

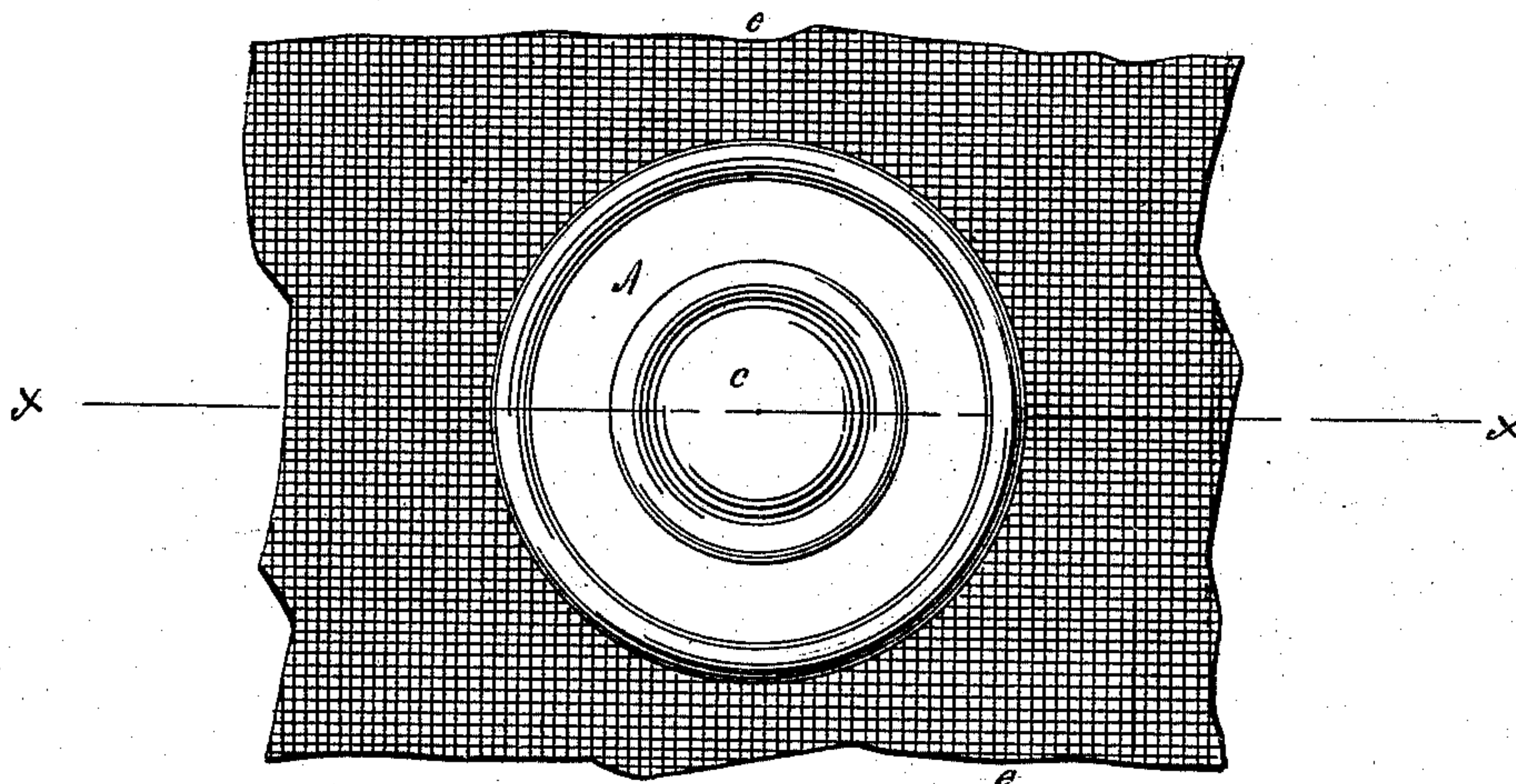
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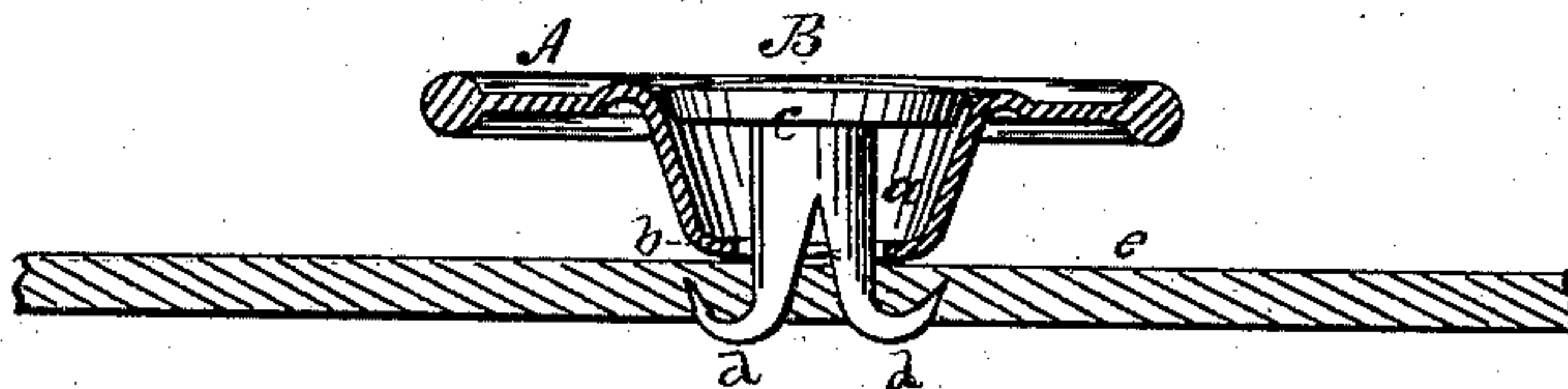
