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FRAME FOR POCKET BOOKS, &c.

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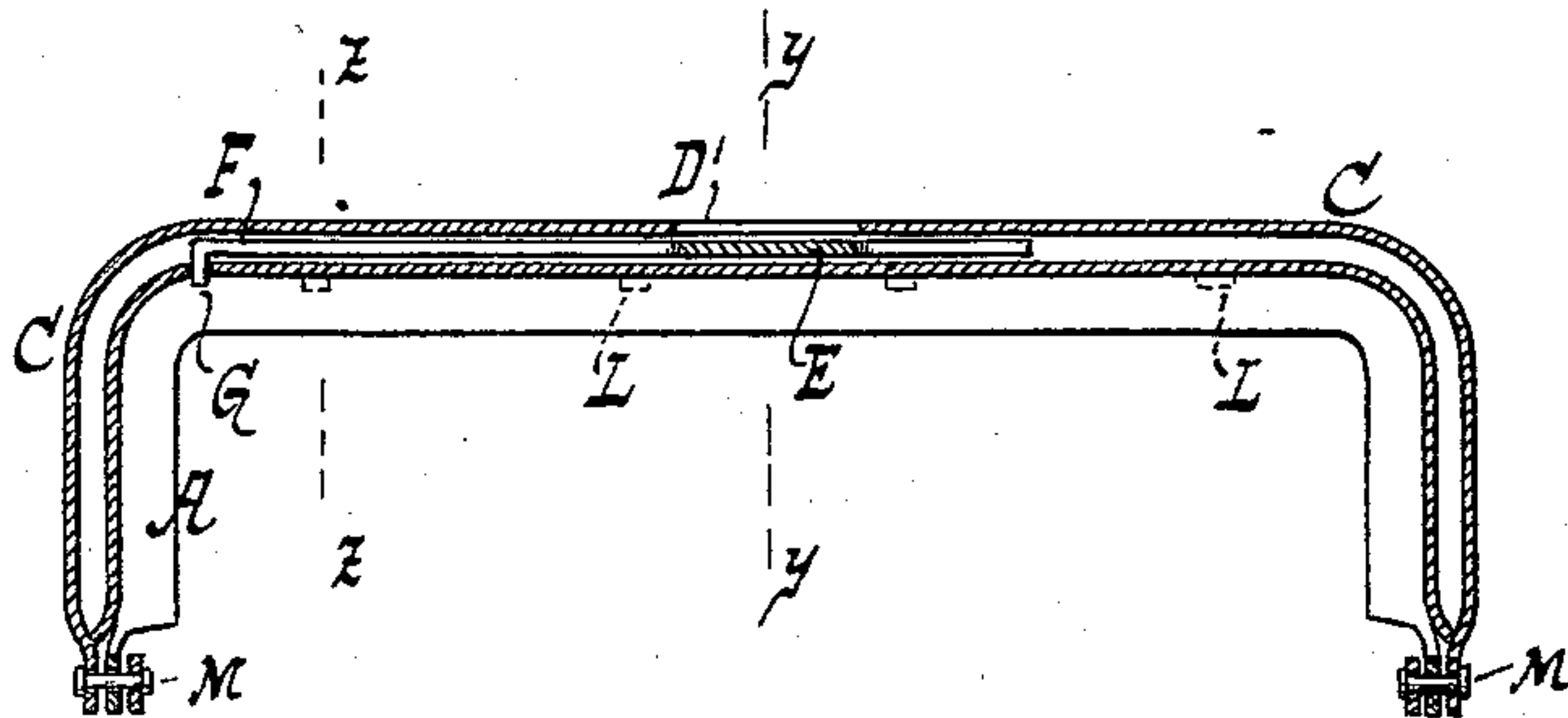


