

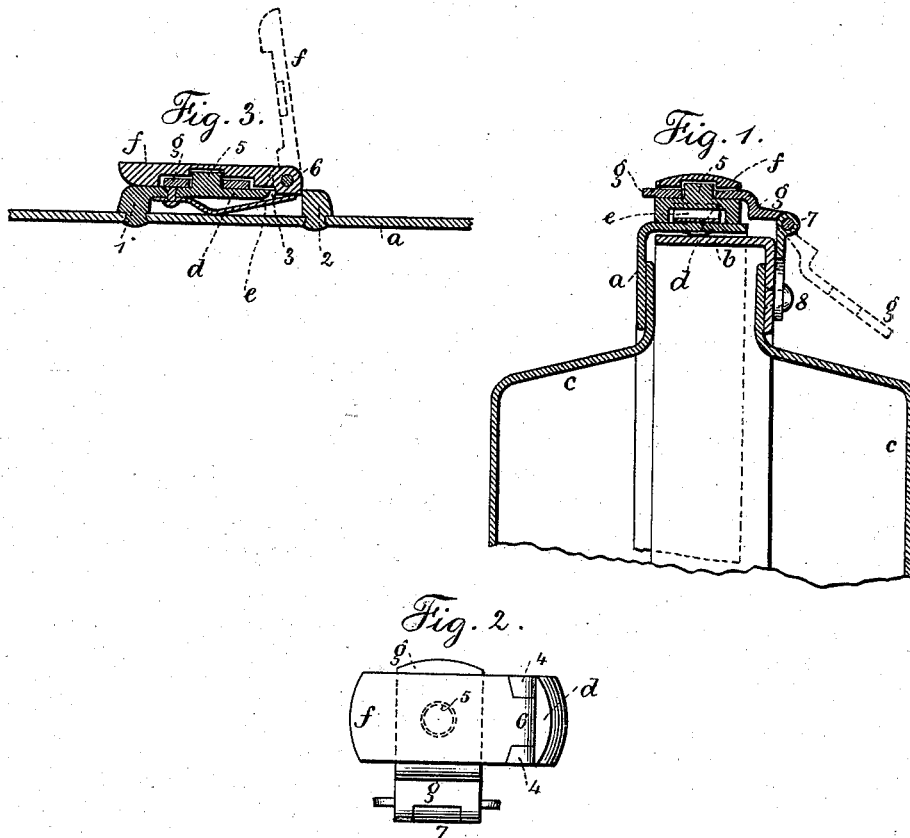
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE CROUCH, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Fastenings for Hand-Bags and Satchels, of which the following is a specification.

Various devices have heretofore been made for fastening together the hinged sections of hand-bags and satchels; but most of these devices are liable to become easily or accidentally unfastened.

My improvement relates to a fastening for hand-bags and satchels, the same consisting of a frame-piece having a spring and having depending lugs, by which said frame-piece is riveted to one of the hinged sections of the bag-frame, and upon which frame-piece there is a spring-catch or lifting-plate, while upon the other hinged section of the frame there is a hinged hasp, which is adapted to pass over a stud upon the frame-piece and beneath the spring-catch or lifting-plate.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a cross section of my improved fastening and the upper portion of the hand-bag or satchel. Fig. 2 is a plan of the same; and Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section of the same, the moving parts being shown in dotted lines in Figs. 1 and 3.

a b represent the hinged sections of the bag-frame; *c*, the leather of which the bag is composed, and *d* represents the frame-piece, upon the under side of which are the depending lugs 1 2, which pass through the hinged section *a* and are riveted thereto.

There is a recess formed in the under side of the frame *d*, in which is secured a spring, *e*, and said frame-piece is slotted at 3 and provided with lugs at 4 and a central stud at 5. The spring-catch or lifting-plate *f* is recessed, as shown in Fig. 3, and provided with lugs at 6, forming, with the lugs 4 and a pin passing through the said lugs, a hinged joint, upon which the spring-catch or lifting-plate *f* can swing, the base of said spring-catch or lifting-plate being above the slot at 3 and having one end of the spring *e* bearing against it. The hasp *g* is made in two parts and hinged at 7, and is riveted at 8 to the hinged section *b* of the bag-frame, and the swinging portion of

said hasp is perforated centrally and adapted to pass over the stud 5 upon the frame-piece *d*.

In the position shown in Fig. 1 the bag is supposed to be shut and fastened, and to open the same the spring-catch or lifting-plate *f* is raised against the action of the spring *e* into the position shown by dotted lines in Fig. 3, and the hasp-plate *g* is lifted from off the stud 5 and swung over into the dotted position, Fig. 1, when the bag can be opened, and to close the same the plate *g*, after the sections *a b* are brought together, is swung over upon the stud 5 and the spring-catch or lifting-plate *f* is snapped down upon it into the position shown in full lines, when the bag is again locked and fastened.

My improved bag or satchel fastening is very simple, containing few parts, and is easily operated and not liable to get out of order, and the same is adapted for use in connection with the various styles and sizes of hand-bags and satchels.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination, in a fastening for hand-bags and satchels, of a frame-piece secured to one of the hinged sections of the hand-bag and having a stud thereon, a hinged hasp secured to the other hinged section of the bag and adapted to pass over the stud on the frame-piece, and a spring-catch or lifting-plate connected to the frame-piece and adapted to be snapped down upon the hinged hasp-plate, substantially as specified.

2. The combination, with the hinged sections *a b* of the bag, of the frame-piece *d*, secured to the section *a* by lugs or their equivalent and recessed upon its under side, and provided with a spring, *e*, and stud 5, the spring-catch or lifting-plate *f*, pivoted to the frame-piece *d* and acted upon by the spring *e*, and the hinged hasp *g*, secured to the section *b* and adapted to pass over the stud 5 and beneath the spring-catch or lifting-plate *f*, substantially as set forth.

Signed by me this 14th day of May, 1888.

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