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Fig. 1.

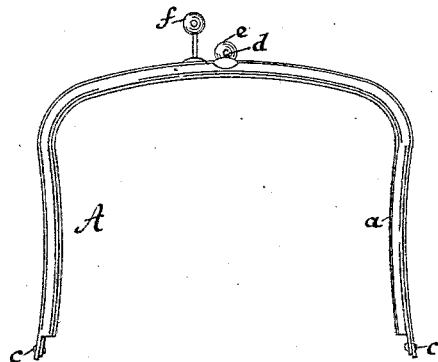


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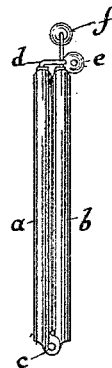


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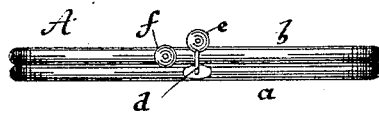
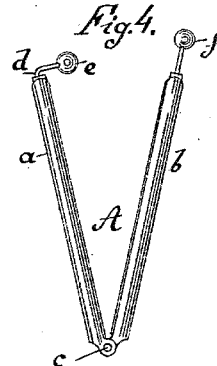


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS MESSER, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county and State of New York, have
5 invented new and useful Improvements in Fastenings for Frames of Pocket-Books, Satchels, and other Similar Articles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a fastening for
10 frames of pocket-books, satchels, and other similar articles, which is composed of an arm secured to one jaw of the frame and bent so as to extend over the second jaw, a nose or projection formed on this bent arm, and a finger-
15 piece secured to the second jaw, so that when the two jaws are brought together said nose or projection engages with the second jaw and retains the frame in a closed position, and that
20 by placing the thumb against the finger-piece and the first finger against the nose or projection the frame can be readily and conveniently opened.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a front view of a frame provided
25 with my fastening when closed. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same. Fig. 3 is a plan or top view. Fig. 4 is a side view of the frame when it is open.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.
30 In the drawings, the letter A designates a frame for a pocket-book, satchel, or other similar article, said frame being composed of two jaws, *a b*, which are connected by pivots *c*, as usually practiced. On the jaw *a* is firmly
35 secured an arm, *d*, which is bent so as to extend over the jaw *b*, and on this arm is formed a nose or projection, *e*, in such a position that when the two jaws are moved toward each other the projection *e* engages with the jaw
40 *b* and retains the same in a closed position.

In the example shown in the drawings the projection *e* is made in the shape of a ball, and when the two jaws are closed up it springs over the rounded top edge of the jaw *b*, and I consider this shape the most practical which
45 can be selected; but it is obvious that the form of the projection may be changed without departing from the spirit of my invention. On the jaw *b* is firmly secured a finger-piece, *f*, so that by placing the thumb against the pro-
50 jection *e* and the first finger against the finger-piece *f* the frame can be conveniently opened. In the example shown in the drawings this finger-piece consists of a ball fastened to the upper end of a stud, which rises from the top
55 of the jaw *b*; but it is obvious that the form of the finger-piece may be changed.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A fastening for the frames of pocket-
60 books, satchels, and other similar articles, said fastening being composed of an arm secured to one jaw of the frame and bent so as to extend over the second jaw, a nose or projection
65 formed on this bent arm, and a finger-piece secured to the second jaw, substantially in the manner shown and described.

2. The combination, with a bag-frame consisting of jaws *a b*, of an arm, *d*, bearing a
70 ball or enlargement, *e*, upon its free end, and attached to one of the jaws in a plane parallel with the top thereof, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of two subscrib-
75 ing witnesses.

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