

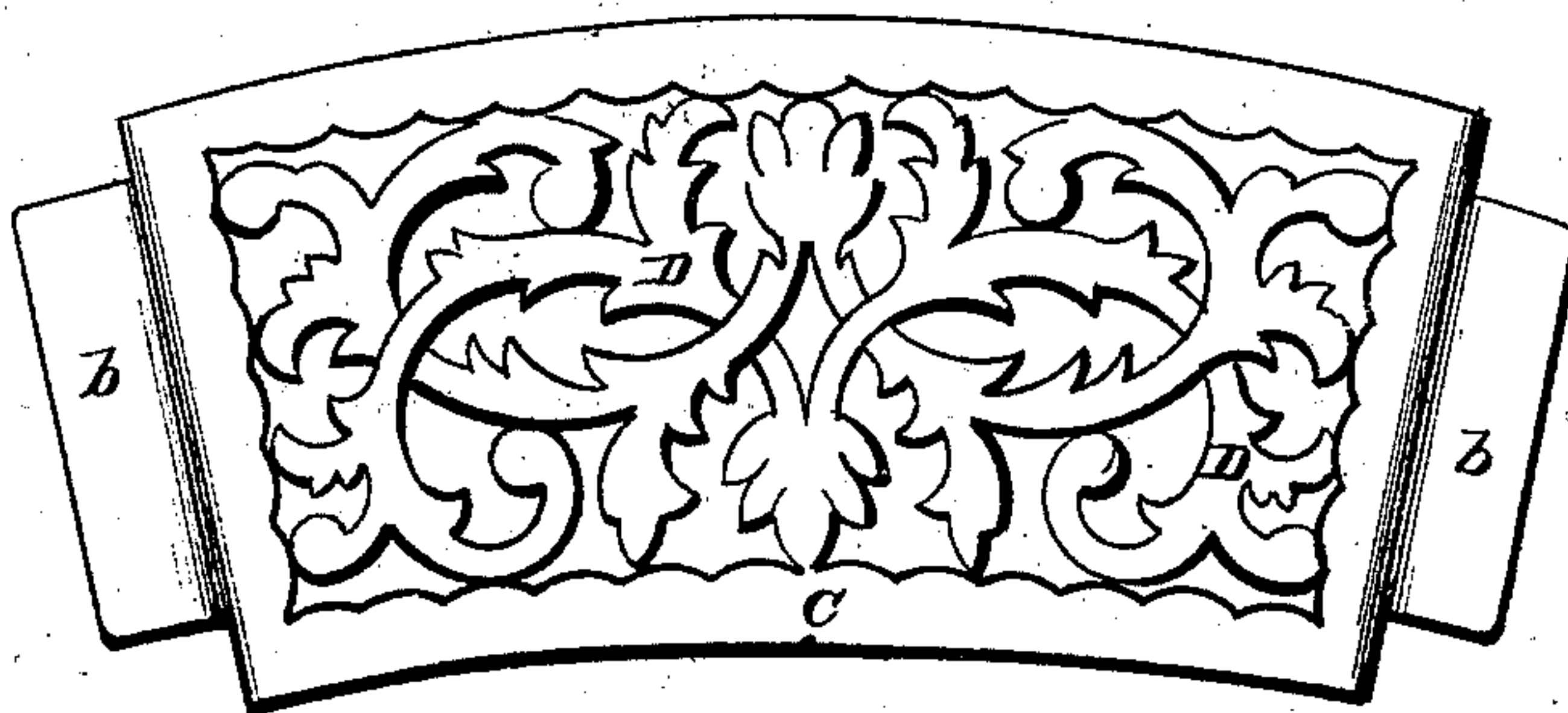
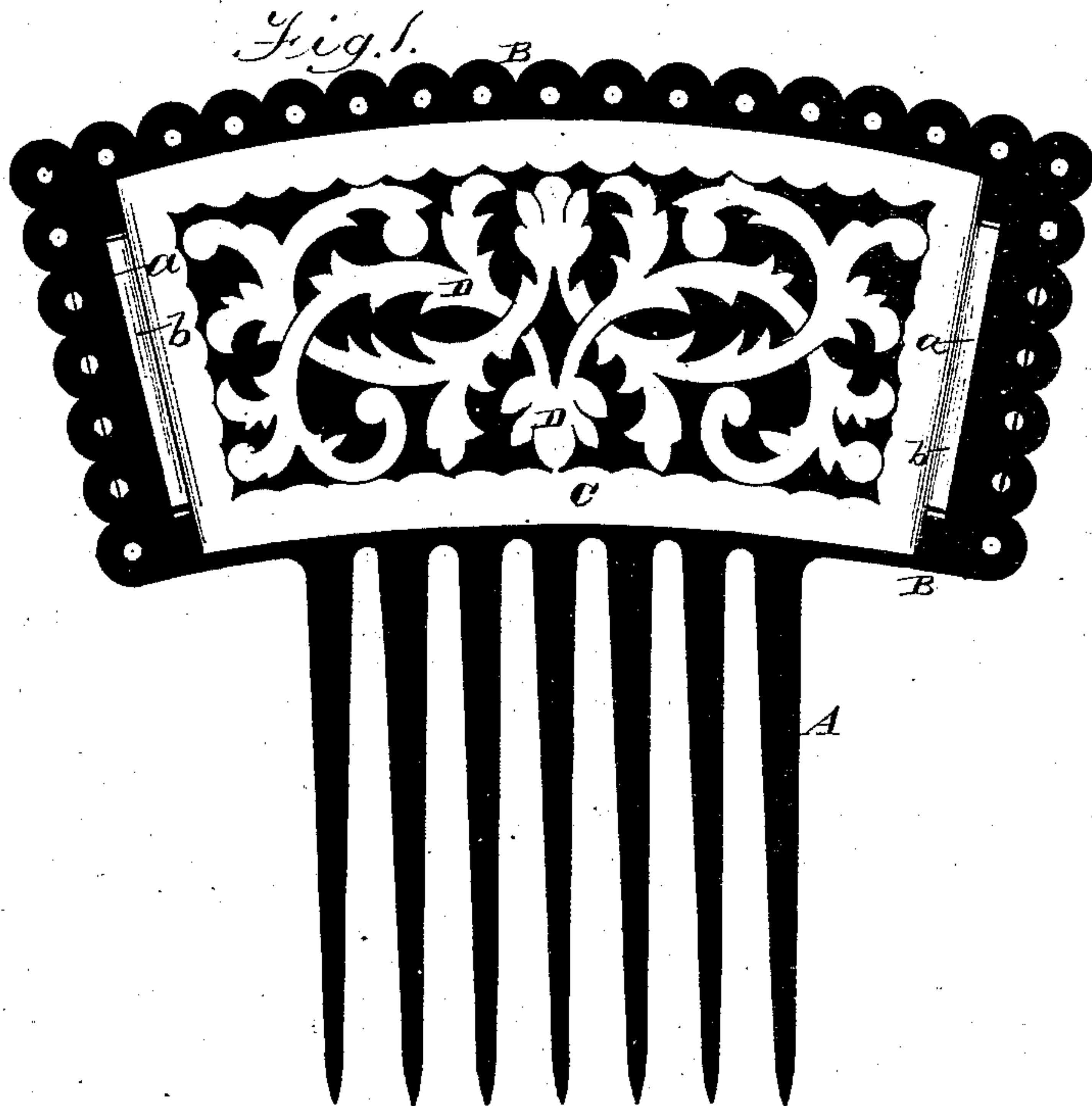
