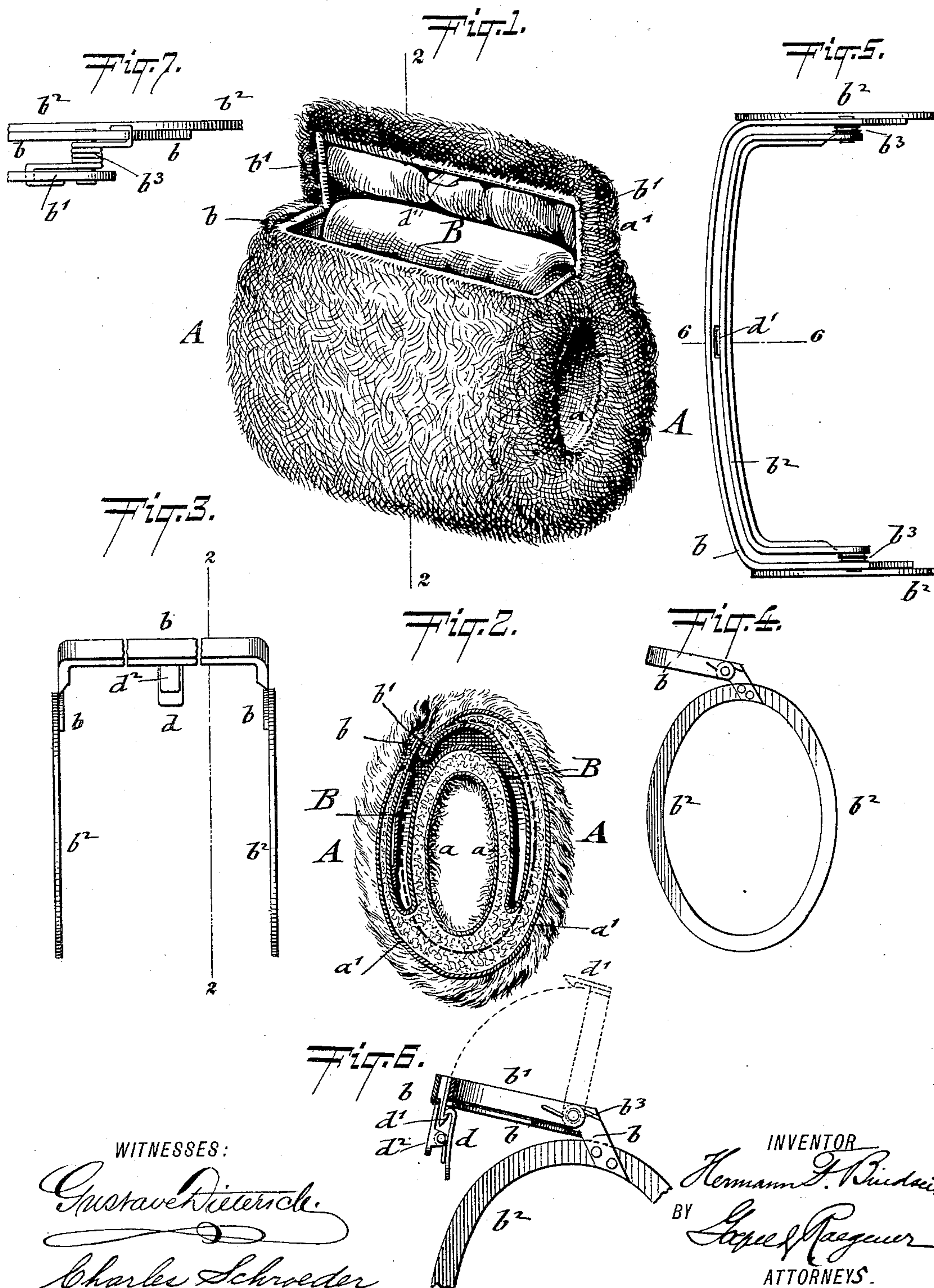


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERMANN F. BINDSEIL, of the city, county, and State of New York, a citizen of the United States, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Muffs, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has reference to improvements in muffs of that class in which a pocket or receptacle is arranged in connection with the muff for the storage of pocket-books, handkerchiefs, and other articles carried by ladies when going out for shopping, making calls, &c., the improvements being designed with a view to facilitate the carrying of said articles without disclosing the pocket in the muff and without detracting from the appearance of the muff, while the receptacle can be readily opened from the inside, so as to give access to the pocket.

