

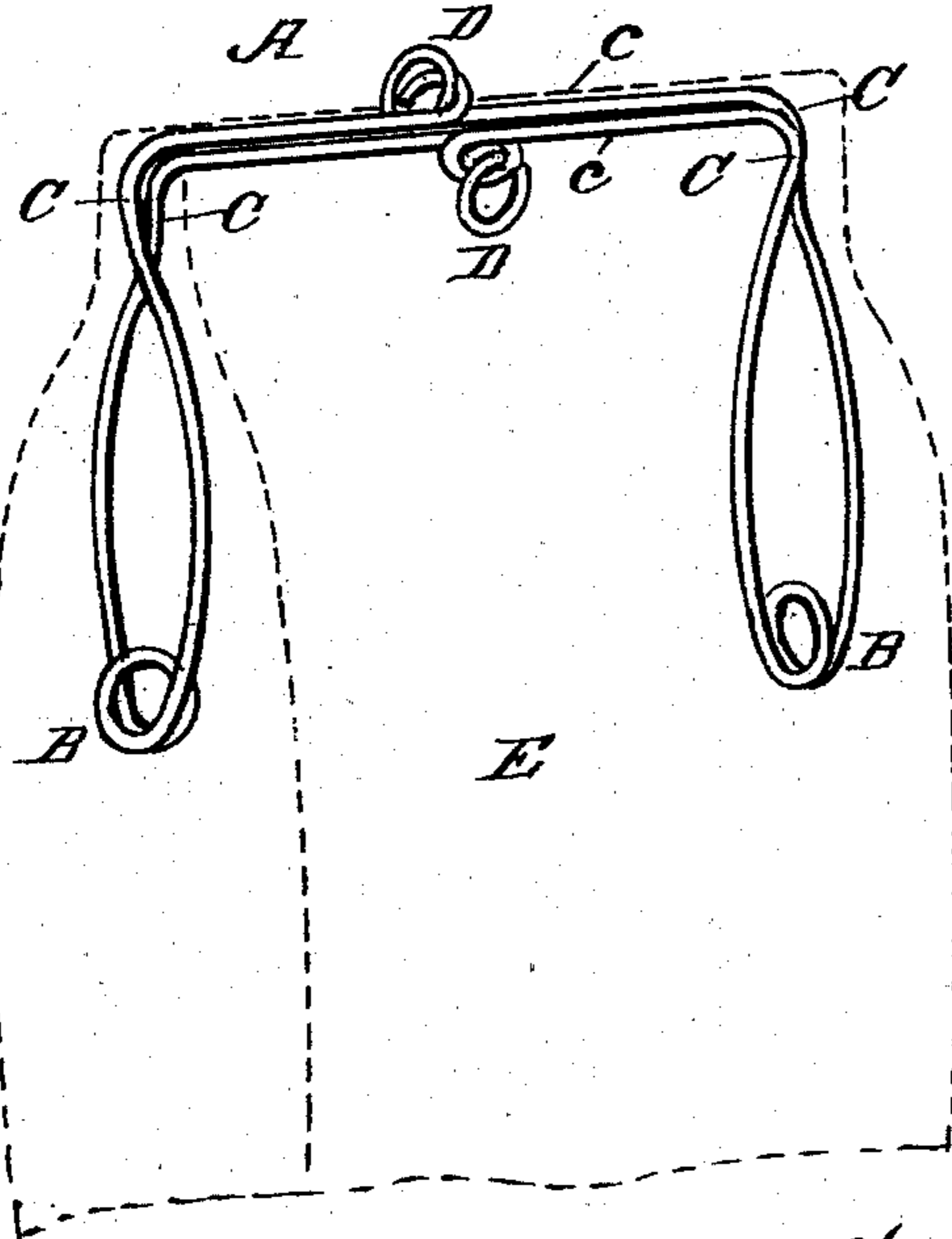
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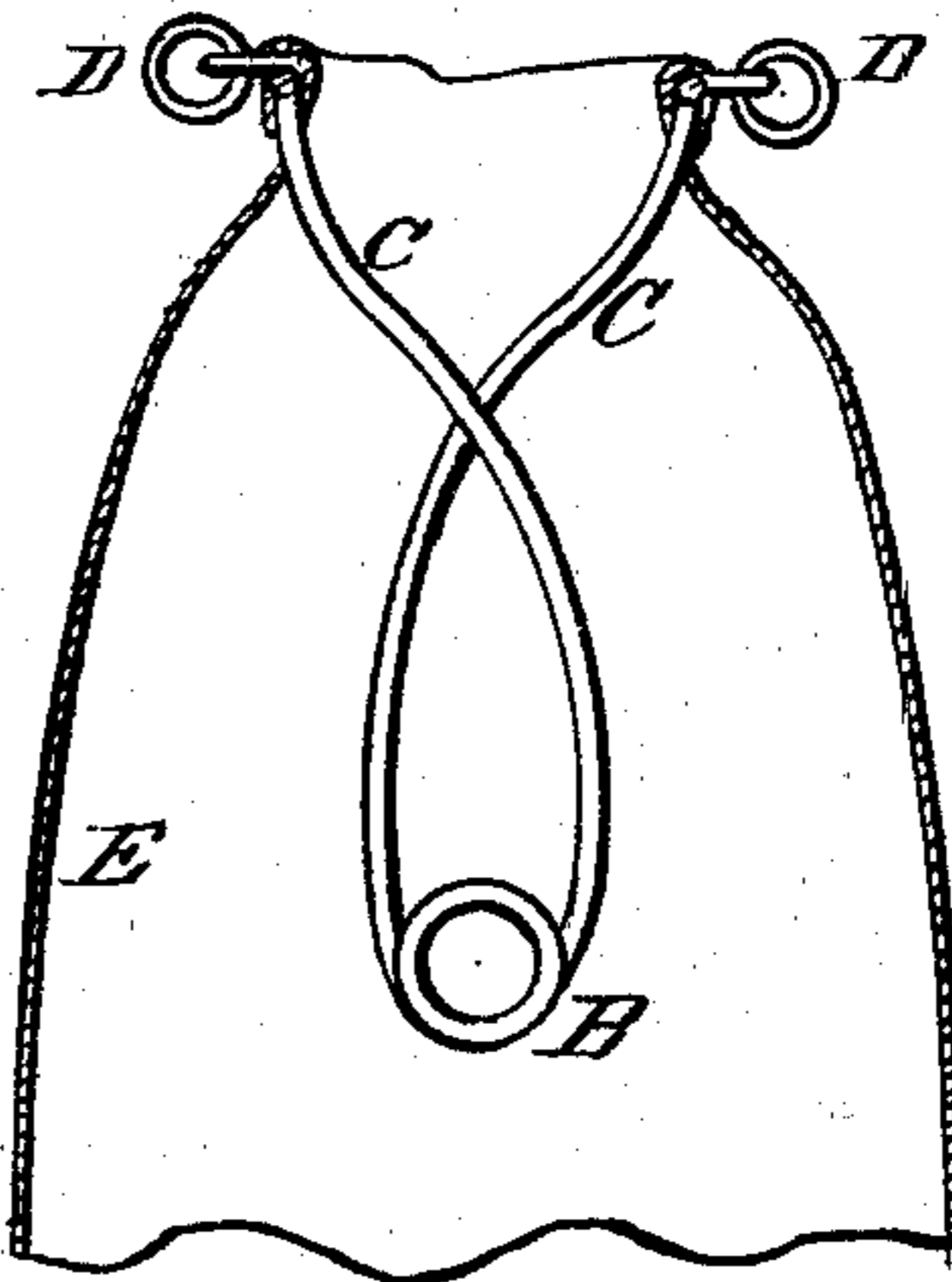
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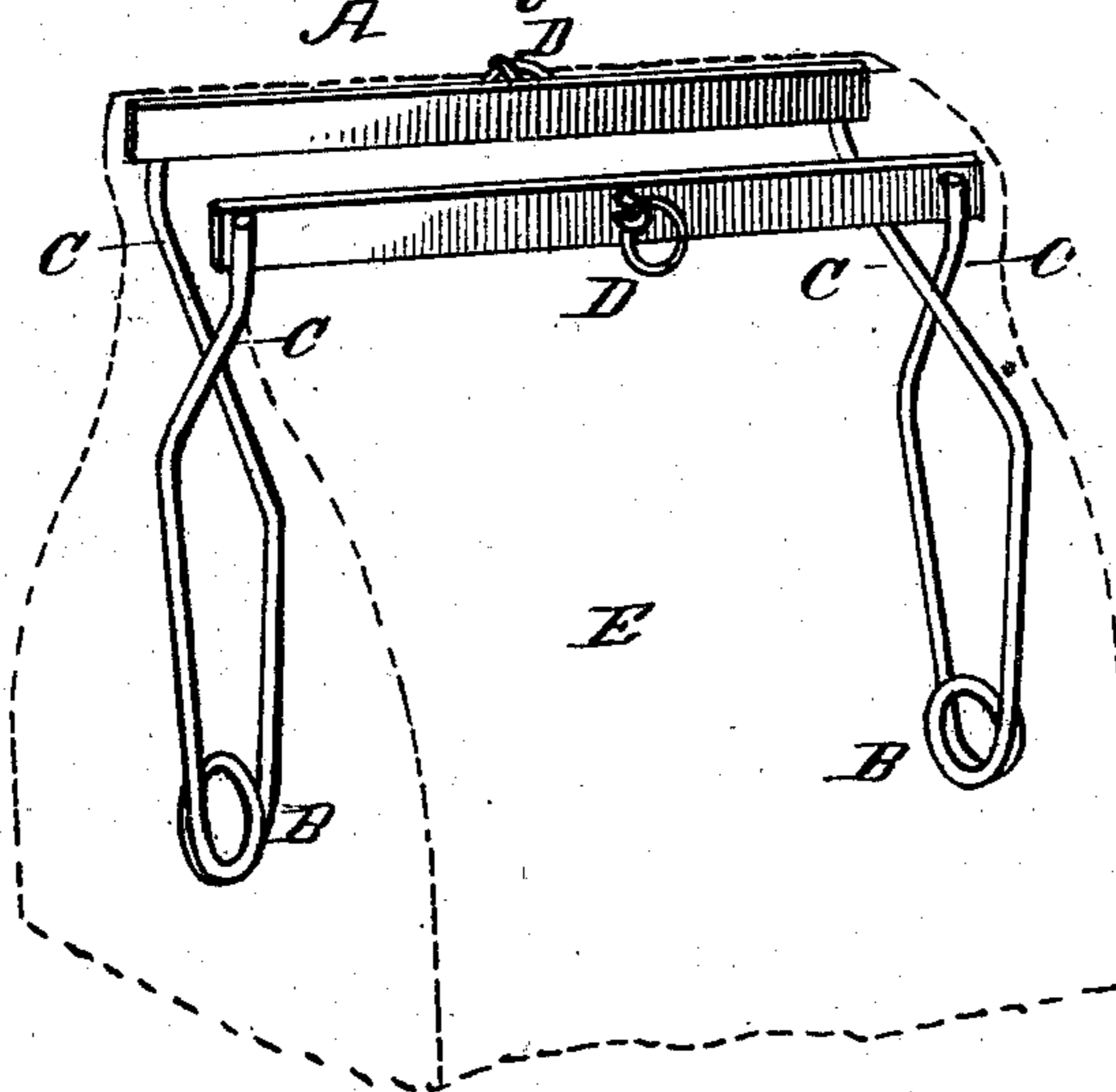
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## TOBACCO-POUCH FRAME.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MICHAEL I. WELLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the county of Washington and District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Frames for Tobacco-Pouches, &c.; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable  
10 others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

