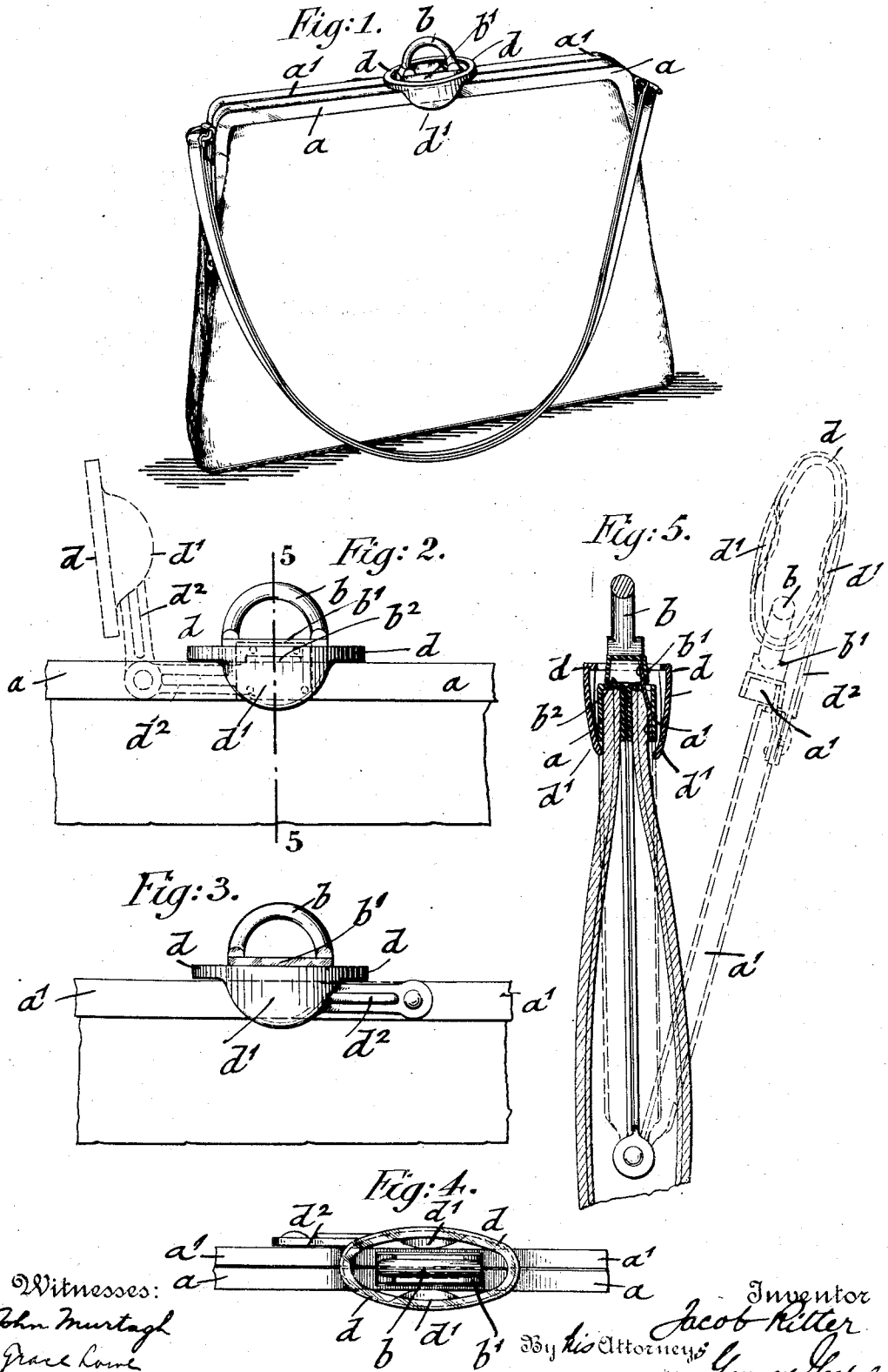


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB RITTER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing in New York, in the borough of Manhattan, county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Locks for Hand-Bags, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved lock for the frames of hand-bags, satchels, pocketbooks and other like articles, by which a second locking device is combined with an ordinary locking device, and thereby a double locking action obtained, while at the same time the opening of the hand-bag can be accomplished by a single action of the locking device.

