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SNAP CATCH FOR BAGS.

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Fig. 1.

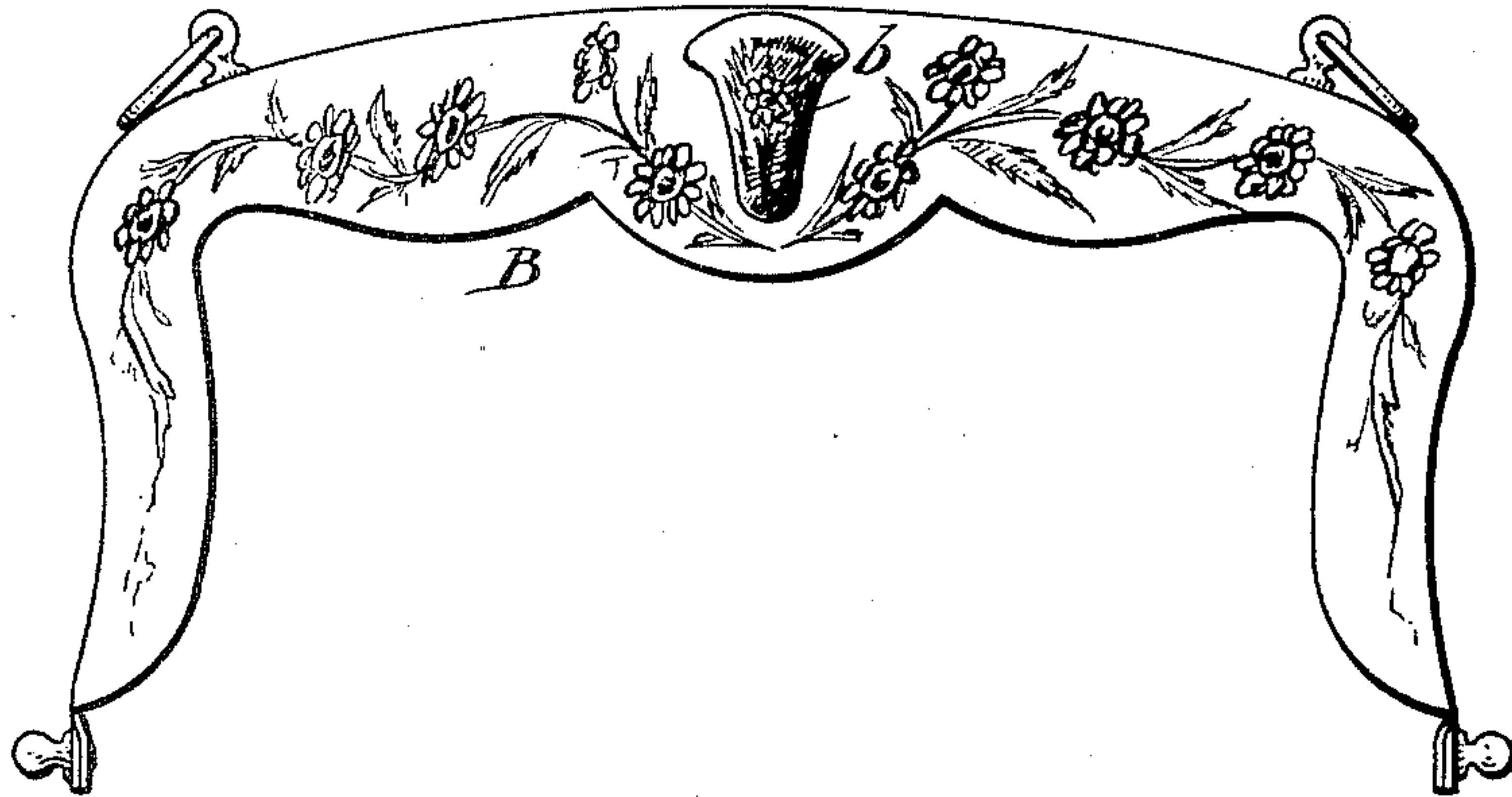


Fig. 2.

