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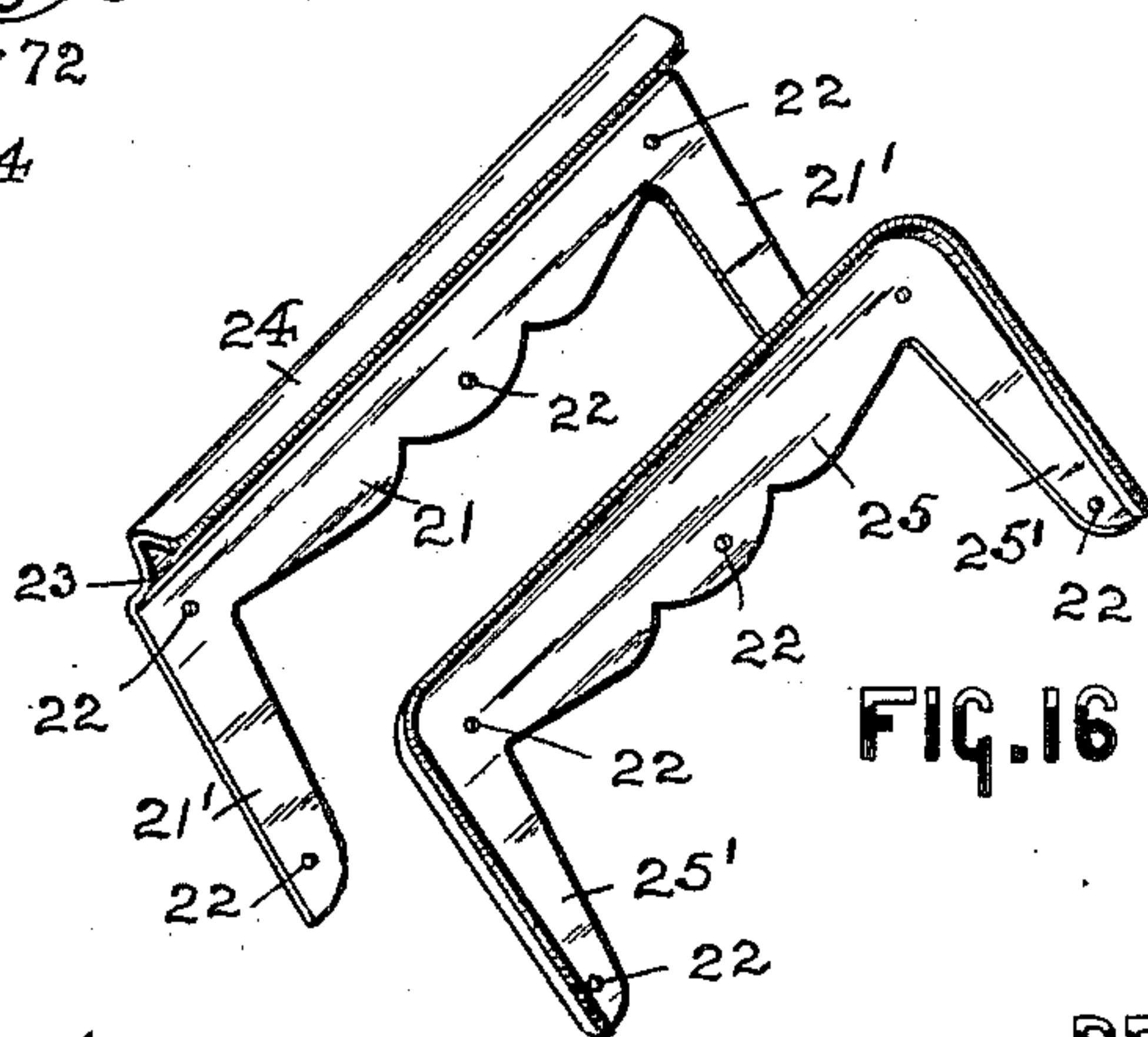
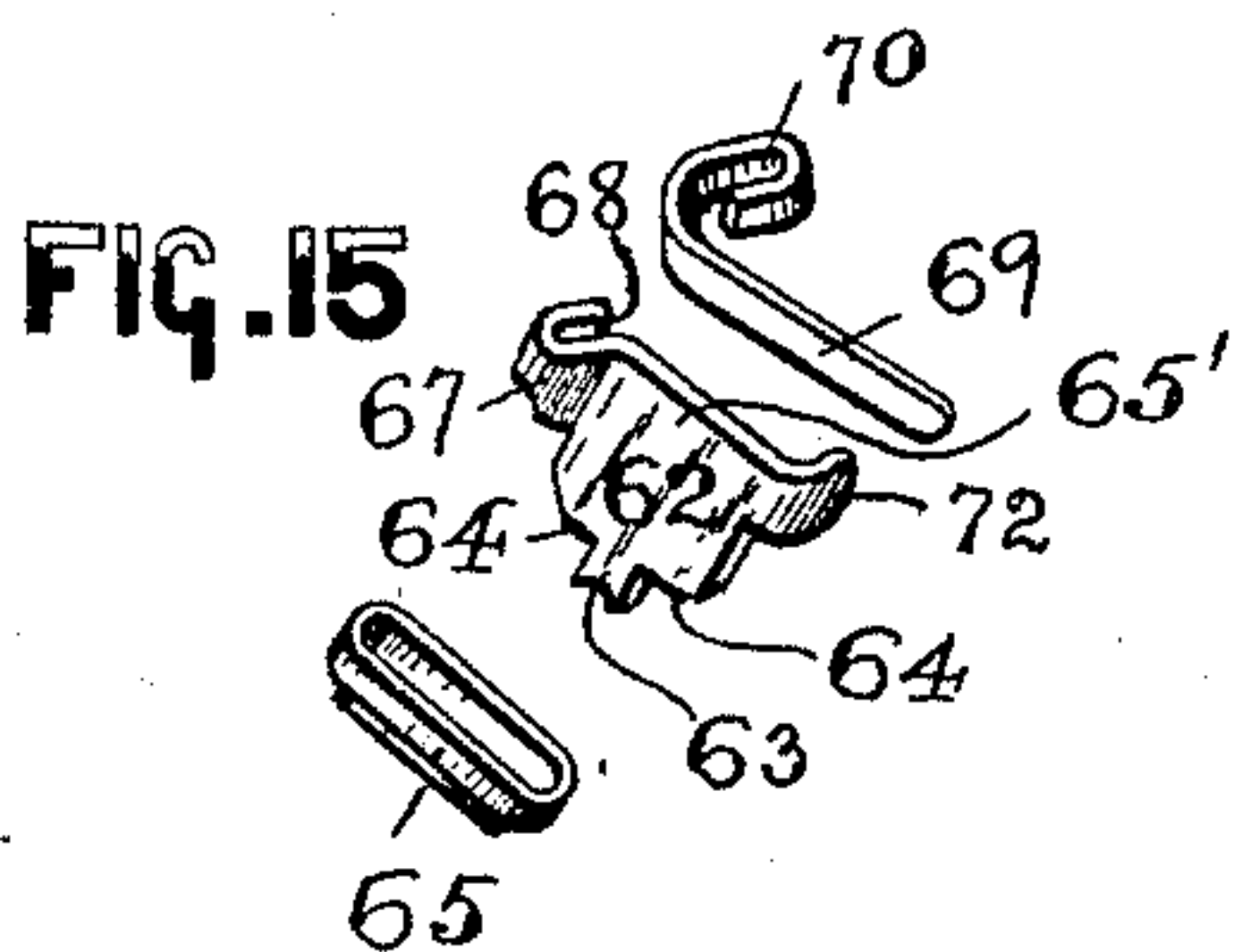
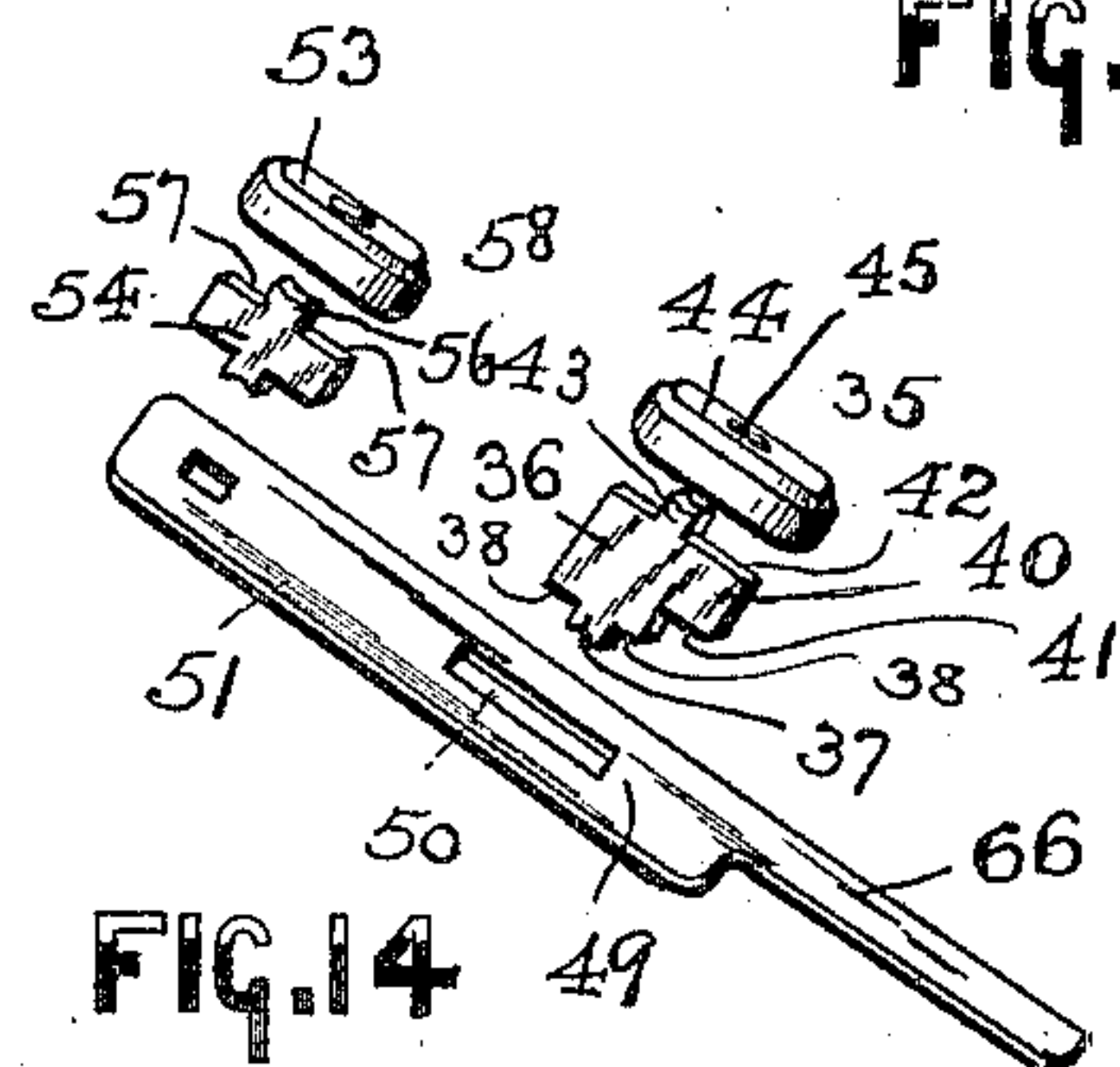
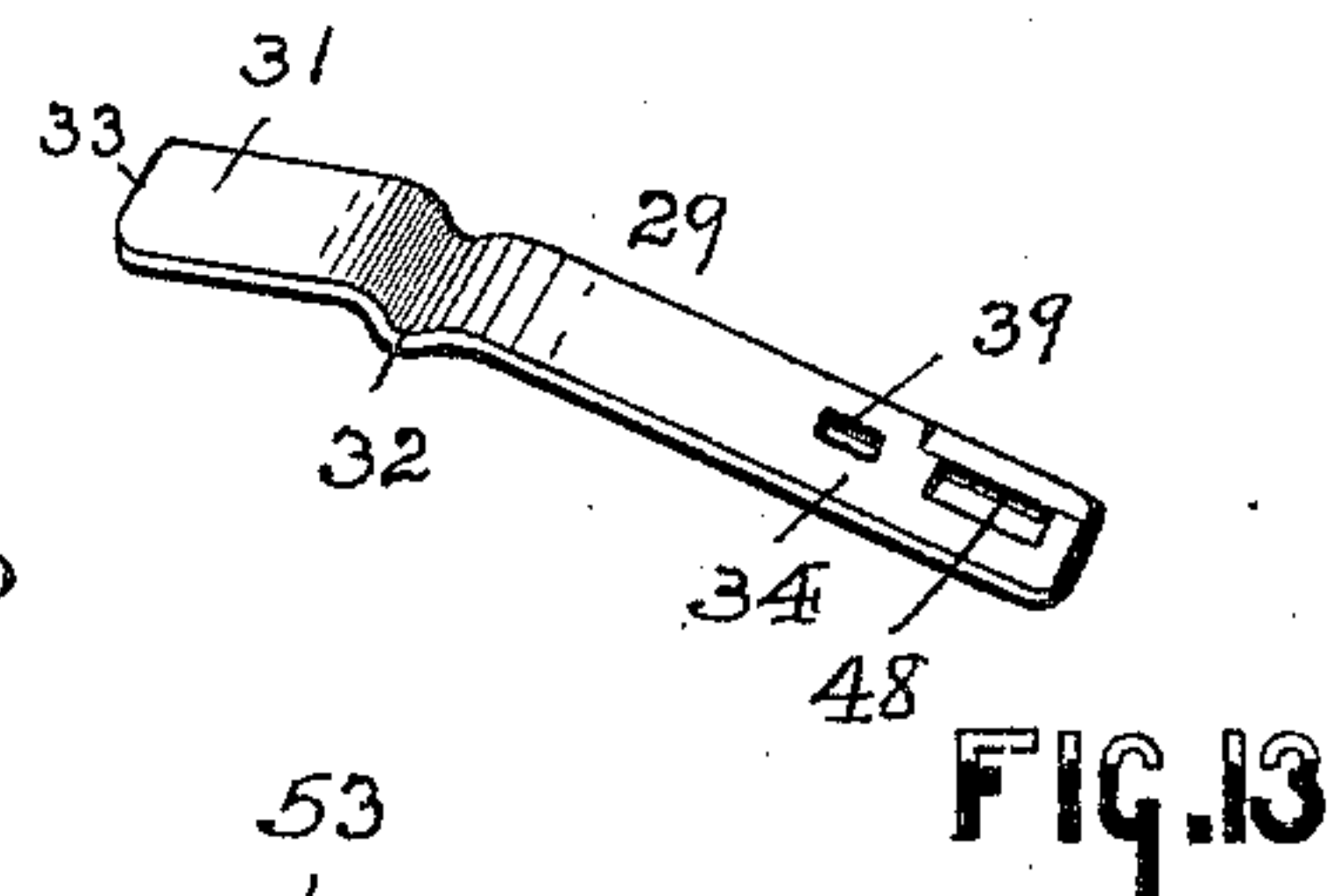
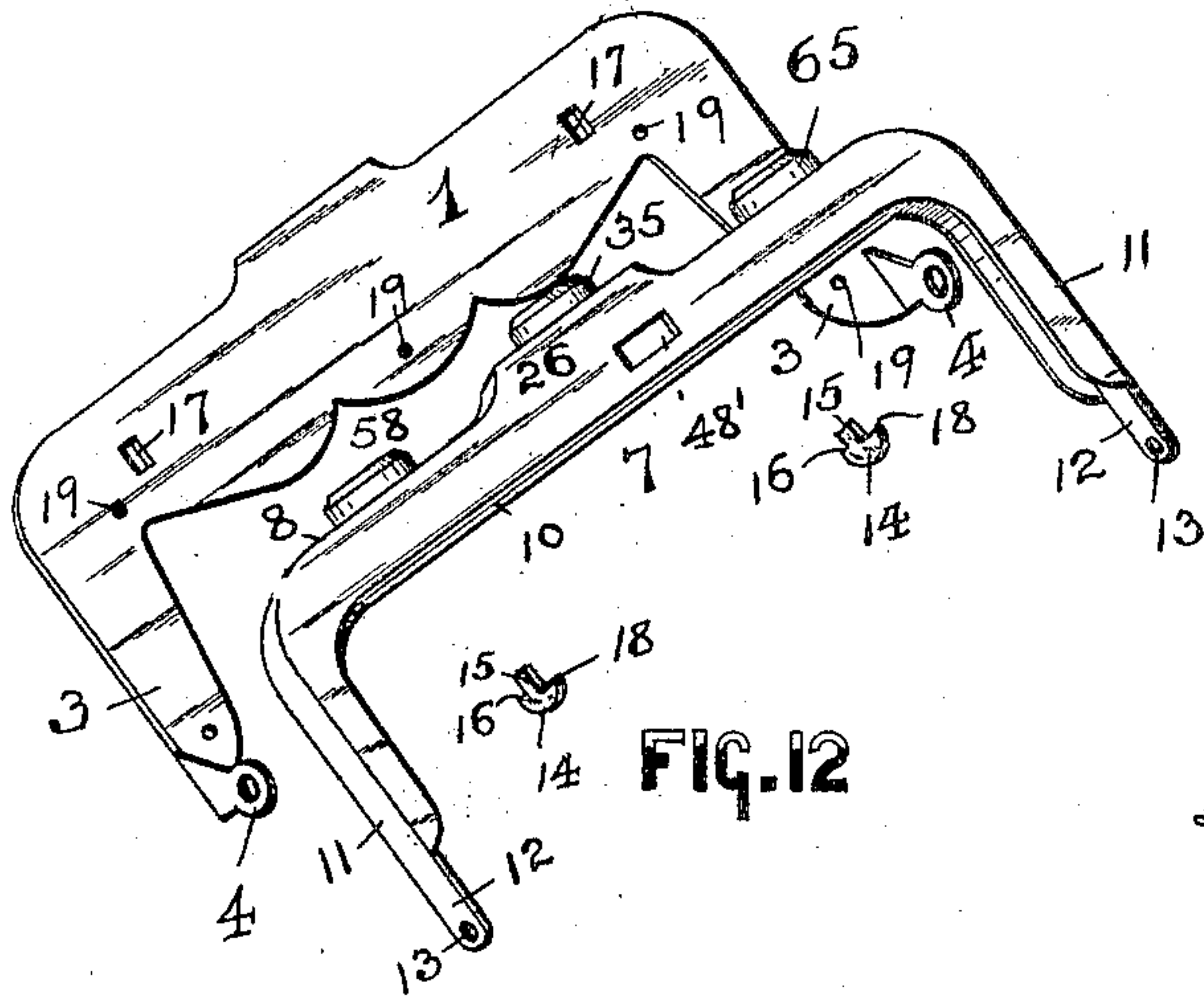
