

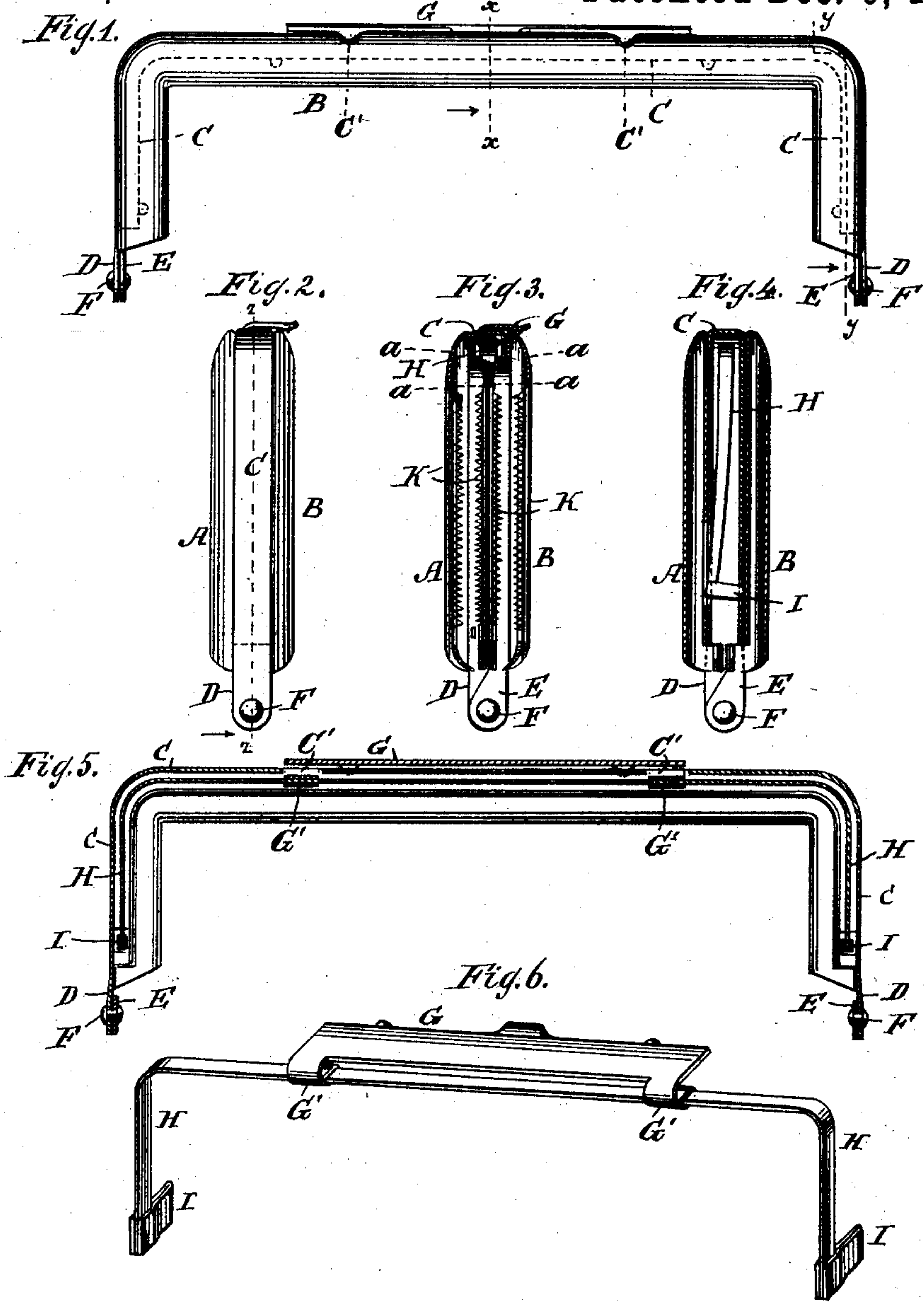
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS MESSER, 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 Frames for Pocket-Books and other Articles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in frames for such articles as pocket-books, purses, receptacles, bags, and the like, and by this invention the frames are made neat in appearance and easy of operation.

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 pair of frames. Fig. 2 is an end elevation of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a section in the plane xx , Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a section in the plane yy , Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is a section in the plane zz , Fig. 2. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a catch and opening mechanism.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

In the drawings, the letters A B indicate frames for such an article as a pocket-book. The frames are recessed, as seen in Fig. 3, and into said recesses is placed a trough-shaped inlay, C. Said inlay is secured to one of the frames—as, for example, the frame A—so that said frame and inlay move or swing together. From said inlay C extend lugs or arms D. Similar lugs, E, extend from the frame B, and by jointing said arms by a pin or pivot, F, the frames A B will become jointed to one another, so that they will swing on one another. An arm, H, is arranged within the inlay C, and each end is bent downward and provided with a laterally-projecting toe, I, although one toe is sufficient. A catch, G, for locking the frames A B together is provided with end extensions, G', Fig. 6, passed through openings C' in the inlay C, Fig. 1, and secured to the arm H. This arm is in the form of a flat spring-arm, and said arm and toe rest in the inlay C, and the toe I is made to pass through an opening in the inlay, so as to strike against the frame B. When the catch G is moved to its opening or unlocking position, the arm H is moved so as to increase the pressure of the toe or toes I against the frame B and swing said frame away from the frame A. The operation of unlocking the catch G will thus at the same time open the frames, the arm H and toe I acting as an opening mechanism.

To secure an article—such as a bag-body or

purse-body—firmly to the frames, I construct the latter hollow or tubular, and each of said hollow frames has the inner edges of its opposite walls $a a$ bent inwardly and provided with serrations or teeth K, Fig. 3, projecting toward each other to grip the edge of a bag-body between the serrations or teeth on one edge and the serrations or teeth on the opposite edge of each frame. The inlay C imparts strength and also gives a neat and finished appearance to the device to which said inlay is applied.

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

1. The combination, with the pivoted frames A B, of the trough-shaped inlay C, located between the frames and secured to one of the latter to move therewith, and an arm within the inlay having a toe, I, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with the pivoted frames A B, the one B having end lugs, E, of an inlay, C, secured to the frame A, to move therewith, and having end lugs, D, pivoted by pins F to the lugs E, substantially as described.

3. A bag or purse frame consisting of the two hollow frames A B, each hollow frame having the inner edges of its opposite walls $a a$ bent inwardly and provided with serrations K for gripping the edge of the bag or purse body between the serrations on one edge and the serrations on the opposite edge, substantially as described.

4. The combination, with the pivoted frames and locking-catch, of a spring-arm having a lateral toe, I, for opening the bag, said catch connecting with the spring-arm, substantially as described.

5. The combination, with the jointed frames, of a trough-shaped inlay, C, a spring-arm, H, located in the inlay and having a lateral toe, I, and a locking-catch passing through the inlay and secured to the spring-arm for operating the latter, substantially as described.

6. A bag or purse frame consisting of two frames U-shaped in transverse section, and provided on the inner edge or edges thereof with teeth or serrations, which are closed upon the body material to grip and hold the same.

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

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