

I. Saarbach Pocket-book.

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Fig. 1.

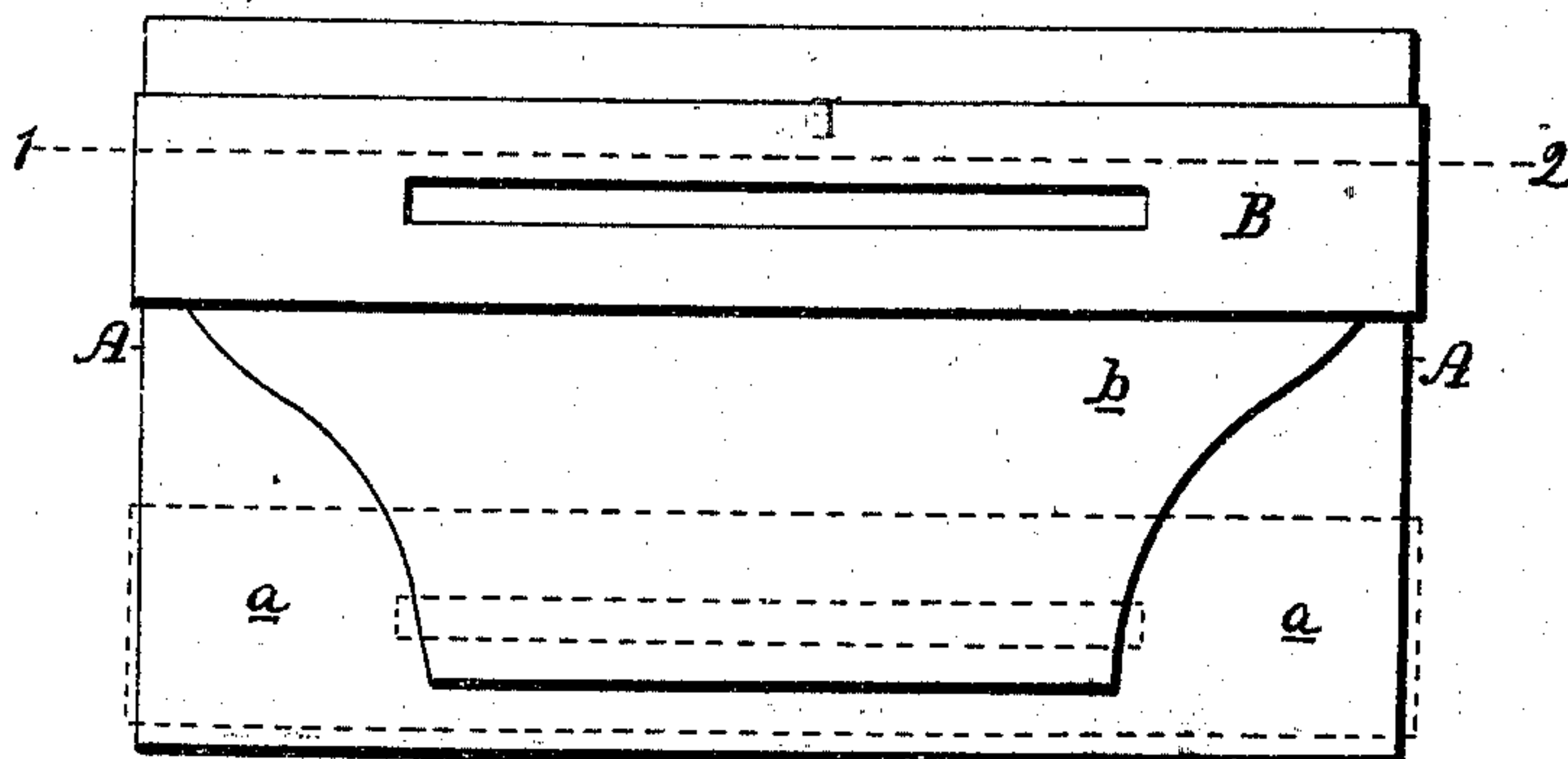
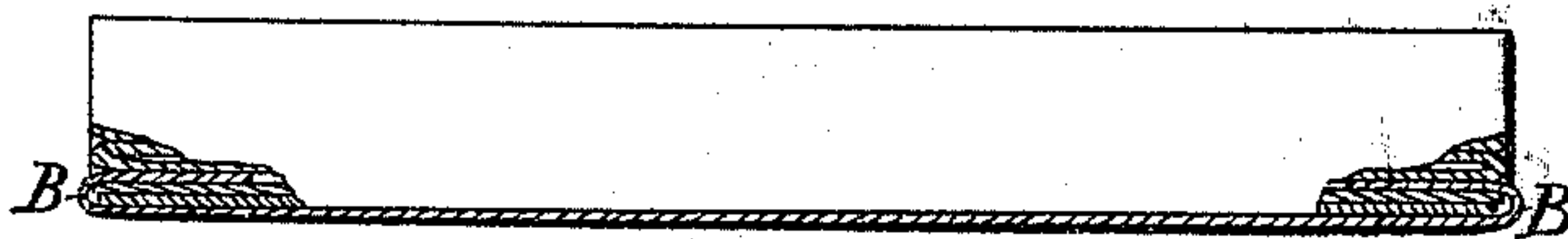


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN POCKET-BOOKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS SAARBACH, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented an Improvement in Pocket-Books, &c.; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention consists in a plate secured to the side of a pocket-book, and arranged to slide over the latter and over the flap turned down onto the same, so as to secure the flap in its position against the side and effectually close the book.

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

On reference to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a front view of my improved pocket-book or porte-monnaie, and Fig. 2 a transverse section on the line 1 2, Fig. 1.

A is a pocket-book or porte-monnaie, of the usual construction, *a* being the front side, against which is folded the flap *b*, the latter being a prolongation of the back of the pocket-book.

Across the front side of the book extends a metal plate, B, each end of which is bent over the edge of the front side, *a*, of the book, so that the plate may slide readily across this side

from the position shown in Fig. 1 to the position shown in dotted lines in the same figure. When the book is closed and the flap *b* has to be secured against the side *a* the plate B is brought to the position shown in dotted lines, Fig. 1, and the end of the flap is introduced between the plate and the book. The plate B is then raised over the front side of the book and over the flap *b* to the position shown in Fig. 1, the flap being thus securely fastened in its place. When the book has to be opened the plate is brought to the position shown in dotted lines, Fig. 1, when the end of the flap may be readily withdrawn from under the plate.

It will be apparent that the device is simple and cheap, and can be readily applied to ordinary books without altering the construction of the latter.

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

The plate B, attached to a pocket-book or porte-monnaie, so as to slide over the side of the same and secure the flap *b*, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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