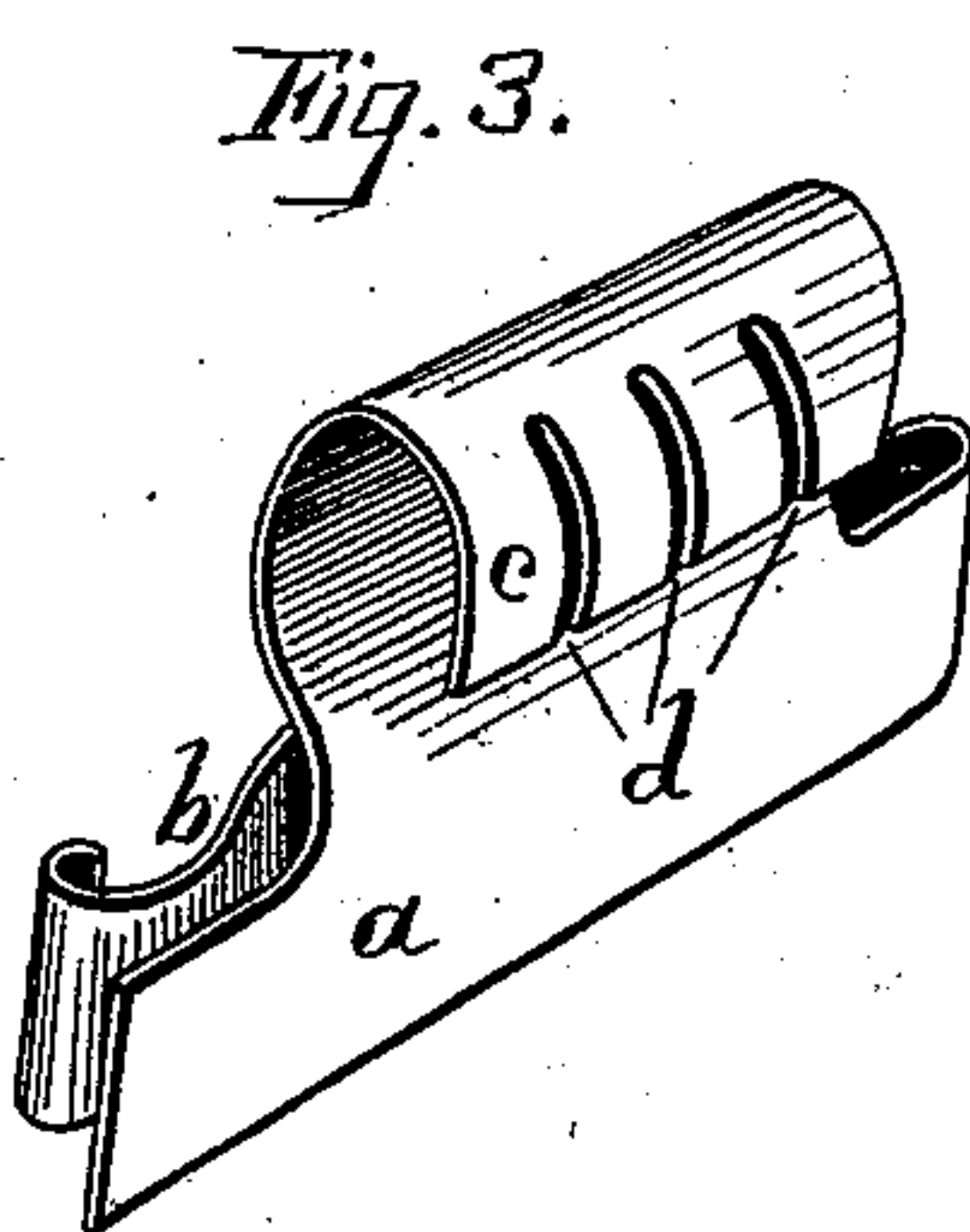
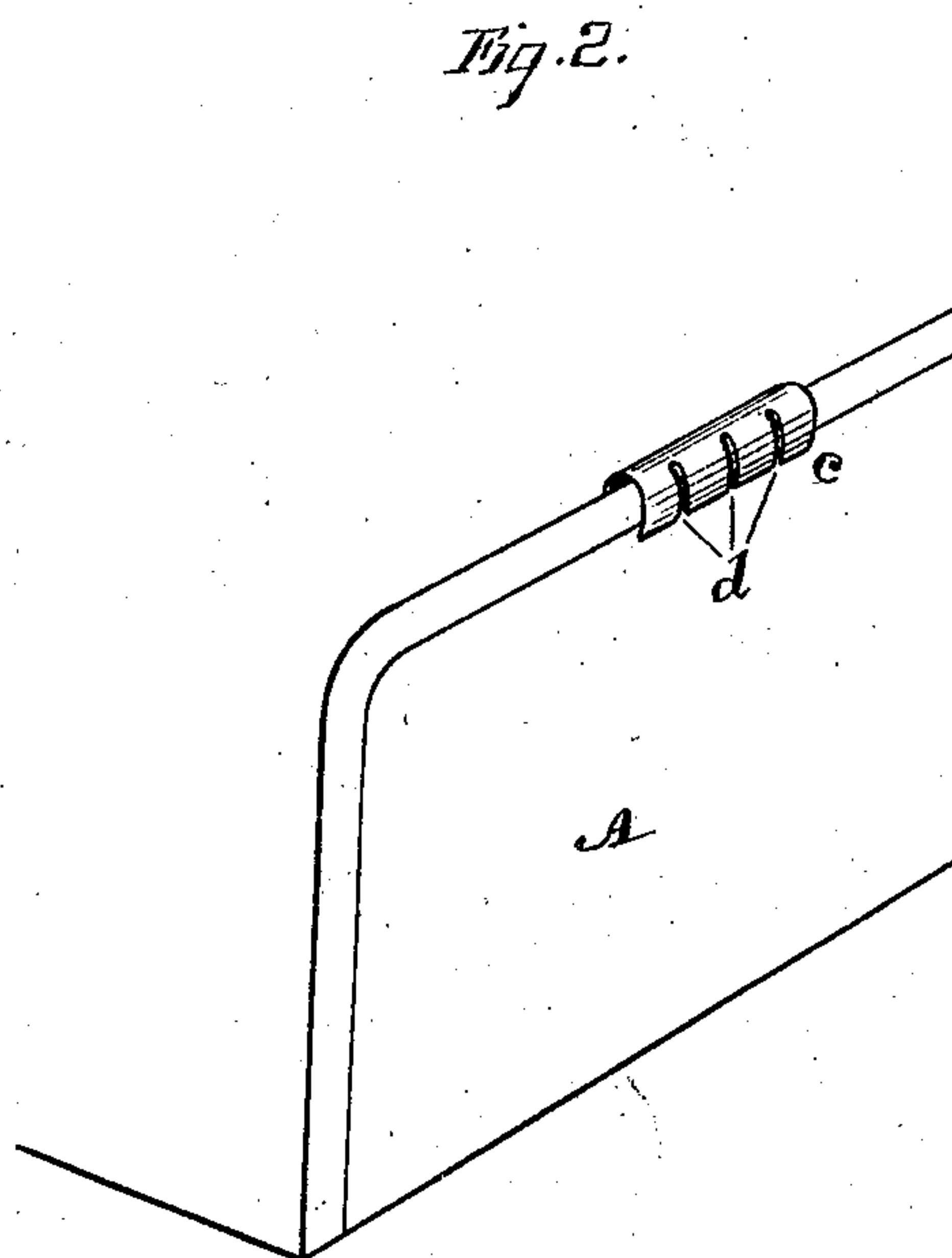
