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Fig. 1

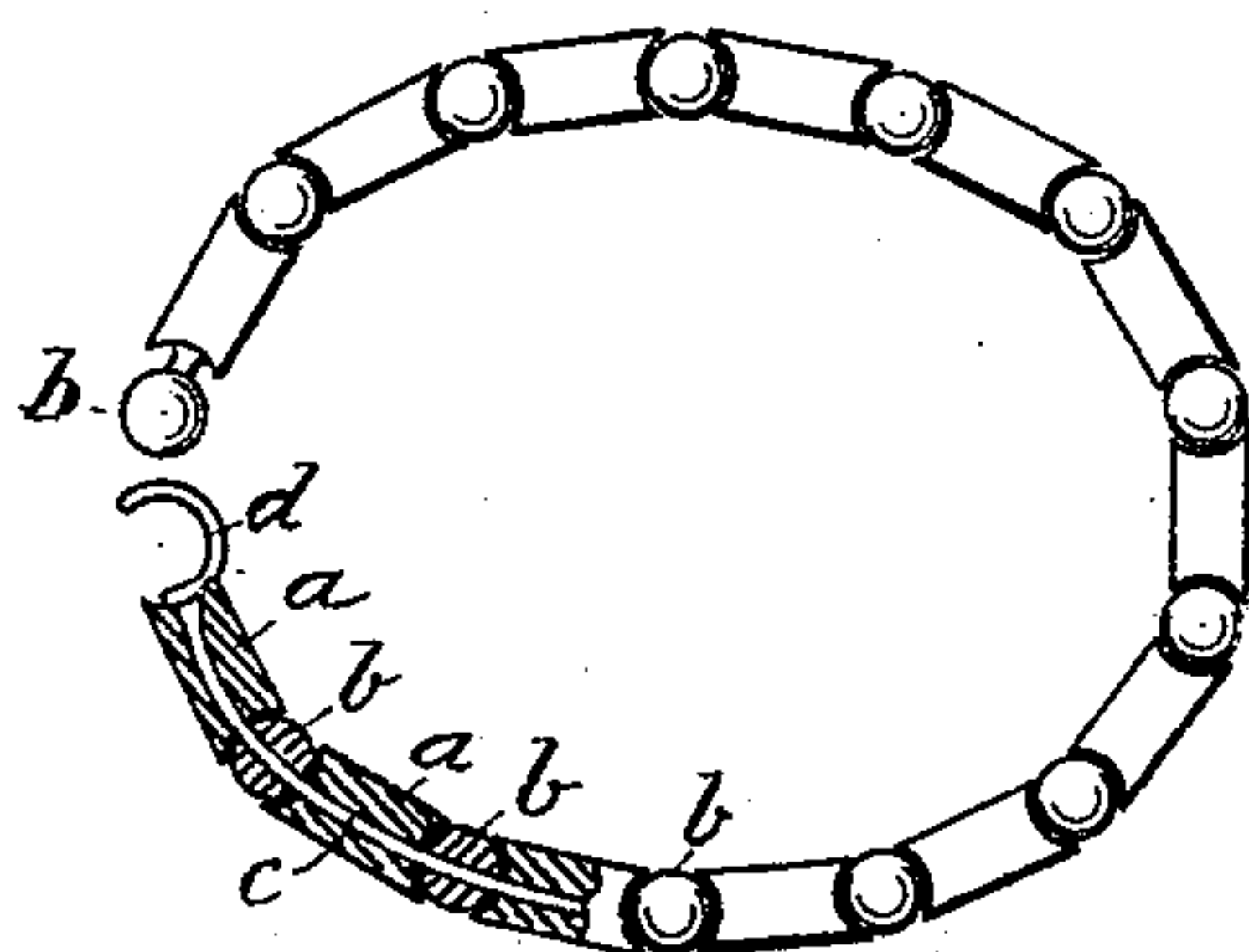


