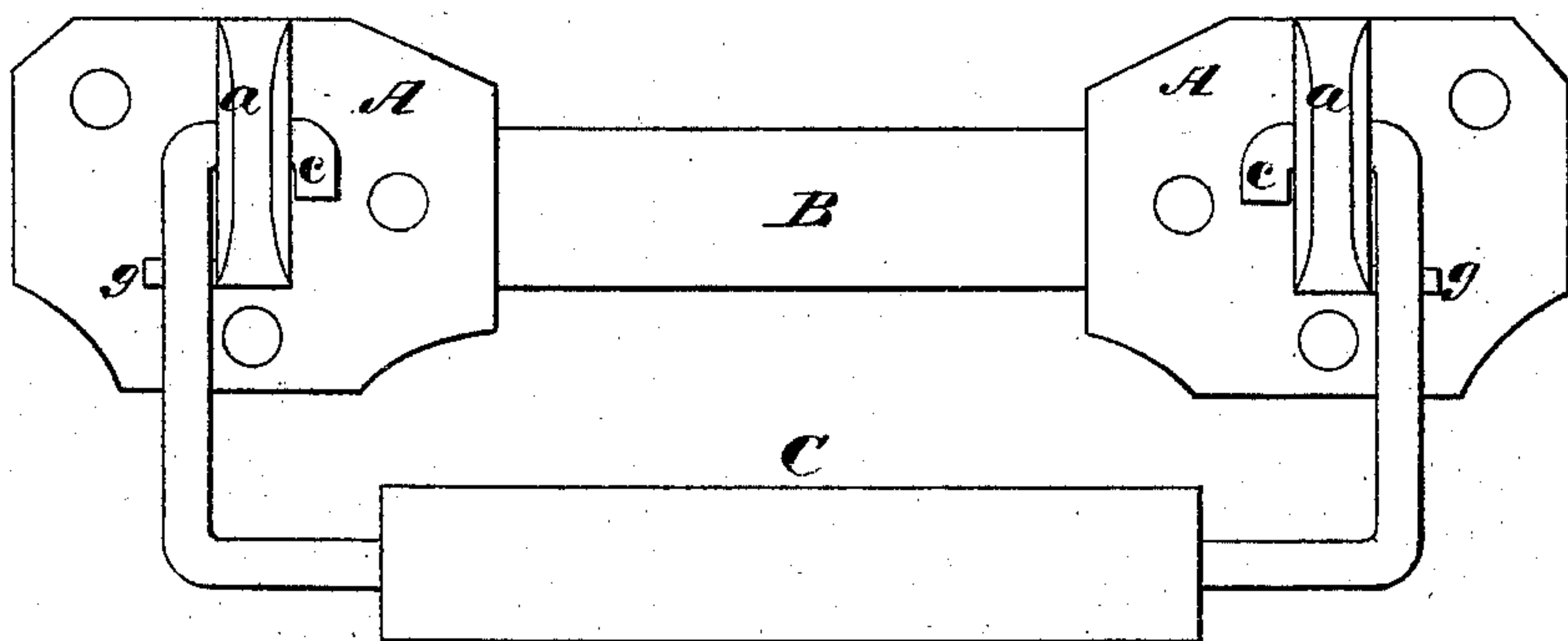


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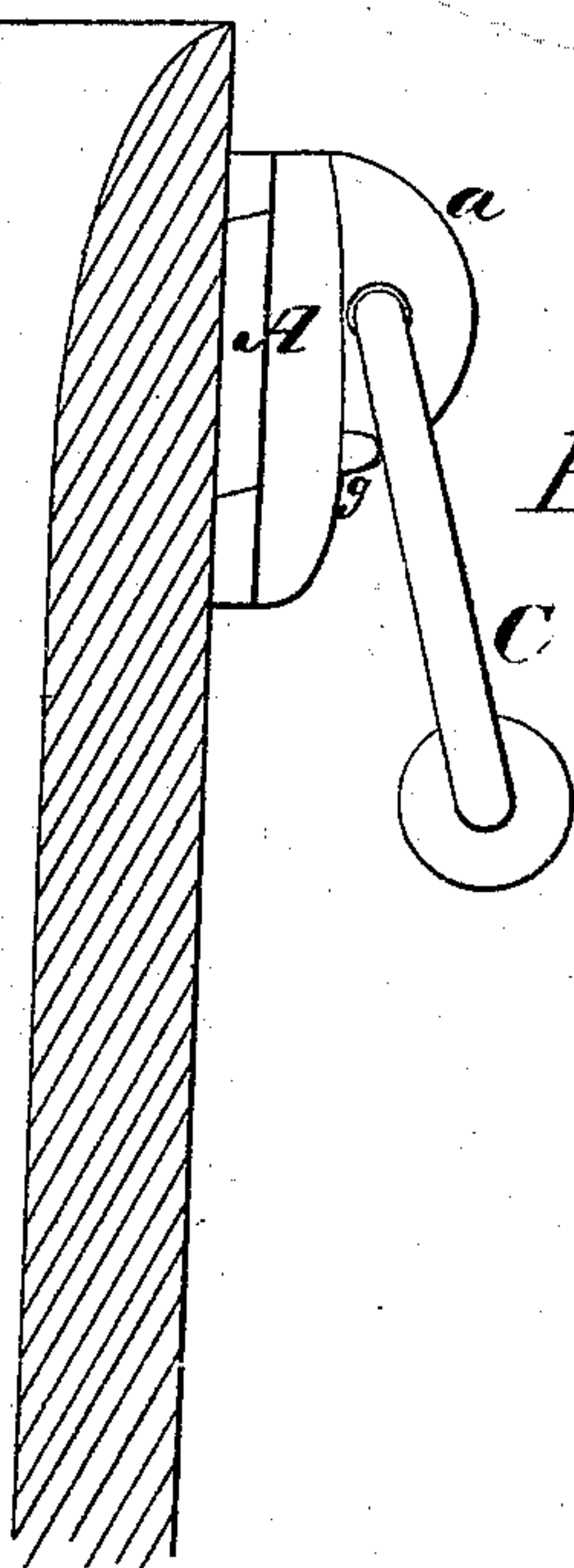
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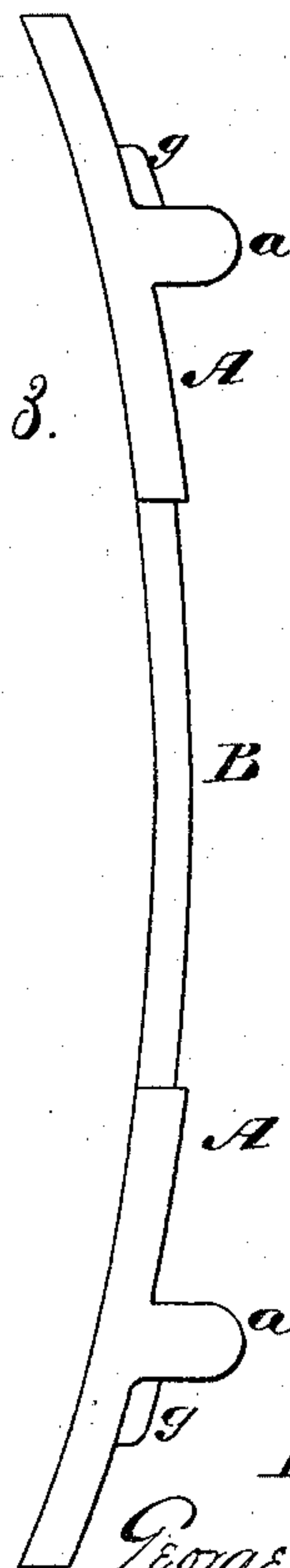
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN BAIL-EARS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE SMITH, of Castile, in the county of Wyoming and State of New York, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Handle-Clips; 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 annexed drawings making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a front view of my handle-clip. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a detail view.

This invention has relation to handle-clips for buckets and other vessels. It consists in two clip-plates, having perforated ears for receiving the ends of a handle, in combination with a thin and narrow connecting-bar, which will bend and allow the device to be adjusted closely upon flat or concave surfaces.

The following is a description of my improvements:

In the annexed drawings, A A represent two clip-plates, which are connected together by means of a narrow and thin bar, B. The plates A A, which are much broader than the

bar B, are perforated to receive the screws which secure the device to a tub or box, and on these plates ears *a a* and lugs *g g* are formed. The ears *a a* are perforated to receive through them the hooked ends *c c* of the handle C, and the lugs *g g* are so arranged that when the handle hangs freely, as shown in Fig. 2, they will hold the wooden portion thereof free from the side of the bucket in a position to be conveniently grasped in the hand.

The handle-clip herein described will be made of malleable iron, and cast in one piece, and the connecting bar or strip B should be sufficiently thin to be bent and fitted snugly to the sides of buckets, tubs, or other vessels of various sizes and shapes.

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

The combination of a flexible connecting-strip, B, with the ear-plates A, the strip B being thinner and narrower than these plates, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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