

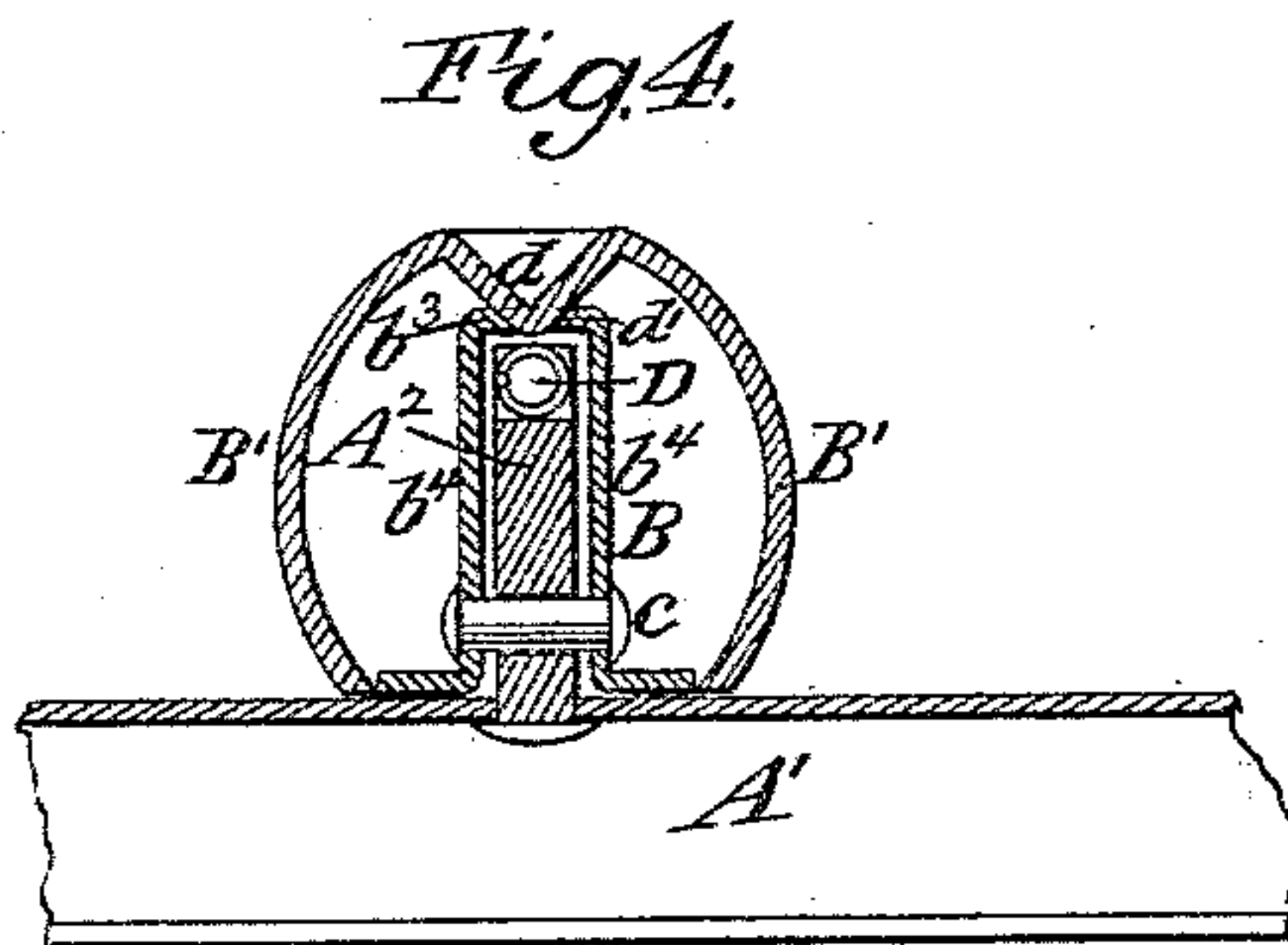
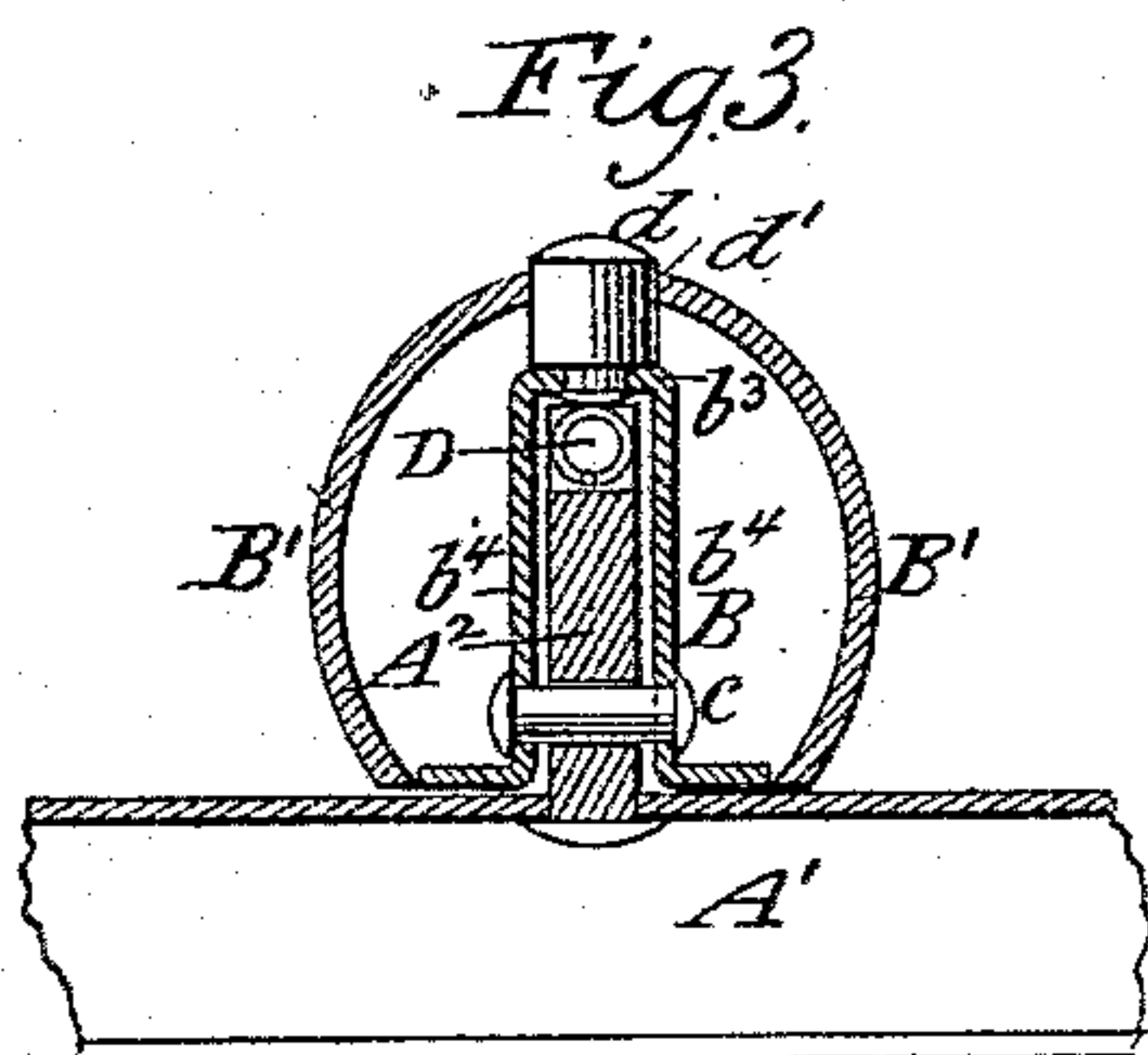
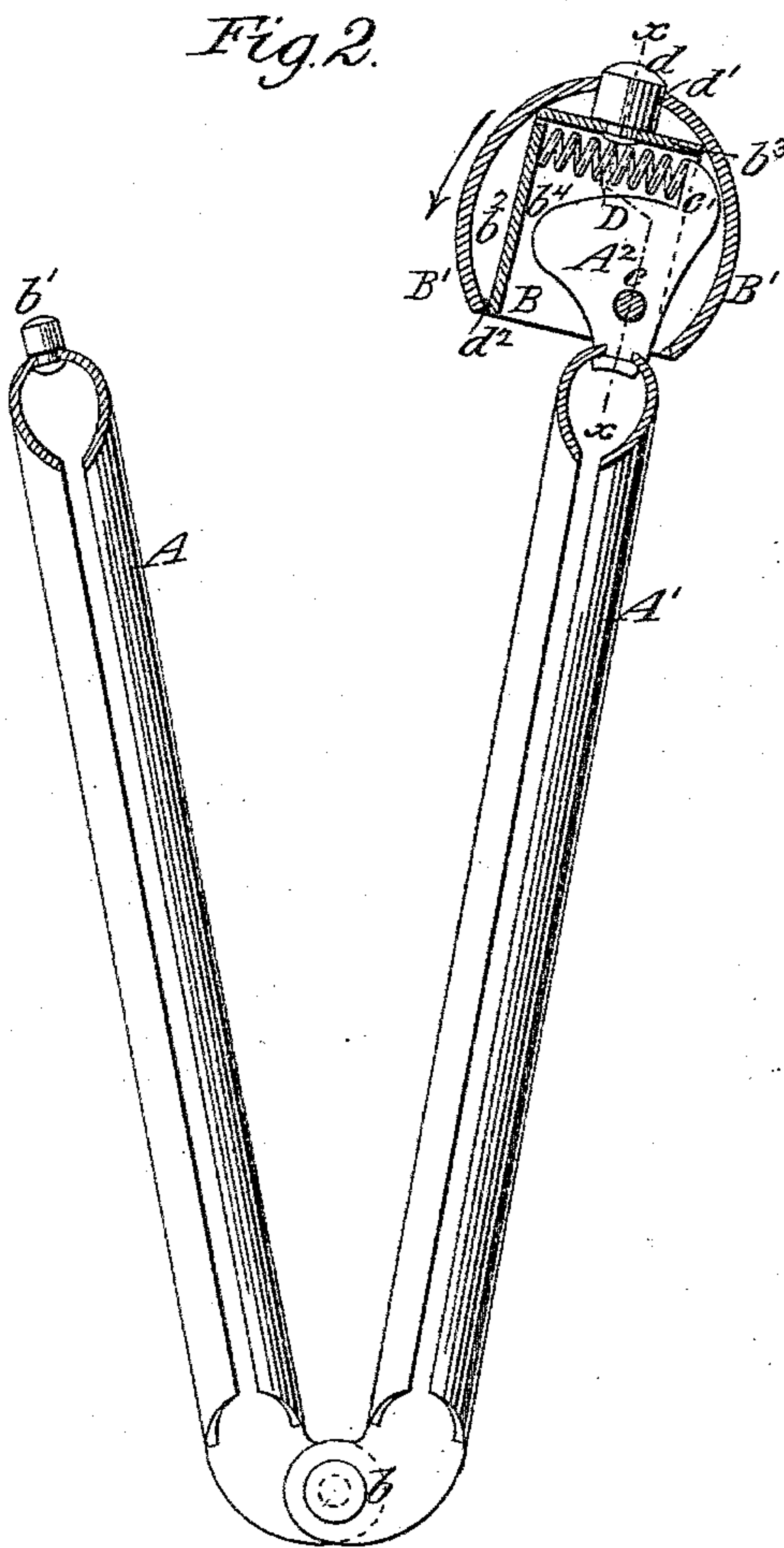
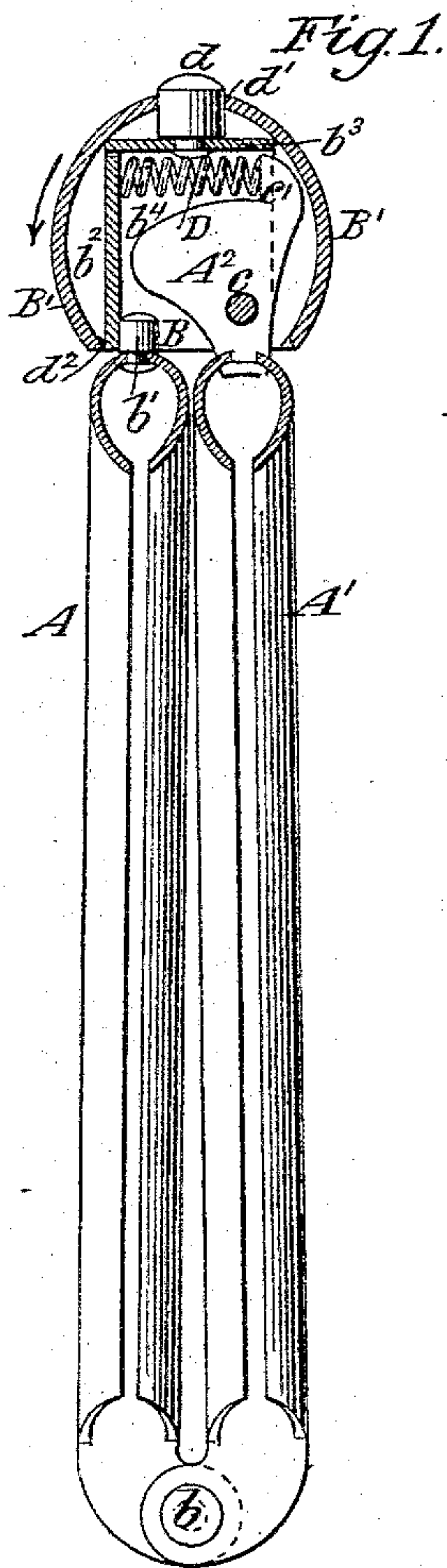
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES BLUST, of the city and county of New York, in the State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fastenings for Bag or Pocket-Book Frames, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is applicable to fastenings, whereby two hinged members or portions of the metallic frames which are ordinarily applied to hand-bags, pocket-books, and purses may be connected at the top or the side opposite their hinges, in order to close the bags, pocket-books, or purses; and the invention particularly relates to that class of fastenings in which a hollow or box-like catch pivoted to a horn projecting from one frame portion is actuated by a spring contained within the catch to engage and hold the other frame portion.

