

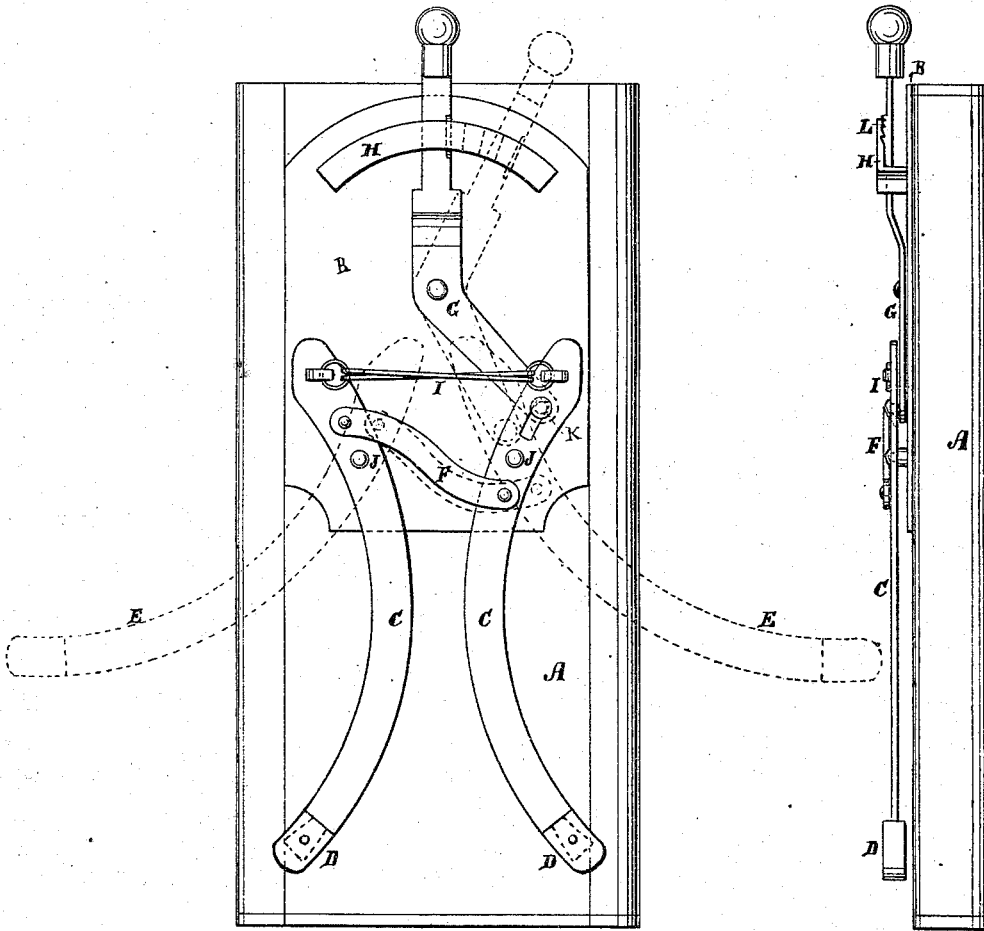
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Pocketbook Safety-Attachment.

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Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN POCKET-BOOK SAFETY ATTACHMENTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN G. WHEELER, of Winona, in the county of Winona, State of Minnesota, have invented new and useful Improvements in Safety Attachment to Pocket-Books, of which the following is a specification:

My invention relates to the kind of attachment by which a couple of arms arranged on the side of the book are thrust out at one end by a spring against the pocket, and spread apart, so as to prevent the book from being picked out of the pocket; and it consists of the arms arranged on fixed joints, so as to swing, instead of movable ones, as heretofore. It also consists of a bar pivoted to the arms, so as to serve in connection with the lever which opens and closes the arms to lock them open. It also consists of a vibrating lever to be used, instead of a sliding contrivance, to open and close the arms, the lever for opening and closing them, and a ratchet for fastening the lever, all being mounted on a base-plate in complete working condition, to be attached to the book by fastening the plate thereto, whereby the labor of applying the attachment is more simple than when different attaching-plates are used for different parts, which involve considerable labor in adjusting the parts, besides extra labor in attaching.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a pocket-book with my improved attachment, and Fig. 2 is a side elevation.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A is a pocket-book; B, the base-plate, in which the apparatus is mounted to be attached to the book; C, the arms for locking the book by the ends D, said arms being thrown out, as indicated by the dotted lines E. F is the bar, connecting the two arms; G, the lever for opening and closing the arms; H, the notched bar for holding the lever; and I, a spring connected to the arms C above their pivots, so as to throw them out. The arms are arranged on fixed pivots J, attached to the

base-plate, and they extend a short distance above the pivots to form levers, by which to work them. The operating-lever G is connected to one arm by a pin, K, and a slot, to allow the necessary endwise play for swing on their respective pivots, and the two arms are connected by the bar F, to work one by the other, and the bar also serves to some extent to lock them, so that they cannot be closed by pressing them below the pivots. The spring I throws out the arms and holds them out, and the lever G locks them, both open and closed. The notches of the bar H, for holding the lever G, are shown in Fig. 2 at L. The upper end of the lever ranges a little above the upper end of the pocket-book, where it is convenient for being manipulated when the book is in the pocket.

The ends D of the arms are, in this example, shod with rubber tips, which are fitted on swell-tenons and riveted to secure them; but in practice I propose to make the tips of leather, which is more durable, can be more firmly secured, and is more capable of ornamentation.

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

1. The combination of the arms C, connecting-bar F, and lever G with a pocket-book, constructed and arranged substantially as specified.

2. The combination and arrangement of spring I, arms C, connecting-bar F, and lever G, substantially as specified.

3. The combination of arms C, connecting-bar F, lever G, and ratchet-bar H, substantially as specified.

4. The combination of arms C, connecting-bar F, lever G, ratchet-bar H, and the base-plate B, substantially as specified.

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