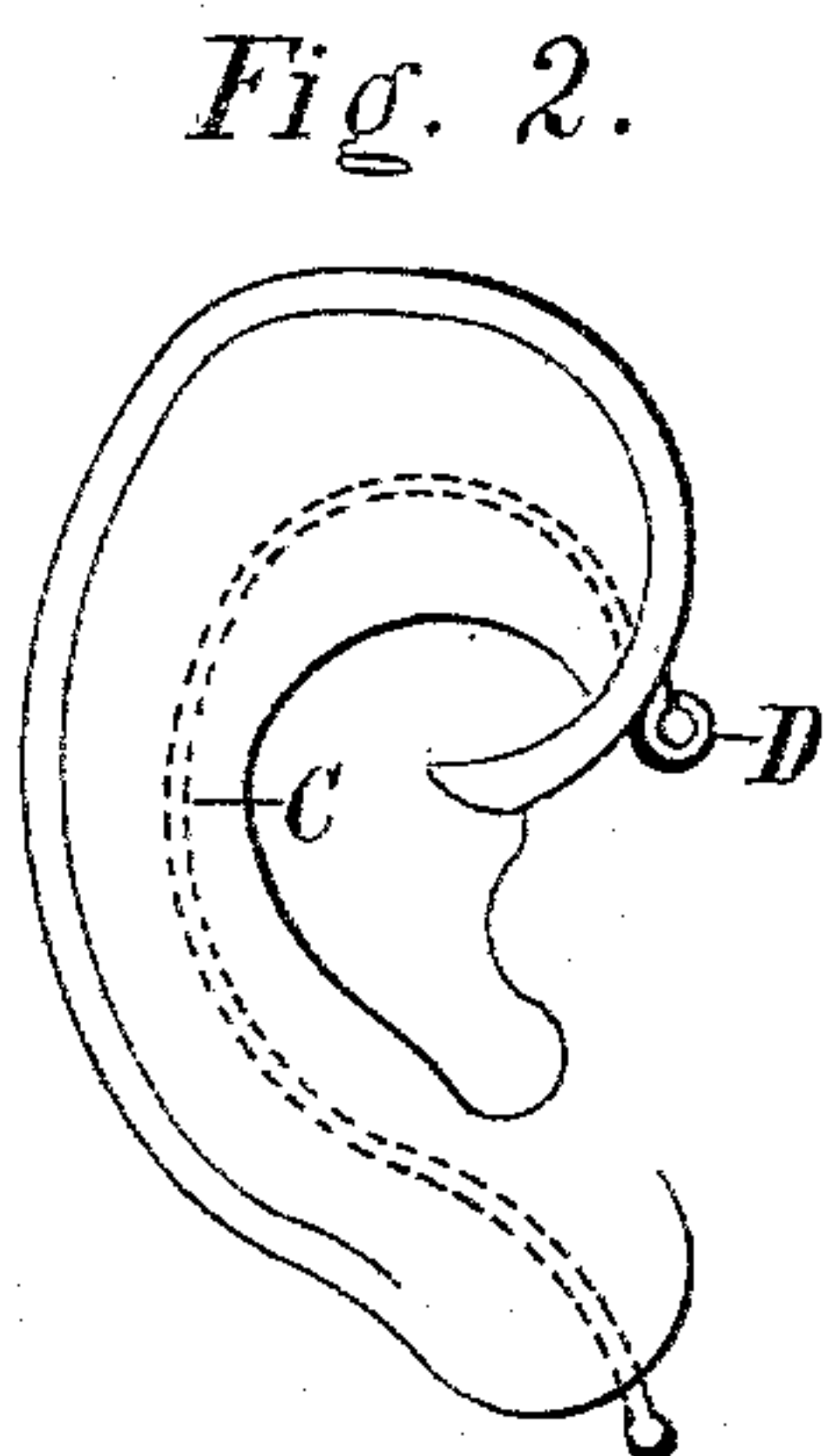
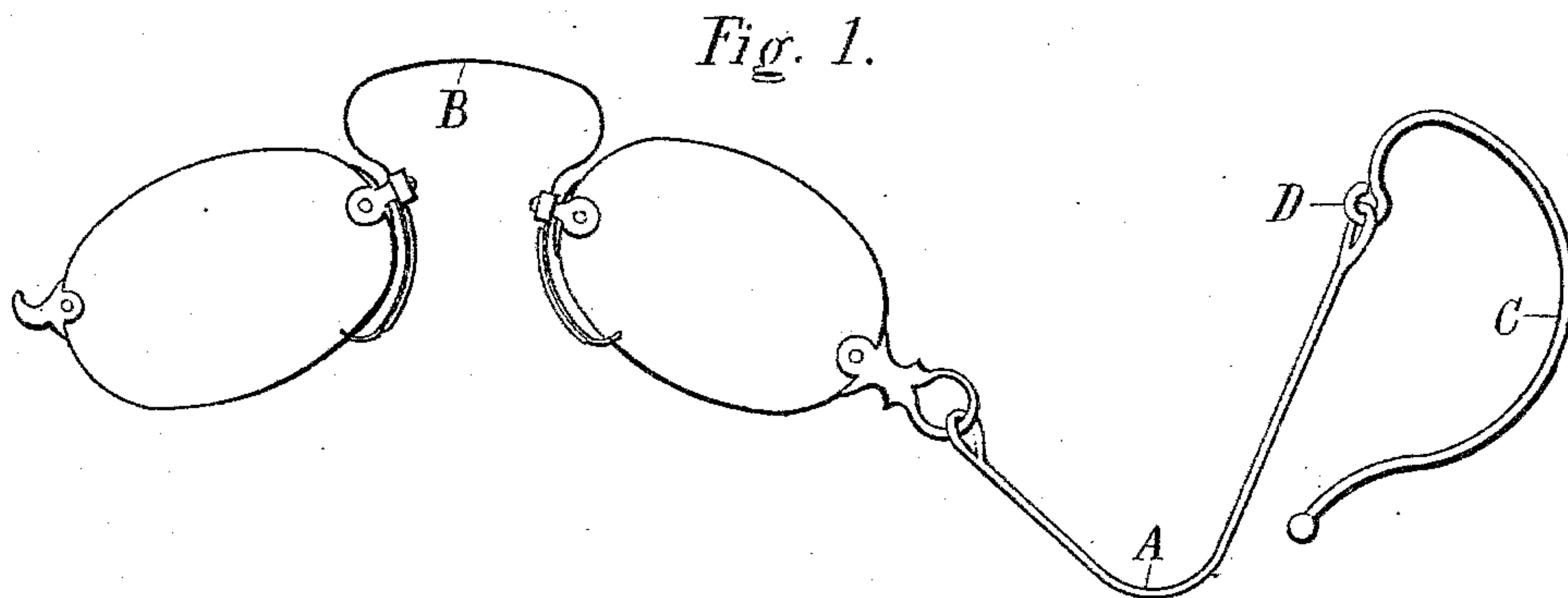


