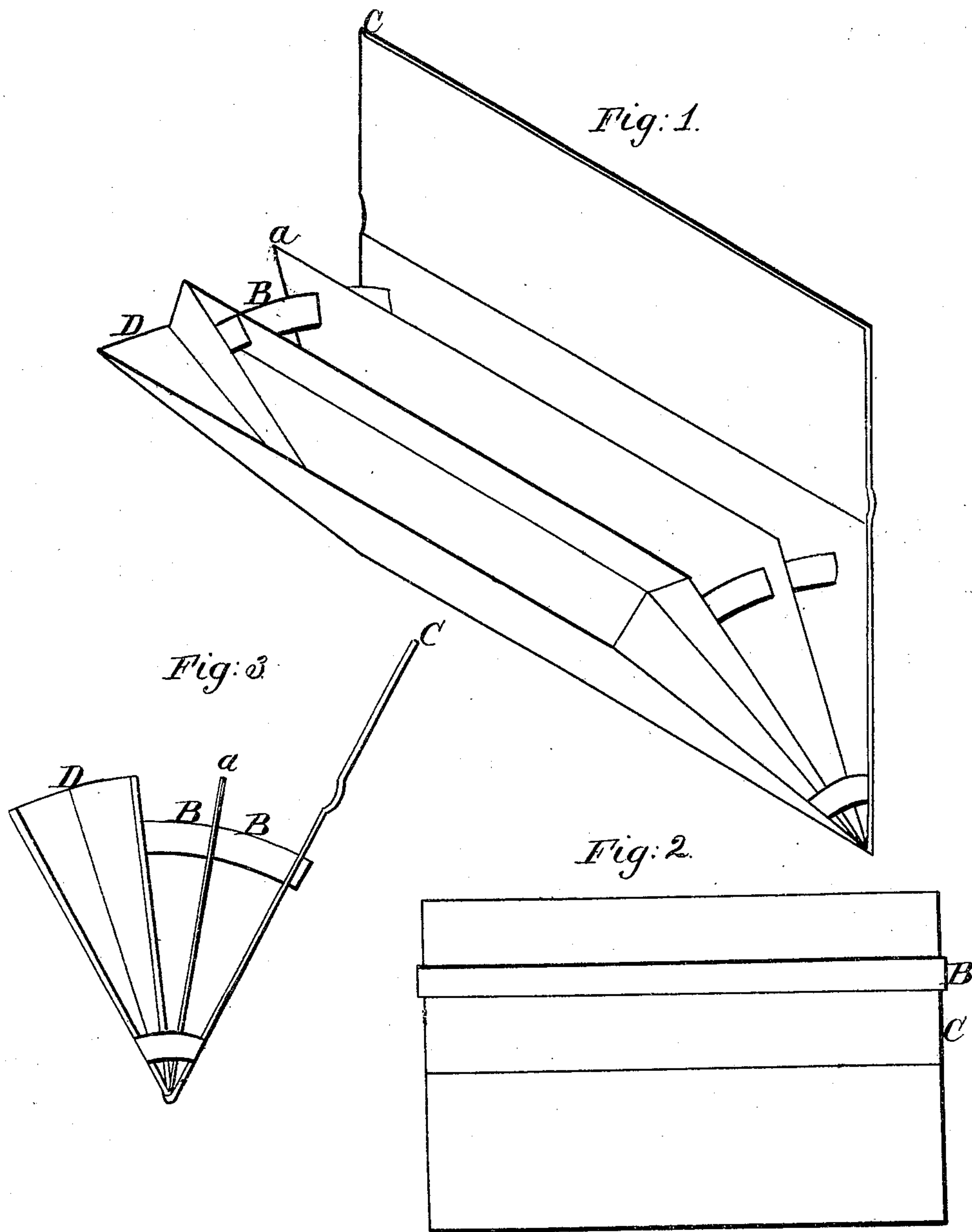


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IMPROVEMENT IN POCKET-BOOKS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **40,223**, dated October 13, 1863.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW LEMUEL ADAMS, of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and improved fastener and movable leaf for pocket-books, porte-monnaies, and bankers' cases, or any other form of book made for the purpose of holding notes, papers, or bills of exchange; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 in the drawings is a perspective view from top of pocket-book. Fig. 3 is an end view of the same, showing the elastic gusset or band as attached to the several leaves or sections. Fig. 2 is a full front view showing the book closed with elastic gusset or band used as an outside fastener to keep the lid or top of book in place.

a is one of the leaves or sections of book. *B* is the elastic gusset or band. *C* is the lid or top of the book. *D* is the usual or ordinary mode of holding the leaves or sections in place.

The nature of my invention consists in inserting an elastic cloth or band or gusset in or through the several leaves or sections, as seen in Fig. 1, letter *B*, thereby avoiding the usual fastening of leather or other material, as seen in letter *D*, the same elastic gusset

or band answering for as many leaves or sections as may be inserted in the book, porte-monnaies, or banker's case, or other purposes for which it may be used, and also comprising a fastener for the book, porte-monnaie, or banker's case when closed, as seen in Fig. 2.

To enable others skilled in the art to make, use, and apply my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

I construct my book in any of the known forms, and apply the elastic gusset or band through an aperture made through the several leaves or sections, as seen in Figs. 1 and 2, letter *B*, and made fast on the inside of the leather apartment, as seen in letter *D*, obviating the necessity of all the leaves or sections being open at one and the same time when opening the book, as is the case in the ordinary book, porte-monnaies, and banker's case.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The improved movable leaf, in combination with the outside fastening, the gusset or band to be made of elastic cloth or other material, as and for the purpose shown and described.

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