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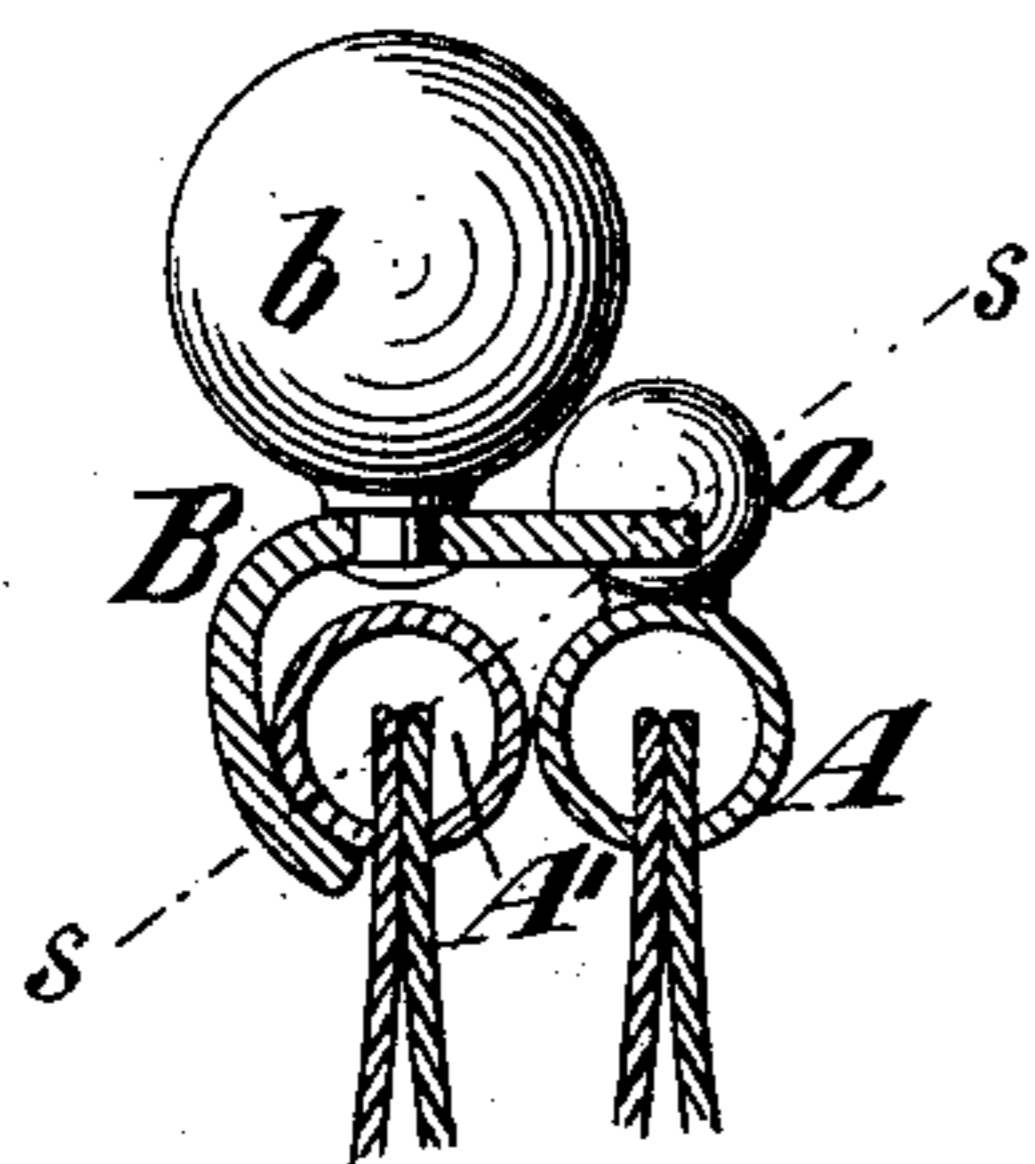
