

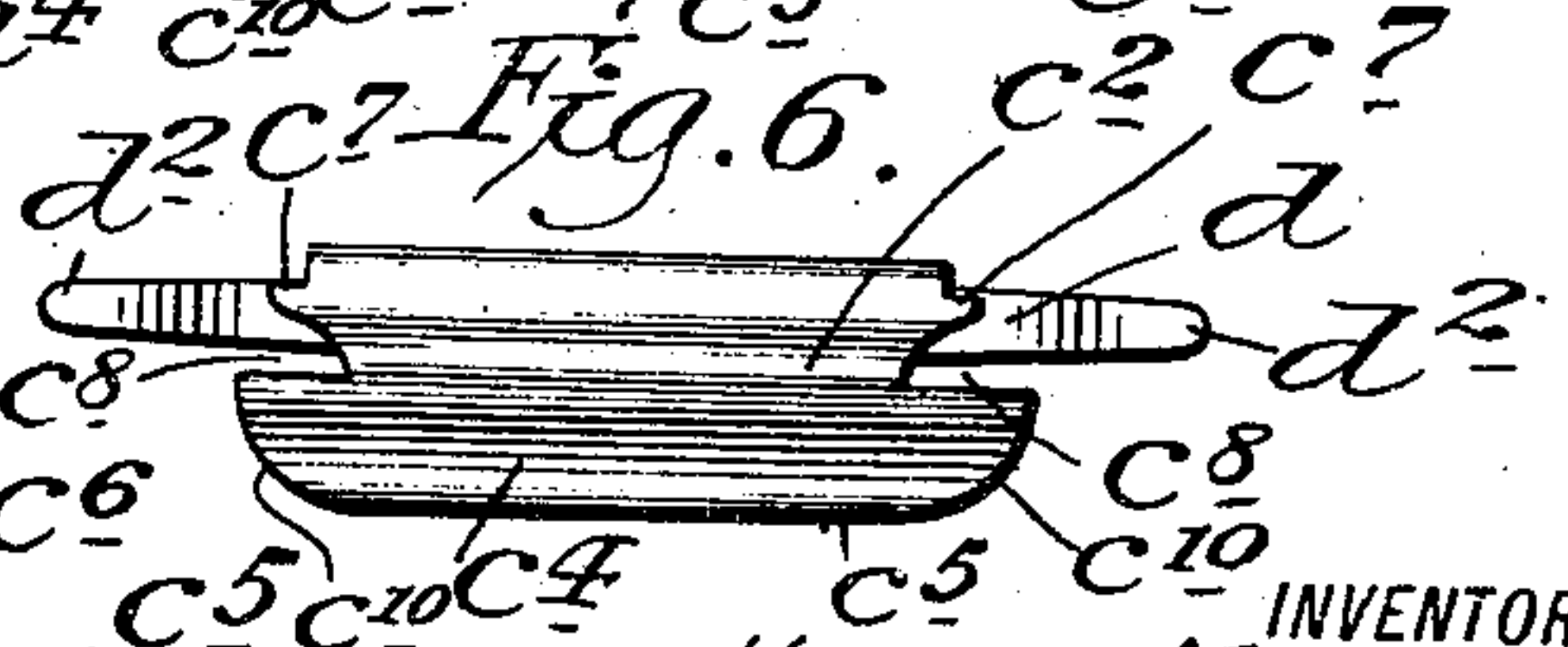
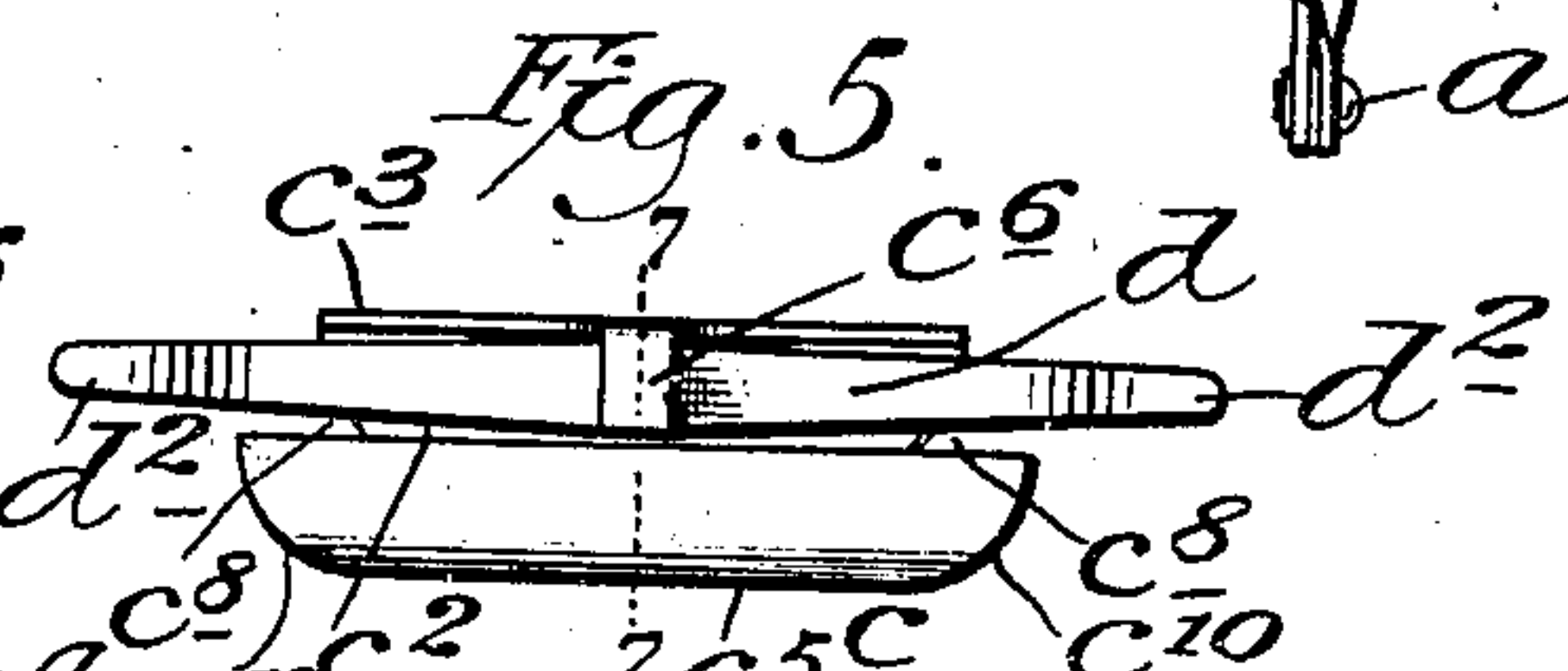
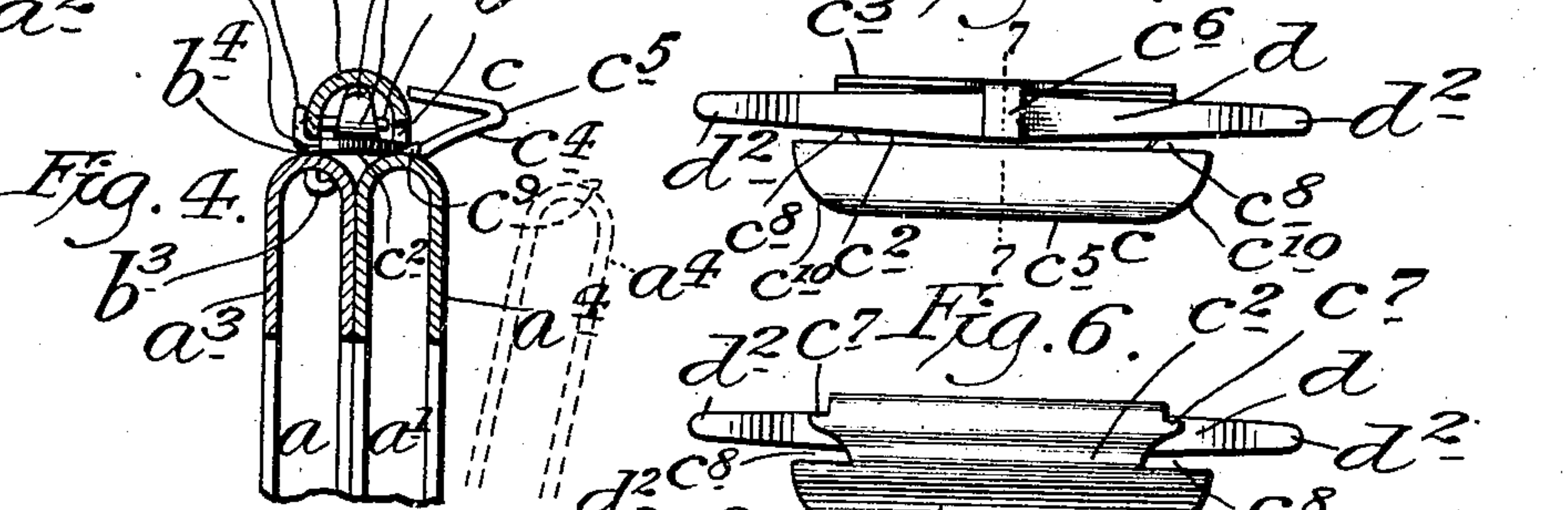
