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INVENTION AND DISCOVERY.

Storm front for vehicles.—For those who live in the country and do much driving in the winter, this storm front is a capital scheme.

It is made on the same plan as the glass front of the new hansom cabs which have been introduced into this country within the last few years.

The front is made in one solid piece. There are two little glass windows in it, to enable the occupants of the buggy to see out. When it is not in use it is pulled up over the heads of the riders, and when the storm comes on a cord lets it down in front of them.

It is so adjusted that the driver can handle the reins under it, and while it might not be safe to drive a skittish horse with it down, still for the ordinary use in the country it will be a great comfort.

Combined purse, parcel-carrier, and buckle.—This is an ingenious device. Arranged in the form of a buckle for a waist-belt, it answers the several purposes of purse, parcel-carrier, and buckle.

[Illustration]

The picture you see represents the back of the buckle; the front being in the form of a pretty butterfly.

From the lower side of the clasp a strong hook is suspended. This hook is a patent hook, opening to catch the strings of parcels, and snapping tightly together again.

A little snap on the under side of one of the wings opens, and the body of the butterfly turns back and reveals a neat little purse, large enough for car fare or railroad tickets.

The buckle is principally intended for the use of bicyclists who need to utilize every scrap of space, but for ordinary wear it is neat and attractive as well as useful. G.H.R.

FIRST PRIZE CONTEST.

It has been difficult to separate carefully the best two lists from among the two hundred and odd received in the *first prize Competition*. However, a very careful canvass of them has been made, and it has been found that as many as ten were complete lists. Naturally, those who sent in first receive the prizes, and we are pleased to announce that the first prize goes to Miss Marguerite Metivier, Greenwood Ave., Waltham, Mass., and the second prize to Walter L. Solomon, 344 West 145th Street. If they will write us their choice of the prizes, we will send them immediately.