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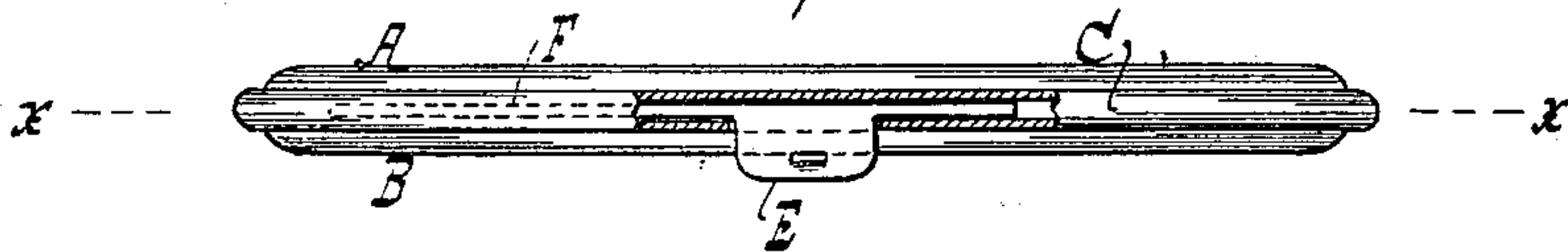


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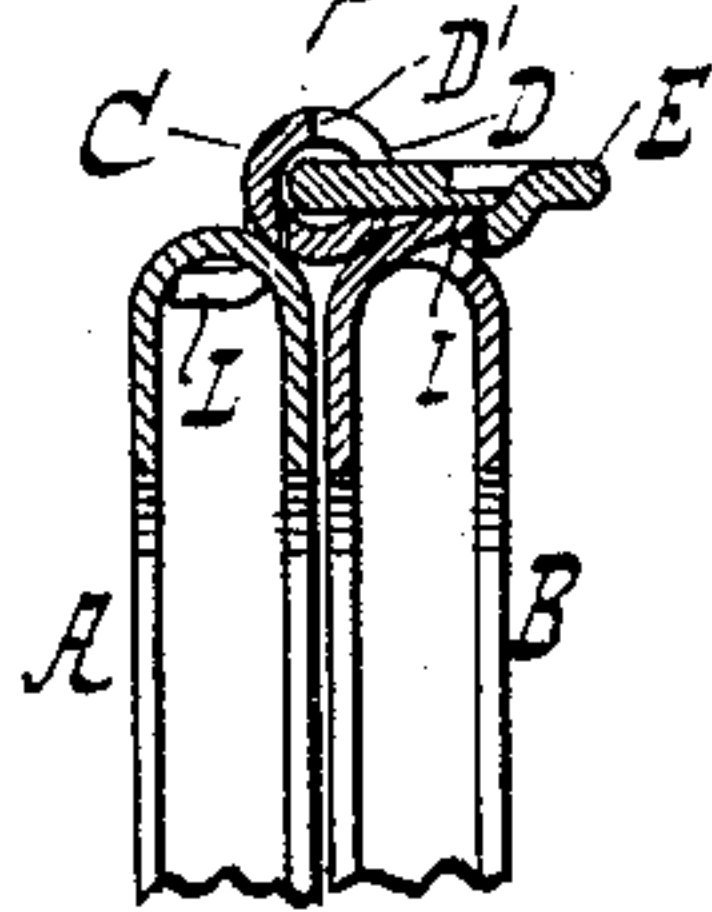


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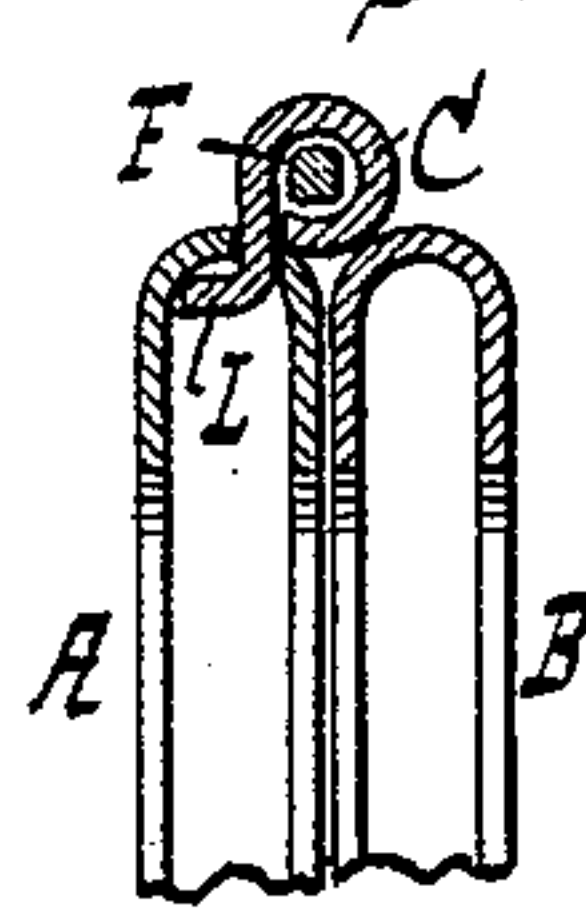


