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Stocking-Suspender Buckle.

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Fig. 1.

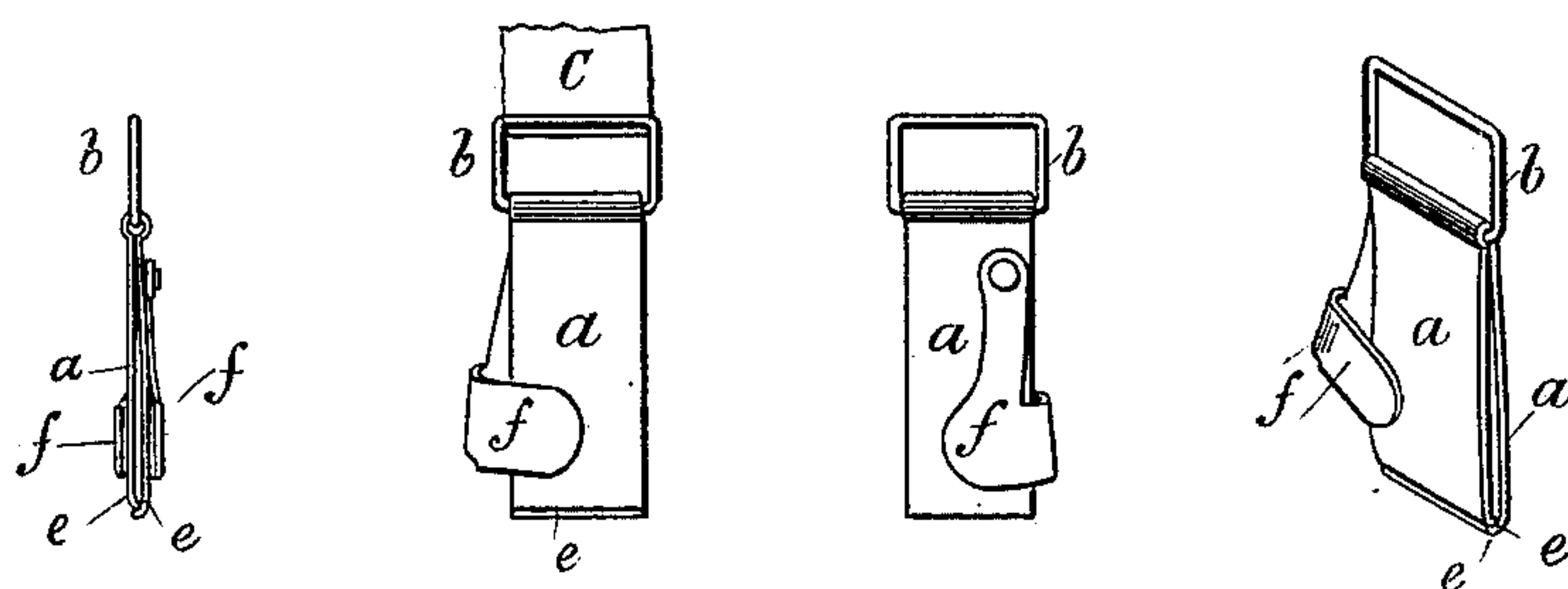
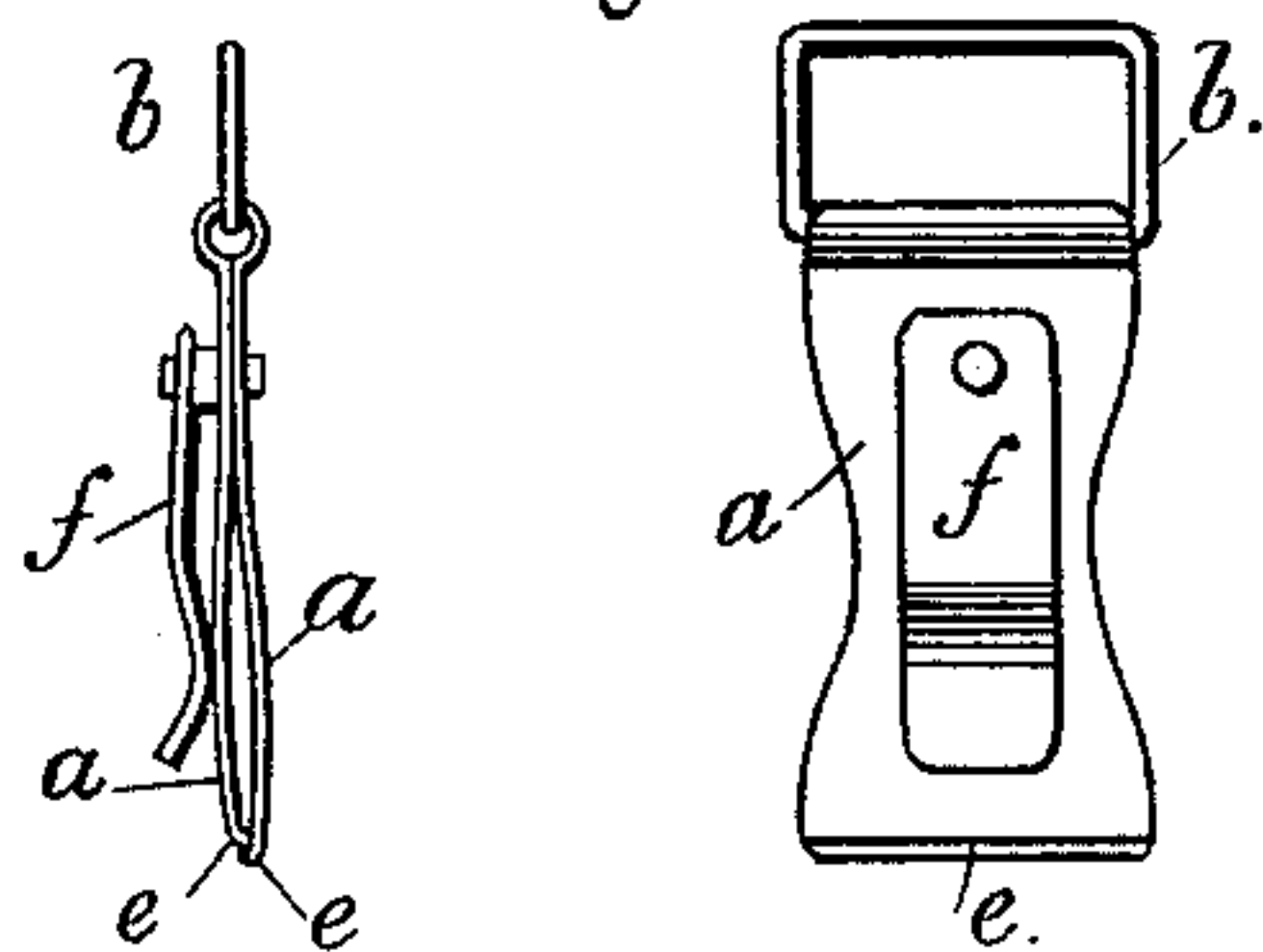


