

L. H. Cushman,

Clothes Pin,

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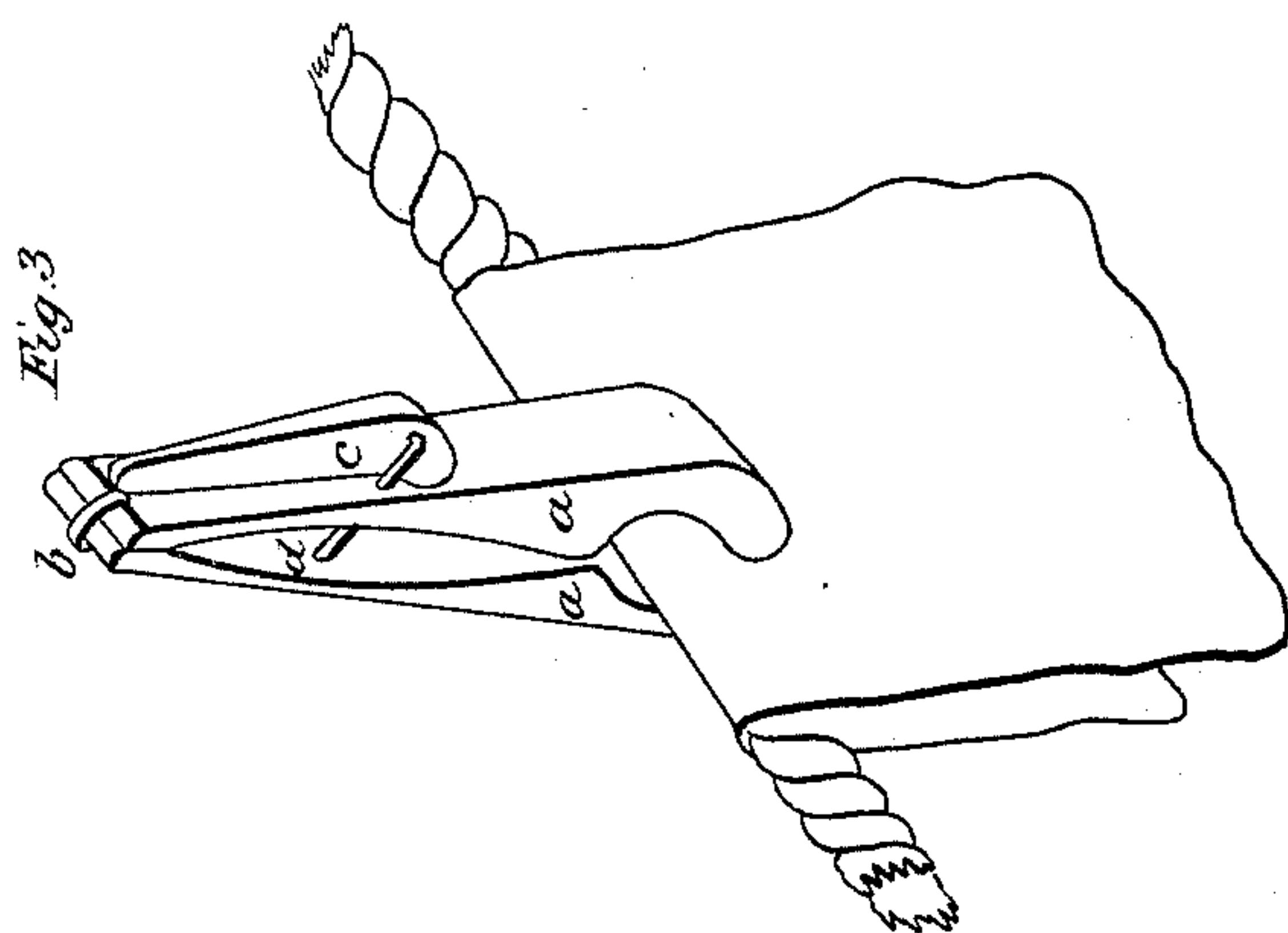