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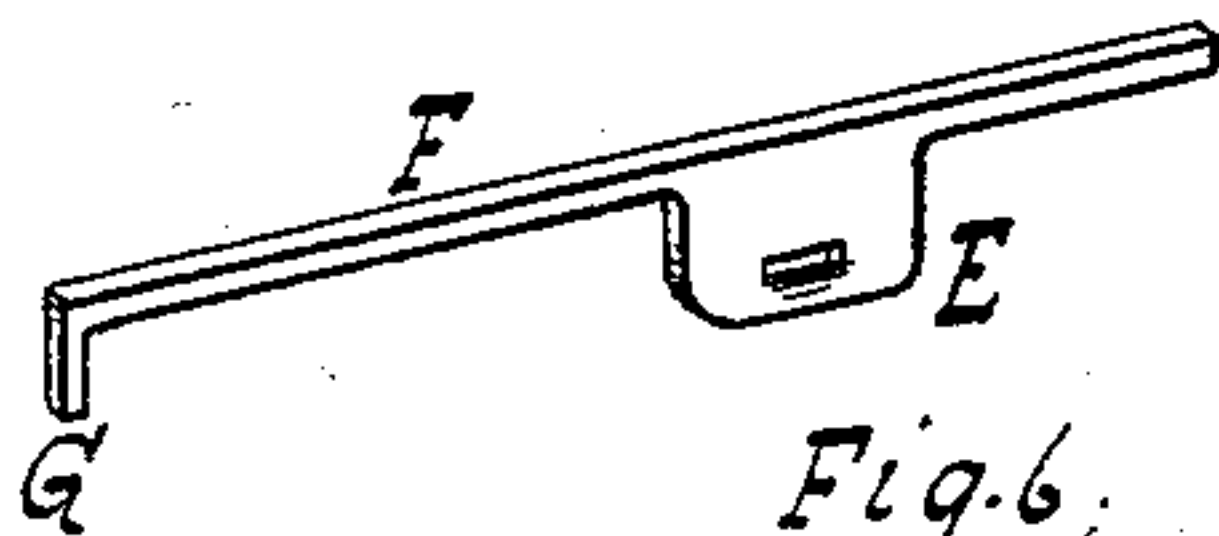


