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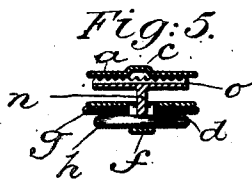
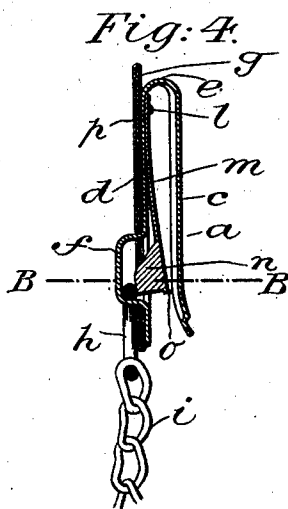
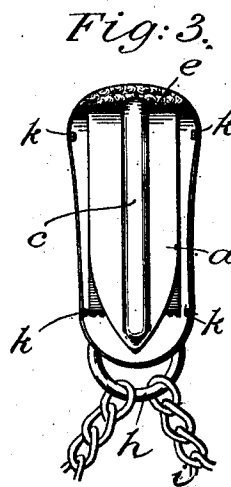
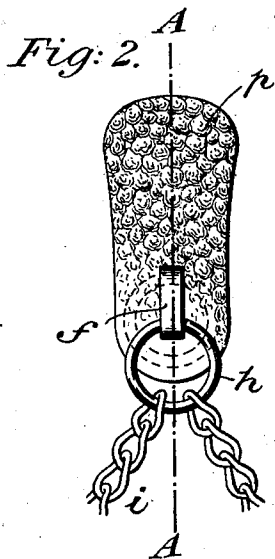
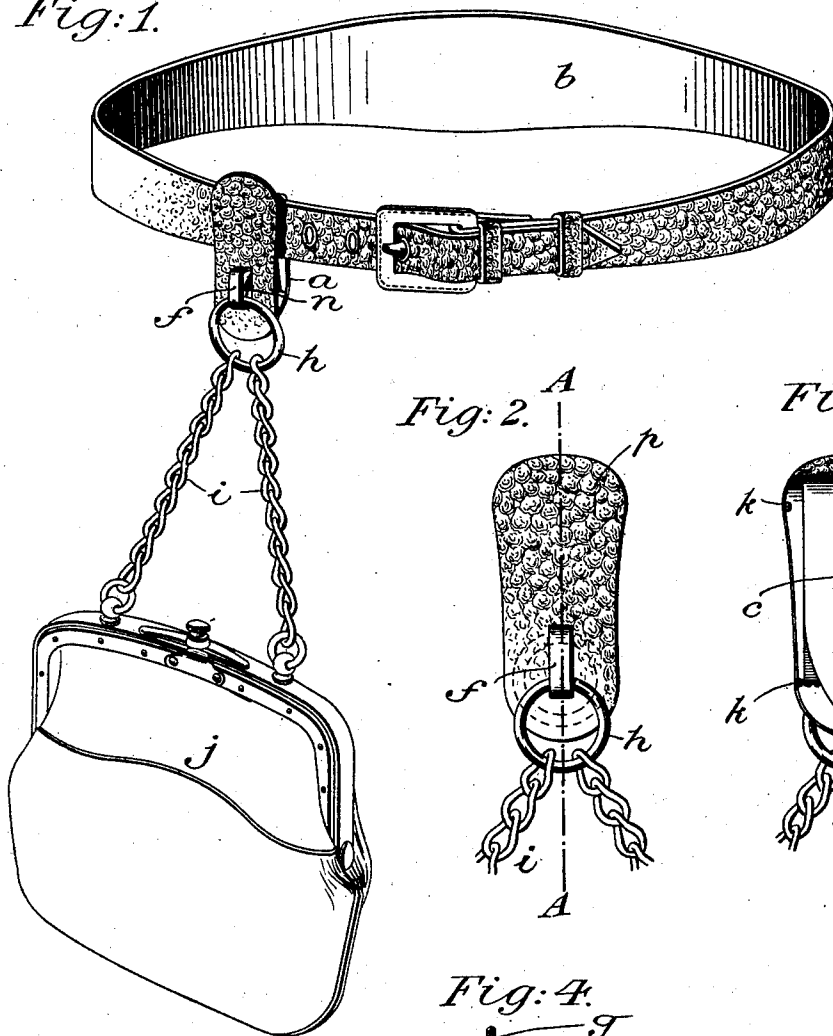
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Fig:1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES BLUST, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the borough of Bronx, in the city and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Chatelaines, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a chatelaine.

The object is to provide a chatelaine which will be locked to the belt when weight is suspended therefrom and which may be released by simply relieving the chatelaine of the weight whether it be a bag, porte-monnaie, keys, or other weight suspended therefrom and lifting the ring upon which the weight is suspended a slight distance.

A practical embodiment of my invention is represented in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the chatelaine applied to a belt as in use, showing a bag hanging therefrom. Fig. 2 is an enlarged view in front elevation. Fig. 3 is a similar view in rear elevation. Fig. 4 is a view in longitudinal section from front to rear in the plane of the line A A of Fig. 2, and Fig. 5 is a transverse section in the plane of the line B B of Fig. 4.

