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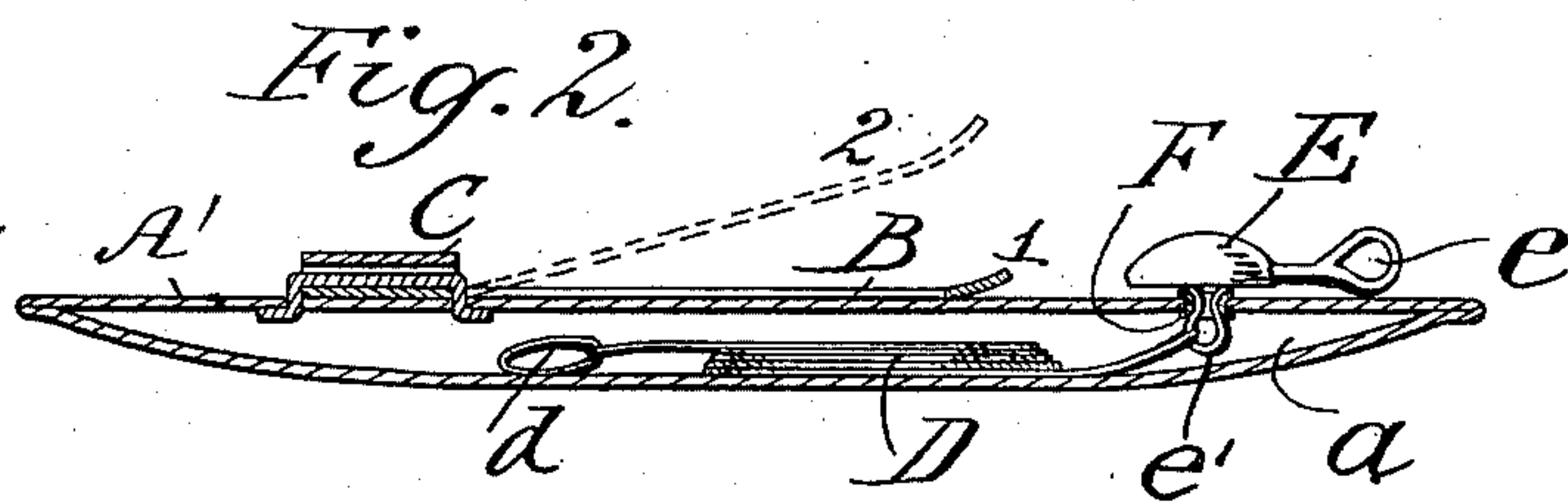
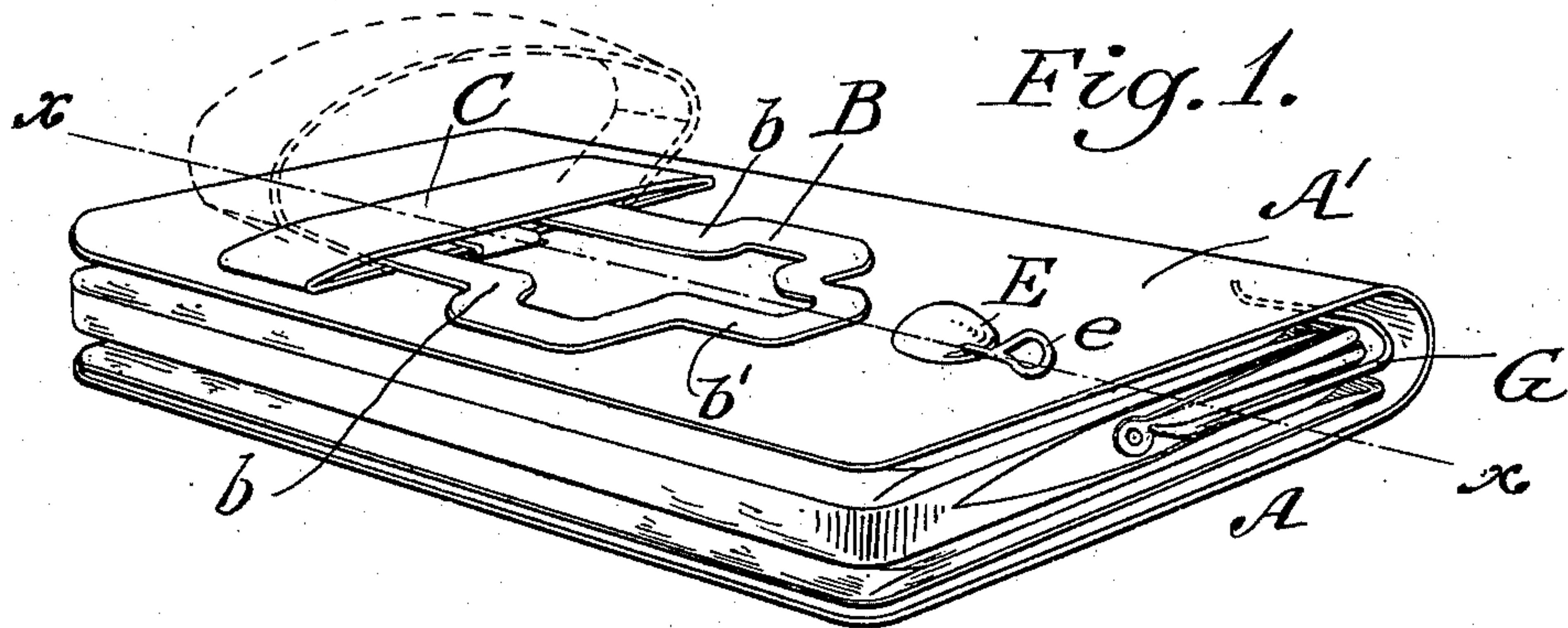