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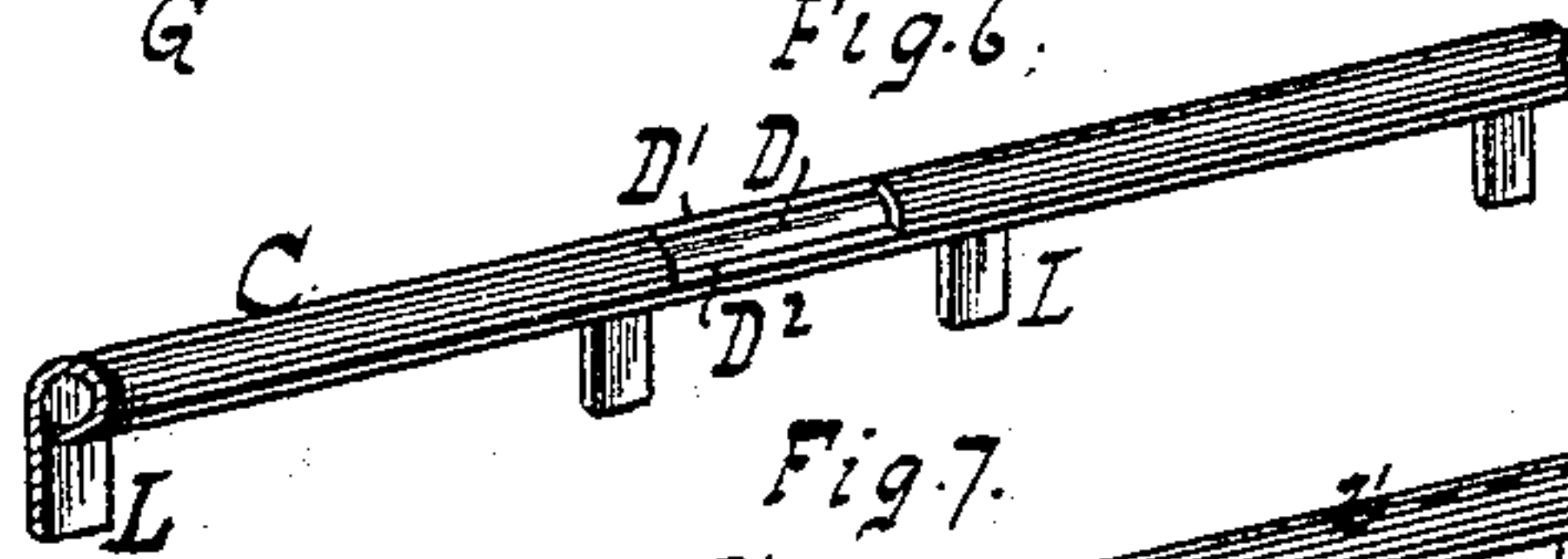


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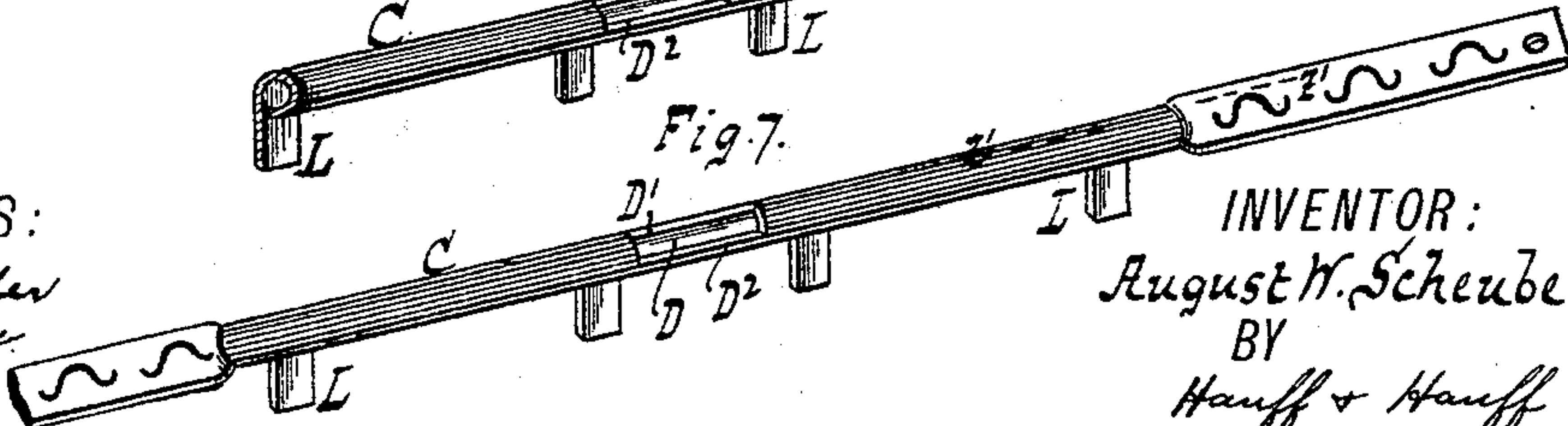
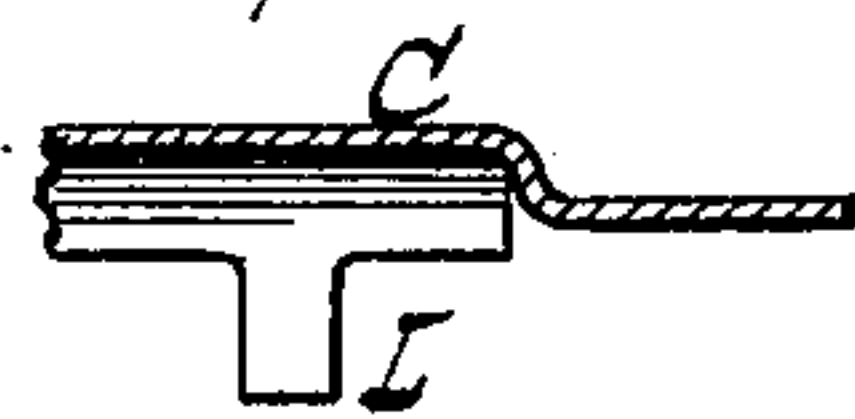


