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Fig 1

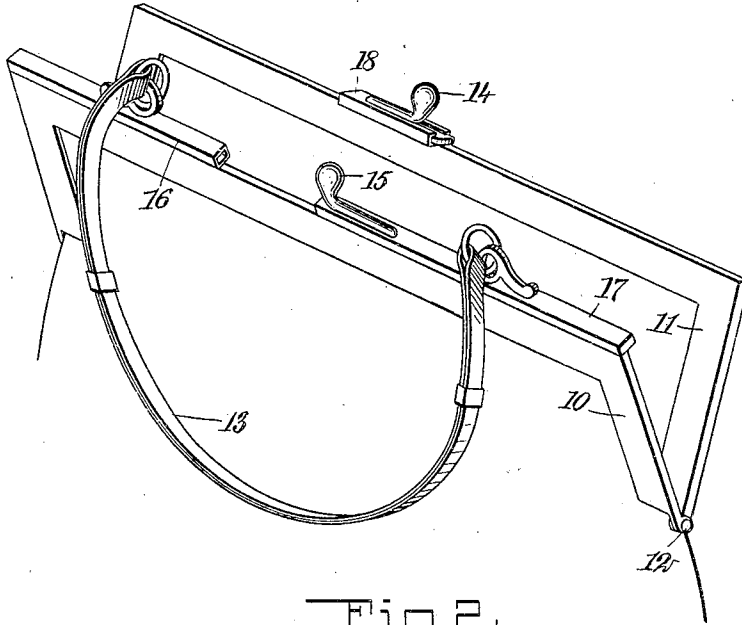


Fig 2

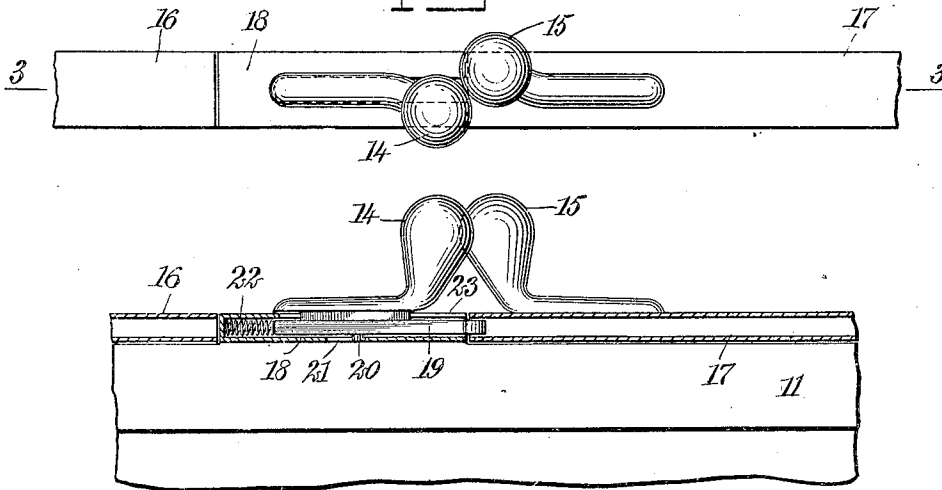


Fig 3

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS KAESTNER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, Arrochar Park, borough of Richmond, in the county of Richmond and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Bag-Fastener, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to certain improvements in fasteners especially adapted for use on hand-bags, pocketbooks, chatelaines and the like, and the object of the invention is to so construct the device that the jaws of the container will be held together not only by the resilient engagement of the ordinary studs, but will also be positively held by a separate and distinct catch, this catch being so positioned that the act of pressing the studs past each other to open the bag will of itself unfasten the catch.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of a hand-bag constructed in accordance with my invention, the jaws being opened or separated; Fig. 2 is a top plan view of a portion of the jaws in locked position; and Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

