

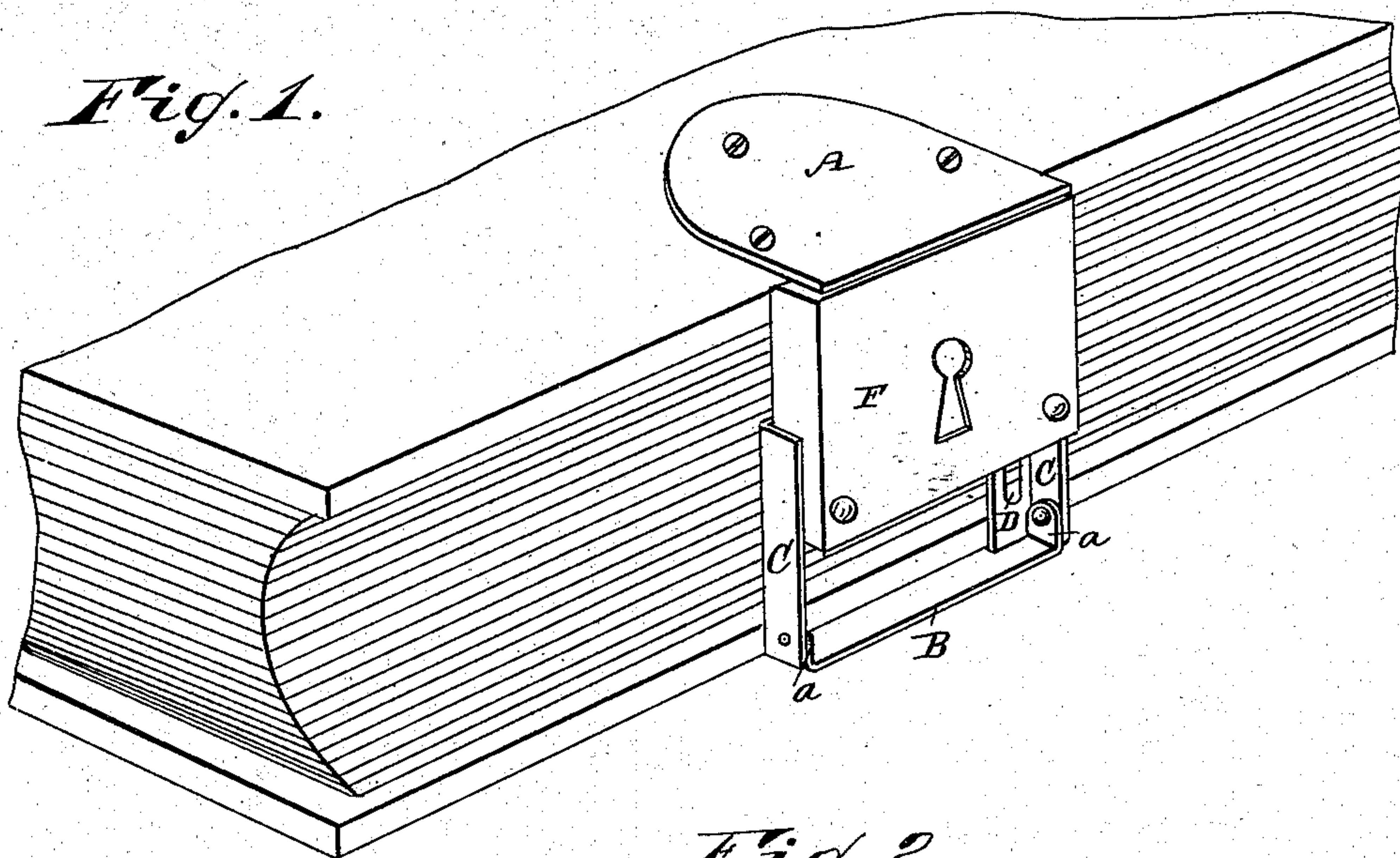
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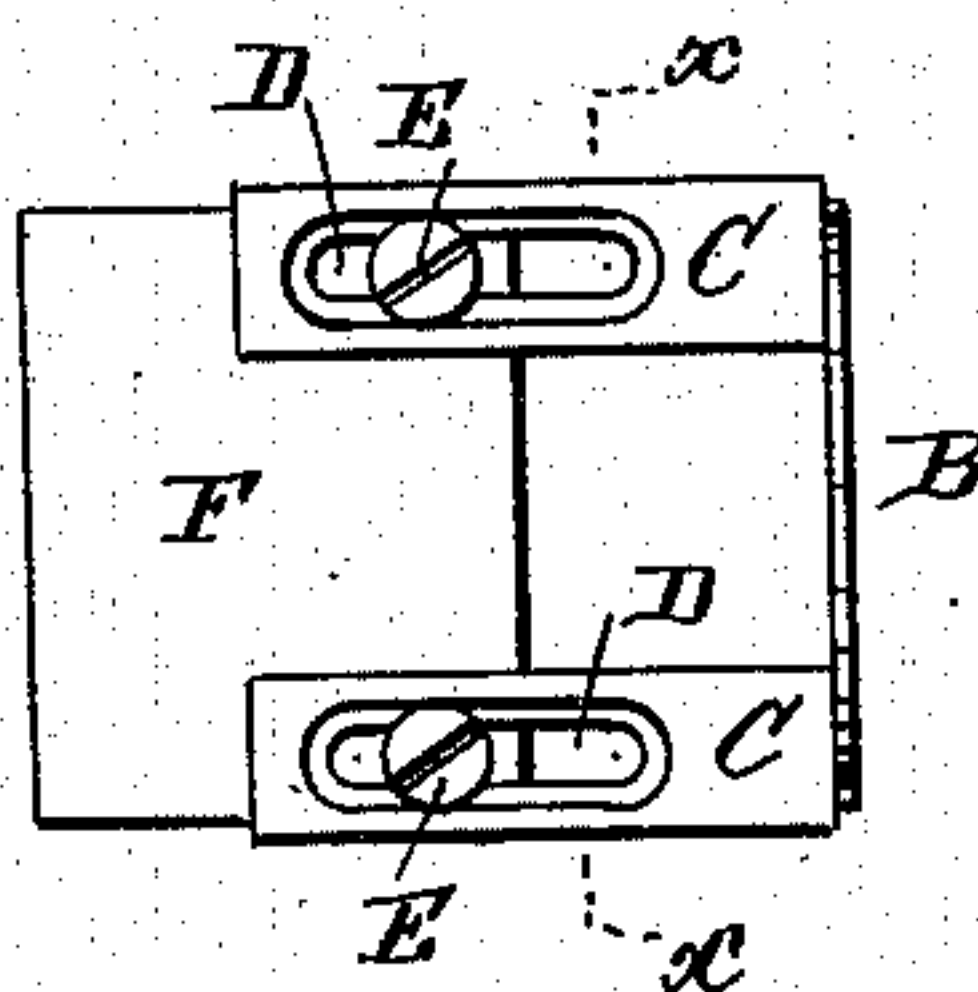
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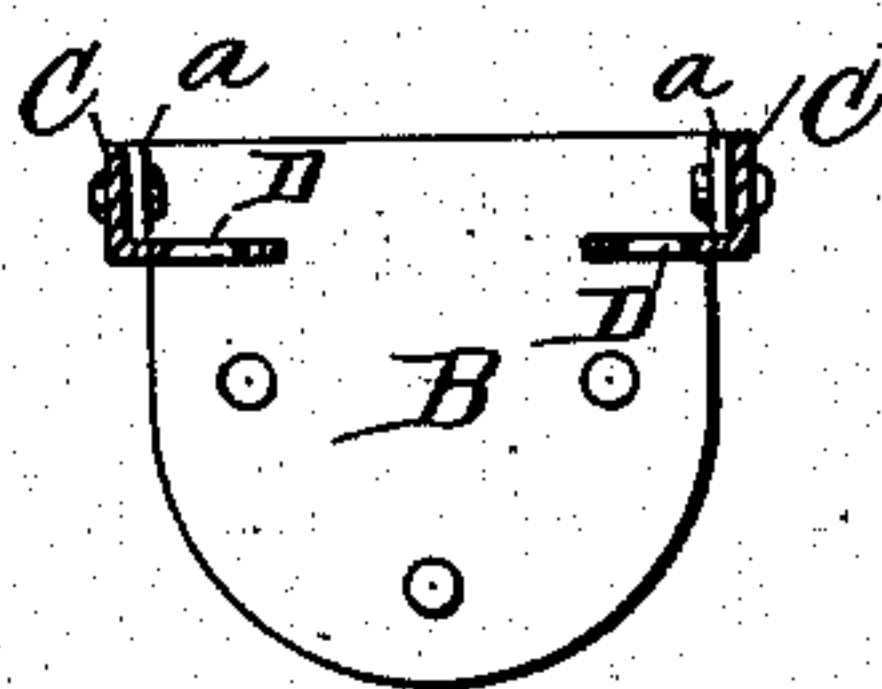
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## ADJUSTABLE BOOK-LOCK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MORTIMER C. OGDEN, of Brooklyn, Kings county, New York, have invented a new and Improved Adjustable Book-Lock, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to that class of locks adapted to be fastened to the free edges of the covers of books for the purpose of holding the books closed, to relieve the back from strain and keep the contents of the book from public perusal when desired.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved book-lock which can be adjusted according to the thickness of the book.

