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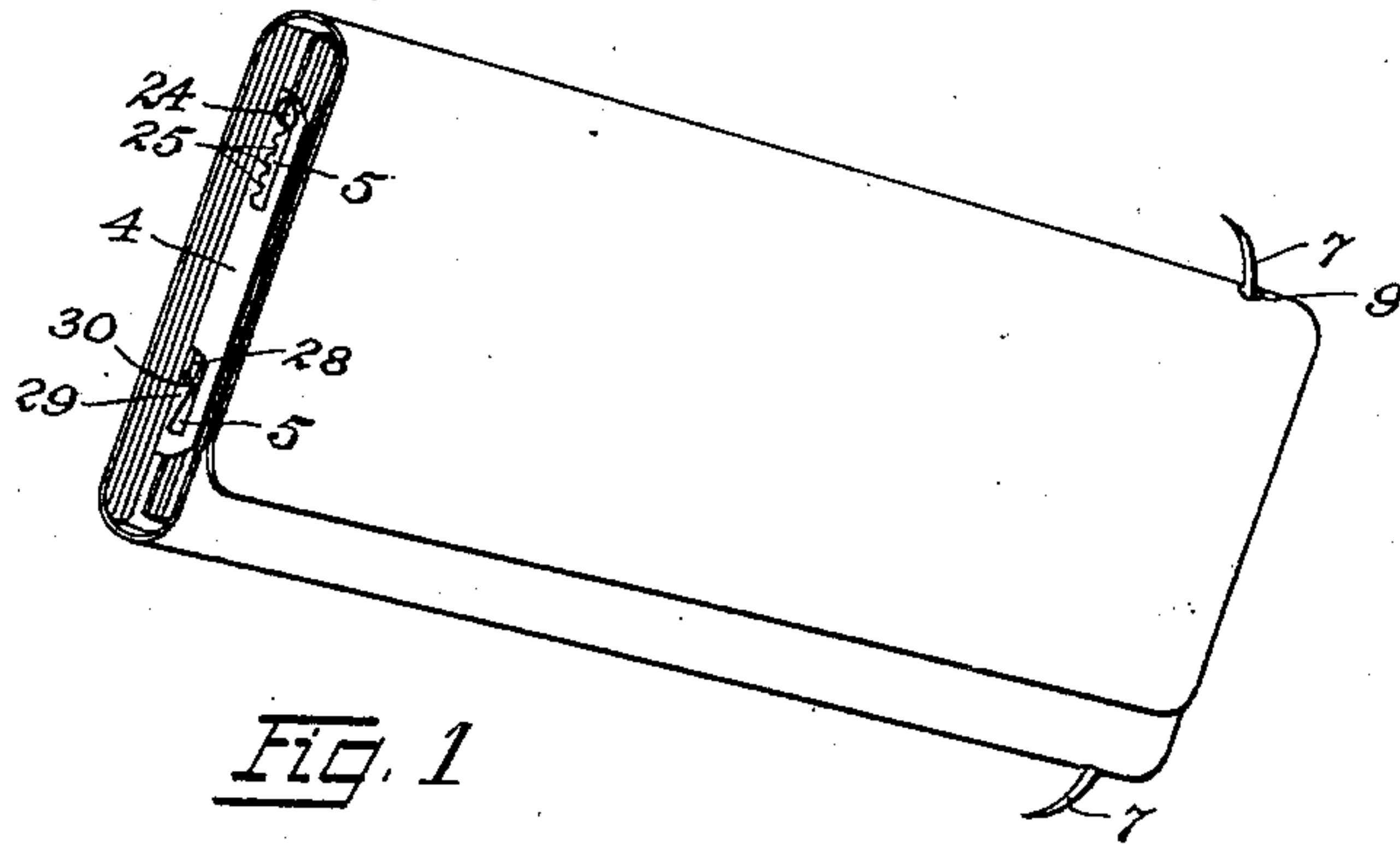


