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BUCKLE.

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Fig. 1.

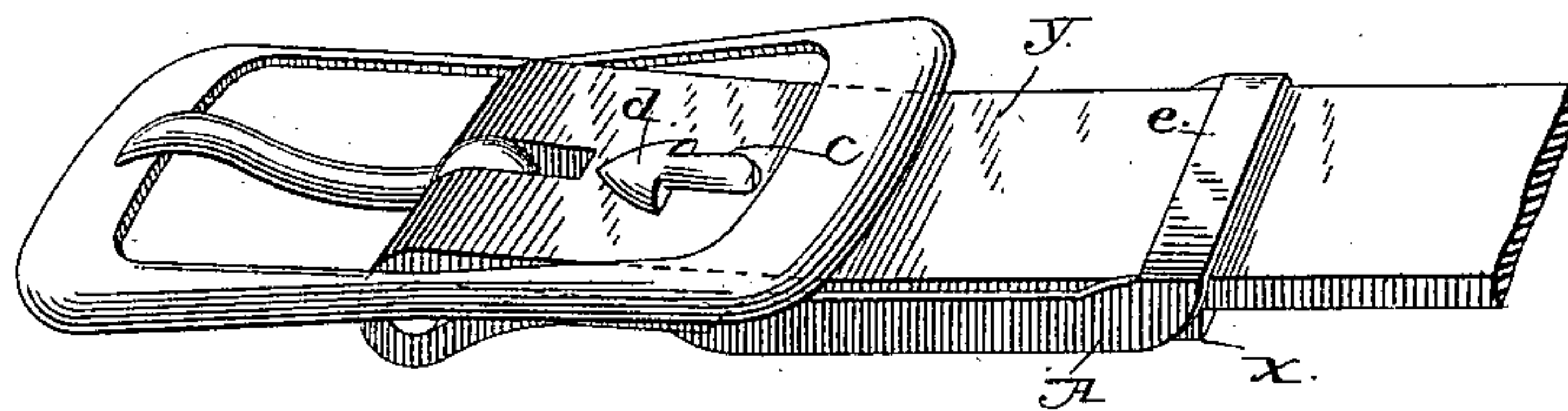


Fig. 2.

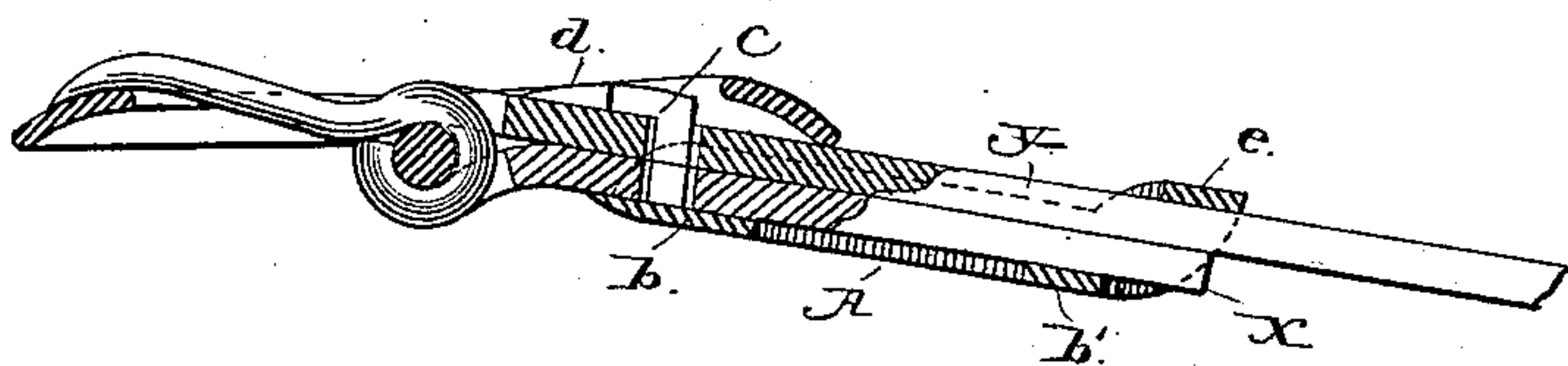
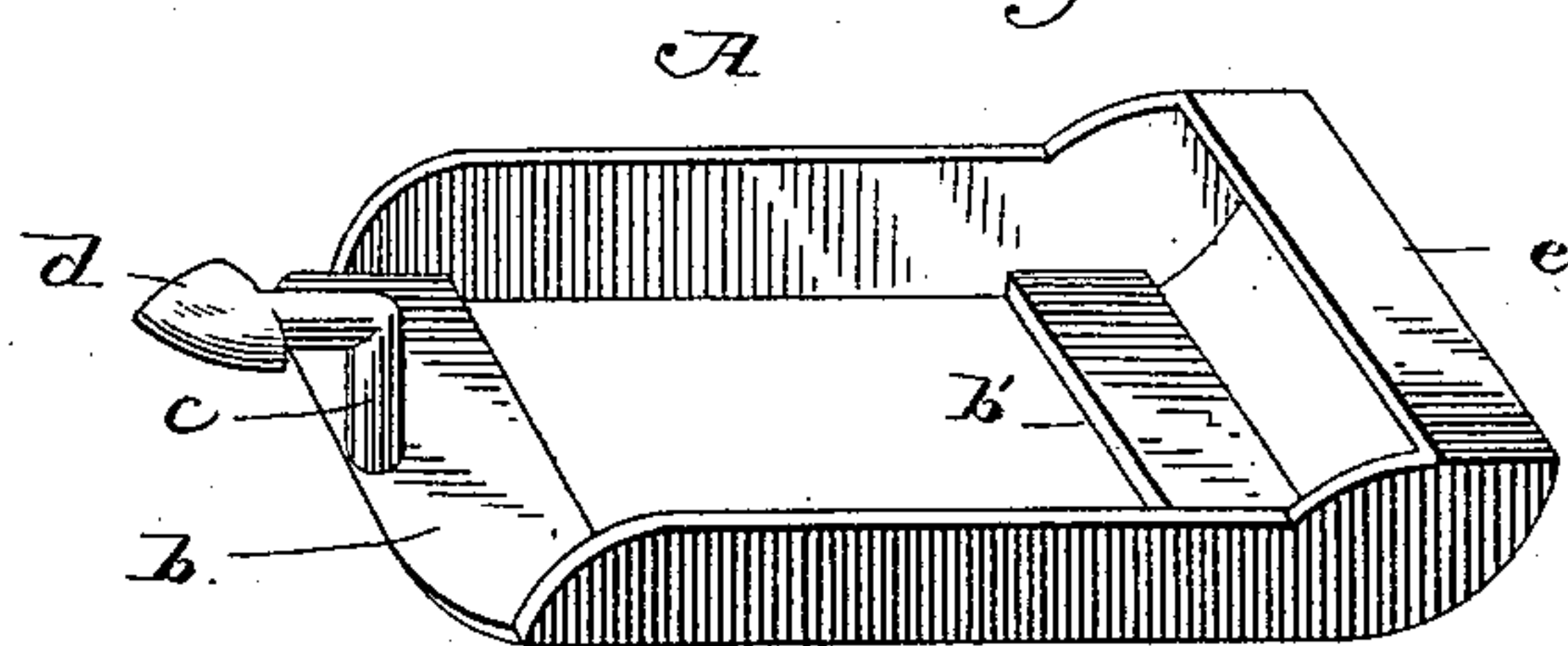