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUST WM. SCHEUBER, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Frames for Pocket-Books, &c., of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improvement 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 annexed drawings in which—

Figure 1, is an elevation of the frame sectioned along $x x$ Fig. 2. Fig. 2, is a plan view of the frame. Fig. 3, is a section along $y y$ Fig. 1. Fig. 4, is a section along $z z$ Fig. 1. Fig. 5, is a detail view of a spring and finger piece. Fig. 6, is a detail view of a piece of a tube. Fig. 7, is a perspective view of a modified form of tube. Fig. 8, is a section along $z z$ Fig. 8.

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 secured a cap or cover C, in shape of a tube, readily formed by rolling one piece of metal into the proper tubular shape. In the tube or cover C is formed an opening or slot D in which swings a finger piece E. The back edge D' of the slot forms a back stop which prevents the finger piece being swung too far up or back when the finger piece is moved to its unlocking position. The bottom or front edge D² of the slot 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 spring F.

The finger piece E and spring F are readily formed in any suitable well known way. An efficient construction is shown in Fig. 5 where the finger piece and spring are shown of one piece of spring metal thus offering a compact structure which can be conveniently secured in tube C and allowing said tube to be rolled into a very small and neat form so as to present a housing having a fine finish and delicate appearance. The toe or tail piece G of the spring is held or braced in the wall or side of tube C. A convenient way I have found is to jam the toe G into the seam at the join-

ing edges of the sheet of metal forming the tube. The toe G being braced will maintain the proper torsion of the spring. The toe G might also, if found effective, be extended through tube C into frame A to give a stronger hold. When the jaws A B are swung shut the finger piece snaps onto or engages a lip I 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 tube C and said tube is shown secured to jaw A by the prongs or clips L. The jaws A B are jointed or connected at M. The cover C being in form of a tube will completely inclose or house the spring and dust and dirt will be excluded and as said tube extends as one piece entirely across the jaw A said tube can be readily made and applied.

I am aware that two tubes, one extending from each side of the finger piece E are old and also that covers which are partly open are old but my invention consists in rolling a tube of one piece of metal so as to extend entirely across the jaw, and having merely a slot or opening for the play of the finger piece E.

The tube C can be made to extend only across the top of the jaw or be extended down the sides of the joints M. If desired the parts of cover C extending down the sides may be left flat or suitably embossed or ornamented. In Figs. 7 and 8 the side extensions of the cover are shown flat and having perforations at the ends for engagements by the pins or joints M.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A frame for a pocket book or like article consisting of two jointed jaws A B, a cap or cover C rolled into a tube from one piece of metal independent of both jaws and attached thereto to extend continuously across one of the jaws and having a lateral slot D the upper and lower edges D' D² of which form back and front stops, a torsional spring secured in said tube and having a finger piece made to extend through the slot in the tube and adapted to strike the back and front stops, substantially as described.

2. A frame for a pocket book or like article consisting of two jointed jaws A B, a cap or

cover C rolled into a tube from one piece of metal independent of both jaws and attached thereto to extend continuously across one of the jaws and having a lateral slot D the upper and lower edges D' D² of which form back and front stops, a torsional spring secured in said tube and having a finger piece made to extend through the slot in the tube and adapted to strike the back and front stops, said finger piece and spring being formed from a sin-

gle piece of metal to allow said tube to be rolled in compact form about the spring, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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