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Fig. 1.

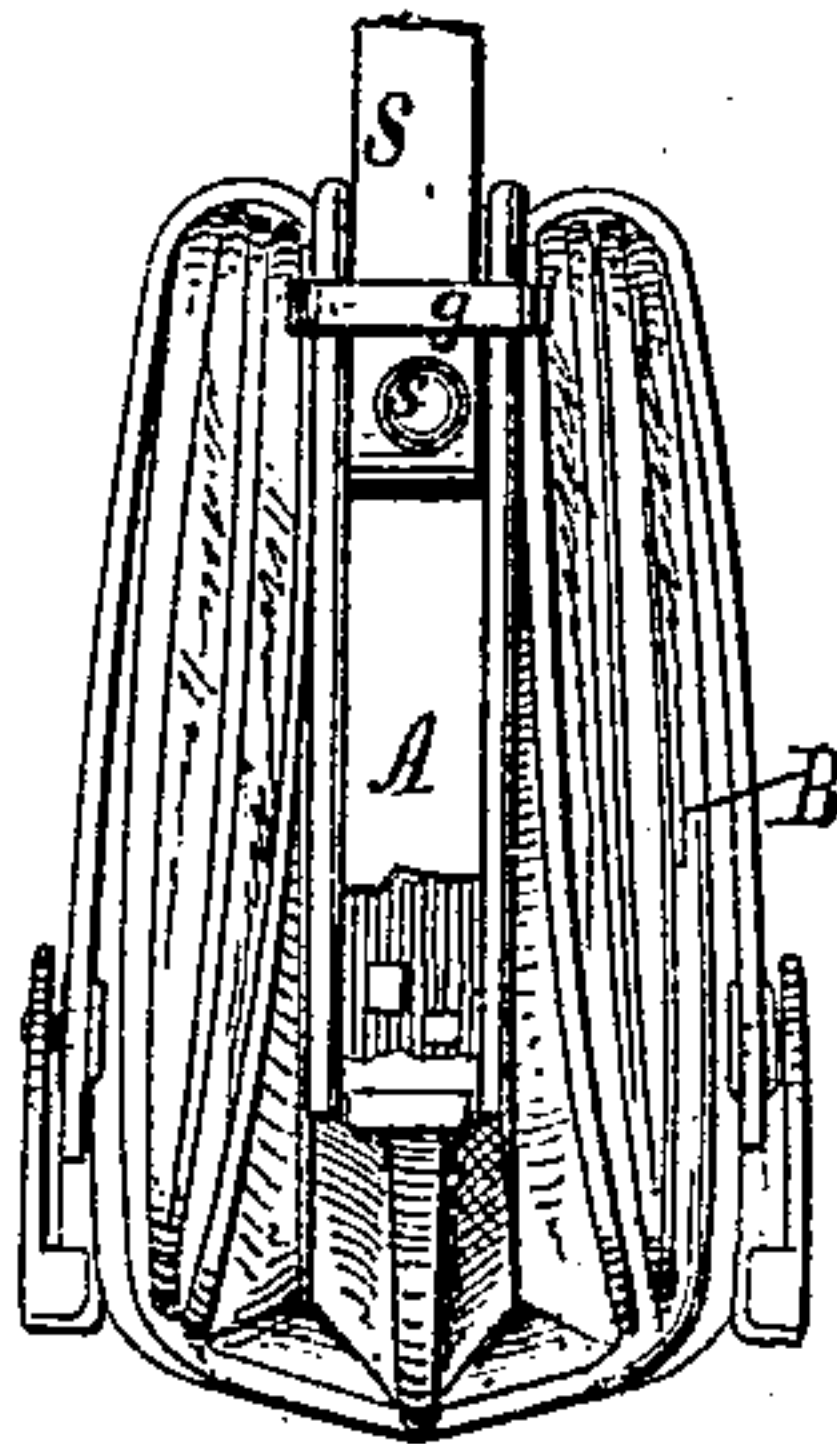


