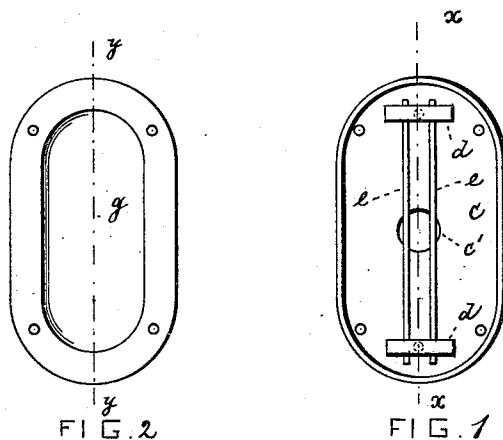
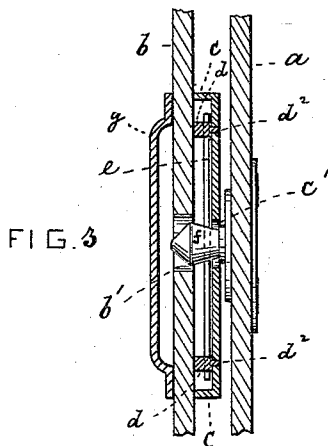
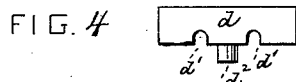
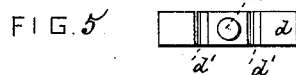


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CARL GUSTAV PFINGSTEN, of New York city, New York, have invented an Improved Pocket-Book Clasp, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a pocket-book or similar clasp of simple construction and in which the locking mechanism is formed by two spring-wires and a tapering head that engages the wires.

The invention consists in the various features of improvement more fully pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an inner view of the box *c*; Fig. 2, an inner view of the plate *g*; Fig. 3, a vertical longitudinal section of the clasp on lines *x x*, Fig. 1, and *y y*, Fig. 2; Fig. 4, an enlarged end view of bar *d*, and Fig. 5 a bottom view thereof.

The letter *a* represents the body of a pocket-book, over which folds the pocket-book flap *b*, as usual. To the inner face of flap *b* there is secured a box *c*, perforated at *c'*. Within this box there are attached two cross-bars *d* at opposite sides of perforation *c'*, Fig. 1. The cross-bars are notched at their bottom, as at *d'*. These notches receive the ends of two parallel spring-wires *e*, stretched lengthwise over box *c*, so as to project partly over opening *c'*. In order to secure the cross-bars *d* to the box *c*, said bars are provided with studs *d*²,

that are inserted into openings in the box and are then upset.

To the pocket-book *a* there is secured a conical head or stud *f* in line with the opening *c'* of the box *c*. The flap *b* should also be perforated in line with the stud, as at *b'*, and in order to conceal this opening the outer face of flap *b* is provided with a concave top plate *g*.

In closing the pocket-book the conical stud *f* will enter opening *c'* and press the spring-wires *e* apart. As soon as the widest part of stud *f* has passed the wires the latter will spring together again to close the clasp and lock the pocket-book. In opening the book the stud *f* will in the same manner first spread the wires *e* apart to clear them and then pass out of opening *c'*.

It will be seen that my clasp is very simple in construction and works with perfect regularity.

What I claim is—

The combination of perforated box *c* with notched cross-bars *d*, having studs *d*², by which they are secured to the box, spring-wires *e*, secured to the cross-bars, and a conical stud *f*, adapted to be engaged by the spring-wires, substantially as specified.

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