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POCKET BOOK.

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FIG. 1.

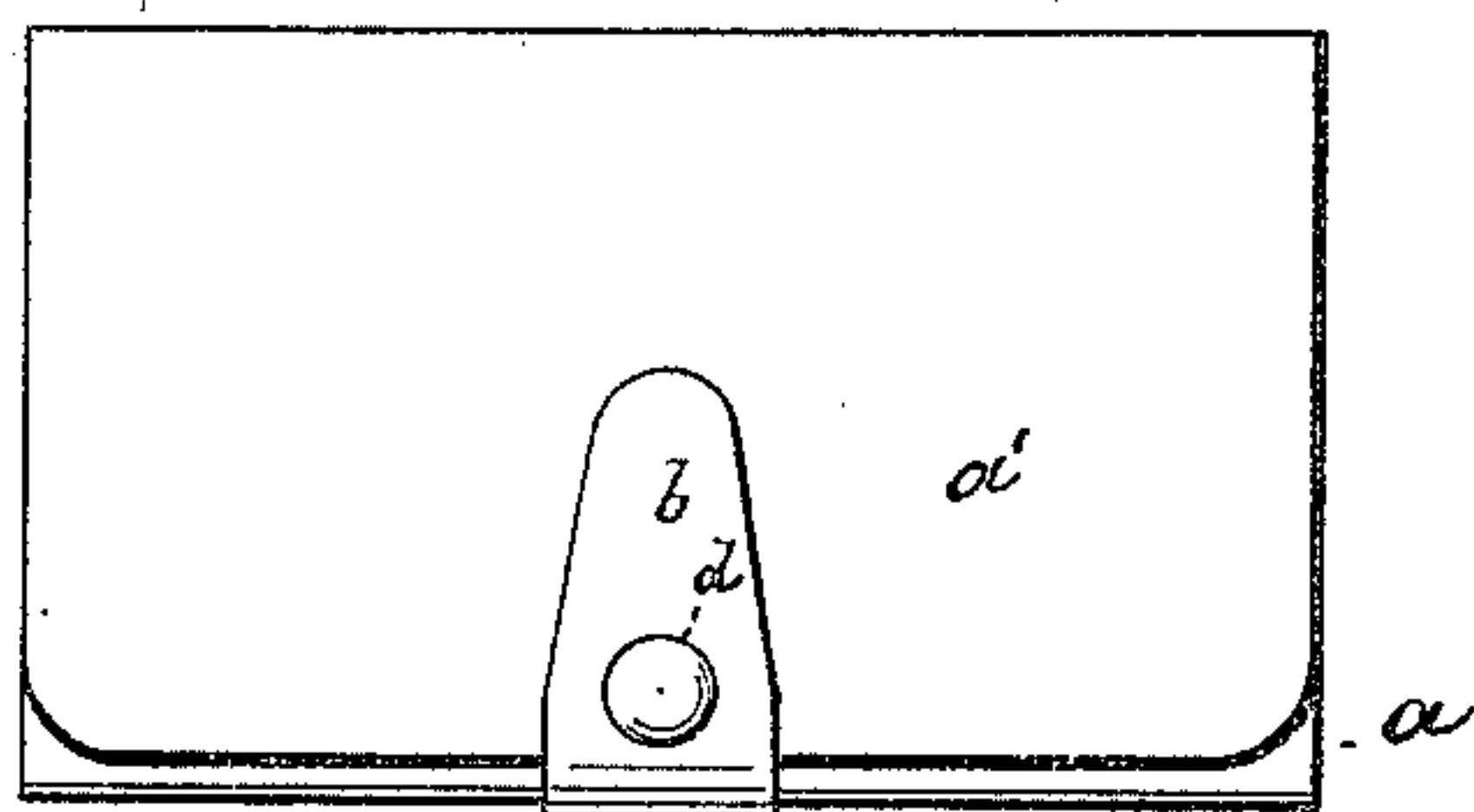


FIG. 2.