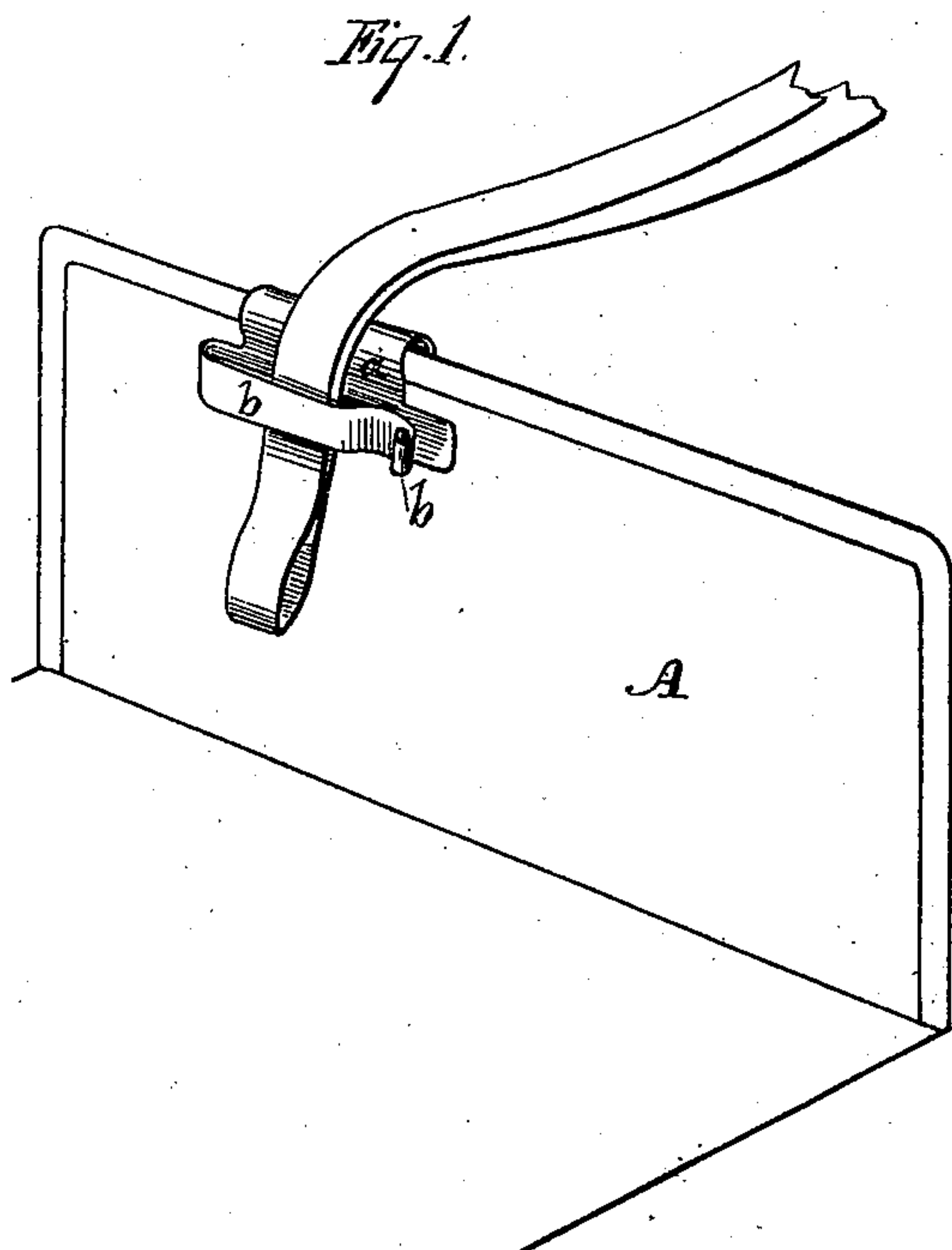