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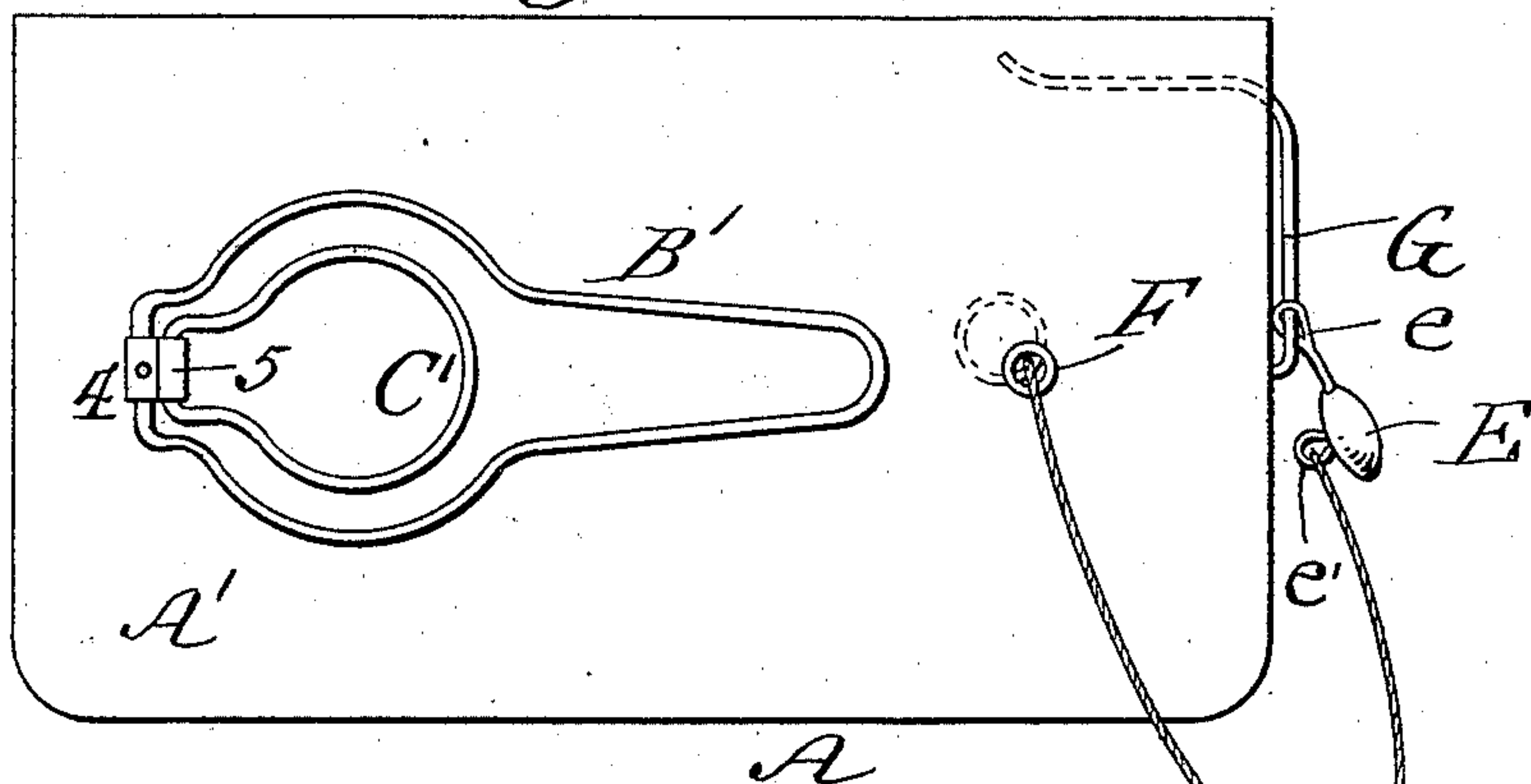
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