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Tobacco Hangers.

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Fig. 1.

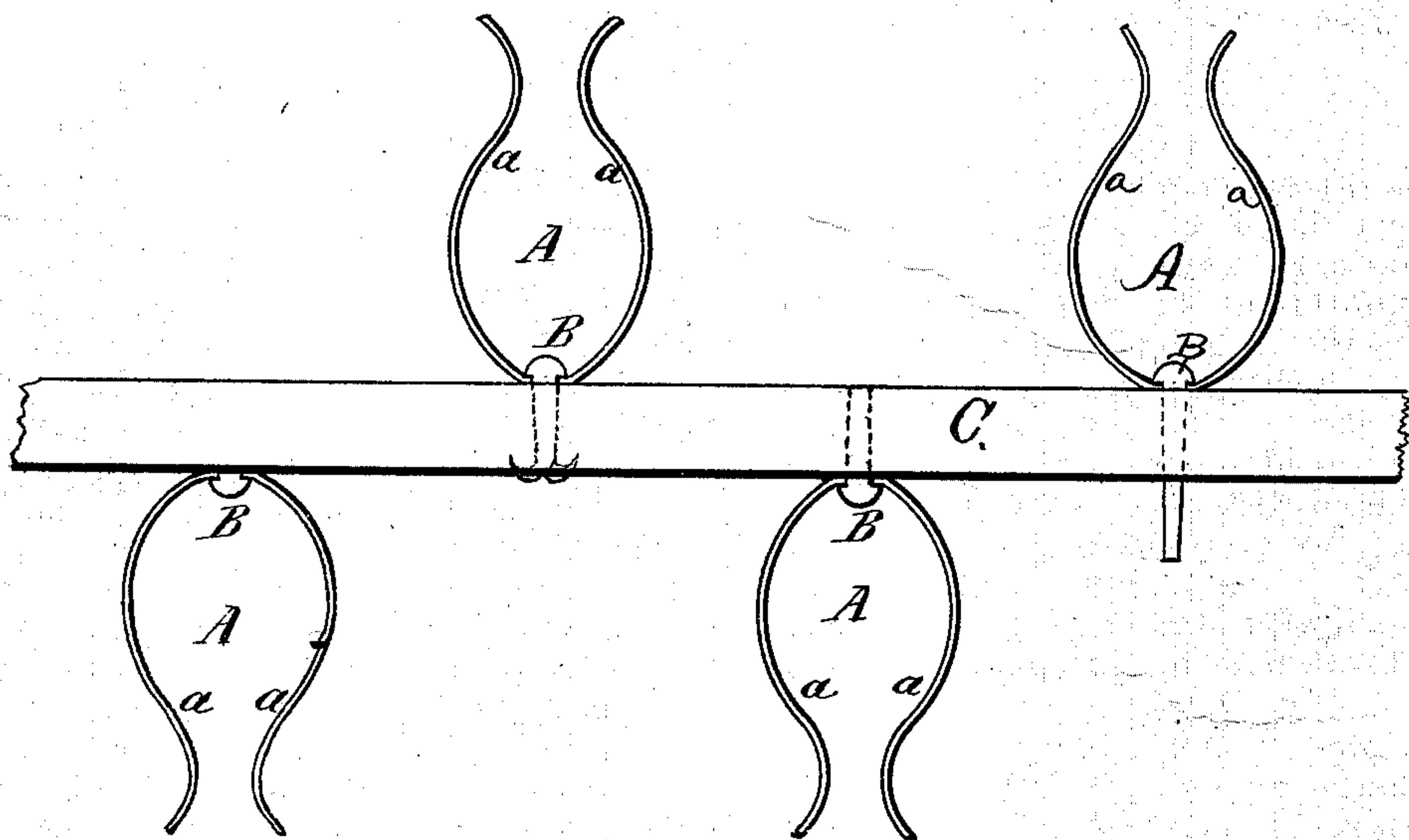
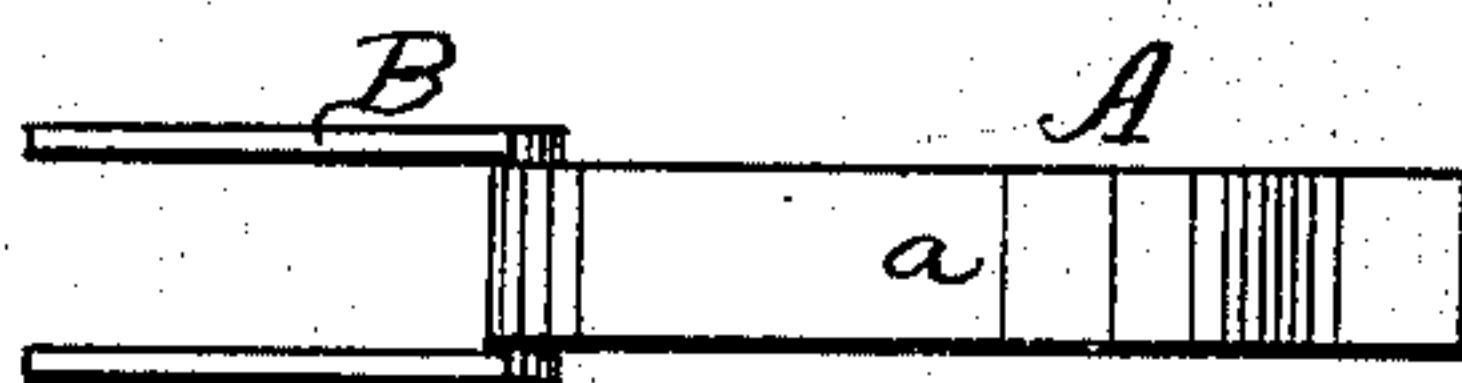


Fig. 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN TOBACCO-HANGERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELEAZER KEMPSHALL, of New Britain, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tobacco-Hangers, of which the following is a specification:

In my improved tobacco-hanger a strip or lath is provided with a series of clasps, each clasp having two arms, which pass each side of the tobacco-stalk and hold it, the said clasp being provided with a tang or staple, by which to secure it to the lath or strip, as hereafter described.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a partial plan or top view of a tobacco-hanger which embodies my invention, and Fig. 2 is a side elevation of a clasp and staple.

A designates one of the clasps, which I prefer to form of sheet steel, with two arms, *a a*, the ends of which are curved outward, as shown. B designates a staple or tang, the head of which is as wide as the width of the metal forming the clasp A. The staple B is driven into the strip or lath C, and the clasp A is placed under the head of said staple, so that when it is driven further into the lath the clasp A is firmly held between the head of the staple and one side of the lath C, as indicated in Fig. 1. The end or ends of the staple B, which project through the lath C, are then clinched to permanently hold the clasp.

A number of these hangers, consisting of the clasp and its tang or staple, can be placed upon a single strip.

In use, the tobacco-stalks are slipped between the arms *a a*, and if there are one or two leaves, as is generally the case, on the stalk, between its end and the point embraced by the arms, said leaves will prevent the stalk from slipping out of the arms, whether they spring tightly against the stalk or not. For this reason the arms *a a* may be made of rigid metal, or with little or no spring; and in such case the staple B might be cast in one and the same piece with the arms *a a*.

When all the hangers upon a single strip or lath are thus filled the strips and the tobacco on them are managed in the usual manner.

I claim as my invention—

The improved tobacco-hanger herein described, consisting of the strip C, in combination with a series of clasps, A, each of which is provided with arms *a a*, which pass each side of the stalk to hold it, and the tang or staple B, by which said clasps are secured to the strip C, all substantially as specified.

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