitute, each, a distinct pocket-book, substantially as herein shown and described.

2. The book B, having the flap *e*, combined with the book A, having a slit or loop for the reception of the flap *e*, substantially as herein shown and described.

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