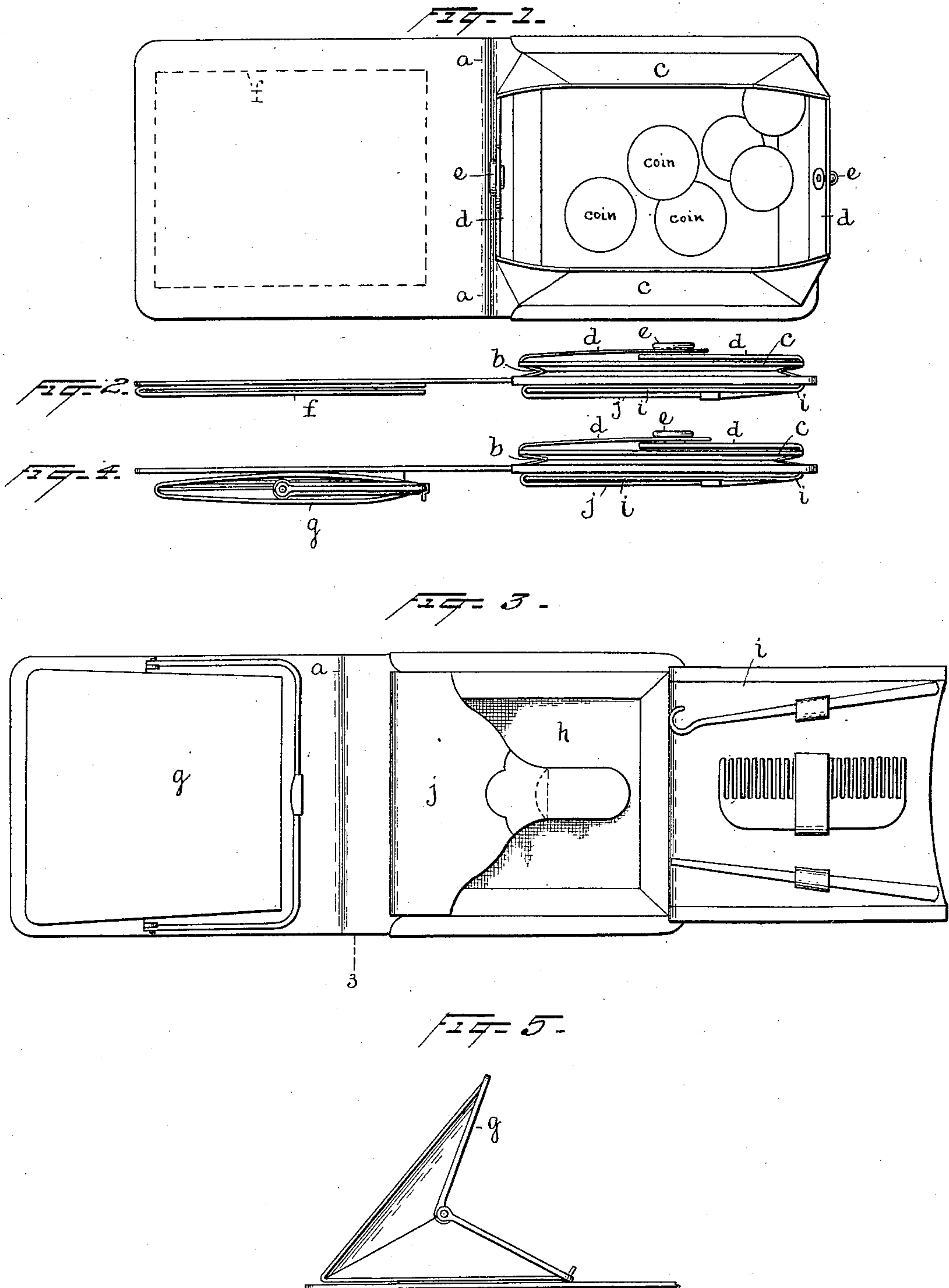


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH ROSS, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, in the county and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Pocket-Books, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to combine with a pocket-book a change-purse which shall be convenient of access, of ample capacity, and which shall have an opening wide enough to permit ready insertion of gloved fingers, and which, when held in the proper position, will permit the coins therein to be inspected, so as to afford a ready selection of the coin desired.

By preference my invention is embodied in a pocket-book which opens lengthwise, and the coin-holder is combined therewith on the outside of the cover. A pocket-book opening lengthwise is adapted to conveniently receive numerous compartments, and especially is adapted to the use of a change-purse having the characteristics above set out, as if the pocket-book is held in the hand unopened, with the change-purse on the outside, it is obvious that the entire dimension of one-half of the back of the pocket-book may be the dimension of the bottom of the change-purse, and when the change-purse is made to open widely it is equally obvious that the coin may be inspected and a proper selection made readily, even with gloved fingers.

The form of coin-holder which I combine with my pocket-book is an extensible one, the sides of which are capable of being opened to a vertical position relative to the bottom of the change-holder, so as to expose the bottom almost, if not entirely, in its full dimensions. The several sides may be made to overlap, and they may be provided with a catch, so as to secure the coin from dropping out.

In another form of my invention I combine the change-purse with the pocket-book on the inside of one of the flaps, preferably the flap which would be held in the left hand when the book is to be opened with the right by throwing back the other flap.