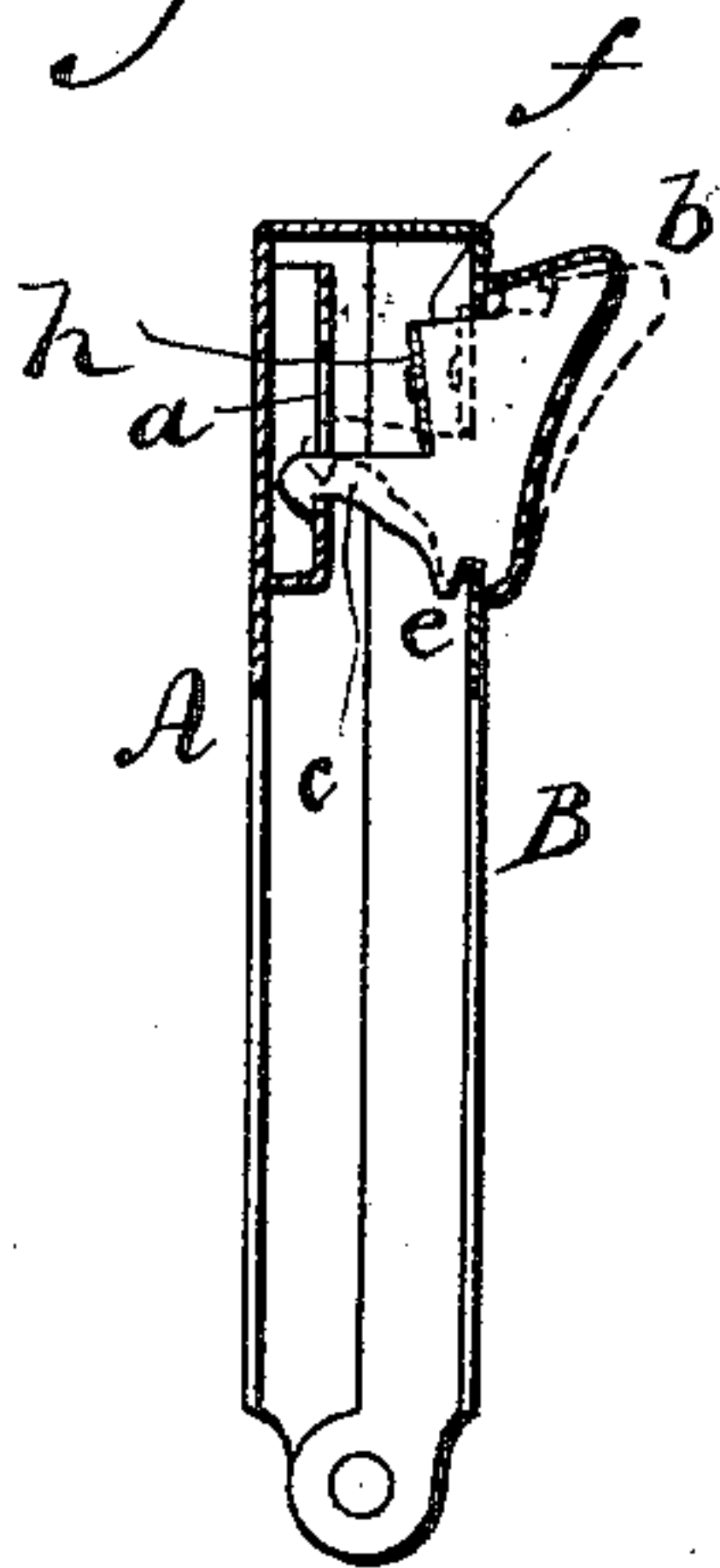


Fig. 3.

