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*Belt Buckle.*

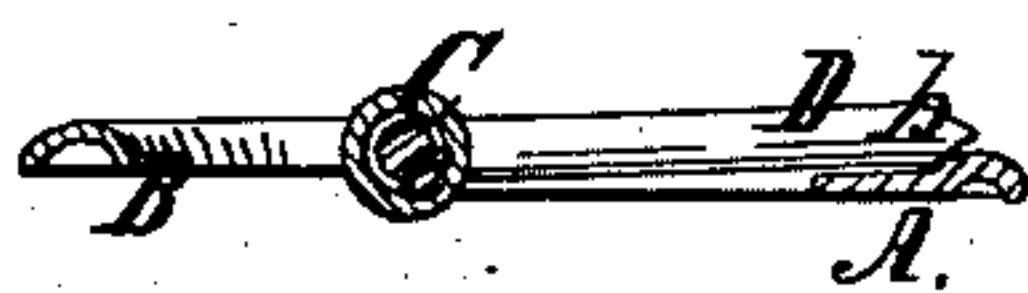
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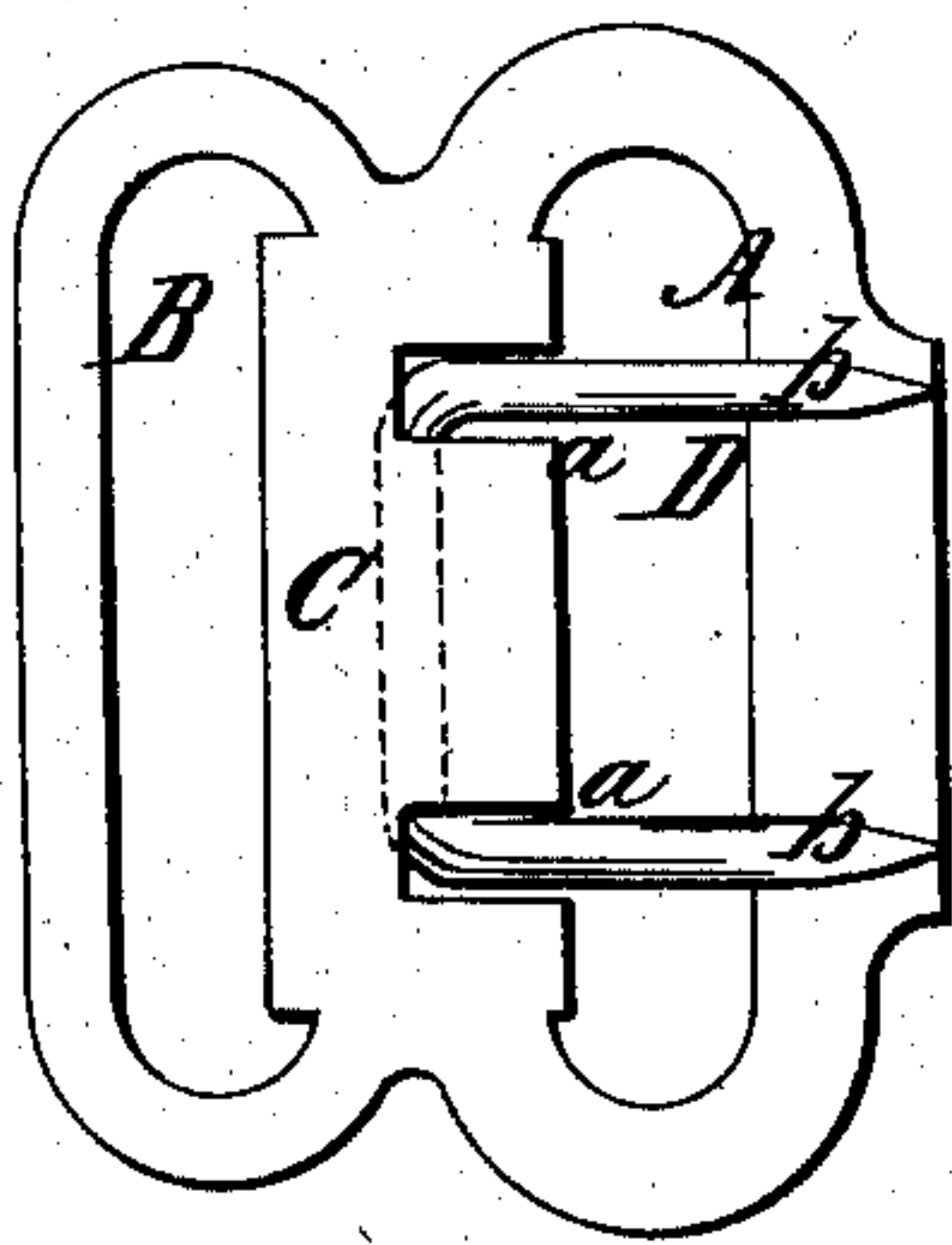
*Fig. 3.*



