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SAFETY ATTACHMENT FOR POCKET BOOKS.

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FIG. I.

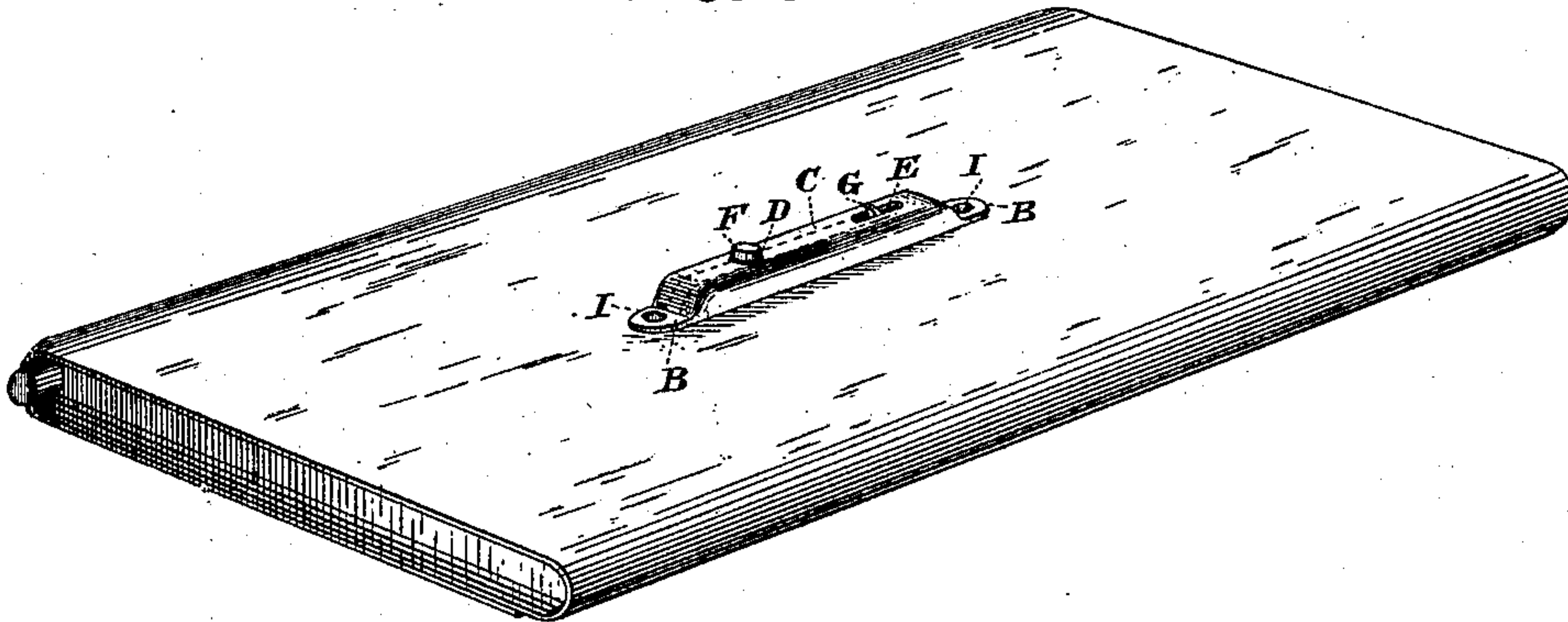


FIG. II.

