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LOCK FOR FRAMES OF POCKET BOOKS, &c.

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Fig. 1.

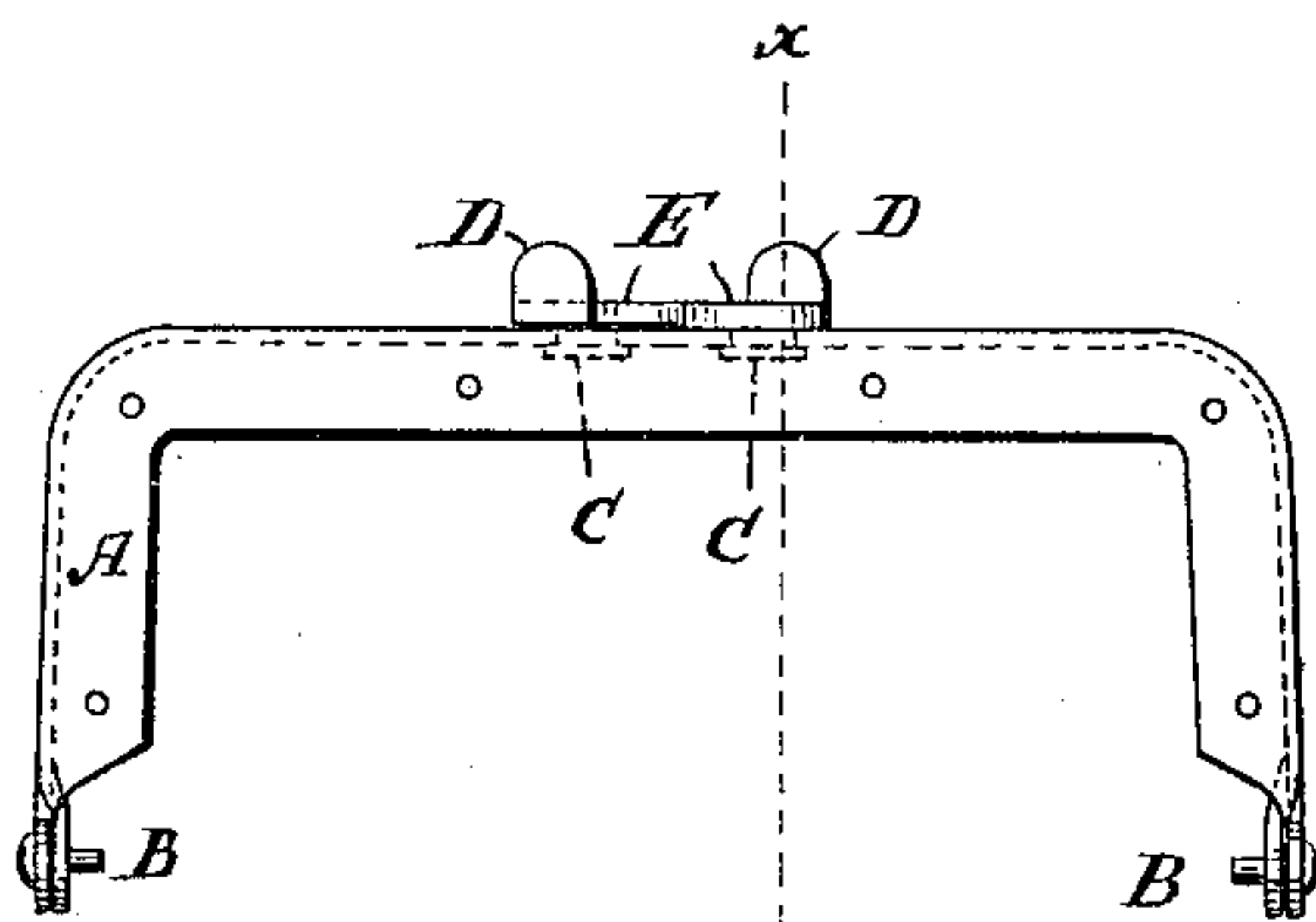


Fig. 2.