My improved fastening device may be applied to various different articles which it is desired to hold together, but is especially adapted for use upon hand-bags, pocketbooks or other containers, which have two jaws hinged together, so that they may be opened or separated to permit access to the interior of the container. In articles of this character it is customary to provide two jaws 10 and 11, secured together by pivots or hinges 12, and each jaw is connected to the adjacent flexible side wall of the container. One of the jaws may, if desired, carry a handle 13 of any suitable character. It is further customary in certain types of these articles to provide the two jaws with outwardly-extending knobs 14 and 15, which spring past each other when the jaws are closed and which serve to lock the jaws together in their closed position. In my improved device I provide a second catch or

fastener for additionally holding the jaws together, which catch or fastener is operated by the movement of one of the studs in springing the same past the other stud. In the specific form illustrated, I provide a top strip or plate for covering the meeting edges of the two jaws, said top strip or plate being preferably formed of three separate sections. Two of these sections 16 and 17 are secured to the jaw 10, while the other section 18 is secured to the jaw 11. The three sections are so positioned that when the jaws are in engagement with each other, said sections are all in alinement and form substantially one strip along the length of the jaws. The two strip sections 16 and 17 may have the handle 13 connected thereto, and one of the sections, for instance, the section 17, carries the knob 15 previously referred to. The strip or plate is preferably tubular in form, although it is only essential that the section 18 and a small portion of the section 17 be hollow. Within the section 18 is mounted a catch 19 movable longitudinally of the section and having such movement limited by a suitable pin 20 operating in a slot 21 in the strip section. A spring 22 within the section engages with one end of the catch and normally holds it in one of its limiting positions with the opposite end of the catch extending outwardly beyond the end of the strip section. By compressing the spring the catch may be moved back into the section, so that the ends of the section and catch are substantially flush. When the jaws of the bag are closed and the three strip sections are in alinement, the catch 19 enters the end of the section 17 and serves to prevent the movement of the sections 18 and 19 out of alinement.

The knob 15, which is carried by the strip section 17, is closely adjacent the end of the latter, and in fact, a portion of said knob extends beyond the plane of the end of the strip section 17. The other knob 14 is carried by the strip section 18, but is not rigid in respect thereto. This strip section 18 is provided with a slot 23 in its outer surface and the knob 14 has a portion extending through said slot and rigidly connected to the catch, so that the knob may be used as a handle for sliding the catch longitudinally of its strip section. The knob 14 normally

extends a short distance beyond the end of the tube section 18, so that when the bag is closed the knob comes into engagement with the side of the knob 15. As the jaws are pressed together, the engagement of one knob with the other tends to force the knob 14 backwardly and withdraws the catch 19, so that the jaws may properly close. The knob 14 slips past the knob 15, so that the jaws are locked together not only by the catch 19 but also by the engagement of the two knobs 14 and 15. The knobs serve not only to lock the jaws together, but a relative movement of the knobs in respect to each other brings about a disengagement of the catch 19.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. In combination, two members movable relatively to each other, knobs carried by said members and adapted to engage with each other for holding said members together, and a catch for additionally holding said members together and operated by a relative movement of said knobs.

2. In combination, two hinged jaws, knobs carried by said jaws and adapted to snap past each other for holding said jaws together, and a locking device for additionally

holding said jaws and operated by a predetermined relative movement of said knobs.

3. In combination, two jaws, a knob carried by one of said jaws, a catch, and a knob carried by the other jaw, said catch being movable to operative or inoperative position by a movement of the second-mentioned knob past the first-mentioned knob in closing the jaws.

4. In combination, two jaws, a knob carried by one of said jaws, a spring-pressed catch carried by the other jaw and adapted to engage with the first-mentioned jaw for holding said jaws together, and a second knob carried by said catch and adapted to engage with the first-mentioned knob.

5. In combination, two jaws, a spring-pressed catch carried by one jaw and adapted to engage with the other jaw for holding said jaws together, a handle for said catch and also serving as a locking knob, and a knob carried by the other jaw for cooperating with said locking knob.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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