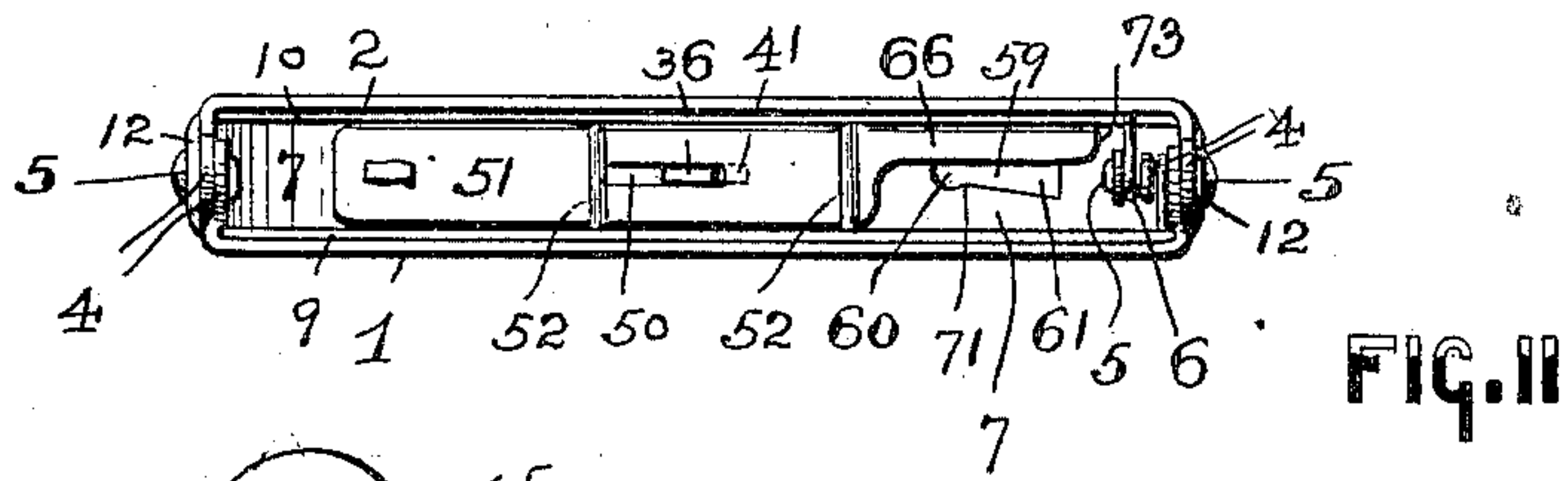
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENNO VOM EIGEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Purse or Bag Frames; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to numerals of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvements in purse or bag frames and the like; and the invention has reference more particularly to that class of frames known to the trade as "trick" or "puzzle" frames.

