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Fig. 1.

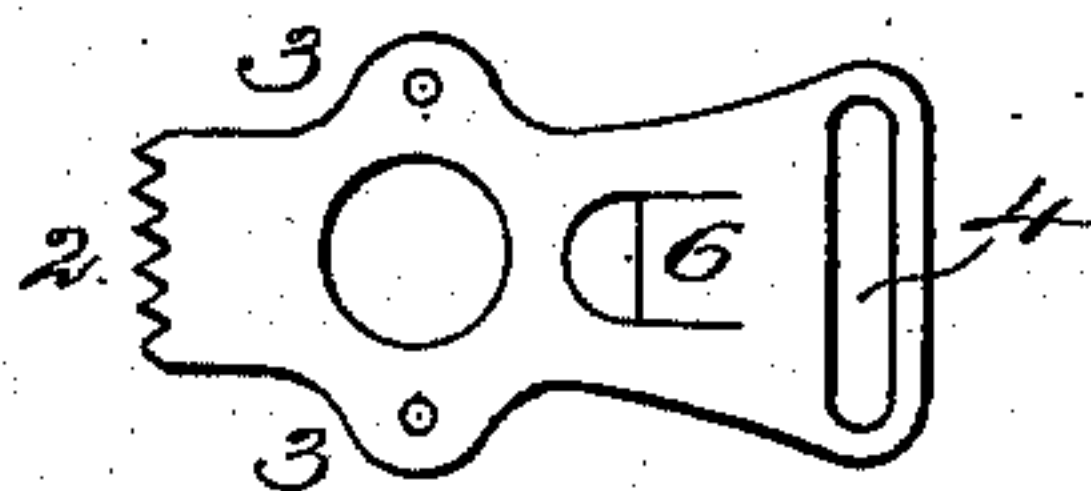


Fig. 2.

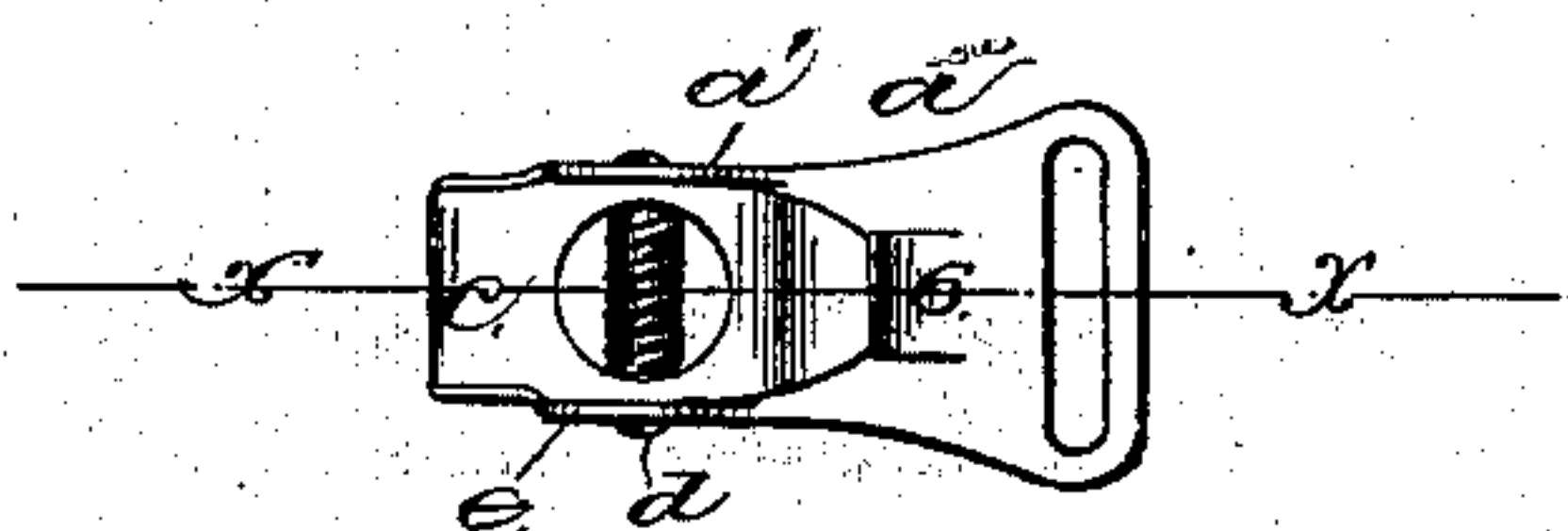
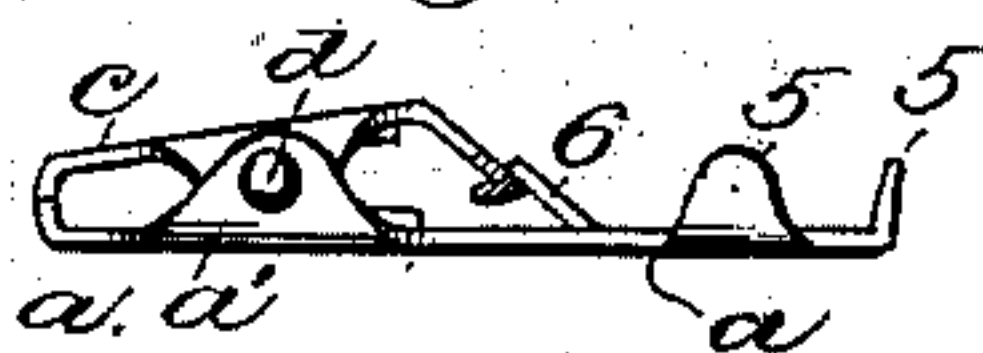


