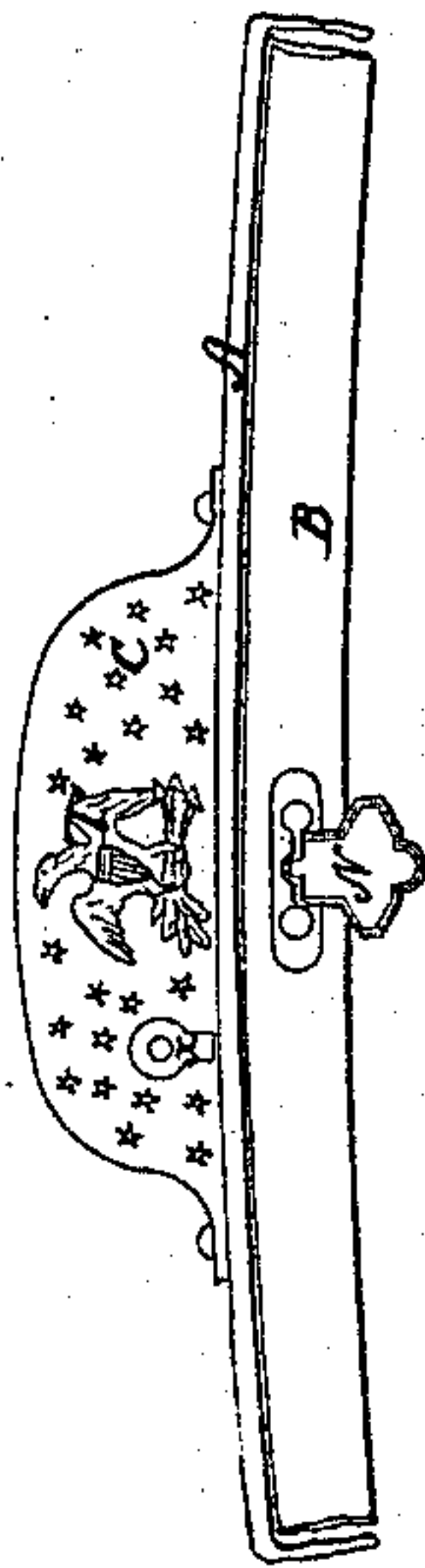
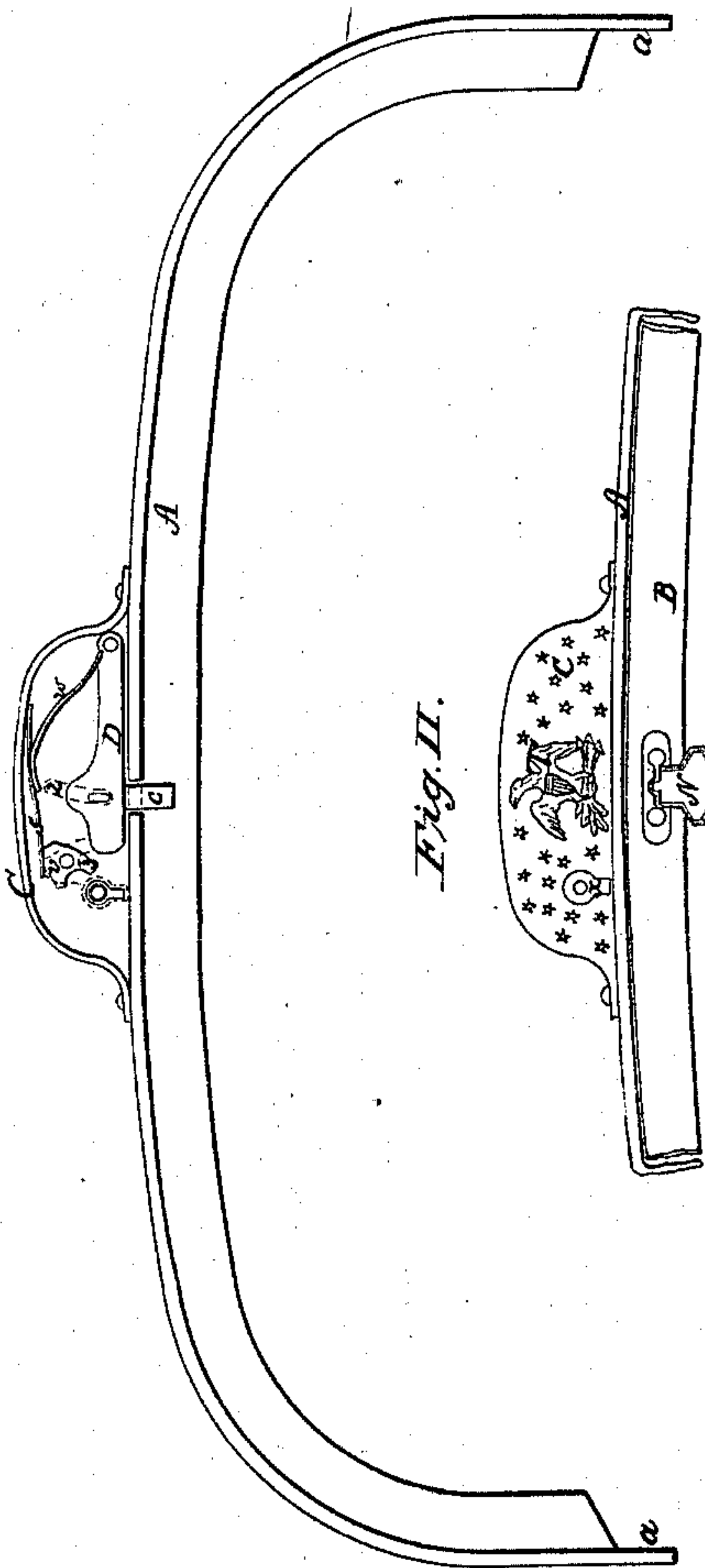
