

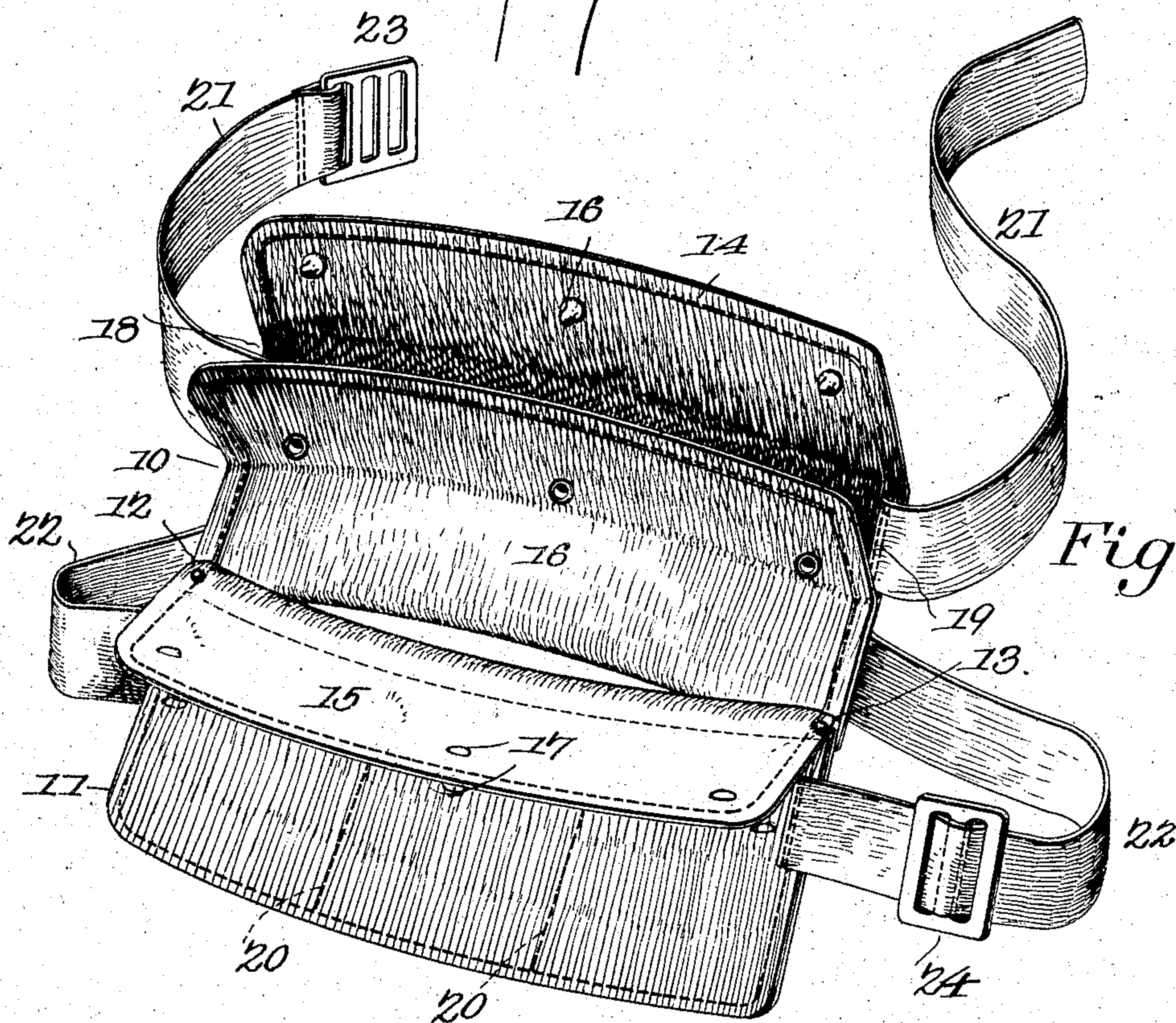
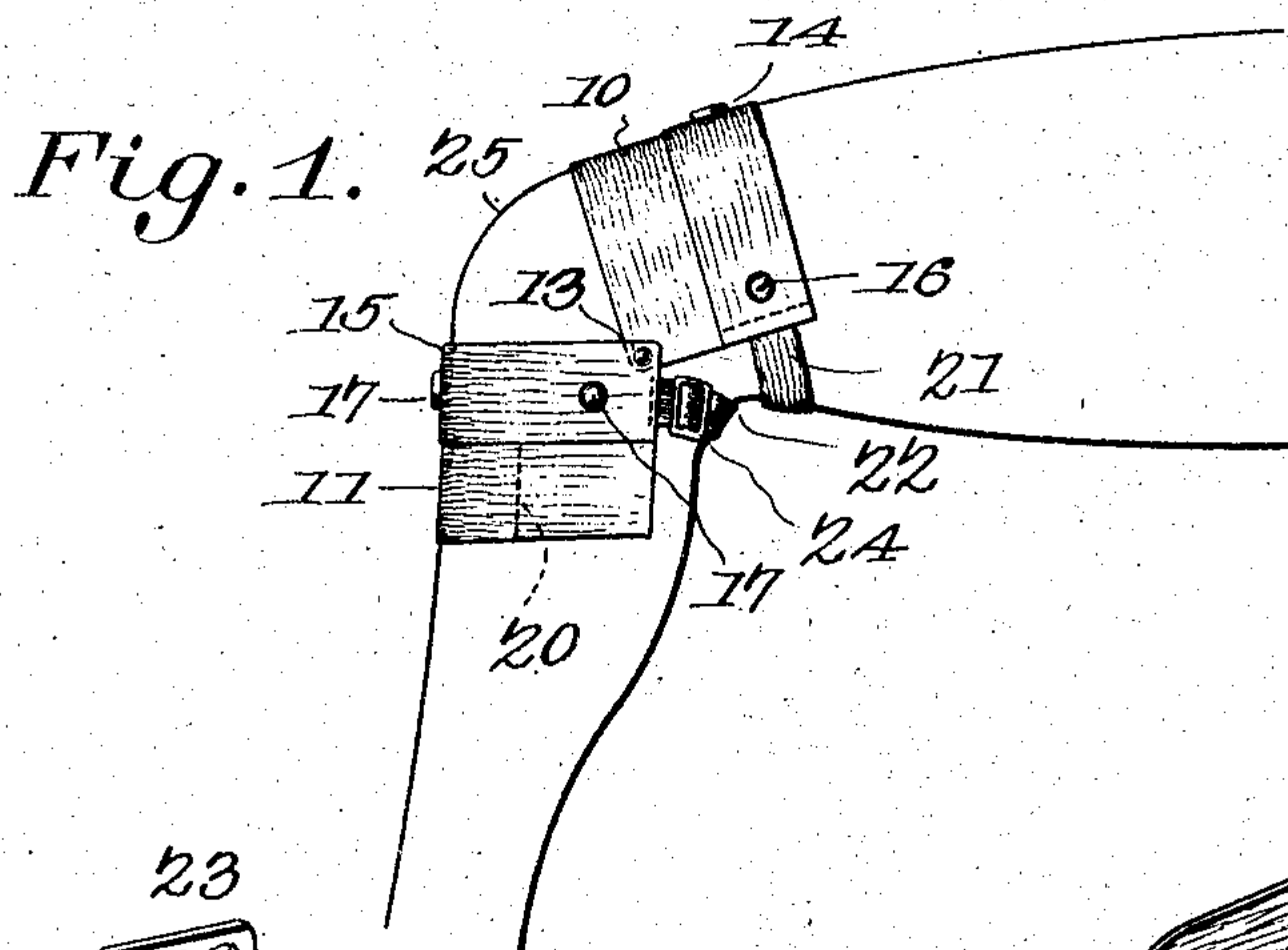
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SAFETY-PURSE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SIGNORA H. DUNCAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Nashville, in the county of Davidson and State of Tennessee, have invented a new and useful Safety-Purse, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to purses or receptacles for the safe keeping of valuables upon the person, and has for its object to improve the construction and produce a device of this character simple in arrangement, easily applied, and which will be readily accessible without removal from the person.