Fig. 1

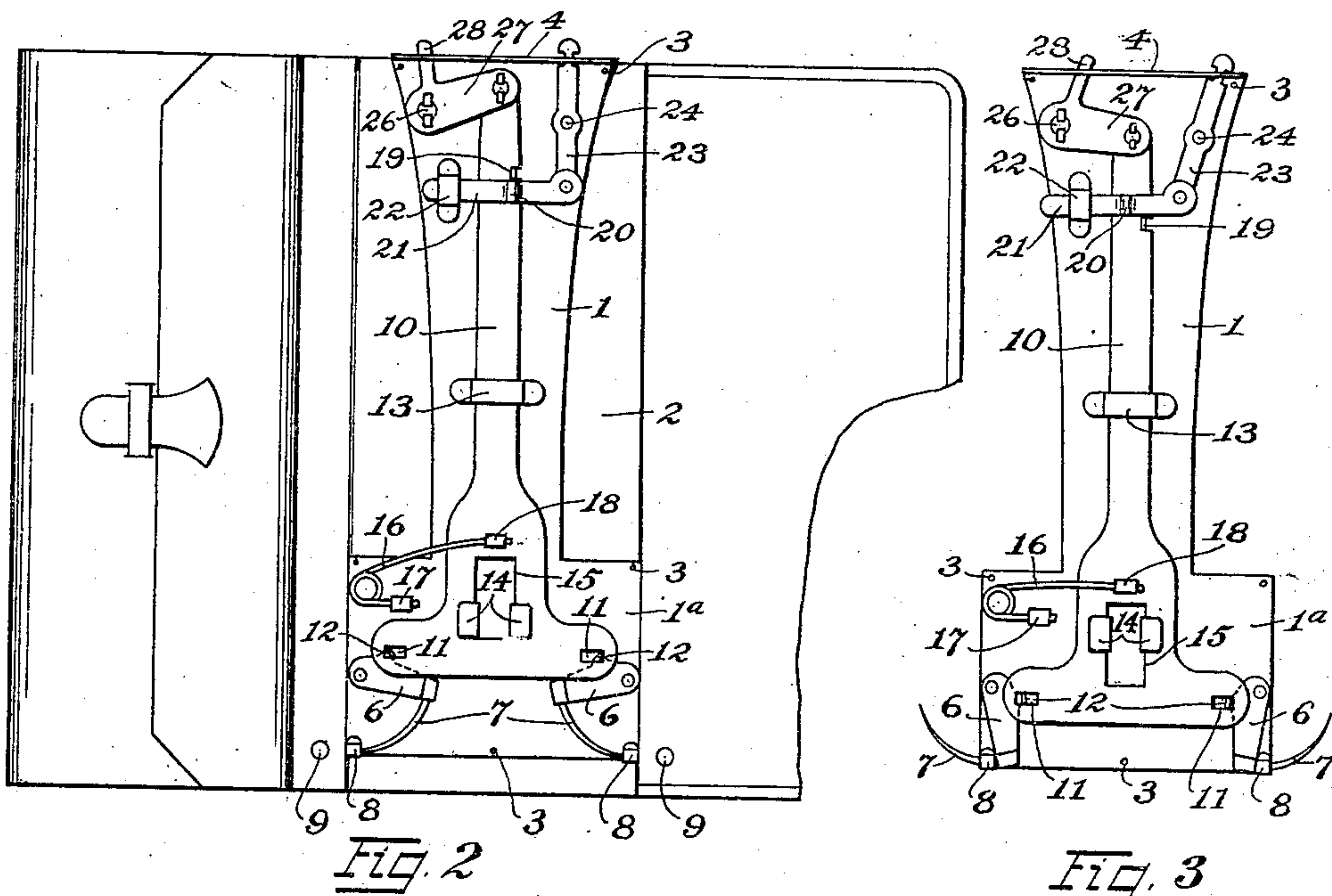


Fig. 2

Fig. 3

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SAMUEL W. WILSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Atwater, in the county of Portage and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Safety Attachments for Pocket-Books, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in safety attachments for pocket-books, and has for its object the provision of a safety device for a pocket-book adapted, when the latter has been placed in the pocket of the wearer in the usual manner, to securely anchor or retain the pocket-book therein as against any unauthorized withdrawal or accidental falling out of the same from the pocket.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a simple, cheap, and efficient safety attachment of this class which may be easily and quickly attached to any ordinary foldable pocket-book without in any way detracting from the appearance or impairing the usefulness of the latter.

