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POCKET BOOK CLASP.

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Fig. 1.

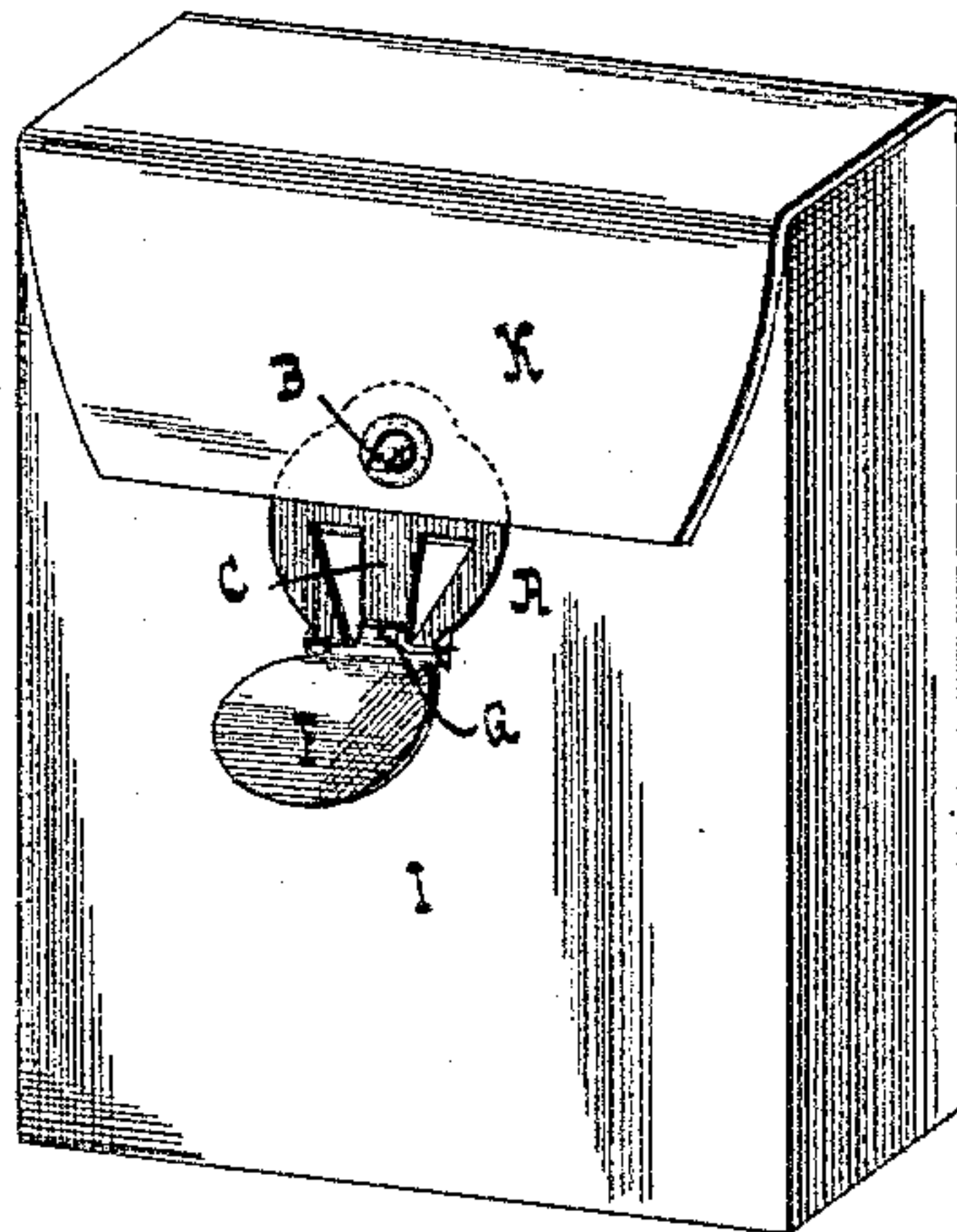


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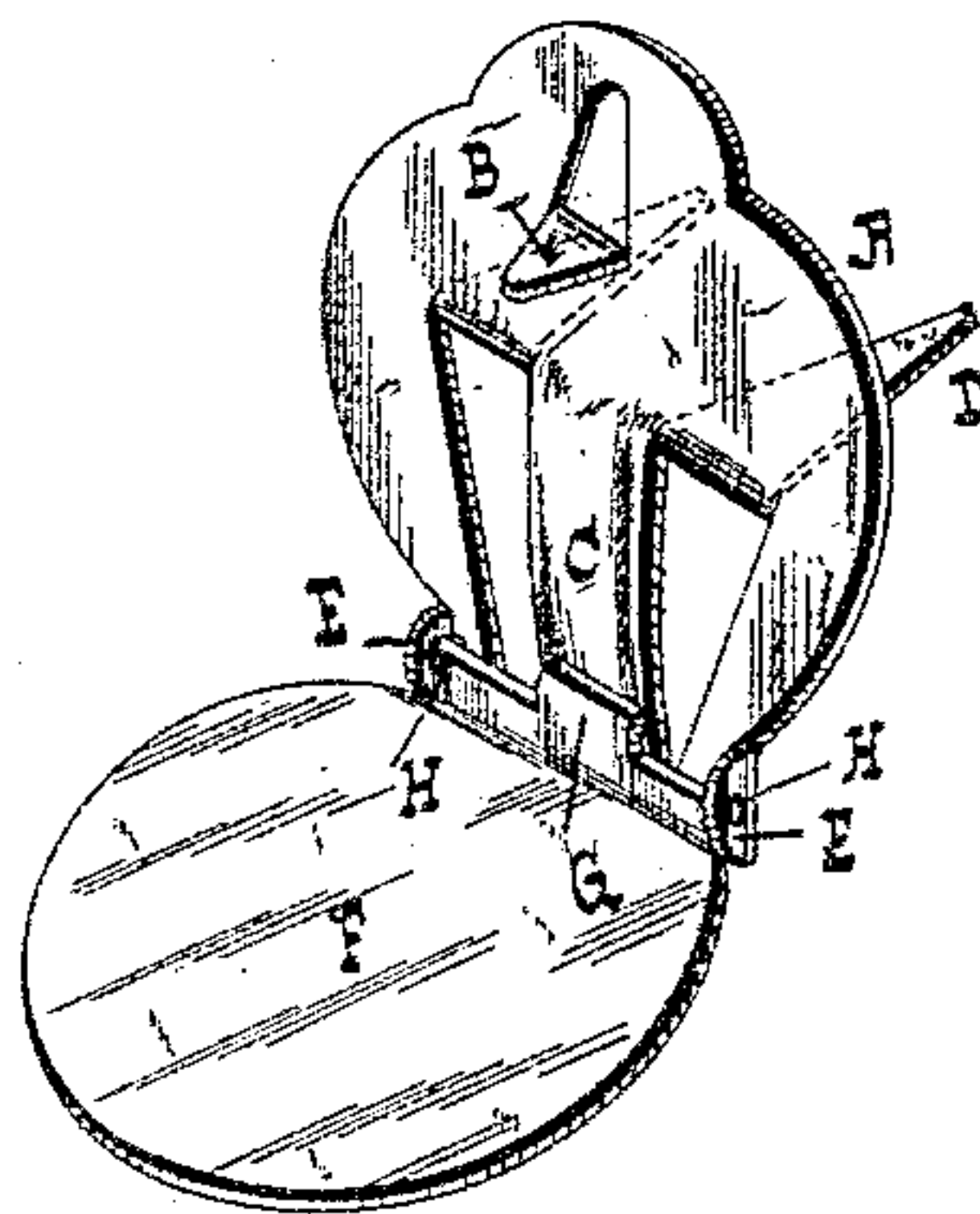


