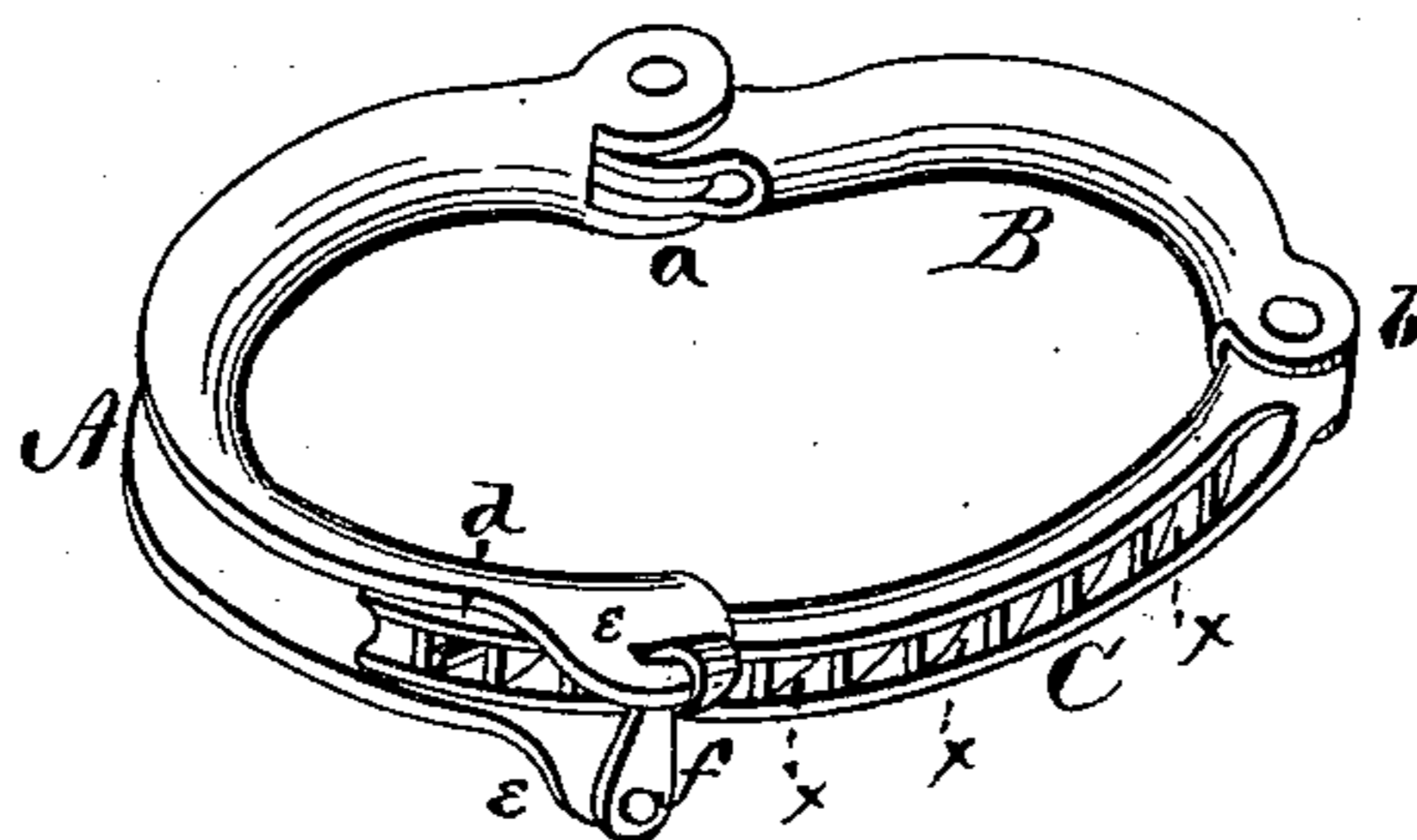


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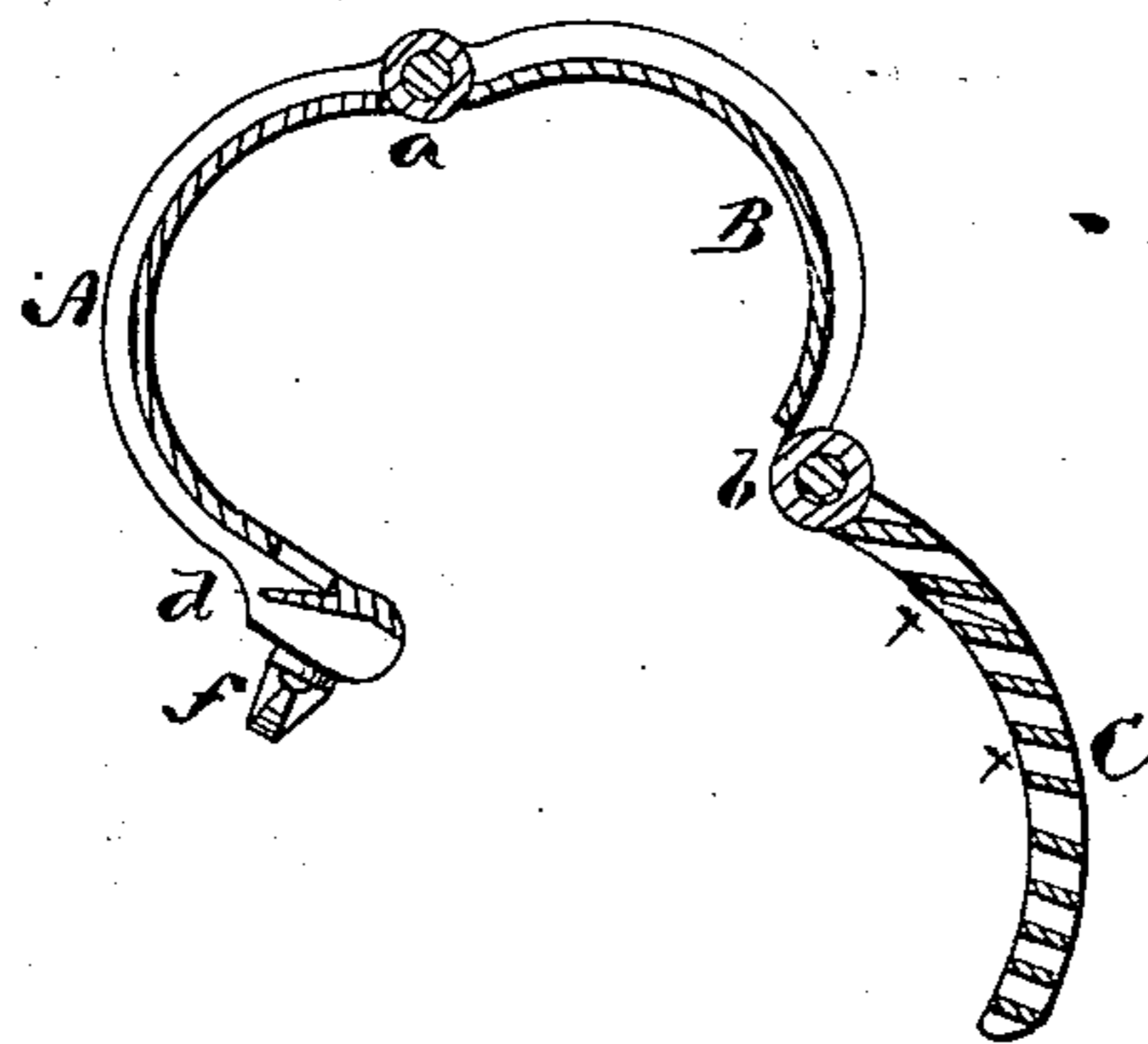
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*Fig 1*



*Fig 2*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN BAG-FASTENERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM T. JOHNSTON, of Ottumwa, in the county of Wapello and in the State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bag-Tie; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a metallic bag-tie, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my bag-tie closed, and Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the same open.

My bag-tie is made of three or more pieces, A, B, and C, stamped or pressed, of metal in half-round form, and hinged together at *a* and *b*, as shown. The piece A is stamped with a hook, *d*, at its outer end, and with projecting ears *e* on the sides. One of these ears is bent

outward, and upon the same is pivoted a latch, *f*, which is to enter a slot in the other. The piece C is pressed to fit in the piece A, and has a series of holes, *x x*, pressed in it.

When this bag-tie is placed on the bag and pressed together the hook *d* catches in one of the holes *x*, thereby fastening the tie together on the bag. For better security the latch *f* is turned over the part C into the slot in the opposite ear *e*.

The bag-tie may be made in as many pieces as desired, the end pieces being constructed, as herein shown and described, for the pieces A and C.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the metallic pieces A B C, hinged together, having hook *d* and slots *x x*, and the latch *f*, all constructed substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing, I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of January, 1874.

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