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Bracelet.

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Fig. 1.

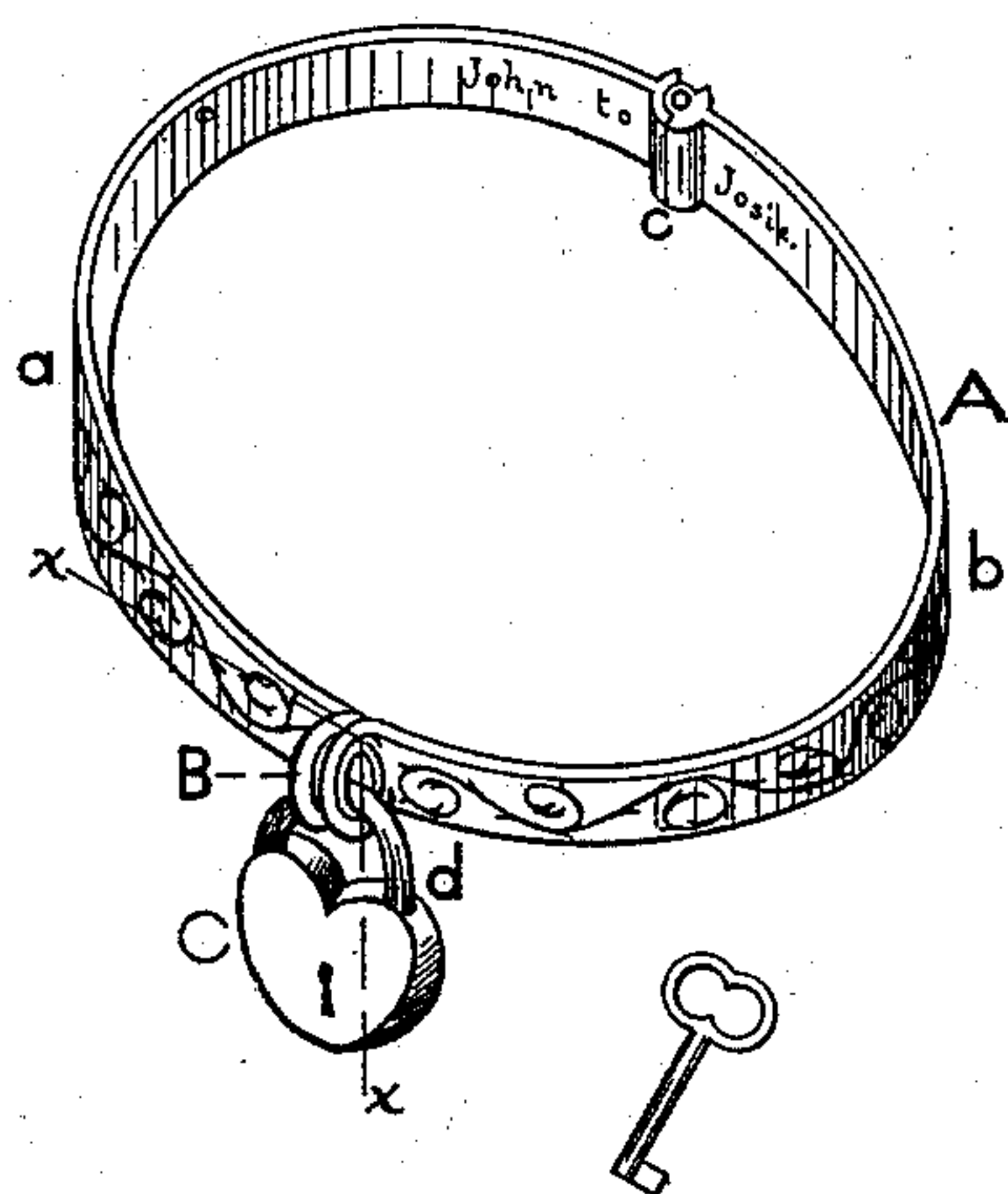
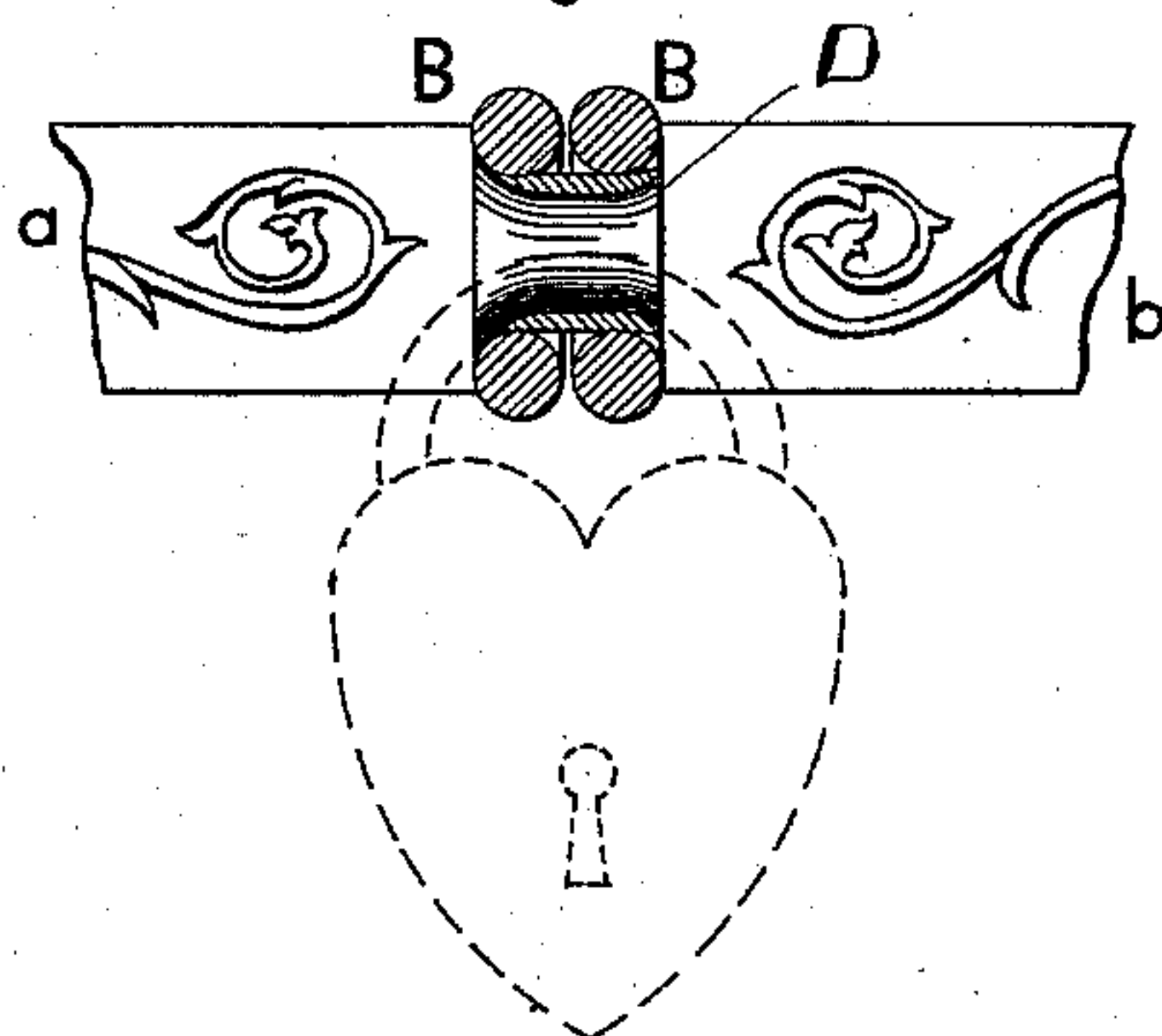