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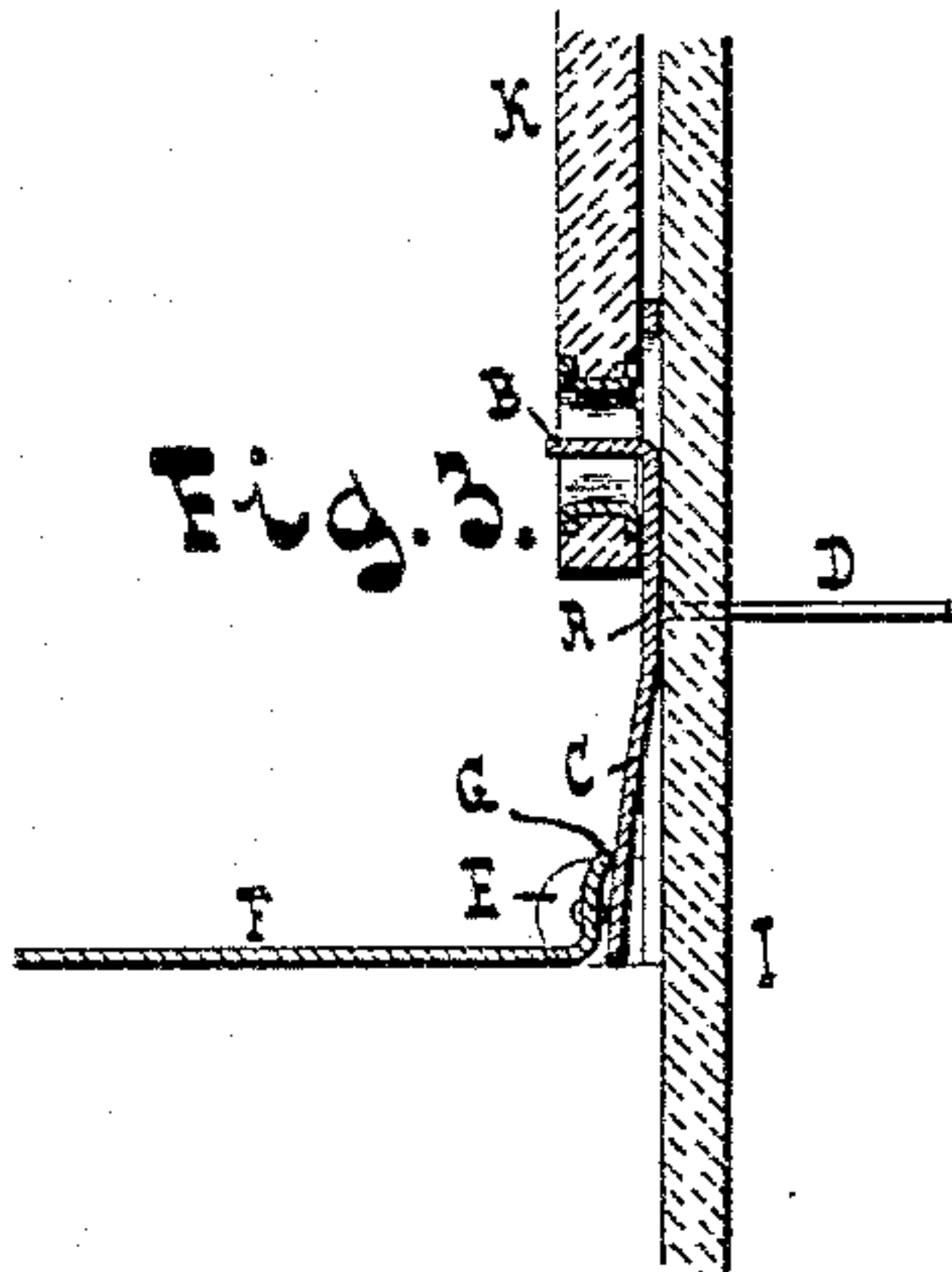