With the above mentioned objects in view, the invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement, and combination of parts hereinafter described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

Referring to the accompanying drawings showing one of the embodiments of my invention, Figure 1, is a perspective view of an ordinary foldable pocket-book equipped with improved safety attachment, the anchoring-prongs of same being projected to the position occupied for anchoring the pocket-book in the pocket of the owner. Fig. 2, a plan view of the same as it appears when the pocket-book has been removed from the pocket and opened or unfolded. Fig. 3, a plan view of the attachment detached, the parts shown in the position they occupy when the anchor-prongs have been projected for the retaining of the pocket-book.

Similar numerals of reference designate like parts throughout all the figures of the drawings.

All the parts of the improved attachment are, preferably, stamped from thin sheet metal so as to occupy but little space when the pocket-book is folded.

The improved safety attachment comprises a main supporting-plate 1, adapted to carry the working parts of the device and to

be secured and folded within the pocket-book by being attached to the inner side of the median portion or fold 2, of the pocket-book, preferably by means of threads or cords passing through openings 3, at the corners of the supporting or attaching plate.

The supporting plate terminates at one end in an enlarged head or base portion 1<sup>a</sup>, and at the other or top in a flange-head or top-plate 4. The flange-plate or top-plate 4, is adapted to project above the upper end of the folded pocket-book when the latter is placed in the pocket of the owner, as shown most clearly in Fig. 1, of the drawings and is provided with guide-slots 5, adapted to receive and contain the operating levers used in connection with the manipulation of the various parts of the device, as hereinafter described.

The lower head or base portion 1<sup>a</sup>, is adapted to carry a pair of pivotally mounted anchoring-prongs, each of said anchoring-prongs comprising a pivotally-mounted arm 6, carrying at its inner or free end an anchoring-prong or tine 7. The oppositely-disposed and extending anchoring-prongs 7, are normally carried within the pocket-book by the means hereinafter described, and are adapted to work within guide-ears or tongues 8, in the present instance, formed at the lower corner of the supporting plate. When the anchoring-prongs are projected or extended, by the means hereinafter described, they pass out through openings 9, formed in the lower marginal edges of the pocket-book and opposite the guide-ears or tongues 8.

The anchoring-prongs 7, are adapted to be manipulated in their projecting and retracting movements by means of a spring-resisted actuating-bolt or slide-plate 10, provided at its lower end with oppositely-disposed bearing openings 11, taking over bearing studs or lugs 12, of the pivot arms 6.

The actuating bolt or slide plate 10, is slidably mounted and secured to the supporting plate 1, by means of a guide bracket 13, covering its intermediate or stem portion, and a pair of guide brackets 14, extending through a guide slot 15, in the lower or head portion of the actuating-bolt 10. The actuating-bolt or slide 10, is normally held in its anchoring-prong retracting position by means of said spring being secured to the lower or head portion of the supporting-plate by means of an attaching stud 17, and the other or longer member of the spring being secured to the



lower or head portion of the actuating-bolt by means of an attaching stud 18.

The upper or stem portion of the actuating bolt is provided with a guide lug 19, adapted to normally work within a recess-way 20, of a transversely disposed locking member 21. The locking member 21, is slidably mounted across the stem portion of the actuating bolt or slide and has one end secured in a guide bracket 22, and the other end pivotally secured to an operating lever 23. The operating lever 23, is pivotally secured, intermediate its ends, to the supporting plate 1, by means of a pivot pin or stud 24, and has its upper end extending through a guide slot 5, said guide-slot being provided with a plurality of notches 25, for securing the upper free end or projecting portion of the operating lever 23, in various positions.

