

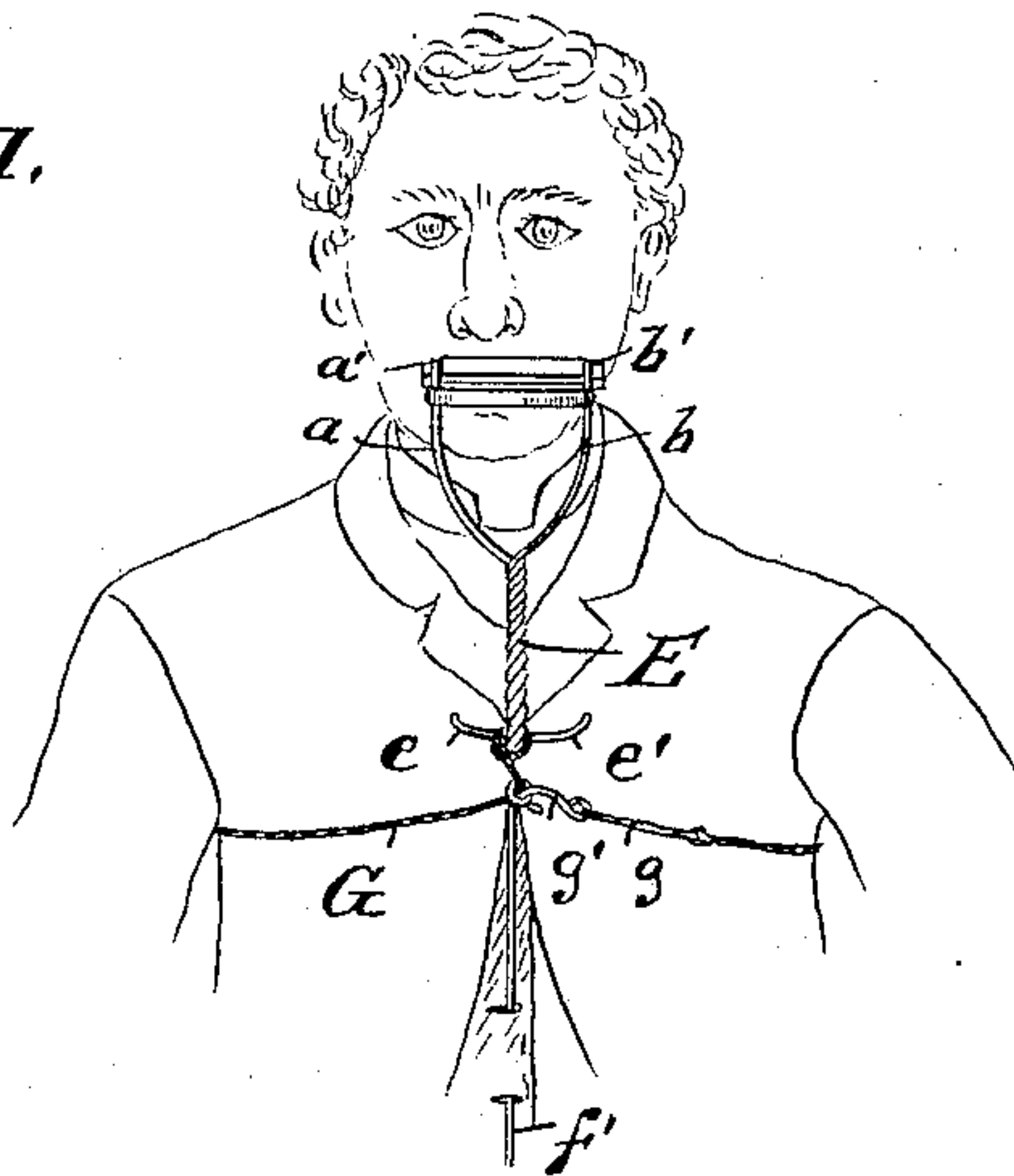
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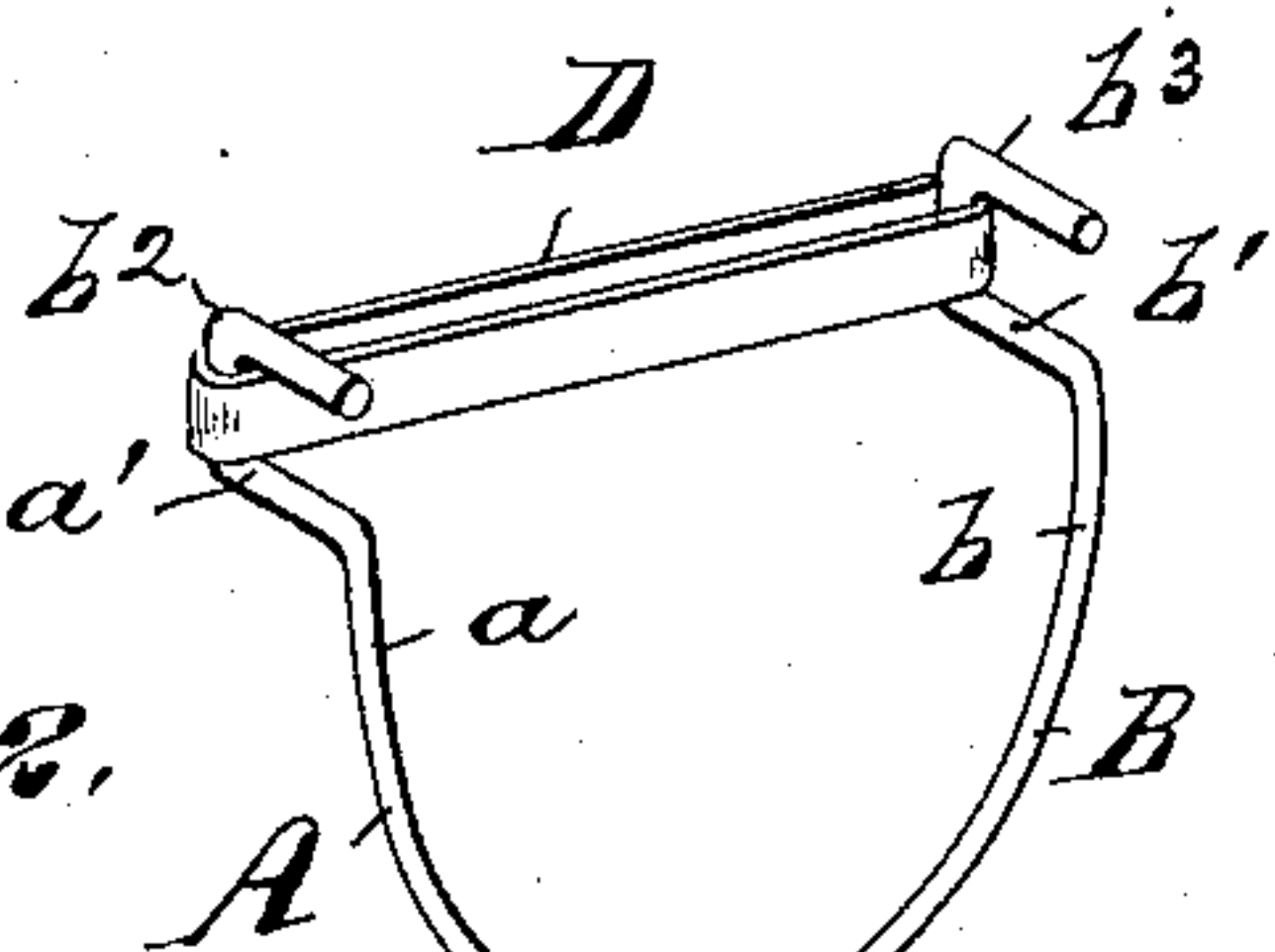
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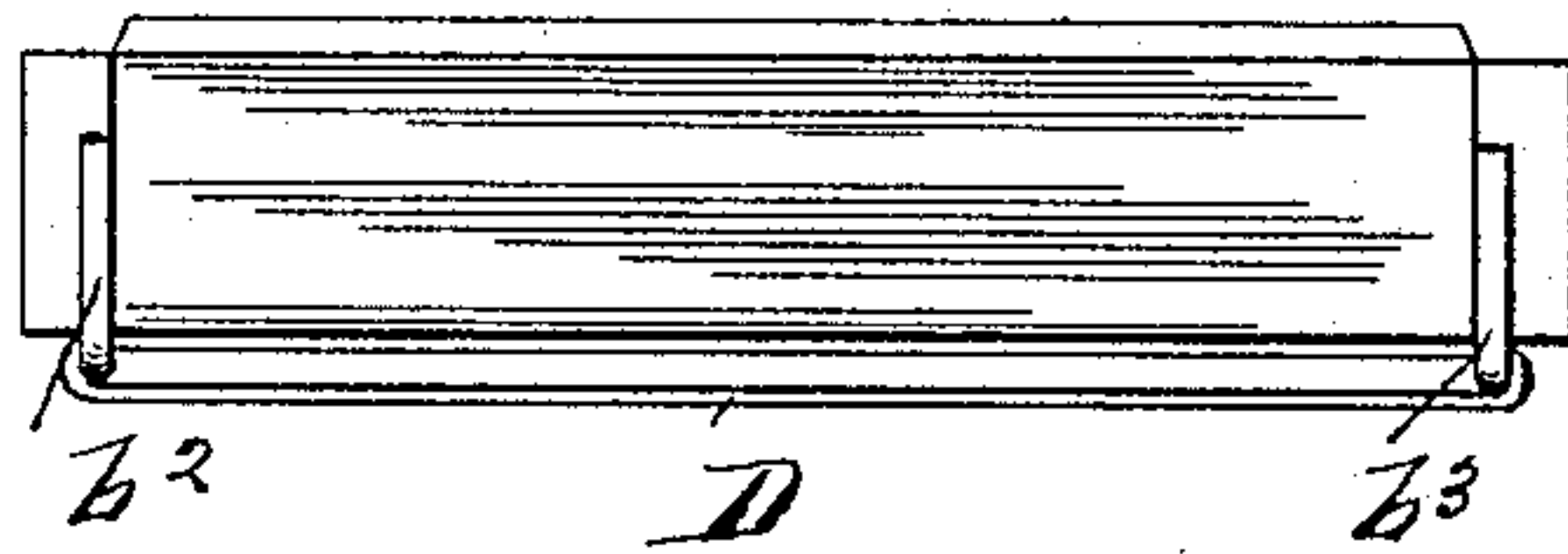
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## HARMONICA-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. DAWLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Improved Harmonica-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improved harmonica-holding device, which can be placed and strapped in front against the breast of the operator or player, and by means whereof the harmonica or musical instrument can be brought and kept in proper proximity to the mouth of the player to be played upon, leaving the hands free, and all of which will now more fully appear.

