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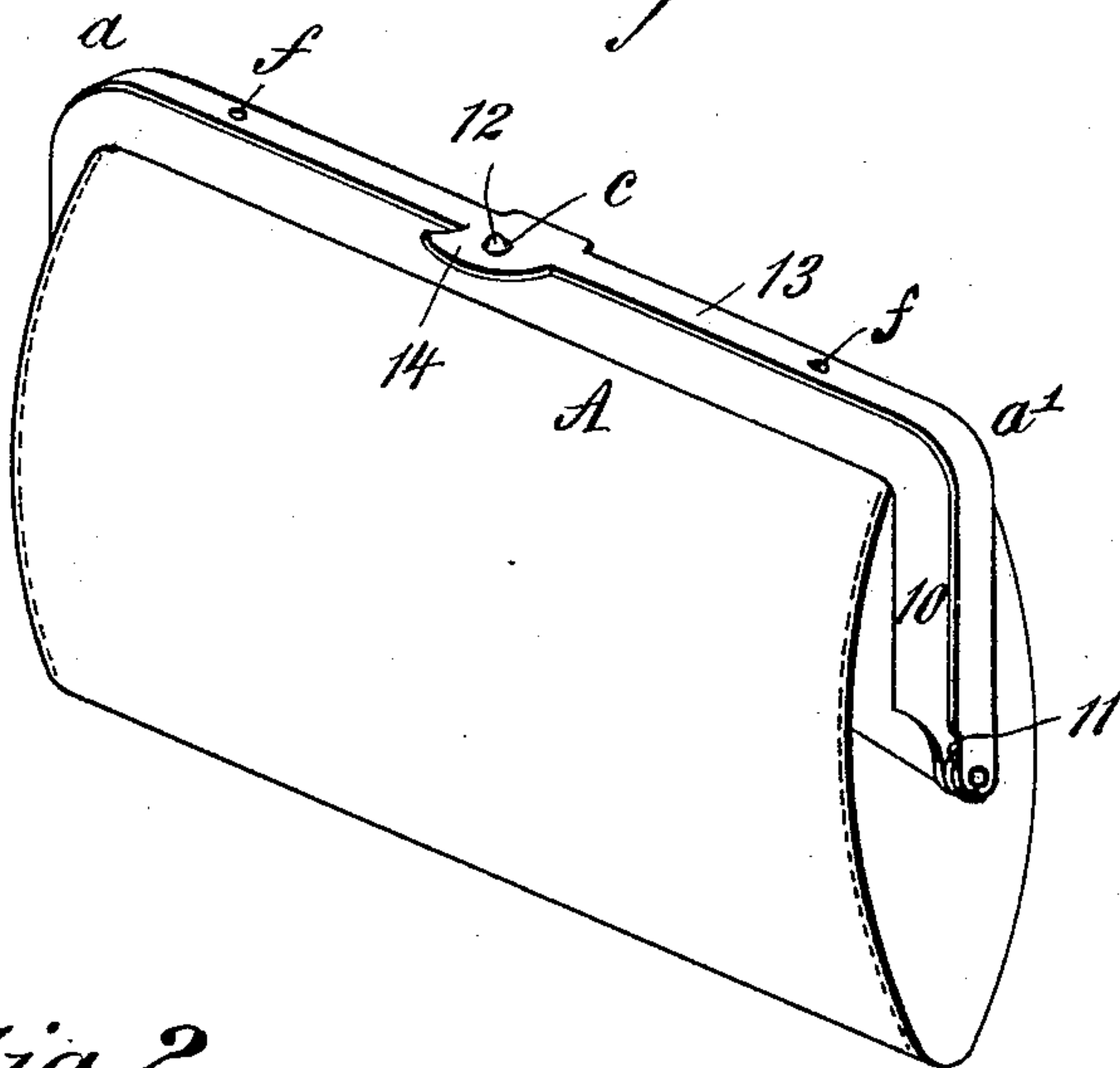
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