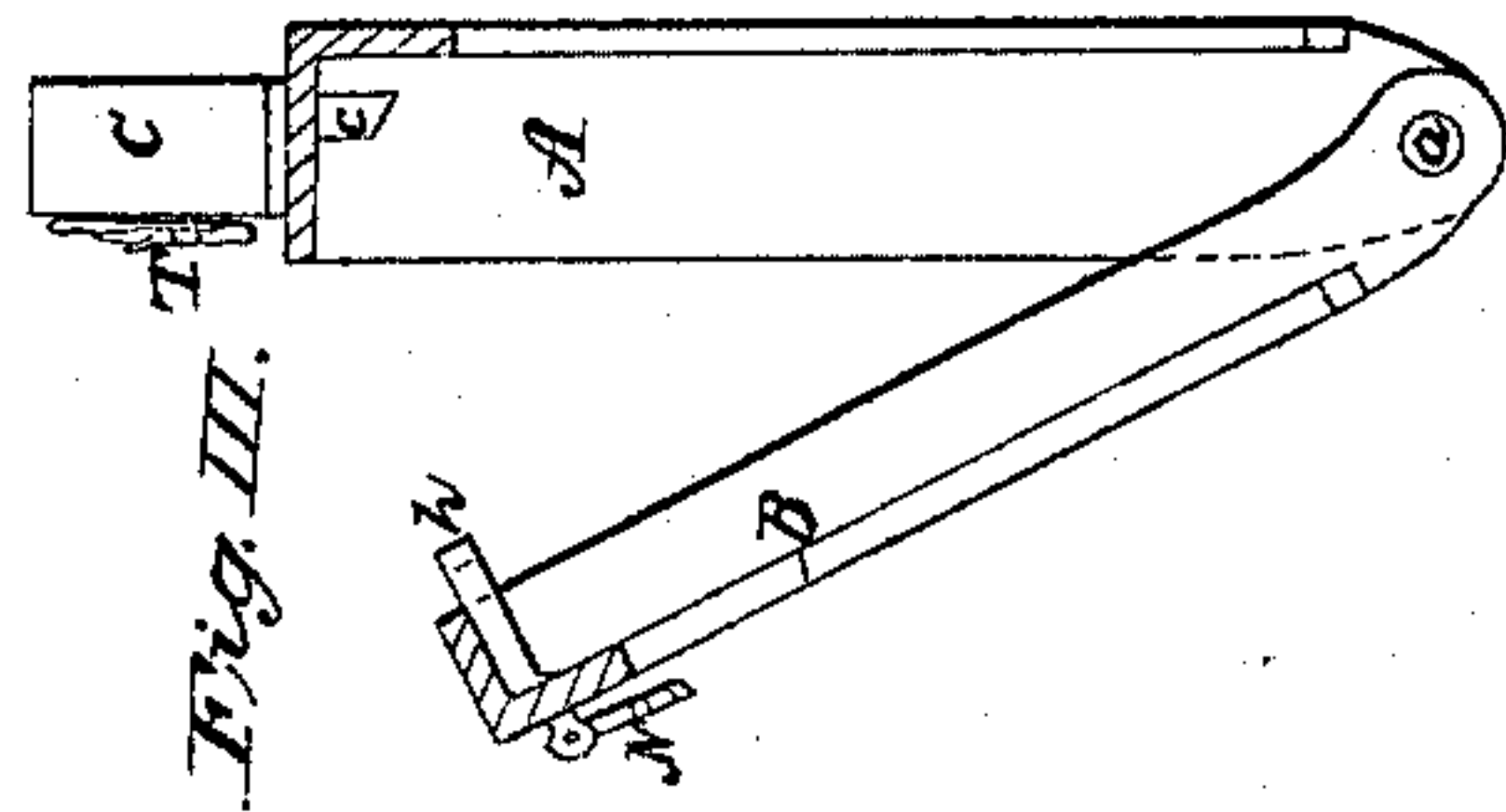