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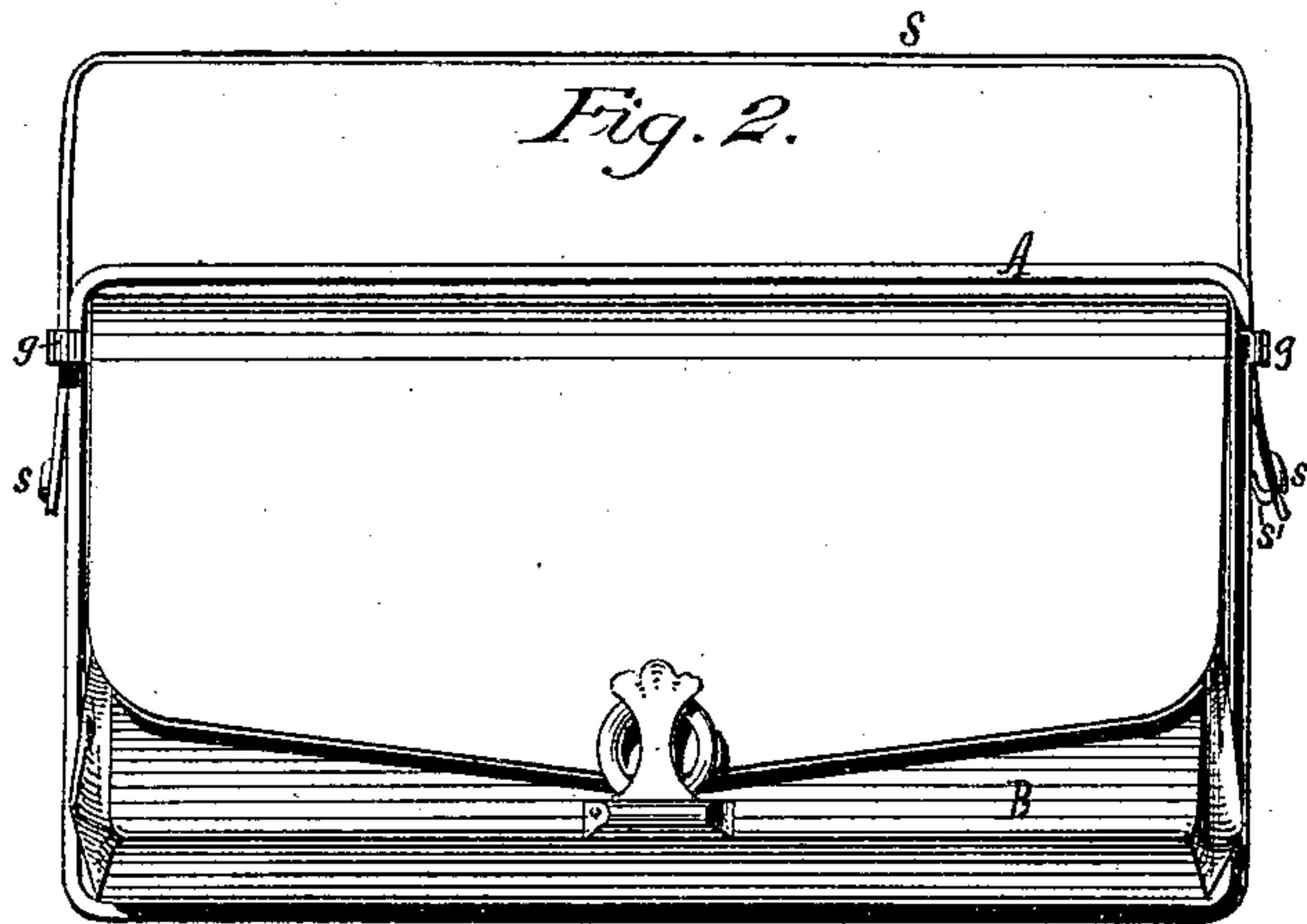


