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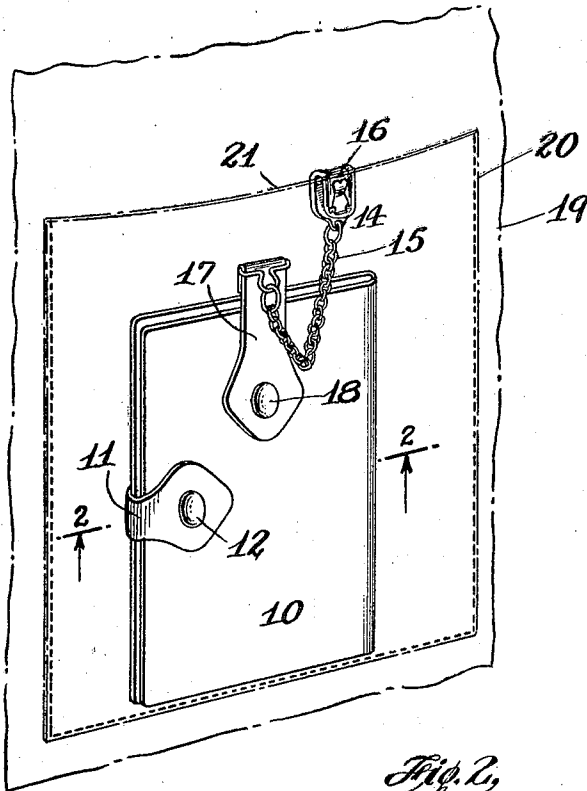
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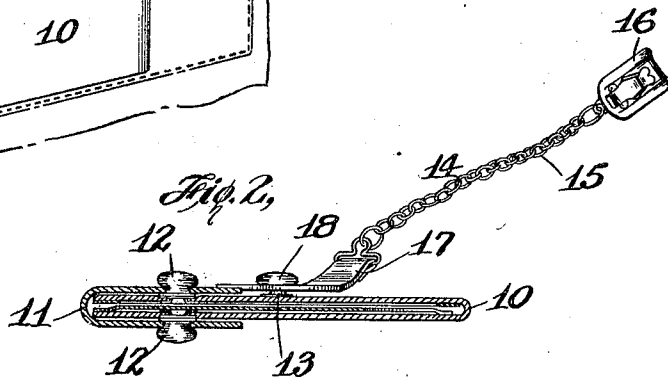
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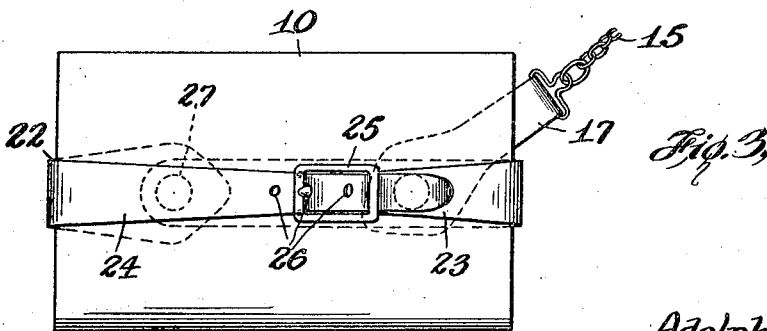
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*Fig. 1,*



