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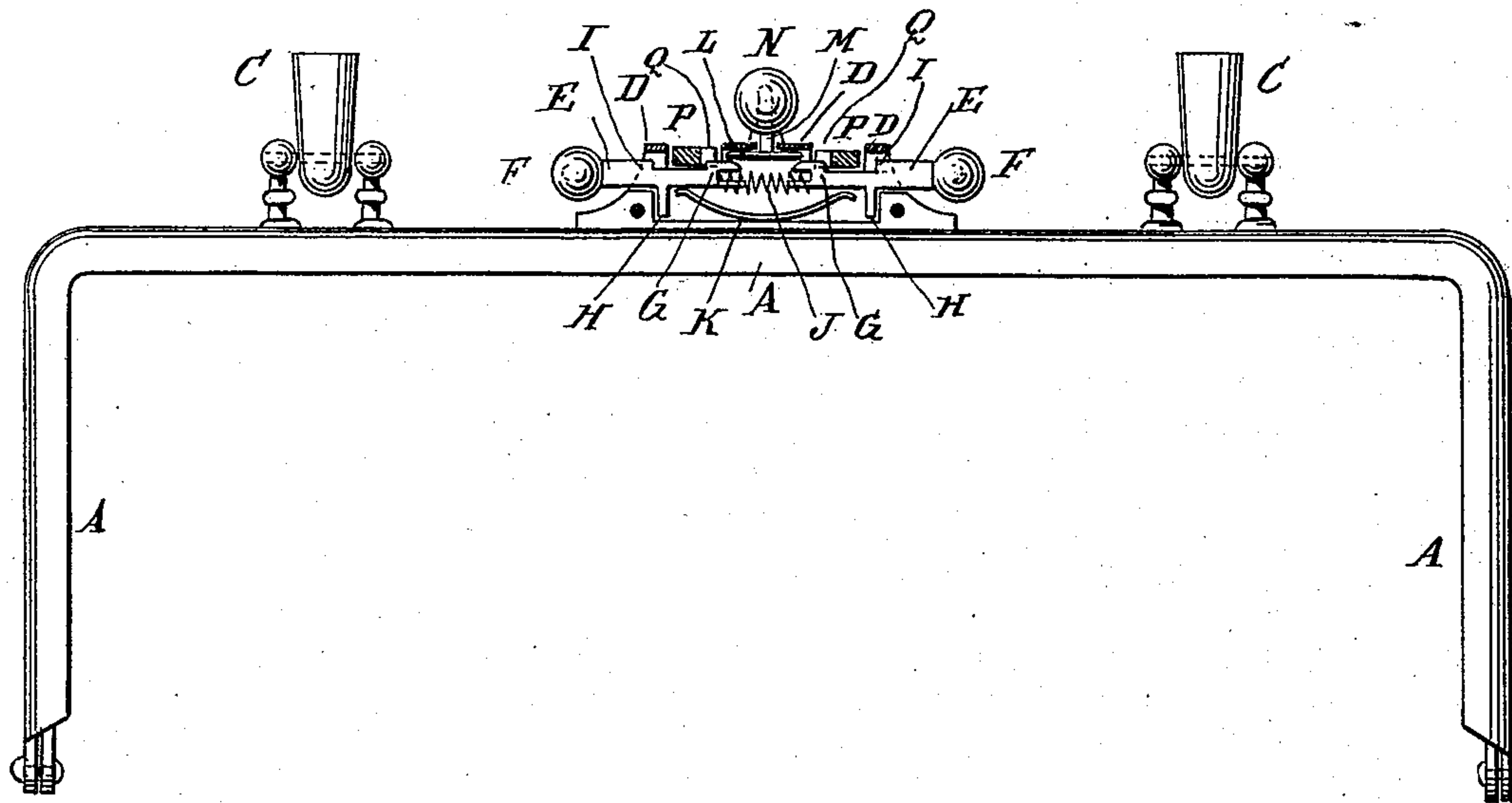
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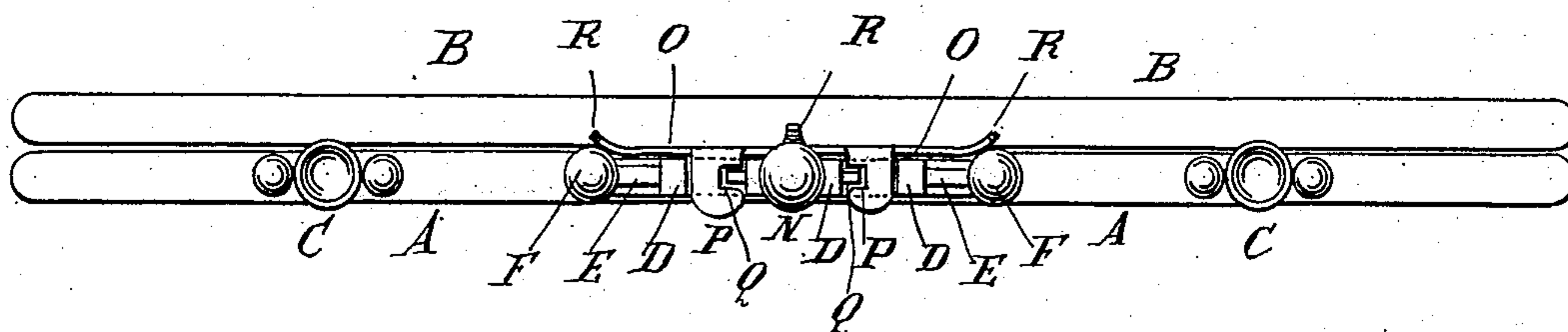
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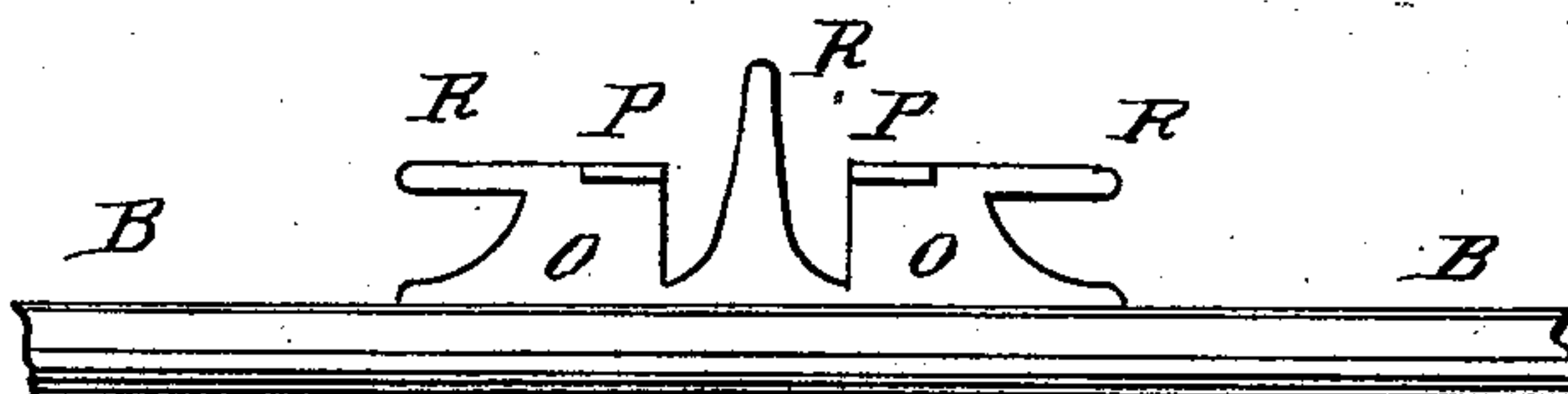
*Fig: 1.*