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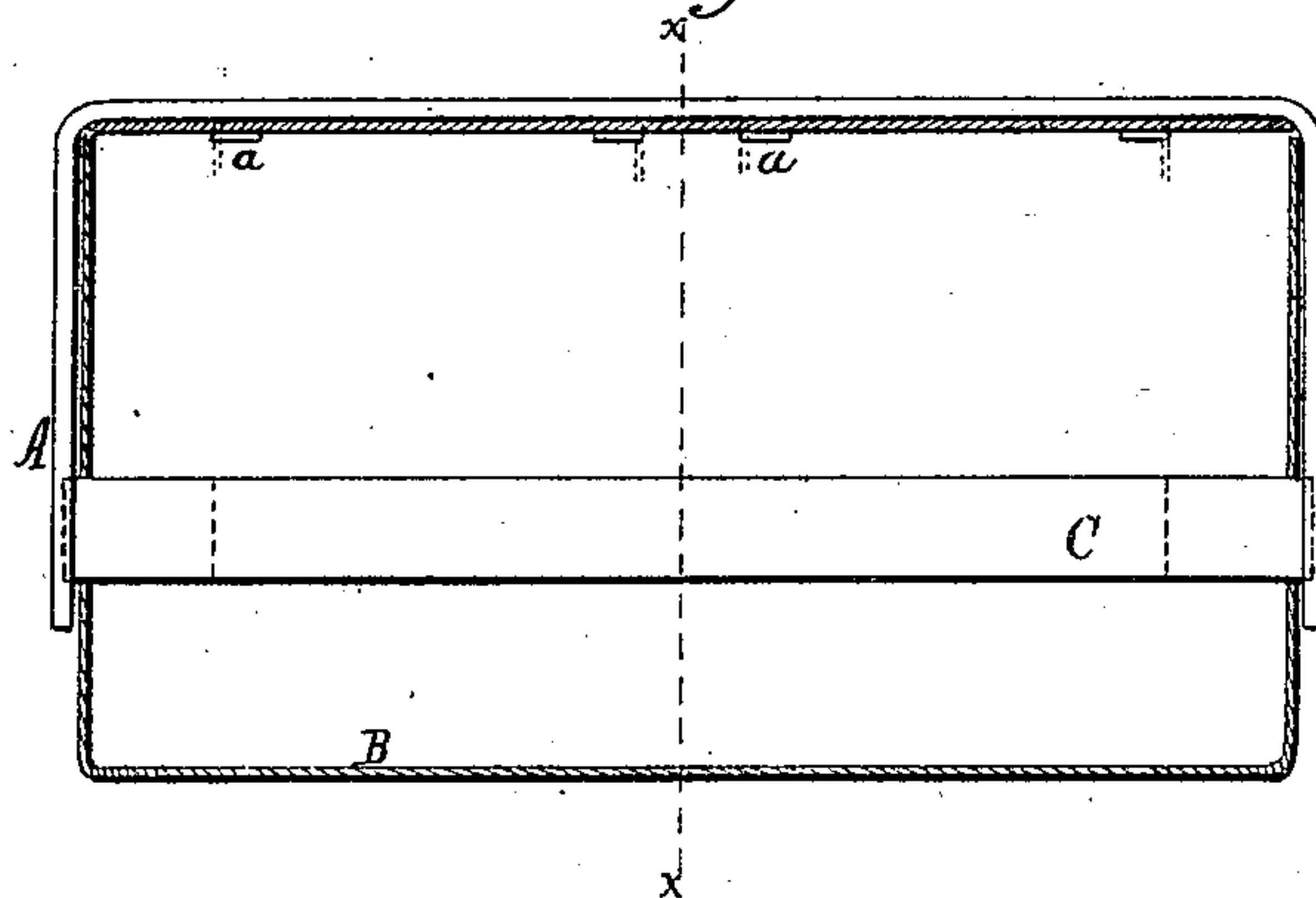
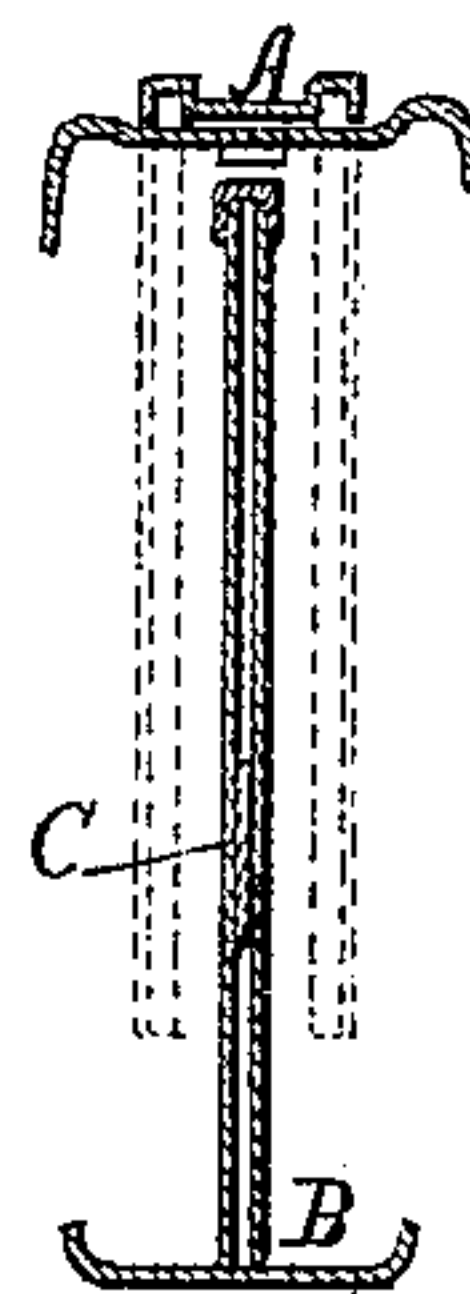