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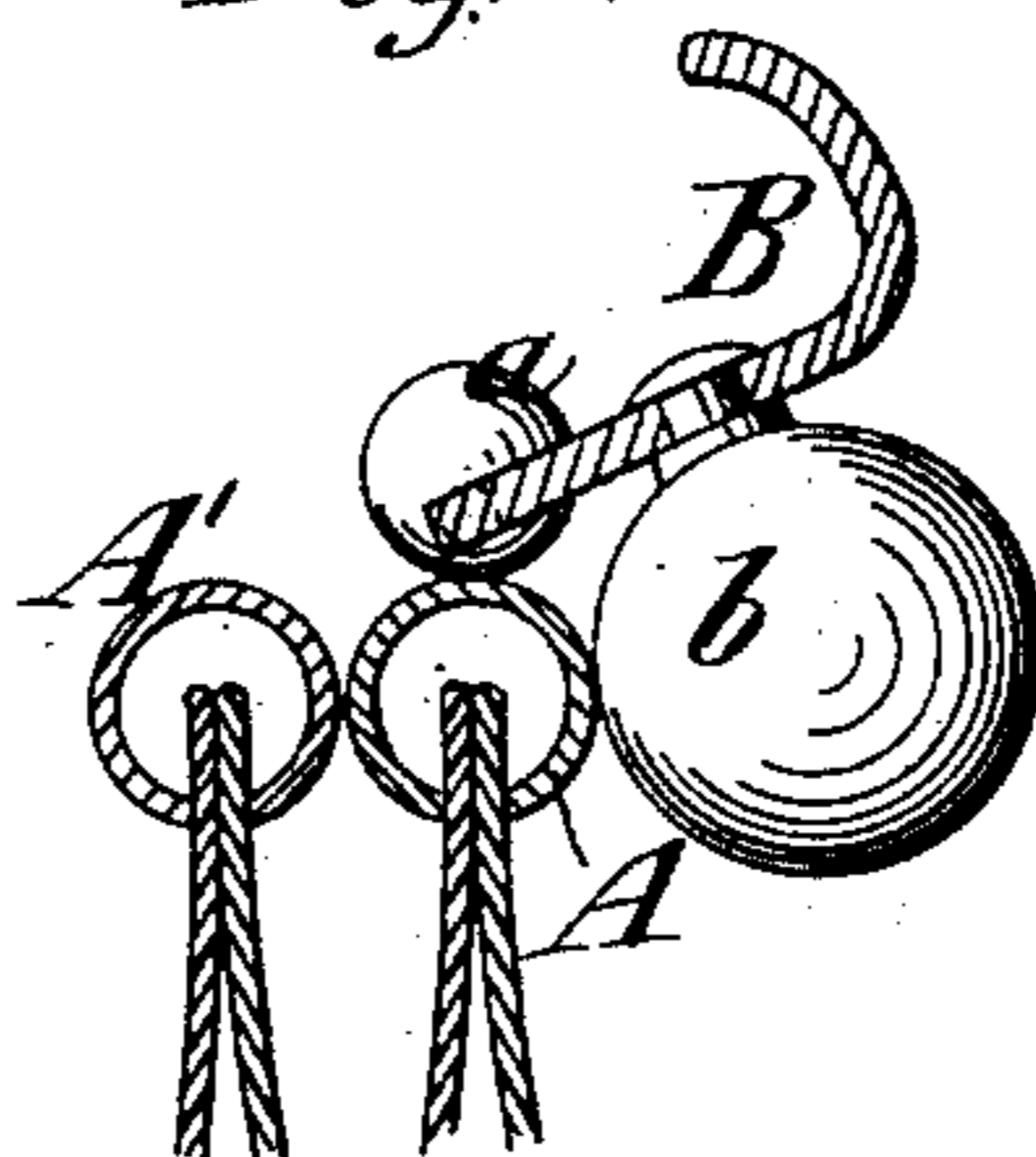
