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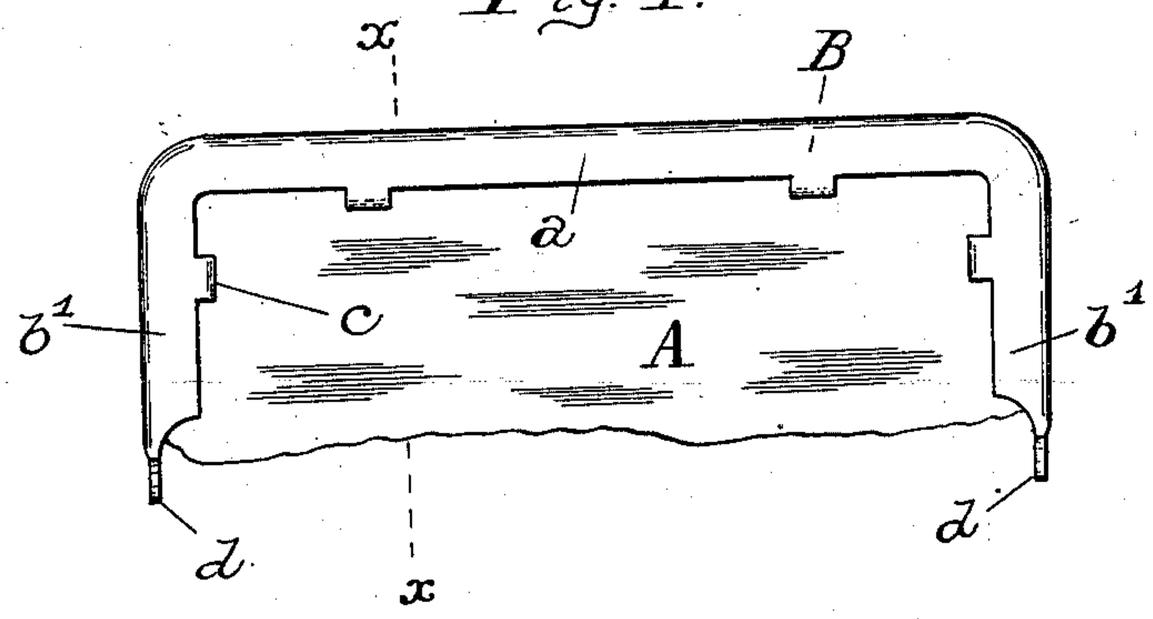
Fig. 1.



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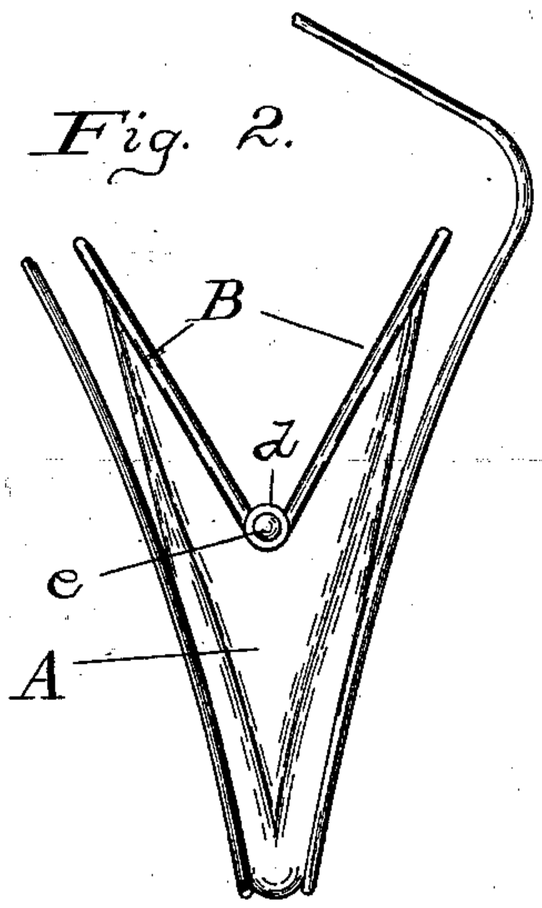

