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Fig. 1

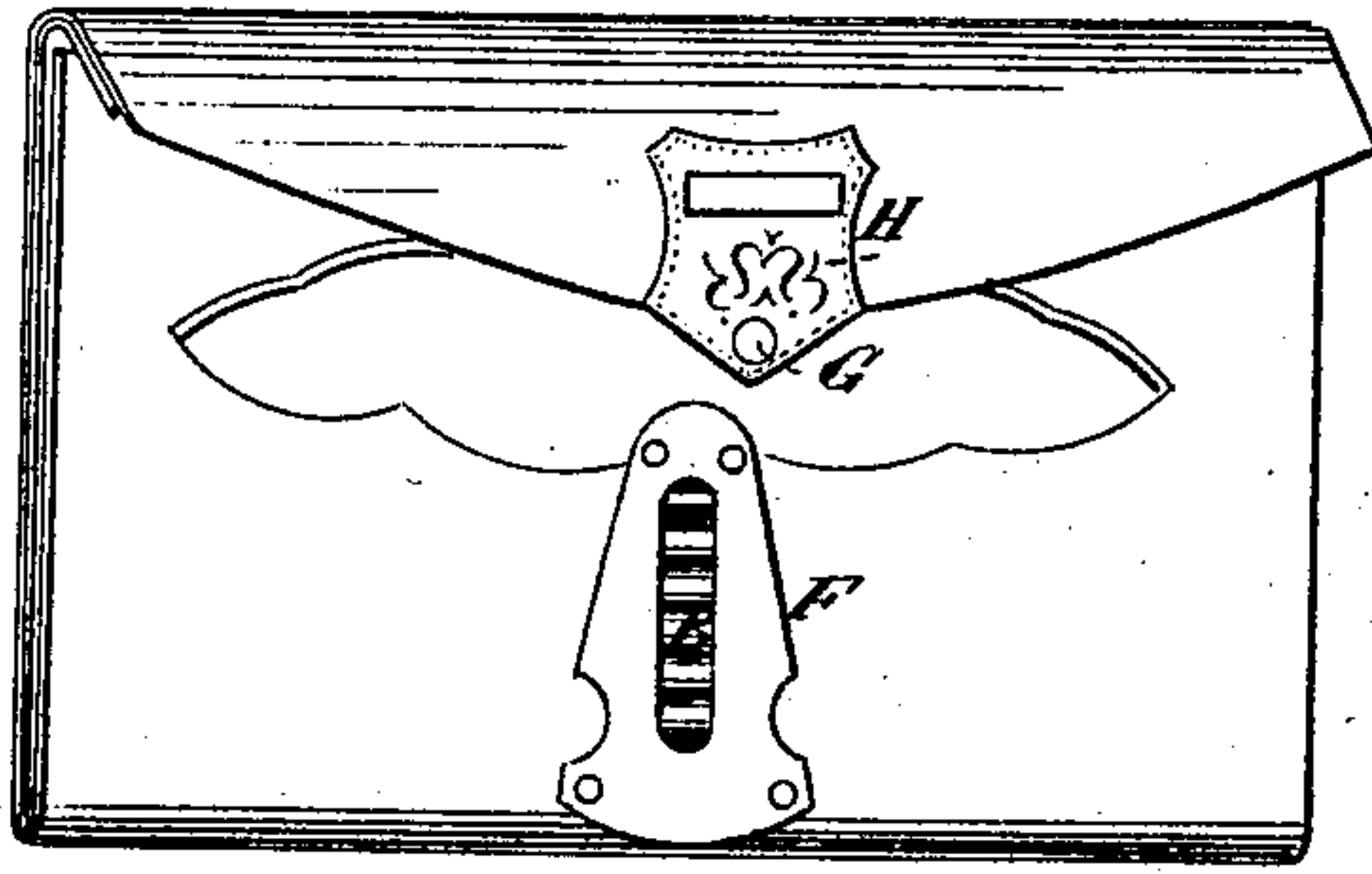


Fig. 2

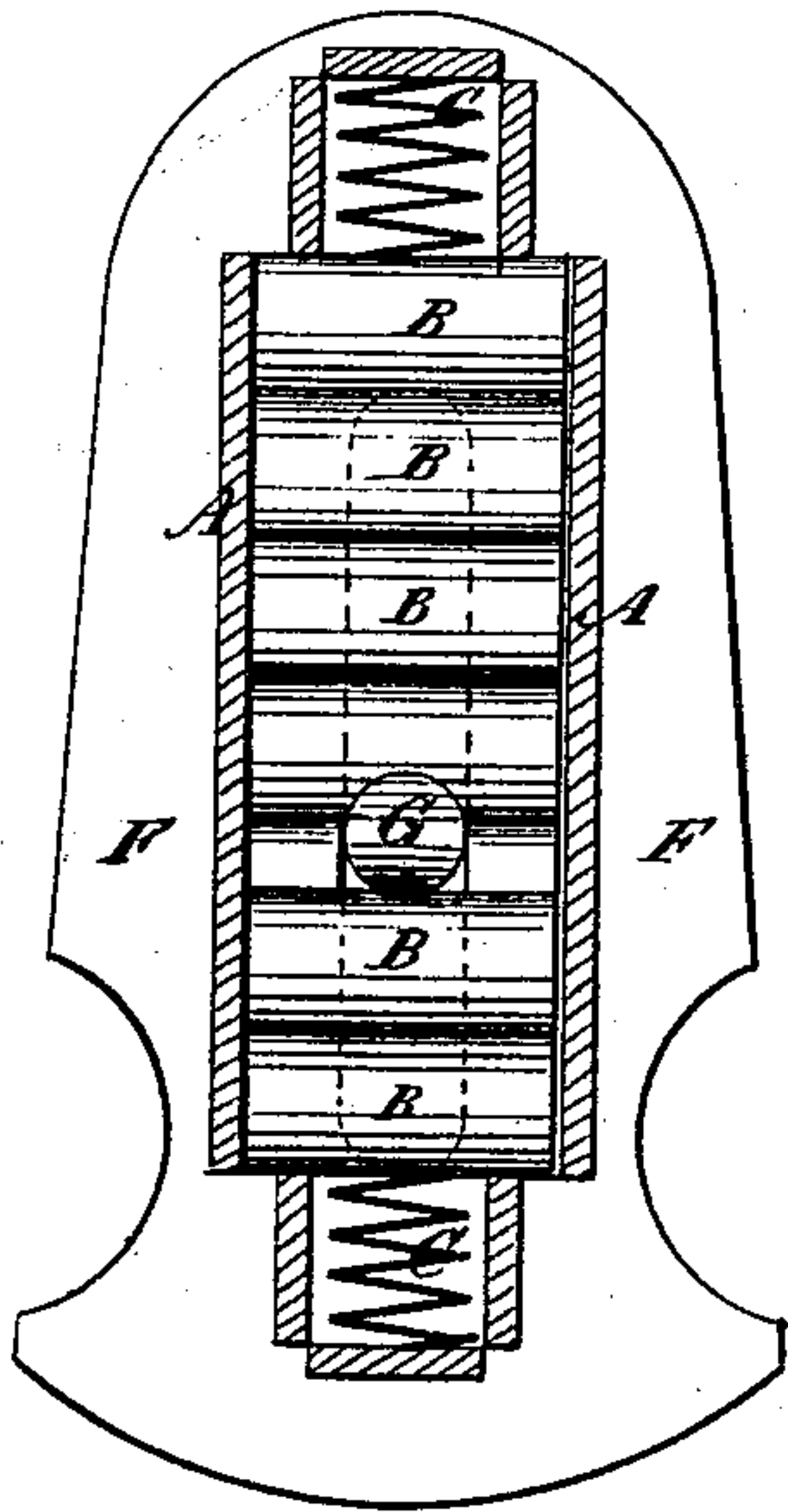
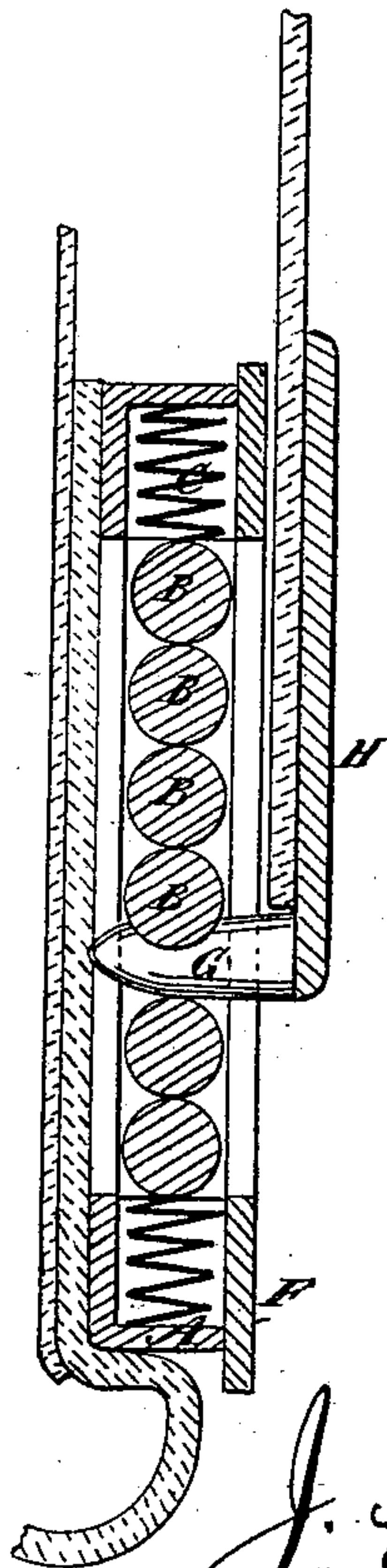


Fig. 3



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IMPROVEMENT IN POCKET-BOOK LOCKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JULIUS HANAU and SIGMUND BENDIT, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Pocket-Book Lock, of which the following is a specification:

Our invention consists of a series of short pieces of wire placed side by side in a little box or case, in combination with a spring at one or both ends of the series, so contrived that the hasp may engage between any two of the rods whenever it may come along the rods by reason of the pocket-book being more or less full, the row of rods being ranged in the line of the hasp. Thus the fastening is self-adjusting to the fullness of the book.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a pocket-book with our improved-lock or fastening. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section of the box containing the wires and the springs. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional elevation of the box and the wires.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A is a little case containing a series of short wires arranged side by side in a row of any approved length between springs C, or with a single spring at one end, if preferred. The case has a plate, F, for attaching to the book, and it is slotted along the row of wires, to admit the hasp G to be pressed in between the

wires. The row of wires is arranged in the line of the hasp-strap H, so that the hasp engages at any point along the row of wires it may reach by reason of the fullness of the book. In this case the box containing the wires is represented under the attaching-plate F, but it may, of course, be on the upper side, if preferred. The hasp has a little notch in one side, into which one of the wires is pressed by the springs, so as to hold with sufficient power to render the contrivance sufficiently secure for such a fastening, and at the same time it makes a fastening which can be manipulated with the requisite facility.

While we have spoken of the rods B as wires, we do not mean to limit ourselves to any particular material, for any hard, durable substance will do.

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

The combination, with the hasp G of a pocket-book, of a series of sliding wires, B, and one or more springs, C, arranged and operating substantially in the manner described.

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