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Fig: 1.

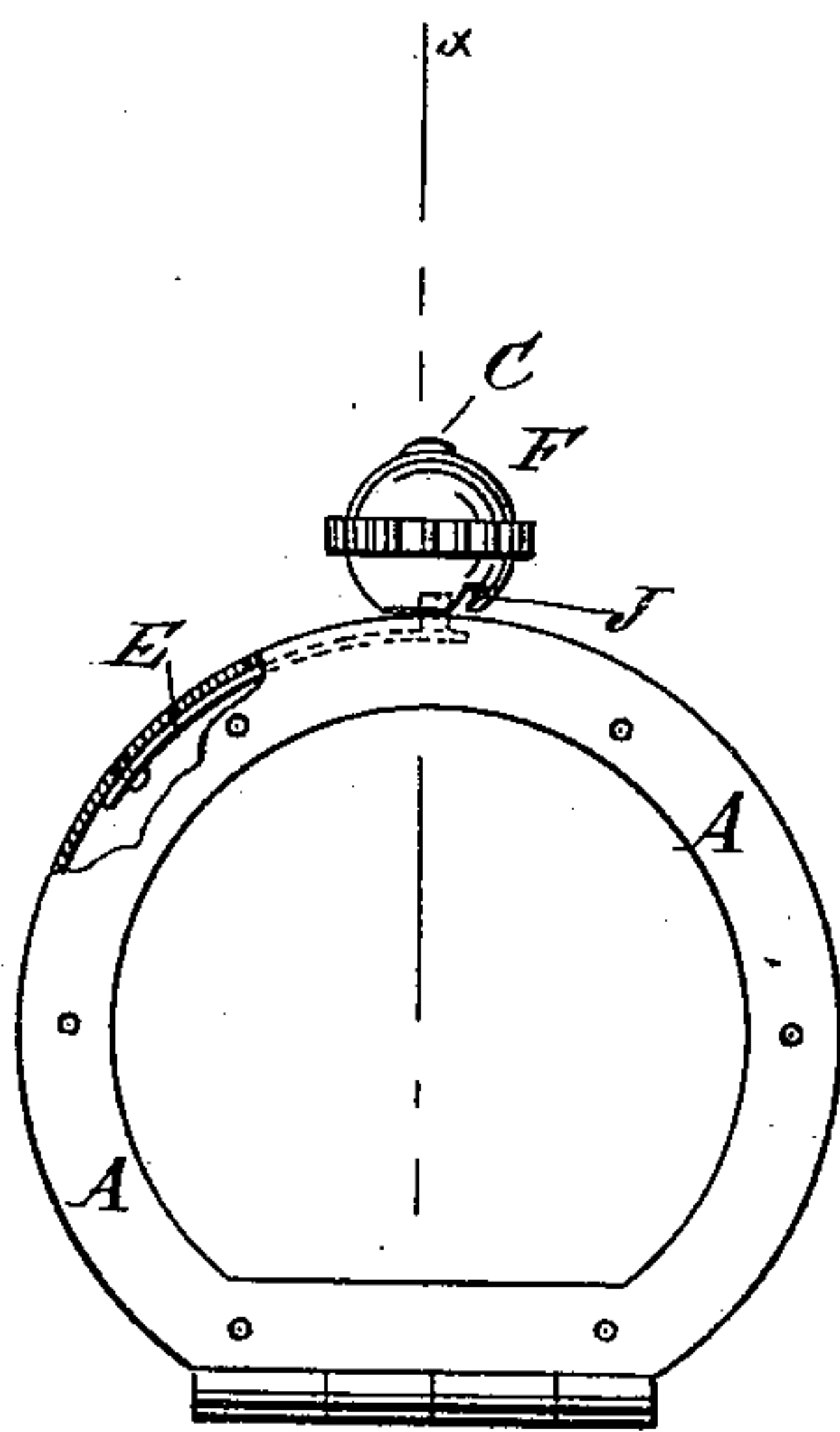


