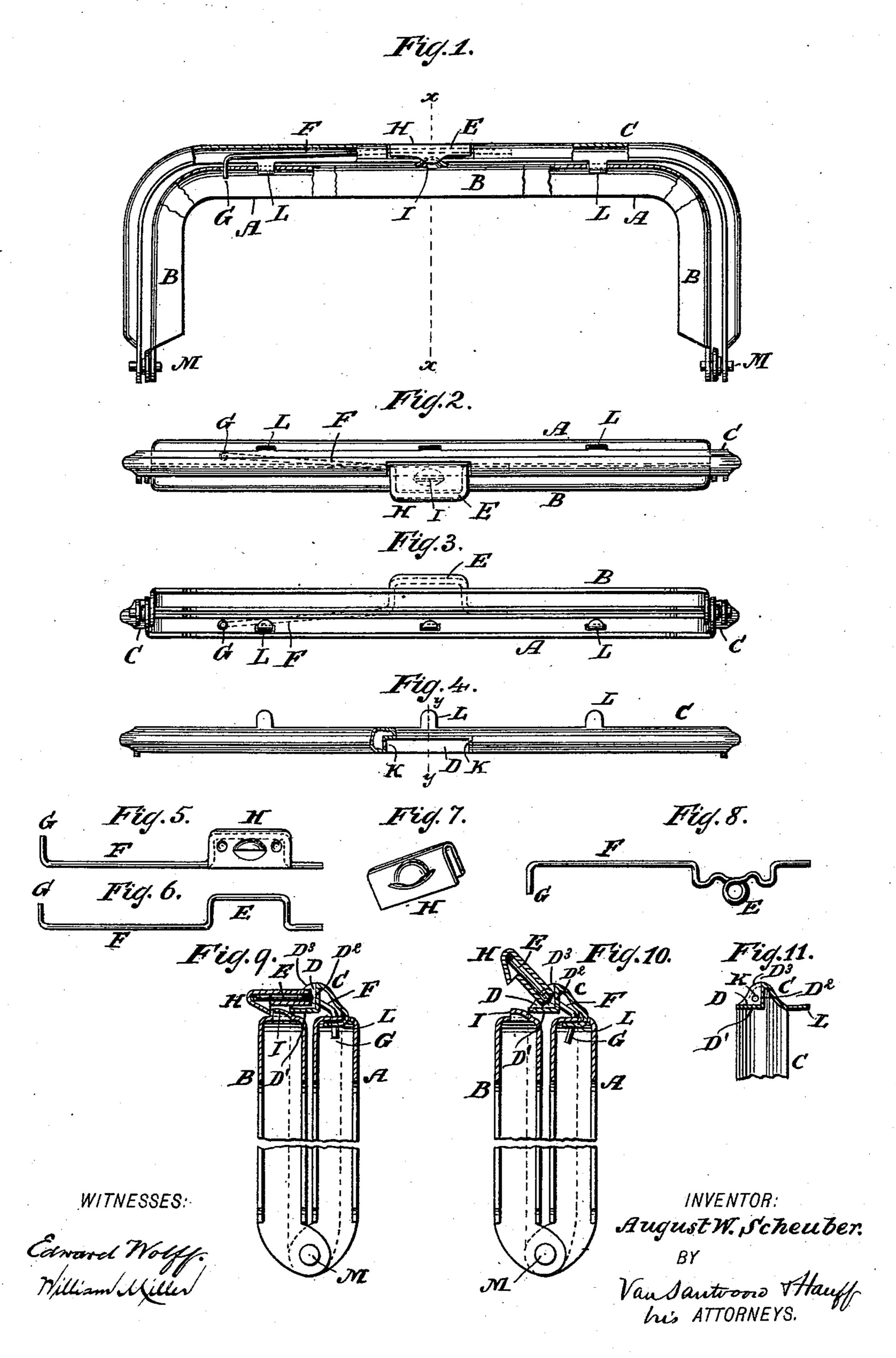
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUST WM. SCHEUBER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State 5 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 an improvement 10 in frames for pocket-books and other articles; and the invention consists in the details of construction set forth in the following specification and claims, and illustrated in the an-

