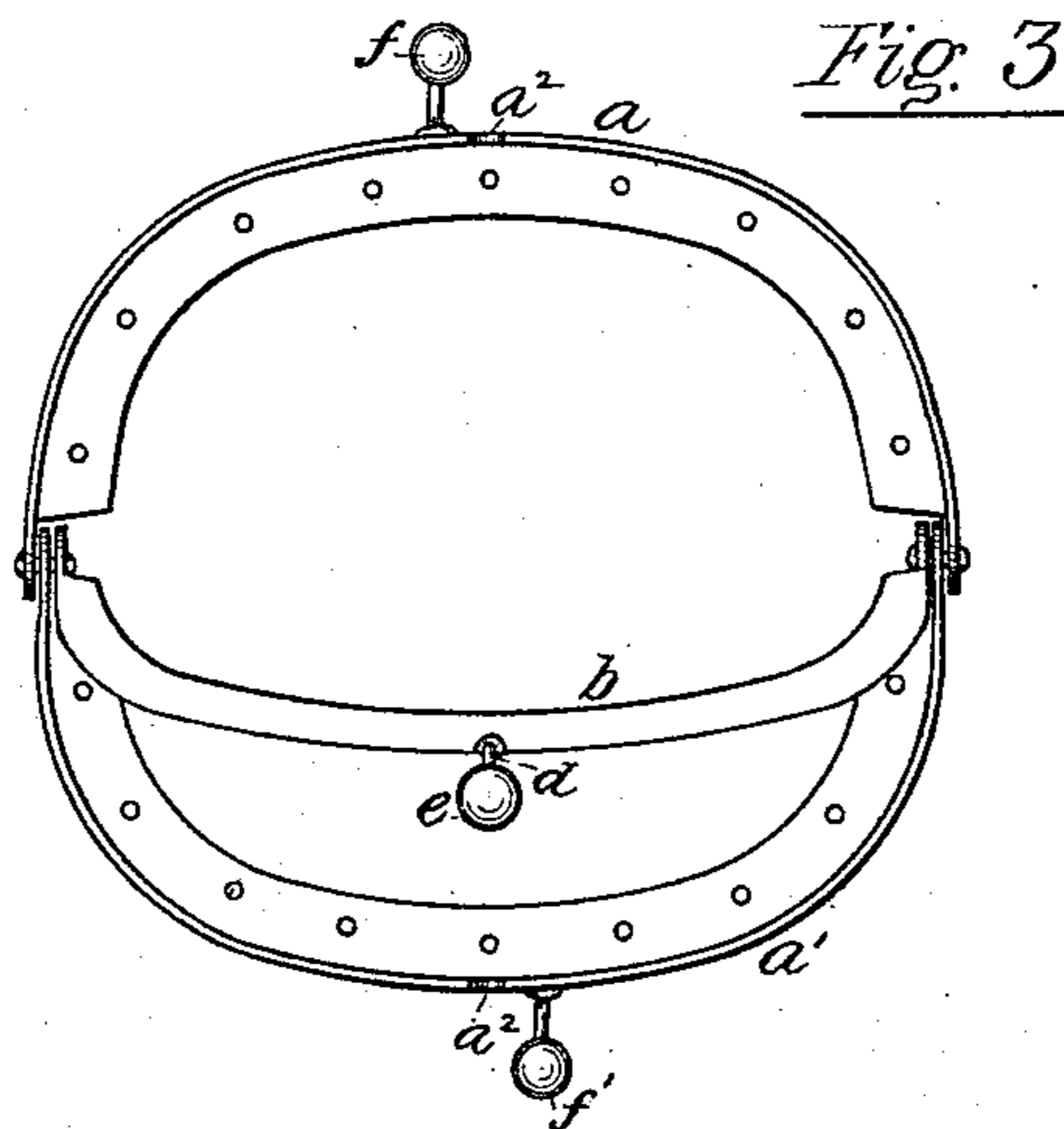
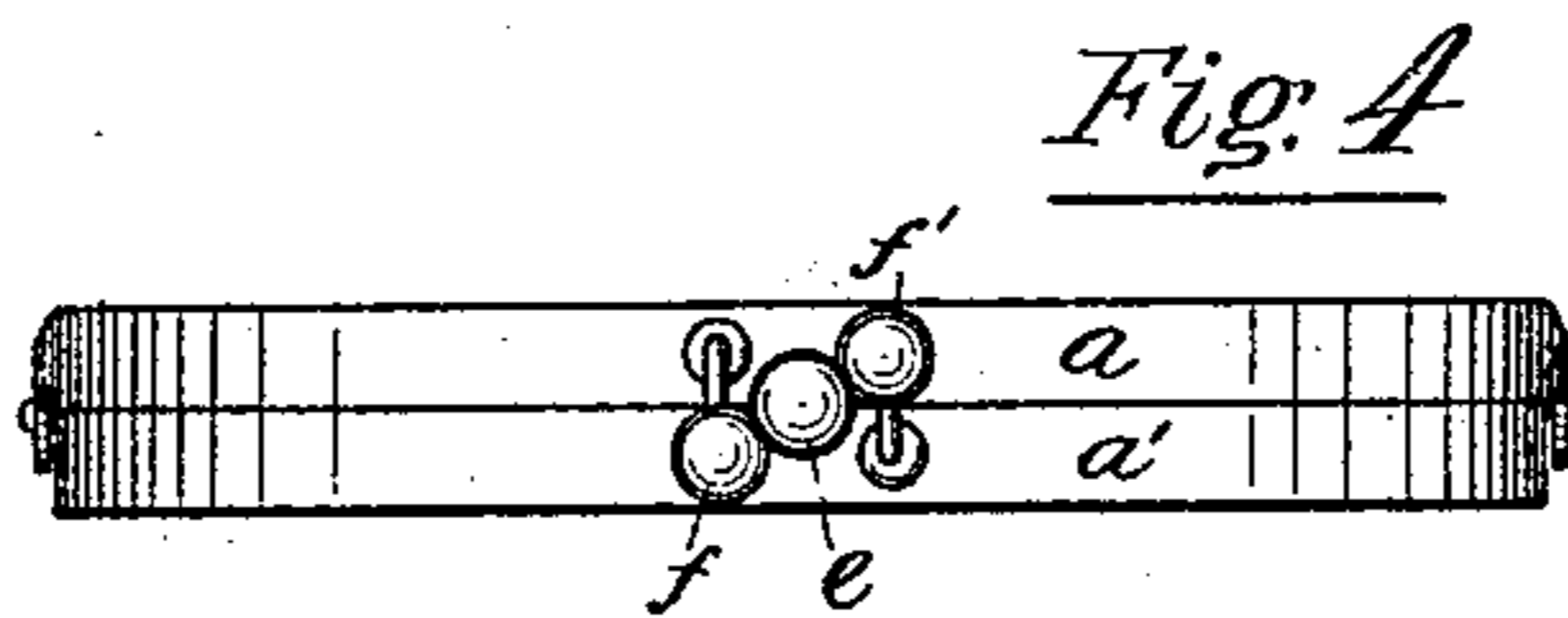