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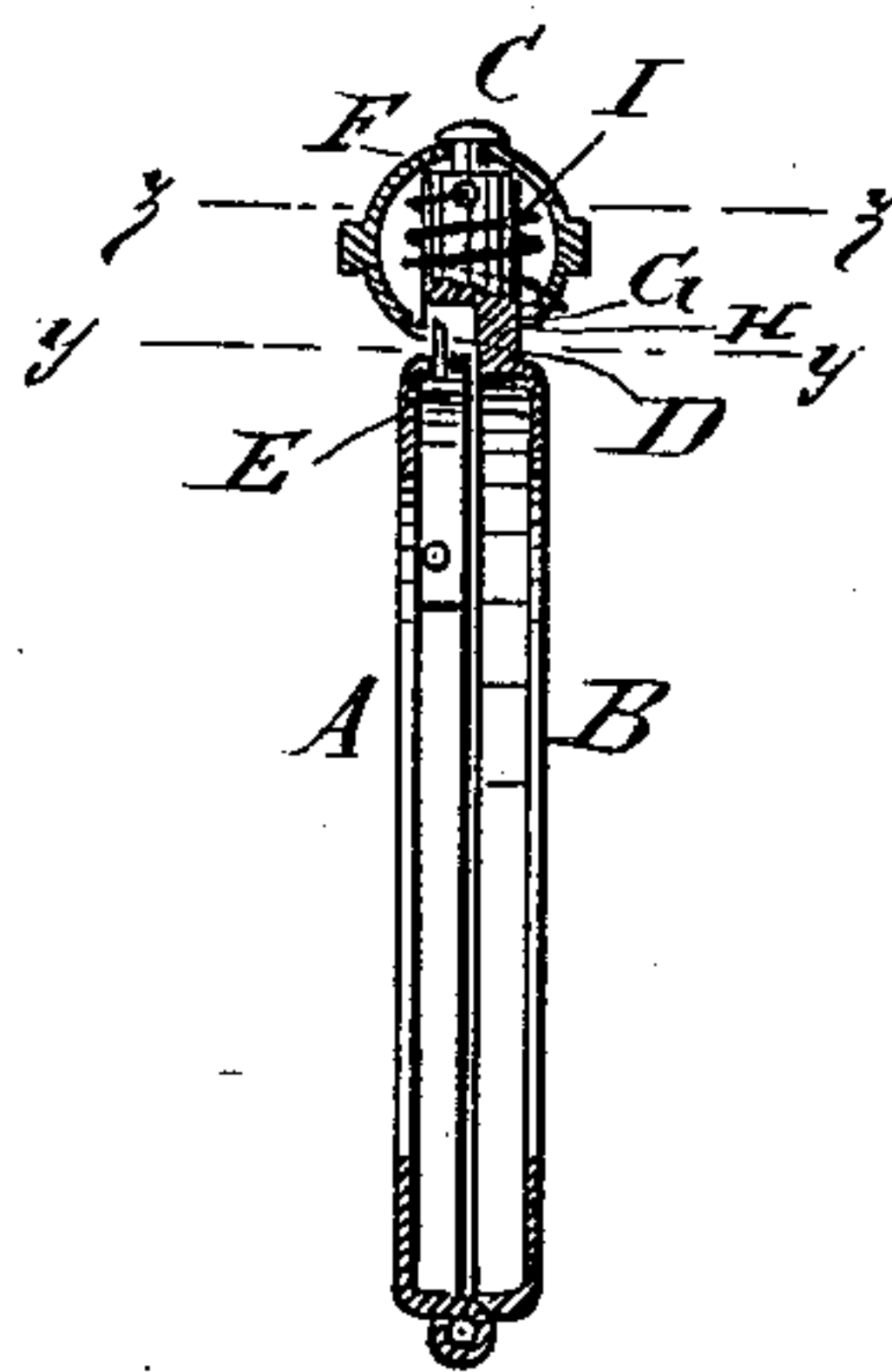