*Fig. 2,*



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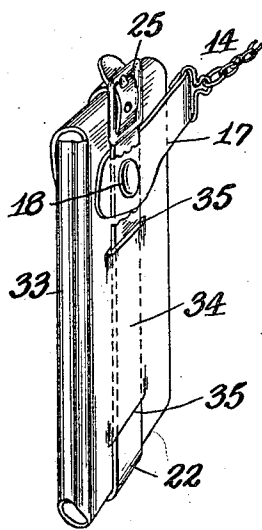
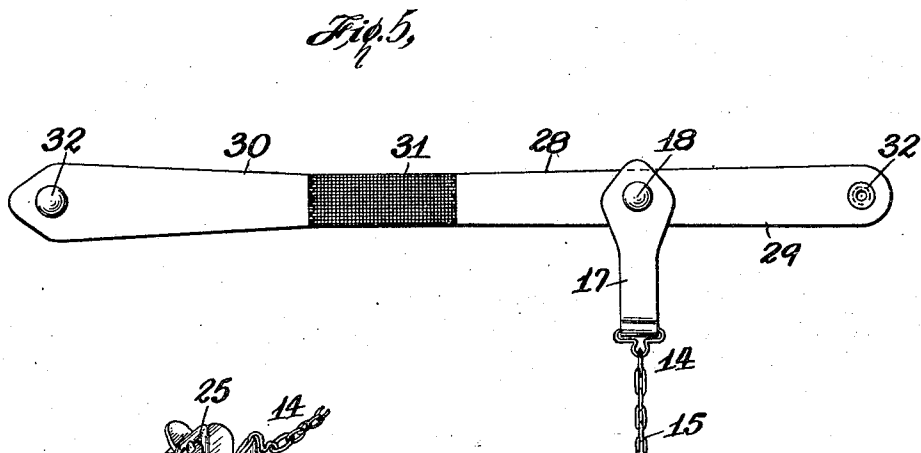
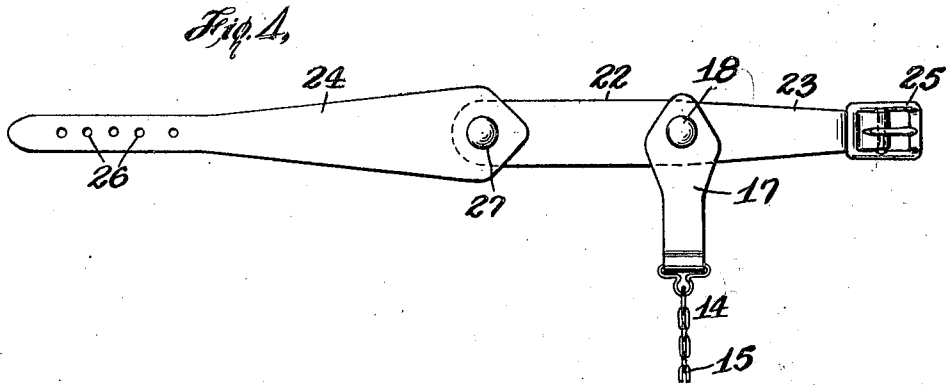
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THEFTPROOF DEVICE FOR POCKETBOOKS, WALLETS, AND THE LIKE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ADOLPH FLEISCHER, a citizen of the United States, and residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Theftproof Devices for Pocketbooks, Wallets, and the like, of which the following is a specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to devices adapted for use in connection with pocketbooks and wallets and the like for retaining the same in connection with a pocket in the garment of the wearer or in connection with any other part of the garment, and the object of the invention is to provide a device of the class specified comprising a flexible member composed of strong and durable material provided at one end with means for retaining the same in connection with a part of the garment of the wearer and at its other end with means for detachably securing a pocketbook, wallet or the like in connection therewith; and with this and other objects in view the invention consists in a device of the class and for the purpose specified which is simple in construction, efficient in use and which is constructed as hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawing forms a part, in which the separate parts of my improvement are designated by suitable reference characters in each of the views, and in which:—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a pocketbook showing one method of applying my theftproof device thereto and diagrammatically illustrating the method of its use;

Fig. 2 a partial section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 a plan view of a pocketbook or wallet showing another form of my improved device mounted in connection therewith;

Fig. 4 a plan view of the device shown in Fig. 3 in detail and in an extended position;

Fig. 5 a view similar to Fig. 4 but showing a modification; and,

Fig. 6 a perspective detail view of another form of pocketbook showing my improved device as shown in Figs. 3 and 4 of the drawing mounted in connection with said pocketbook.

It is a wellknown fact that pocketbooks, wallets and the like mounted in pockets of the garment or garments of the wearer, or mounted in connection with handbags and the like are free to be withdrawn or removed from said pockets or handbags by thieves or pickpockets, and the object of my invention is to provide means for securing or anchoring a pocketbook or wallet in connection with a predetermined part of a garment, handbag or the like, and in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawing, I have shown one method of carrying my invention into effect, and in said figures I have shown at 10 a pocketbook, the open side of which is adapted to be closed by a strap member 11 having snap fastening devices 12 at either end thereof adapted to cooperate with corresponding devices on the opposite side faces of the pocketbook 10, and by detaching either one of the fastening devices 12 the pocketbook may be opened.

With the construction shown in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawing, I provide a pocketbook 10 with the male member 13 of a snap fastening device, and also employ one of my improved anchoring or theftproof devices 14 comprising a flexible and strong and durable chain member 15 provided at one end with a suitable clasp device 16 and at its opposite end with a strap member 17 provided with the female member 18 of a snap fastening device adapted to receive the member 13 on the pocketbook 10.

