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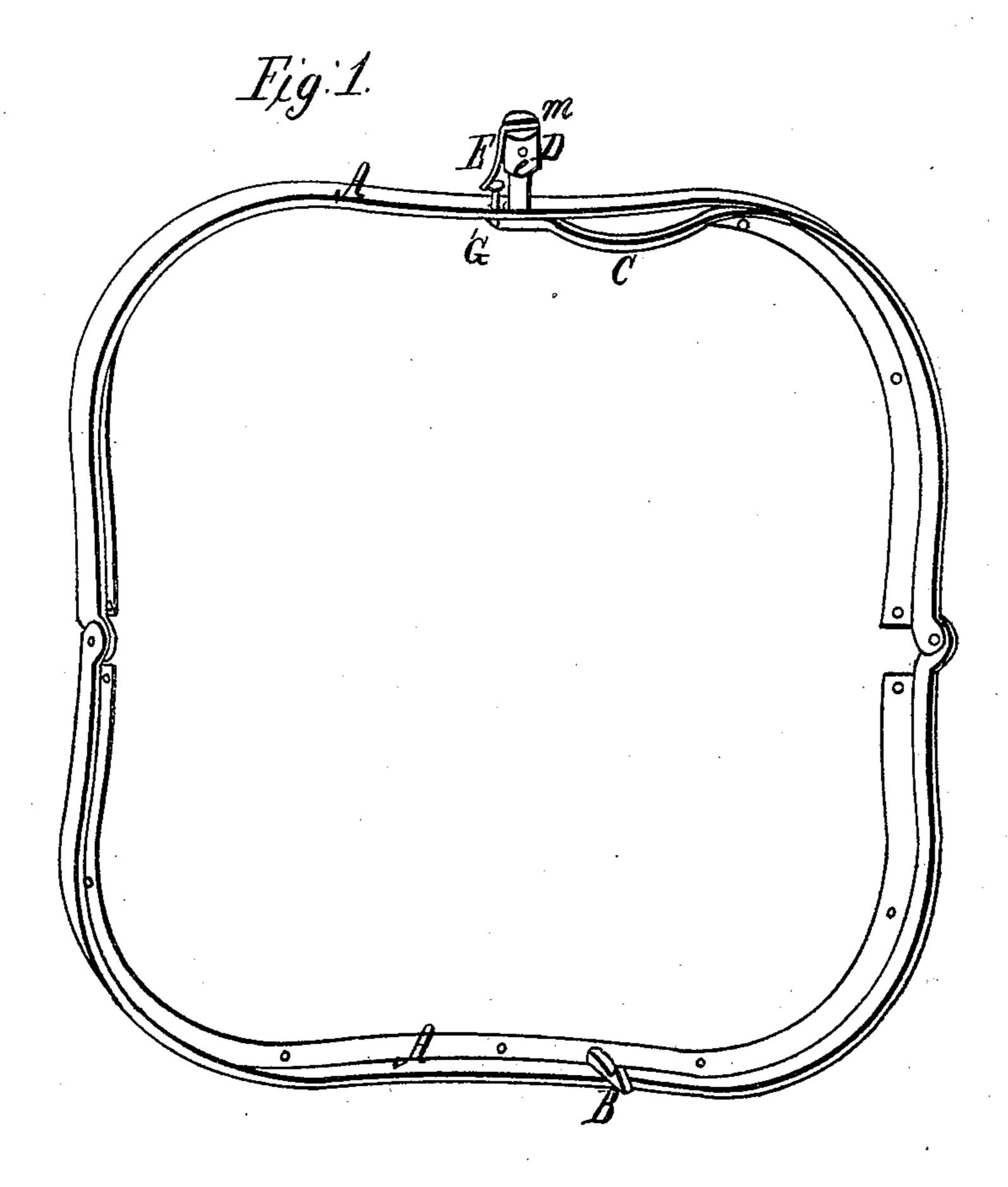
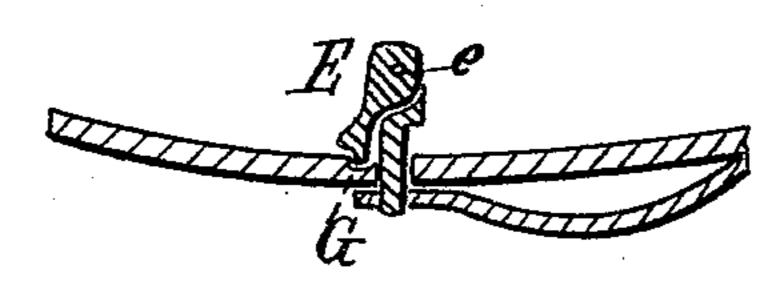


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN SAFETY-POCKETS.

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## TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, James C. Iden, of Buckingham township, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fastenings for Thief-Proof Pockets, Travelling-Bags, Portemonnaies, and other articles of a similar nature; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, in which drawings—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a clasp, opened, such as is generally attached to portemonnaies, &c.

Figure 2, a vertical section of a portion of the same enlarged, taken through the fastening, and showing the latter in the position it occupies when the clasp is fastened.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and mode of operation.

In the drawings, A A' form the clasp. B is the ordinary hooked hasp; C, the ordinary spring, by which the hasp B is caught and held when the parts A A' of the clasp are closed. D is the thumb-piece for disengaging the spring C. It passes through an aperture in the clasp, and is attached to spring C in the ordinary manner. I form a vertical slot, m, in the thumb-piece D, into which slot, I insert one end of the catch E, passing a rivet, e, through piece D, and through an eye in catch E. A slight indentation, G, is formed in the clasp, which indentation the free end of the catch E is intended to be pressed into when the clasp is closed.

When it is desired to unfasten the clasp, the end of catch E is pressed out of the indentation with the thumb and finger, and the thumb-piece D pressed down until the spring is disengaged.

Having thus described my invention, I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent-

The catch E, in combination with the thumb-piece D, spring C, clasp A A', with the indentation G therein, and hasp B, substantially as set forth, for the purpose specified.

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