

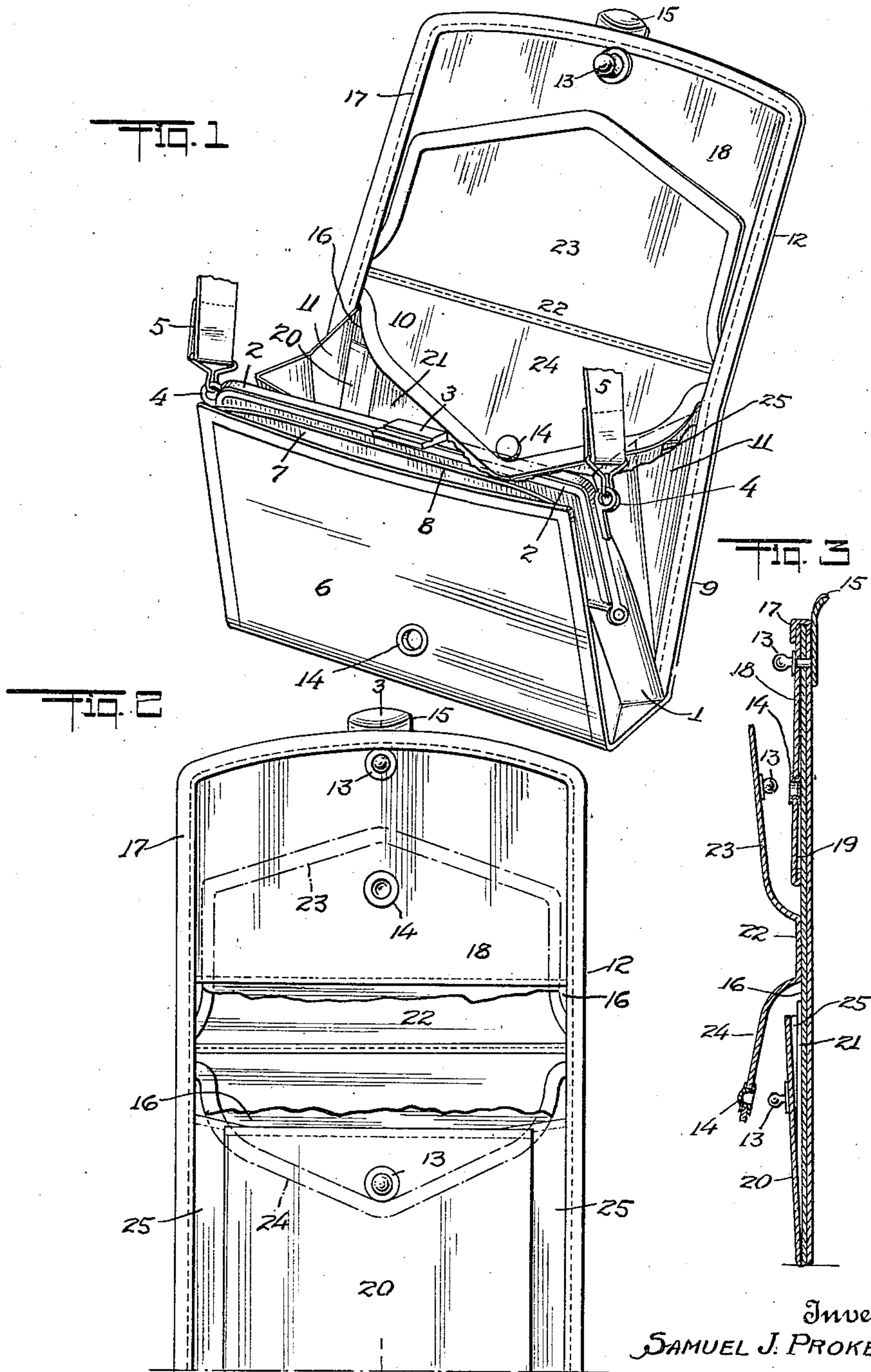
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SAMUEL J. PROKESCH, a citizen of the United States, residing in New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocketbooks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in pocketbooks; especially ladies' pocket books adapted to carry not only money, but also small mirrors, handkerchiefs, and other things for personal use.

An object of the invention is to provide a pocketbook having one or more additional pockets which are less noticeable and less ready of access than the principal pockets or compartments; so that the owner may employ the additional pockets for the reception of rings and other jewelry, large bills, and similar articles of considerable value. Hence, if a pocketbook according to my invention is rifled by a thief, the contents of the main pockets or compartments will be taken but the contents of the additional and more secret pockets will ordinarily escape attention and be left untouched.

This and other objects and advantages of my invention will be clearly set forth in the following description, taken with the accompanying drawings; and the novel features pointed out in the appended claims. I of course reserve the right to make changes in the shape, size and arrangement of details of the structure actually illustrated, without departing from the nature and spirit of the invention, as the claims define the same.

On the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an open pocketbook according to my invention; showing the additional pockets closed;

Figure 2 is a view of the back and cover of the pocketbook showing the positions of the additional pockets; and

Figure 3 is a section on the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

The same numerals identify the same parts throughout.

In the particular description of the drawings, the numeral 1 indicates a central body which is in the form of a bag and has a pair of pivoted jaws 2, secured to the top edges and upper portions of the side edges; the jaws when open, giving access to the inside and being provided with a catch 3 to close the body 1. To one of the jaws 2 are secured

eyelets 4 for the attachment of a strap or handle 5.

