

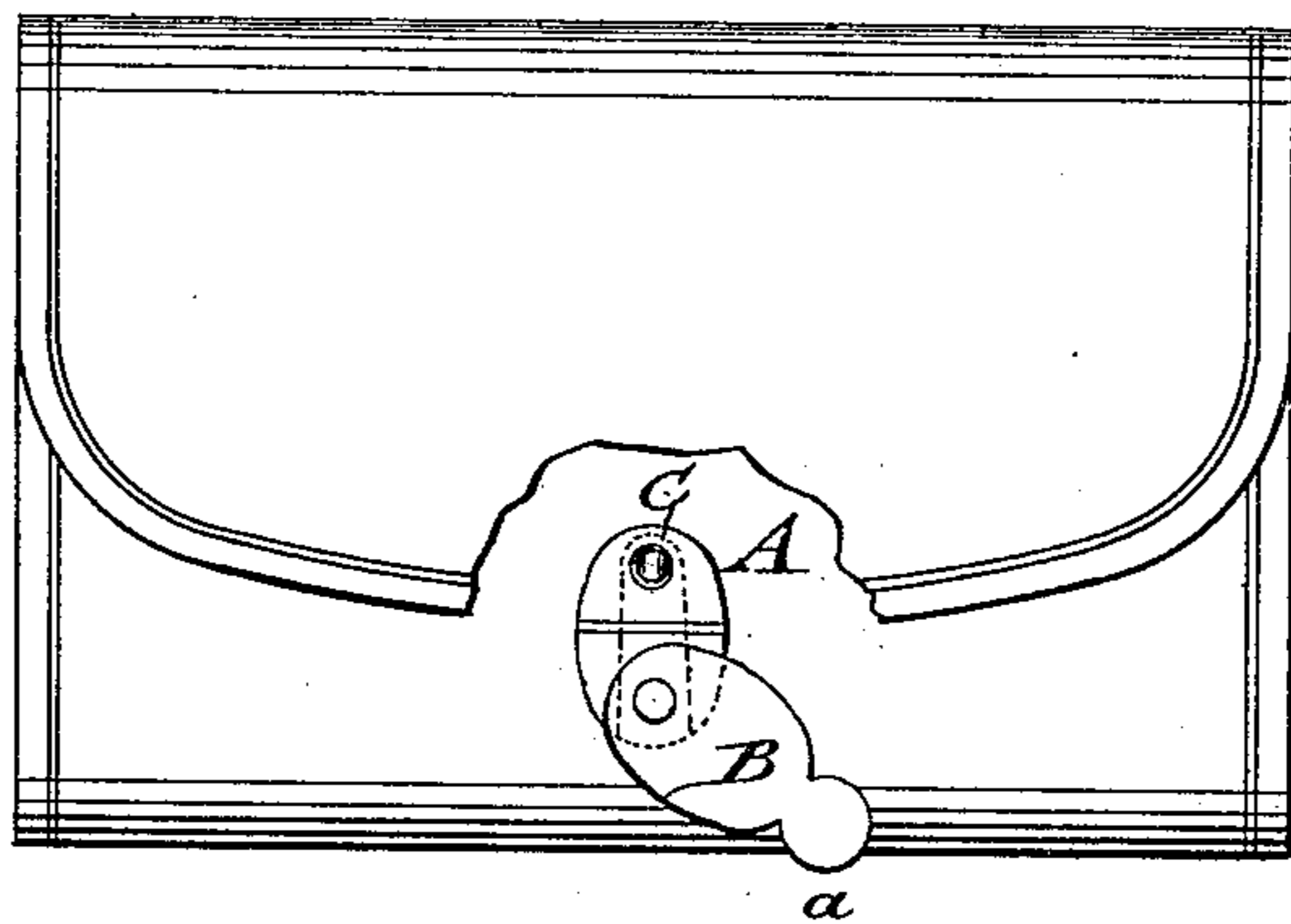
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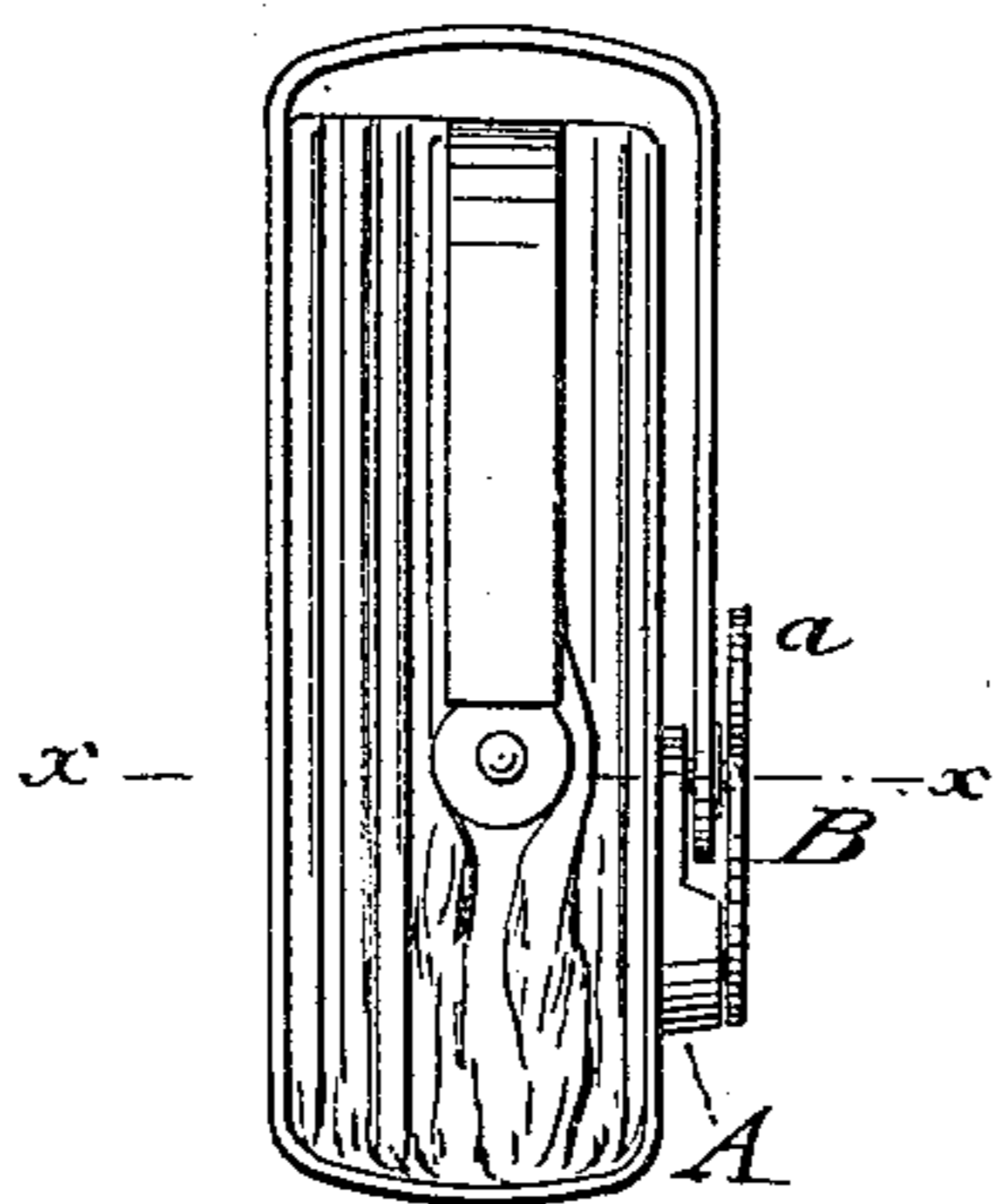
