

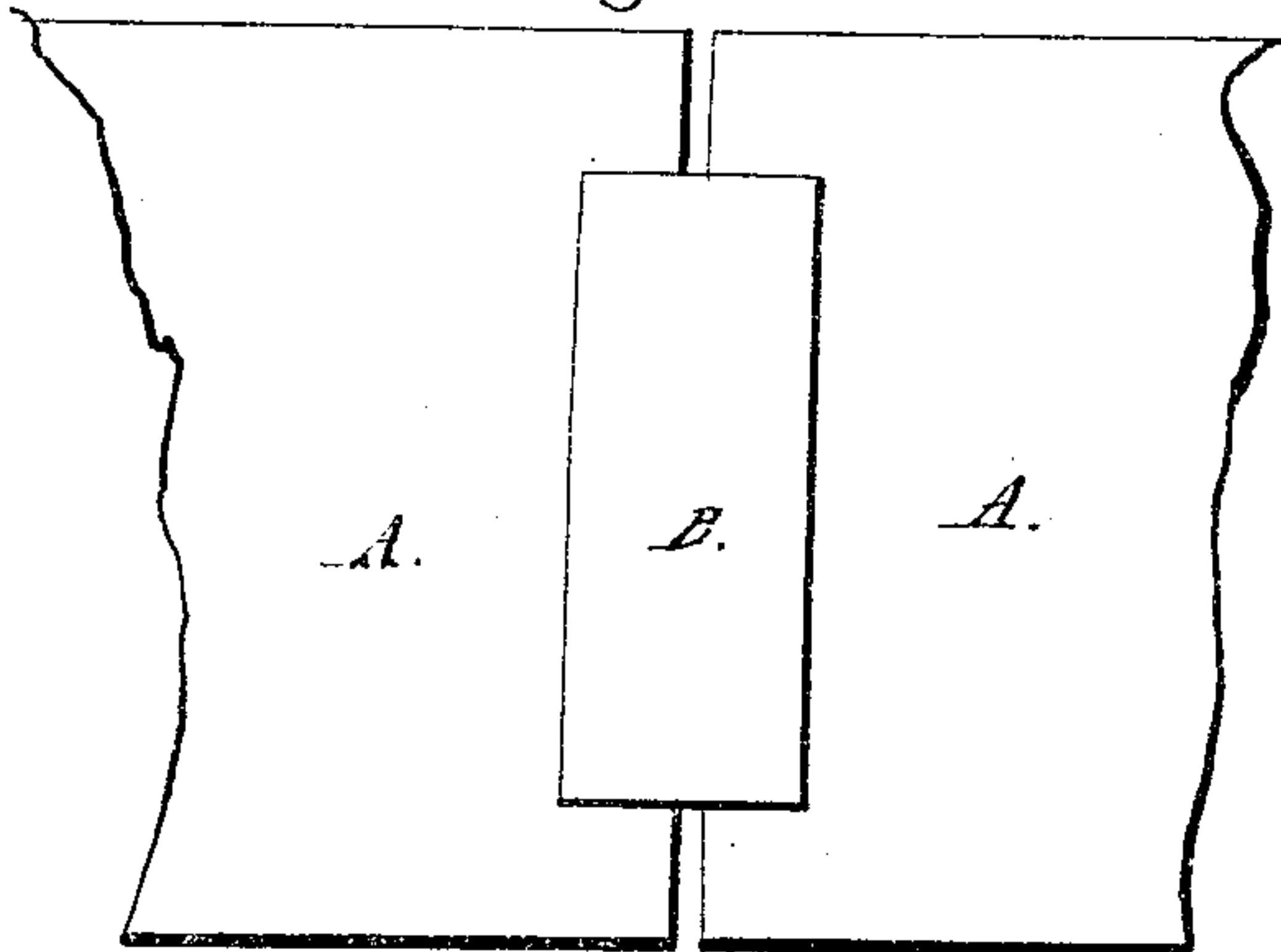
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*Belt Clasp.*

