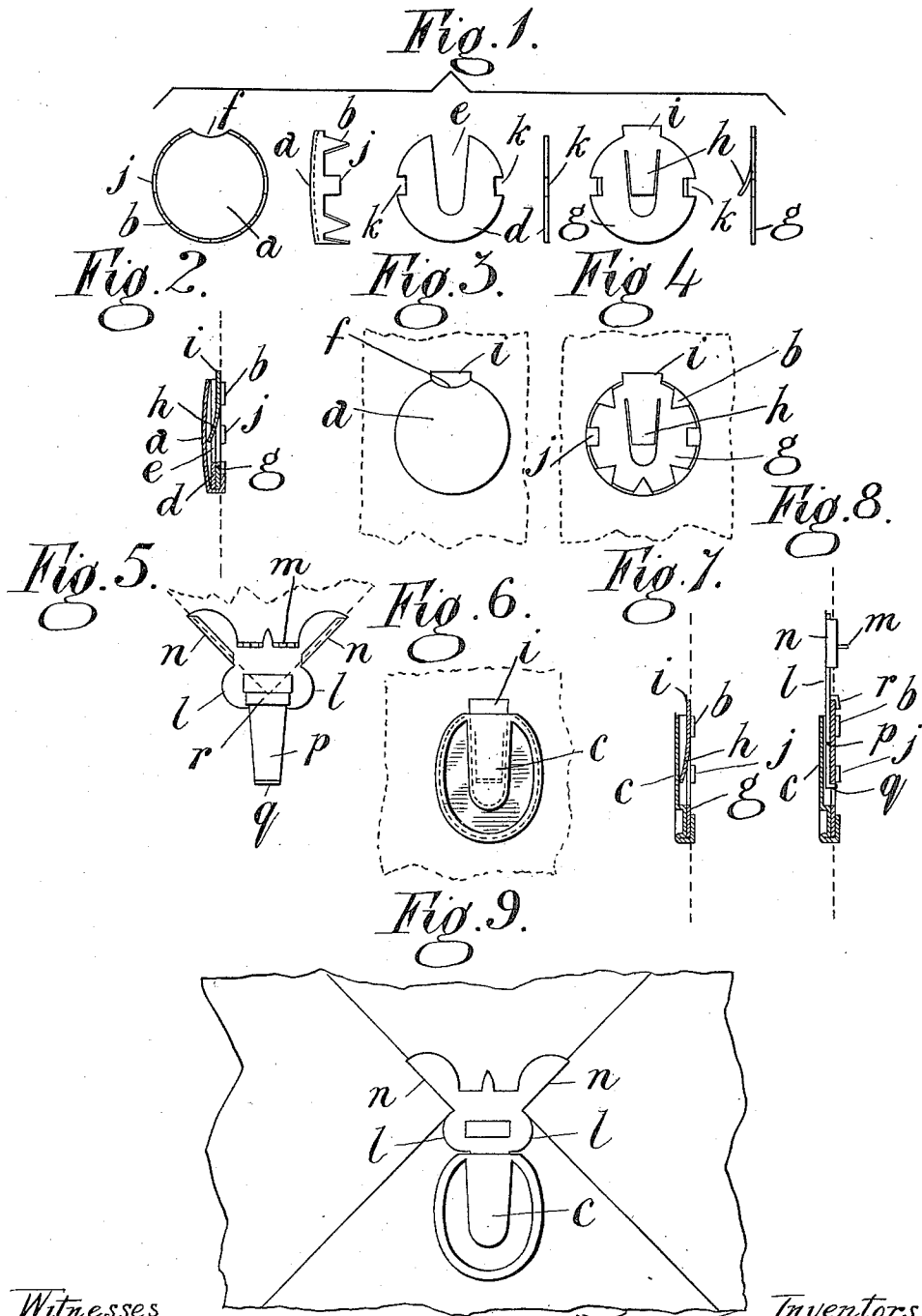


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, WILLIAM JOSEPH and WALTER LINCOLN JOSEPH, subjects of the King of Great Britain, residing at Highgate, London, England, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fastening Devices for Envelops, Bags, Boxes, and other Articles, of which the following is a specification.