15 My invention relates to tobacco-pouches, satchels, and the like; and the novelty consists in the construction and arrangement of parts, as will be more fully hereinafter set forth, and specifically pointed out in the claims.

20 The object of the invention is to give to the mouth of the pouch a constant closing force, and the means for the same being adapted to be manipulated at will to overcome the constant force, as will be observed by reference to  
25 the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the spring-frame closed, showing the pouch in dotted lines; Fig. 2, a vertical section, showing the frame open; and Fig. 3, a perspective view of a modified form of frame, showing pouch in dotted lines.  
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Referring to the drawings, A indicates a spring-wire frame adapted to be secured to and serve with an ordinary pouch for tobacco or  
35 the like. This frame A is preferably formed of a single piece of wire. This single piece of wire is bent upon itself to form a volute, convolute, spiral, or other spring, as seen at B, and the spring force of which serves to keep  
40 the mouth of the pouch in a closed condition. The wire extends from the spring or volute por-

tion upward, forming cross-arms C, which terminate in a horizontal portion, *c*, and are welded. The ends of the wire may be conveniently bent to form an eye, in which a convenient ring, D, is secured, and the middle of the opposite  
45 portion *c* also furnished with a similar ring.

It will be observed that the cross-arms C allow the operator to conveniently open the mouth of the pouch by simple finger-pressure, and that the constant force of the spring tends  
50 to keep the mouth of the pouch closed.

The bag E is secured to the frame described in such manner that the spring force will serve to keep the pouch-mouth closed except when  
55 the arms C are compressed, overcoming the spring action, as will be obvious.

Various modifications of my improved device may be made without departing from the principle of my invention or sacrificing the advantages thereof—such, for instance, as is  
60 shown in Fig. 3.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—  
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1. A tobacco-pouch having a frame composed of the spring portion B, the spring force of which serves to keep the mouth of the pouch in a closed condition, the cross-arm C, by which the spring-pressure may be overcome at will, and the horizontal portion *c*, substantially as  
70 specified.

2. The frame A, formed into spring portion B, cross-arms C *c*, and having eyed portions, combined with the rings D and bag E, as  
75 specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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