Fig. 2

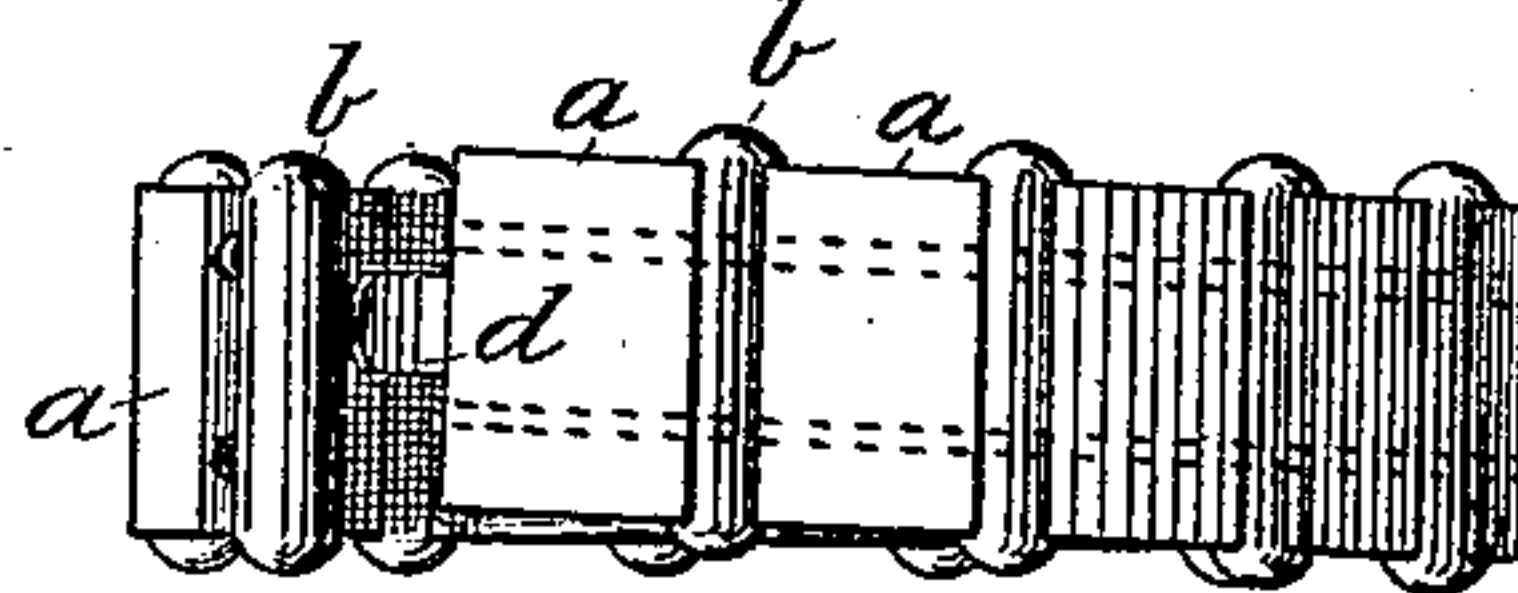
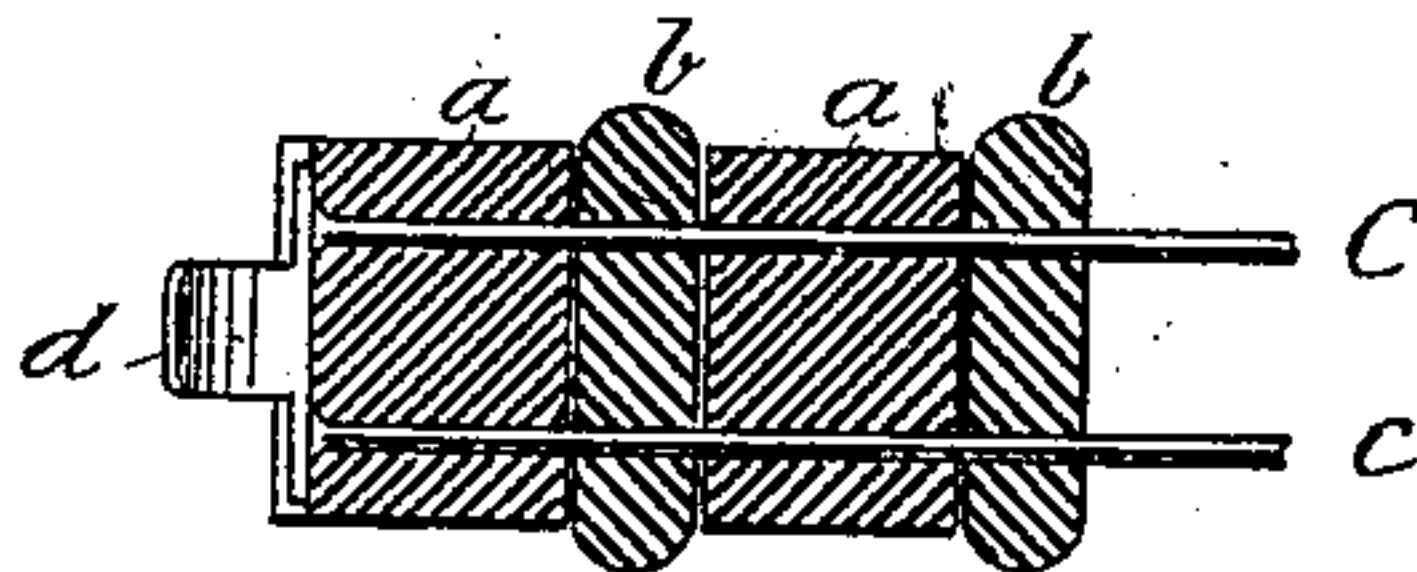


