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Fig. 1.

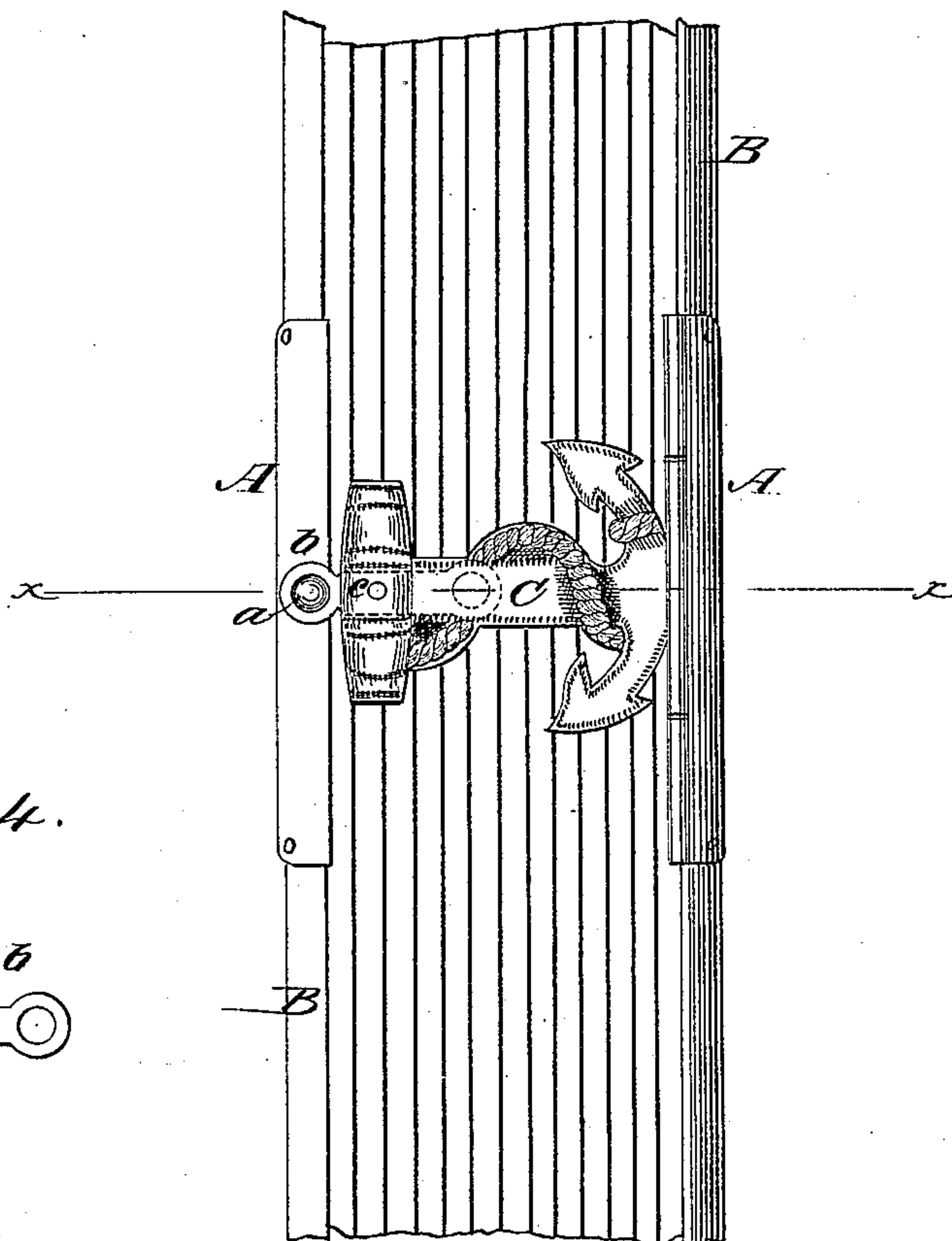


Fig. 4.

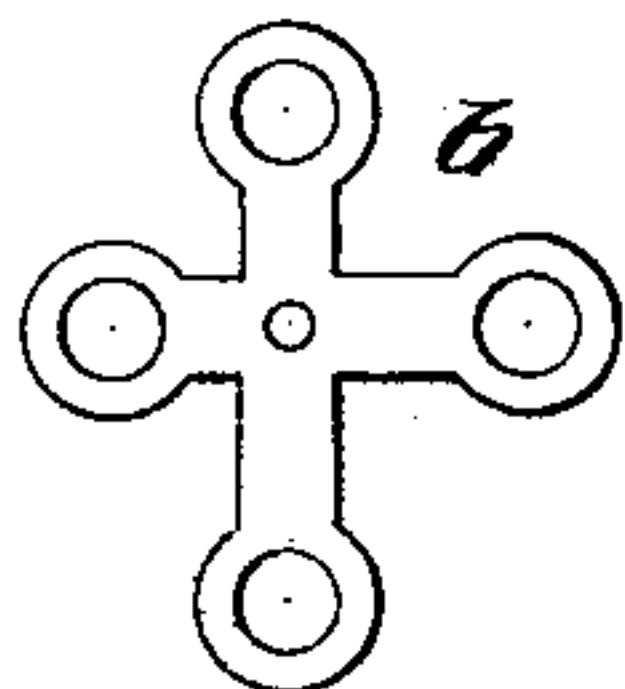


Fig. 2.