Another object of this invention is to produce a device of this character attachable to one of the limbs at a joint therein, preferably the knees, whereby the natural protuberance of the joint will assist in retaining the device in position.

With these and other objects in view, which will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in certain novel features of construction, as herein after fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which corresponding parts are denoted by like designating characters, is illustrated the preferred form of the embodiment of the invention capable of carrying the same into practical operation, it being understood that the invention is not necessarily limited thereto, as various changes in the shape, proportions, and general assemblage of the parts may be resorted to without departing from the principle of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages, and the right is therefore reserved of making all the changes and modifications which fairly fall within the scope of the invention and the claims made therefor.

In the drawings thus employed, Figure 1 is a view of a limb with the improved device applied. Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspective view of the improved purse detached.

The improved purse comprises two receptacles (represented as a whole, respectively, at 10 11) of elongated shape and united at their adjacent corners 12 13, each receptacle open along one side and with the open sides covered, respectively, by foldable flaps 14 15, secured as by snap-buttons or other fastenings 16 17.

The open side of the receptacles will be upon the same side of the receptacles or with the open side of the receptacle 11 next to the closed side of the receptacle 10.

The receptacle 10 is designed for holding bank-bills, folded papers, and the like, and to facilitate the placing in or removal from the same the ends will be left partially open, as at 18 19.

The receptacle 11 is designed for holding coins, jewelry, and the like and is divided into pockets by transversely uniting the front and rear portions at suitable intervals, as indicated at 20.

The receptacle 10 11 will be provided, respectively, with holding-straps 21 22, preferably of elastic material, and adjustable as by buckles 23 24, if required.

A device thus constructed is readily attachable to one of the limbs, preferably at the knee-joint, with the receptacle at opposite sides of the joint 25 of the limb shown, so that the natural protuberance of the joint will project between the receptacles and effectually prevent displacement.

The device thus applied will not interfere with the natural movements of the limb and will not be displaced thereby no matter how violent they may be, as the yielding holding-straps coacting with the protuberance of the joint will cause the device to automatically adapt itself to all changes of position of the wearer.

The device may be constructed of any suitable material or materials and of any required size and form and may be divided into as many compartments as desired.

Under some circumstances the purse may be worn upon one of the arms at the elbow-joint and may be of smaller size for that purpose; but this would not be a departure from the principle of the invention, as the result and operation would be the same.

The receptacles, it will be noted, are readily accessible without removing the device from the person.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

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2. As a new article, a safety-purse comprising two receptacles united at their adjacent corners and having independent means for yieldably fastening to a limb upon opposite sides of the joint, whereby the protrusion of the joint extending between the unconnected portions of the receptacles prevents their displacement, and the yieldable fastening means permits the free movements of the limbs.

3. As a new article, a safety-purse comprising a receptacle formed with a longitudinal compartment partially closed at the ends and with a longitudinal flap for extension over the open side and open portions of the ends of said compartment and having means thereon for attachment around a limb at one side of a joint, in combination with a receptacle con-

nected by its adjacent corners to the corners of said first-mentioned receptacle and having means for attachment to the opposite side of the joint.

4. As a new article, a safety-purse comprising a receptacle formed with a longitudinal compartment partially closed at the ends and with a longitudinal flap for extension over the open side and open portions of the ends of said compartment and having means thereon for attachment around a limb at one side of a joint, in combination with a receptacle connected by its adjacent corners to the corners of said first-mentioned receptacle and having a plurality of compartments and means for attachment to the opposite side of the joint.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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