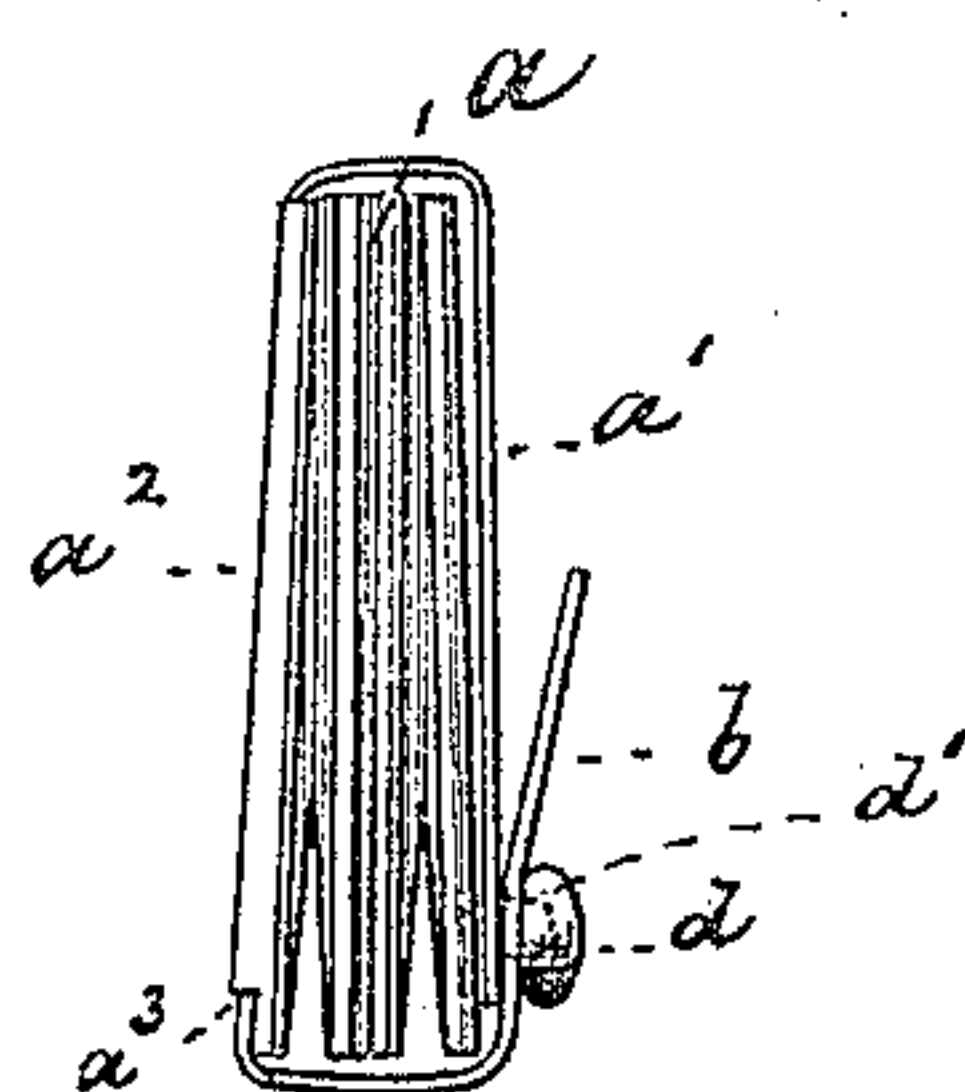