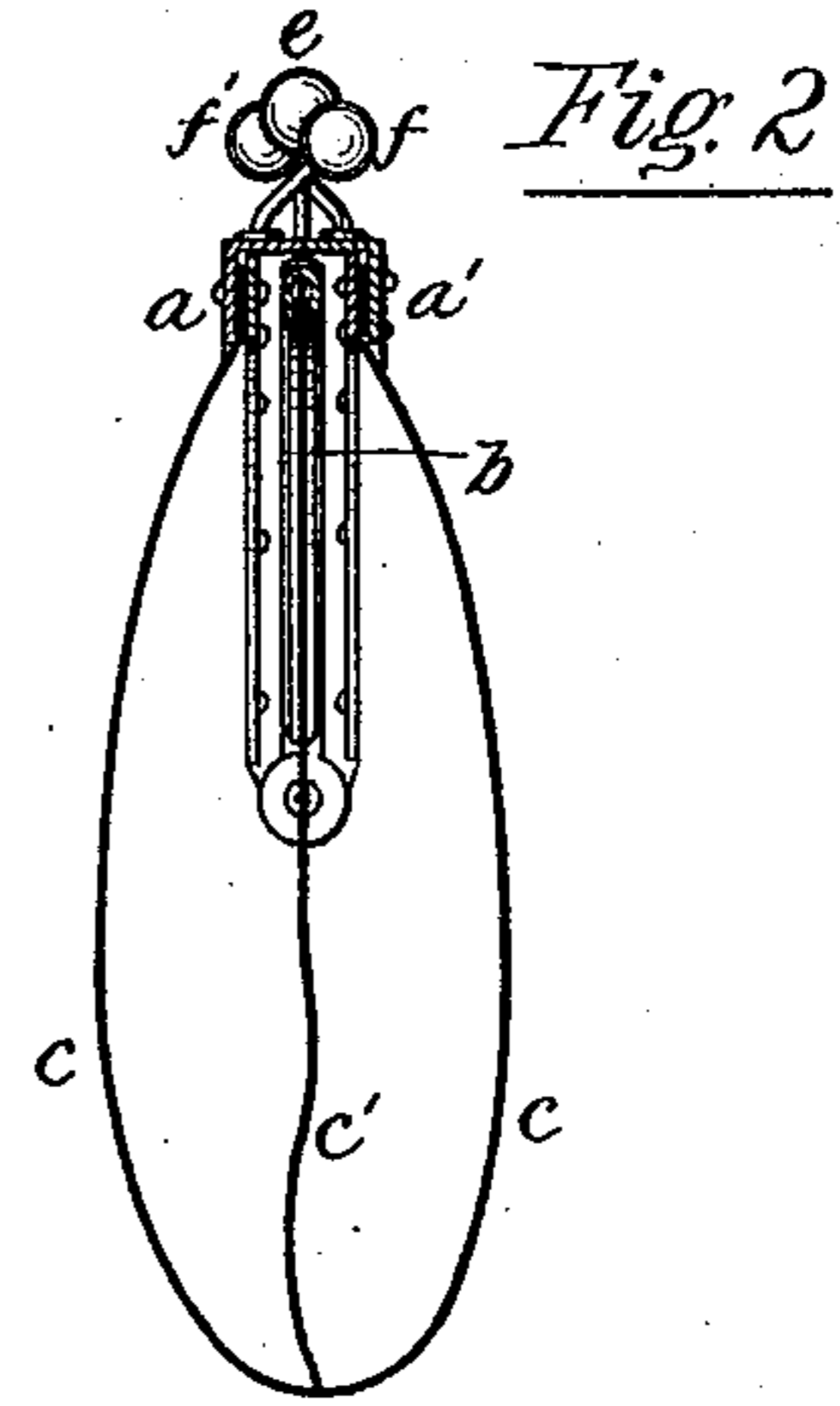
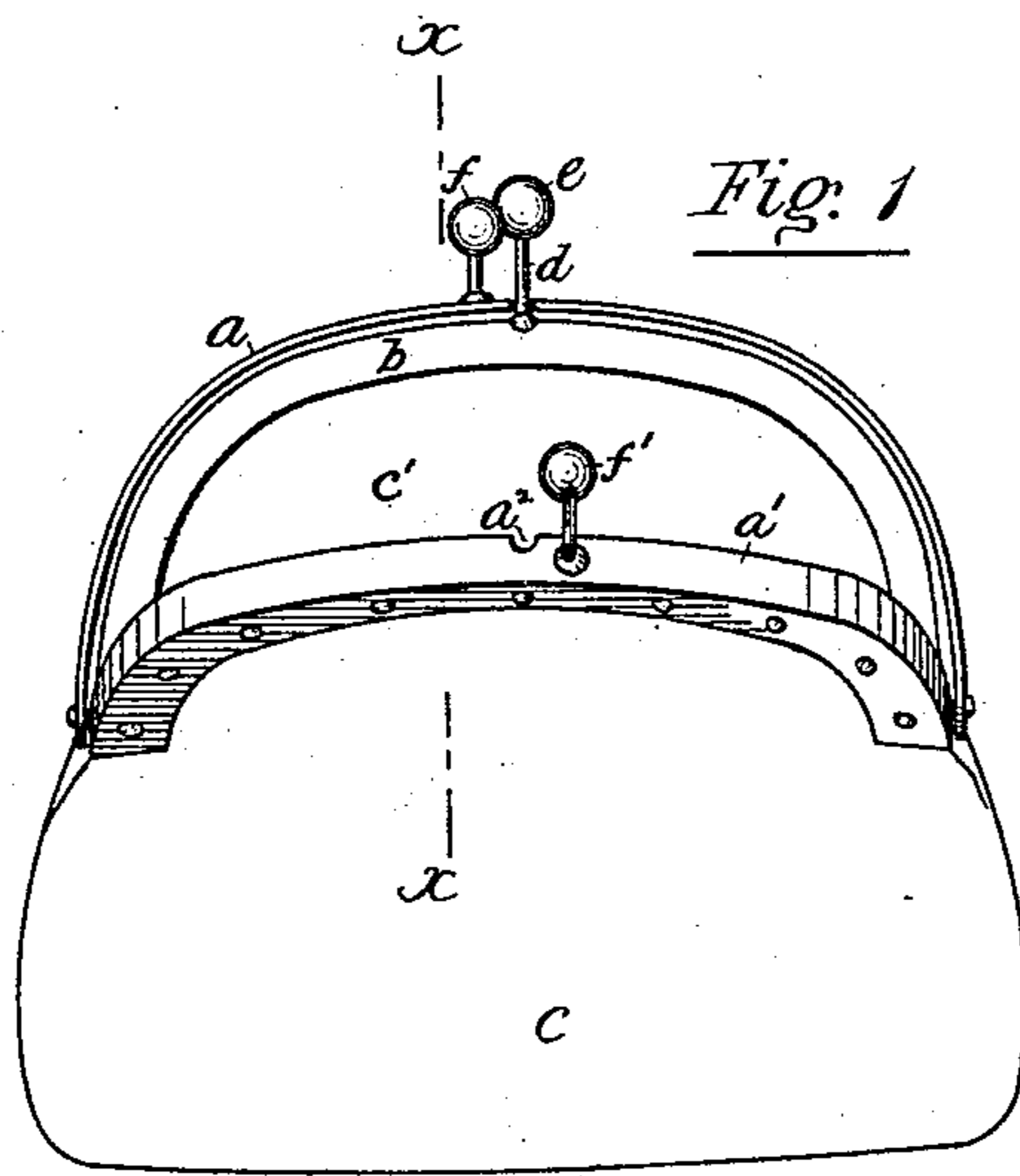


