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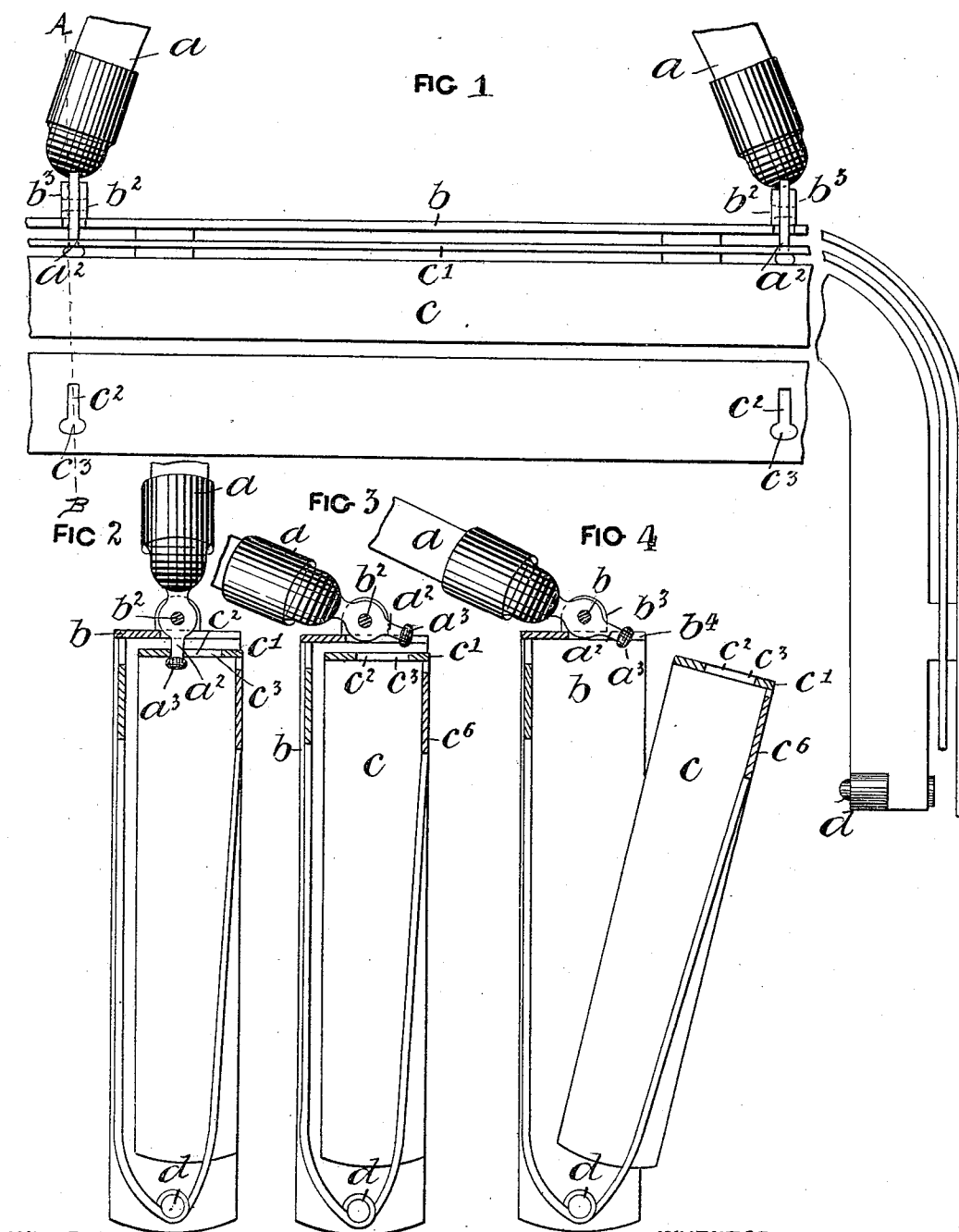
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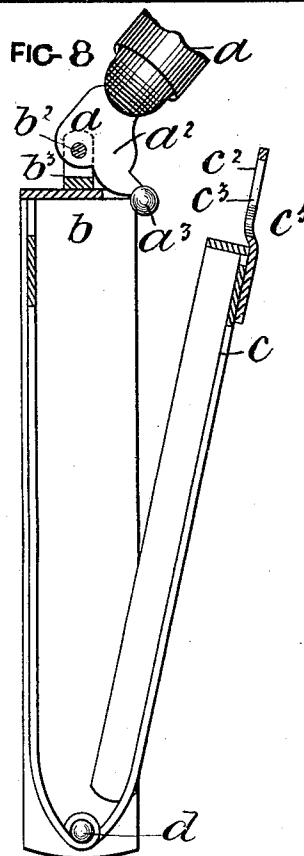
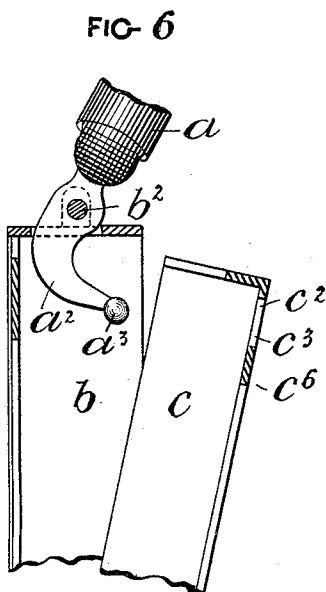
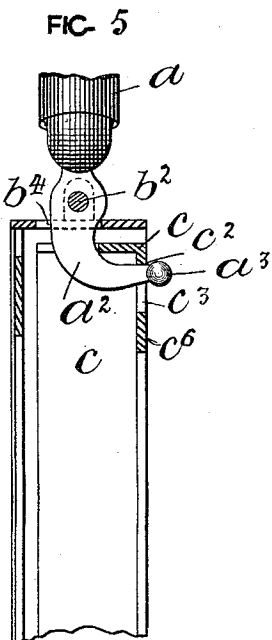
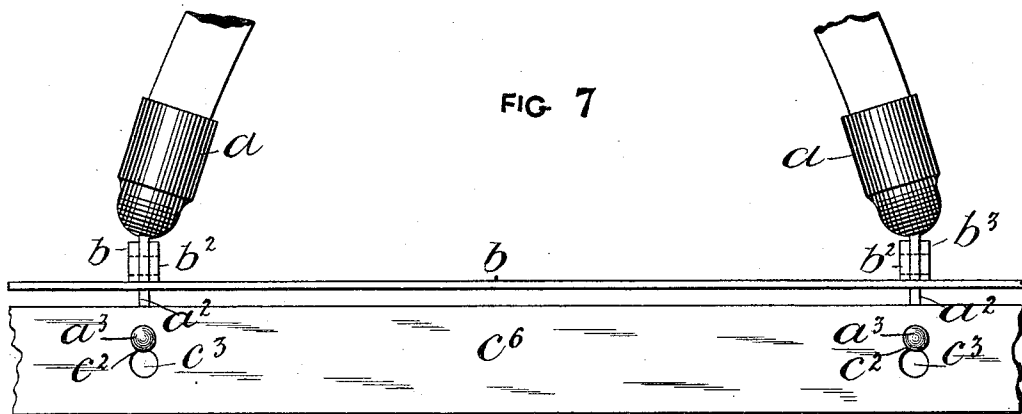
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE WILLIAM LEGG, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at Edgbaston, near Birmingham, in the county of Warwick, England, decorator, have invented Improvements in Fastening or Securing Hand and other Bags, Satchels, Purses, Portmanteaus, and the like, (for which Letters Patent have been granted in Great Britain, numbered 3,646, and dated March 21, 1885; Germany, numbered 15,571, and dated August 12, 1885, and France, demand application 162,553, dated April 3, 1886,) of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to means whereby a bag, satchel, purse, or such like article is prevented from being clandestinely opened—that is, the bag cannot be opened secretly other than with the knowledge of the person carrying it—as the means of carrying or supporting the bag constitute a part of the device for securing and fastening it in its closed position.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents in front elevation a bag-frame provided with improvements made according to my invention, the bag being fastened. Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical section, partly in elevation, of Fig. 1, and taken on the dotted lines A B, the bag being closed and fastened. Fig. 3 is the same as Fig. 2, but showing the handle inclined or turned down, in order to bring the enlargement on the terminal end of the fastening-arm (below the handle-joint) coincident with the enlargement in the slotted hole made in the bag-framing. Fig. 4 shows the bag or bag-frame open. Figs. 5, 6, and 7 show a modification of the fastening device, in which the fastening-arm is hooked outward, so as to engage with the front of the inside frame, instead of with the top of the same. Fig. 8 also shows a modification in which the fastening devices are elevated upon the top of the outer frame, the inner frame being provided with brackets having slots into which the ends of the fastening devices can be inserted.