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCIS C. BOWEN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Eyeglass-Suspenders, of which the following is a specification.

The primary object of my invention is to provide a simple device for enabling the wearer to suspend a pair of eyeglasses from one of the ears, thereby retaining the same in convenient and easily accessible position, to which end it consists of a spring-clasp for engaging the base of the external ear, the same being provided with a cord or chain for its connection with the eyeglasses, as hereinafter more fully described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 shows a pair of eyeglasses containing my invention. Fig. 2 shows the suspension-hook in position on the ear.

Similar letters indicate similar parts.

The letter A designates the cord or chain, which is or may be of the kind ordinarily employed for suspending a pair of eyeglasses from the person.

B designates the eyeglasses connected to one end of a cord, and C the hook constituting the spring-clasp connected to the other end thereof. The hook C is made of wire or other similar elastic material, and of a shape to conform approximately to the outline of the base of the external ear, so that it is adapted to clasp the ear without inconvenience to the wearer, and the cord A is of sufficient length to readily

permit the glasses to be adjusted on and off the nose when suspended from the ear by means of the hook.

In the example shown the cord A is connected with the upper end of the hook C, where the latter is provided with an eye or hook, D, and when the hook is put in place on the ear the cord depends from the front of the ear; but it is evident the cord may be connected to the lower end of the hook.

If desirable, the hook may be covered with thread or with a textile or other soft fabric, and, if desirable, the ends of the cord A or its substitute may be provided with snap-hooks or similar devices for connecting it with the eyeglasses and ear-hook.

I am aware that a hook has heretofore been used for suspending an ear-drop or ornament, and also that ear-hooks have been used in spectacle-frames, and I do not claim such as my invention.

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

A suspending device for eyeglasses, consisting of a spring-clasp, substantially as shown, the same having a shape to conform approximately to the outline of the base of the external ear, and having attached thereto a cord or chain for its connection with the eyeglasses, substantially as described.

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