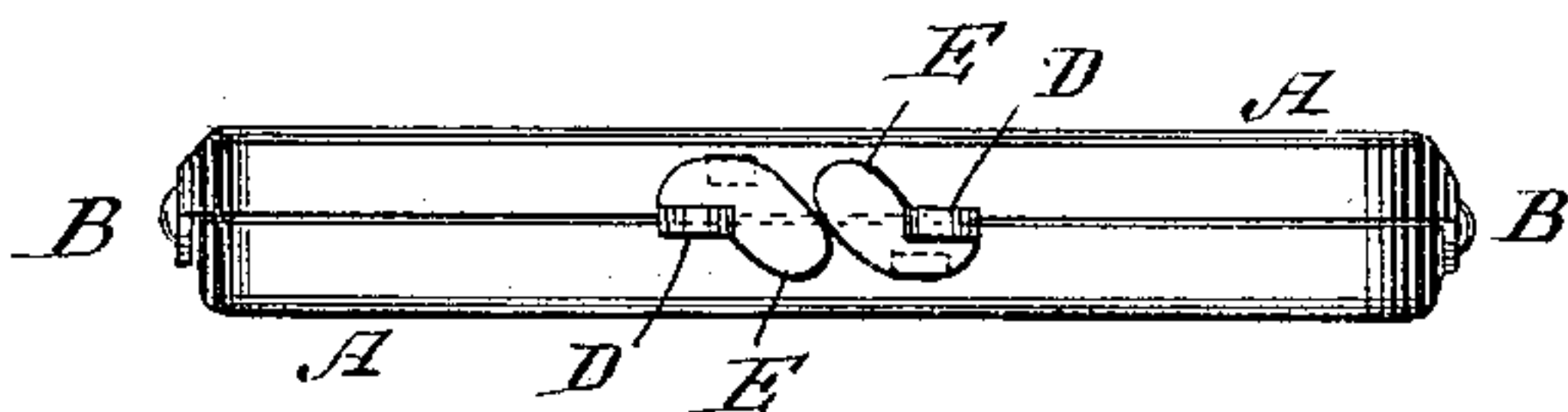


Fig. 3.

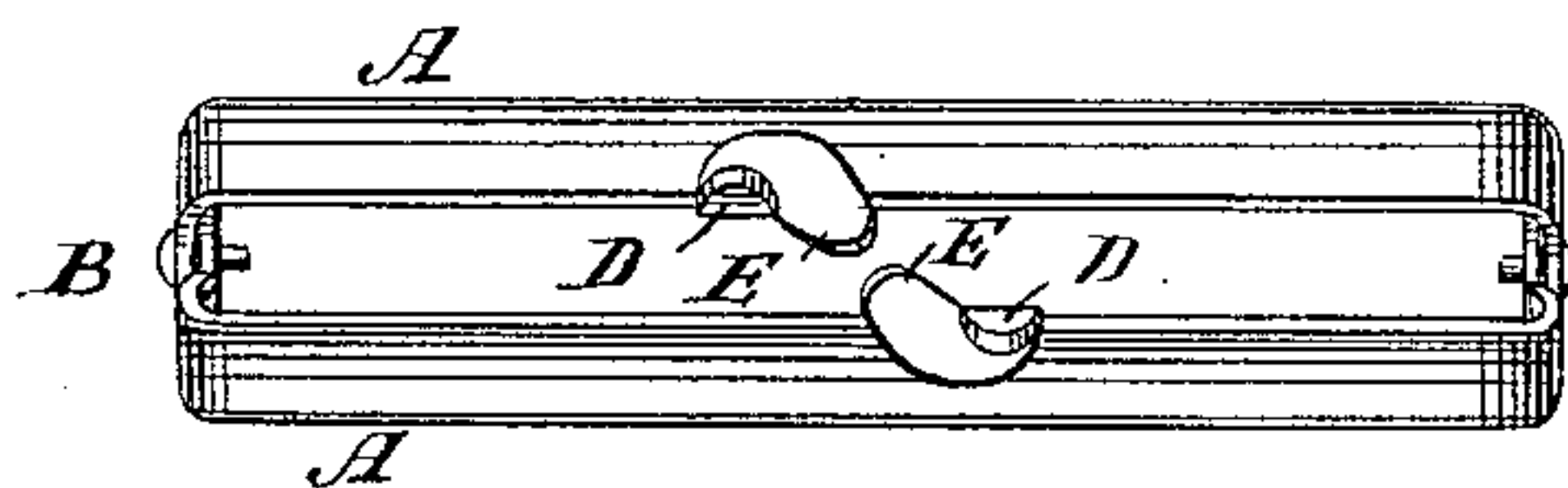


Fig. 4.

