

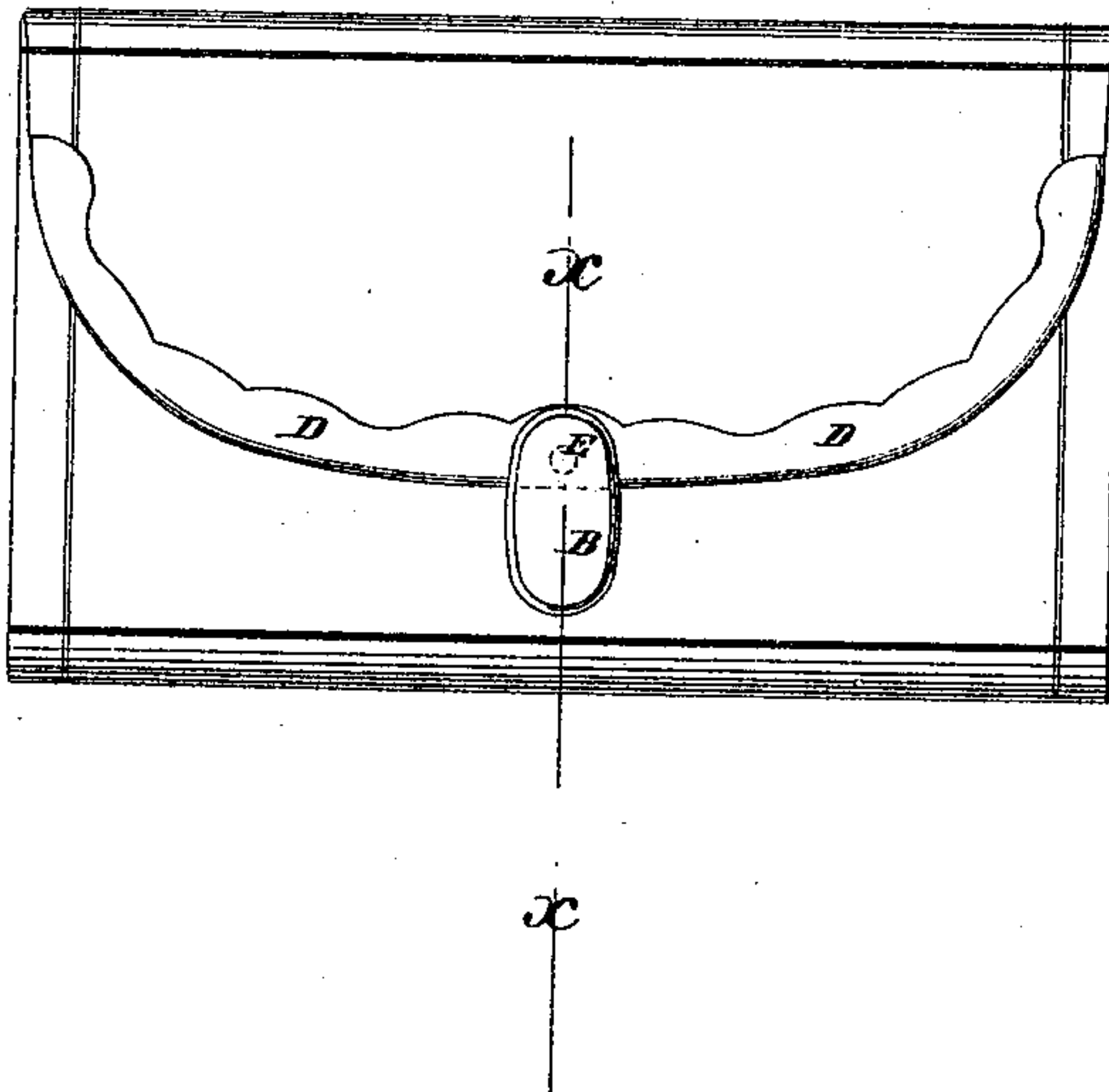
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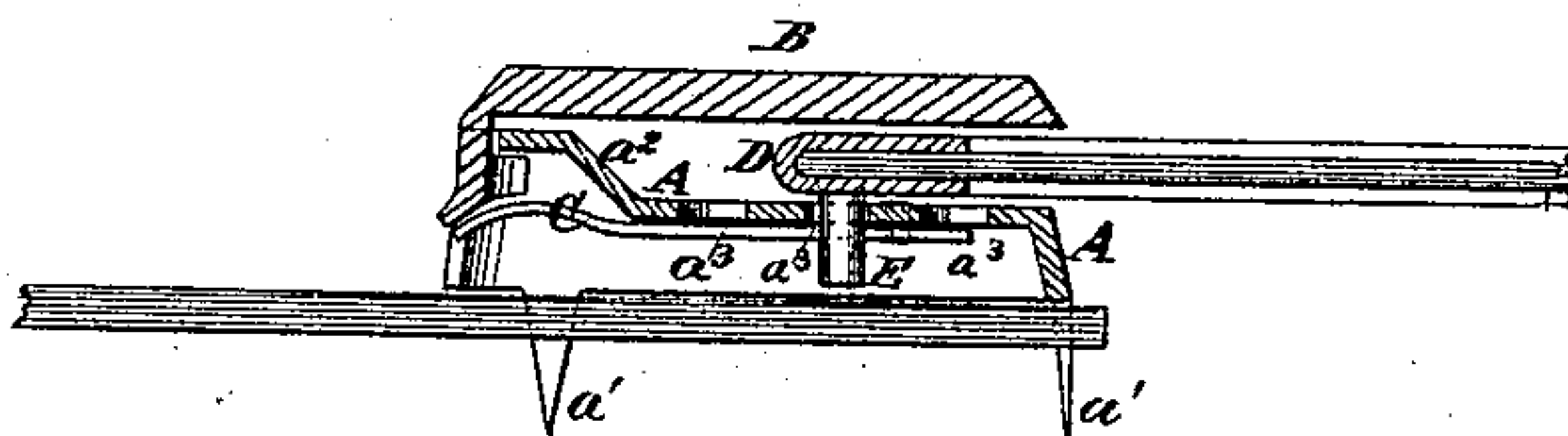
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*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN POCKET-BOOK FASTENINGS.