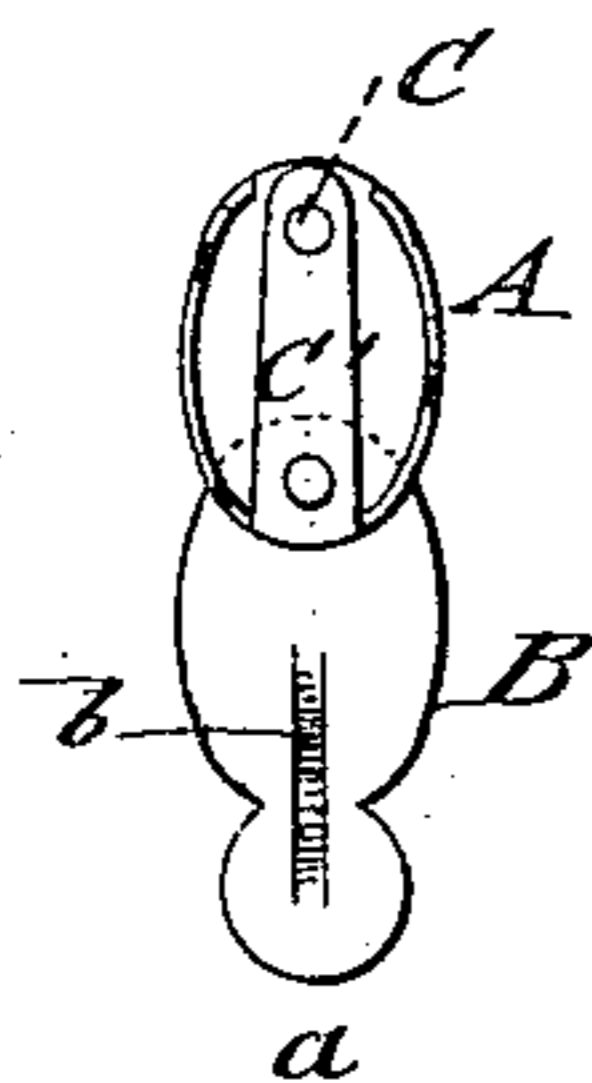
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*Fig: 1.*

