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HAND BAG FRAME.

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Fig:1.

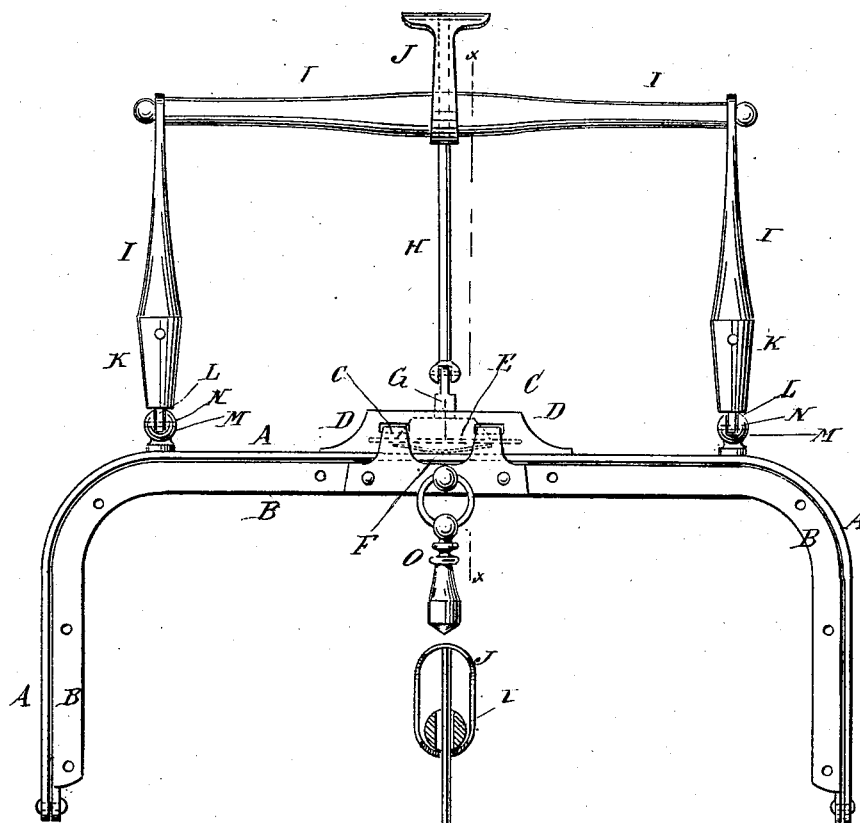
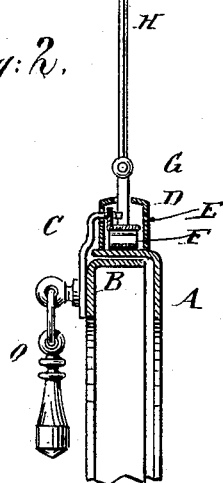


Fig: 2.



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HAND-BAG FRAME.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY S. CRAUS, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hand-Bag Frames, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improvement. Fig. 2 is a sectional end elevation of the same, taken through the line *x x*, Fig. 1.

The object of this invention is to facilitate the opening of hand-bags.

The invention consists in a hand-bag frame constructed with two parts hinged to each other and provided with a fastening to the stem of which is hinged a rod passing through the handle and having a band attached to its outer end, through which the handle passes. The ends of the handle are connected with the outer part of the frame by peculiarly-constructed hinges, as will be hereinafter fully described.

A B are the parts of a hand-bag frame, which are hinged to each other at their ends, and are provided at their centers with a spring-fastening of any ordinary construction. In the construction illustrated in the drawings hooks C are attached to the part B of the frame, which enter openings in the side of a case, D, attached to the other part of the said frame, and engage with a latch, E. The latch E is pressed outward to engage with the catch-hooks C by a spring, F, placed beneath it, and is pressed inward to release the catches by means of a stem, G, projecting upward through the case D.

To the outer end of the stem G is hinged the end of the rod H, which passes through the center of the handle I, and has an oval band, J, attached to it, through which the said handle I passes.

The handle I may be made of any suitable material, and may be rigid or flexible, as may be desired.

To the ends of the handle I are secured caps K by screws, nails, or rivets in the ordinary manner.

In a hole in the bottom of each cap K is inserted a stem, L, which is headed down upon the inner side of the said bottom. The outer end of the stem L is flattened, is made circular, and is inserted in a slot in the spherical knob or ball M, where it is secured in place by a pin, N, forming a hinge. The slotted ball M is riveted to the part B of the bag-frame or to a cap-plate attached to the said frame. The hinge thus formed is strong and durable in use and neat and ornamental in appearance.

With this construction, when the hand-bag is to be opened the band J and rod H are pressed inward by the hand that holds the handle I, disengaging the fastening, and the bag is then opened by drawing the part B of the bag-frame outward by means of the knob or drop O attached to it.

With this construction, in opening the bag it is not necessary to lay the bag down or to hold the part A of the bag-frame while unfastening the catch and drawing the part B of the frame outward.

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

1. A hand-bag frame constructed substantially as herein shown and described, and consisting of the frame A B, the fastening C D E F G, the rod H, the band J, the handle I, and the hinges L M N, as set forth.

2. In a hand-bag frame, the combination, with the stem G of the fastening and the handle I, of the hinged rod H, and the band J, substantially as herein shown and described, whereby the fastening can be unfastened by the hand that grasps the handle as set forth.

3. In a hand-bag frame, the combination, with the part A of the frame and the handle I, of the slotted ball M, the stem L, having circular outer end, the pin N, and the cap K, substantially as herein shown and described, whereby a firm and ornamental hinge is produced, as set forth.

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