The inner part, or that part which is intended to extend between the belt and the body of the person when the chatelaine is in use, is denoted by *a* and is made sufficiently long to embrace the inner face of the belt from which it is hung, the belt being in the present instance denoted by *b*, and to extend sufficiently far below said belt to receive the retaining-jaw against its outer face at some point below the lower edge of the belt. The inner part *a* of the chatelaine is preferably formed of some suitable thin metal and is stiffened by means of a rib *c*, formed thereon or stamped out therefrom and extending longitudinally of the part *a*.

The outer part of the chatelaine, or that part which is intended to lie on the exterior of the belt, is denoted by *d* and connects with the part *a* by a rounded bight *e*, which is intended to lie over the upper edge of the belt. The part *d* is provided near its lower portion with an outwardly-projected clip *f*, which, together with the front plate *g*, forms a loop for the reception of a ring *h*, from which a chain

i or other suitable supporting device may be hung for the purpose of attaching a bag, porte-monnaie, bunch of keys, or other article to be carried. In the present instance I have shown a bag *j* attached to the chain *i*. The clip or offset portion *f* of the outer part *d* is conveniently formed by cutting two slits parallel with each other in said outer part at a distance apart corresponding to the width of the clip *f* (see Figs. 1 and 2) and then pressing the metal between such slits out from the plane of the body of the outer part to form the clip or half-loop. The front plate *g* is provided with a slot through which the offset clip or half-loop portion *f* extends and is secured to the front or outer part *d* of the chatelaine, preferably by means of ears *k*—in the present instance four in number—which are intended to be bent over the opposite edges of the front part *d* and down onto the face of the said part, as denoted in Fig. 3, to hold the parts assembled.

A spring-tongue *m* is connected to the inner face of the front part *d* of the chatelaine by means of a rivet *l*, extending through the shank of said tongue *m* and through the front part *d*, as shown in Fig. 4. The free end of the spring-tongue *m* is provided with a thin outwardly-projecting portion *n*, adapted to pass through the slot in the front part *d*, said slot being formed by the pressing of the clip or half-loop *f* therefrom. This projection *n* is tapered on its upper side, as clearly indicated in Fig. 4, for the purpose of permitting the suspension-ring to slide freely downward in the loop *f* and in doing so press the lower end of the spring-tongue inwardly into engagement with the face of the part *a* of the chatelaine. The lower end of the tongue *m* may be provided with a series of teeth *o*, directed toward the face of the part *a*, or the jaw on which the teeth *o* are arranged may be left plain, as desired.

The structure is such that when weight is applied to the suspension-ring *h* the ring will assume the position shown in Fig. 4, pressing the lower end of the spring-tongue *m* tightly against the face of the part *a* of the chatelaine, and thereby locking the belt *b* between the said tongue and part *a* of the chatelaine against any possible displacement until the

weight shall have been relieved from the part *h* or the latter shall have been lifted from its position shown in Fig. 4 to the upper part of the loop *f*, when the free end of the tongue *m* will be permitted to spring forwardly, permitting the chatelaine to be readily removed from the belt.

The front plate *g* may be covered with some suitable leather *p* to correspond to or contrast with the outer face of the belt *b*, as may be desired.

It is obvious that slight changes might be resorted to in the form and arrangement of the several parts described without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention. Hence I do not wish to limit myself to the structure herein shown and described; but

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A chatelaine comprising a front and back, a movable tongue located between the front and back and means independent of the front, back and tongue for supporting an article from the chatelaine, the said movable tongue being under the control of the article-supporting means to hold the chatelaine fast to the belt and at the same time permit it to be intentionally removed, substantially as set forth.

2. A chatelaine provided with a spring-tongue secured between its front and back parts, a loop or clip in connection with the front part of the chatelaine for the reception of an article-supporting ring, and an article-supporting ring engaged in said loop, the said spring-tongue being provided with a projection arranged to engage the article-supporting ring within the loop to hold the tongue in

position to lock the chatelaine to the belt, substantially as set forth.

3. A chatelaine having a half-loop or clip offset from its front part, a spring-tongue secured to said front part and provided with a projection arranged to enter said offset half-loop or clip, and an article-supporting ring engaged in said loop or clip for controlling the action of said spring-tongue to lock and release the clip to and from the belt, substantially as set forth.

4. The combination with a chatelaine having its front part provided with a half-loop or clip offset therefrom and a spring-tongue engaged with the chatelaine between its front and back parts, of a front plate secured to the front part of the chatelaine and surrounding the said loop or clip, and article-supporting means engaged in said loop or clip, substantially as set forth.

5. A chatelaine having its front part composed of thin metal reinforced by a rib extending longitudinally thereof and its back part provided with a half-loop or clip offset therefrom and a spring-tongue secured to the chatelaine and arranged to swing back and forth between the front and back parts of the chatelaine to lock and release the chatelaine, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 26th day of August, 1901.

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