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Fig. 1.

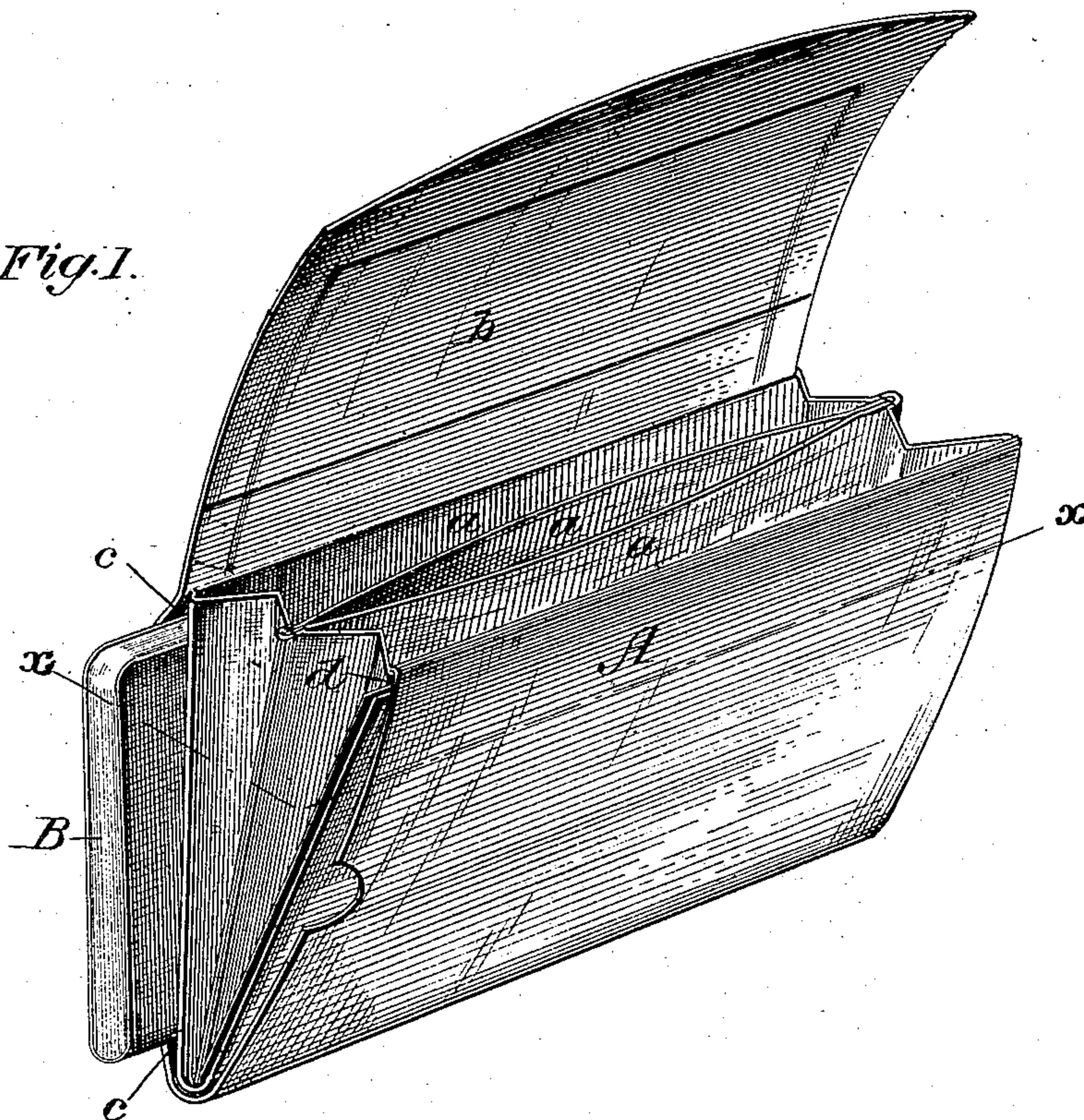
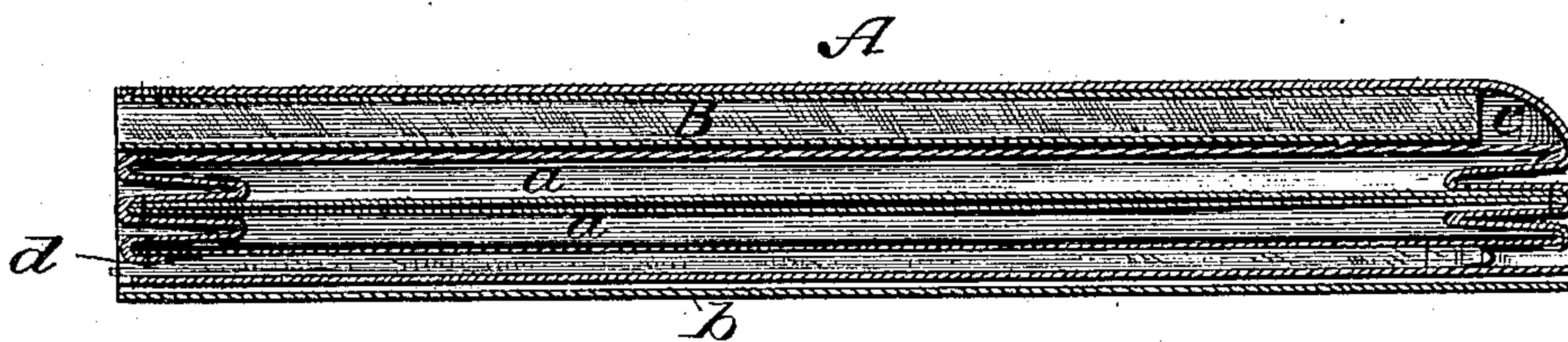


Fig. 2.



