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Fig. 1.

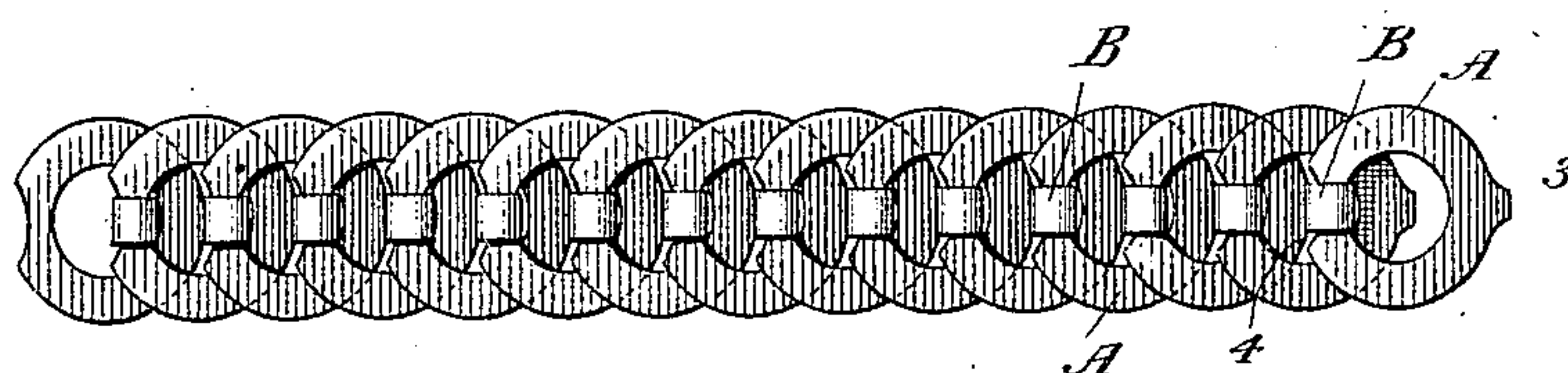


Fig. 2.

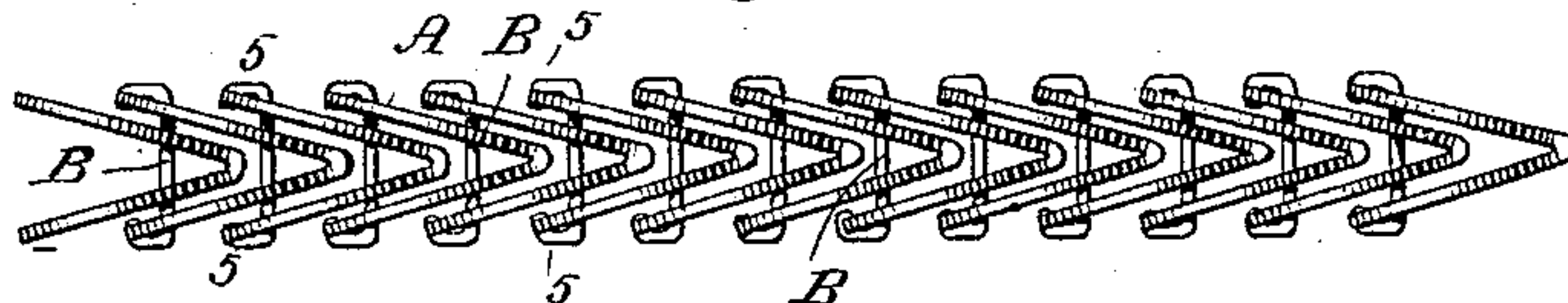


Fig. 3.