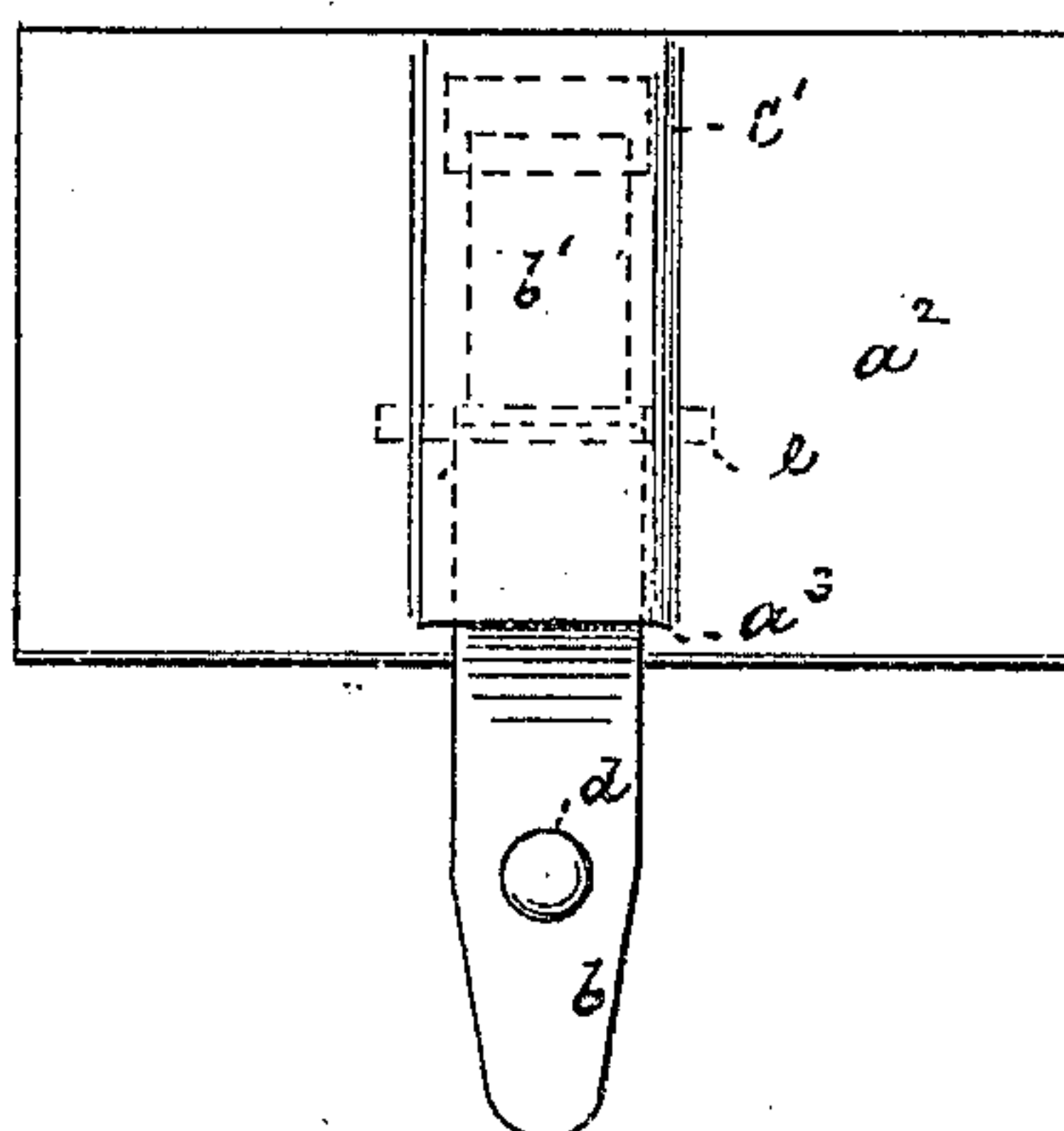