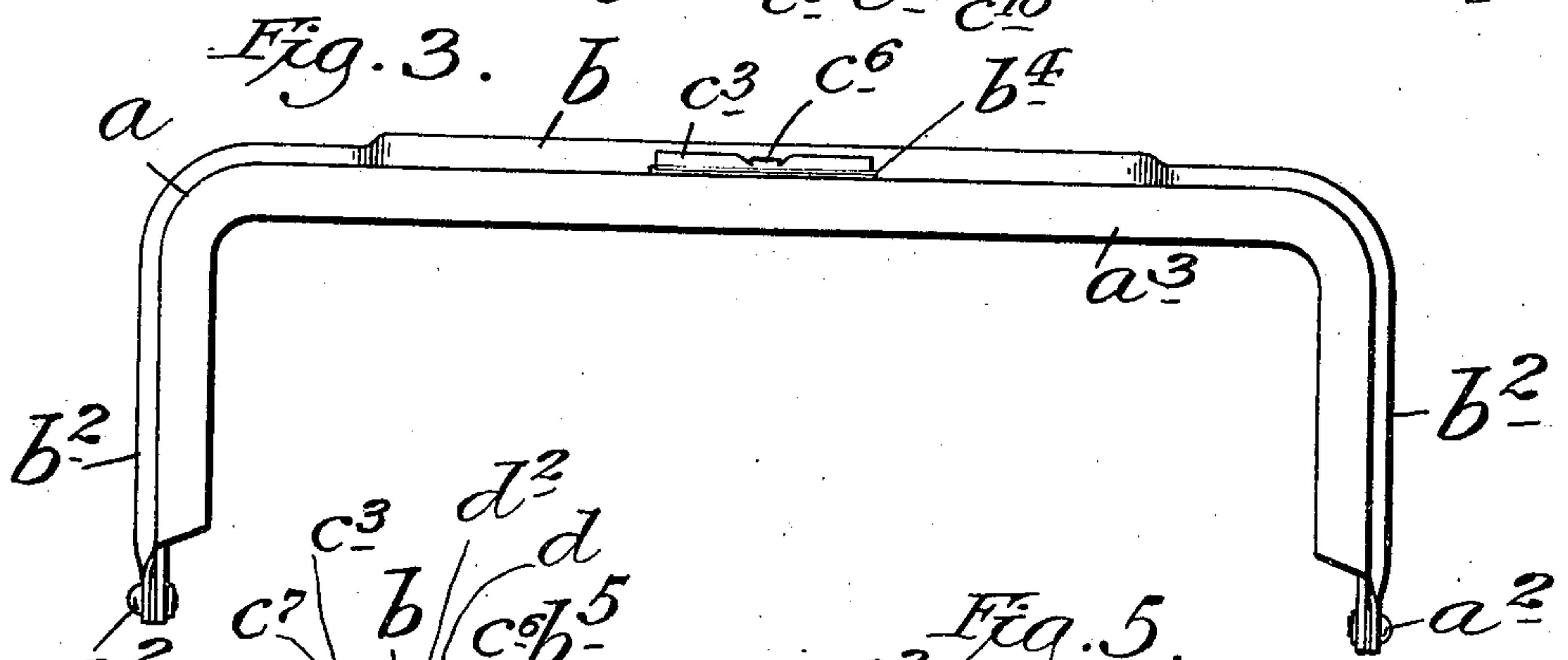
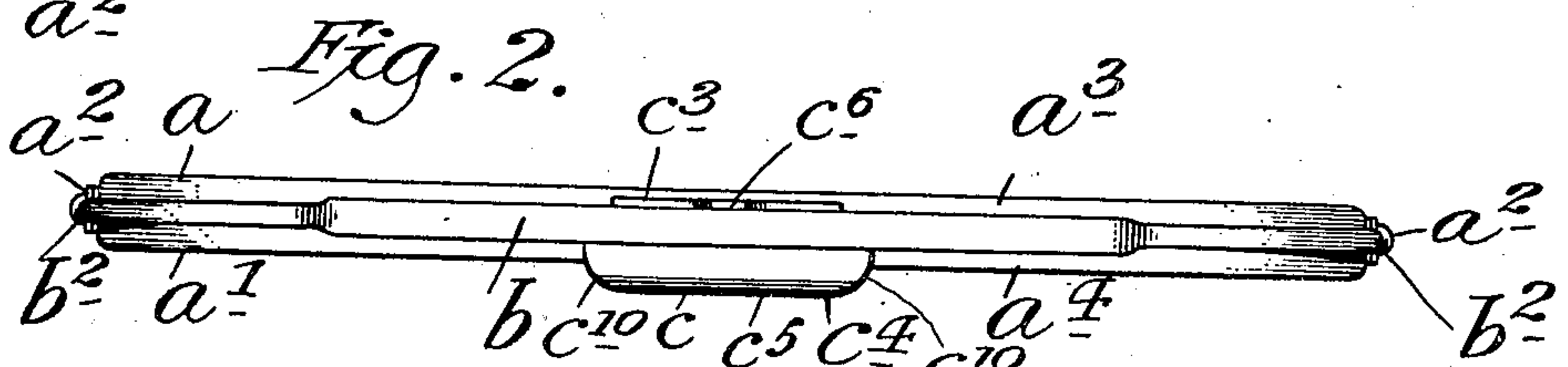
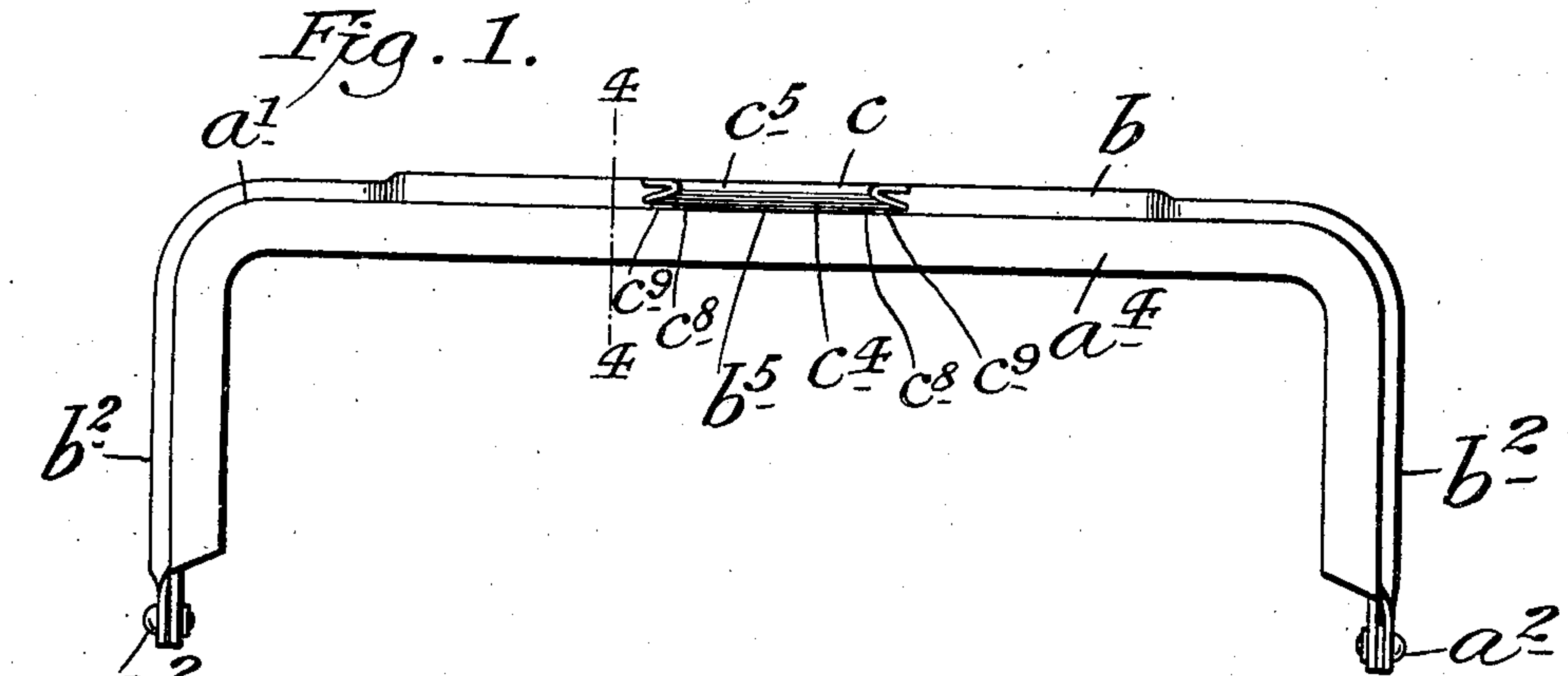
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, HYMAN MELTZER and LOUIS KARRON, citizens of the United States, and residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hand-Bag Fasteners, of which the following is a specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it ap-
10 pertains to make and use the same.