The invention consists in a lock-casing held adjustably between two longitudinally-slotted angle-pieces pivoted to a plate adapted to be fastened to a cover of the book, to permit swinging the lock-casing down when the book is to be opened.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of part of a book provided with my improved adjustable book-lock. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the lock. Fig. 3 is a sectional plan of the same on the line *x x*, Fig. 2.

The lock is held on the book by two plates, A B, secured on the outer surface of the covers in some suitable manner, which plates can be made more or less ornamental, and both plates project slightly over the edges of the book-covers. The plate B, secured to the bottom cover, is provided at the ends of the outer edge with upwardly-projecting jaws *a*, to which angle-pieces C or flat strips are pivoted, angle-pieces being preferred. Those parts of the angle-pieces parallel with the edges of the covers are each provided with a longitudinal slot, D, through each of which slots a screw, E,

passes into the lower part of the inner side or back of a lock-casing, F, held between those parts of the angle-pieces C at right angles to the edges of the book-covers. The plate A is provided with one or more catches or hooks on the under side of its projecting edge, which catches are adapted to pass into slots or openings in the top of the lock-casing. The angle-pieces C, holding the lock-casing, can be swung down from the edge of the book when the book is opened.

The lock-casing F can easily be adjusted higher or lower, so that its upper edge will always be flush with the upper edge of the upper cover, and the catches on the plate A can easily be passed into the openings in the top edge of the casing without bending the cover.

The mechanism of the lock can be of any desired kind, as the same can be provided with a barrel, spindle, or flat key, or with a spring catch or bolt.

The edges of the slots D are preferably beveled, so that the screw-heads will be countersunk and cannot be turned or loosened from the side edges of the lock, and cannot be reached when the book is closed and locked.

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

1. An adjustable book-lock, made substantially as herein shown and described, and consisting of a lock-casing held adjustably on angle-pieces or strips on a plate adapted to be fastened on the book-cover, as set forth.

2. In an adjustable book-lock, the combination, with the plates A B, of the longitudinally-slotted angle-pieces C, pivoted to the plate B, and the locking-casing F, held by screws E between the angle-pieces C, substantially as herein shown and described.

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