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN STOCKING-SUSPENDER BUCKLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOOB H. GOLDSTEIN, of the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improved Stocking-Suspender Buckle; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention has reference to an improved buckle or clamp for attaching the tops of stockings to stocking-suspenders, and it is constructed and arranged as hereinafter described.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 shows the buckle with V-shaped swing-latch in various positions. Fig. 2 shows a modified form having a straight latch.

Let *a a* represent the two jaws of the buckle or clamp. These can be made separately, and the two pieces connected together at one end, or they can be made by bending a single piece or plate of sheet metal at its middle, so that each end forms one of the jaws. In this latter case the bend can clasp one side of the link or loop *b*, to which one end of the elastic or suspender *C* is attached. The two jaws gradually separate toward their lower ends, and their extremities are bent inward at right angles so as to form short gripping-edges *e*. One jaw is slightly longer than the other, so that the bent edges *e* of the shorter jaw will fit inside the opposite bent edge when the ends of the jaws are closed together. To force these jaws together and clamp them upon the stocking-top, I employ a hinged or swing latch, *f*. This latch can be made V-shaped, as represented at Fig. 1, so as to straddle the two jaws and force them together, and I prefer to use this device; but I can, if desired, use the modified form shown in Fig. 2, wherein one of the jaws is made rigid, while the latch or cam forces the opposite spring-

jaw against it, as shown at Fig. 2. In either case I prefer to attach the latch to one plate only by a rivet or equivalent loose fastening.

This buckle or clamp is quite simple in construction, and will gripe and hold the edge of the stocking without tearing or injuring it.

It is also more convenient for attaching to the stocking, as it clasps a straight edge, so that the stocking is not doubled or wrinkled.

This clamp or buckle is also adapted for attaching gentlemen's suspenders to the top of the pants, and thereby avoiding the necessity of sewing on buttons for the suspenders to be buttoned to.

I am aware that a clasp has been used provided with two straight jaws and gripping-edges, and having a cam-latch pivoted to a projecting plate on one jaw, so that it will bear against the opposite jaw and force the edges together; and I am also aware that a wedge has been pivoted between the two jaws of a clasp, and for the same purpose, and I do not claim these devices; but,

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

The clasp described, consisting of the loop *b*, or other suitable attaching devices, the jaws, curved in opposite directions and having their gripping-edges bent at right angles toward one another, and the swinging latch *f*, hinged to one of said jaws and having a projecting plate for claspings the other jaw, for the purpose of forcing them together by an external pressure on both jaws, as set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

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