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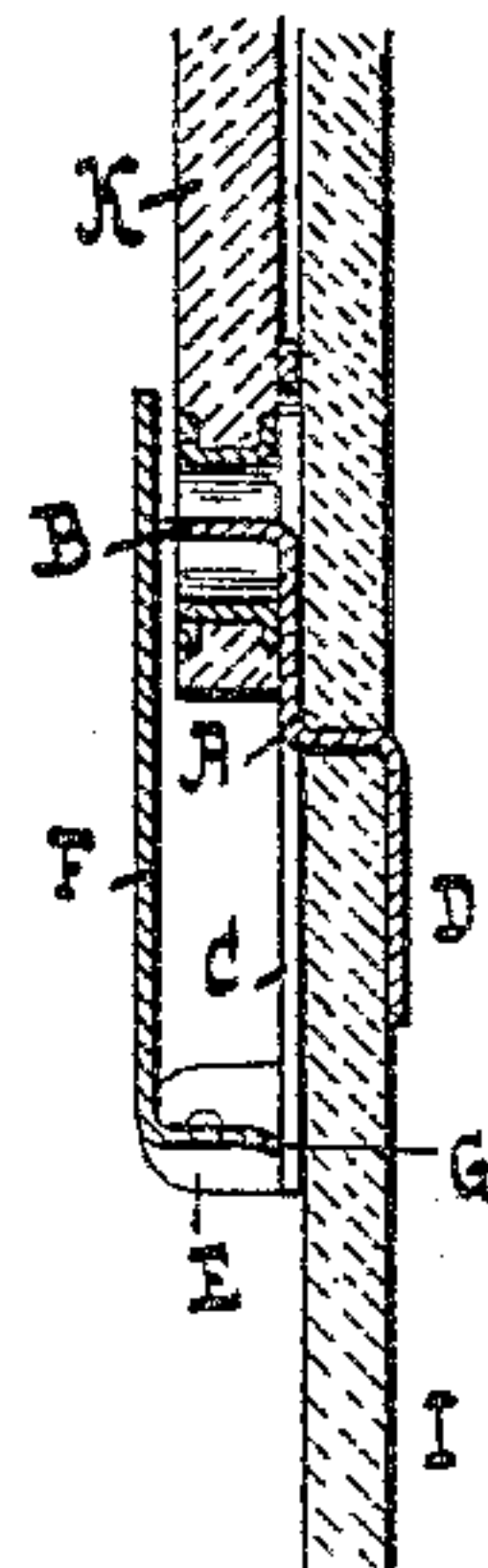
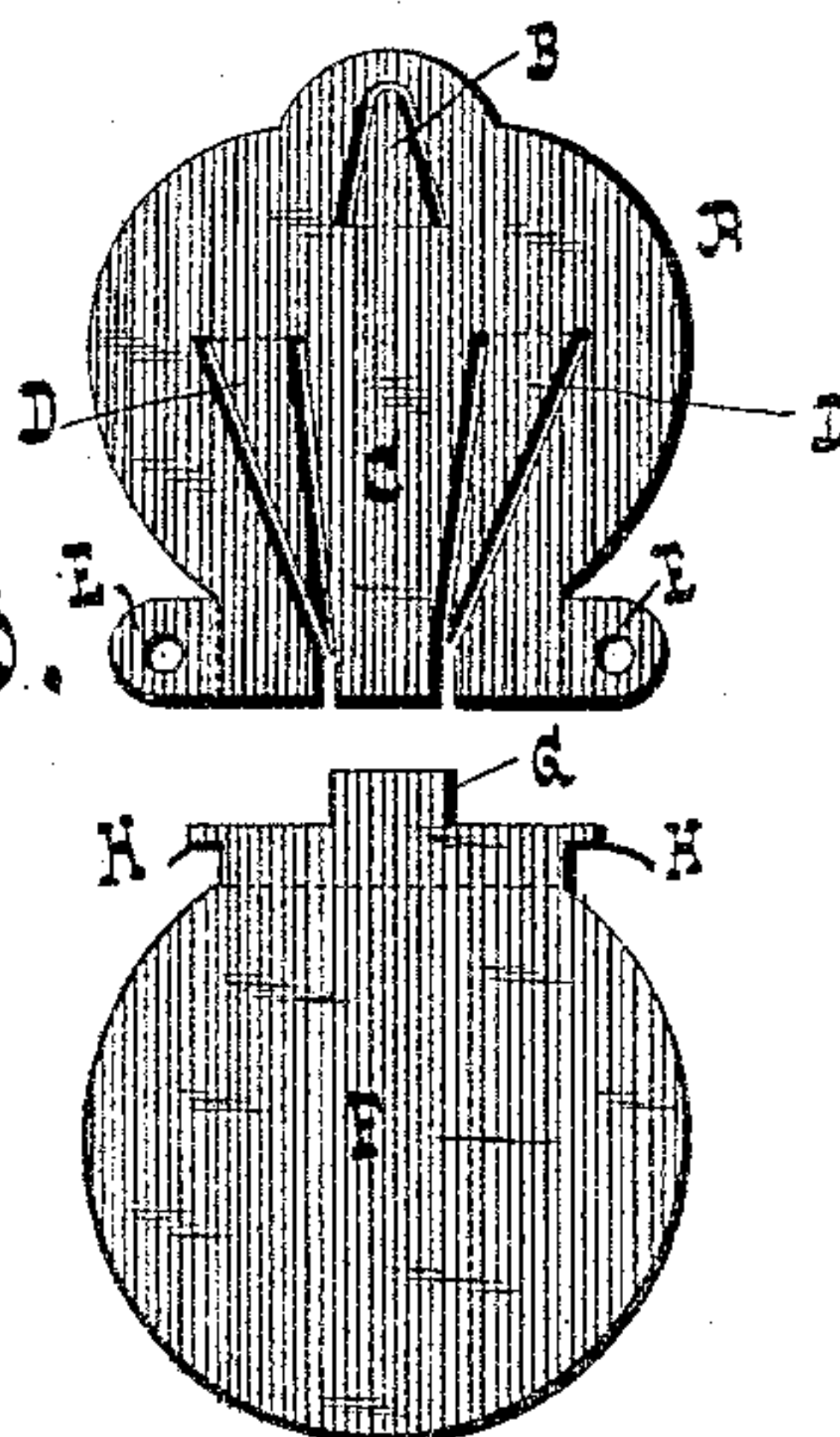