The object of my invention is to provide a very serviceable and strong catch for the purpose, in which the parts are so combined as to cover the pivot whereby the catch is secured to the horn projecting from the frame portion, and thus enable a more ornamental finish to be given to the fastening.

The invention consists in novel combinations of parts, which are particularly hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a sectional view of the frame of a bag embodying my invention, showing the two frame portions as connected by the fastening or catch to close the bag. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the frame portions as unconnected by the catch. Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the catch and frame portion upon about the plane indicated by the irregular dotted line $x x$, Fig. 2; and Fig. 4 is a section similar to Fig. 3 and illustrating a slight modification of my invention.

Similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures.

A A' designate the two portions of the frame, which are hinged together at b in a well-known manner, and which may be of metal and of hollow or tubular construction. Upon the frame portion A, I have represented a stud or projection, b' , and upon the frame portion A'

is a catch, B, which is adapted to engage with the stud or projection b' to hold the two frame portions together, and the bag, pocket-book, or purse of which they form a part closed.

A² designates a horn or projection, which may be secured by riveting or otherwise to the frame portion A', so as to form a rigid part thereof, and which projects at the top of the frame portion, and has its greatest width in a plane transverse to the length of the frame portion. The catch B is of hollow or box-like construction, and, as here shown, comprises a front, b^2 , a top, b^3 , and side portions or cheeks, b^4 . This hollow catch is of a width between its side portions or cheeks to approximately fit the horn or projection A², as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, and is pivoted to such horn or projection by a pin, c , passing through the side portions or cheeks, b^4 , and the horn or projection, and having its ends riveted over, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. A spiral spring, D, extends approximately horizontally or parallel with the top b^3 of the hollow catch B, and bears at one end upon the front b^2 of said catch, and at the other end upon a projection or ear, c' , with which the horn A² is provided. This spring, therefore, has a tendency to tilt the catch upon its pivot in the direction indicated by the arrow in Figs. 1 and 2, and to thereby hold the catch in strong engagement with the stud or projection b' , as shown in Fig. 1.

In closing a bag it is merely necessary to bring the frame portions A A' together, slightly raising the catch upon its pivot, so as to enable it to pass over the stud or projection b' , and as the frame portions are brought closer together the catch B will snap into engagement, by the force of the spring D, with the stud or projection b' .

B' designates a knob-like case, which is of metal and hollow, and open at the bottom, so as to fit over the catch proper, B. As shown in Figs. 2 and 3, a projection or stud, d , is provided in the top of the catch B, and enters a hole, d' , in the top of the casing or case B', and I have also shown the case B' as tacked at its lower edge by solder d^2 to the front of the catch B. In lieu of providing the catch B with a stud or projection, d , entering a hole, d' , in the case B', as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, I

may form the case with an inward indentation or projection, d , entering a recess or hole, d' , in the top of the catch B, as shown in Fig. 4, and such inward indentation or projection d , engaging the recess d' in the catch B, is the full equivalent of the stud or projection d and hole d' shown in Figs. 2 and 3. It will be observed that the outer case, B', gives an ornamental finish to the rectangular box-like catch B, arranged within it, and that it entirely conceals the rivet or pin c , whereby the catch B is pivoted to the horn A². If any repair to the fastening be necessary, all that is required to obtain access to it is to apply heat sufficient to melt the solder tacking d^2 , and the outer case B' may then be readily removed.

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

1. The combination, with the two portions A A' of a bag or pocket-book frame, one provided with the horn A², projecting rigidly outward therefrom, of a hollow catch pivoted to the horn, and the spiral spring D, extending approximately horizontally and bearing at one end against the horn and at the other end against the interior of the hollow catch, substantially as herein described.

2. The combination, with the two portions of a bag or pocket-book frame, one having the projections b' and the other the horn A², of the hollow catch pivoted to the horn and open at the bottom for swinging into engagement with the projection b' , a spring applied within the catch and between it and the horn for actuating the catch, and a knob-like case inclosing the catch and secured rigidly thereto, substantially as herein described.

3. The combination, with the two frame portions A A', one provided with a projection, b' , and the other with a horn, A², of the hollow catch pivoted to the horn and open at the bottom, a spring applied within the catch and between it and said horn for actuating the catch, and an outer knob-like case inclosing the catch and secured thereto by a projection and hole or recess at the top of the catch, and by solder at the open bottom of the catch, substantially as herein described.

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