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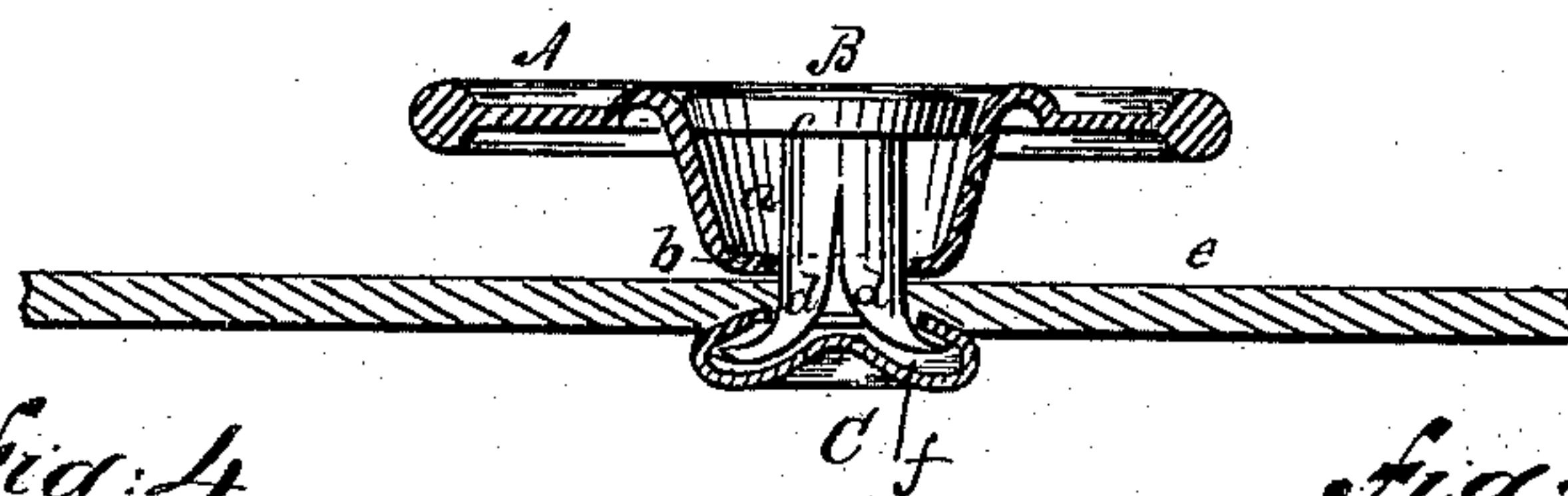
*Fig: 1.*