In Fig. 1 of the drawing, I have indicated at 19 a part of a garment and in dot and dash lines I have indicated a pocket 20 in such garment within which the pocketbook 10 is placed, and the clasp device 16 is shown secured to either edge 21 of the pocket with the chain 15 extending into the pocket. With a pocketbook or wallet secured in position as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawing, it will be necessary to apply pressure onto the pocketbook or wallet 10 and against the body of the wearer in removing the strap member 17, or the part 18 of the snap fastening device from the part 13 of said device on the pocketbook.

In Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawing it will be apparent that the device 14 is secured directly to the pocketbook or wallet 10 and in Figs. 3 and 4 of the drawing, I have shown another form of my improved device in which I employ a strap member 22 composed of two parts 23 and 24, the part 23 being pro-

vided at one end with a buckle 25, and the part 24 being provided at one end with a plurality of spaced holes 26 in connection with which the buckle 25 is adapted to operate to adjust or regulate the size of said strap member 22, and the other ends of said parts 23 and 24 are provided with interlocking snap fastening devices 27 for detachably securing said ends together, and in the construction shown in Figs. 3 and 4 of the drawing the device 14 is detachably secured to the part 23 of the strap member 22.

In the use of the device shown in Figs. 3 and 4 of the drawing, the strap member 22 is first passed around the pocketbook or wallet 10, and the ends of the separate parts 23 and 24 are provided with the buckle and apertures respectively are brought together and connected to form a closure for the pocketbook 10 or a strap member for holding the separate parts of said pocketbook in position, and when it is desired to open the pocketbook or wallet the parts 23 and 24 of the strap member 22 are detached through the snap fastening device 27 thus facilitating the quick opening and closing of the pocketbook or wallet, whenever desired. It will be understood that the free end of the chain 15 of the device 14, which is not shown in Fig. 3, will be provided with a clasp 16 as is shown in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawing and may be anchored in the same manner as shown in Fig. 1, or in any other desired manner.

In Fig. 5 of the drawing I have shown a modification of the construction shown in Figs. 3 and 4, in which I substitute for the strap member 22, a strap member 28 composed of two parts 29 and 30 joined by a resilient or elastic member 31, and the free ends of the parts 23 and 30 are provided with interlocking snap fastening devices 32, and the device 14 is shown mounted in connection with the part 27 of the strap member 28. The use of this device will be the same as the device shown in Figs. 3 and 4 of the drawing, with the exception that the adjustment of the size of the strap member 28 will be automatically taken care of by the resilient or elastic powers of the part 31 of said strap member.

In Fig. 6 I have shown a pocketbook 33 of the bill folding type, and in this form of construction I employ a strap member similar to that shown in Figs. 3 and 4 of the drawing, and instead of encircling the pocketbook or wallet as in Figs. 3 and 4, the strap member 22 is passed through and beneath the part 34 of said pocketbook by

cutting transverse slits 35 in one side face of the pocketbook 33, as clearly shown in said figure. With this construction the strap member 22 is retained in connection with the pocketbook.

It will be understood that while I have shown certain methods of carrying my invention into effect, that I am not necessarily limited to various uses of my improved device herein shown and described, nor am I limited to any specific use thereof, and various changes in and modifications of the construction herein shown and described may be made, within the scope of the appended claims, without departing from the spirit of my invention or sacrificing its advantages.

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

1. A device of the class described comprising a strong and durable flexible member provided at one end with a clasp device and at the other end with means for detachably securing the same in connection with a pocketbook, wallet or the like, said last named means involving a strap member adapted to be passed around said pocketbook, wallet or the like, means for regulating the size of said strap member, and means on the free end portions of said strap member for quickly attaching and detaching said end portions.

2. A device of the class described comprising a flexible chain member, a suitable clasp device at one end of said chain member and a strap at the other end of said chain member, said strap being provided with an attaching device.

3. A device of the class described comprising a flexible chain member, a suitable clasp device at one end of said chain member and a strap member mounted in connection with the other end of said chain member, means for regulating the size of said strap member, means for detachably connecting the ends of said strap member, and means for detachably connecting said chain member with said strap member.

4. A device of the class described comprising a flexible member, a clasp device at one end of said member, a strap at the other end of said member and a part of an attaching device on said strap.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name this 18th day of May, 1922.

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