Fig. 4.



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POCKET-BOOK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERMAN J. LEHMAN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York city, in the county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements relating to Pocket-Books, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to pocket-books, and has for its object the protection and strengthening of the book. I accomplish this by placing a frame over the top and allowing it to extend as far down the ends as may be desired, or it may go all the way round the book. This frame is fastened to the top flap or cover, and, extending down the ends, is secured by a stay clinched to it and running in between the thicknesses of material composing the central wall of the book. When the frame extends entirely around the book it may lie either inside or outside of the cover at the bottom. On the ends of the book the frame is provided with guides, through which passes a strap, which can be used as a handle or pushed down out of the way.

In the drawings, the accompanying figures form a part of this specification, and represent what I consider the best means of carrying out the invention.

Figure 1 is an end view of a pocket-book of my improved construction. Fig. 2 is a corresponding side view. Fig. 3 is a central vertical section lengthwise of the pocket-book, the handle or movable band being removed; and Fig. 4 is a section at right angles to that shown on the line *xx* in Fig. 3.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts in all the figures.

A is the frame secured to the book B. The frame is struck from a piece of metal, and has fasteners *a* struck down to clinch upon and hold the separate piece or cover-flap.

C is the cross-stay, which passes through openings in the frame at the ends of the book, and is clinched or otherwise suitably fastened. It passes between the folds of the central division-wall of the pocket-book. It may extend entirely across from end to end, or it may be let into the folds of the wall only a short distance from either end and suitably fastened. Either of these forms embodies my invention. When the frame is placed entirely around the book this cross-stay may be dispensed with and the frame be fastened at the ends near the top to prevent its being twisted around and off of the book.

The fasteners *a* are passed through the parts to which the frame is to be secured, and bent over to form the fastening.

The frame, between its edges, is preferably covered with a strip of leather to correspond in appearance with the cover of the book.

The guides *g* are placed upon the frame at the ends near the top of the book, and through them passes the strap S, which, when pulled up, answers the purpose of a handle. To the ends of the strap are attached stops *s*, which prevent the strap from being pulled out of place.

When it is not desired to use the strap S as a handle it can be pushed down out of the way, and a hook, *s'*, may be used to hold it in place by engaging with the lower end of the frame or with a projection provided for the purpose.

The frame is particularly adapted to be used upon books which open on both sides, and its utility in giving them strength and preserving their form is great. It makes a book much lighter and neater than those which have a clasp and jaws extending and opening entirely or even partially around, and at the same time it is quite as strong.

The usefulness of my frame may, for making very cheap work, be attained in some degree by riveting the frame A, or clinching projections like *a'* directly to the leather of the pocket-book at the bottom.

I am aware that pocket-books have been made with a sliding handle moving in guides at the end of the book, and I lay no claim to such.

What I claim is—

1. In a pocket-book having interior walls and chambers and an outside stiffening-frame, the cross-stays C, passing in between the interior wall of the book, as set forth.

2. In a pocket-book, the frame A and cross-stay C, the former extending around, or partially around, said book, and the latter passing between the surfaces of one of the interior walls thereof, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, at New York city, New York, this 12th day of May, 1880, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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