The object of this invention is to provide a fastening device particularly adapted for use in connection with hand-bags, pocket-books and the like and which is simple in construction and operation, and automatically operated to lock the bag and which may be conveniently operated to open the bag.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawing forms a part, in which the separate parts of our improvement are designated by suitable reference characters in each of the views, and in which;—

Figure 1 is a front view of the frame-work of a bag provided with our improved fastening device, Fig. 2 a plan view thereof, Fig. 3 a back side view thereof, Fig. 4 a transverse section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1, Fig. 5 an inside top view of the operative part of the fastening device detached, Fig. 6 a bottom view thereof, and;—Fig. 7 a section on the line 7—7 of Fig. 5.

Referring to the drawing a and a^1 represent two yoke-shaped frame members forming the frame-work of a bag of the class specified, and the sides of which are hinged together at their ends as shown at a^2 and in the usual way. The frame members a and a^1 are provided with a horizontal top portions
40 a^3 and a^4 respectively which are U-shaped in cross section, and secured to the top of the part a^3 is a longitudinal cap b the end portions of which are bent down over the side portions of the frame members as shown at b^2 ,
45 and when the frame members which form the jaws of the frame are closed together as shown in Fig. 4 the cap piece b covers the meeting portions of body frame members.

The central part of the cap piece b is U-shaped in cross section and is open at its inner side as clearly shown in Fig. 4, and the back wall thereof is provided with prongs b^3 which are passed through the frame member a^3 and clenched so as to hold said cap member firmly in connection with the jaw member or frame member a^3 . The back wall of

the cap piece b is also provided adjacent to the frame member a^3 with a longitudinal recess b^4 , and the front wall thereof with a corresponding longitudinal recess b^5 which is of greater depth than the recess b^4 . 60

All the parts of the device hereinbefore described are composed of sheet metal, and we also provide a lock device c which is also composed of sheet metal, and which comprises a central body member c^2 , a back flange c^3 and a front flange c^4 , the front flange c^4 being bent to form a projecting lip c^5 which is V-shaped in cross section as clearly shown in Fig. 4 and which covers the recess b^5 when the parts are assembled for use. The back flange c^3 of the locking device c is passed backwardly through the recess b^4 and bent upwardly as shown in Fig. 4 to hold the locking device in position, and the central part of the back flange c^3 is provided with a forwardly directed tongue c^6 which overlaps and holds in place a spring d which is placed on the central bottom portion c^2 of the locking device c within the cap piece b and the ends d^2 of which are curved upwardly and bear on the inner side of the inner wall of the cap piece b . The central body portion c^2 of the lock device c is provided at its opposite ends with lugs or projections c^7 which bear on the back wall of the cap piece b and aid in holding said lock device in proper position in the operation thereof as hereinafter described, and said central body portion c^2 of the locking device c is provided at its opposite ends and at the front edge thereof and between the same and the lip c^5 with recesses c^8 , the front walls of which are straight and the rear walls of which are beveled or inclined backwardly. 90

The top of the frame member or jaw a^4 is provided with two lugs or projections c^9 which are struck out of the material thereof, and the top and back walls of which are beveled or inclined as shown in Fig. 4, and the lugs or projections c^9 are adapted to enter the recesses c^8 when the frame members or jaws a^3 and a^4 are pressed together as shown in Fig. 4, and the end portions of the lip c^5 are preferably rounded, beveled or inclined as shown at c^{10} . 105

The locking device c is adapted to rock or oscillate vertically, but is secured in position by the back flange c^3 thereof, and the lugs or projections c^7 which operate on the outer side and inner side of the back wall of the cap piece b , and the operation will be readily understood from the foregoing description when taken in 110

connection with the accompanying drawing and the following statement thereof.

In Fig. 4 of the drawing the separate jaw or frame members of the bag are locked together, and in order to open the bag all that is necessary is to press upwardly on the lip member c^5 of the lock device c . This operation will disengage the lock device from the lugs or projections c^9 on the frame or jaw member a^4 , and said frame or jaw members a^3 and a^4 may be separated and the bag opened.

It will be understood that the spring d normally holds the lock device c in a depressed position as shown in Fig. 4, and when the jaw or frame members a^3 and a^4 are again forced together the lugs or projections c^9 force the lip c^5 of the locking device c upwardly until said lugs or projections enter the recesses c^8 , at which time the spring d forces the lip member c^5 downwardly into the position shown in said figure and the lugs or projections c^9 enter the recesses c^8 and the jaw or frame members a^3 and a^4 are again locked together.

With this construction we provide a simple and effective device of the class specified which may be used on hand-bags, pocket books and other articles, of this class, and which is strong and durable and will not get out of order thus rendering frequent repairs necessary.

Having fully described our invention, what we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is;—

A frame for hand-bags, pocket-books and the like comprising two yoke-shaped or jaw members which are U-shaped in cross section,

a longitudinal cap member secured to the top of one of said yoke-shaped or jaw members and provided in the back wall thereof with a longitudinal recess and in the front wall thereof with a longitudinal recess of greater depth than the recess in the back wall thereof, and a locking device composed of a central oblong body portion having a back flange passed through the recess in the back wall of the cap member, and having a front member which passes through the recess in the front wall of the cap member and is bent backwardly to form a V-shaped lip, said body portion being provided at its opposite ends and adjacent to said lip with recesses rearwardly of which are projecting lugs, and a spring placed on the body portion of the lock device within the cap member and held in place by a tongue formed in connection with the back flange of the lock device and bent transversely thereof, the ends of the spring being bent upwardly so as to bear on the top of the cap member, and the other frame member being provided on the top thereof with lugs or projections adapted to enter the recesses in the opposite ends of the body portion of the lock device.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of the subscribing witnesses this 22nd day of May 1908.

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