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POCKET-BOOK FASTENINGS.

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Fig: 1.

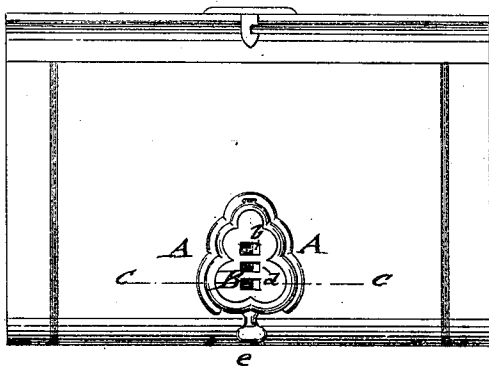


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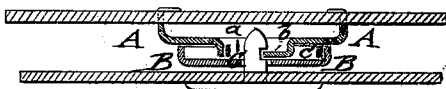


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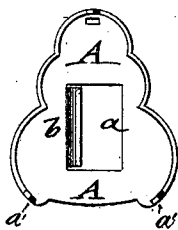


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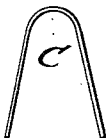
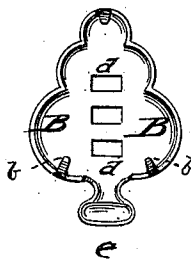


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IMPROVEMENT IN POCKET-BOOK FASTENINGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANZ F. WEISS, of Jersey City Heights, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Pocket-Book Fastening, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a front view of my pocket-book lock; Fig. 2, a horizontal section of the same on line *c c*, Fig. 1; and Figs. 3, 4, and 5 are detail views of the base-plate, top plate, and spring that constitute my lock.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The invention will first be described in connection with the drawing, and then pointed out in the claim.

In the drawing, A represents the base-plate of my improved pocket-book lock, which is attached by bent prongs to the pocket-book. The base-plate A is provided with a central recess or slot, *a*, and a raised side flange, *b*, that serves to lock the hook-shaped catch of the pocket-book flap, in connection with a top plate, B, that has one or more slots or recesses, *d*, for admitting the entrance of the catch. When the top plate has only one longitudinal slot, the raised flange is required to be toothed or serrated. The top plate B is pivoted to the upper end of the base-plate, operated by a button, *e*, at the lower part, and

acted upon by a band or other spring, C, which carries the top plate back into position on the base-plate on the entering of the catch, so as to produce the reliable locking of the catch.

The catch may be inserted into either one of the recesses, as desired, and is locked by the spring action of the top plate against the raised flange of the base-plate.

The lock consists of three parts only, and forms a reliable closing device that is adjustable to the expansion or contraction of the pocket-book.

The top plate B is provided with flanges *b'* *b'*, bent around the rear of plate A, to guide and keep the plates together while the extent of plate B's motion is limited by the stops *a'* *a'* on bottom plate.

What I claim is—

A pocket-book lock consisting of two plates and an intermediate spring, the lower plate having slot *a*, flange *b*, and rear stops *a'* *a'*, while the upper plate is pivoted in front to the lower, has slots *d*, and bent prongs *b'* at the rear, all substantially as shown and described.

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