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN MENAHAN, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at Brooklyn, county of Kings, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fasteners for Purses, &c., of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to that class of fasteners for purses, bags, &c., known as "ball-fasteners;" and it consists of certain improvements in the frames of double-pocket purses, &c., and in the manner of attaching the ball-fasteners thereto. The main frame, consisting of the two outer parts, is made in the form known as "riveted frames"—that is, the material of which the purse, &c., is made is riveted to the frame, and each part is provided with a ball on the end of the projecting stud, so arranged that there is a space between these two balls when the frame is closed. The inner frame, to which the partition dividing the two pockets is attached, is made in the form known as "pinched frames," having a U-shaped section, and is secured to the goods by being pressed or pinched to grip the edge of the goods. This inner frame is connected to the main frame, so as to be entirely covered by the same when the two outer parts are brought together, and a ball is attached to this inner frame by means of a stud projecting from the central part thereof, and extending through notches formed in the inner side of the two parts of the main frame, said ball being so located between the two balls of the main frame that both of the main-frame balls spring by the central inner frame ball and hold the two pockets of the purse, &c., closed, each independent of the other. To enable either pocket to be opened, this central ball occupies a higher position on the frame than the two outer balls, so that it and either of the outer balls may be pressed between the thumb and finger without interfering with the other outer ball.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a purse provided with my improved fastener with one of the pockets open.