The invention has for its principal object the production of a novel construction of purse or bag frame or the like which shall be of a very simple construction, and, furthermore, to provide a novel means for holding or locking the frame-sections in their closed relations, all with a view of providing a simply and cheaply constructed bag-frame and holding-catch therefor.

A further object of this invention is to provide, in connection with the hinged or pivoted frame-sections of the bag or purse frame when the frame-sections are in their closed relation, an intermediately-arranged frame-like casing or box in which the locking or holding mechanism embodying the various principles of this invention is arranged in the manner to be hereinafter more fully explained, and, furthermore, to provide, in connection with one of the outer frame-sections and said intermediately-arranged frame-like casing or box-section, a novel means for securing the said intermediately-arranged frame-like casing or box-section in its fixed position upon the inner surface of one of said outer frame-sections.

The invention therefore consists generally in the novel construction of purse or bag frame and its holding or locking catch and locking mechanism therefor, as well as in the novel arrangements and combinations of the various parts thereof, all of which will be

more fully described in the accompanying specification and then finally embodied in the clauses of the claim which are hereto appended and which form a part of the said specification.

The invention consists, further, in the novel arrangement and construction of a pair of outer frame-sections and an intermediately-arranged frame-like casing or box, with a novel means for securing the said intermediately-arranged frame-like casing or box upon one of the said outer frame-sections and all having a common hinge-joint or pivotal connection.