The body 1 is enfolded in a large piece of suitable material, one end of which lies against the forward face of the body 1 and forms the front 6 of the pocketbook when completed. Between the forward face of the body 1 and the front 6 is an additional compartment 7 provided by connecting the edges of the front 6 to the forward face of the body 1 or by interposing a piece 8 and attaching this piece to the inside surface of the front 6 along the bottom and sides, but not at the top; and securing this piece to the bag 1 at suitable points, thus leaving a space to which access can be had from above; this space or compartment 7 being always open when the pocketbook is not closed. Further, the piece which affords the front 6 is passed under the bag 1 and up at the rear of this bag; forming a back 9 for the pocketbook and being separated from the rear face of the bag to form a rear compartment 10. This rear compartment is closed at the sides by means of foldable flaps or pleats 11 which are triangular in shape and attached to the rear of the bag along one edge and to the back 9 along the other. The back 9 is extended to form a lid or cover 12; which, when the jaws are secured by the catch 2, can be turned over to close the top of the pocketbook and be folded down against the front 6. In this position it can be fastened by providing it with a snap button 13 to enter a socket 14 in front 6; and the cover 12 may also have a finger piece 15 to enable the button to be pulled out of the socket 14. Of course the bag 1 is secured to the piece comprising the front and back, in any convenient manner.

The piece forming the front 6, back 9 and cover 12 is of course suitably lined inside; and in fact the entire interior of the central body 1 and compartments 7 and 10 may be lined with silk, leather or any other suitable material in accordance with the usual practice. The lining for the back 9 and cover 12 is indicated at 16, and is secured by turning over the edges, thus making a hem which is stitched down against the edge of the lining. To the inner face of the back 9 is secured a piece 18, which is sewed or otherwise fastened along its bottom and sides to make an additional or inner pocket 19 which is located inside the rear compartment 10; and against the inner face of the cover 12



is secured a piece of material 20, also secured under the hem 17, to form a top or cover pocket 21. When the cover is lifted this top pocket 21 is open from below; that is to say, the piece 20 is attached to the cover 12 along the sides and outer or free end of the cover; hence, when the pocketbook is opened by lifting the cover, the mouths of the bottom and top pockets 19 and 21 are presented towards each other. To close these two pockets 19 and 21 I provide a cover 22, consisting of a piece fastened to the cover 12 along its middle and along a line which lies adjacent the bend made by this cover when it is turned down against the front face 6. This piece 22 thus in effect forms two lids or flaps 23 and 24, one to close and conceal the inner pocket 19 and the other to close and conceal the cover pocket 21; and each of these lids or flaps may be provided in combination with the pieces 18 and 20 with snap button and socket fasteners similar to the buttons 13 and sockets 14 already mentioned.

Hence, it will be apparent that when the pockets 19 and 21 are closed, their presence is not suggested by the construction of the pocketbook to a stranger; and if the owner stores articles of value in either of the pockets 19 and 21, such articles of value are less apt to be stolen; because if a thief rifles the pocketbook he must usually do so in haste; and under the circumstances will look only to see what is in the central bag or body 1; and the other two main compartments 7 and 10; while any articles in the two small pockets 19 and 21 will most likely escape his attention.

The bottom pocket 19 may be provided by either a flat piece, like the top pocket; or it may have folds or pleats 25 at the sides to enable it to be distended to a greater extent. Not only lining 16 and the pieces 18 and 20, but also the middle parts of the side edges of the piece 22, will be secured in place by stitching the hem 17 down over them. The presence of the two pockets 19 and 21, therefore, requires very little extra work and material; and while these pockets are readily accessible to the owner, who knows where to find them, and what is their purpose, they are relatively inconspicuous and not likely

to be noticed by a stranger or any one handling the pocketbook who cannot make a thorough examination of it.

In making the pocketbook, the edges of the flaps 11 will be laid on the lining 16, and secured under the hem 17, the same as the piece 20, and under the lining the pocketbook may be padded throughout, if desired.

Having described my invention, what I believe to be new and desire to secure and protect by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. A pocketbook comprising a bag-shaped central body, a front and a back attached thereto, the back having a flap extending therefrom to form a lid or cover, the back having a piece secured thereto to form an additional pocket and the flap having a piece secured thereto to form another additional pocket, said pockets presenting their mouths to each other, a piece secured between the mouths of said pockets and forming a pair of covers, one of which is adapted to close each of said pockets, and fastening devices to secure said covers in closing position.

2. A pocketbook comprising a central body, a piece in which said body is enfolded, said piece providing a front for the pocketbook and a back, also a flap extending from the back to afford a cover or closure for the pocketbook, lining on the inside face of said back and cover, the back and cover having their edges turned over to provide a hem to hold the lining in place, a piece laid upon said lining and likewise secured along its edges under the hem to the back to form an additional pocket, another piece upon said lining and secured to the flap by having its edges held by said hem to form a second pocket, said pockets presenting their mouths to each other, a piece secured adjacent the middle of its side edges under said hem and forming a pair of flaps or covers adapted to close the mouth of each of said pockets, and fasteners for holding the flaps in position.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification this 31st day of August, 1922.

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