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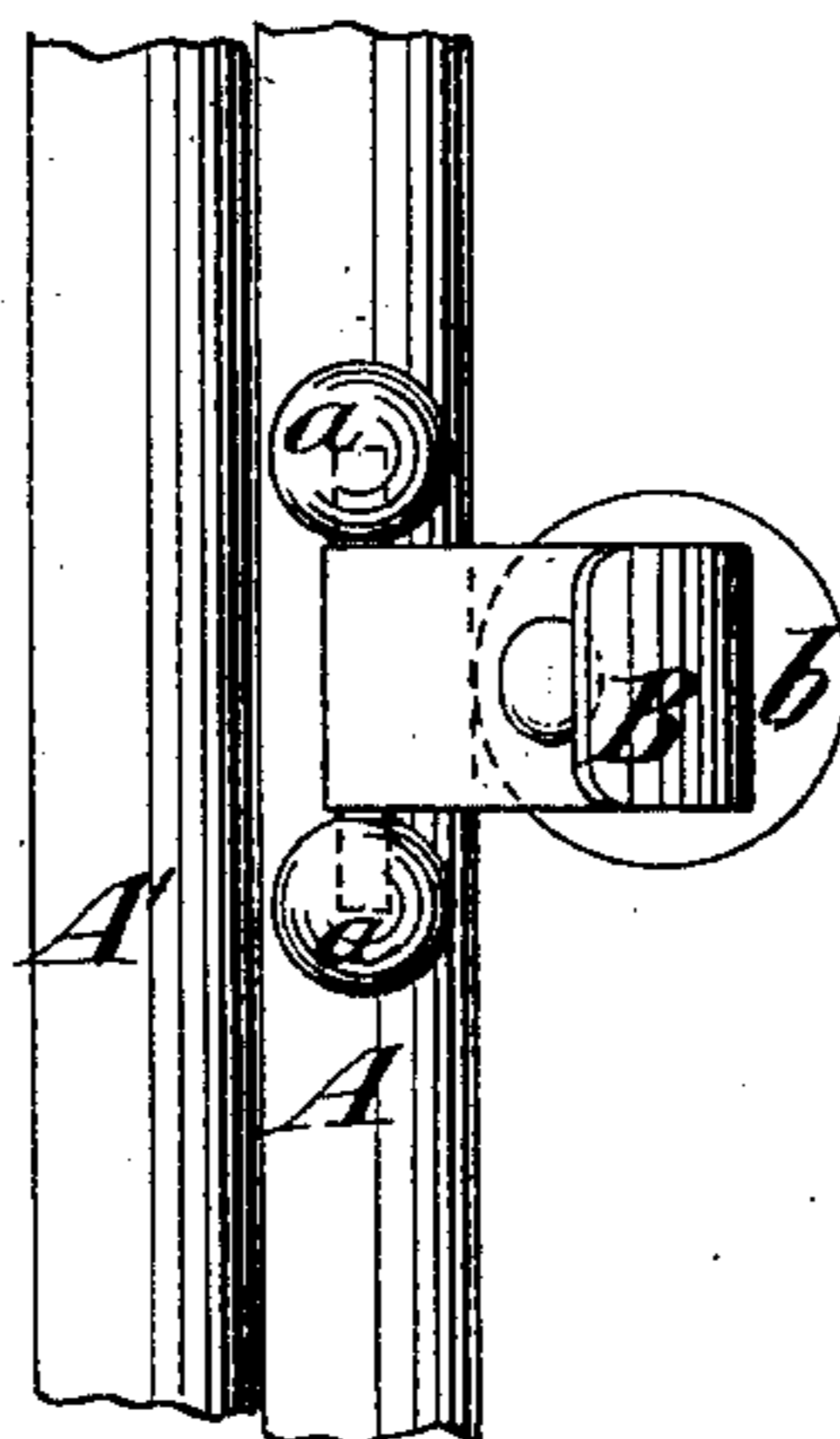
*Fig1.*