The actuating-bolt or slide plate 10, is adapted to be manipulated by means of a bell crank lever pivotally secured to the upper portion of the supporting plate by means of a bearing stud or pin 26, one of the members 27, being pivotally secured to the upper end of the actuating bolt and the other member 28, extending upwardly through the adjacent guide slot 5. The guide slot 5, is provided with an inclined portion 29, terminating in a retaining notch 30, at one end of the guide-slot. When it is desired to move the actuating bolt to its anchor-prong projecting position, as shown in Figs. 1, and 3, the arm or member 28, is moved toward the retaining notch 30, causing the actuating bolt or slide plate 10, to be depressed or moved outwardly against the resistance of the spring 16, and throwing the anchoring-prongs outwardly as shown in said figures of the drawings. When the anchoring-prongs are thus projected they are adapted to engage with the sides of the pocket and prevent the unauthorized withdrawal or accidental falling out of the pocket-book from the pocket of the owner. When the lever or member 28, has been moved into registry with the retaining notch 30, the member 28, will snap into engagement with the retaining notch and thus hold the anchoring-prongs in their projected position.

As a means for preventing the unauthorized release of the arm or member 28, the locking member 21, may be moved to one side so as to bring the recess-way 20, out of alinement with the guide-lug 19, and cause the locking member 21, to come into locking engagement with the guide-lug 19, of the actuating bolt as shown in Fig. 3, of the drawings.

When it is desired to remove the pocket-book the owner knowing in what notch to place the operating lever 23, in order to bring the recess-way 20, in alinement with the guide-lug 19, will move the same accordingly, and will then release the member or lever 28,

from engagement with the retaining notch 30, whereby the parts will be returned to their normal position, and the anchoring-prongs retracted by the operation of the spring 16, as shown in Fig. 2, of the drawings.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the operation and advantages of my invention will be readily understood.

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

1. A safety attachment for pocket-books, comprising a foldable pocket-book, a supporting plate carried therein and provided with a flange-head having a guide-slot terminating in a retaining notch, oppositely-disposed pivotally-mounted anchoring-prongs, carried by said supporting-plate and normally resting within the edges of said pocket-book, a spring-resisted actuating-bolt slidably mounted on said supporting-plate and connected to said anchoring-prongs, a locking member slidably-mounted across said actuating-bolt and provided with a recess-way normally receiving a guide-lug formed on said actuating-bolt, an operating lever connected to said locking member, and an operating bell-crank lever connected to the upper end of said actuating-bolt and projecting through said guide-slot in said flange-head.

2. In a safety attachment for pocket-books, the combination with a supporting-plate adapted to be secured within a foldable pocket-book, a spring-resisted actuating-bolt provided with a guide-lug, and oppositely-extending pivotally-mounted anchoring-prongs pivotally connected to said actuating bolt, of a locking-member slidably mounted across said actuating-bolt and provided with a recess-way normally registering with said guide-lug, means for moving said locking-member in locking engagement with said guide-lug of said actuating-bolt when the latter has been moved to its anchor-prong projecting position, and means for operating said actuating-bolt.

3. In a safety attachment for pocket books, a supporting-plate provided with a guide-slot terminating in a retaining-notch, a spring-resisted actuating-bolt slidably mounted on said supporting-plate, pivotally-mounted anchoring prongs pivotally connected to said actuating-bolt, and a bell-crank lever having one of its members secured to said actuating-bolt and the other extending through said guide-slot and adapted to be seated in said retaining-notch when said actuating-bolt has been moved to its anchor-prong projecting position.

4. In a safety attachment for pocket-books, the combination with a foldable pocket-book, a supporting-plate carried therein



and secured to one of the folds, said plate  
being provided with an end flange-head hav-  
ing guide-slots, a spring-resisted actuating-  
bolt carried by said plate and having a guide-  
5 lug near one end and a pair of pivotally-  
mounted anchoring-prongs at the opposite  
end normally held within said pocket-book,  
a locking member provided with a recess-  
way normally receiving said guide-lug, a piv-  
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end secured to said locking member and the  
other projecting through one of said guide-  
slots of said flange-head, and a bell-crank le-

ver having one of its members secured to  
said actuating-bolt and the other member 15  
projecting through a guide-slot provided  
with a retaining-notch adapted to contain  
said member when said actuating-bolt is in  
its anchor-prong projecting position.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my 20  
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