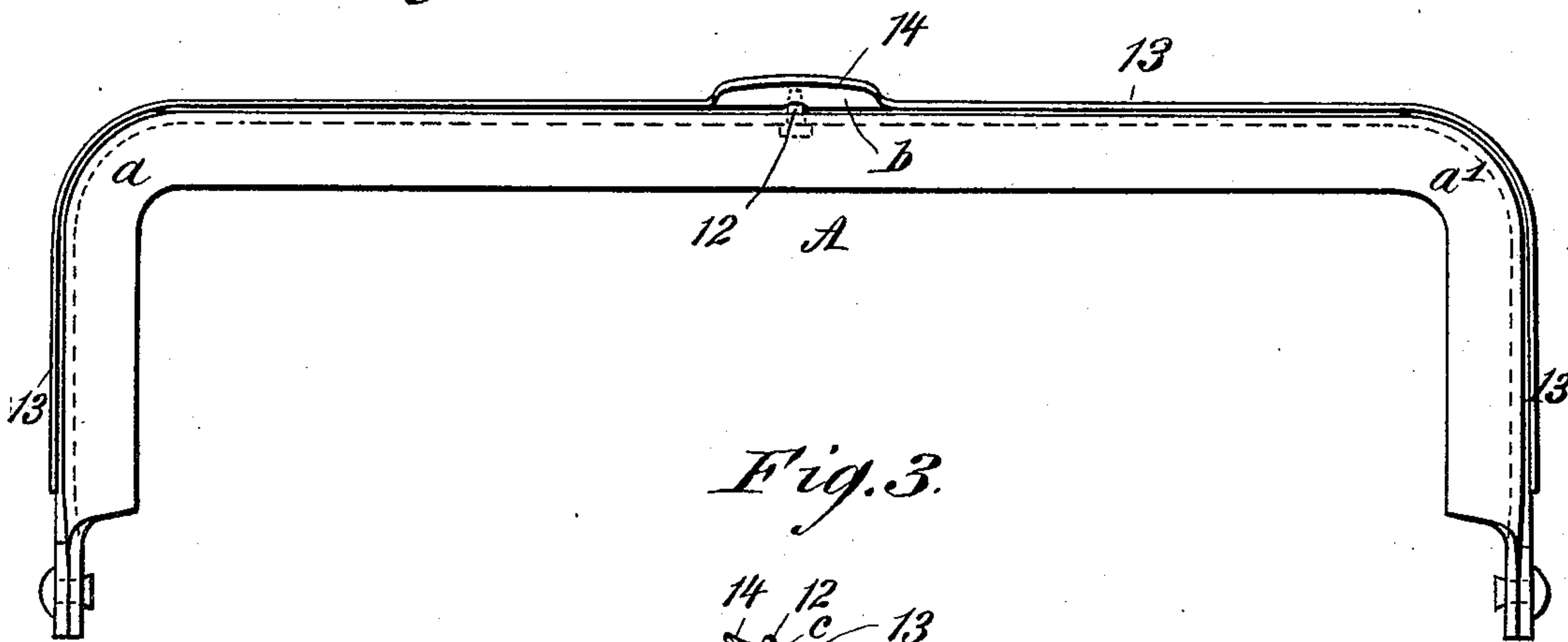
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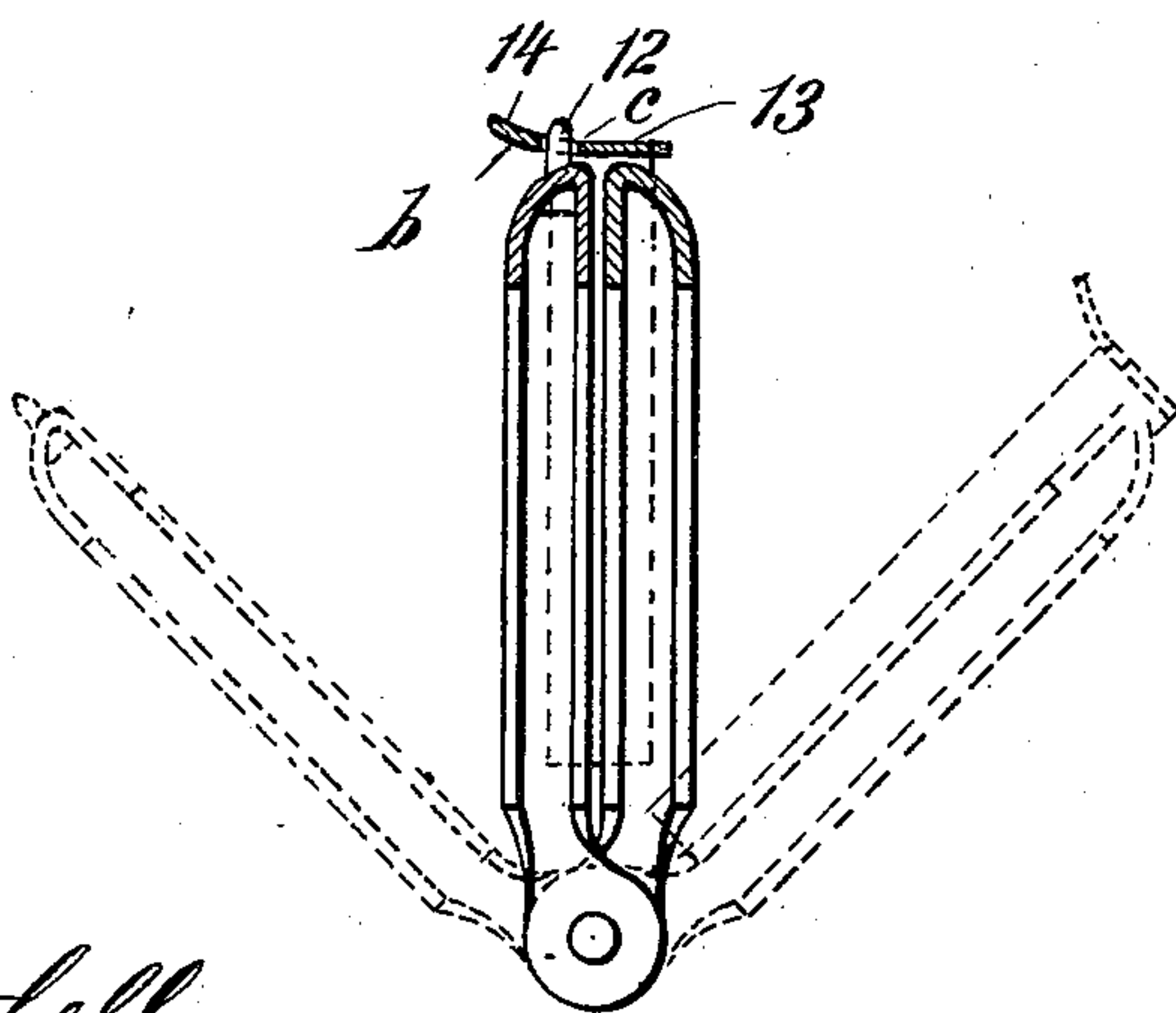
*Fig. 1.*