Fig. 3



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## BRACELET.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HERBERT COCKSHAW, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York city, in the county and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Bracelets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to the kind of bracelets consisting of a series of blocks or plates connected together by wires passing through the blocks, said blocks being strung on the wires, and fitting together at the edges by concave and convex forms or shapes thereof; and the invention consists of the said wires being made of soft or annealed and flexible substance, that will enable the bracelet to be pressed and made to assume the form of the wrist, and will retain any form corresponding to any form of the wrist of the wearer, so that instead of the one form of such bracelets heretofore made on spring wires suited to only one form of wrist, my improved bracelet will fit all forms alike, which forms vary to such extent that it is a matter of considerable importance to be able to fit them all alike.

My invention also consists of an improved fastening device of very simple construction, adapted to the form of blocks which it is preferred to use, the same being a snap-hook attached to one end of the bracelet, in combination with one of a series of cylindrical blocks of which the bracelet is partly composed, said cylindrical block being the terminal one of the other end of the bracelet; but said snap-hook may be used with other forms of catch, if desired, all as hereinafter fully described, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is partly a side elevation and partly a sectional elevation of a bracelet constructed according to my invention. Fig. 2 is a top or plan view, and Fig. 3 is a detail in section.

In this case I have represented rectangular blocks *a*, alternating with cylindrical blocks *b*, for the principal ornamental portion of the bracelet, the said blocks being strung on the wires *c*, and the edges of blocks *a* touching the cylindrical rims *b* being concave to fit the cylindrical ones, which is a common and fa-

vorite form of construction; but the blocks may be varied in form, as is sometimes done, by the substitution of beads for the cylindrical blocks *b*, and by other means. The substance of which the block is composed is not material, any approved material of common use being alike useful; but the material or condition of the wires *c* must, for the purposes of my invention, be sufficiently soft and flexible to be readily pressed into any desired form, and to retain the form in which the bracelet is shaped on the wrist of the wearer after being applied and fastened together.

I am aware that elastic cords have been used to string the blocks together, forming a bracelet that will assume the form of the wrist of the wearer if slightly shorter than the circumference of the wrist, so that the cords will draw taut or stretch a little.

I am also aware that the blocks have been strung on elastic spring-wires which control the shape of the bracelet by their elastic power, and which will not be changed from one form to another and retain said forms, the bracelet being at the same time sufficiently larger than the wrist of the wearer to be worn with comfort, which is the quality of the improved bracelet of my invention.

To the concave edge of the block *a* of one end of the bracelet I connect a hook, *d*, forming a little more than a half-circle, and being suitably set to snap onto one of the cylinders *b*, attached to the other end of the bracelet, to fasten the same, and I arrange the hook to hook under or inside of cylinder *b*, so that it is less liable to be detached in wear than if hooked from the outside.

While I have described and represented a bracelet made with two wires, I desire it to be understood that the number of wires to be used is mainly governed by the form of the blocks, and that when using blocks of the form of beads or approximating such form one wire will serve as well as or better than two, and I propose to use only one in such case.

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

1. The combination, in a bracelet, of blocks

*a b* and flexible non-elastic or annealed wires *c*, said blocks being strung on said wires, substantially as described.

2. The combination, in a bracelet, of the  
5 snap-hook attached to the concave edge of  
end block *a* with the cylindrical end block *b*  
of the bracelet, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed  
my name in the presence of two subscribing  
witnesses.

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