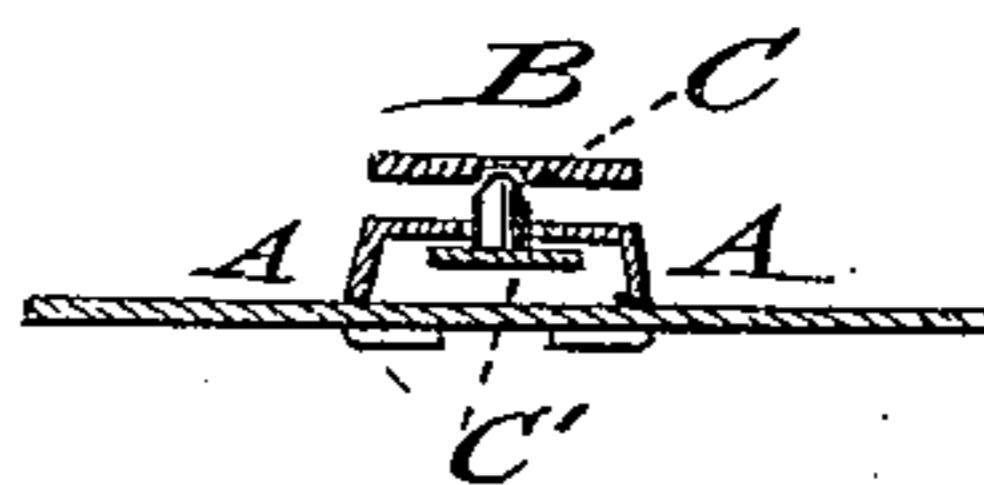


*Fig: 2.*

*Fig: 3.*



*Fig: 4.*



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## POCKET-BOOK LOCK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MAX RUBIN, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket-Book Locks, of which the following is a specification.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a pocket-book with my improved lock shown in open position. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same as closed. Fig. 3 is a bottom view of the lock detached; and Fig. 4 is a vertical transverse section of the same on line *x x*, Fig. 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention refers to an improved lock for pocket-books and similar articles; and it consists of a base-plate having a raised portion at one end and a spring-pressed pin which projects above the lower portion of the base-plate, and of a top plate which is pivoted to the raised portion of the base-plate and provided at the under side with a recess or indentation for engaging the spring-pressed pin, said pin being rounded off or beveled at the head so that the top plate may readily pass over the same from either side until retained by the pin.

In the drawings, A represents the base-plate of my improved pocket-book lock, which base-plate is attached by two or more prongs to the main part of the pocket-book. One portion of the base-plate A is raised above the other part of the same, and a top plate, B, pivoted to the raised portion in such a manner that it swings readily to one side or to the other around the pivot.

The top plate, B, is preferably provided at the opposite end with a slightly bent-up extension catch or button, *a*, so as to be more easily taken hold of and carried to one side or the other around its pivot, as required. The under side of the top plate, B, is provided with a recess, groove, or indentation, *b*, which serves to engage a pin, C, that is riveted to a spring, C', at the under side of the base-plate, said pin projecting above the lower portion of the base-plate.

The pin C is beveled or rounded off at its head, so as to facilitate the passing of the top plate over the same from either side.

The spring C' is attached at its rear end to the base-plate, and has to be of sufficient strength to retain the top plate on the projecting pin of its free end whenever the recess or indentation of the same is brought over the head of the same.

For opening the lock the top plate is thrown, by the pressure of the finger on its extension or button *a*, to one side or the other, so as to clear the closing-flap of the pocket-book, as shown in Fig. 1. The flap, which is retained by an eyelet on the pin of the base-plate, may then be removed from the pin and the pocket-book opened.

For closing the lock the eyelet of the flap is placed on the pin of the base-plate and the top plate carried over the flap until the spring-pressed pin engages the groove or indentation at the under side of the top plate, when the rigid and reliable locking of the pocket-book is accomplished without any possibility of its getting open, even when the pocket-book is filled to its utmost extremity.

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

1. In a pocket-book lock, the combination of a base-plate having a raised portion and a projecting spring-pressed pin with a pivoted top plate which swings sidewise on its pivot, so as to clear the retaining-pin of the pocket-book, substantially as specified.

2. The combination of a base-plate having a raised portion and a spring-pressed pin projecting above the lower portion, said pin being beveled or rounded off at its head, with a pivoted and laterally-swinging top plate provided with a recess or indentation at the under side above the spring-pressed pin, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 7th day of June, 1880.

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