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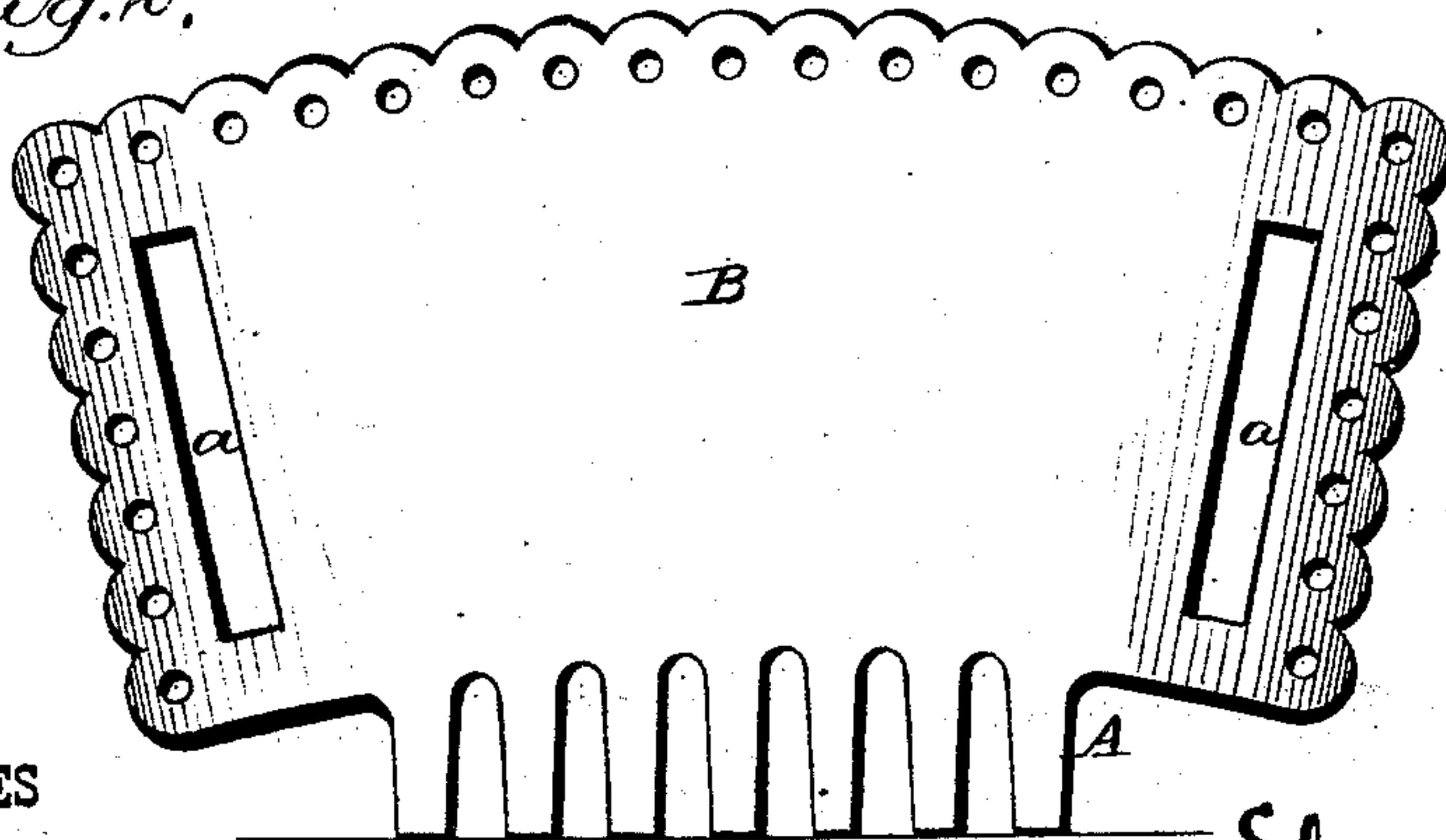
