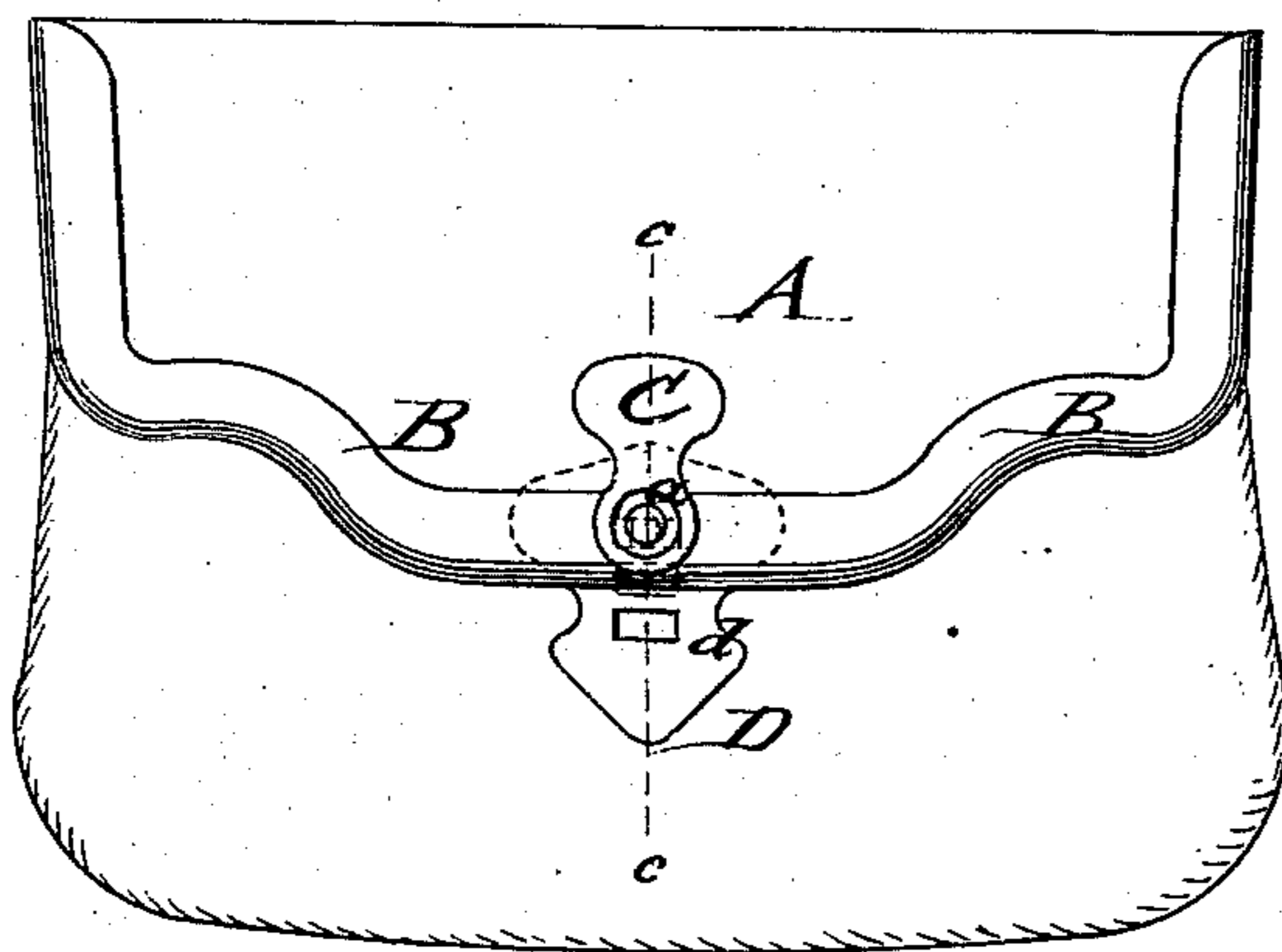


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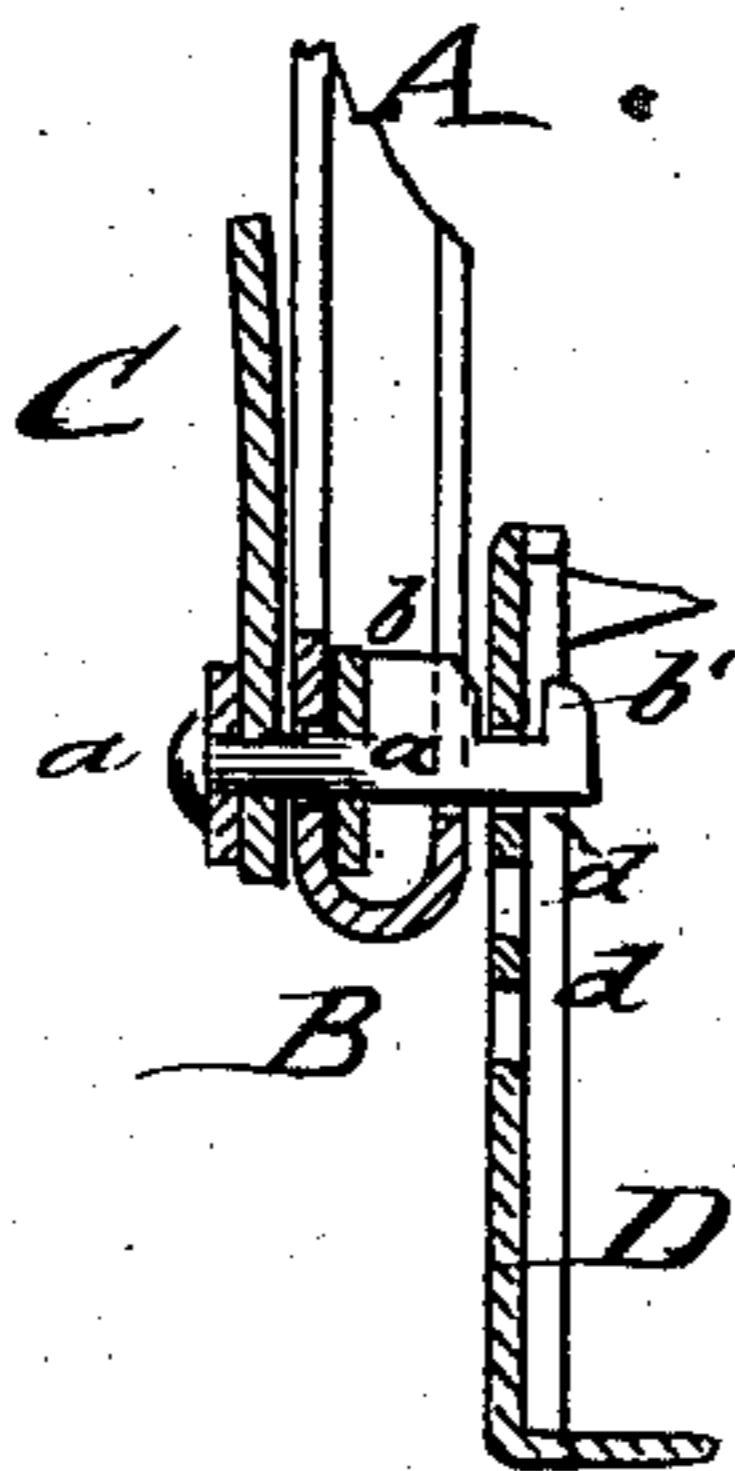
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN LOCKS FOR POCKET-BOOKS.

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*To all whom it may concern :*

Be it known that I, BART M. J. BLANK, of Jersey City Heights, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Lock for Pocket-Books, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a front view of my improved pocket-book lock or clasp; and Fig. 2, a vertical transverse section of the same on the line *c c*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention relates to an improved pocket-book lock or clasp, by which the pocket-book may be securely closed without the use of springs, and readily and conveniently opened, forming a neat and quickly-operated fastening device.

The invention consists of a small lever-plate, which is pivoted to the flap binding-frame of the pocket-book, and provided with a recessed or hook-shaped lower part, that enters and locks to a recessed or slotted plate attached to the pocket-book, and defines the motion of the lever.

In the drawing, A represents the outer closing-flap of a pocket-book, which is provided with any suitable metallic binding-frame, B, having a swinging lever-plate, C, pivoted thereto. The lever-plate C is applied by means of a washer in such a manner that it may be readily operated and turned to either side by the finger, but is fitted tightly enough to the frame that the lever is not liable to turn in the pocket by contact with

other articles. The pivot-pin *a* of the lever C extends to the under side of flap A, and has two projecting lugs, *b b'*, with an intermediate recess, of which the upper lug *b* comes in contact with the lower part of frame B, and defines therewith the extent of swinging motion allowed to the lever-plate, while the lower forms a hook-shaped part, which may be readily introduced into one of the slots *d* of a clasp-plate, D, applied below the same to the body of the pocket-book.

By turning the lever C, the hook-shaped lug *b* binds on the clasp-plate D, and locks thereby, in a very simple and reliable manner, the pocket-book. By swinging the lever to either side until stopped by the binding-frame, the hook is placed in the direction of the slot, and at the same instant released therefrom. Thus the pocket-book may be quickly and securely opened or closed without the employment of springs or other parts, which are soon worn out, furnishing a locking device of simple and durable construction, and a neat attachment to the pocket-book.

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

The combination of lever-plate C, attached to binding-frame B, the pin *a*, having projecting lugs *b b'*, with intermediate recess, and the clasp-plate D, having slot *d*, all constructed and arranged as and for the purpose specified.

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