The same letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures of the accompanying drawings.

a is the handle of the bag or frame, turning

upon the joint-centers $b^2 b^2$, supported by brackets b^3 , carried by and upon the outer framing, b . The extremities or ends below the joint-centers of the handle a are made into short fastening-arms a^2 , with knobs or enlargements a^3 , which engage within bulbous-ended slot-holes c^2 , made or cut out of the top flange, c' , of the inner frame, c . The narrowed parts of the said slot-holes c^2 are of about the breadth of the metal of the arm, while the bulbous enlargements c^3 are of a size suitable for the free passage of the terminal ends a^3 of the short fastening-arms a^2 . The outer framing, b , is gapped at b^1 on its upper or top side to allow the end of the arm b^2 to be raised sufficiently high to be out of the way, or to be clear of the inner frame when the bag is required to be opened.

d is the joint upon which the frames b c of the bag turn.

When the handle of the bag is in a raised position, or the bag suspended by the handle, as in Figs. 1 and 2, the bag is fastened, and the greater the weight within the bag the more security is obtained. Thus the fastening of the bag is secured by the enlarged terminal ends a^3 of the arm a^2 coming at the back of or being presented to the narrowed part of the slot-holes c^2 , as best seen in Fig. 2, when the handle a is in a vertical position.

On the handle of the bag being lowered or turned aside into the positions indicated in Figs. 3 and 4, the enlarged ends a^3 of the short arms a^2 , by their outward motion upon their joints b^2 , are made to become coincident and pass through the bulbous or enlarged parts c^3 of the slot-holes c^2 , which when raised or removed from the said slot-holes unfasten the bag, and allow the inner frame, c , or the mouth of the bag, to be opened by the turning of the said frames upon the joint-centers $b^2 b^2$.

a is the handle. b is the outer frame with a gap, b^1 , through which the arm a^2 of the handle a passes. b^2 are the joints upon which the handle turns, and c' is the front side of the inner framing, c , and within the said front side bulbous-ended openings c^2 c^3 are made, which afford the means by which the two frames of the bag are secured together.

On the handle of the bag being turned aside,

as in Fig. 6, the bulbous-ended portions a^3 of the arms a^2 are removed from the slot-holes c^2 and the frames b c of the bag unfastened.

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

1. The combination, with a bag or satchel having overlapping frame-pieces provided with slots which coincide when the bag is closed, of a handle pivotally secured upon the
10 outside frame-piece, and provided with rigidly-attached ends adapted to project through the coinciding slots in the frame, and thereby lock the bag, substantially as described.

2. In a fastening device for a bag or satchel,
15 the combination of the overlapping frame-

pieces formed with slots which register when the bag is closed, the slots in the inner frame having eyes at the end, with a handle pivotally secured to the outside frame and formed with extensions of its ends which project through
20 the said slots, the said extensions having enlargements a^3 a^3 , substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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