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Clasp for Mail Bags.

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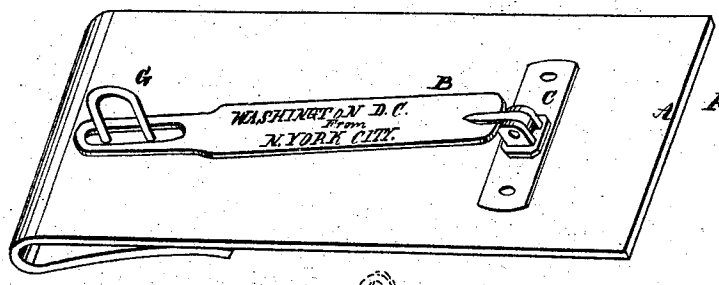


Fig. 1.

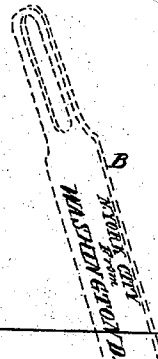


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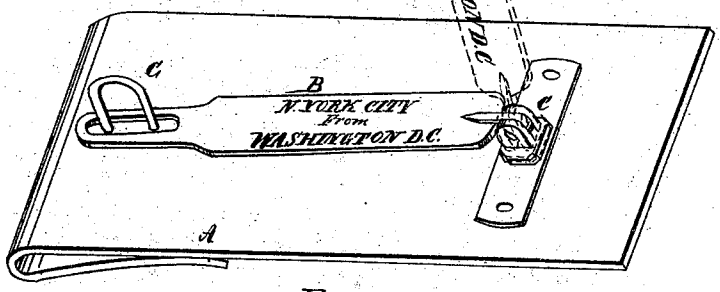
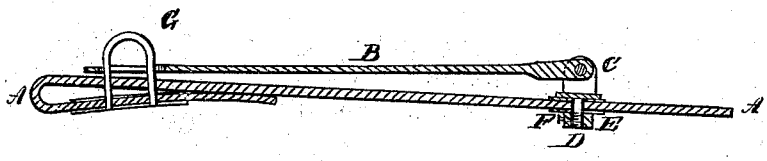


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVED CLASP FOR MAIL-BAGS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **58,091**, dated September 18, 1866.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEANDER FOX, of the city of New York, and State of New York, have invented an Improved Clasp for Fastening Mail-Bags, Leather Pouches, or Trunks; and I do hereby declare the following to be an exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents the clasp as attached to a mail-bag. Fig. 2 shows how it is reversed on the pivot; and Fig. 3 is a side view, exhibiting the clasp, pivot, and mail-bag.

The nature of my invention consists in a cast-iron or metal clasp, with raised letters, operating on a joint and pivot or swivel, so as to be reversed when the mail-bag is to be returned to its destination.

A represents a part of a mail-bag, pouch, or trunk to which the clasp B is attached by a joint and rivet, C, with a screw-bolt, D, extending through the leather and fastened by a nut, E, and a small set or tightening screw, F. G is a wire eye, that is commonly used for holding the end of clasp by a lock.

The clasp is to be constructed of metal, both sides alike, and with raised letters on each side, the letters designating the places or post-offices from which and to which the mail is to be forwarded, the clasp being reversed upon its joint C and bolt or swivel D, and when locked or fastened the raised letters, that are permanent, show the names of the post-offices from whence sent and the place or office of delivery.

When one bag or pouch is worn out, the nut E is unscrewed and the clasp put onto another bag.

I am aware of clasps being constructed so as to contain the written or printed names of post-offices, and made to be reversed or changed by operating on a link or staple attached to the mail-bag; but these I do not claim. Therefore

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The adjustable metal clasp B, with permanent raised letters, operating on a joint, C, and swivel D, as herein described, and for the purposes set forth.

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