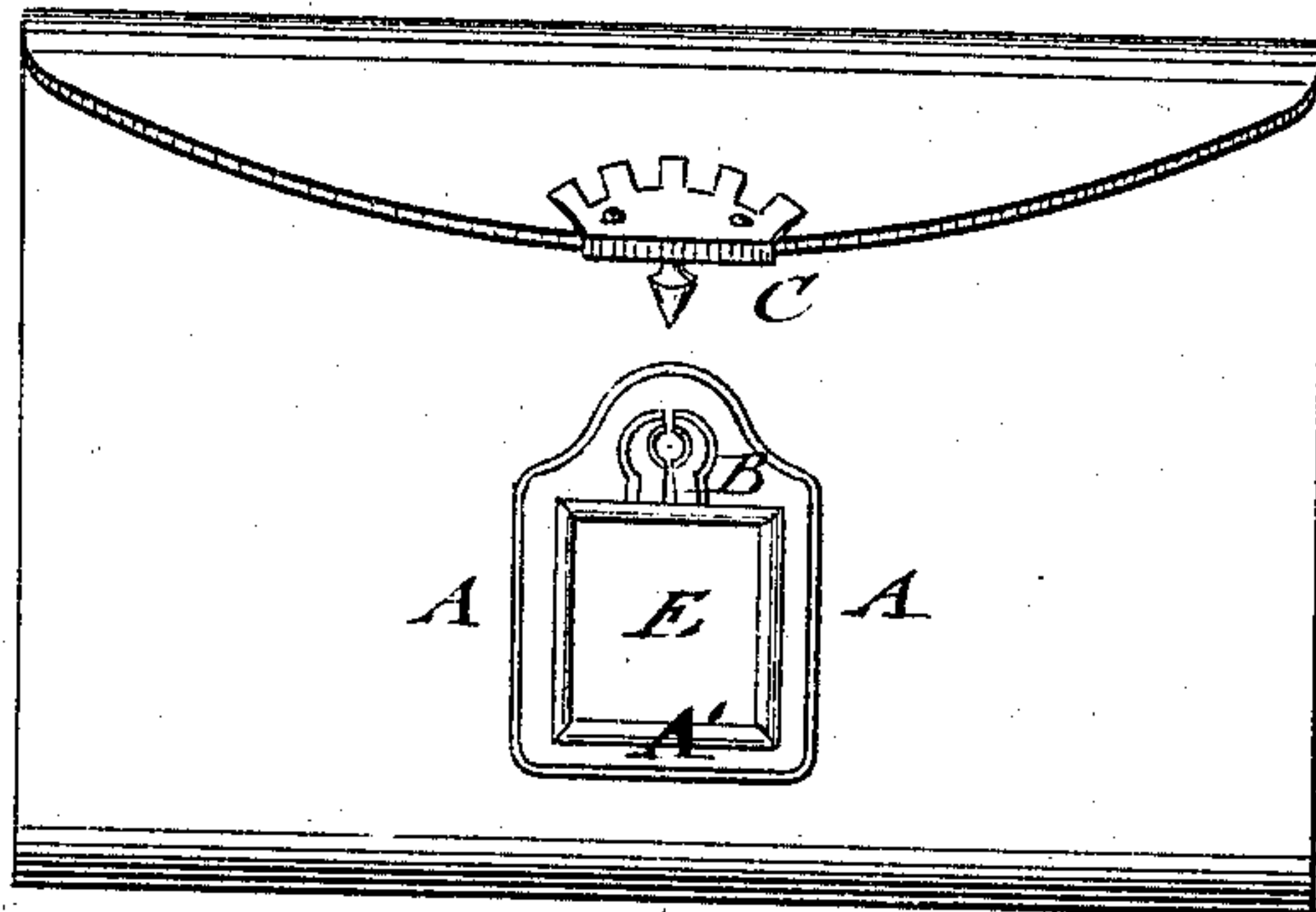


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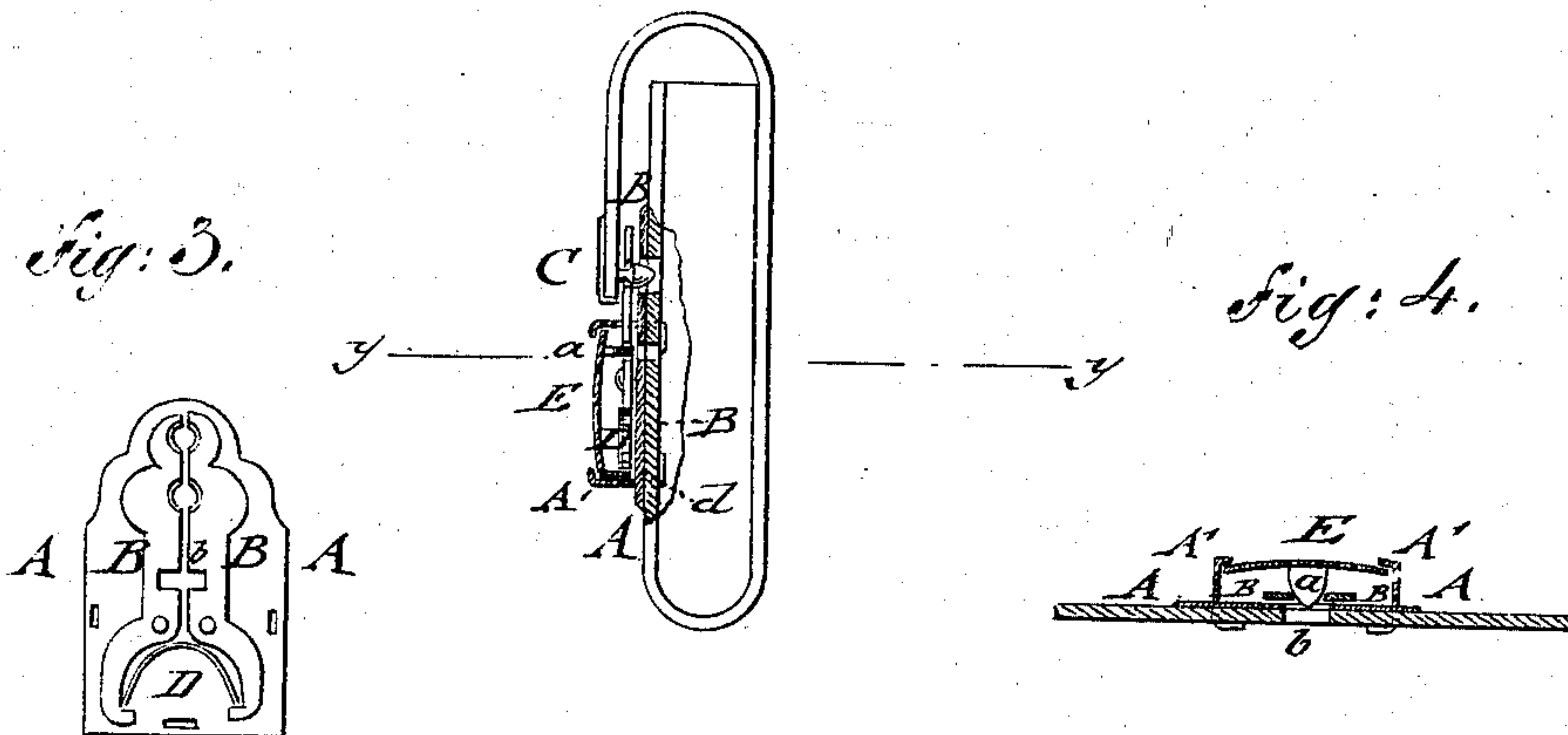
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*Fig: 1.*



*Fig: 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN POCKET-BOOK LOCKS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ERNST SCHNOPP, of East New York, county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Pocket-Book Lock, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a front view of my improved pocket-book lock; Fig. 2, a vertical longitudinal section of the same on line C C, Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a detail top view of the locking-spring levers, with actuating top plate detached; and Fig. 4, a vertical transverse section of the lock on line Y Y, Fig. 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention relates to an improved pocket-book lock that may be opened and closed with great facility by direct pressure; and it consists of fulcrumed and spring-acted jaw-levers that are operated by a top plate, with tapering or conical lug, entering recesses of the jaw-levers, so as to release the knob or button on the flap part of the lock.

In the drawing, A represents the base-plate of my pocket-book lock, to which are fulcrumed the levers B, that lock, by recessed spring-jaws at their forward-projecting ends, the stud or button of the flap-plate C of the pocket-book. One or more recesses may be arranged in the jaw ends to admit the closing of the flap when the pocket-book is filled more or less. The curved rear ends of the levers B are acted upon by a band or other spring, D, that serves to press the jaw ends tightly together. A top plate, E, is retained by a flanged or rimmed frame, A', of the base-plate above the top part of the levers B, so as to cover the greater portion of the same. A downward-extending lug or stud, *a*, of plate E, of tapering or conical shape, enters angular

or semicircular recesses *b* of the levers, in front of the fulcrums, and a recess of the base-plate, and produces, by the depression of the top plate, the opening of the jaws, and thereby the release of the flap-stud. A bearing or bridge piece, *d*, at the rear part of the top plate, supports the same at the proper distance above the levers, so as to secure the free motion of the levers on depressing the actuating front stud of the top plate. The pocket-book is closed by simply pressing the stud or button of the flap on the recessed jaw ends, so that the same are spread and then locked around the stud. The lock has the advantage that it may be opened and closed by simply pressing either on the top plate or flap plate, which facilitates the working of the lock, especially for ladies, as the use of fingers for taking hold of levers or other devices is not required, as is the case in most other locks, which are not as easily and quickly operated as the top plate of this lock.

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

1. The combination of the fulcrumed and spring-acted jaw-levers B, having recesses *b*, with a guided and swinging top or face plate, E, provided with a conical or tapering stud, *a*, that opens the jaws on being depressed, substantially in the manner and for the purpose specified.

2. The combination of the swinging top or face plate E, having front stud *a* and rear bearing or bridge *d*, with the base-plate A, and rimmed inclosing-frame A', substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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