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Clasps for Pocket-Books, &c.

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Fig. 1.

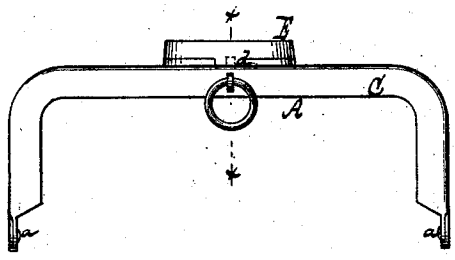


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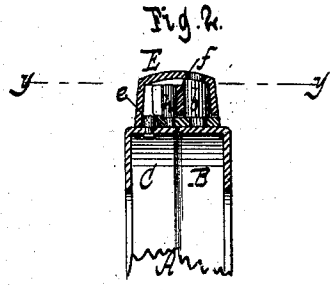


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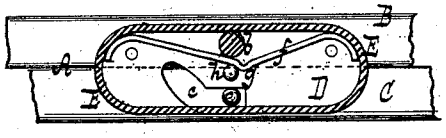
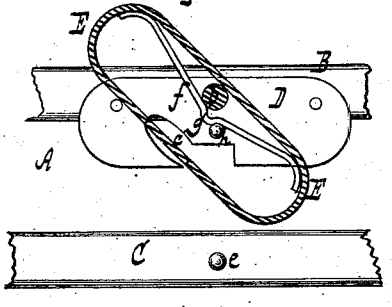


Fig. 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CLASPS FOR POCKET-BOOKS, &c.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **207,089**, dated August 13, 1878; application filed July 25, 1878.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, LEOPOLD WOLF, of the city, county, and State of New York, and MARCUS LOEB, of the city, county and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Locks for Pocket-Books, Satchels, and other articles, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 represents a side view of our lock as applied to the frame of a pocket-book or satchel. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the same on a larger scale than the previous figure, the plane of section being indicated by the line *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section of the same when closed, in the plane *y y*, Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a similar section of the same when open.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

This invention consists in the combination of a swivel-button secured to one part of the article to be locked, a lip projecting from the edge of said swivel-button, a support provided with a recess to admit said lip, and a locking-pin secured to and projecting from the other part of the article to be locked and adapted to enter the recess of the support, so that by turning the swivel-button in one direction its lip catches over the locking-pin, thereby fastening together the two parts of the article to be locked, and by turning the swivel-button in the opposite direction the locking-pin is released and the pocket-book, satchel, or other article is free to be opened.

With the swivel-button and its support are combined a spring and a stud for retaining said button in its locking, and also in its unlocking, position.

In the drawing, the letter A designates the frame of a pocket-book or satchel, which is composed of two jaws, B C, connected by hinge-joints *a*. On the jaw B is firmly secured a plate, D, in which is fastened a stud, *b*, that forms the pivot of the swivel-button E. In the example shown in the drawing this pivot is situated in the middle of the length of said swivel-button; but the position of said pivot may be changed without deviating from our invention.

In the supporting-plate D is a recess, *c*, Figs. 3 and 4, and from one edge of the swivel-button extends a lip, *d*, Fig. 1, which works in said recess. In the top of the jaw C is secured a locking-pin, *e*, which passes beneath the bottom edge of the swivel-button E and is adapted to enter the recess *c* in the supporting-plate D when the jaws are closed, being retained in this position by the lip *d* of the swivel-button when this button is turned to the position shown in Fig. 3.

In order to release the jaw C the swivel-button is turned to the position shown in Fig. 4, the recess *c* in the supporting-plate being of such a shape that it allows such motion.

The swivel-button E is made concave or hollow, and in its interior is placed a spring, *f*, provided with a rounded nose, *g*, which acts against a stud, *h*, fastened in the supporting-plate D.

By the combined action of the nose *g* and stud *h* the swivel-button is retained in either of the positions shown in Figs. 3 and 4, so that it is prevented from opening spontaneously when locked, or from turning when it is unlocked.

When our lock is applied to pocket-books, jewelry-cases, or other small articles, the locking-pin *e* may be made inclined at its face, so that it will snap beneath the lip *d* of the button E, and so that the button requires to be turned only for the purpose of opening the lock. In this case the spring *f* may be so arranged that it has a tendency always to return the button E to its locking position whenever said button has been moved from this position.

What we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, in a lock for pocket-books and other articles, of a swivel-button secured to one part of the article to be locked, a lip projecting from the edge of said swivel-button, a supporting-plate provided with a recess to admit said lip, and a locking-pin se-

cured to and projecting from the other part to be locked and adapted to enter the recess of the supporting-plate, all constructed and adapted to operate substantially as and for the purpose shown and described.

2. The combination, with the swivel-button E, its lip *c*, and locking-pin *e*, of a spring, *f*, acting against a stud, *h*, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 23d day of July, 1878.

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