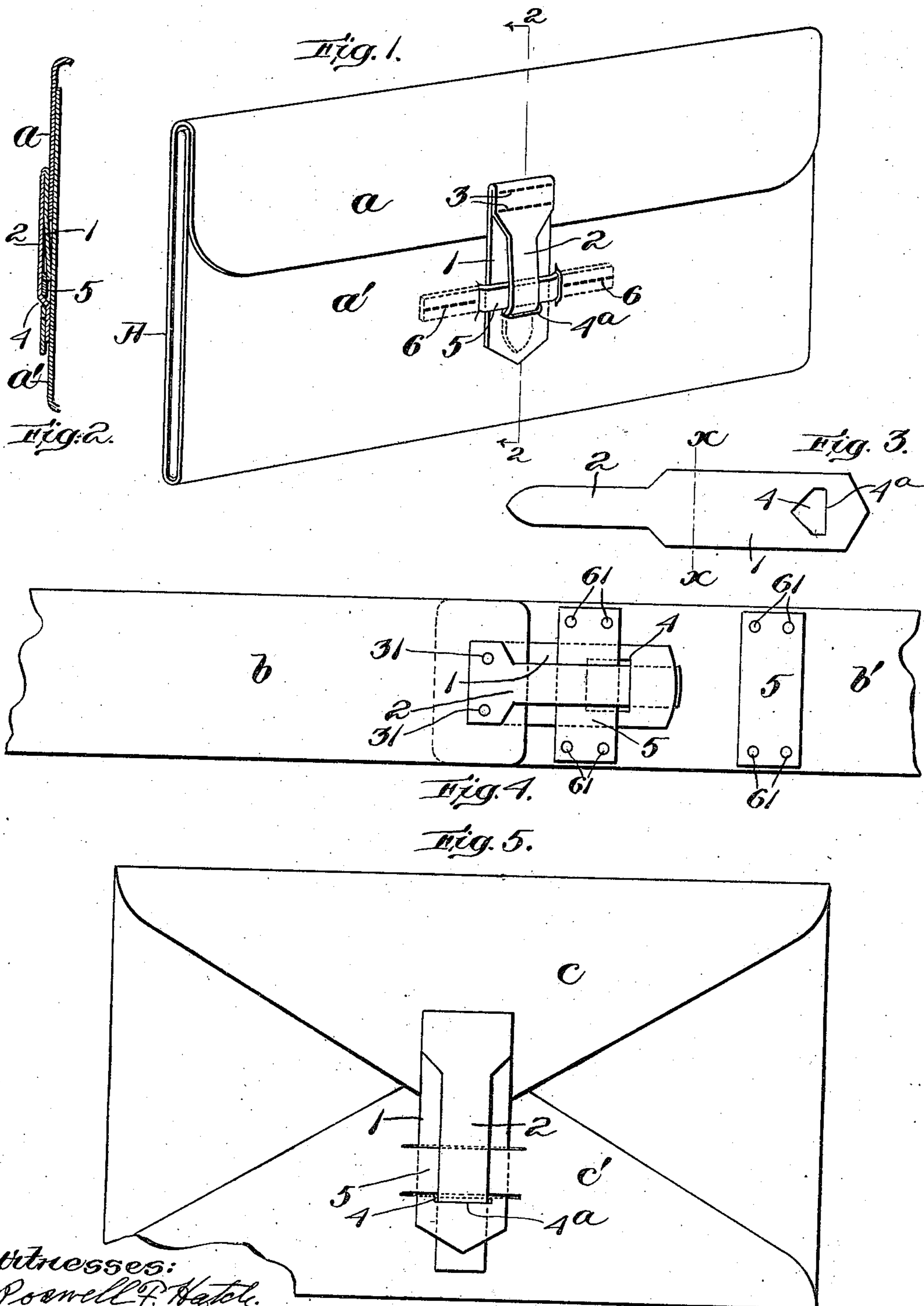


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR F. RANDALL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Somerville, in the county of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Fasteners, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention is a fastener for use on pocket-books, envelops, belts, and in many other situations where it is desired to fasten together two things—such, for example, as the flap and body of a pocket-book, the ends of a belt, or the flap and body of an envelop.

My improved fastener comprises a pair of tongues, one of which is made with a hole through it to receive the end of the other, and a strap, the tongues being adapted to be secured to one of the two members that are to be fastened together and the strap being adapted to be secured to the other of the two members in position to coöperate with the tongues.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pocket-book equipped with one form of my invention. Fig. 2 is a section on line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a detail hereinafter described. Fig. 4 shows part of a belt equipped with my fastener. Fig. 5 shows an envelop equipped with my fastener.

Having reference to the drawings, 1 and 2 are the two tongues, and 5 is the strap, of my improved fastener. In Fig. 1 the two tongues 1 and 2 are the ends of a single strap of leather of the shape shown in Fig. 3, which is folded upon itself at the dotted line *x x* and fastened by stitches 3 to the flap *a* of a pocket-book. The ends of strap 5 are fastened to the body *a'* of the pocket-book by stitches 6, the middle portion of the strap being upon the exterior of body *a'* and the ends extending through slits in the body to the inner side of the latter. Through the tongue 1 and near the free end thereof is a hole 4, and when the flap *a* is to be fastened to body *a'* the tongue 1 is passed under strap 5 and the strap 2 is passed over said tongue. Then the end of tongue 2 is passed through the hole 4 of tongue 1, so that the ends of the two tongues are interlocked by crossing them. It will now be seen that when force is applied to separate flap *a* and body *a'* the lip 4^a at one side of hole 4 will force tongue 2 against strap 5, and the latter will prevent the flap and body

from separating. It will be noticed also that the greater the separating force the tighter will tongue 2 be pinched between strap 5 and lip 4^a, so that said tongue cannot slip. As a matter of fact when the fastener is made of pliable leather and the end of tongue 2 is passed through hole 4 the lip 4^a is elevated, as shown in Fig. 2, so that strap 5 lies directly in its path with tongue 2 between them, thus providing a positive lock or fastener.

In Fig. 4, *b* and *b'* represent the ends of a belt to one of which the tongues 1 and 2 are fastened by rivets 31; one tongue being on one side of the belt and the other tongue on the other side. In this case the tongue 1 is preferably made of sheet metal and the tongue 2 of leather. In order to provide for adjustment of the belt, a series of straps 5 are provided on the end *b'*, and these straps are preferably of sheet metal, fastened in place by rivets 61.

In Fig. 5 I have shown my fastener applied to a paper envelop, and in this case the fastener itself would preferably be made wholly of strong paper, with the tongues 1 and 2 cemented to the flap *c* of the envelop and the strap 5 provided by slitting the body *c'* of the envelop.

What I claim is—

1. A fastener of the character described comprising a pair of tongues adapted to be fixed to one of two members that are to be held together, one of said tongues being made with a hole through it for the passage of the end of the other tongue, and a strap adapted to be fixed to the other of said members in position to extend between the tongues when the latter are interlocked by passing the end of one tongue through the hole of the other tongue.

2. In a pocket-book or the like the combination with the flap and body thereof, of a pair of tongues each fixed at one end to the flap and adapted to be interlocked at their free ends, and a strap fixed at its ends to the body in position to extend between the two tongues when the latter are interlocked, substantially as described.

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

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