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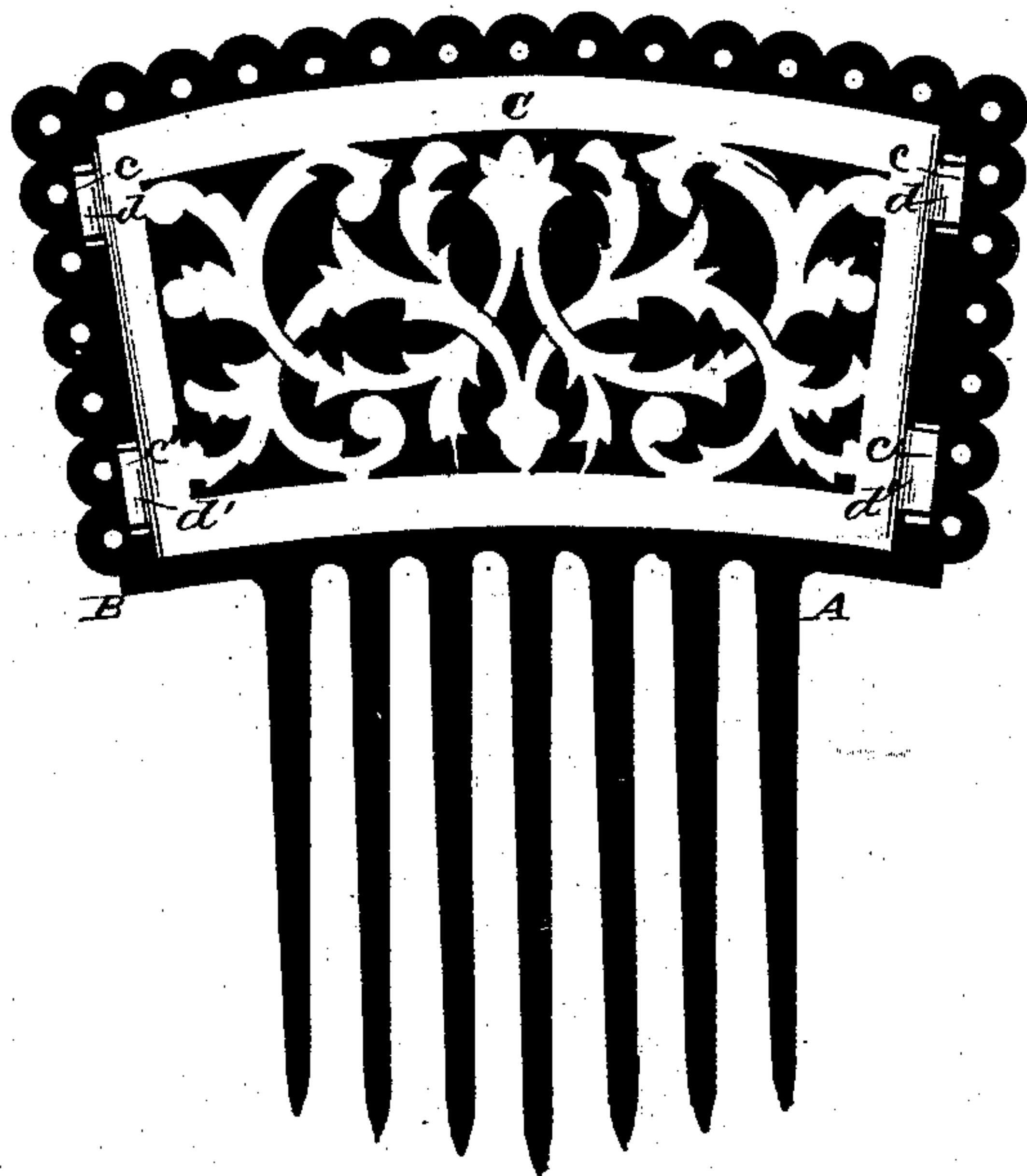
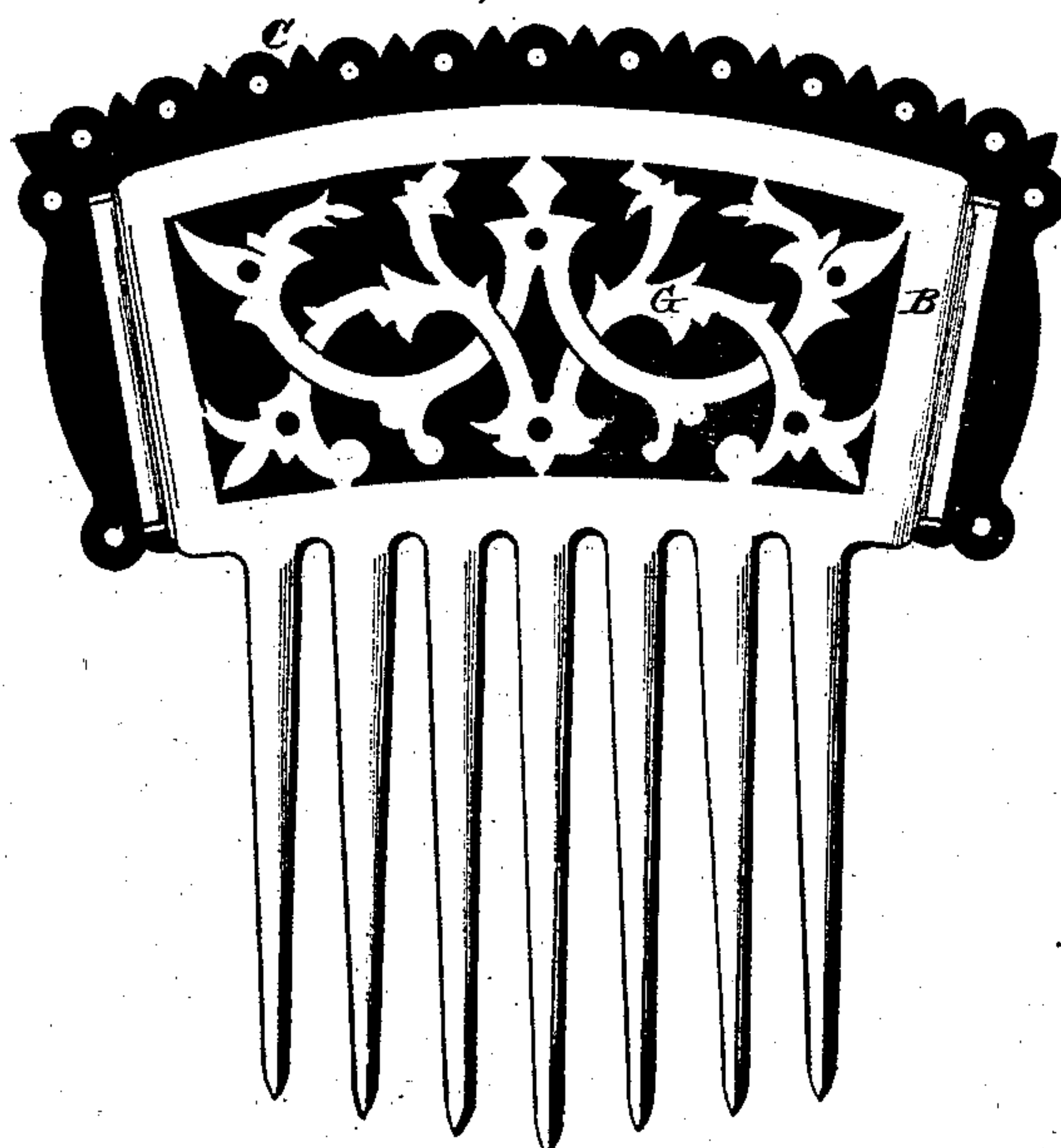


