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Fig. 1.

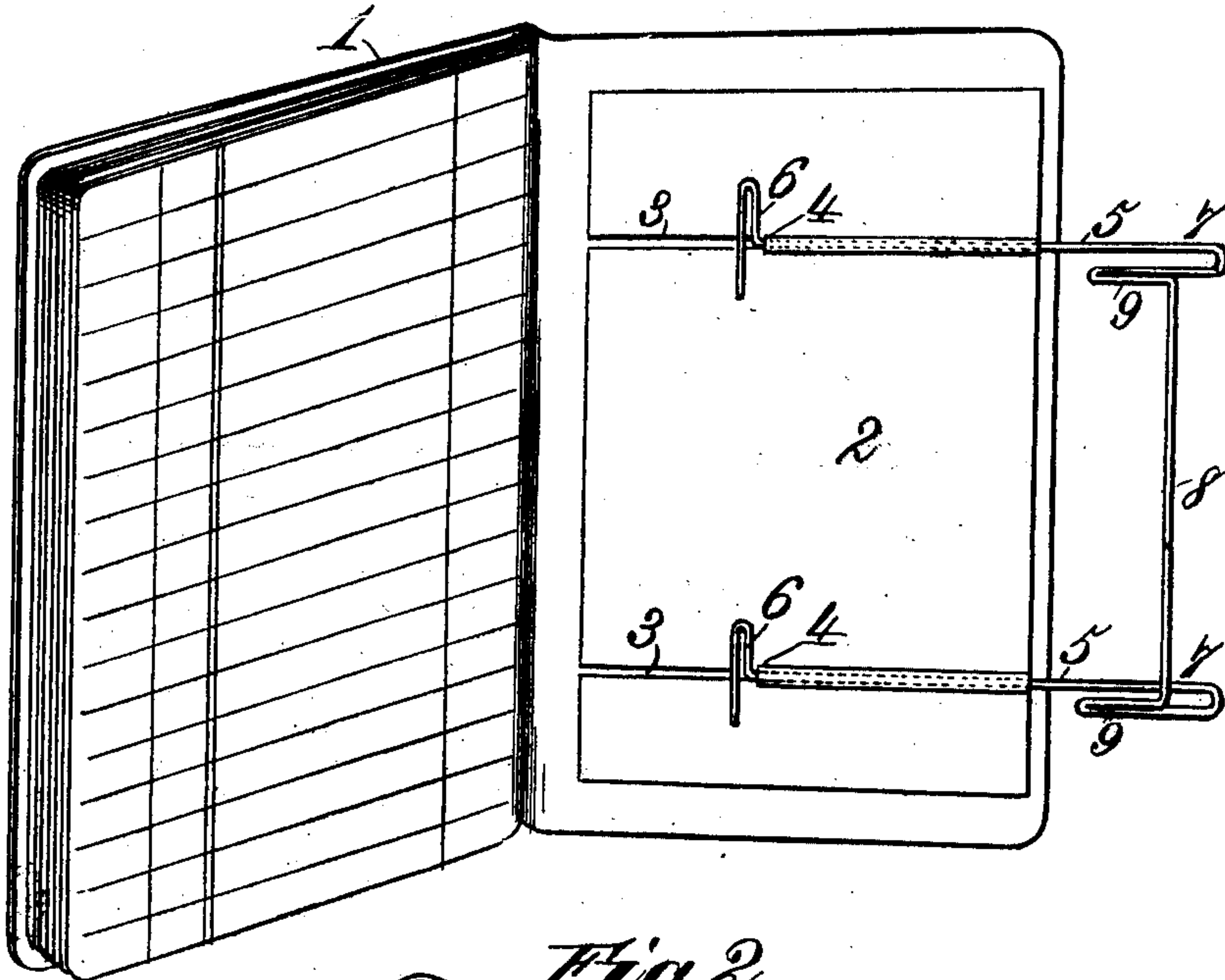
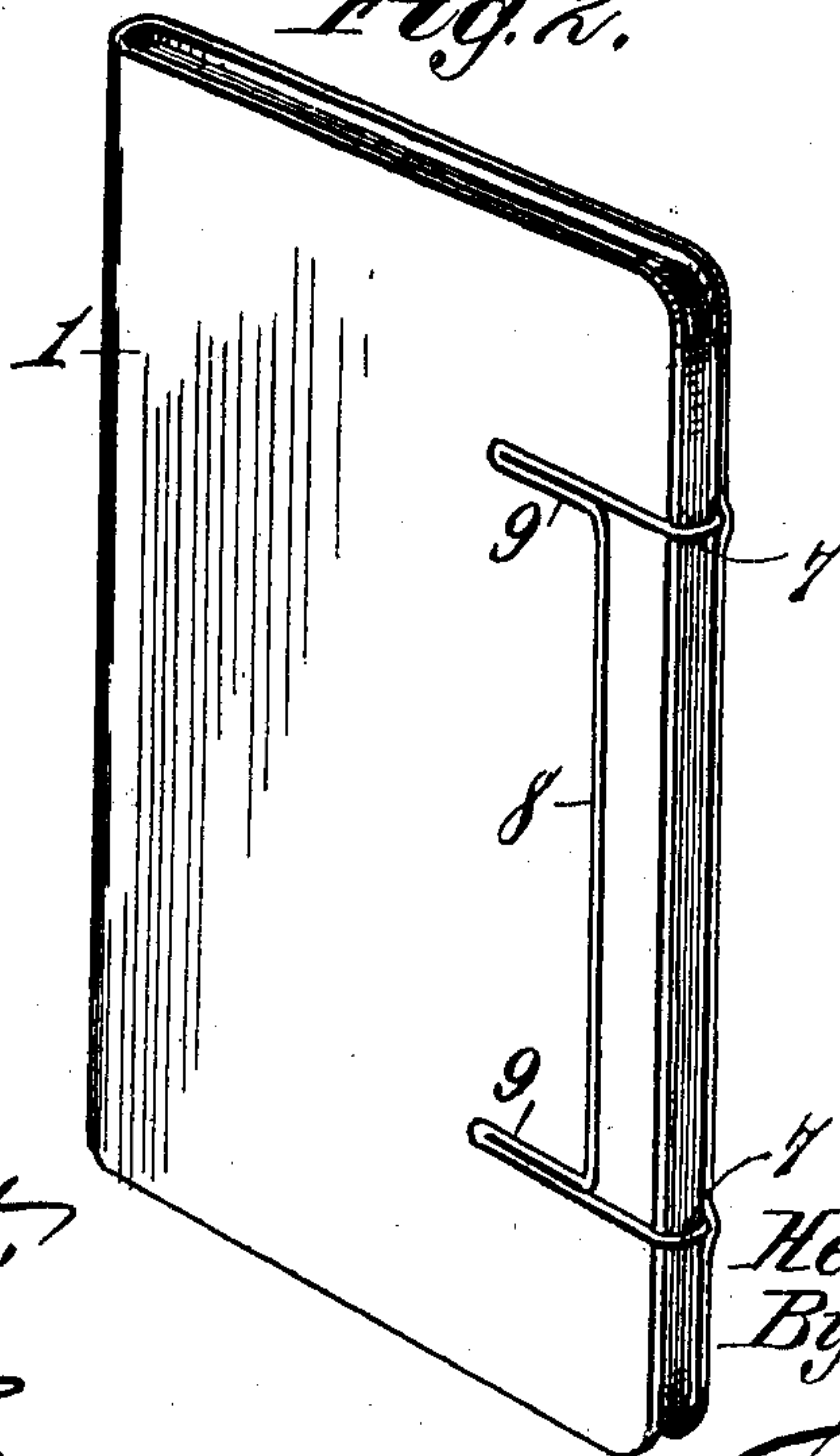