According to this invention, we construct the fastening device in a special manner and from two members.

Our invention will be clearly understood from the following description aided by the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a collective view of the three pieces forming one member, each piece being shown separately in plan and side elevation; Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view showing the aforesaid pieces assembled and attached to a piece of paper; Fig. 3 is a top plan and Fig. 4 an under plan of the completed member; Fig. 5 is a plan of the other member; Fig. 6 is a plan view and Fig. 7 a vertical section of a modification of the first-mentioned member; and Fig. 8 is a vertical section and Fig. 9 a plan view of the members shown in Figs. 5 and 6 connected together.

One member, Fig. 2, comprises a dished piece *a*, formed with projecting peripheral prongs *b* and provided with a U-shaped interior pocket that reaches from the top thereof slightly past the center. In the construction shown in Figs. 6 to 9, this pocket, which is indicated by the reference letter *c*, is formed by stamping or pressing out piece *a*, but it may be produced by providing a plate *d*, Fig. 1, having a U- or equivalent shaped opening *e*, that is placed inside the dished piece *a*; the portion *f* of the piece *a* directly adjacent the mouth of the U-shaped opening *e* or recess *c* being cut away or recessed. In the dished piece *a* is also positioned a disk *g*, Fig. 1, having a downwardly-extending spring tongue *h* projecting between the plate *d* and the inside of the said piece *a* into the pocket above referred to; a lip *i* is formed on the edge of the disk *g* directly above the tongue *h*, which lip projects upwardly through the cut away portion *f* of piece *a*. The dished piece may be round, oval, square or of other shape, and, if round, the plate and disk are

held therein in a suitable manner, such as by the lugs *j* and recesses *k* cut in parts *g* and *d* to prevent them from turning, or by stamping the dish *a* and disk *g* with tongue *h* in one piece; in the latter instance, the two can be folded together. This member of the appliance is secured by the prongs *b* to an envelop, box, bag or other article. The other member is composed of a plate of metal *l*, Fig. 5, suitably shaped and provided with prongs *m* and ribs *n* for connecting it to the flap of an envelop, Fig. 9, lid of a box or the strap of a bag or folding part of an article, and such plate *l* is provided with a depending tongue *p* having a turned-up edge *q* at its lower end and a down-turned hook *r* adjacent its upper end. The two members are connected together by passing the tongue *p* of the plate *l* into the pocket in the interior of the other member at the cut away portion *f*; the turned-up end *q* of the extending strip engaging the spring tongue *h* as shown in Fig. 8, which latter holds it firmly and without fear of its being removed, while at the same time the hook *r* of the plate *l* engages the lip *i* and prevents the spring tongue *h* being operated upon to release it from the tongue *p*. Thus by this construction it is impossible to unlock the two members and any attempt to remove them from the article which they are attached will be at once seen by reason of one or the other of the members being torn from the article.

The dish-shaped member, as also the other member, may be ornamented or lettered in any desired manner.

We claim as our invention:

A fastener of the class specified comprising a pair of interlocking members, each of which is provided with means for attaching it to the article to be fastened, one of said members consisting of a dish part provided with a downwardly-extending substantially U-shaped pocket opening at its top through the edge of said part, and a disk connected to said dished part and disposed at the back thereof, said disk being provided with a depending spring tongue projecting into said pocket and with an up-standing lip arranged directly above said tongue, the other member consisting of a plate provided with a depending tongue introduced into said pocket between the body

of said dished part and the first-named tongue, the second-named tongue being provided adjacent its upper end with a downturned hook engaged with said lip and having its lower end upturned and engaged with the lower end of said first-named tongue.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto

set our hands in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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