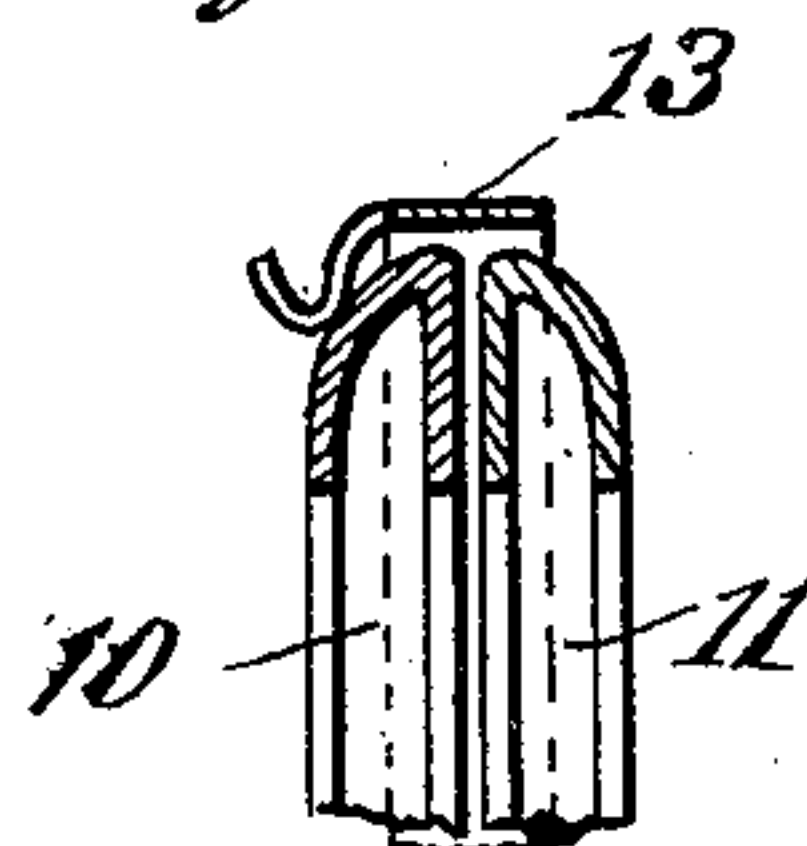
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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FASTENING FOR POCKET-BOOK, PURSE, OR SACHEL FRAMES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LOUIS B. PRAHAR, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Fastening for Pocket-Book, Purse, or Satchel Frames, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of this invention is to provide an exceedingly simple, cheap, and durable fastening for satchel or analogous frames, the invention consisting, essentially, of a two-part frame, a spring-strip secured at each end to one of the frame members and arranged to engage the other frame member, all as will be hereinafter more fully described, and specifically pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar figures and letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pocket-book to which my improved fastening has been applied. Fig. 2 is an enlarged side view of the frame shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a central cross-sectional view of the frame, and Fig. 4 is a corresponding view of a modified construction.