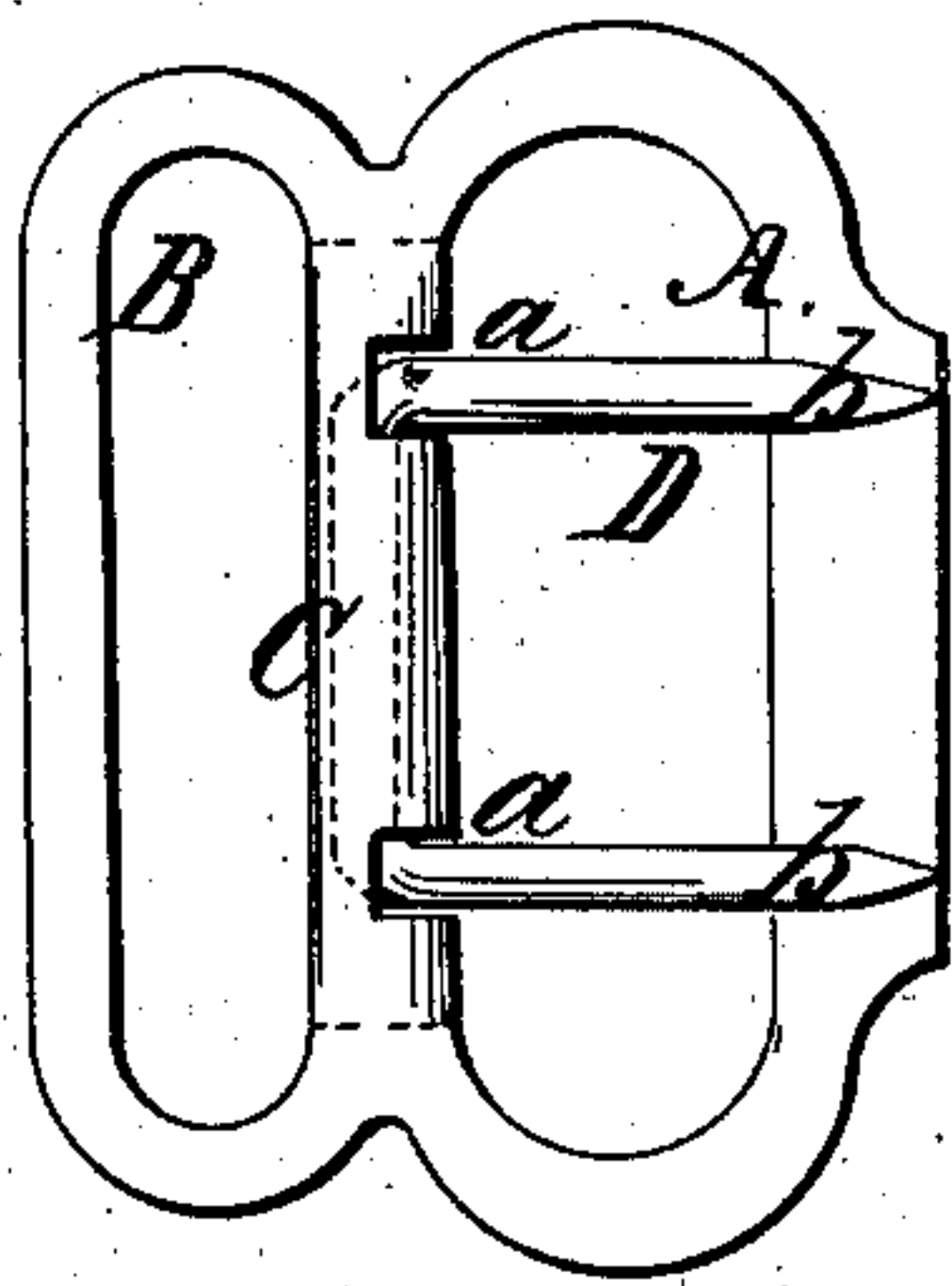
*Fig. 4.*



*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## BUCKLE FOR WEARING-APPAREL.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 15,666, dated September 2, 1856.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWARD PARKER, of Plymouth, in the county of Litchfield and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in the Construction of Buckles; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1, is a face view of a blank, showing the form of the bow and loop as they are struck or swaged from a metal plate. Fig. 2, is a face view of my improvement completed. Fig. 3, is a transverse section of Fig. 1, the plane of section being through the center. Fig. 4, is a transverse section of Fig. 2, the plane of section being through the center.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

My invention consists in striking or swaging the bow and loop in one piece from a metal plate and securing the tongue therein by bending the center cross piece which divides the bow and loop around the shank of the tongue, as will be presently described.

To enable others skilled in the art to fully understand and construct my invention, I will proceed to describe it.

A, represents the bow and B, is the loop which are divided by a cross piece C. These parts are all struck or swaged in one piece from a metal plate. The cross piece C, is somewhat wider than the other portions of the blank and have two recesses *a, a*, cut

in one edge, said recesses being a suitable distance apart, the distance being equal to the length of the shank of the tongue.

The tongue D, is formed of a single piece of wire bent as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, so as to form the prongs *b, b, c* being the shank. The shank *c*, is placed behind or underneath the cross piece C, the ends of the prongs *b, b*, resting upon the outer end of the bow A, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, and the edges of the cross piece C, are bent by any proper means around the shank C, as shown in Figs. 2 and 4, and the prongs *b, b* are allowed to work in the recesses *a, a*. By bending the cross piece C, around the shank *c*, the tongue is firmly secured in the bow and the bow and loop may be bent or swaged in concave form with any ornamental design or figure upon them.

The above mode of construction is extremely simple and a durable and economical buckle is obtained thereby.

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

Swaging or cutting the blank, or, the bow A and loop B, entire or in one piece from a metal plate and securing the tongue D, in the buckle by bending or closing the cross piece C, around the shank *c*, substantially as shown and described.

EDWARD PARKER.

Witnesses:

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SYLVESTER MATTHEWS.