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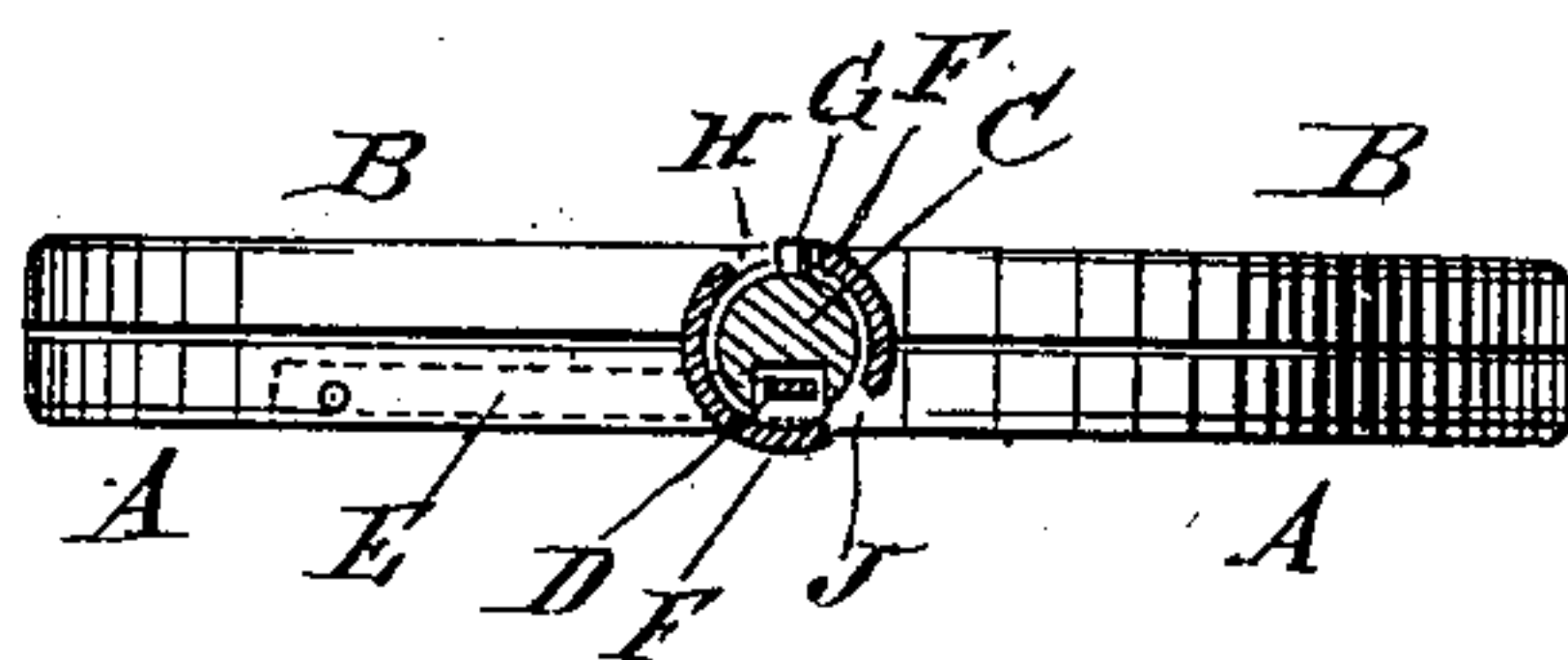
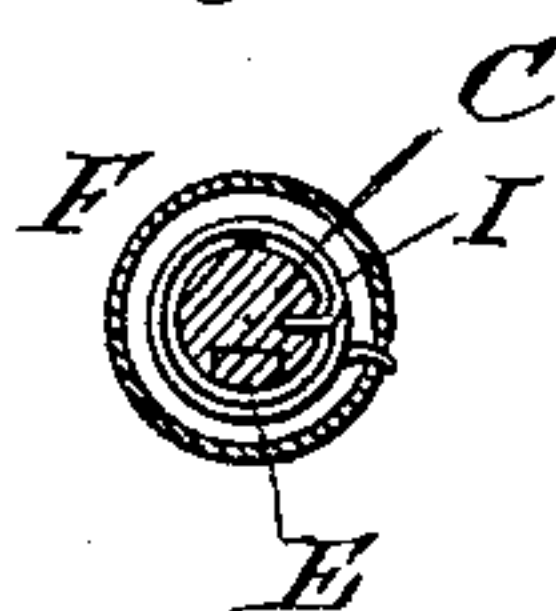


