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Fig. 1.

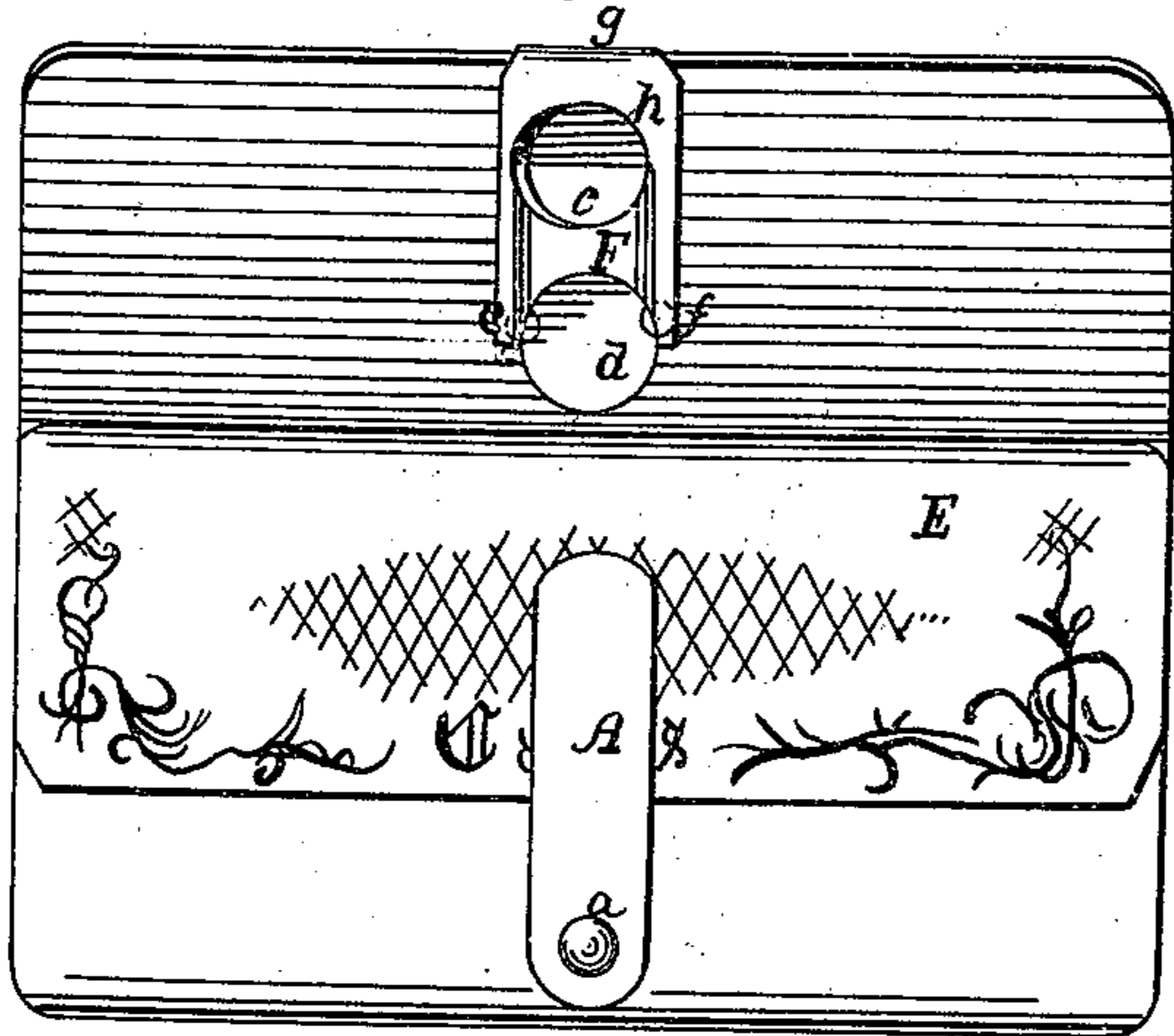


Fig. 2.