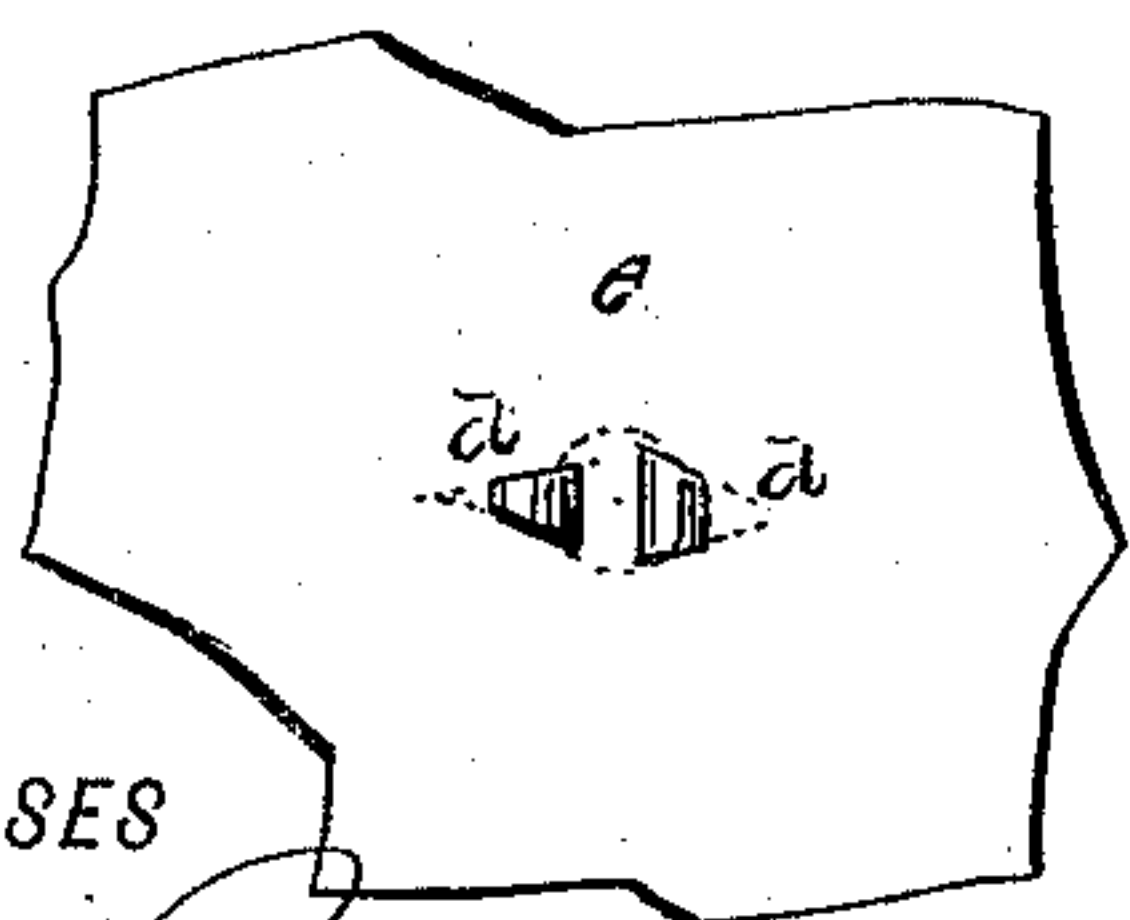
*Fig: 2.*



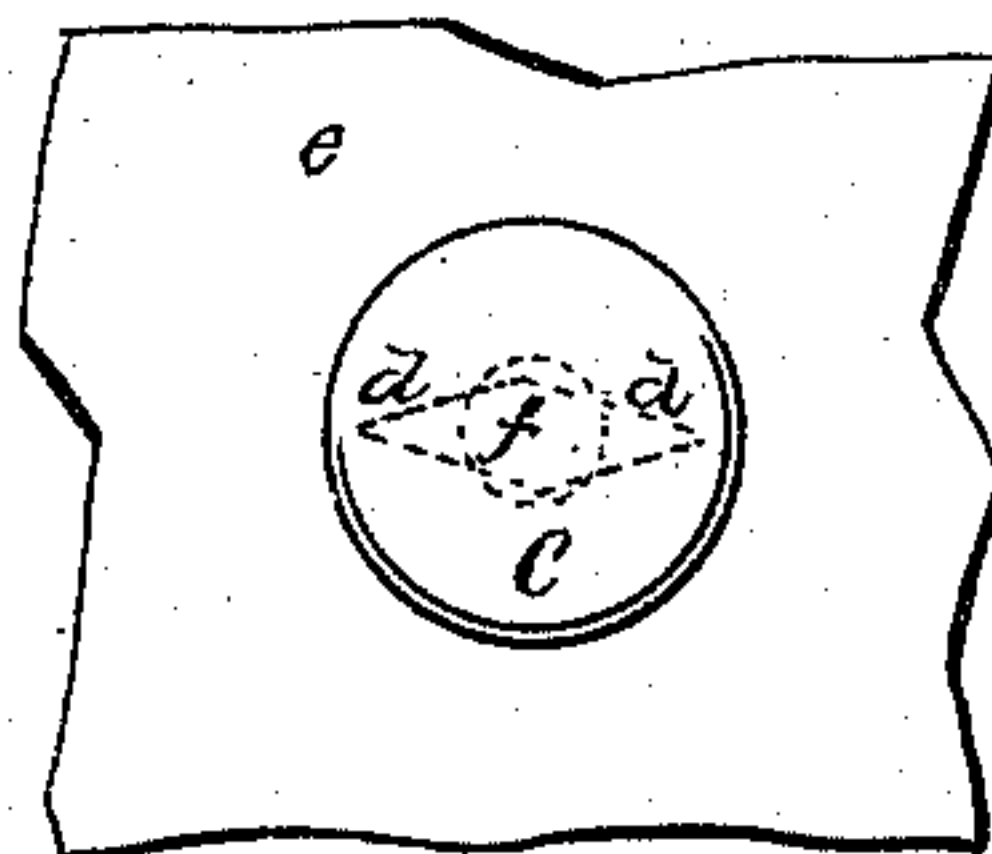
*Fig: 3.*



*Fig: 4.*



*Fig: 5.*



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## BUTTON.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 331,124, dated November 24, 1885.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ELISHA FLAGG, of the city, county, and State of New York, a citizen of the United States, have invented a new and  
5 useful Improvement in Buttons; and I declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

10 This invention is in the nature of an improvement in buttons; and the invention consists in a button and its metallic fastening device, constructed, arranged, and combined substantially in the manner and for  
15 the purpose hereinafter shown, described, and claimed.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings, Figure 1 is a plan or top view of my button attached to a piece of fabric; Fig. 2, a side  
20 elevation of same, partly in section; Fig. 3, a side elevation, partly in section, showing washer C. Fig. 4 shows the position of rivet-prongs on the under side of fabric. Fig. 5 is a view of the under side of fabric, showing  
25 washer C.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts in the several figures.

The purpose of this invention is to combine a button and a metal fastening device that  
30 will admit of easy fastening of the button to the garment by a simple process, and at the same time so firmly as to preclude its detachment by any ordinary strain to which it may be subjected. At the outset the state of  
35 the art is recognized by stating that it is known that buttons of various constructions having one, two, three, or four holes have heretofore been made, and that numerous fastening devices in the shape of rivets—  
40 pronged, tubular, and otherwise—have been employed with such buttons to attach them to garments. I therefore do not claim, broadly, as my invention such buttons or their fastening devices, my invention consisting simply of  
45 a button, A, formed with either one or two plates, or, as they are technically known, as a one or two part button. In the construction of the button so formed is made a depression or cup-shaped recess, *a*, with a per-

foration, *b*, through it. This completes the  
50 button, which, it is hardly necessary to state, may be made of brass, iron, tin, zinc, or of any other material suitable for the purpose. A rivet, B, tubular or otherwise and having a diameter that will permit it to freely pass  