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*To all whom it may concern :*

Be it known that I, DANIEL M. READ, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Adjustable Fastener for Pocket-Books, &c., of which the following is a specification :

Figure 1 is a face view of my improved fastener, shown as applied to a pocket-book. Fig. 2 is a detail section of the same, taken through the line *xx*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to improve the construction of that class of pocket-book fasteners in which the flap is secured between two plates by a pin.

The invention consists of the base-plate, provided with a row of holes, the pin attached to the binding or catch plate, and the spring cap-plate, constructed and arranged as hereinafter fully described.

A is the base-plate, the edges of which are turned downward, and are provided with points, *a*<sup>1</sup>, by which it is secured to the pocket-book or other object. To the rear end of the base-plate A is hinged the rear end of the top or cap plate B, which is held in place when turned down parallel with the plate A by a spring, C. The plate A is made with an offset or shoulder, *a*<sup>2</sup>, to form a space between the said plates to receive the metallic bind-

ing D or a catch-plate attached to the flap of the pocket-book, or to any other object to be fastened. To the binding or plate D is attached a pin, E, which enters one or another of the holes *a*<sup>3</sup> formed in the base-plate A, according as the contents of the pocket-book are of greater or less bulk. The pin E may be formed of a part of the binding or plate D, so as to avoid soldering or riveting.

In the ordinary pin and eyelet fasteners, a slight increase of bulk in the contents of the pocket-book prevents them from being fastened, which difficulty is entirely obviated by my invention, the several holes in the base-plate A enabling the fastener to be adjusted according as the contents of the pocket-book may require.

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

The pocket-book fastening, consisting of the base-plate A, provided with a row of holes, *a*<sup>3</sup>, the pin E, attached to or formed of the binding or catch plate D, and the spring cap-plate B, constructed and arranged substantially as herein shown and described.

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