Fig. 5.



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POCKET-BOOK CLASP.

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To all whom it may concern:

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

This invention relates to a simple and durable construction of clasps or locks adapted for use on pocket-books, purses, bags, and other articles, as set forth in the following specification and claim, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a clasp mounted. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a clasp. Fig. 3 is a sectional view of a clasp open. Fig. 4 is a sectional view of a clasp closed. Fig. 5 illustrates the construction of the clasp.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

In the drawings, the letter A indicates the base-plate of the clasp stamped from sheet metal integral with a stud, B, a central flat spring-plate, C, two spurs, D D, at the opposite sides respectively of the spring and between the latter and the outer edges of the plate, and perforated ears E for the pivot-lugs H on a swinging cap, F, which is formed with a tail-piece, G, to act on the spring.

Ordinarily the spurs for attaching the base-plate of a clasp to a pocket-book are struck up directly at the edges of the plate; but I provide a more desirable clasp by forming the base-plate with two radial attaching-spurs, D D, located respectively at opposite sides of the radial spring C and between the side edges of the latter and the outer edges of the base-plate, so that the spurs do not appear at the edges of the plate when secured to the pocket-book or other article. I also form the spurs so that they extend from the point of junction of the radial spring with the base-plate at about the center thereof, and to economically produce the spurs and spring I simply provide the base-plate with two pair of slits, each pair of which converge from about the center of the plate to the lower edge thereof, so that the spurs are

tapering and pointed and their inner edges are parallel with the edges of the spring. The stud B, for engaging the usual orifice in the flap K of a pocket-book or other article, I, is also formed in the body of the base-plate by providing the latter with a pair of converging slits. The spurs D serve to firmly secure the base-plate to a pocket-book or other article directly at the point of junction of the spring with the plate and directly at each side of the spring.

By forming the spurs D in the body of the base-plate between the spring and the outer edges of the plate, by slitting the latter, as shown and described, I economize in material, in that where the spurs are formed directly at and project from the edges of the base-plate considerable waste metal necessarily results.

Heretofore the base-plate of a pocket-book clasp has been struck up with a flat spring, a projection to engage a hole in the pocket-book flap, and edge points or spurs to attach the clasp and lugs for the pivots of the swinging plate. Such, therefore, I do not broadly claim.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

The combination, in a clasp for pocket-books and similar articles, of the base-plate stamped from sheet metal integral with the stud and the radial spring, and slitted on converging lines at each side of the spring to form radial spurs located respectively between the edges of the spring and the outer edges of the base-plate, said spurs having their inner edges parallel with the edges of the spring and extending from the point of junction of the spring with the plate about the center of the latter, with a cap-plate pivoted to the base-plate and having a tail-piece to act on the spring, 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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