55 through the perforation *b*, is next formed. This rivet is provided with a head, *c*, at one end and two or more prongs, *d*, at the other, or tubular, so that it will split into sections or prongs. The head *c* should be circular  
60 and of a diameter a little less than the diameter of the recess *a*. This button is now attached to the garment *e* by placing it in the desired place on the garment, passing the rivet B through the perforation *b*, forcing it  
65 through the fabric of the garment until the head *c* is received into the recess *a* and has practically filled that recess and its upper surface is flush with the surface of the button, the prongs of the rivet then upset on the  
70 under side of the fabric, and the attachment completed. When great strength is required, a washer, C, may be employed with a depression, *f*, within its shell, so that the prongs of the rivet entering this washer will be upset  
75 by the cone formed by the depression, thereby uniting the button, rivet, washer, and fabric together. The head of the rivet being proportioned to enter into the recess *a* and lie flush within it not only makes a good hold  
80 for the head of the rivet, but it also leaves the plane face of the button unbroken, the rivet inconspicuous, excepting only its symmetrical flat head, which is rather an ornament than otherwise.  
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I do not claim as my invention either the button or rivet above described; but

What I do claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The button A, having the recess *a* and  
90 opening *b*, combined with the rivet B, having the head *c* fitting in and filling said recess flush with and apparently as continuous of the upper outer surface of the button, and the prongs *d d*, passed through the opening  
95 in the button to engage the material and button applied thereto, substantially as described.

2. The button A, having the recess *a* and  
opening *b*, combined with the rivet B, having  
the head *c* fitting in and filling said recess  
flush with and apparently as continuous of  
5 the upper outer surface of the button, and  
the prongs *d d*, passed through the opening  
in the button and spread out in a conically-

recessed washer, C, applied to the under side  
of the material to which the button is ap-  
plied, substantially as described.

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