Fig. 3.



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BUCKLE.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 326,279, dated September 15, 1885.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLEY A. DRAPER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Centralia, in the county of Marion and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Buckles, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to a device for securing or fastening a strap to a buckle, whereby stitching and riveting are obviated, the object being to provide a device of this character by which the strap may be readily and quickly secured to a buckle, which will be firmly and securely held in place thereby, one that will be attractive and ornamental in appearance, and one that may be manufactured and supplied at a slight cost.

With these ends in view the invention consists in the details of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my improvement in use. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section of the same, and Fig. 3 is a detail view of the fastener detached.

In the accompanying drawings, in which like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures, A represents the fastener, which consists of the parallel longitudinal side plates connected on their under sides at their ends by bars *b b'*. Projecting from the upper side of the bar *b* is a lug, *c*, which extends upwardly a slight distance, and is then bent outwardly at right angles to its body. At the outer end of the said lug *c* is formed a head, *d*, which is of substantially the same form as that of a spear or arrow. The purpose and advantages of this form of lug will be more fully described. The parallel longitudinal side plates are somewhat thicker at the end at which the cross-bar *b'* is located, and connecting the upper sides of said plates is a cross-bar, *e*, forming, in connection with the bar *b'*, a tuck-loop.

A strap is secured to a buckle with my improved fastener in the following manner: One

end, *x*, of a strap is passed around the tongue-bar of the buckle, and said strap is provided with a slit to receive the tongue, and in which said tongue works. The said end *x* of the strap is passed rearwardly, and a perforation in the strap engaged with the lug *c*. The other end, *y*, of the strap is passed rearwardly, and a perforation in the same engaged with the lug *c*. The free end of the strap is then passed rearwardly and through the tuck-loop formed by the bars *b'* and *e*. The end *x* of the strap rests in said tuck-loop.

I am aware of Patent No. 271,564, wherein a frame provided with a tuck-loop at one end and with a projecting lug at its other end is employed. The differences existing between my fastener and that shown in the before-mentioned patent exist in the fact that I provide my lug with a spear-shaped head, thereby enabling the strap to be readily and easily engaged with the lug, yet preventing its accidental detachment, the head bearing against the sides of the perforation. Another difference is seen in that I provide the parallel longitudinal side plates, which serve as guards for the strap, while in the patent mentioned a bottom plate only is provided, from which the tuck-loop projects. The said side plates serve as a guard for the straps, and also serve to firmly and securely hold the strap in place against lateral movement.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

The fastener herein described, comprising the longitudinal parallel side plates, connected at their ends by bars *b b'*, a lug, *c*, projecting from the bar *b*, and having a spear-shaped head, and a bar, *e*, connecting the side plates on their upper sides at the end at which the bar *b'* is located, as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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