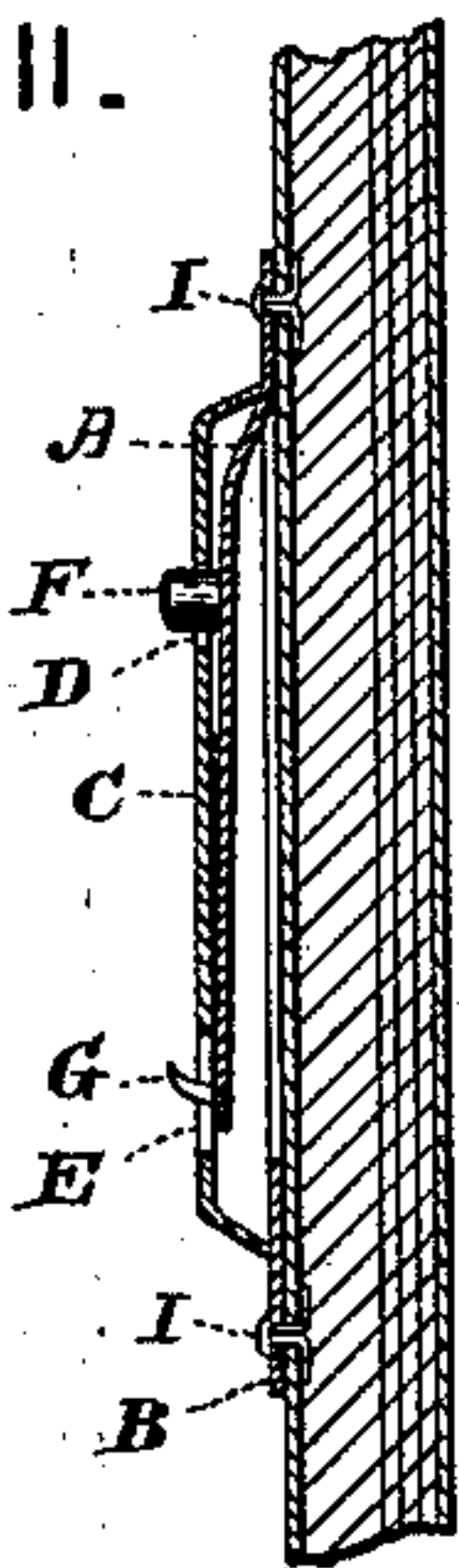


FIG. III.



FIG. IV.

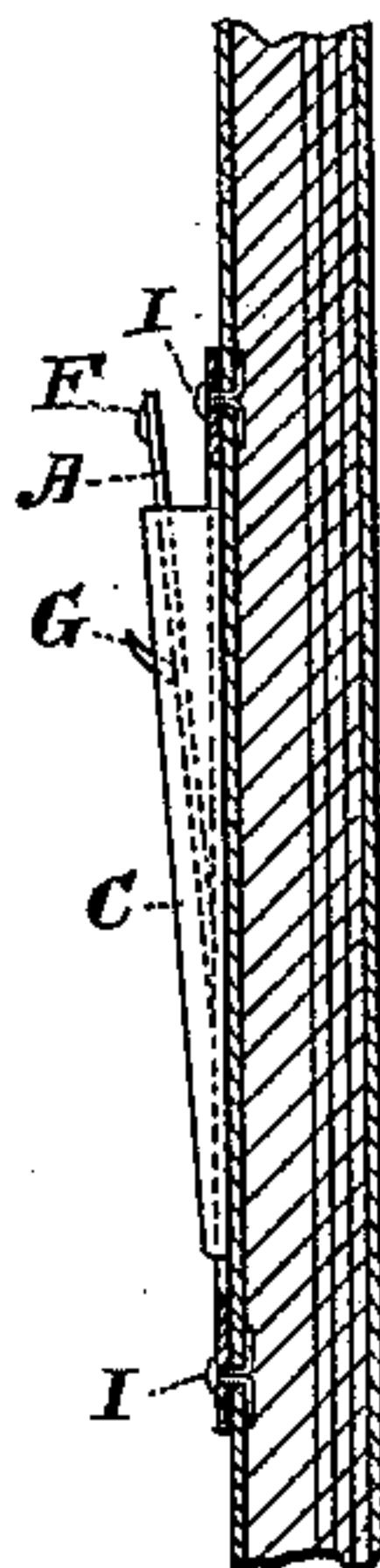


FIG. V.

FIG. VI.

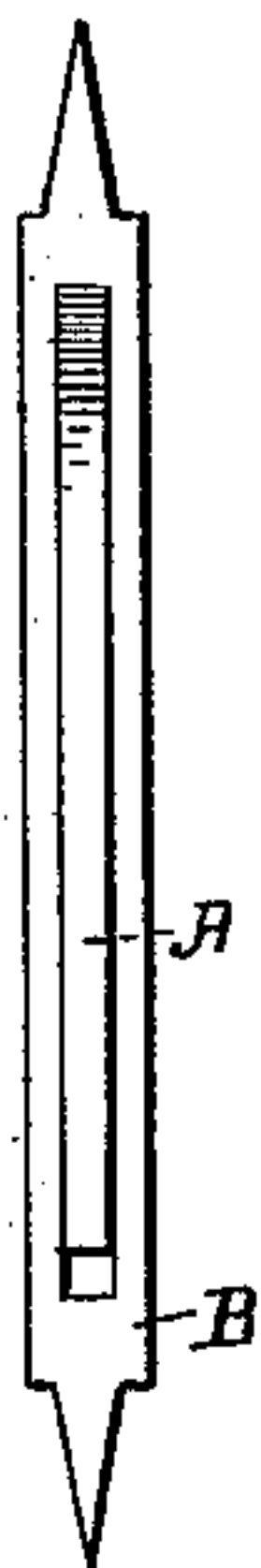
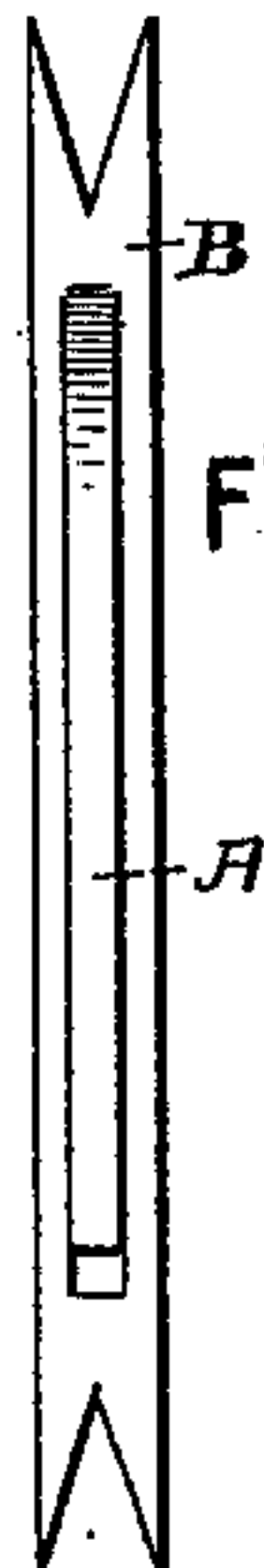