*Fig2.*



*Fig3.*



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## CLASP FOR SATCHELS AND POCKET-BOOKS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, OTTO A. LEHMAN, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful  
5 Improvement in Clasps for Satchels and Pocket-Books, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to clasps which are employed upon the two parallel portions of  
10 the frames of satchels and pocket-books, for holding them in secure engagement to close the satchel or pocket-book, and which may be readily unfastened.

The object of the invention is to provide a  
15 very simple clasp which will project but little from the frame, whether it be open or closed, and which, when pivoted to one portion of the frame, may engage directly with the other portion thereof without the employment of  
20 any knobs or analogous projections upon the last-mentioned frame portion.

The invention consists, essentially, in the combination, with two parallel frame portions of a satchel or pocket-book frame, of a clasp  
25 consisting of a hook pivoted to one frame portion and engaging directly with the other frame portion, the hook having its beak curved inward and rearward relatively to the shank, so that its point or outer extremity will pass  
30 beyond the point in the frame portion with which it engages, which is most distant in a direct line from the pivot of the hook.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a transverse section of two parallel frame portions of a satchel or pocket-book frame which  
35 are connected by my improved clasp, the clasp being shown as adjusted to a position to close the satchel or pocket-book. Fig. 2 is a similar sectional view, the clasp being adjusted to  
40 its open position, so that the satchel or pocket-book may be opened; and Fig. 3 is a plan of the parallel frame portions and the clasp, showing the latter in its unfastened position, as in Fig. 2.

45 Similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts in the several figures.

A A' designate the parallel bars or portions of the satchel or pocket-book frame, which are commonly made of sheet or plate metal bent  
50 into proper form, and which are here repre-

sented as approximately circular in transverse section.

B designates the clasp, which consists of a hook pivoted to the frame portion A, so that it may be readily swung back into the open  
55 position shown in Figs. 2 and 3, or pushed over and downward into engagement with the frame portion A', as shown in Fig. 1.

As here represented, the frame portion A is provided with small knobs or projections *a*,  
60 which form bearings for the pivot of the hooked clasp B, and the said clasp engages directly with the opposite frame portion, A'. The beak of the hook B is curved inward and rearward relatively to the shank, so that the point or  
55 extremity of the hook will, when pressed downward into engagement with the frame portion A', pass somewhat beyond the point in the frame portion A' which is most distant in a direct line from the pivot of the hook.  
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I have in Fig. 1 shown a dotted line, *s*, which passes through the pivot of the hook and the point in the frame portion A' which is most distant therefrom, and, as also shown in Fig. 1, the point or extremity of the hook passes  
75 downward and inward beyond such point.

The clasp may be very slightly elastic, or there may be provided in the clasps and in the pivotal attachment to the frame portion A a sufficient amount of "give" or "yield"  
80 to enable the point or extremity of the hook to pass into secure engagement with the frame portion A'.

This clasp is very simple in construction. It may be easily manipulated to open or close  
85 the satchel or pocket-book to which it is applied, and will hold the parallel portions A A' in secure engagement. It projects but little from the frame portions A A', whether it be opened or closed, and is therefore not liable  
90 to catch upon any article of dress or elsewhere. When the point or extremity of the hook or the frame portion A' becomes slightly worn by frictional contact, the hook may be bent inward slightly, so as to still hold the  
95 satchel or pocket-book tightly closed.

I have shown the hook B as provided with a knob or hand-piece, *b*, whereby it may be operated in opening and closing the satchel or pocket-book.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with two parallel frame portions, A A', of a satchel or pocket-book frame, of a clasp consisting of a hook pivoted to the portion A and engaging directly with the portion A', the hook having its beak curved inward and rearward relatively to the shank,

so that its point or outer extremity will pass beyond the point in the frame portion A' which is most distant in a direct line from the pivot of the hook, substantially as herein described.

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