FIG. 3.

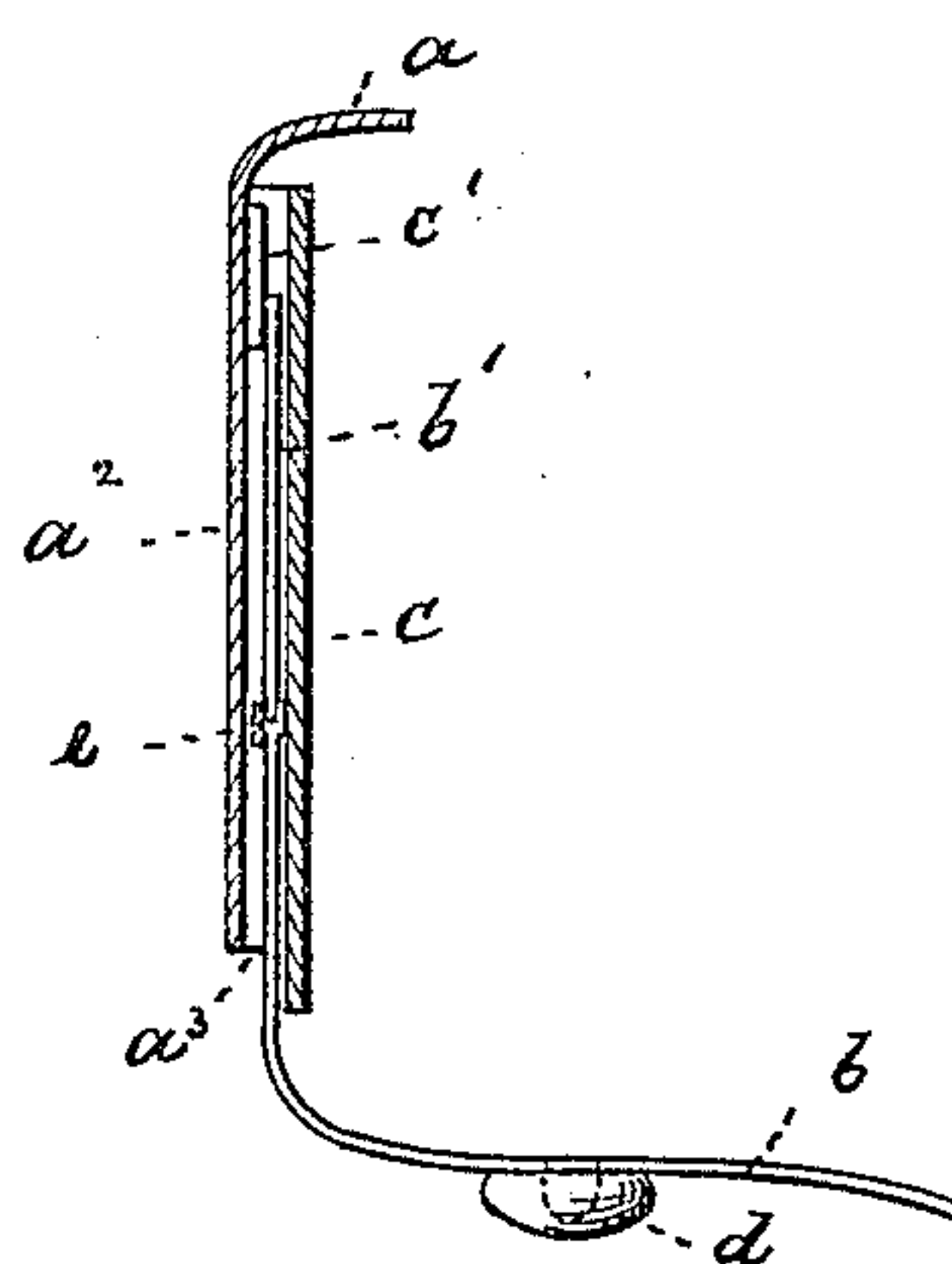


FIG. 4.

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## POCKET-BOOK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FREDERICK LIEKER, of New York city, New York, have invented an Improved Pocket-Book, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a pocket-book so constructed that it may be readily opened and that the flap will close tightly upon the pocket-book whether the latter is full or empty.

The invention consists in the various features of improvement more fully pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of my improved pocket-book, showing it closed. Fig. 2 is a rear view thereof, showing it open; Fig. 3, an end view thereof, showing it closed; and Fig. 4, a detail vertical section through the back of the pocket-book.

The letter *a* represents a pocket-book of suitable construction and having a flap *a'*, that closes over the same, as usual. The back *a<sup>2</sup>* of the pocket-book has a slit *a<sup>3</sup>* near its lower end, which constitutes the mouth of a pocket formed between the back *a<sup>2</sup>* and the lining *c*. Within this pocket there is confined one end of a strap that folds around the lower edge of the pocket-book, Fig. 3. The other or free end of this strap may be secured to the flap *a'* by a suitable clasp or lock.

The strap I employ is made in two parts—a rear elastic section *b'* within the pocket and a stiff section *b*, preferably made of leather, outside of the pocket. The elastic section *b'* is at its upper end fastened within the pocket, preferably by a piece of textile fabric *c'*, that is glued to back *a<sup>2</sup>*, and to which in turn the section *b'* is glued. At its lower end the sec-

tion *b'* is stitched to the strap *b*. The clasp or lock on section *b* that I prefer to employ consists of a hollow button *d*, that engages a stud *d'*, projecting forwardly from flap *a'*. Of course the strap *b* is perforated beneath button *d*, so that the stud *d'* may enter the same. The button *d* should be placed at some distance from the end of the strap, as shown, so that the free end of the strap may be readily grasped if the pocket-book is to be opened.

In order to prevent the elastic section *b'* from being in part drawn out of its pocket, I attach to the strap at or about the junction of the parts *b b'* a transverse stop *e*, that is longer than the mouth *a<sup>3</sup>* is wide. Thus the stop cannot be drawn out of the pocket, and consequently the elastic section *b'* can also not be drawn out.

It will be seen that my improved pocket-book may be readily opened by pulling the loose end of the strap *b* outward to unlock the clasp. Moreover, the strap will always draw the flap *a'* down to tightly close the upper edge of the pocket-book, no matter whether the book is full or empty.

What I claim is—

The combination of a pocket-book having a slitted back and a pocket between back and lining with an elastic strap secured within said pocket and folding around the lower edge of the pocket-book, and with a transverse stop *e* on the strap within the pocket, substantially as specified.

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