The said invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying sheets of drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a purse or bag frame made according to the principles of my present invention; and Fig. 2 is a top edge view of the same, said view representing the frame-sections in their closed relation and certain actuating studs or buttons in their normally closed positions when the frame-sections are closed or held in their locked relation to each other. Fig. 3 is a similar view of the closed frame-sections, illustrating the positions of a pair of outer studs upon the upper surface and near the outer end portion of the intermediately-placed frame-like casing or box to permit of the actuation of the working parts of the locking mechanism in said casing or box. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the several frame-sections in their open relation. Fig. 5 is a bottom view of the closed frame-sections and their parts represented in said Fig. 2; and Fig. 6 is a similar view of the said frame-sections and their parts represented in said Fig. 3, illustrating the positions of the working parts of the locking mechanism when the pair of outer studs have been actuated to operate the locking mechanism in the said intermediately-arranged frame-like casing or box and permit the separation or open relation of the frame-sections. Fig. 7 is a longitudinal vertical section of the several parts, said section being taken on line 7 7 in said Fig. 2; and Fig. 8 is a longitudinal vertical section of the several parts, said section being taken on line 8 8 in said Fig. 3. Fig. 9 is a vertical cross-section of the frame-sections.

tions and parts, said section being taken on line 9 9 in Fig. 1 of the drawings; and Fig. 10 is a similar section, taken on line 10 10 in said Fig. 1, looking in the direction of the arrow in said Fig. 1, the lower portions of the frame-sections in both said Figs. 9 and 10 being represented as broken away. Fig. 11 is a bottom view of the frame-sections in their closed relation with the frame-inlays and a flat spring removed to more clearly illustrate the general arrangement of a slide plate or bolt within the intermediately-arranged frame-like casing or box. Fig. 12 is a collective perspective view of one of the outer frame-sections, the intermediately-arranged frame-like casing or box, and certain holding lugs or rivets to be used with the said parts for securing said intermediately-arranged frame-like casing or box upon the inner surface of the said outer frame-sections. Fig. 13 is a perspective view of a flat spring which is employed with the locking or holding mechanism of the purse or bag frame. Fig. 14 is a collective perspective view of a slide plate or bolt and the separated parts of a pair of actuating studs or finger-pieces which are used with the said slide plate or bolt. Fig. 15 is a collective perspective view of a spring and the separated parts of another actuating stud or finger-piece which is used with the said intermediately-arranged frame-like casing or box, and Fig. 16 is a similar collective perspective view of a pair of inlays employed with the several frame-sections and the intermediately-arranged frame-like casing or box of my novel construction of purse or bag frame.

Similar numerals of reference are employed in all of the said above-described views to indicate corresponding parts.

Referring to the said drawings, the reference-numerals 1 and 2 indicate the two main or outer frame-sections of the bag or purse frame, each of which is formed with the downwardly-extending members 3 and the inwardly-extending perforated ears 4. These ears 4 of the respective frame-sections 1 and 2 are pivotally connected by means of the pins or rivets 5, a spring 6 being employed with one of the said pins and one of the members 3 of the frame-sections 1 and 2, as clearly indicated in Figs. 1, 4, 5, and 6, to force said frame-sections 1 and 2 into their open relation when the holding or locking mechanism, to be hereinafter more fully described, is actuated. This holding or locking mechanism is contained in an intermediately-arranged frame-like casing or box 7, which, as will be seen from an inspection of the several figures of the drawings, corresponds in its configuration to that of the said frame-sections 1 and 2. The said frame-like casing or box 7 comprises the upper surface 8 and a pair of downwardly-extending side flanges 9 and 10, and the said casing or box 7 is also made with correspondingly-formed downwardly-extending side members 11. Each side member 11

is formed with a downwardly-extending lug or ear 12, provided with a hole or perforation 13, as represented in Fig. 12, for arranging the said lugs or ears 12 directly upon the pivotal pins or rivets 5, hereinabove mentioned and as clearly shown in Figs. 1, 4, 5, and 6 of the drawings. The said frame-like casing or box 7 is arranged directly against the inner face of one of the said main frame-sections, as 1, and is held in its fixed position against the said inner face of the frame-section 1 by means of specially-constructed rivet-like fasteners 14. These fasteners 14 are each provided with a shank 15 and a shoulder 16, the shoulder 16 being fitted against the inner face of the frame-section 1 and the shank 15 being passed through a perforation 17 in said frame-section and then turned over or clenched upon and against the outer face of the frame-section. Each fastener 14 is also provided with a hook portion 18, which is arranged over the lower edge and against a part of the inner face of the flange 9 of the said frame-like casing or box 7, as clearly illustrated in Figs. 9 and 10 of the drawings. In this manner and by this means the said frame-like casing or box 7 is securely and permanently fixed in the proper position against the inner face of the frame-section 1. The said frame-sections 1 and 2 are also provided with suitably-disposed perforations 19 for the reception of pins 20, by means of which I have secured upon the inner face of the frame-section 1 an inlay 21, the said pins being passed through correspondingly-placed holes 22 in said inlay. The said inlay 21 is formed with an inwardly and upwardly bent portion 23, from which extends at a right angle, or approximately so, a shelf 24, which fits directly beneath the open part formed by the two flanges 9 and 10 of the intermediately-arranged frame-like casing or box 7, and thus closes the same, as clearly illustrated. Suitably secured against the inner face of the other main frame-section 2 by means of pins 20 is a flat inlay 25. The said inlays 21 and 25 and their respective leg portions 21' and 25' thereof are employed in the usual manner for securing the material of the bag in place, the fabric or material of which the bag is made being, however, omitted from the drawings, since the same does not constitute any part of this invention. Of course it will be understood that the said frame-sections 1 and 2 and the intermediately-arranged frame-like casing or box 7 may be otherwise constructed and may be of any ornamental design or configuration, and the several parts may also be differently hinged together, if desired, without departing from the scope and novelty of this invention.