In carrying my invention into practice, the well-known locking device formed of a bail-shaped handle, which is pivoted to one jaw and provided with means for interlocking with a rib on the other jaw, is employed, while the double or safety lock is obtained by an encircling member which is pivoted to one of the jaws and which engages by its side-lugs both jaws of the bag-frame, so that in closing the bag-frame two operations are necessary—first, the closing of the jaws of the bag-frame by the ordinary lock, and, secondly, the closing of the jaws by the second encircling locking member, while the opening of the bag-frame is accomplished by a single movement of the finger successively over the encircling member and then over the bail of the primary lock, said double lock preventing not only the accidental or surreptitious opening of the bag-frame, but also permitting the opening of the frame by one single movement of the thumb.

For this purpose the invention consists of a bag-frame which is provided on one jaw with the usual pivoted and spring-actuated bail or handle which engages by its lower part with a raise or rib on the other jaw of the frame; and an encircling member pivoted to one of the jaws and provided with an opening in its upper part for permitting the bail-shaped handle to pass through the same when locking the encircling member to the jaws of the frame.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a hand-bag with my improved lock applied thereto, showing the bag and lock in closed position, Fig. 2 is a side-elevation of the improved safety-lock, drawn on a larger scale, its open

position being shown in dotted lines, Fig. 3 is a rear-elevation of the lock, showing it from the opposite side, Fig. 4 is a top-view of the lock, and Fig. 5 a vertical transverse section on line 5, 5 Fig. 3, the dotted lines showing the frame and safety-lock in open position.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the different figures of the drawing.

Referring to the drawing, a, a^1 represent the jaws of the frame of a hand-bag, satchel, pocketbook or other article, and b a locking bail, which is hinged at its lower box-shaped part or base b^1 to one jaw and adapted to engage or interlock with a longitudinal raise or rib b^2 on the other jaw of the frame. The hinge of the bail-shaped handle b is spring-actuated so as to permit the convenient closing or opening of the lock. This lock forms the primary lock of my improved bag-frame and is well known and not claimed, by me.

In connection with the primary lock described, is used an encircling member d which is made of oval shape and of sufficient size to surround the primary lock, said encircling member being provided with lugs d^1 which clasp the jaws at opposite sides, and with a shank d^2 extending from one of the clasps or lugs d^1 , which shank is pivoted to the jaw a^1 , that is to say, the jaw which is provided with the hinged bail-shaped handle, so that when the encircling member is turned on its pivot and placed in clasp position on the jaws of the bag or satchel frame, a double or safety lock is obtained, which cannot be opened by the accidental or intentional opening of the primary lock, so as to prevent effectively the opening of the bag or satchel and the tampering with the contents thereof.

When it is desired to open the hand-bag or satchel, the encircling member is lifted on its pivot by the action of the thumb until it clears the bail-shaped portion of the primary lock, when the thumb continues its motion and presses on the bail-shaped member, pressing the same backwardly on the hinge-connection with the jaws, so as to clear the interlocking raise or rib on the other jaw, and permit thereby, by one continuous motion of the thumb, the direct opening of the bag-frame in one operation. For closing the frame, two operations are required, namely, the locking of the primary lock and the downward motion of the encircling

member or secondary lock for inclosing the primary lock and lock the jaws at opposite sides.

The construction of the double safety-lock for hand-bags and other articles is simple and inexpensive and forms at the same time a very attractive locking device, inasmuch as the impression of a padlock is given by the bail and clasping side-lugs of the encircling member, so that an attractive appearance is imparted to the bag or satchel provided with the double or safety lock.

I claim:

1. A lock for hand-bags, satchels and other articles, comprising a primary locking device for the jaws of the bag-frame, said primary locking device consisting of a spring-actuated bail-shaped handle hinged to one jaw and an interlocking raise or rib on the other jaw, and a secondary or safety locking device pivoted to the jaw to which the handle is applied and provided with side

lugs or clasps for locking the jaws at opposite sides.

2. A lock for hand-bags, satchels and like articles, comprising a primary locking device for the jaws of the frame of the bag, said primary lock consisting of a spring-actuated, bail-shaped handle hinged to one jaw and an interlocking rib on the other jaw, and a secondary or safety locking device pivoted to the side of the jaw to which the handle is applied, said secondary device having an opening in its top-part for permitting the handle to pass through the same, and side lugs or clasps for locking the jaws at opposite sides when in closed position.

In testimony, that I claim the foregoing as my invention, I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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