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POCKET-BOOK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES C. ARMS, of Hartford, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain Improvements in Pocket-Books, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to pocket-books designed to contain a detachable diary or note-book; and the invention consists, first, in providing the pocket-book with a pocket open at one end, whereby the diary or note-book may be inserted or removed without opening the pocket-book or exposing its contents; and, secondly, the invention consists in forming said pocket, whether open at the end or side, upon the outside of the pocket-book, in order that the placing of the diary or note-book therein may not interfere with the ordinary pockets, the expansion of the pocket-book thereby being wholly on the outside.

Pocket-books have hitherto been provided with note-books or memoranda-tablets which have been more commonly pasted therein, though in some instances a fastening has been employed which admitted of the removal of the tablet or book. Diaries have also in many instances been formed with one or more pockets, to hold papers, &c. In all instances, however, so far as I am aware, where a pocket-book has been furnished with a diary or tablet, or where a diary has been furnished with a pocket, it has been necessary to open the pocket-book or diary, exposing the pockets and their contents, and necessitating the keeping open of the same while writing in the diary. Such arrangement is very objectionable in that it is difficult to write in the diary or on the tablet with one portion of the book hanging down or doubled back and held in the hand, while at the same time the contents are exposed to bystanders, and are liable to fall out and be lost.

To overcome these difficulties, I employ a diary or note-book made entirely separate from the pocket-book, placing the same in a pocket specially provided to receive it, by which arrangement all fastening devices are rendered unnecessary. This special pocket may be on the inside or outside of the book, as preferred. If on the inside, the pocket should be open at the end, (supposing that the pocket-book be made to open at the side, as usual,) in order

that the diary or note-book may be removed and replaced without opening the pocket-book; but if on the outside, the pocket may open either at the end or side, although it is preferred to have it open at the end, as the book is then more securely held therein. Ordinarily I prefer to form the special pocket on the outside, either on the front or back, or one on the front and another on the back, in which latter case one of said pockets may be used for checks, notes, and like papers, which it may be desirable not to expose in opening the book. By locating the pocket on the outside the expansion of the book, occasioned by the insertion of the diary or note-book, will be caused to be outward; hence the inside pockets of the pocket-book will not be in any way interfered with thereby.

In the drawings I have represented a pocket-book provided with two outside pockets.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved book, and Fig. 2 a longitudinal section of the same on the line *xx* of Fig. 1.

A represents the pocket-book as a whole, provided with inside pockets, *a*, arranged in any well-known or usual manner, and with a flap or cover, *b*, to shut over and close the same. At the back the pocket-book is furnished with a pocket, *c*, open at one end, adapted to receive a diary or note-book, B; and at the front is a similar pocket, *d*, also open at the end, which may contain checks, notes, bills, or other papers which it is desirable not to expose to view in opening the pocket-book, and which may by this arrangement be removed or replaced without opening the pocket-book.

As before stated, the pockets *c* and *d* may be left open at the side instead of at the end, or may be on the inside instead of the outside, provided the end in that case be left open.

Any form of diary or note-book capable of being placed within the pocket may be used, and when one is filled another may be substituted at will.

The note-book, being placed within the pocket, is protected from dirt and wear, and, if desired, may be further protected by a flap folding over the mouth of the pocket.

I am aware that a coin-case has been provided with a slide arranged to be drawn out a short distance at the end of the case to ex-

pose a coin or coins, and that it has been proposed to combine with or attach to such a coin-case an ordinary pocket-book. I am further aware that a series of pockets open at the end
5 have been connected by or arranged upon a common pivot, and when folded together, or one behind another, covered by a common flap, an erasive tablet being arranged upon the same pivot between the pockets. I lay no claim to
10 either of these constructions.

My improvement consists in providing a special pocket adapted to receive a note-book, and to permit the insertion and removal thereof without opening or exposing the other compartments.
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In the foregoing description I have spoken of the special pockets as being open at the end; but in case it should be found desirable to have the ordinary pockets open at the end
20 and the special pocket be placed inside, it would in that case open at the side.

I am aware that a pocket-book has been provided with a supplemental coin-tray secured thereto, but arranged to slide endwise therefrom to a limited extent, and that books have
25 been arranged to slide endwise into holders of different kinds, and to such device I lay no claim.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—
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As an improved article of manufacture, a pocket-book provided with internal pockets, and a flap to cover and close the same, and with an external open-ended pocket adapted to receive an independent book or tablet, substantially as described and shown.
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