The invention consists of a muff provided with a pocket between the lining and covering of the same, said pocket having a mouth at the upper part of the muff and a re-enforcing frame for the muff formed of open end pieces, a fixed jaw attached to said end pieces, a spring-actuated jaw pivoted to the fixed jaw, a spring-actuated lock and catch pivoted to the fixed jaw and having a downward extension, and a catch attached to the pivoted jaw and adapted to interlock with the catch of the fixed jaw.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved muff, showing the pocket in open position ready for inserting any article into the mouth of the same. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section on line 2 2, Fig. 1, and Figs. 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 are details of the metallic frame that is applied to the muff and to the mouth of the pocket of the same, so as to permit the convenient opening or closing of the pocket without indicating the locking devices from the outside of the muff.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawings, A represents a muff, which is made of the usual shape and material. Between the interior lining *a* and the exterior fur covering *a'* of the muff is inserted a pocket B, that extends from the front

part of the muff over the top part into the rear part of the same, the cover and pocket being provided with an opening at the top, so as to form a mouth, through which access is given to the front and rear parts of the pocket. The mouth of the pocket B and covering *a'* is attached to the jaws *b b'* of a frame C, that serves to re-enforce the muff by round or oval end parts *b²*, to the upper parts of which the ends of the jaw *b* are riveted, so that the same is firmly held in position in the muff, while the jaw *b'* is pivoted at its ends to the jaw *b* and acted upon by spiral springs *b³*, one end of which is attached to the fixed jaw *b*, while the other end is attached to the pivoted jaw *b'*, so as to permit the ready opening of the jaw *b'* when the locking device for the jaws is released. The re-enforcing end frames *b²* are inserted into the ends of the muff, said re-enforcing frames being clearly shown in Figs. 3 and 4 and indicated in dotted lines on Fig. 2. The movable jaw *b'* is so arranged as to pass inside of the fixed jaw *b*, the former being provided with a hook-shaped catch *d'*, that passes through a slot of the fixed jaw and is engaged by a pivoted and spring-actuated catch *d*, that is attached to ears of a fixed plate *d²*, that extends in downward direction from the fixed jaw *b*, as shown clearly in Fig. 6. The pivoted and spring-actuated catch *d'* is extended below its pivot connection with the supporting-plate *d²* and made wide enough, so that on feeling for it with the finger from the inside of the muff and pressing on the lower end of the same it will readily release the catch *d'* of the pivoted jaw *b'* and produce thereby the springing of the latter into open position, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 6, so that any article that is to be stored in the pocket of the muff can be inserted through the open mouth of the same or removed from the same. As the pivoted jaw *b'* is locked inside of the fixed jaw *b*, as shown in Figs. 2 and 6, the fur of the covering *a'* closes in such a manner over the joint of the jaws that the presence of the pocket is not discernible. As, moreover, the joint of the jaws is at the upper rear part of the muff, which is usually held close to the body, the presence of such a pocket in the muff is not noticeable.

As the re-enforcing frames at the ends of the muff retain the ordinary shape of the muff, it will change or bulge but little when articles of different kinds are inserted into the pocket through the mouth of the same. After the articles are inserted into the pocket of the muff the mouth is closed and the jaws locked together by the interlocking of the catches *d d'*, as shown in Fig. 6.

As the mouth is located at the upper rear part of the muff, the articles stored in the pocket of the same can be readily removed or replaced, after which the muff is restored to its ordinary shape as a muff, it furnishing the advantage that ladies can conveniently carry a number of articles in the muff without any change in the ordinary shape and appearance of the same and without any possibility of opening the pocket from the outside of the muff.

Having thus described my invention, I

claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A muff provided with a pocket between the lining and covering of the same, said pocket having a mouth at the upper part of the muff, and a re-enforcing frame for the muff formed of open end pieces, a fixed jaw attached to said end pieces, a spring-actuated jaw pivoted to the fixed jaw, a spring-actuated locking-catch pivoted to the fixed jaw and having a downward extension, and a catch attached to the pivoted jaw and adapted to interlock with the catch of the fixed jaw, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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