Fig. 3.



Fig. 4.



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CLASP.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 284,536, dated September 4, 1883.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, F. BARTON BROWN, of Boston, county of Suffolk, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Clasps, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

This invention has for its object to prevent the entrance of the clothing between the rear end of a clasp used for stocking and sleeve supporters, &c., and the rigid or base jaw thereof; and my invention consists in the combination of a rigid or base jaw, provided with a fender extended upwardly therefrom, with a pivoted spring-actuated jaw having its rear end turned inwardly toward the rigid or base jaw and covered by the fender.

Figure 1 represents the shape of a blank from which to make the rigid or base jaw of my improved clasp; Fig. 2, a top view of my improved clasp; Fig. 3, a longitudinal section thereof on the dotted line *x x*, and Fig. 4 a side view of a modification to be referred to.

The rigid or base jaw *a*, Figs. 2 to 4, is made from a sheet-metal blank, shaped as shown in Fig. 1, the said blank having teeth 2, projections 3 3 for ears *a'*, and a shank part back of the said projections, the said shank part being adapted to be secured to a piece of elastic or other webbing in usual manner, either by providing the said shank with a slot, as at 4, Fig.

1, or with prongs, as at 5, Fig. 4, the said prongs being adapted to thrust through the elastic or other web to which the said clasp is to be attached.

The blank for the rigid or base jaw is cut, as indicated, to produce a tongue, 6, which, when turned up, forms a fender, as best shown in Figs. 3 and 4, to cover the space behind the rear inwardly-inclined end, 8, of the jaw *c*, pivoted at *d*, and provided with a spring, *e*, of usual construction, by which to close the clasp upon a garment or other thing inserted between the jaws thereof.

The fender 6 is struck up, and in forming the same a space is left in the shank of the part *a*, into which the rear end of the jaw *c* enters when depressed.

I claim—

In a clasp, the pivoted upper jaw, having its rear end bent inwardly, combined with the rigid or base jaw, provided with an upturned fender, down in front of which the upper end of the pivoted jaw is free to pass, and which shields or protects the upper end of the said jaw, substantially as described.

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

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