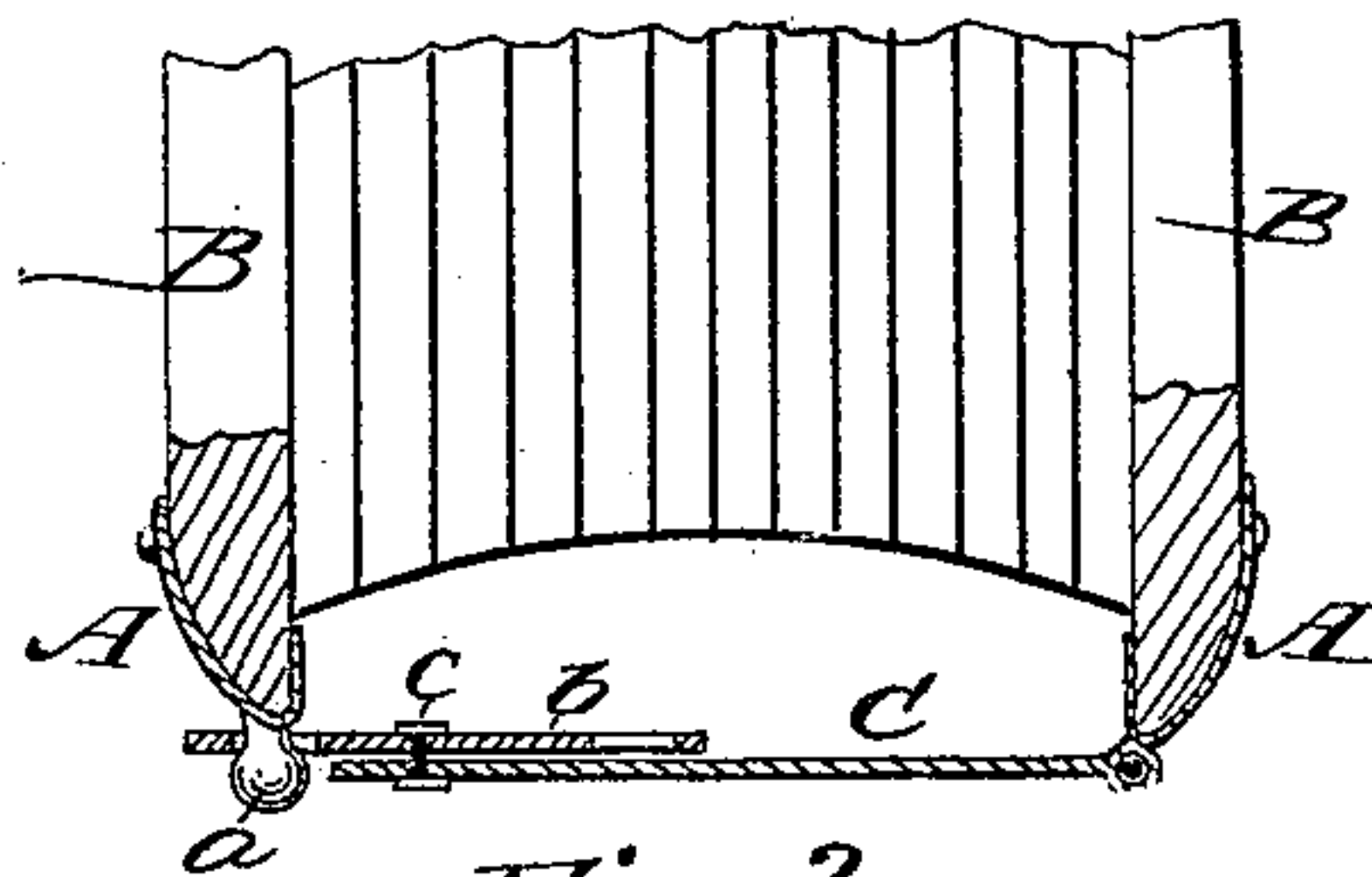
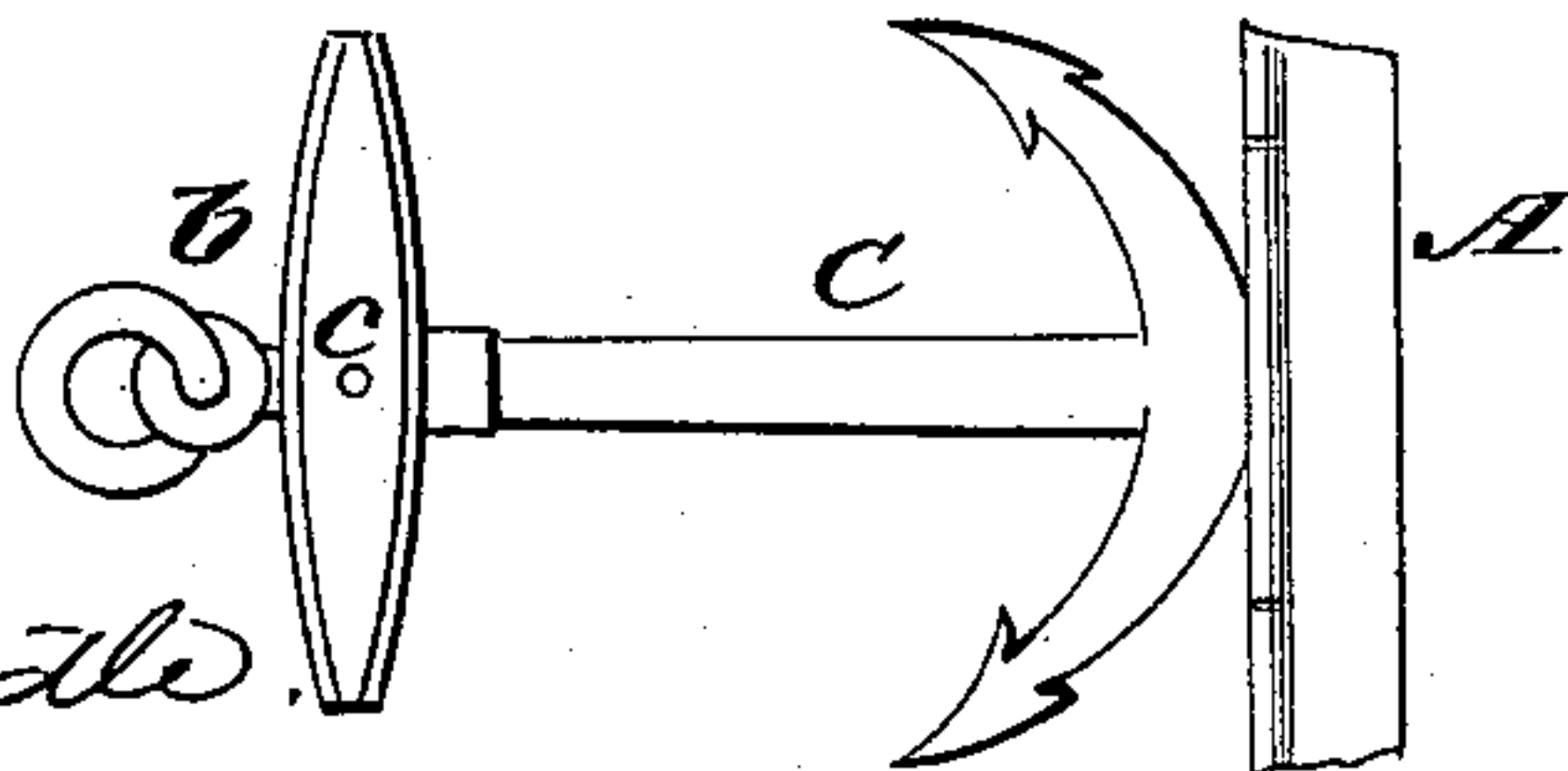