nexed drawings, in which--

Figure 1 is a face elevation, partly in section, of the frame. Fig. 2 is a plan view of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is an inverted plan view of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a detail plan view of a cover. Fig. 5 shows a spring with a cap for the fin-20 ger-piece. Fig. 6 shows the spring without | the cap. Fig. 7 is a detail view of the cap. Fig. 8 shows a modified form of spring. Fig. 9 is a section along x x, Fig. 1, the jaws being locked. Fig. 10 is a similar section with the 25 jaws unlocked. Fig. 11 is a section along xx, Fig. 1, the spring being removed.

In the drawings, the letters A B indicate the jaws of the frame of a pocket-book, purse, bag, or like article. To the jaw A is rigidly 30 secured a cap or cover C, in which is formed a depression D, in which swings a finger-piece E. The back wall D' of the depression forms a back-stop, which prevents the finger-piece

being swung too far up or back when the fin-35 ger-piece is moved to its unlocking position. The bottom wall D² of the depression forms a front stop, which prevents the finger-piece swinging too far down. The finger-piece is moved to its locking position by a torsional

40 spring F.

The finger-piece E and spring F are readily formed from a single piece of wire, as seen in Figs. 6 and 8, and the spring F can be either located at one side of the finger-piece, or, if 45 desired, the spring can be duplicated and made to extend from two sides of the finger-piece. The spring or springs extend through a hole or holes K in the end wall or walls $\bar{\mathbf{D}}^3$ of the depression D. The toe or tail piece G of the 50 spring is held or braced in a hole or eye in I the jaw A, so that the proper torsion or ten-

sion of the spring is maintained.

The finger-piece E may be formed of wire, as seen in Fig. 8, and left uncovered, or said finger-piece may be provided with a cap or 55 shield H, which can be readily formed from sheet metal and pressed or lapped over or about the finger-piece or otherwise secured thereto. When the jaws AB are swung shut, the finger-piece snaps onto or engages a lip I 60 on jaw B, so as to hold the jaws closed. By swinging the finger-piece up or against the pressure of spring F the finger-piece will release the lip I, so that the jaws can be opened or swung apart.

The spring F is housed in the cover C and said cover is shown secured to jaw A by the prongs or clips L and also by the hinge pins or pintles M, by which the jaws are jointed

together.

As seen in Fig. 8, the spring and finger piece can be formed from a single piece of wire, which can be so bent or shaped as to form the spring and finger piece and also the hinge pins or pintles, on which the finger-piece swings, 75 and by thus utilizing a single piece of wire the device is both cheapened and also made durable.

I claim—

1. A frame for a pocket-book or like article, 80 consisting of two pivoted jaws A and B, a cap or cover C, rigidly secured to the upper edge of one jaw and having a depression D, formed with back and front stops D' D2, and an end wall D³, having an orifice K, and a torsion- 85 spring F, secured to one jaw, extending through the orifice in the end wall of the depression of the cap or cover, and having a finger-piece E, located in the depression of the cap or cover and adapted to strike the back 90 and front stops thereof, substantially as and for the purposes described.

2. A frame for a pocket-book or like article, consisting of two pivoted jaws A and B, a cap or cover C, rigidly secured to the upper edge 95 of one jaw and formed with a depression D, having a back wall D', a bottom wall D2, and an end wall D³, provided with an orifice K, and a torsion-spring F, secured to one jaw, extending through the orifice in the end wall 100 of the depression of the cap or cover, and having a finger-piece E, located in said depression and adapted to abut the back and bottom walls of the depression, substantially as and for the

5 purposes described.

3. A frame for a pocket-book or like article, consisting of two pivoted jaws A and B, a cap or cover C, rigidly secured to the upper edge of one jaw and having a depression D, formed 10 with back and front stops D' D2, and an end wall D³, having an orifice K, a torsion-spring F, extending through the said orifice and

formed integral with a finger-piece E, which is located in the said depression of the cap or cover, and a cap H, secured to and overlying 15 the finger-piece, substantially as described.
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set

my hand in the presence of two subscribing

witnesses.

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