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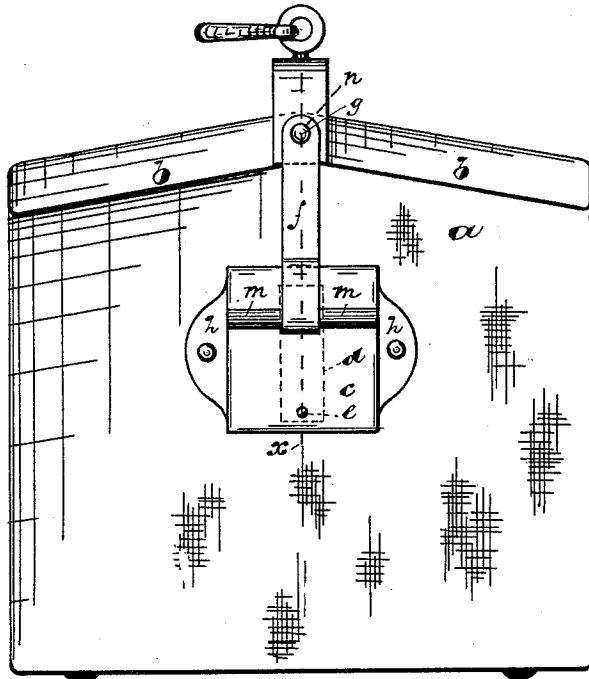


Fig. 1.

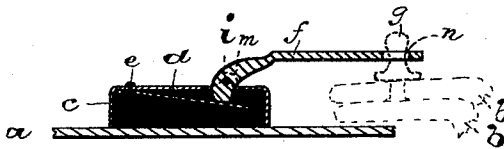


Fig. 2

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM ROEMER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Catches for Bag-Frames; 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

15 The object of my invention is to provide a bag or satchel of great strength and simplicity and adapted to be opened and closed with great facility and ease.

20 The invention consists in the improved bag or satchel, and in the combination and arrangement of parts thereof, substantially as will be hereinafter described, and finally embodied in the clauses of the claim.

25 Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both of the figures, Figure 1 is an end view of a satchel or bag embodying my improvement, showing the catch or fastener closed; and Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the catch through line *x*.

30 In said drawings, *a* indicates a bag-case satchel or similar article, having jaws *b b* adapted to lie one over the other at their ends in the manner illustrated in certain prior patents.

c is a spring-case secured to the bag *a* by rivets *h h* in flanges on the sides of said spring-case.

40 *d* is a flat metallic spring within the case *c*, and pivoted to the under side of the top of the case at *e*.

45 *f* is a flat hasp-arm with lateral pins *i i*, adapted to turn in tubes or sockets *m m*, formed in or on the outer face-plate of the case *c*, so as to form a pivotal connection with said case. The lower end of said hasp *f* extends down into said case through an opening in the said face-plate, and is provided with an eccentric bearing, which engages the spring *d*, as shown in Fig. 2.

The upper end of the hasp *f* is provided with an opening, *n*, to allow it to pass readily over a stud or pin, *g*, secured to the overlapping portion *b* of the frame of the bag. This stud or pin *g* is made concave-convex, so that when the bag is closed and the locking-hasp is pressed over the stud the hasp will rest in the concavity of the stud.

55 In the drawings I have shown the bag closed and the locking-hasp in position to lock or secure the two portions of the frame together, and the hasp is held in this position by the action of the spring in the spring-case, as will be readily understood.

60 When it is desired to open the bag, the upper end of the hasp is slipped off from the stud *g* and thrown outward. The portions *b b* of the frame are then free to be opened for any purpose desired.

65 I do not intend to limit myself to the specific construction of parts herein shown, as various modifications might be made without departing from the scope of my invention.

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

1. The combination, with the jaws *b b* of a bag or satchel frame, of a case secured to the body of the bag and containing a spring, a hasp pivoted to said case, and a stud secured to the outer jaw of said frame for receiving the slotted end of said hasp, all arranged and adapted to operate as and for the purposes set forth.

85 2. The combination, with the frame of a bag or satchel, of a spring-case provided with a spring, *d*, within said case and pivoted thereto, a locking-hasp pivotally connected with said case, and provided at its outer end with an opening, *n*, and a stud secured to said frame, over which one end of the lever passes, securing the parts of the bag-frame together, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

90 3. The combination of a spring-case, a spring secured to said case, tubes or sockets *m m* on said case, a locking-hasp having one end resting on said spring, pins *i i* on the side of said hasp, adapted to reciprocate in said tubes, and stud *g*, secured to the bag and adapted to enter an opening in the outer end 100

of the locking-hasps, substantially as described, and for the purposes set forth.

4. In combination, a bag or satchel body, *a*,
having jaws *b b*, one of which overlaps the
5 other, studs *g*, secured on the outer of said
jaws at the opposite depending ends thereof,
and hasps *f*, pivotally secured on said body and
adapted to enter into engagement with the pins
or studs to hold both of said jaws down to said

body, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I
have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of
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