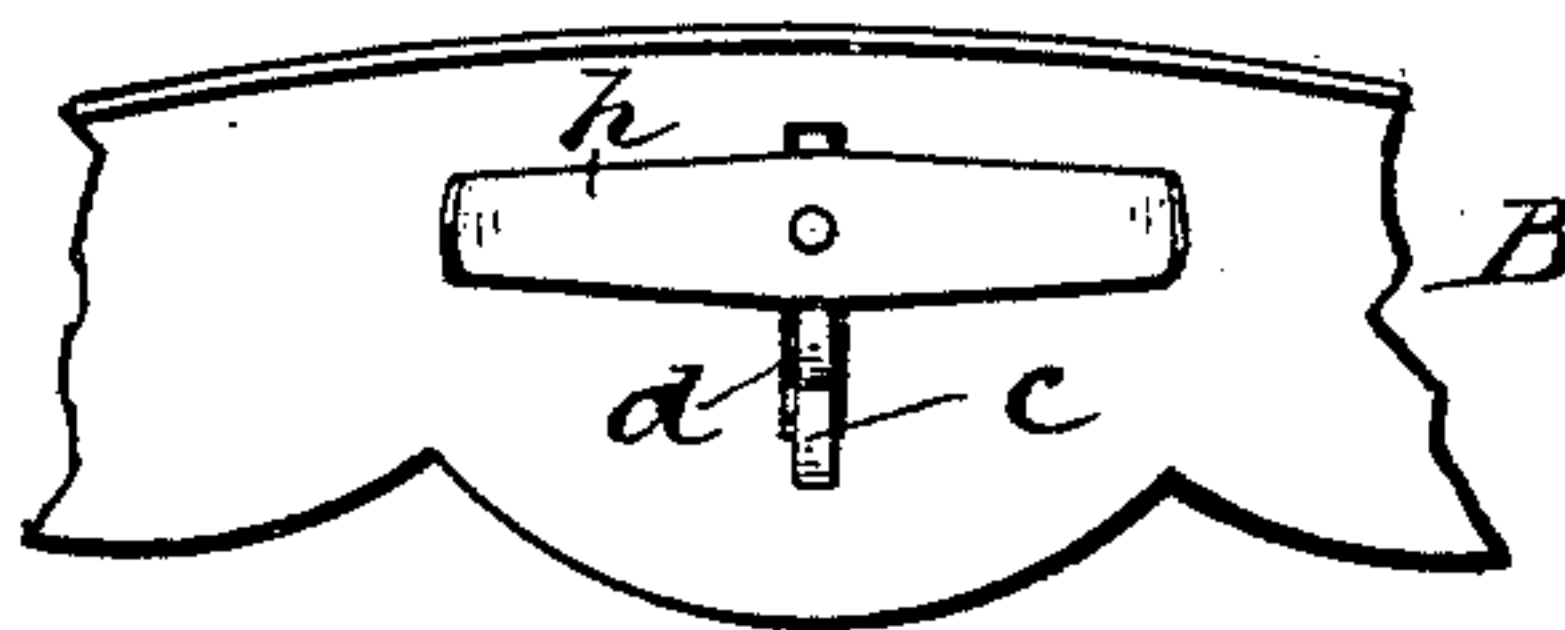
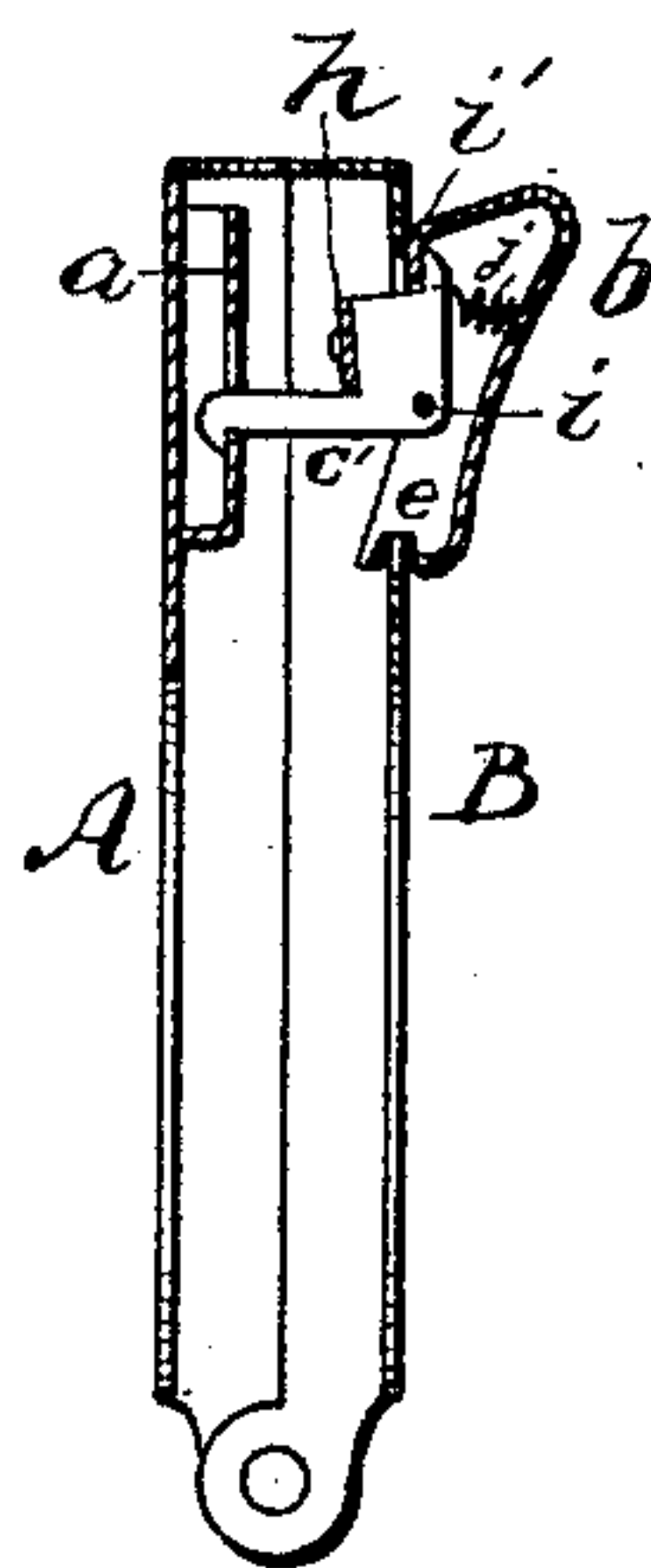


