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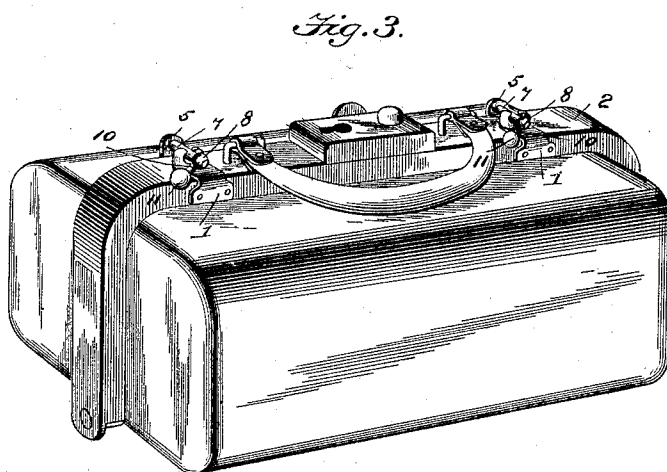
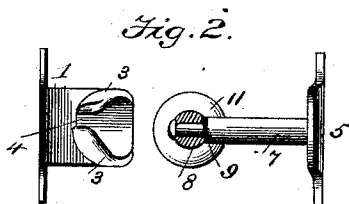
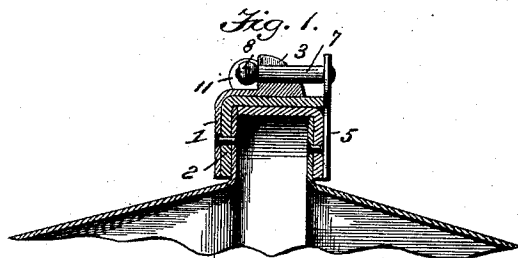
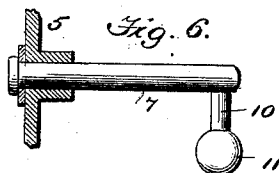
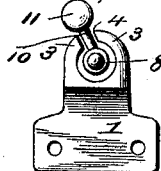


Fig. 4.



Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENNY BERNSTEIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fastenings for Satchels, Hand-Bags, &c.; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in catches or fastenings for satchels, hand-bags, pocket-books, and other similar articles provided with jaws or frames which work to and from each other in closing and opening; and it has for its objects to provide a device which will securely hold the jaws when closed, which will be inexpensive in construction and easily applied, which will work automatically to lock the jaws in closing the same, and which will be ornamental in appearance.

The invention consists in the construction and arrangement of the parts of the device as illustrated in the drawings and hereinafter fully described, and specifically pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, and in which the same reference-numerals indicate like parts in the respective views, Figure 1 represents a view in sectional side elevation of the jaws of a satchel or bag, showing my invention applied thereto; and Fig. 2 represents a top or plan view of the device detached. Fig. 3 represents a view in perspective of a satchel or hand-bag having my fastening device applied thereto. Fig. 4 is a face view of the keeper; Fig. 5, a rear view of keeper, showing the weighted locking-arm in position as when entering the keeper. Fig. 6 is a view of a modified form of the swinging weighted arm, illustrating a different mode of securing the same to the plate.

Referring to the drawings, the reference-numeral 1 indicates an angular plate, the vertical part of which is pierced for the rivets or screws by which it is attached to the outer jaw 2 of a satchel or hand-bag. The upper or horizontal portion of the plate is provided with upwardly-projecting lips or lugs 3 to form the keeper, which are curved from the

edge of the said horizontal portion rearwardly, as shown in Fig. 2, the lip on one side being longer and having a greater or more decided curve than the one on the other side, so that the opening 4 between said lips is to one side of the center of the keeper, as shown in Figs. 4 and 5, for the purposes as will presently appear.

The numeral 5 indicates a metallic plate, bent so as to form a vertical upward extension, the lower portion of the plate being pierced for the passage of the rivets or screws by which it may be attached to the inner jaw 6 of the satchel. To the said extension is securely fastened a horizontal bar 7, which has its free end contracted, as shown in Fig. 2, for the reception of a collar 8, which fits snugly on the contracted portion and abuts against the shoulder 9 of the contracted portion, the collar being held thereon by upsetting the end of such portion or by means of a suitably-headed screw, or the arm and bar may be integral and the bar made to turn in the plate or holder, as shown in Fig. 6. From the collar depends an arm 10 of such diameter as to pass freely between the opening 4 of the lips of the keeper on opening and closing the satchel. The said arm is provided with a weight 11 at its lower end, which holds in a downward position normally, the arm being adapted to swing freely on the horizontal bar 7. The mouth of the keeper is made flaring and somewhat larger than the end of the bar 7, so that the entrance within the keeper of the bar is assured even should the jaws or members of the satchel get out of line, and the rear opening of the mouth is made only slightly larger than the bar, so that the parts will fit snugly together. The opening 4 between the lips of the keeper is of smaller size than the bar 7, so that said bar cannot escape therefrom, and the arm 10 is adapted to said opening 4, so that the accidental escape of said arm through the opening is prevented.

The operation of my invention is as follows: In closing the bag the arm 10 strikes the edge of one of the lips 3, and being directed by the longer lip, so as to fall behind the shorter lip and rest on the horizontal portion on the plate 1 of the keeper, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3. This securely fastens the bag against accidental opening, the opening being only ef-

fectured by raising the arm so that it can be passed between the lips of the keeper. As before stated, one lip of the keeper is longer than the other, and the opening between the same is at one side, as shown in Figs. 4 and 5. The object of such construction is to limit vertical movement of the weighted arm or to prevent said arm from assuming a vertical position and bring the weight on a dead-center, and thereby prevent the falling automatically of the weighted arm instantly upon the same passing behind the keeper, the position of the weighted arm being at an angle, as shown in Fig. 5, so that its dropping behind the keeper is assured. While the opening between the lips at the side thereof will prevent the weighted arm passing too far in a vertical position, the same result is accomplished by providing a stop on the bar 7, that engages the end of a slot in the sleeve 8 of the weighted arm, as shown in Fig. 2, so that the movement of said arm is limited.

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

1. In a fastening for satchels and similar receptacles, the combination, with the jaws of such article, of the keeper secured to one of

the jaws having vertical open lips curved upwardly and rearwardly from the front edge and with the opening between the lips at one side of the center of said keeper and the bar secured to the opposite jaw and carrying at its end a swinging weighted arm at right angles to the bar, the parts being adapted to operate substantially as specified.

2. The combination, in a satchel-fastener, of the keeper provided with curved lips of unequal lengths, and the horizontal bar carrying a weighted arm adapted to ride up over the curved lips and be guided so as to fall behind the keeper, substantially as specified.

3. In a fastening for satchels, hand-bags, pocket-books, &c., the combination, with the plate having curved open lips secured to one jaw, of the opposite plate secured to the other jaw of the article and carrying a bar with swinging weighted arm, and means for limiting the upward movement of the arm, substantially as and for the purposes described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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