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## HIGH-BACK COMB.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 232,449, dated September 21, 1880.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ELIAS BROWN, of Wappinger's Falls, in the county of Dutchess and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ladies' High-Back Combs; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in ladies' high-back combs.

Heretofore high-back combs have ordinarily been made from one piece of stock, and when thus constructed do not admit of any but the very simplest combinations.

The object of my invention is to provide a high-back comb of such construction that it may embody widely different colors and combinations of colors; and with this end in view my invention consists, essentially, in a high-back comb constructed with a double back, one or both portions of the back being made of skeleton or open-work design, and the two portions of the back of the same are of different colors, one portion of the back being provided with projections which are sprung into openings in the other portion, whereby one portion of the back may be made to serve as a background for the open-work design embraced in the other portion of the back, and by imparting different colors to the two portions of the comb-back any suitable design may be represented, either in intaglio or in relief, as desired.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of one form of high-back comb embodying my invention. Fig. 2 shows the two parts of the comb illustrated in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a plan view of another form of comb constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 4 is a plan view of another construction of comb embodying my invention, and Fig. 5 is a plan view of another construction of comb embodying my invention.

In Fig. 1, A represents the comb, the back B of which is provided with the elongated

slots *a* at its opposite ends. C is a supplemental back, furnished with outwardly-projecting tongues *b* at its opposite ends, said tongues being made of proper size to be sprung into slots *a* of the back B and be retained therein. The supplemental back C is furnished with any suitable open work design, D, and the design is brought out in relief with great distinctness and beautiful effect.

In Fig. 3 the back B is provided at opposite ends with two holes, *c c'*, into which are sprung the two narrow tongues *d d'* on each end of the supplemental back C.

In Fig. 4 the back B is provided with a hole, *e*, at each lower corner thereof, and with a leaf-shaped ornamental portion, *f*, at the center of its upper portion. The supplemental back consists of a design, E, having outwardly-projecting leaves F F', which are sprung into the holes *e*, and with the curved connecting stem or branch *g*, which is inserted in rear of the portion *f* of back B, whereby the supplemental back is securely retained in place.

In Fig. 5 the back B has any suitable design, G, formed therein by stamping or in any desired manner. To the inner surface of the back is secured, by rivets or otherwise, the supplemental back C.

The comb-back B and supplemental back C may be differently colored and the design cut in either, so that when the two parts are secured together, either in the manner described or by rivets or ornaments, the strongly-contrasting colors operate to bring out the design, either in intaglio or relief, in a most prominent manner and produce a beautiful and novel effect.

The combs may be made of horn, rubber, shell, celluloid, or any other suitable material.

It is evident that many different designs may be employed, and that variously-colored and ornamental supplemental backs may be used with one of the single comb-backs, and hence I would have it understood that I do not restrict my invention to the particular designs shown and described; but,

Having fully described my invention, what I

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

The combination, with a comb-back, of a supplemental back provided with projections  
5 which are sprung into openings formed in the comb-back, thereby securing the two parts in place, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of June, 1880.

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