

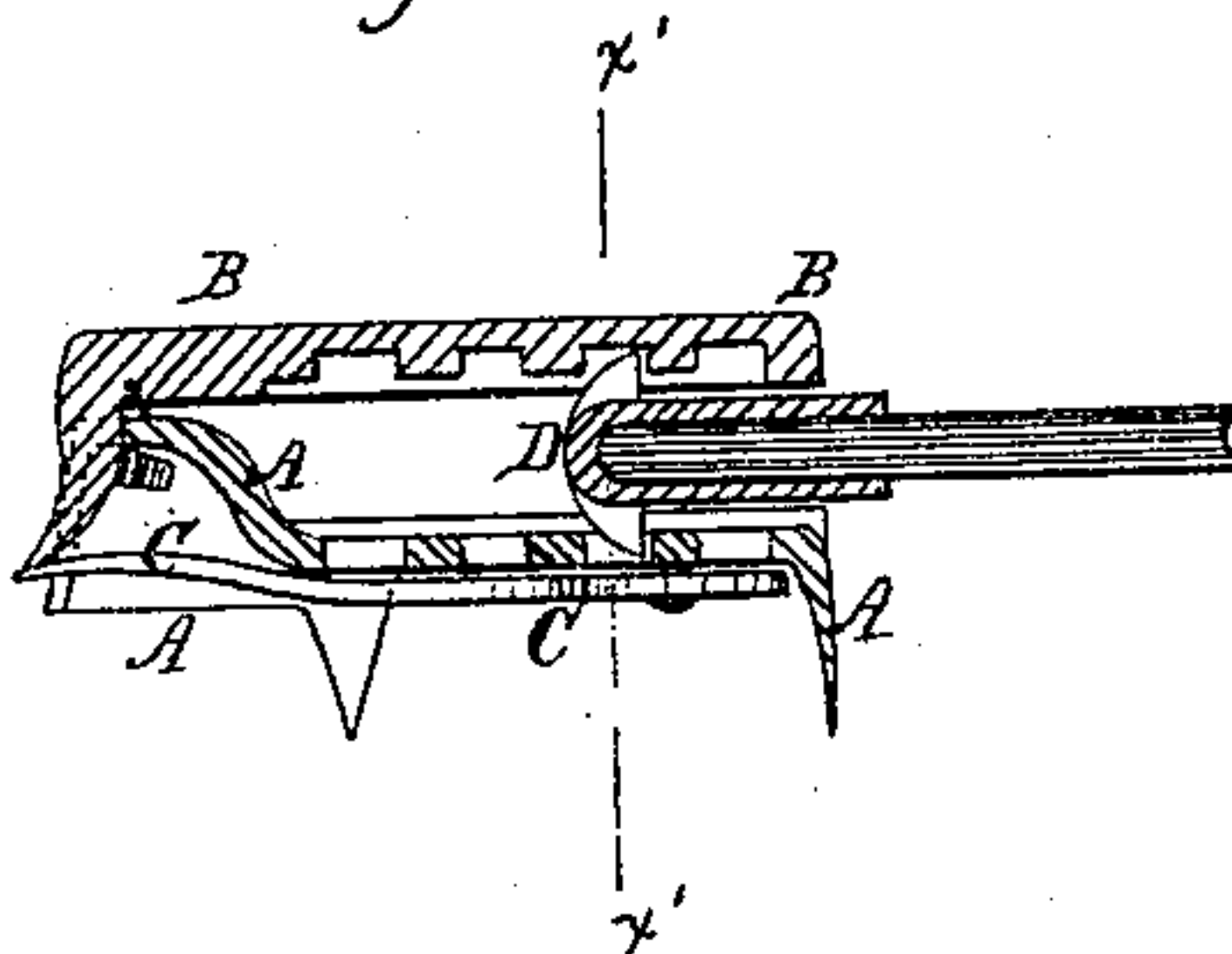
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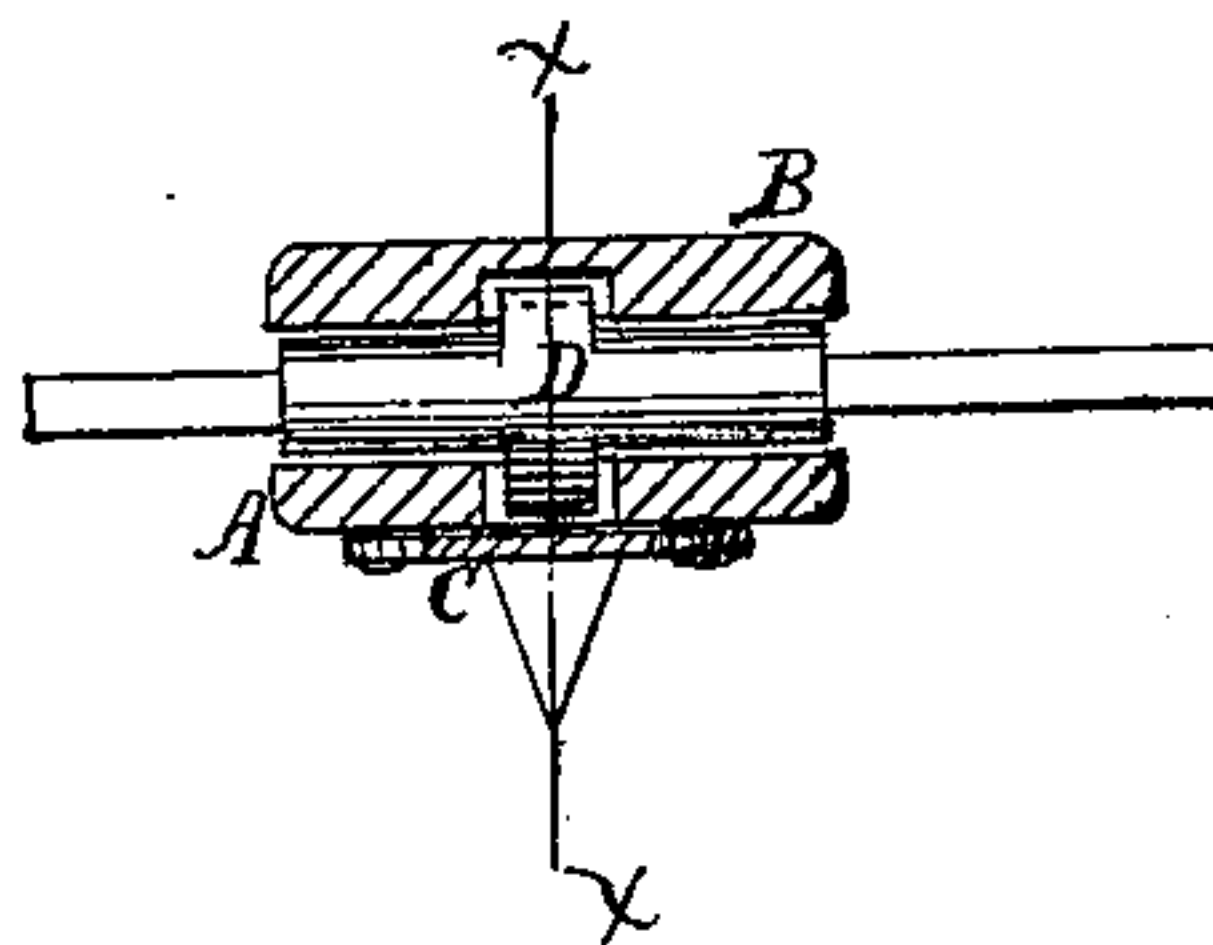
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN ADJUSTABLE POCKET-BOOK FASTENERS.

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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 Fasteners for Pocket-Books, &c., of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a longitudinal section of my improved fastener, taken through the line  $x x$ , Fig. 2. Fig. 2 is a cross-section of the same, taken through the line  $x' x'$ , Fig. 1.

The object of this invention is to furnish adjustable fasteners for pocket-books and other articles which shall be so constructed as to prevent the catch from having any lateral movement.

The invention will first be described in connection with the drawing, and then pointed out in the claim.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents the base-plate of the fastener, to the rear end of which is hinged, in the usual way, the rear end of the cap-plate B. C is the spring by which the cap-plate B is locked in either position. D is the plate attached to the flap of the pocket-book. In the middle parts

of the base-plate A and cap-plate B are formed longitudinal grooves or channels, in the bottom of which are formed ratchet-teeth, corrugations, or perforations, so that the catch may be pushed forward over said holes or teeth, but cannot be drawn back without first raising the cap-plate B. The plate D has a catch formed upon both upper and lower sides, so as to catch upon both the plates A B. The side or shoulders of the channel receive the catch between them, so that the catch can have no lateral movement, and cannot slip out from between the plates A B.

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

The top and bottom plates A B, having each a corrugated channel, in combination with a face-plate, D, having a catch on both sides, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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