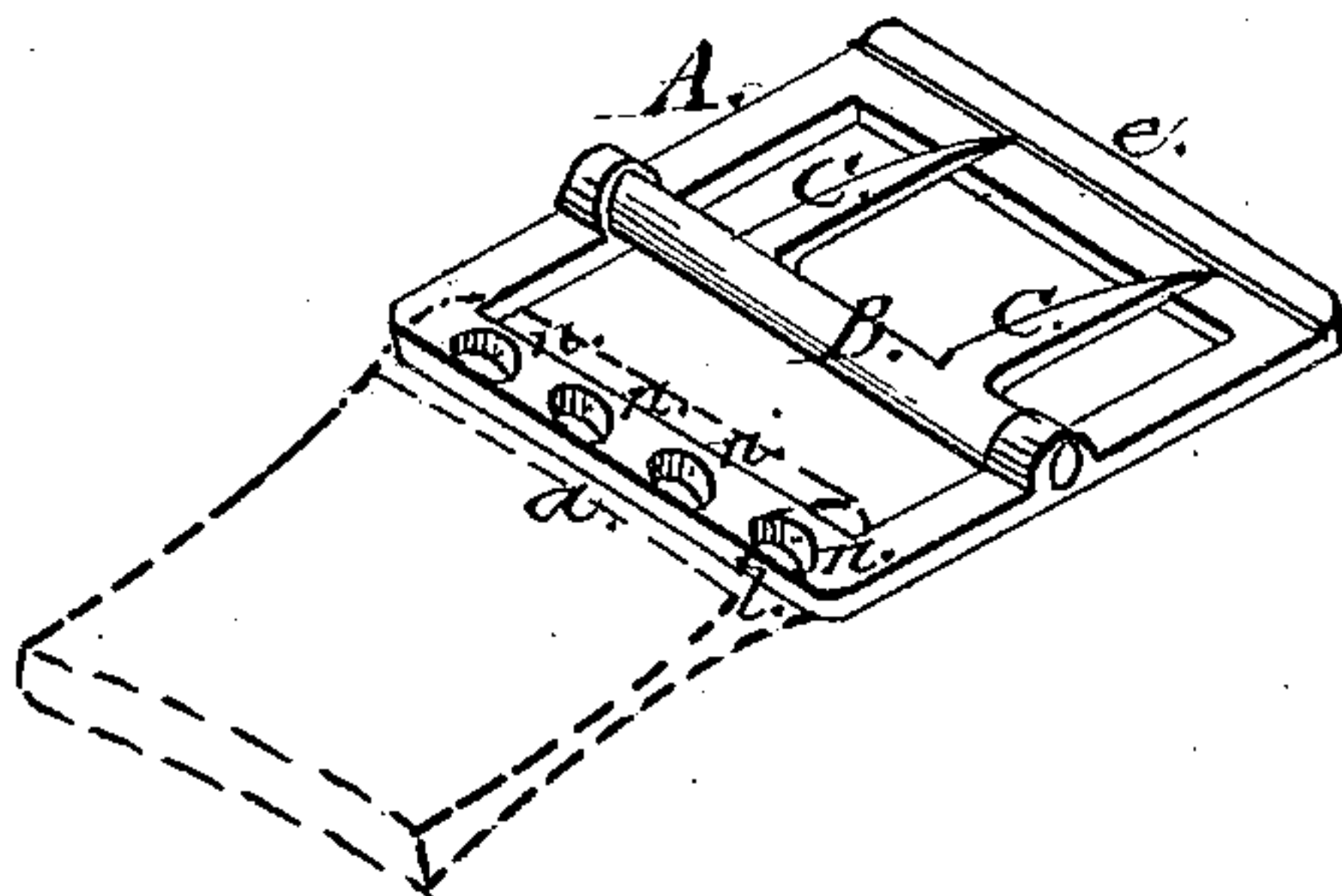


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## IMPROVED BUCKLE.

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, HENRY R. SWAN, of Norwalk, in the county of Fairfield, and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and improved Buckle; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which my invention is represented by a perspective view.

The object of this invention is to confine the cloth, which supports the buckle, exactly in the centre of the hook, so as to prevent its crowding to one side or the other, when subject to a lateral or oblique pull.

In the drawings—

A is the frame of the buckle;

B, the shaft;

C C, the tongues; and

e, a guard-flange upon the frame, at the ends of the

tongues, to protect them, and prevent their hooking into the clothing and tearing it.

In that portion *a* of the frame, opposite to the flanged side, I make a number of holes, *n n n n*, through which the cloth can be stitched or sewed to the buckle, so as not to crowd to one side thereof, under any circumstances.

Any number of holes may be employed, according to the size of the buckle, and nature of the office it is to perform.

Having described my invention,

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

Providing the part *a*, of the frame A, with holes *n*, arranged as and for the purpose specified.

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