Having thus in a general way described the principal arrangement and construction of the main frame-sections and the intermediately-arranged frame-like casing or box, I will now describe the construction of the novel locking or holding mechanism which is placed in

the chambered portion of the intermediately-arranged frame-like casing or box 7 and the several studs or finger-pieces for actuating said mechanism, which studs extend above the upper surface or face 8 of the said casing or box 7, as clearly represented in Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of the drawings. As illustrated more particularly in Figs. 7 and 8 of the drawings, the said intermediately-arranged frame-like casing or box 7 is provided in its upper surface 8 with a centrally-disposed and raised box portion 26, which is provided with an oblong opening 27. Suitably held and retained upon a cross pin or bar 28, having its ends secured in the opposite flanges 9 and 10 of the said intermediately-arranged frame-like casing or box 7, is a flat spring 29. This spring 29 has a curved part 30, which rests upon the said pin or bar 28, and also has a retaining end 31, which is bent, as at 32, so as to rest directly upon the upper and inner surface of the shelf 24 of the inlay 21, and also has its free end 33 in holding contact with the inner face of the upper surface 8 of said intermediately-arranged frame-like casing 7, as clearly shown. In this manner the said spring 29 has its end 31 fixed against movement; but its longitudinally-extending main portion 34 is capable of a vibratory action when compressed by a stud or finger-piece 35. This stud or finger-piece 35 consists, essentially, of a shouldered post 36, which is provided with a suitable tongue 37 and shoulders 38, (see especially Figs. 7, 8, and 14,) which tongue is arranged in a slot 39 in said spring 29 and is riveted against the edges of said slot, so that the shoulders 38 are tightly brought down upon the upper surface of the main portion 34 of the spring 29, whereby the said post 36 is rigidly fixed in position. The said post 36 is also formed with a projection 40, forming a shoulder 41 on its under side for the purpose hereinafter set forth. Upon its upper edge 42 the said post 39 has a projection 43, which extends into a slot 45 in a suitably-constructed shell 44 and is riveted against the outer and upper surface of said shell 44, whereby the central stud or finger-piece 35 is provided normally above the longitudinal slot or opening 27 in the raised box portion 26. By means of this stud or finger-piece 35 at the proper time the main portion 34 of the flat spring can be suitably depressed, and a holding-catch 46, which is secured to the frame-section 2 and has a holding depression 47, which is in normal holding engagement with one of the edges of an opening 48 in said portion 34 of the spring and which extends through an opening 48' in the casing 7, can be released and the frame-sections of the bag or purse frame caused to assume their open relation. (Indicated in Fig. 4 of the drawings). Under normal conditions the said stud or finger-piece 35 and the body portion 34 of the spring 29 are immovably held in their locked positions by having the shoulder 41 of the pro-

jection 40 of said post 39 resting directly upon a portion 49 contiguous to a slot 50 in a slide plate or bolt 51, (see Fig. 14,) through which the said post 39 passes, as will be clearly understood from an inspection of Fig. 7. The said slide plate or bolt 51 is arranged upon a pair of cross pins or bars 52, which extend from the flange 9 to the flange 10 of the said intermediately-arranged frame-like casing or box 7, and under certain conditions, to be presently described, the said slide plate or bolt 51 can be moved longitudinally upon the said pins or bars 52 for withdrawing the part 49 of said slide plate or bolt 51 from beneath the shoulder 41 of the post 39 and bringing all the parts of said post 39 directly above the slot 50 in said slide plate or bolt 51. As illustrated in Figs. 7 and 8, the said slide plate or bolt 51 has secured thereto near the one end of the plate a post 54, which extends in an upward direction from the said plate and through an elongated slot or opening 55 in the upper surface of the said frame-like casing or box 7. This post 54 is made with a projection 56 and a pair of shoulders 57, upon which is secured, as shown, a shell 53, similar in construction to the shell 44 previously mentioned, whereby a suitable stud or finger-piece 58 is provided, by means of which the said post 54 may be moved in a longitudinal direction in the said slot or opening 55, substantially as and for the purposes to be presently described. As represented in Figs. 5, 6, and 11, the said frame-like casing or box 7 is formed in its upper surface 8 with a peculiarly-shaped opening 59, the said opening being provided at one end with a circularly-shaped open part 60, from which extends longitudinally an elongated open part 61, the width of this opening being greater at its one end than at the point where the open part 61 and open part 60 are connected. In other words, I have provided the said surface 8 with a C-shaped opening, as shown. In this opening I have arranged, so as to be capable of an oscillatory movement therein, a plate-like member 62, the upper portion of said member 62 being made to extend above the said surface 8 of the frame-like casing or box 7, as illustrated in Figs. 7 and 8, and being provided with a projection 63 and the shoulders 64, upon which is secured a shell, which provides a stud or finger-piece 65 for said member 62. As clearly illustrated in the several figures of the drawings, the said plate-like member 62 has its lower portion 65' extending in a downward direction into the space formed by the flanges 9 and 10 of the said frame-like casing or box 7 and normally resting in said space adjacent to a longitudinally-extending finger 66, formed on the said slide plate or bolt 51, previously mentioned. At one edge of the lower portion 65' of the member 62 the same is provided with a laterally extending and bent projection 67, forming a receiving-socket 68 for the bent part 70 of a flat spring 69. While the main central

portion of the member 62 rests within the said opening 59 and is capable of a slight oscillatory motion on the angular part 71 between the open parts 60 and 61, the said projection 67 and the bent part 70 of the spring 69 are arranged beneath the finger 66 of the slide plate or bolt 51, so as not to interfere with its sliding movement when the bolt has been liberated, in the manner to be presently described. When the several parts are in their normally locked or holding engagement, then the pressure from the spring 69, which has its end 71 bearing firmly against the inner surface of the flange 9 of the frame-like casing or box 7, will force a bent holding or locking projection 72 upon the lower portion 65' of said member 62 directly in front of the free end 73 of the finger 66 of the said slide plate or bolt 51, and in this manner the said slide plate or bolt 52 is immovably held and the frame-sections of the purse or bag-frame are retained in their closed relation to each other.