In the drawings, 10 and 11 represent the two parts or members of a frame, A, said parts or members being bent at *a* and *a'* and hinged or pivotally connected at their ends in the ordinary manner. To one of the frame members I connect a metallic strip, 13, the strip being soldered or otherwise secured to its supporting member at each end. The strip 13 is arranged to engage the other member of the frame, and is mounted in a position such that when the two parts or members of the frame are brought together, as shown in the drawings, the strip will overlap and hide the abutting edges of the said two parts.

In practice I prefer to bend the strip 13 so that it will extend over the corners *a* and *a'* of the frame A, so proportioning the strip that its ends will extend almost to the pivot or hinge joint by which the two parts of the frame are connected. The strip 13 is provided with a thumb-piece, 14, said thumb-piece being first bent downward and then upward and away from the frame, as shown in

Fig. 4, so that when the two parts of the frame are brought together the thumb-piece will engage that one of the frame members to which it is not directly connected. In case the frame member 10 is provided with a stud or pin, 12, as shown in the first three figures of the drawings, the thumb-piece would be formed with an aperture, *c*, arranged so that it would be entered by the stud 12, the outer edge of the thumb-piece in this case being bent upward and away from the frame, in order that when the two parts of the frame are brought together the stud would clear the edge of the thumb-piece and strike against its upwardly-flaring under surface, *b*, thereby raising the strip 13 and permitting the two frame members to come together, the aperture *c* being so located that when the adjacent edges of the said frame members meet the stud would enter the aperture and the two parts of the frame would be firmly locked together.

To open the frame, the strip 13 is centrally raised by pressure applied to the thumb-piece or otherwise, and immediately upon the disengagement of the thumb-piece from the free frame member 10 the two members of the frame may be moved apart.

As before stated, the strip 13 may be connected to its frame member in any desired manner, and in Fig. 1 I have shown said strip as being connected by the frame-uniting rivets and by other rivets, *f*, placed as shown.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The combination, with a two-part frame, of a metallic spring-strip secured at each end to one of the frame members, said spring-strip being adapted to engage the other frame member, as and for the purpose stated.

2. The combination, with a two-part frame, of a metallic spring-strip secured at each end to one of the frame members, said spring-strip being provided with a thumb-piece adapted to engage the other frame member, as and for the purpose stated.

3. The combination, with a two-part frame, of a stud carried by one of the frame members and a metallic spring-strip secured at each end to the other frame member, said spring-strip being adapted to engage the stud, as and for the purpose stated.



4. The combination, with a two-part frame,  
of a stud carried by one frame member and  
a spring-strip secured at each end to the other  
frame member, said spring-strip being pro-  
5 vided with an aperture adapted to receive  
the stud, as and for the purpose stated.

5. The combination, with a two-part frame,  
of a stud carried by one of the frame mem-  
bers, a spring-strip secured at each end to the  
10 other frame member and formed with an  
aperture adapted to receive the stud, and with  
an upwardly-flaring thumb-piece, as and for  
the purpose stated.

6. The combination, with a two-part frame,  
bent as described, of a metallic spring-strip 15  
secured to one of the frame members and  
adapted to engage the other frame member,  
the strip being continued over the bends of  
the frame, substantially as described.

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