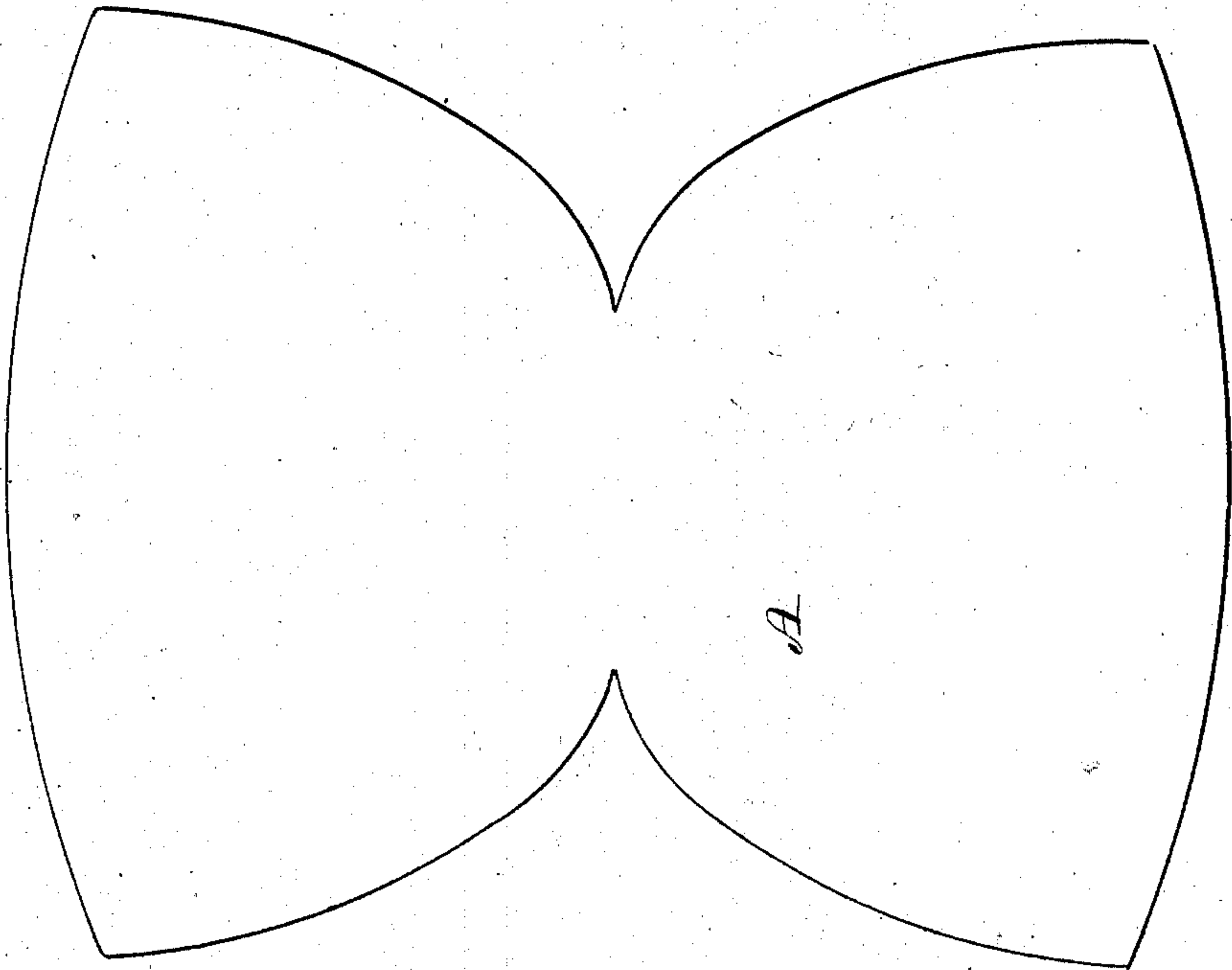


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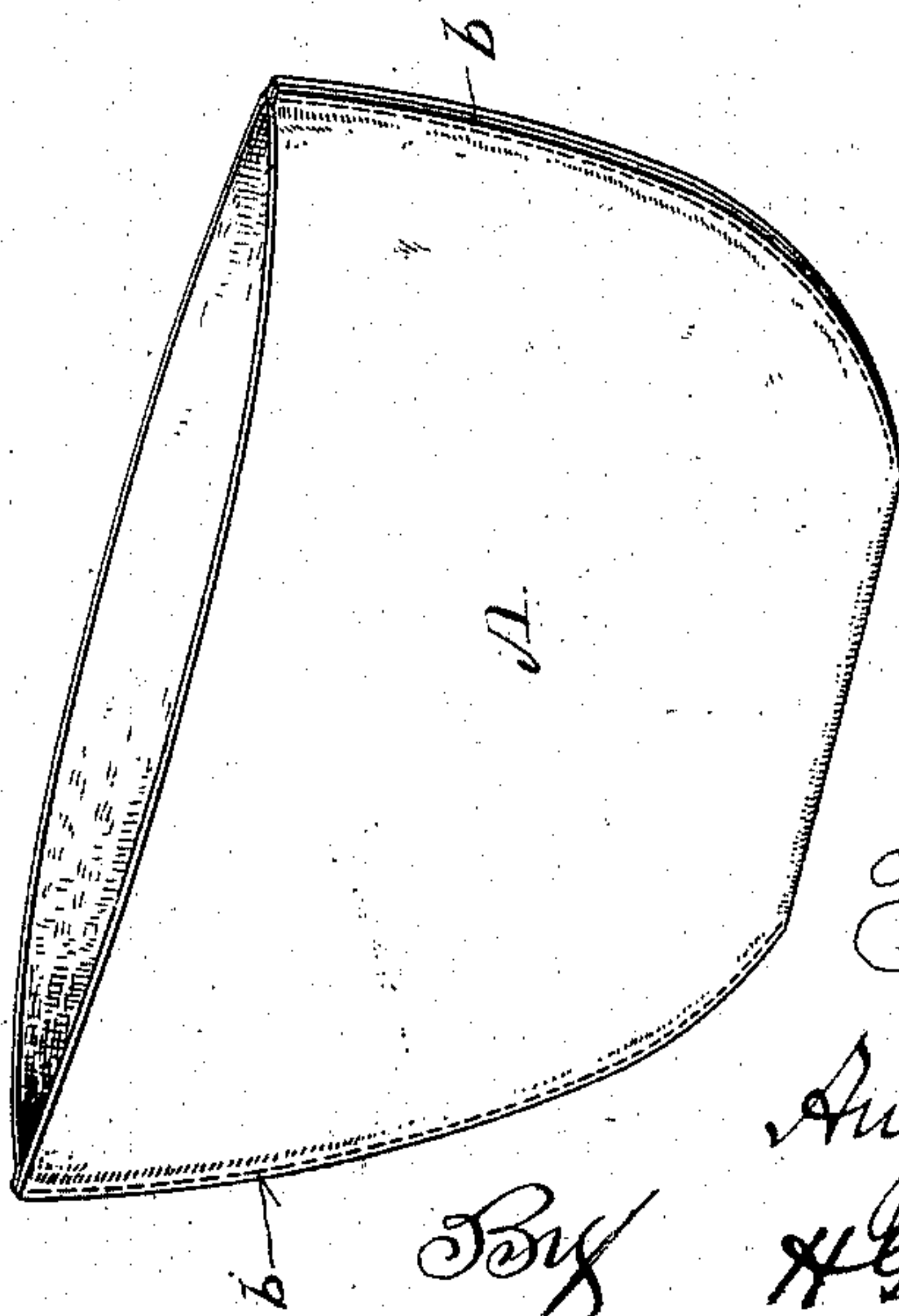
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*Fig. 2.*

*Fig. 1.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, AUGUST KRESS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of West Bend, in the county of Washington and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Purses, &c.; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention has for its object to simplify and cheapen the production of pocket-purses, ladies' hand-bags, and analogous goods, as well as to improve the finish of the same, said invention consisting in the peculiar formation of a purse or bag body whereby I do away with the end pieces commonly employed, as will be more specifically set forth with reference to the accompanying drawings and subsequently claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a purse-body made according to my invention as it appears stitched up and ready to be turned. Fig. 2 represents a plan view of a blank for the purse-body.

Referring by letter to the drawings, I show the body of a pocket-purse made from a blank of leather or other suitable material. The blank may be of any desirable proportions in the matter of length and width, but it is essential that each longitudinal edge thereof be provided with a single notch of predetermined depth and that the greatest depth of this notch touch an imaginary line exactly midway between the ends of said blank transversely of the same. Owing to the peculiar notching of the material constituting the blank, the latter gradually increases in width in opposite directions from its longitudinal center. The blank having been cut, it is folded on itself wrong side out and the flaps united

to each other by a seam *b*, of stitching, thus forming the body of the pocket-purse, after which this body is turned to bring the seam inside the same.

The purse-body herein described is devoid of end pieces or inverted-V-shaped fullnesses common to goods of the class herein set forth, nor has it a continuous bottom seam.

While the above description refers more particularly to pocket-purses, my invention is just as applicable to ladies' hand-bags and analogous goods.

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

A body for a purse or analogous article made from a blank of leather or other suitable material of any desirable proportions in the matter of length and width but having each longitudinal edge thereof provided with a single notch the greatest depth of which touches an imaginary line midway between the ends of said blank transversely of the latter, whereby the bottom seam is discontinuous, and the purse devoid of a V-shaped fullness, the blank being folded on itself wrong side out and having its flaps united to each other by stitching, the product thus formed being subsequently turned to bring the seam inside thereof preliminary to finishing of the article of which it constitutes a part.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand, at West Bend, in the county of Washington and State of Wisconsin, in the presence of two witnesses.

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