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERSHEY B. NISSLY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Clinton, in the county of Clinton and State of Iowa, have invented new and useful Improvements in Clasps for Books and Portfolios, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a clasp particularly adapted for use in connection with small pass-books, bank-books, pocket memorandum-books, and other books or portfolios; and the object thereof is to provide a clasp in a manner as hereinafter more specifically referred to for keeping the book or portfolio closed when occasion so requires and also to prevent the falling or slipping out from the book or portfolio of any papers or checks carried therein.

The invention further aims to provide a clasp for books or portfolios which shall be simple in its construction, strong, durable, efficient in its use, conveniently operated, readily attached to a book or portfolio, and inexpensive to manufacture.

With the foregoing and other objects in view the invention consists of the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter more specifically described and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein is shown the preferred embodiment of the invention; but it is to be understood that changes, variations, and modifications can be resorted to which come within the scope of the claims hereunto appended.

In describing the invention in detail reference is had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and wherein like reference characters denote corresponding parts throughout both views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a view showing a clasp in accordance with this invention, the clasp being in its inoperative position, and also showing the manner of connecting the clasp in position; and Fig. 2 is a view showing the clasp in its operative position for securely closing the book.

By way of example the clasp is illustrated in connection with a small pass-book; but it is to be understood that the clasp is adapted for use for any purposes wherein it is found applicable.

Referring to the drawings by reference characters, 1 denotes a book having slidably connected to the inner face of one cover

thereof (as shown, the rear cover) through the medium of the retaining means 2 a clasp in accordance with this invention. Said retaining means is shown, by way of example, as a sheet of suitable material, such as paper or fabric, said sheet being secured to the inner face of the cover by an adhesive substance and provided with a pair of slits 3 at the inner portion thereof, said slits 3 being suitably spaced apart, extending approximately through half of the sheet, so that that portion of the sheet at the outer end of the slits 3 will form the abutments 4, said abutments constituting a means to arrest the outward movement of the clasp.

A clasp in accordance with this invention is preferably formed of a single piece of wire or other equivalent material. As shown, the clasp is formed from a single piece of material, preferably stout wire, and comprises a pair of slidable side members 5, having the inner portion thereof bent at an angle, so as to form the stop-arms 6, which are adapted to engage the abutment 4 when the clasp is pulled outwardly. The engagement of the stop-arms 6 with the abutment 4 limits the outward movement of the clasp. The side members 5 have the outer ends thereof bent upon themselves, so as to form the clamps 7. One portion of each of the clamps 7 is adapted to engage over the outer face of the other cover of the book, so as to clamp the two covers together, thereby securely closing the book. The clamps 7 are connected together by a horizontally-extending member 8, having angular ends 9, which terminate in the clamps 7. Said member 8 constitutes a spring-bar adapted to bear against the cover of the book in a manner as shown, thereby materially assisting in keeping the book securely closed.

When using the clasp, (it will be assumed that the position of the clasp is that as shown in Fig. 1, the clasp being pulled outwardly,) the book is closed and the clasp is then moved inwardly, so that the clamps 7, as well as the member 8, will engage the cover of the book, as shown in Fig. 2, thereby securely retaining the book in a closed position. To allow the book to be opened, the clasp is pulled outward to the position shown in Fig. 1, and access can be had to the interior of the book, or any papers carried by the book can be removed.

Having thus fully described my invention,

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

1. A slidable clasp for the purpose set forth, comprising a pair of slidable side members 5 each having laterally-extending stops at one end and the other ends bent to form clamps having one portion thereof adapted to directly engage the object to be clamped, and a spring connecting-bar between the clamps, said bar 10 having angularly-disposed end portions terminating in the clamps.
2. A slidable clasp for the purpose set forth, comprising a pair of slidable side members having angular inner ends to constitute 15 stops and their outer ends bent in substantially a hooked-shaped manner to form clamps, and a spring-bar interposed between the clamps and having angular ends terminating in one end of the clamps.
3. A slidable clasp for the purpose set forth 20 comprising the combination with a retaining means provided with a pair of stationary abutments, of a pair of slidable side members retained in position by said means and pro- 25 vided with stops adapted to engage said abutments to arrest the movement of said members, said side members having their outer ends bent toward their inner ends to form clamps adapted to directly engage the object 30 to be secured, and a spring-bar interposed between and suitably connected with the clamps.
4. A clasp for the purpose described, comprising the combination with a retaining 35 means adapted to be secured to one face of the object to be clamped, said means provided with a pair of stationary abutments, of a pair of side members interposed between

said means and that face of the object to which said means is secured, said members 40 provided with stops adapted to engage said abutments so that the movement of the members will be limited in one direction, said side members having their outer ends bent toward their inner ends forming thereby a pair 45 of clamps adapted to directly engage the object for securing it, and a spring-bar interposed between and connected with the clamps and adapted to bear against another face of the object, thereby securing it when the clasp 50 is moved to operative position.

5. A clasp for the purpose described, comprising the combination with a retaining means adapted to be secured to one face of the object to be clamped, said means provided 55 with a pair of slits to form abutments, of a pair of side members interposed between said means and that face of the object to which said means is secured and provided with stops adapted to engage said abutments to limit 60 the movement in one direction of the said side members, said side members having their outer ends bent toward their inner ends forming thereby a pair of clamps adapted to directly engage the object for retaining it closed, 65 and a spring-bar interposed between and connected with the clamp and adapted to bear against another face of the object when the clasp is moved to operative position.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set 70 my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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