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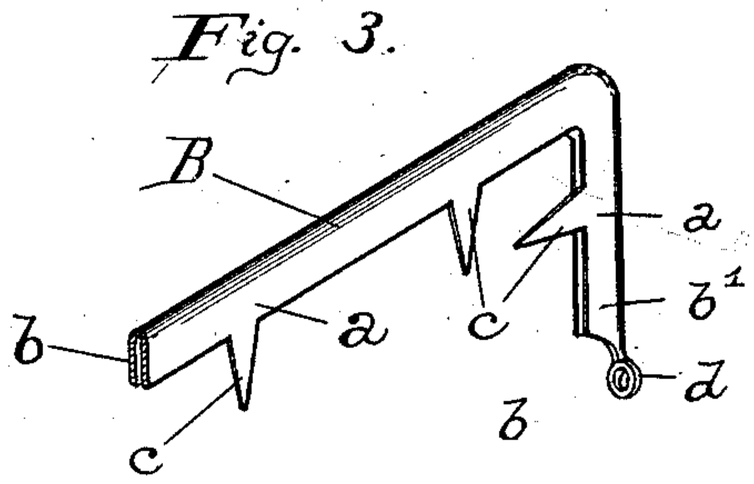

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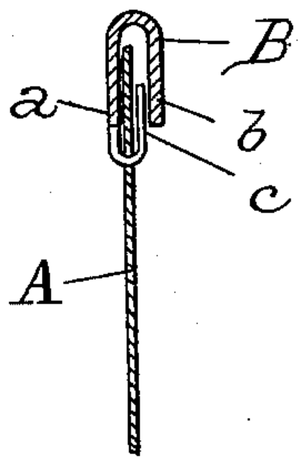

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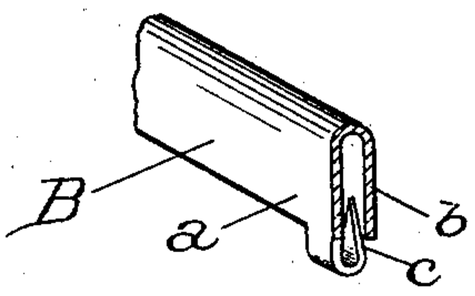

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES SPIER, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket-Books, Satchels, and Analogous Receptacles, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to the construction of pocket-books, satchels, and analogous receptacles; and its object is to provide a frame for the retention of the material forming the pocket of the receptacle so constructed as to securely hold said material in place and prevent it from being detached from the frame by hard usage, thereby adding to the durability of the receptacle.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of one of the bars of my improved pocket-book frame with its attached pocket-forming material in finished condition. Fig. 2 is an end elevation of the complete pocket-book. Fig. 3 is a sectional perspective view of one frame-bar detached and showing the tangs in primary condition. Fig. 4 is a transverse section of the frame and material on the line *x x*, Fig. 1; and Fig. 5 is a sectional perspective view of a portion of one frame-bar detached, the section being also taken on the line *x x*, Fig. 1.

The pocket-forming material A may be leather, cloth, or any suitable fabric, and its upper edge or mouth is retained or clamped by two frame-bars B, hinged together, as usual, and provided with any preferred form of clasp for holding the frame closed. Each frame-bar B is substantially of the usual U shape and comprises two parallel members *a* and *b*. In this case the two members are formed by a strip folded. Extending from the edge of the member *a*, and preferably integral therewith, are any suitable number of pointed tangs *c*, which in their primary condition are straight, and at the ends of the two depending sides *b'* of the U-shaped frame-bars B are apertured ears *d*, which receive rivets *e*, whereby to hinge the said two frame-bars B together.

In the construction of the pocket-book the edge of the pocket-forming material A is inserted between the two parallel members *a* and *b*, while the tangs *c* are extended straight out from the edge of the member *a*. The tangs are then thrust through the material A and are bent in a returned direction and form hooks, and their ends are inserted within the parallel members *a* and *b* and also between the member *b* and the adjacent side of the material A. The two parallel members *a* and *b* are finally compressed together, which tightly clenches the bent tangs *c*.

It is evident that the pocket-forming material A cannot be slipped off the tang-hooks, nor can the tangs be straightened to slip the material off until the parallel members *a* and *b* are first pried apart.

It will thus be seen that I have provided a very strong and durable construction of pocket-book, in which the pocket-forming material cannot become separated from the frame except by first prying apart the parallel members *a* and *b*, and thus releasing the tangs *c*, or by tearing the material bodily from the frame.

While I have described and illustrated my invention in connection with a pocket-book, I do not confine myself thereto, as it is clearly applicable also to satchels, bags, or any analogous receptacle. I also wish it understood that the tangs *c*, although ordinarily integral parts of the frame, may also, if desired, be riveted to the latter, and this method of attaching the tangs is preferably employed in case the frame is composed of silver, gold, or other comparatively-soft metal.

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

A pocket-book, satchel, or analogous receptacle, provided with hinged frame-bars each having parallel members, *a*, and *b*, between which the edge of the pocket-forming material is received; and tang-hooks secured to and extending from one of said members in approximately the same plane therewith, thence through the pocket-forming material, and bent back in a return direction with their ends between the said parallel members.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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