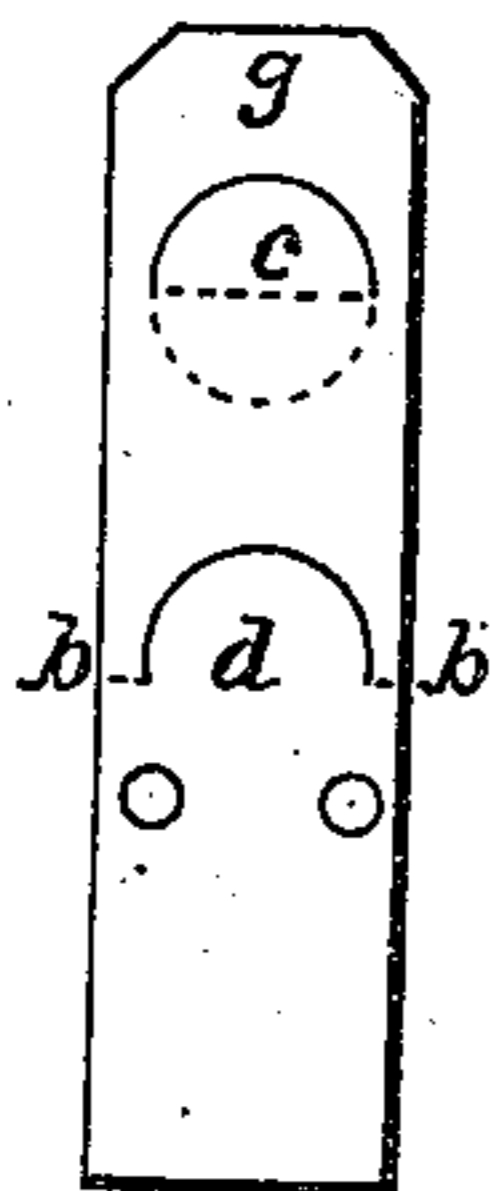
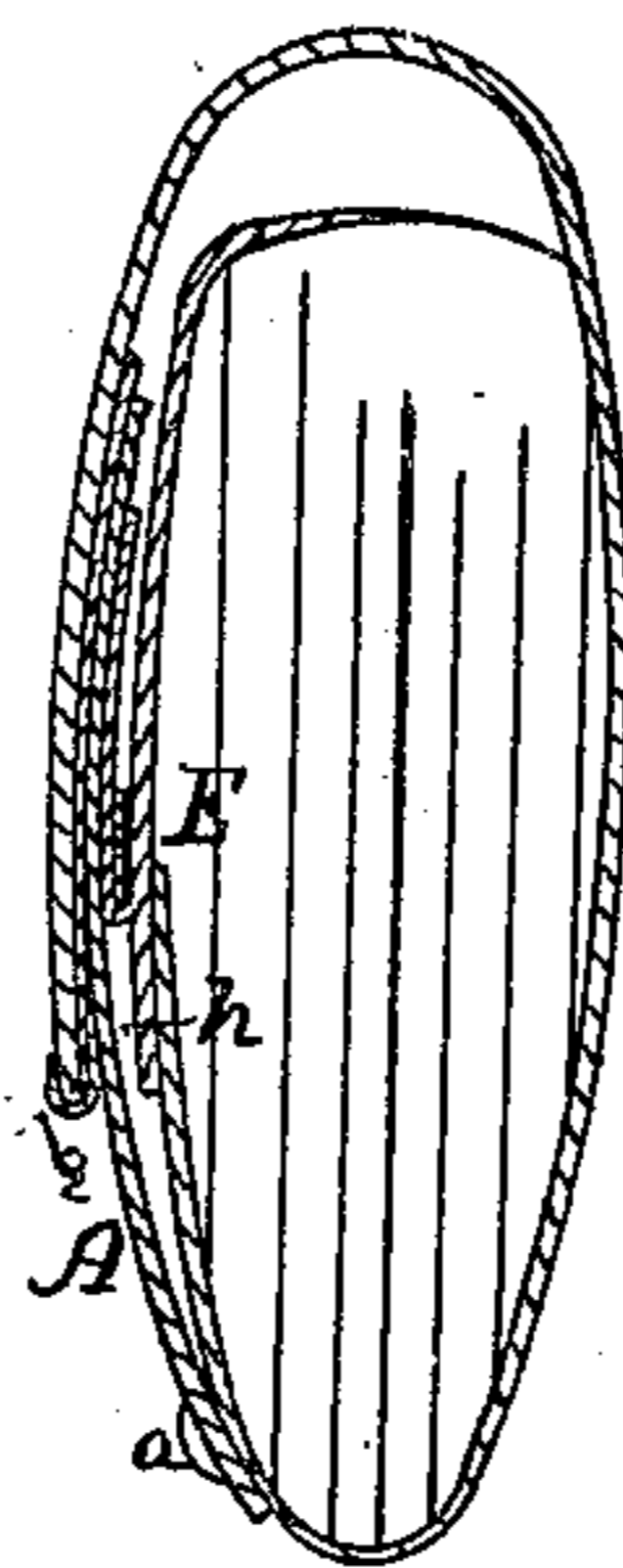


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN POCKET-BOOK CLASPS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, DANIEL E. FISK, of Springfield, Hampden county, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful improved Pocket-Book Clasp; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon. In the drawings—

Figure 1 represents a front view of a pocket-book open and having my improved clasp.

Figure 2 is a detailed view of a part of the clasp; and

Figure 3 a sectional view of the wallet-clasp.

This invention consists of a device by which a pocket-book or wallet and other articles of that class may be kept closed, it being a substitute for the ordinary rubber band and the spring clasps also used.

In construction, I form my clasp of a piece of sheet metal, having a proper spring, which is attached to the outside of the wallet itself by means of one or more rivets. Upon the inside of the flap is an eye for the metal strap to pass into. This is more fully described hereafter. Thus, in the drawings, the metal strap A is shown fastened to the bottom part of the wallet by means of a rivet, *a*, leaving the upper end open, forming a tongue, which fits into the eye F made for it upon the flap of the wallet. In construction, this eye is formed of a piece of sheet metal, first cut out in the form shown in fig. 2. It is then doubled under the crease being made at *b*, and the flap *c* being bent back, as shown in fig. 3, the double thickness being fastened to the inside of the wallet flap by rivets *e* and *f*, and the upper end of the metal bent over the edge of the flap at *g*. The lower flap *d* of the doubled metal extends downward, and is meant to protect the stuff of the wallet from being worn out by the end of the tongue A. In fig. 1, a sectional view shows the wallet as fastened, and the tongue A passing between the thicknesses of the doubled metal upon the wallet flap, it having entered through the opening *h*, formed by cutting out the flap *c*. In figs. 3 and 1 it is shown that the tongue A forms a clasp for the inside pocket of the wallet, holding down the flap E of the same by its spring.

The advantages of my improvements over those commonly in use are numerous. In the wallet held by rubber bands, the rubber cloth rots, and the article is worthless after having been kept for any length of time in a store. The spring wallets do not close entirely when they are very full; while in mine the more that is in them the tighter they are held clasped. My device can be manufactured at a less cost than most of the metal clasps, and is more efficient in holding and wear than any other.

Now, having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A wallet-clasp, consisting of the tongue A, attached to the outside of the wallet, and the eye F, attached to the flap of the same, the parts being arranged to operate substantially as shown.

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