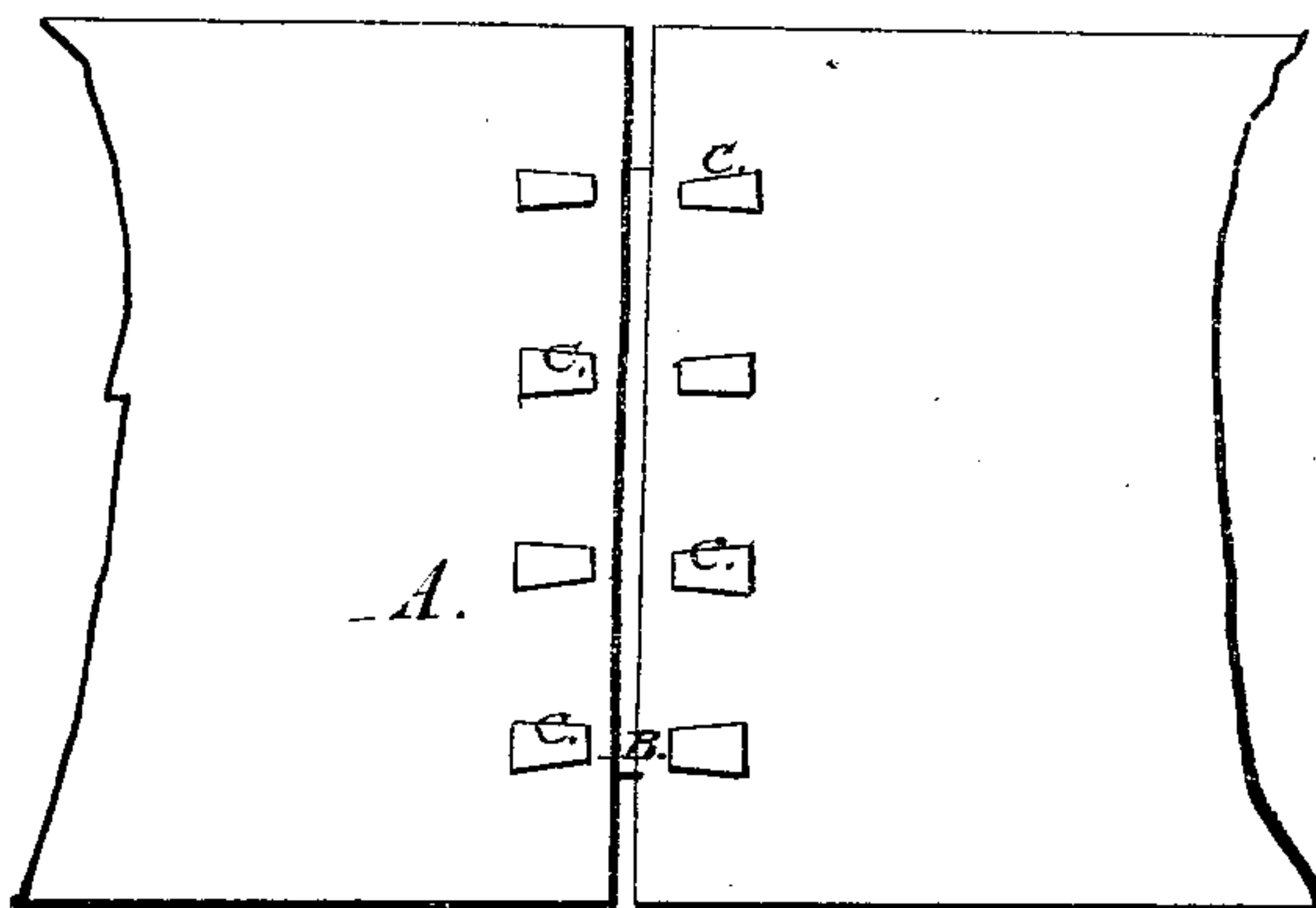
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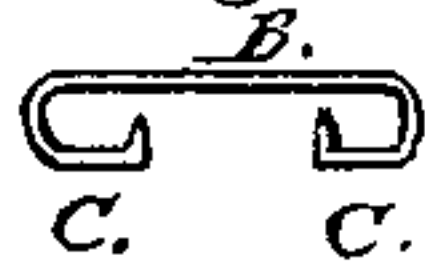
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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**IMPROVED BELT-CLASP.**

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, C. TOWNS, of Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Belt-Clasps; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and complete description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the clasp in the belt.

Figure 2 is a view of the opposite side of fig. 1.

Figure 3 is a detached end view of the clasp.

Like letters of reference refer to like parts in the views.

The usual way of uniting the ends of a belt is by sewing them together.

The object of this clasp is to dispense with this, and save time and trouble, and also form a stronger and more durable way of connecting the belt.

In the drawing—

A represents a section of belting.

B, the clasp, which can be made of any metal desired.

This clasp consists of the plate B, provided with arms, C, figs. 2 and 3.

In each end of the belt are cut holes corresponding to the arms C.

The clasp is then placed over the ends of the belt, and the arms C passed through these holes, and then bent or turned down on to the other side of the belt, as shown in fig. 2, thus clasping and holding the two ends of the belt.

It is intended practically to form points on the ends of the arms of the clasp, as shown in fig. 3, and when they are bent down on the belt, the points will be pressed into it, and thus more securely and firmly hold the belt.

This clasp can be made the width of the belt, if desired, and can be applied to any kind of belting, and for any other purpose, in uniting belting where it is sewed in the ordinary way.

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

The herein-described clasp or plate B, provided with arms C, when constructed in the manner as and for the purpose set forth.

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