FIG. VII.



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SAFETY ATTACHMENT FOR POCKET-BOOKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WATKINS LEIGH BURTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Richmond, in the county of Henrico and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Safety Attachments for Pocket-Books, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide an improved device which may be readily attached to the cover of a book or other like article to be carried in the pocket, which will prevent said book or article from being clandestinely extracted from the pocket, and which device consists of features of novelty, hereinafter fully described, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure I is a perspective view of a preferred form of my device as applied to a pocket memorandum-book. Fig. II is a longitudinal section thereof. Fig. III is a detached view. Fig. IV is a modified form of the device. Fig. V is a perspective view of the cover or casing used in said modified form. Figs. VI and VII show modified forms of means of attachment.

Like letters of reference refer to like parts throughout the several views.

A is a spring-plate, which is preferably formed by stamping out of a plate, B, (formed of sheet metal or other suitable material,) a tongue-shaped piece, as shown in Fig. III. I prefer to form the spring in the manner described in order to lessen the expense of manufacture, though said spring may be otherwise provided.

After the spring has been stamped out it is bent to conform to the shape of a cover or casing, C, which is soldered or otherwise attached to plate B, and has two orifices, D E, in the top side—one near each end—one of which is to permit the protrusion of the knob or button F, which is attached by suitable means to spring A, and the other to permit the protrusion of a spur, G, which is fixed to the free end of said spring and projects toward the knob or button. Said spur may be made of a separate piece, or it may be formed integrally with the spring by bending a portion up and sharpening it.

At each end of plate B is a slit, H, through

which and the cover of the book the attaching-pins I are inserted and clinched on the under side of said book-cover; or the fastenings may be formed integrally with plate B by sharpening or notching its ends, as shown in Figs. VI and VII.

The device shown in Figs. IV and V is of approximately wedge shape, the spring A projecting from the plate B at an acute angle, and passing up and beyond the open end of the wedge-shaped cover or casing C, and bearing at its upper end the button F.

It will now be seen that a book supplied with this device may be inserted (with the button uppermost) in the pocket without difficulty, but cannot be extracted therefrom without pressing upon the knob or button F, which will depress the free end of spring A and cause the spur to disengage with the pocket-lining.

I am aware that it is not new to secure a spring at one end beneath a plate having an opening through which passes the shank of a stud secured to or made integral with said spring for the purpose of engagement with the finger for depressing the spring and releasing some internal portion of a clasp; but such is not the equivalent of my invention.

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

1. A safety device for pocket-books, consisting of a cover having an opening, in combination with a spring-plate fixed at one end beneath said cover and having a sharpened spur rigid therewith, whereby said spur is held normally projected through said opening in position for engaging the interior of the pocket, substantially as set forth.

2. In a safety device for pocket-books, the combination of the plate B, the spring-plate A, fixed at one end thereto and having a sharpened spur rigid therewith, and the cover C, having an opening, E, through which said spur is held normally protruded by the spring, in position for engaging the interior of the pocket, substantially as described.

3. In a safety device for pocket-books, the combination, with a spring-plate fixed at one end and having a knob or button and a fixed spur sharpened substantially as described, of

a cover having openings through which the said spur and knob are protruded—the former for engaging the interior of the pocket and the latter for engagement by the finger of the operator for disengaging the former, (spur,) substantially as set forth.

4. In a safety device for pocket-books, the combination, with a base-plate having a spring-tongue struck up therefrom and a sharpened spur projecting from said tongue, of a cover placed over said base-plate and having an aperture through which said spur projects for engaging the lining of the pocket, substantially as set forth.

5. The combination, with the cover of a pocket-book, of a base-plate, B, secured thereto, a spring-plate secured at one end to said base-plate, a sharpened spur on said spring and rigid therewith, a cover, C, placed over said spring and secured to plate B, and having an aperture through which said spur is held normally protruded by the spring for engaging the interior of the pocket, substantially as set forth.

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