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DANIEL M. READ, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Lock for Bags, Pocket-Books, &c., of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a cheap and practical lock for bags, reticules, pocket-books, &c., arranged to open with the same motion of the hand which is required in opening the jaws or parts of the bag or book to which it is applied; and my invention consists, principally, of a thumb-piece formed or provided with a latch and fitted in an opening, so that a recess or angle in the thumb-piece embracing the edge of the opening forms the pivot of the thumb-piece.

The invention also consists of the construction, arrangement, and combination of parts, as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

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

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a bag-frame having my invention applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a detailed inside view showing the spring, and Fig. 4 is a sectional view showing the latch pivoted in the thumb-piece.

a represents the catch, which may be attached to the inner surface of a bag-frame jaw *A* or to a pocket-book or other object, and *b* represents the thumb-piece, which carries the latch *c* and which may be attached to the other jaw *B* of a bag-frame or to the opening panel or cover of a pocket-book or other like object. In Figs. 1, 2, and 3 the latch is se-

cured firmly to or formed with the thumb-piece, which is of ornamental design and fitted in a slot or opening *d* in the frame, and is formed with a slot or recess *e*, which embraces the edge of the slot or opening, as shown in Figs. 2 and 4, to form the pivot. The thumb-piece is held in place by the shoulder *f* and bow-spring *h*, secured to the latch, so that the ends of the spring act against the inner surface of the frame and normally hold the lock in the position shown in full lines in Fig. 2.

In Fig. 4 the latch *c'* is in angular form pivoted upon the pin *i*, so that it may have an independent movement in locking. The upper end of the latch is arranged behind the lip *i'*, so that when the thumb-piece is pressed outward the latch, will be disengaged from the catch, and a spring *j* may be placed in the thumb-piece behind the upper end of the pivoted latch to insure its ready action in closing the bag or book.

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

The combination, with a frame, of a fastener consisting of a spring-acted latch having a thumb-piece and fitted in a slot in one member of said frame and fulcrumed on the said frame at the edge of said slot, the other member of said frame having a catch for engaging said spring-acted latch, substantially as described.

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