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BAG FASTENER.

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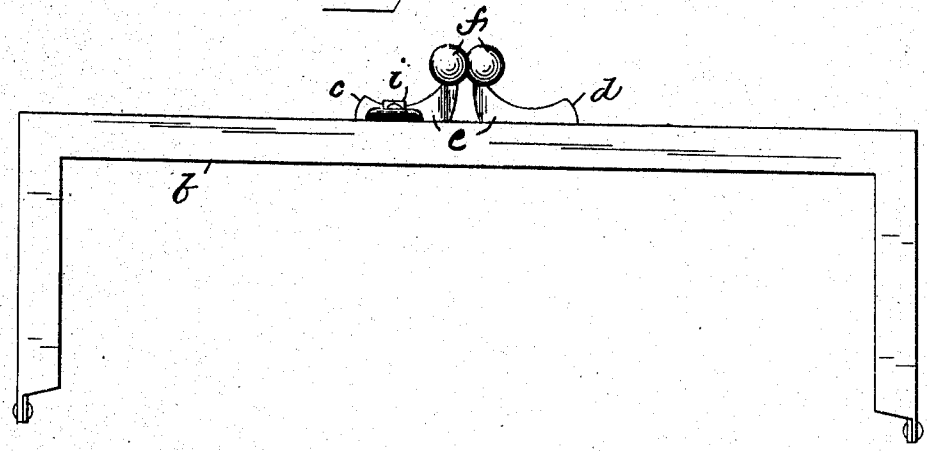
Fig. 1



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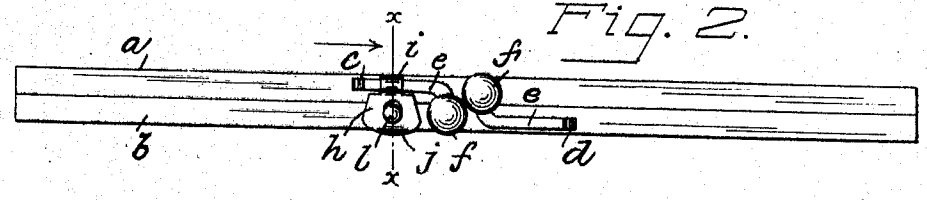

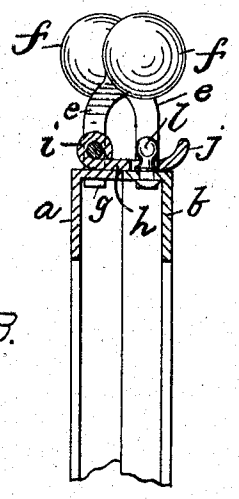

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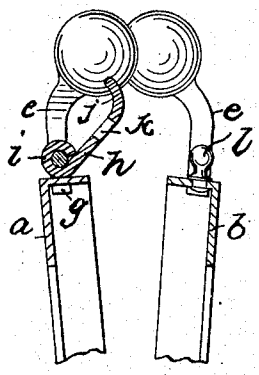

Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABRAHAM C. FISHER, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bag-Fasteners, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make, construct, and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, forming a part of this specification.

In the use of bags, pocket books, and the like, much difficulty has been encountered in overcoming the objection raised by those who use such articles, to the spreading of the bag frame members when the contents of such bag or pocket book are such as to so distend the sides as to make the closing of the bag or pocket book difficult. The principal objection arises from the fact that as ordinarily constructed, but a single catch or lock is provided in the center of the bag frame members for holding the same together, leaving the ends of the frame to be sprung apart by overcrowding the interior of the bag, with resulting annoyance and loss. In order to eliminate these evils and overcome these objections, I have devised a new lock, which has all the advantages of manipulation of a center lock, and yet combines with it, the feature of locking the bag frame at two points.

In carrying out my invention, I make use of the structure illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a side elevation of my improved fastener applied to a bag frame. Fig. 2 represents a plan view of the same. Fig. 3 represents a fragmentary enlarged transverse section taken on lines *x*—*x* of Fig. 2, and looking in the direction indicated by the arrow; and Fig. 4 represents a similar view showing the frame partially open with the latch up.

Similar letters of reference refer to like p rts throughout the specification and drawings.

A bag frame fastener made in acc ance with my invention, may be applied to any ordinary or desired form of frame. That shown in the drawings, consists of the two hinged members *a* and *b* of substantially the shape shown in Fig. 3. To the middle portions of these members *a* and *b* I secure the fasteners or catches *c* and *d*, substantially as illustrated in Fig. 2, or in any convenient or desired manner. The fasteners or catches *c* and *d* are substantially identical in shape, and a description of one will suffice for both. Each fastener is made up of the rigid base *e* provided with the upwardly and angularly extending knob *f*. The base *e* is provided on its under side which comes in contact with the frame member, when the same is secured thereto, with integral nibs *g*, which are inserted through the apertures common in bag frame, and riveted down in the usual manner to secure the fastener rigidly to the frame. With this construction, the two hinged members *a* and *b* always come together with a very pronounced snap, due to the spring of the hinged members *a* and *b*. In my improved device, I provide a second catch or latch for additionally holding the jaws together, which catch or latch is operated independently of the fasteners *c* and *d*. In the specific form illustrated, I provide a catch or latch which consists of a plate *h* provided at one end with a tubular bearing *i* which surrounds and swings on a reduced circular portion of the base *e* of the fastener *c*, which is secured to the frame member *a*. The other end of the plate is provided with an upturned integral finger piece *j*, and an aperture *k*, which takes over and has holding engagement with the stud *l* which is secured to the frame member *b* in any convenient manner.

Experience has demonstrated that the organization above described is a highly efficient one, and while the device described is the preferred embodiment of my present invention, I do not care to restrict myself to the exact details of construction, combination, and arrangement herein set forth, it being obvious that minor variations thereof not involving the exercise of invention may be made by any skilled mechanic, and such departures from what is herein described and claimed not involving invention, I consider as within the scope and terms of my claims.

I claim:

1. In combination, two members movable relatively to each other, knobs carried by

said members and adapted to engage with each other for holding said members together, and a catch secured to one of said knobs for additionally holding said members together and independently operated from the movement of said knobs.

2. In combination, two hinged frame members, knobs carried by said frame members, and adapted to snap past each other for holding said frame members together, and a locking device pivotally secured to one of said knobs for additionally holding said frame members and independently operated from said knobs.

3. In a purse or bag fastener, the combination with a pair of hinged frame members, of a catch member mounted on each of said frame members for mutual coöperation and adapted to engage with each other for holding said frame members together, and a catch for additionally holding said members together pivotally mounted upon one of said catch members and operated independently from said catch members.

4. In a purse or bag fastener, the combination with a pair of hinged frame members, of a catch member mounted on each of said frame members for mutual coöperation and adapted to engage with each other for holding said frame members together, each catch member comprising a base having an angularly disposed engaging enlargement extending therefrom, and a pivoted catch for additionally holding said members together, said catch being pivotally secured to the base of one of said catch members and operated independently from said catch members.

This specification signed and witnessed this 4th day of May, 1911.

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