Another object of my invention is to combine in this oblong form of pocket-book a card-case on the inside of one flap, with the coin-purse on the outside, and there also may

be combined with the coin-purse, either on the inside or outside, a mirror and compartment for toilet or other articles.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 shows my improved pocket-book with an extensible coin-purse with a wide mouth on the outside of the cover and a card-case on the inside. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same. Fig. 3 is a view of the inside of a pocket-book on the outside of which is combined a coin-holder, showing a mirror and toilet-article compartment and another form of change-purse used instead of the card-case shown in Figs. 1 and 2. Fig. 4 is a side elevation of the pocket-book shown in Fig. 3; and Fig. 5 is a side elevation of that section of the purse to the left of Fig. 3, showing a coin-holder open.

In Fig. 1 the outside of the book is shown, the point of folding being indicated by the shade lines *aa*. On the outside of this pocket-book, on one of the flaps thereof, is secured a coin-holder, which may have a separate bottom or which may utilize the surface of the book as a bottom. Rising from the said bottom is a gusset *b*, which is employed for the purpose of enabling the coin-holder to be extended and contracted, so as to accommodate the holder to a larger or smaller amount of coin. Attached to this gusset are the sides *c c* and end pieces *d d*. These side and end pieces are so shaped as to permit them to be opened vertically relatively to the bottom of the coin-holder, so as to secure a wide opening to permit the inspection of the coin contained in the holder and the insertion of gloved fingers. Preferably the sides *c c* are made to overlap, and the ends *d d* are provided, respectively, with the male and female portions of a catch *e e*, and are also, as shown in Fig. 1, made to overlap. This coin-holder, combined with the purse in the manner stated and having an extensible gusset with wide-opening mouth and overlapping sides and ends, is particularly adapted for use on the outside of a purse, as it is safe, accessible, and convenient.

Preferably I extend around the edge of that portion of the pocket-book on which the coin-holder is located a stiffening-frame *e'*, which may be of ornamented metal in practice and which not only enhances the appearance of



the article, but also serves to keep the coin-holder flat, so that it is more convenient to examine the coins therein and extract them therefrom. This stiffening-frame may conveniently be bent over or pinched upon the bottom of the coin-holder, so as to secure the same in place without the necessity of stitching or other fastening.

The dotted lines *f* and full lines *f* in Figs. 1 and 2 show a card-case combined with the other flap of the pocket-book on the inside. A pocket-book with a coin-holder arranged on the outside and a card-case on the inside and of the oblong form is the form of pocket-book which I prefer.

The modifications shown in Figs. 3, 4, and 5 are given to show the convenient disposition of other compartments in a pocket-book opening endwise.

In Fig. 3, *g* is a coin-holder having a metallic frame of the usual form and opening as shown in Fig. 5. This coin-holder is shown as employed in place of the card-case of Figs. 1 and 2, although I prefer to employ the form of coin-holder shown in Figs. 1 and 2 on the inside of the pocket-book to avail myself of the advantages already pointed out for that form.

*h* shows a mirror combined in any suitable way with the pocket-book. Such a mirror, if used, is by preference secured to the under side of the book beneath the coin-holder and serves to keep the same flat for the purposes before pointed out. Said mirror may therefore be used with or without the stiffening-frame, or the said frame may be used alone. When the mirror *h* and stiffening-frame *e'* are employed together, the mirror may be secured in place by means of said frame in the same way as the coin-holder.

*i* is a flap containing the toilet implements, *j* being a tongue-piece which enters a slit on the back of the flap *i* to secure same in place when the flap is folded in to cover the mirror. Compartments for other purposes may be combined on the inside of my improved form of purse, as is obvious.

When a mirror is not used, a compartment is preferably provided on the inside of the book beneath the coin-holder, and said compartment may be conveniently secured in

place by means of the stiffening-frame *e'*, if used.

I claim—

1. A pocket-book of the character described, composed of a body of a single piece of material folded at the center, a coin-holder secured on the outside of one of the flaps thus formed having vertically-opening sides and overlapping ends, provided with catch-pieces, and a mirror secured on the inside of the said flap beneath said coin-holder and forming a foundation for keeping said coin-holder flat, substantially as set forth.

2. A pocket-book of the character described, composed of a body of a single piece of material folded at the center, a coin-holder secured on the outside of one of the flaps thus formed having vertically-opening sides and overlapping ends, provided with catch-pieces, a mirror secured on the inside of said flap beneath said coin-holder and forming a foundation for keeping said coin-holder flat, and a flap folding over upon said mirror for covering the same, substantially as set forth.

3. A pocket-book of the character described, composed of a body of a single piece of material folded at the center, a coin-holder secured on the outside of one of the flaps thus formed having vertically-opening sides and overlapping ends, provided with catch-pieces, a mirror secured on the inside of said flap beneath said coin-holder and forming a foundation for keeping said coin-holder flat, a flap folding over upon said mirror for covering the same, and a receptacle for toilet articles on said flap, substantially as set forth.

4. A pocket-book of the character described, composed of a body of a single piece of material folded at the center, a coin-holder secured on the outside of one of the flaps thus formed having vertically-opening sides and overlapping ends, provided with catch-pieces, and a stiffening-frame around the edges of said flap for the purpose mentioned, substantially as set forth.

This specification signed and witnessed this 13th day of September, 1895.

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