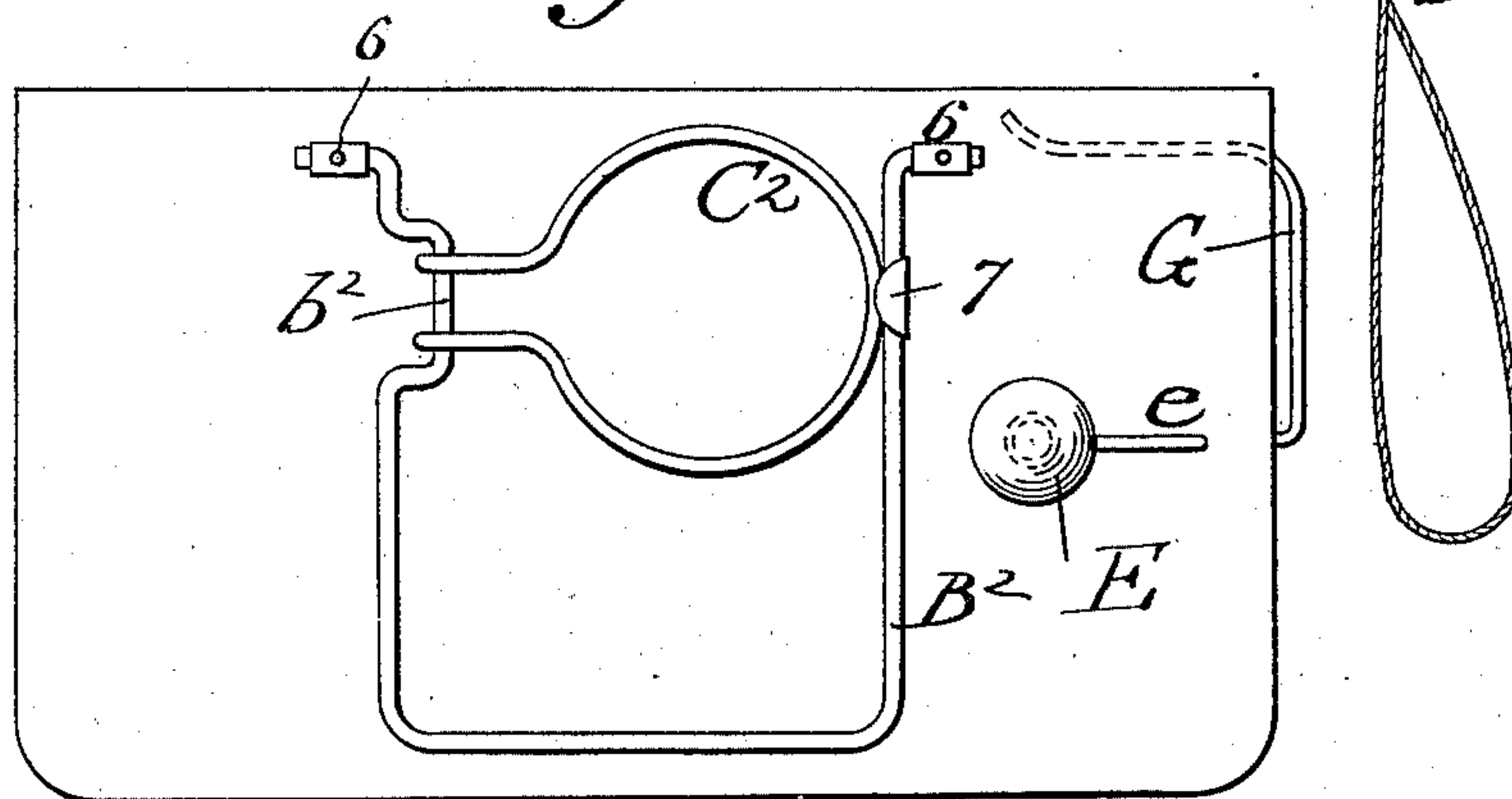
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*Fig. 3.*