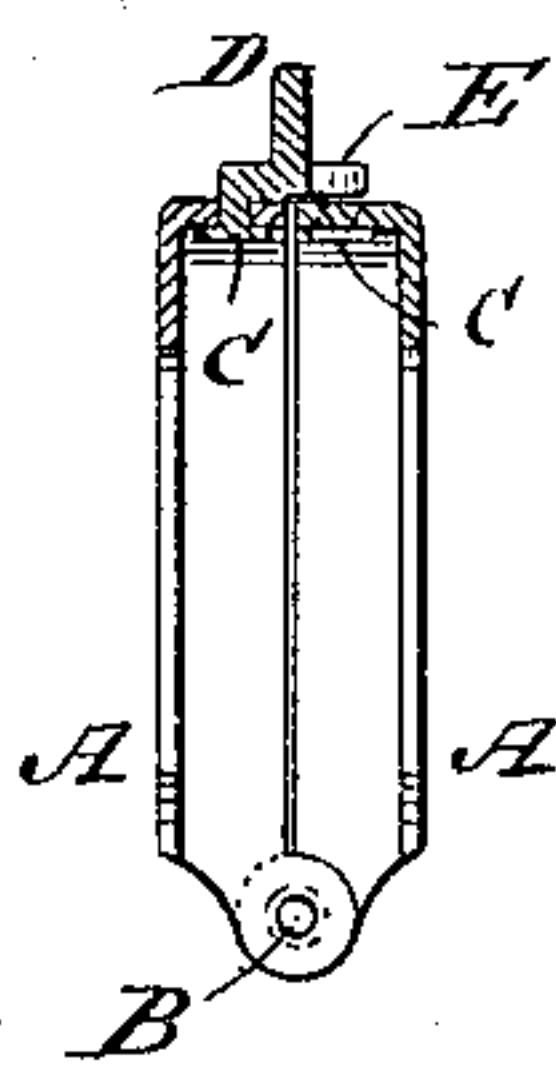
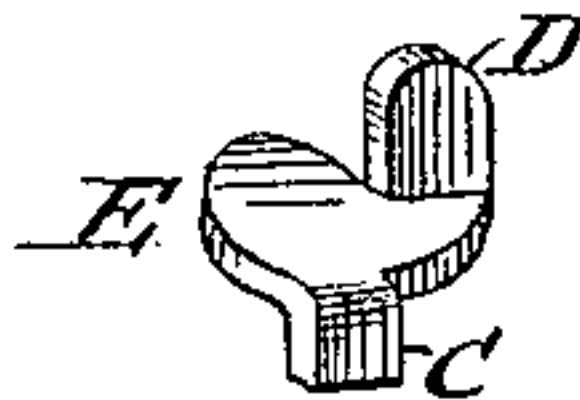


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MICHAEL KOENIG, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Locks for Frames of Pocket-Books and other Articles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in locks for frames of such articles as pocket-books, purses, receptacles, bags, and the like, and by said improvement a cheap and durable lock is obtained.

This invention is set forth in the following specification and claims and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a face elevation of a frame. Fig. 2 is a plan view thereof, the frame being closed. Fig. 3 is a plan view thereof, the frame being open. Fig. 4 is a section in the plan xx , Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is a detail view of a lock.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

In the drawings, the letters A A indicate frames or jaws of an article, such as a purse. The frames swing on joints or pivots B. The lock consists of pieces of sheet metal, each piece bent to form a rivet, C, a finger-piece, D, and a locking-tongue, E, all of which are made of one piece of metal. The rivets C are secured to the frames A, as seen in Fig. 4, so that the locking-tongues engage one another to lock the frame together when the frames are closed, as seen in Fig. 2. The locking-tongue E extends laterally in a line substantially at right angles to the rivet, and the finger-piece D rises from one edge of the tongue at right angles or approximately so thereto.

Formerly frames were closed by means of knobs secured to the frames in such a manner that the knobs engaged one another when the frames were closed. Such knobs, however, are difficult and expensive to form or cast,

while a locking device from sheet metal, formed as seen in Fig. 5, can be readily and cheaply produced, and, being in one piece, such device is durable and not apt to break or fall apart.

The finger-pieces D are convenient for grasping the lock when it is desired to open or close the frames, as said finger-pieces enable lateral pressure to be exerted on the frames, so as to bend or spring the frames sufficiently to enable the locking-tongues to glide past one another. When released, the frames bring the locking-tongues to the relative position shown in Fig. 2, so that said tongues engage one another when the frames are closed.

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

1. A lock for the jointed frames of a bag or similar article, consisting of pieces of sheet metal, each piece bent to form a rivet, C, a laterally-projecting locking-tongue, E, substantially at right angles to the rivet, and a finger-piece, D, rising above the tongue at right angles, or approximately so, thereto, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with the jointed frames of a bag or like article, of a lock consisting of pieces of sheet metal, each piece bent to form a rivet, C, a locking-tongue, E, extending laterally from and substantially at right angles to the rivet, and a finger-piece, D, rising above the tongue at right angles, or approximately so, thereto, said rivet extending through a frame and upset, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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