Fig. 4

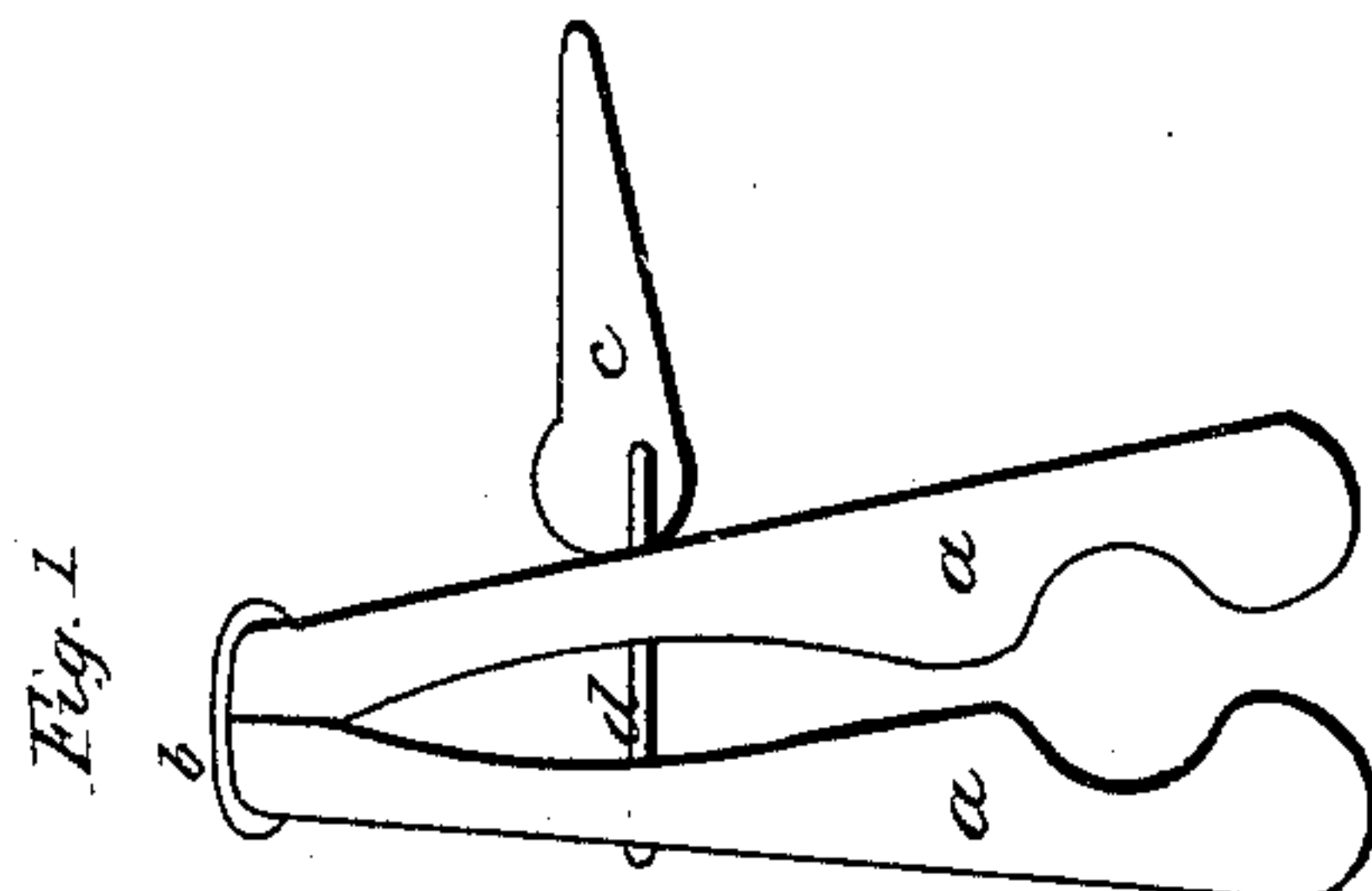


Fig. 1

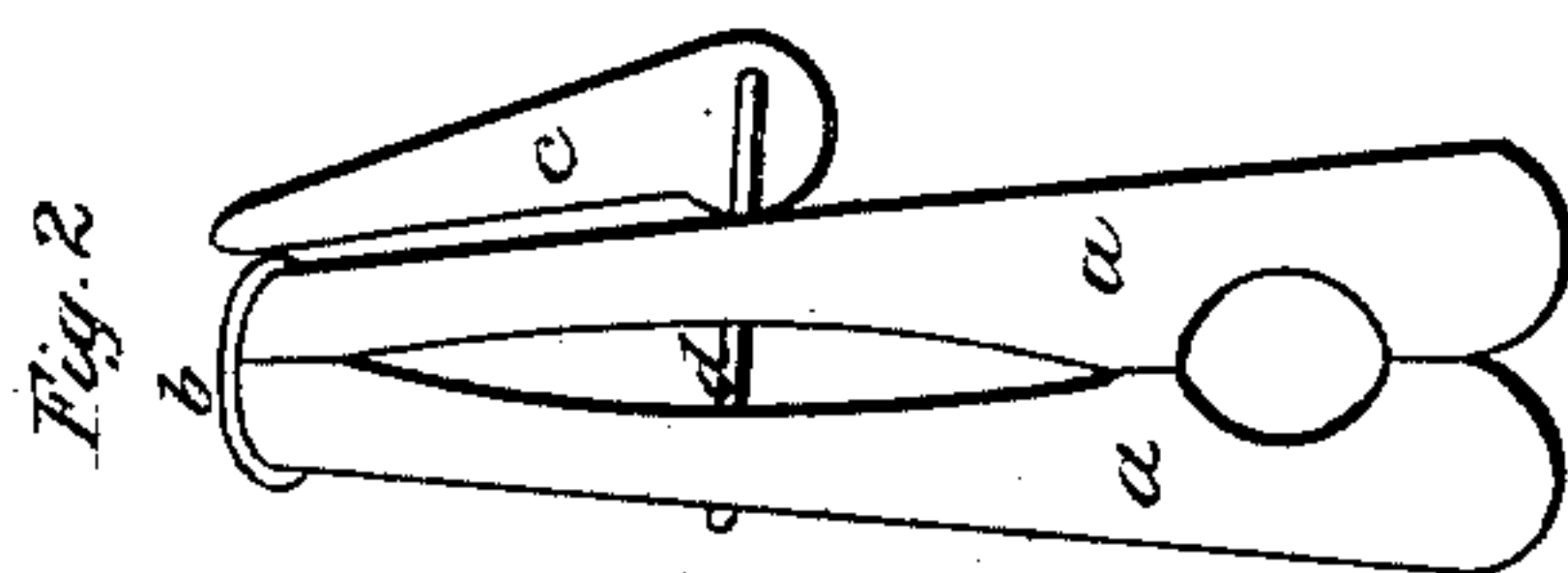


Fig. 2

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CLOTHES-CLAMP.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 18,632, dated November 17, 1857.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS H. CUSHMAN, of Monmouth, in the county of Kennebec and State of Maine, have invented a new and Improved Clothes-Clamp, which improvement will also apply to shoemakers' or harnessmakers' clamps; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being
10 made to the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1 represents a section of the clamp when open. Fig. 2 represents the clamp when shut. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the clamp when in use upon the clothes-line.

15 Figs. 1 and 2 *a a* are the cheeks or body of the clamp made of wood or metal. *b* is the spring, consisting of a metallic wire or rod, bent as represented in Fig. 4. *c* is the lever, held in its place by the staple *d*. This lever

has a cam shaped end next to the clamp and 20 the staple passes loosely through the first cheek and is firmly fixed in the second.

Operation: To open the clamp, place the lever *c* at right angles to the cheek of the clamp as represented in Fig. 1. The spring 25 *b* then throws the cheek or jaw open. To close it, press the lever down to the cheek as shown in Fig. 2. The cam shaped end presses the jaws together.

What I specifically claim as my invention 30 and for which I ask an exclusive right, is—

The combination of the spring and cam lever as set forth in the above specification.

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