The manner of operating the several parts of the locking mechanism, although it appears very difficult, is very simple and is accomplished in the following manner: The several parts of the mechanism being in their closed positions, (indicated more especially in Figs. 2, 5, and 7,) the finger-piece or stud 65 is turned from the longitudinally-parallel position with the edges of the upper surface 8 of the said frame-like casing or box 7 (indicated in Fig. 2) to the angular position, (represented in Fig. 3,) the movement being made in the direction of the arrow X. This movement of the finger-piece or stud 65 removes the holding or locking projection 72 from its locking or holding engagement with the free end of the slide plate or bolt 51 (indicated in Fig. 5) to the disengaged positions of these parts, which is represented in Fig. 6 of the drawings. At the same time the finger-piece or stud 58 is pushed in a longitudinal direction, (indicated by the arrow Y in Fig. 3,) whereby the slide plate or bolt 51 is likewise moved longitudinally from its initial position (indicated in Fig. 5) to its disengaged position, (shown in Fig. 6,) and in which latter positions these parts remain. The movement of the slide plate or bolt 51 has also released the vertically-moving post 36 from its immovable position, (indicated in Fig. 7,) in which position said post was held by the engagement of its projection 40 with the slide plate or bolt 51, and the slide plate or bolt 51 having thus been moved to the position represented in Fig. 8 the post 36 is brought directly above the longitudinal slot or opening 50 in the slide plate or bolt 51. The said post 36 can now be depressed by means of its finger-piece or stud 35, whereby the spring 29 is forced from its normal holding engagement with the holding-catch 46 of the one frame-section 2, and the purse or bag-frame sections are forced into their open relations, as will be clearly understood. The slide plate or bolt 51 and the

parts connected with the stud or finger-piece by means of which the flat plate-like member is operated can be left in the positions indicated in Figs. 3, 6, and 8, when the frame-sections 1 and 2 and the intermediately-arranged frame-like casing or box 7 can be opened and closed in the manner of an ordinary purse or bag frame, the post 36 and its finger-piece 35 being manipulated by pressure in the usual manner. To again lock the said post 36 and its finger-piece, whereby the frame-sections are held in closed positions, the said stud or finger-piece 58, connected with the post 54 on the slide plate or bolt 51, is moved in the opposite direction from that indicated by the arrow Y, whereby the flat spring 69 will again engage the free end 72 of the finger 66 of said slide plate or bolt 51, and all the parts are once more in their immovable positions. (Represented in Fig. 5 of the drawings.)

The many advantages of my novel construction of purse or bag frame and the locking mechanism therefor are evident from the above description, the construction of the several parts being simple, cheap, and neat, as well as operative, and, furthermore, a useful toy or puzzle frame is provided, from which may be obtained much pleasure and amusement.

I am fully aware that changes may be made in the several arrangements and combinations of the various devices, as well as in the details of the construction of the parts thereof, without departing from the scope of this invention. Hence I do not limit my present invention to the exact arrangements and combinations of the devices, nor do I confine myself to the exact details of the construction of any of the parts thereof.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a purse or bag frame, the combination, with a pair of hinged frame-sections, and an intermediately-arranged casing, of a locking mechanism in said casing, for normally holding the frame-sections in their closed relation, and means for actuating said locking mechanism and releasing the frame-sections from their open relation, comprising, a centrally-disposed and vertically-movable finger-piece, a second and oscillatorily-arranged finger-piece, and a third and longitudinally-slidable finger-piece, the said finger-pieces being arranged and operating in the manner set forth.

2. In a purse or bag frame, the combination, with a pair of hinged frame-sections, and an intermediately-arranged casing, of a locking mechanism in said casing, for normally holding the frame-sections in their closed relation, consisting, essentially, of a flat spring secured at its one end in the said casing, and a holding-tongue on one of said frame-sections adapted to be brought in holding engagement with a portion near the free end of said spring, an upwardly-extending post on said flat spring, provided with a finger-piece, and

means in said casing normally in holding engagement with said post to prevent its vertical movement, but capable of disengagement from said post, consisting, of a slide-bolt provided with a slot through which said post on said flat spring passes, and a post on said slide-bolt provided with a finger-piece for producing a longitudinally-sliding movement of the said bolt, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

3. In a purse or bag frame, the combination, with a pair of hinged frame-sections, and an intermediately-arranged casing, of a locking mechanism in said casing, for normally holding the frame-sections in their closed relation, consisting, essentially, of a flat spring secured at its one end in the said casing, and a holding-tongue on one of said frame-sections adapted to be brought in holding engagement with a portion near the free end of said spring, an upwardly-extending post on said flat spring, provided with a finger-piece, and means in said casing normally in holding engagement with said post to prevent its vertical movement, but capable of disengagement from said post, consisting, of a slide-bolt provided with a slot, through which said post on said flat spring passes, a post on said slide-bolt provided with a finger-piece for producing a longitudinally-sliding movement of the said bolt, and a locking means in the said casing in normal holding engagement with the free end of the said slide-bolt, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

4. In a purse or bag frame, the combination, with a pair of hinged frame-sections, and an intermediately-arranged casing, of a locking mechanism in said casing, for normally holding the frame-sections in their closed relation, consisting, essentially, of a flat spring secured at its one end in the said casing, and a holding-tongue on one of said frame-sections adapted to be brought in holding engagement with a portion near the free end of said spring, an upwardly-extending post on said flat spring, provided with a finger-piece, and means in said casing normally in holding engagement with said post to prevent its vertical movement, but capable of disengagement from said post, consisting, of a slide-bolt provided with a slot, through which said post on said flat spring passes, a post on said slide-bolt provided with a finger-piece for producing a longitudinally-sliding movement of the said bolt, and a locking means in the said casing in normal holding engagement with the free end of the said slide-bolt, consisting, essentially, of an oscillatorily-arranged member provided with a finger-piece, and a spring connected with said member, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