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK KURSH, of the city and county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Bracelets, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the bracelet embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a section of a portion enlarged in line *xx*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the two figures.

My invention consists of a bracelet formed of hinged or expansible sections united by a suspended lock, which, being operated by a key, prevents accidental or improper opening of the bracelet.

It also consists in forming the ends of the sections with eyes, one of which is provided with a tubular snap, which engages with the other section for preventing separation of the sections.

Referring to the drawings, A represents a bracelet formed of two sections, *a b*, hinged together, as at *c*. Each end of the sections has secured to or formed with it an eye, B, so disposed that the two eyes rest side by side when the bracelet is closed, or one section may have a slot, through which an eye on the other section is passed, the object in either case being to cause the eye or eyes to project in order to receive the shackle, hasp, or bow *d* of a padlock, C, which is thus suspended from the eyes, and consequently from the bracelet.

The bolt or slide of the lock is operated by a key, and may be provided with springs or tumbler for increased security of the lock.

The operation is as follows: The bracelet is applied to the wrist, and the sections are properly closed. The bow of the lock C is then passed through the eyes B, and the key turned to secure the bolt, whereby the sections *a b* are prevented from separation, and the brace-

let is thus locked on the wrist. The key is removed from the lock and disposed of as the owner may elect.

It will be seen that the bracelet may be worn with safety, for, unless the key is accessible, it cannot be opened. Consequently accidental or improper opening of the sections and displacement of the bracelet is prevented.

To remove the bracelet it is only necessary to apply the key to the lock and operate it, open the bow *d*, and withdraw it from the eyes B, and then separate the sections *a b*.

While the suspended lock provides security for the bracelet, it adds greatly to its beauty and novelty.

D represents a split or thin metallic collar or tube, which is secured to one of the eyes, B, and projects toward the other eye, so as to enter the same. The outer end of the collar is flaring, so that when it has passed the narrowest diameter of the eye, which it enters, it springs outwardly or snaps against the wider diameter, and thus holds the eyes tightly together, the sections *a b* being thereby properly connected and prevented from play independent of each other on the bow of the lock. By firmly drawing the sections apart the power of the snap is overcome and they quickly open, as is evident.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, a bracelet having the sections *a b*, provided with an eye or eyes, B, in combination with the suspended lock C, substantially as stated.

2. The sections *a b*, with eyes B, and the collar or tube D, combined and arranged substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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