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, THOMAS KELLY, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain useful Improvements in Album-Clasps, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to furnish albums with extensible clasps, so that when the books become stretched by being filled the clasps can be lengthened to correspond, instead of becoming useless, as is usually the case.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a face view of the clasp as applied to an album. Fig. 2 is a cross-section on line *x x* of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 shows the clasp in extended form.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A A are plates attached to the covers B B of the album, as usual, to one of which plates the clasp C is hinged, while the other is fitted with the pin *a* for engagement by the clasp. The clasp C may be of any desired form or design, and is fitted at its outer end with a catch-piece, *b*, that is attached by a pin or rivet, *c*. The catch *b*, as shown, is simply a strip of metal cut in suitable form, and apertured at its ends for taking over the pin *a*. The rivet *c* is applied nearer one end of the catch than the other, so as to obtain a longer and a shorter end, either of which may be used, as required. When the

album is empty or partially filled the shorter end of the catch is used, and the album thus kept tightly closed. As it becomes stretched and the clasp becomes too short the catch will be turned and the longer end used, as illustrated in Fig. 3.

If desired, the catch-piece *b* may be made with three and four arms, so as to obtain intermediate adjustment, or a pivoted disk with apertures in a circle eccentric to the pivot-pin may be used.

Fig. 4 shows a four-armed catch of the character named.

I am aware that it is not new to provide a belt-clasp with a pivoted catch, or to combine extensible plates with an album-clasp having an eccentrically-slotted disk adapted to revolve upon a central axis; but

What I claim as new and of my invention is—

The combination, with the hinged clasp C, of the metallic catch-strip *b*, apertured at its ends, the rivet *c*, applied nearer one end than the opposite one, and the plates or clips A A, as and for the purpose specified.

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