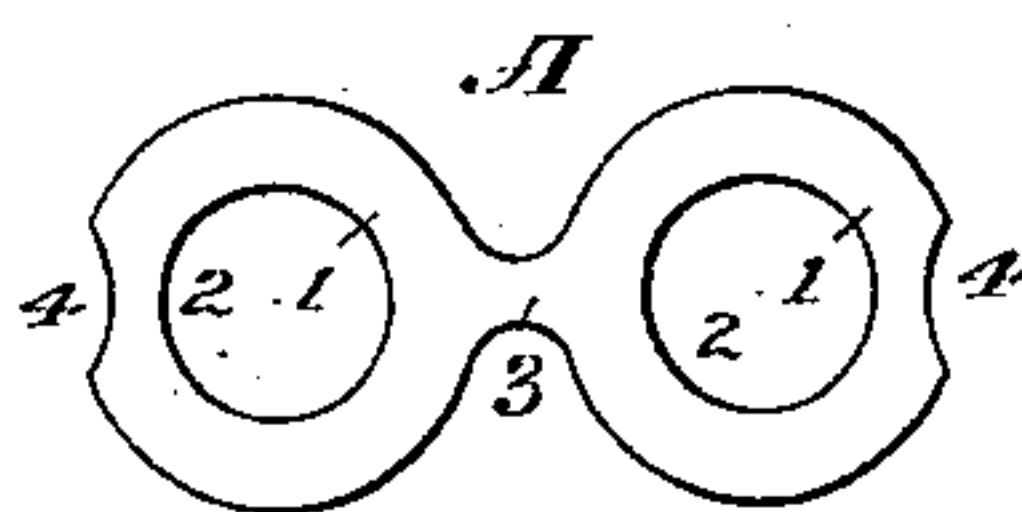
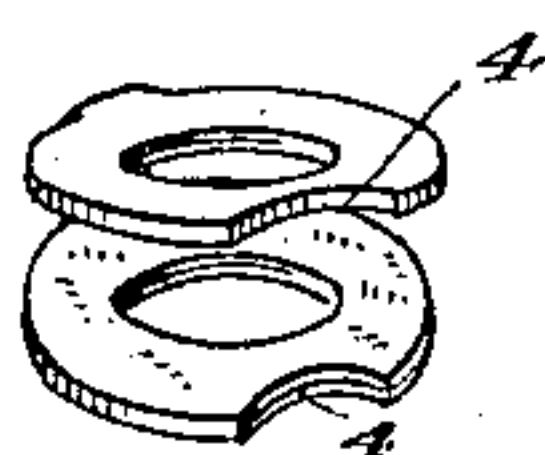


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN BECKER, of Providence, in the county of Providence and State of Rhode Island, have invented a new and useful Improvement in the Manufacture of Jewelry; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to the manufacture of ornamental chains and other articles of jewelry; and it consists in forming such an article from links formed from a blank of suitable metal and united by riveting without the use of solder, and it is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view, Fig. 2 a top view, Fig. 3 a separate view, of a blank from which a single link is formed; and Fig. 4, a separate view of a completed link.

In making any article of jewelry according to my invention—such as a chain—blanks A are struck out from gold, silver, or base metal. I prefer to form these blanks in the shape shown in Fig. 3, where the blank is represented as composed of heads 1 1, perforated, as at 2, and a narrow connecting portion, 3. At the outer end of each head is cut a recess, 4. The blanks thus formed are bent into the shape shown in Fig. 4—an operation greatly facilitated by the ease with which the narrow portion 3 may be manipulated.

A fastening-piece, B, consisting of a metal strip bent to form a hook, 5, at each end, serves to connect the bent links A A in the manner shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The links have a substantially angular form in cross-section and overlap one another, the fastening-piece pass-

ing through the perforated heads of two separate links, which perforations register with each other. The bent or hooked ends of the connecting strip or fastening-piece B engage with the recesses 4 on the heads of the two outer links of a pair and make a firm connection.

It is evident that links of any shape perforated at the ends, capable of being bent to bring the perforations opposite each other, so as to be connected by a fastening-piece with a similar link, would fall within the spirit of my invention.

The chain may be of any length and ornamented in any manner. A bracelet would be provided with any desirable kind of fastening device, and no material change of form or construction is required for that purpose.

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

1. A link for ornamental chains formed from a single piece of metal, having heads 1 1, perforations 2 2, and connecting portions 3, in combination with fastening-strips for securing such links to one another in a series.

2. The combination of the perforated links of angular form, adapted to overlap and form a series, and having the recesses 3, with the fastening-piece B, having hooked ends 5 5.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

JOHN BECKER.

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