Fig. 2 is a transverse section showing both pockets closed on line *x x*. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the frame, showing both sides open; and Fig. 4 is a plan view showing the frame closed.

The two outer parts, *a* and *a'*, of the riveted main frame are pivoted together, and the inner pinched frame, *b*, is also pivoted to them in the ordinary manner, the body *c* of the purse being riveted to the main frame, and the partition *c'* pinched in the inner frame. This inner frame, *b*, is entirely concealed by the main frame when closed, so that the purse has then the appearance of a single-pocket purse. From the central part of this inner frame, *b*, projects the stud, *d*, provided at its upper end with the ball *e*, and the outer frame, *a a'*, is provided with notches *a<sup>2</sup>*, which surround the stud *d* when the two parts of the main frame are brought together. The balls *f f'*, attached to the two parts of the main frame *a a'* by studs, are so located as to spring by the central ball, *e*, on either side of it, each one holding the pocket on the side of its part of the frame closed independent of the other. By reason of the central ball, *e*, being above the outer balls, *f* and *f'*, either one of the balls *f* or *f'* may be manipulated with the ball *e*, to open either one of the pockets without interfering with the other.

Fasteners for purses, &c., consisting of balls attached to the frame and arranged to spring by one another are old, so I do not broadly claim this; neither do I claim a frame for double-pocket purses consisting of three pieces pivoted together; but

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

1. The combination, with the two outer parts of a double-pocket-purse frame, each provided with a projecting ball, of an inner frame having a projecting stud and held between the outer frames, and a ball on said stud located between the balls of the outer frame when in a locked or closed position, substantially as set forth.

2. In a fastener for double-pocket purses, &c., the combination of three balls, one at-

tached to each of the three parts of the frame,  
the central ball being arranged between the  
two outer balls, extending above them, and  
adapted to interlock with the two outer balls  
5 jointly or with either separately, as described,  
so as to constitute spring-catches therewith,  
substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set  
my hand, at New York, county and State of  
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