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANSON LAY, of Oakland, county of Alameda, and State of California, have invented an Improved Rein-Holder; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to an improved rein-holder; and my improvements consist in forming or stamping in one piece a rein-holder, spring, and clamp, said clamp being made elastic, so as to be secured to the dash-board or any desired point without the use of bolts or rivets or the necessity of perforating the dash-board, as is more fully described in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figures 1 and 2 show the application of my device. Fig. 3 is a view of my device.

Many different devices have been arranged for holding reins when the drivers of vehicles were absent. Among them are several clamps fixed to the dash-board by rivets, bolts, or otherwise, and intended as fixtures. In connecting them holes have necessarily to be formed in the dash-board. If they are ever moved from one place to another, the holes remain and give an unsightly appearance to the dash. Some of the devices are furnished with spring-clamps, these springs being attached to the holder by bolts or rivets and liable to be broken off. These objections my device is intended to overcome, as it may be secured in any place without bolts or rivets and be moved from one side to the other at will.

Let A represent the dash-board of an ordinary buggy or other vehicle to which I have shown my rein-holder attached.

The holder *a*, spring *b*, and elastic clamp *c* are all formed of one piece of metal, and are usually stamped or punched out of a flat plate and afterward bent.

The holder is attached to the dash-board by the elastic short clamp *c*, which portion of the device is made springy or elastic by having

slots *d* made in it, as shown. This spring-clamp is fitted over the edge of the dash-board, fitting snugly around the bar or frame, thereby avoiding any liability of being accidentally displaced.

By means of the slots *d* the necessary spring is secured with the necessary stiffness of metal to make my improved device practical and easy of use. The holder *a* will then be clamped against the inner side of said dash-board. The reins are slipped in at one side between the holder *a* and spring *b*, and are thus held by said spring against the holder.

To release the reins the spring is slightly drawn back and the reins drawn out.

The peculiar formation of this rein-holder obviates the necessity of the use of bolts, rivets, or screws either in forming the holder or in attaching it to the dash-board.

No injury is done to the dash-board whatever by perforations or otherwise.

The rein-holder may be at any time removed from the dash-board, and as quickly replaced for use by springing the elastic clamp down over the edge.

I am aware that spring-clamps have heretofore been used on dash-boards for holding reins, and I do not therefore claim, broadly, such device; but

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

As an improved article of manufacture, the rein-holder consisting of the back *a*, elastic spring *b*, and short elastic clamp *c*, stamped and formed of a single piece of sheet metal, and provided with the slots *d*, substantially as herein described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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