5. In a purse or bag frame, the combination, with a pair of hinged frame-sections, and an intermediately-arranged casing, of a locking mechanism in said casing, for normally holding the frame-sections in their closed relation, consisting, essentially, of a flat spring secured

at its one end in the said casing, and a holding-tongue on one of said frame-sections adapted to be brought in holding engagement with a portion near the free end of said spring, an upwardly-extending post on said flat spring, provided with a finger-piece, and means in said casing normally in holding engagement with said post to prevent its vertical movement, but capable of disengagement from said post, consisting, of a slide-bolt provided with a slot, through which said post on said flat spring passes, a post on said slide-bolt provided with a finger-piece for producing a longitudinally-sliding movement of the said bolt, and a locking means in the said casing in normal holding engagement with the free end of the said slide-bolt, consisting, essentially, of an oscillatorily-arranged member provided with a finger-piece, and a spring connected with said member, a locking-tongue connected with said member, a projection on said member forming a receiving-socket, and a spring having a holding part arranged in said socket, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

6. In a purse or bag frame, the combination, with a pair of hinged frame-sections, and an intermediately-arranged casing, of a bolt in said casing, arranged to slide in a longitudinal direction, said bolt being provided with a slot, a flat spring in said casing arranged directly beneath said bolt, a holding-tongue on one of the said frame-sections adapted to be brought in holding engagement with a portion of said spring, a post on said spring, extending in an upward direction through the slot in said bolt, a projection on said post normally in held engagement with a portion of said bolt, and means connected with said bolt for sliding said bolt from its held engagement with the said projection, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

7. In a purse or bag frame, the combination, with a pair of hinged frame-sections, and an intermediately-arranged casing, of a bolt in said casing, arranged to slide in a longitudinal direction, said bolt being provided with a slot, a flat spring in said casing arranged directly beneath said bolt, a holding-tongue on one of the frame-sections adapted to be brought in holding engagement with a portion of said spring, a post on said spring, extending in an upward direction through the slot in said bolt, a projection on said post normally in held engagement with a portion of said bolt, and means connected with said bolt for sliding said bolt from its held engagement with the said projection, consisting, of a post and a finger-piece on said post, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

8. In a purse or bag frame, the combination, with a pair of hinged frame-sections, and an intermediately-arranged casing, of a bolt in said casing, arranged to slide in a longitudinal direction, said bolt being provided with a slot, a flat spring in said casing arranged

directly beneath said bolt, a holding-tongue on one of the said frame-sections adapted to be brought in holding engagement with a portion of said spring, a post 36 on said spring, extending in an upward direction through the slot in said bolt, a projection 40 on said post normally in held engagement with a portion of said bolt, and means connected with said bolt, for sliding said bolt from its held engagement with the said projection 40, consisting, of a post 54 and a finger-piece on said post, and a locking means in the said casing in normal holding engagement with the free end of the said bolt, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

9. In a purse or bag frame, the combination, with a pair of hinged frame-sections, and an intermediately-arranged casing, of a bolt in said casing, arranged to slide in a longitudinal direction, said bolt being provided with a slot, a flat spring in said casing arranged directly beneath said bolt, a holding-tongue on one of the said frame-sections adapted to be brought in holding engagement with a portion of said spring, a post 36 on said spring, extending in an upward direction through the slot in said bolt, a projection 40 on said post normally in held engagement with a portion of said bolt, and means connected with said bolt for sliding said bolt from its held engagement with the said projection 40, consisting, of a post 54 and a finger-piece on said post, and a locking means in the said casing in normal holding engagement with the free end of the said bolt, consisting, essentially, of an oscillatorily-arranged member 62 provided with a finger-piece, and a spring connected with said member, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

10. In a purse or bag frame, the combination, with a pair of hinged frame-sections, and an intermediately-arranged casing, of a bolt in said casing, arranged to slide in a longitudinal direction, said bolt being provided with a slot, a flat spring in said casing arranged directly beneath said slot, a holding-tongue on one of the said frame-sections adapted to be brought in holding engagement with a portion of said spring, a post 36 on said spring, extending in an upward direction through the slot in said bolt, a projection 40 on said post normally in held engagement with a portion of said bolt, and means connected with said bolt for sliding said bolt

from its held engagement with the said projection 40, consisting, of a post 54 and a finger-piece on said post, and a locking means in the said casing in normal holding engagement with the free end of the said slide-bolt, consisting, essentially, of an oscillatorily-arranged member 62 provided with a finger-piece, and a spring connected with said member, a locking-tongue 72 connected with said member, a projection on said member forming a receiving-socket 68, and a spring 69 having a holding part 70 arranged in said socket 68, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

11. In a purse or bag frame, the combination, with a pair of hinged frame-sections, and an intermediately-arranged frame-like casing, having downwardly-extending flanges, and a pin 28 between said flanges, of a flat spring 29 arranged on said pin, said spring being provided with an opening 48, and a holding-tongue on one of said frame-sections adapted to be brought in holding engagement with an edge of said opening 48, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

12. In a purse or bag frame, the combination, with a pair of hinged frame-sections, and an intermediately-arranged frame-like casing, having downwardly-extending flanges, and pins 52 between said flanges, of a slide-bolt 51 movable longitudinally on said pins 52, and mechanism arranged to be released by the sliding movement of said bolt, for causing an open relation of the said frame-sections, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

13. In a purse or bag frame, a slide-bolt 51 having a finger 66, and means for causing a sliding movement of said bolt, combined with means for locking said bolt in a fixed position, consisting, of an oscillatorily-arranged member 62 provided with a holding-tongue 72 adapted to engage the free end of said finger 66, and a spring connected with said member 62, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the invention set forth above I have hereunto set my hand this 15th day of July, 1901.

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