*Fig: 2.*



*Fig: 3.*



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## FASTENING FOR BAG, POCKET-BOOK, OR PURSE FRAMES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LOUIS B. PRAHAR, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful  
5 Improvement in Fastenings for Bag, Pocket-Book, or Purse Frames, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

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

Figure 1 is a sectional side elevation of one of my improved fastenings, shown as applied to a bag-frame. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the  
15 same. Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the catch-plate.

The object of this invention is to provide fastenings for bag, pocket-book, or purse frames constructed in such a manner that  
20 they can be unfastened by either a lateral or a vertical pressure, and which shall be simple in construction, inexpensive in manufacture, and reliable in use.

The invention relates to a fastening for bag, pocket-book, or purse frames constructed with a case provided with two latches held in place by two springs, and a plate and rod engaging with the inner ends of the said latches, whereby the fastening can be unlocked from  
25 the ends or center, as will be hereinafter fully described and then claimed.

A B represent the parts of a bag-frame, which are made connected and provided with handle-sockets C in the ordinary manner.

To one part of the frame, as A, is attached a small case, D, through openings in the ends of which slide two latches, E. Upon the outer ends of the latches E are formed, or to them are attached, balls or knobs F, and upon their  
35 inner ends are formed shoulders G, to engage with the catches, to be hereinafter described. The latches E are provided with projections H, to engage with the ends of the case D and prevent the said latches from being pushed  
40 out too far, and upon their upper sides are formed shoulders I, to engage with the outer or smooth edges of the catches and prevent the said latches from being pushed to far. The inner ends of the latches E are slotted,

and upon the lower prongs thus formed are placed the ends of a spiral spring, J, by the elasticity of which the said latches are pressed outward.

Beneath the inner ends of the latches E rest the ends of a curved spring, K, the convexed middle part of which rests upon the bottom of the case D, so that the said inner ends of the latches will be held up by the elasticity of the said spring.

Upon the upper side of the inner ends of the latches E rest the ends of a short plate, L, to the center of which is attached the inner end of a short rod, M, which passes out through a hole in the center of the top of the case D, and has a ball or knob, N, attached  
60 to or formed upon its outer end.

To the other part, as B, of the frame is attached a plate, O, upon the upper part of which, upon the opposite sides of and equally distant from its center, are formed laterally-projecting catches P, in the inner edges of which are formed recesses Q, to engage with the shoulders G of the latches E and lock the fastening. The inner corners of the catches P are inclined or rounded, so that when the frame is closed the said catches will push back, pass, and engage with the latches E, fastening the frame automatically.

Upon the center and ends of the catch-plate O are formed fingers R, the ends of which are slightly curved or inclined outward and rest against the sides of the balls or knobs F F N, so that when the said knobs are pressed inward to unfasten the bag the said knobs will press back the catch-plate O and withdraw the catches P so far that the latches E will not engage with the said catches when the said knobs or balls are released, and the said latches are forced back into their former position by the springs J K.

By this construction a bag can be unfastened with one hand while being held by the other hand. With this construction the bag can be unfastened by pressing the end balls or knobs, F, inward, or by pressing the center knob, N, downward, either movement pushing the inner ends of the latches E out of engagement with the catches P.



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

In a fastening for bag, pocket-book, or  
purse frames, the combination, with the case  
5 D, of the two latches E, the springs J K, and  
the plate and rod L M, substantially as here-  
in shown and described, whereby the fasten-

ings can be unlocked from the ends or center,  
as set forth.

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