Figure 1 of the drawings shows my improved harmonica-holder as applied and used by the operator. Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspective view of the entire device complete for use. Fig. 3 is a top plan, showing the mouth-harmonica inserted and seated in the holder.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

My improved harmonica-holder is made entirely of wire, or three separate strands of wire, A, B, and C, in manner following: The two upper wires, A and B, are bent outward, to spread fork fashion at *a* and *b*, and their extreme upper ends are further bent to make the corner-brackets *a' b'*, in which the harmonica can be placed and secured, as shown. The mouth-harmonica is simply inserted in the open seat of the brackets *a' b'*, and when so seated is prevented from sliding or movement by the upper branch, *b<sup>2</sup> b<sup>3</sup>*, of each bracket, which bear against the raised corners of the harmonica. (See Figs. 1 and 3.)

D is a rubber band encircling the corner-brackets, and forms a back, against which the harmonica can rest. Said band also retains the corner-brackets and prevents the forked wire spreading too far apart.

The holder being thus formed, I next take the lower extremities of the same wires A and B, together with the third wire, C, and twist all three spirally about each other, forming the strong durable central stem, E, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The extreme lower ends of

the wires A and B, I further branch outward, to form the side legs, *e e'*, which serve to steady the entire holding device in an upright condition and prevent it from having any side movements against the breast of the player. The vertical or remaining wire C, at *f*, is made to form a loop or ring for the insertion of the hook and fastening of the cord, and, lastly, the said wire C is made the vertical supporting-leg *f'*, as shown.

G represents the cord, tape, or string fastening. Its one end can be fastened in the loop. The other end is provided with a rubber loop, *g*, and hook *g'*, to complete the fastening.

The manner of applying and using the device is as follows: The lower end or leg, *f'*, of the wire C is passed through button-holes of the vest until the harmonica (previously seated in the brackets of the holder) is opposite the mouth. Then pass the string around the body and slip the catch or hook *g'* in the loop or ring *f*, as indicated in Fig. 1.

What I claim is—

1. In a harmonica-holding device, the combination of wire strands A B, bent outward at *a b*, and rebent to form the corner-brackets *a' b'*, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. In combination with the wires A B, forming the holder, consisting of the corner-brackets *a' b'*, the wire C, twisted spirally with said wires A B, and forming a central stem, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination of the wires A B C, bent to form the brackets at *a' b'*, the central stem, E, and branches *e e'*, as and for the purposes set forth.

4. The improved mouth-harmonica-holding device, consisting of the wires A B C, bent to form the corner-brackets at *a' b'*, the spiral central stem, E, the side legs *e e'*, and the vertical leg C and fastening-cord G, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony of said invention I have hereunto set my hand.

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