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Bag Lock,

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LOCK FOR SATCHELS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BERNARD STEINMETZ, of the city of Paris, in the Empire of France, have invented a new and Improved Spring-Lock for Satchels, Carpet-Bags, &c.; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

Figure I represents a frame for a satchel, with the spring-lock in section. Fig. II is an outside view of the lock and of part of the frame. Fig. III shows a section of the frame open, taken near the lock.

Similar letters represent similar parts.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents one part of the jaw-frame, to which the lock C is attached, and B is the other part of said frame, bent in any desired form, and jointed together at their lower ends at *aa* in the usual manner.

In the lock-case a lever, D, is arranged, turning on a fixed center, *n*, fast in said casing, and acted upon by a spring, *w*, so as to press said lever downward. A projection, *c*, is attached to this lever D, passing through the frame A, and sufficiently long to pass through the staple *h*, attached to the inside of the frame B. On the outside of the casing some projecting part or figure, T—an eagle, as represented in the drawings—is arranged, and attached to this lever D by means of a bolt or pin passing through a suitable slot, 2, in the side of the casing, by which arrangement the lever D can be forced upward against the action of the spring *w*, so as to bring the projection *c* clear of the staple *h*, for the purpose of opening the frame A B, and consequently the bag or satchel. The lower end of the projection *c*, on the

side next to the frame B or to the staple *h*, is made slanting, so as to allow the staple *h* to force said lever D upward, when pressed against said projection *c*, when the satchel requires to be shut or closed, until the staple has passed the projection, when the action of the spring *w* will again force said lever D downward and into the opening in the staple, and thereby keep the satchel, &c., closed.

Near the end of lever D a tumbling-bolt, *v*, is arranged, turning on a fixed center, and acted upon by a spring, *s*. This bolt *v* is operated by means of a key inserted through the key-hole *x* in such a manner as to bring one of its projections, 3, over the end of the lever D, and in which position the action of the spring *s* will hold the same, thereby locking the lever D, and consequently the bag or satchel, until the action of the key removes again this projection on the tumbling-bolt from the end of said lever, and thereby unlocks the same.

N is a small ornamented knob or projection attached to the frame B, to be taken hold of when the bag or satchel requires to be pulled open.

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

The arrangement of a spring-lever, D, in combination with a tumbling-bolt, *v*, acted upon by a spring, *s*, and operated by means of a key, when combined with the jaw-frames of a carpet-bag, satchel, &c., and operating in the manner and for the purpose substantially as described and set forth.

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