Fig: 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, LOUIS B. PRAHAR and CHARLES S. SHEPARD, both of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fastenings for Purse, Pocket-Book, and Hand-Bag Frames, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

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

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a purse-frame to which our improvement has been applied, part being broken away. Fig. 2 is a sectional edge elevation of the same taken through the line *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a sectional plan view of the same taken through the line *y y*, Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a sectional plan view of a part of the same taken through the line *z z*, Fig. 2.

The object of this invention is to provide fastenings for purse, pocket-book, and hand-bag frames constructed in such a manner that they will hold the said frames securely closed, and can be readily fastened and unfastened.

The invention consists in the combination, with the frame, the stem attached to one part of the frame, the hollow rotary thumb-piece mounted upon the stem, and the spiral spring connecting the said stem and thumb-piece, of the spring-latch attached to the other part of the frame, and engaging with the said stem and thumb-piece, as will be hereinafter fully described.

A B represent the two parts of the frame, which parts are hinged to each other in the ordinary manner. To the outer side of one of the parts, as B, is soldered, riveted, or otherwise firmly secured a stem, C. In the lower part of the stem C, at the side adjacent to the part A of the frame, is formed a recess, D, to receive the projection formed upon the outer side of the free end of the spring-latch E, and projecting through a hole in the flange of the said part A, and hold the parts of the frame from lateral movement upon each other. The spring-latch E is fitted against the inner side of the flange of the part A of the frame, and is secured at its other end to the said flange by a rivet or other suitable means.

Upon the stem C is placed a hollow thumb-piece, F, in the top of which is formed a hole to receive a stud formed upon the upper end

of the stem C, and having its upper end headed down to pivot the said thumb-piece to the said stem. The movement of the thumb-piece F is limited by a pin, G, attached to the lower part of the stem C, and which projects into a recess, H, in the lower edge of the said thumb-piece F.

Upon the stem C, within the thumb-piece F, is placed a spiral spring, I, one end of which is attached to the stem C, and its other end is attached to the thumb-piece F, and which is made with sufficient tension to hold the edge of the thumb-piece F at one end of the recess H against the pin G. In the lower edge of the thumb-piece F is formed a recess, J, in such a position as to be directly opposite the recess D in the stem C when the said thumb-piece has been turned against the tension of the spring I to bring the edge of the said thumb-piece at the other end of the recess H against the pin G, so that the projection of the latch E can pass through the said recess J. The inner side of the upper end of the projection of the spring-latch E is beveled, so that it will be pushed down by the rounded surface of the thumb-piece F and fasten the frame automatically when the frame is being closed. With this construction the fastening cannot be unfastened without turning the thumb-piece F to bring the recess J directly opposite the recess D, when the projection of the spring-latch E can pass through the said recess J freely.

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

The combination, with the frame A B, the stem C, attached to one part of the said frame and having the recess D, the hollow rotary thumb-piece F, mounted upon and pivoted to the said stem, and the spiral spring I, attached to the said stem and thumb-piece, of the spring-latch E, secured to the other part of the said frame, and engaging with the said stem and thumb-piece, substantially as herein shown and described, whereby the said fastening can be readily fastened and unfastened, and will hold the frame securely closed, as set forth.

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