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## PROTECTOR FOR POCKET-BOOKS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ABRAM JAMES MARTIN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York, county of New York, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Protectors for Pocket-Books, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof, in which  
10 similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to protectors for pocket-books, and has for its object to provide a device of this character which embodies  
15 novel features of utility and general effectiveness and comprises efficient means for preventing the book from being stolen from the hands of a user.

The invention will be hereinafter fully described, and specifically set forth in the annexed claims.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pocket-book having my improvements attached thereto; Fig. 2, a detail longitudinal sectional elevation taken on a line *xx* of Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a plan view illustrating a slight modification, and Fig. 4 a similar view showing a further modification.

30 In the practice of my invention I employ any suitable pocket-book, as A. To one cover of the book, as A', I attach a spring-metal clasp which embodies a plate B of any suitable ornamental contour, preferably having  
35 longitudinal side parts *b* and a transverse integrally-formed end part *b'*, which is slightly turned up to form a thumb-piece, as shown at 1, Fig. 2 of the drawings. This plate is fastened to the cover A' only at its outer end by  
40 means of the sides *b*, whereby it can be lifted into position shown by dotted lines 2, Fig. 2 of the drawings, for the purpose of clasp ing a handkerchief or other article.

To the attached end of the spring-metal  
45 clasp B is secured a folding ring C, which normally lies flat against the cover A' and which is adapted to be unfolded, as shown by dotted lines 3, Fig. 1 of the drawings, for engagement with the fingers of the person carrying the pocket-book. This ring may be composed of spring metal and it may form an integral part of the plate B, or it may be com-

posed of leather or any other suitable material.

To be used in conjunction with the ring C as  
55 a protecting medium I employ a string, cord, or chain D. This chain or cord is normally contained within a pocket *a* on the inside of the cover A', and it is connected at its inner end to a ring *d* to prevent its entirely leaving  
60 the pocket-book, or it may simply be knotted, if desired. To the outer end of the cord or chain D, I attach a button E, which is provided with a peripherally-extended eye *e* and  
55 which has a spring-metal shank *e'*, which is connected to the outer end of the cord D. This spring-metal shank engages within an eyelet F, which holds the button in place when the cord is not in use and acts as a pas-  
70 sage-way for said cord.

Secured to one end of the pocket-book is a hook G, which has its free end extended inwardly and normally covered by the back of the book, whereby when it is in connection  
75 with the eye *e* of the button E the eye cannot become accidentally disengaged.

In the modification illustrated by Fig. 3 of the drawings the spring-metal clasp, as B', is composed of wire suitably fastened, as at 4, the folding ring, as C', also being formed of  
80 wire and hinged at 5.

In the modification shown by Fig. 4 of the drawings the clasp, as B<sup>2</sup>, is extended transversely and is also composed of resilient wire and fastened, as at 6. The folding ring, as  
85 C<sup>2</sup>, in this instance is hinged to an extension *b*<sup>2</sup> of the clasp B<sup>2</sup>, and it may be maintained in normally folded position by means of the clip 7. In this construction the clasp can be attached over a lady's belt, if desired.

In the operation and use of the invention the folding ring is opened and brought into engagement with the thumb, a finger, or fingers of the person carrying the book. The cord D is then pulled out and looped around  
95 the wrist of the person, after which the eye *e* of the button E is connected to the hook G, whereby the pocket-book is securely fastened to the hand of the user to prevent its loss.

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

1. The combination, in a pocket-book, of hook secured to one end thereof and having



an inwardly-turned end, with a cord having a button and eye thereon, the eye adapted for engagement with said hook, substantially as shown and described.

5 2. The combination with a pocket-book, having an eyeleted hole therethrough and a cord passing through said hole and normally contained within the pocket-book, a stop on the inner end of said cord and a button hav-  
10 ing a peripherally-extended eye and a spring-metal shank, of a hook secured to one end of the pocket-book and having an inwardly-turned end normally covered by the back of the pocket-book, substantially as shown and  
15 described.

3. As an attachment for pocket-books, a combined handkerchief-holder and finger-

ring embodying a spring-metal loop having its ends fastened to the outside surface of the cover of the book and a resilient ring nor- 20 mally folded over on and lying flat against the back of the book within the said loop and adapted to be placed in position at right angles thereto, substantially as shown and de-  
25 scribed.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 28th day of February, 1901.

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