

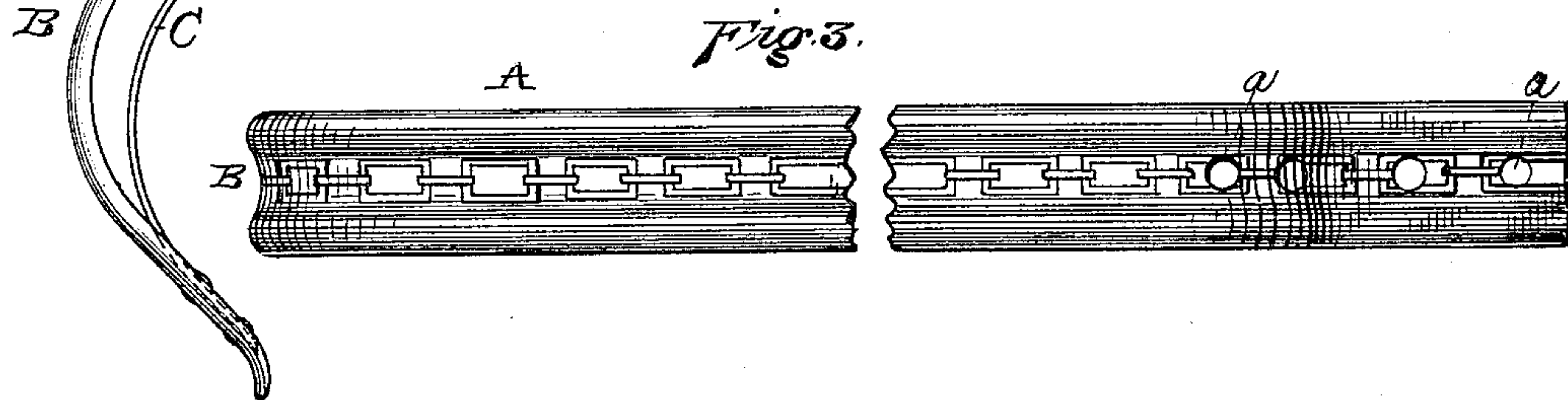
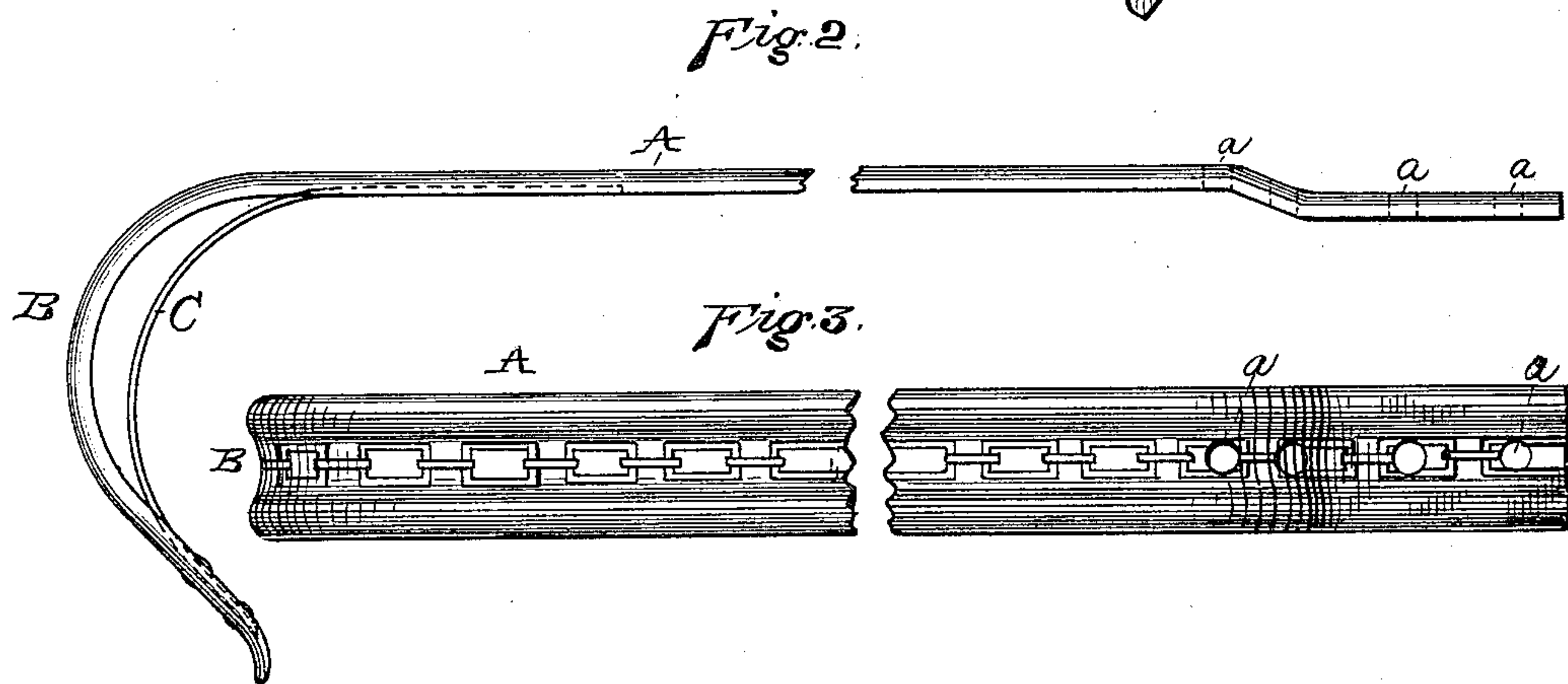
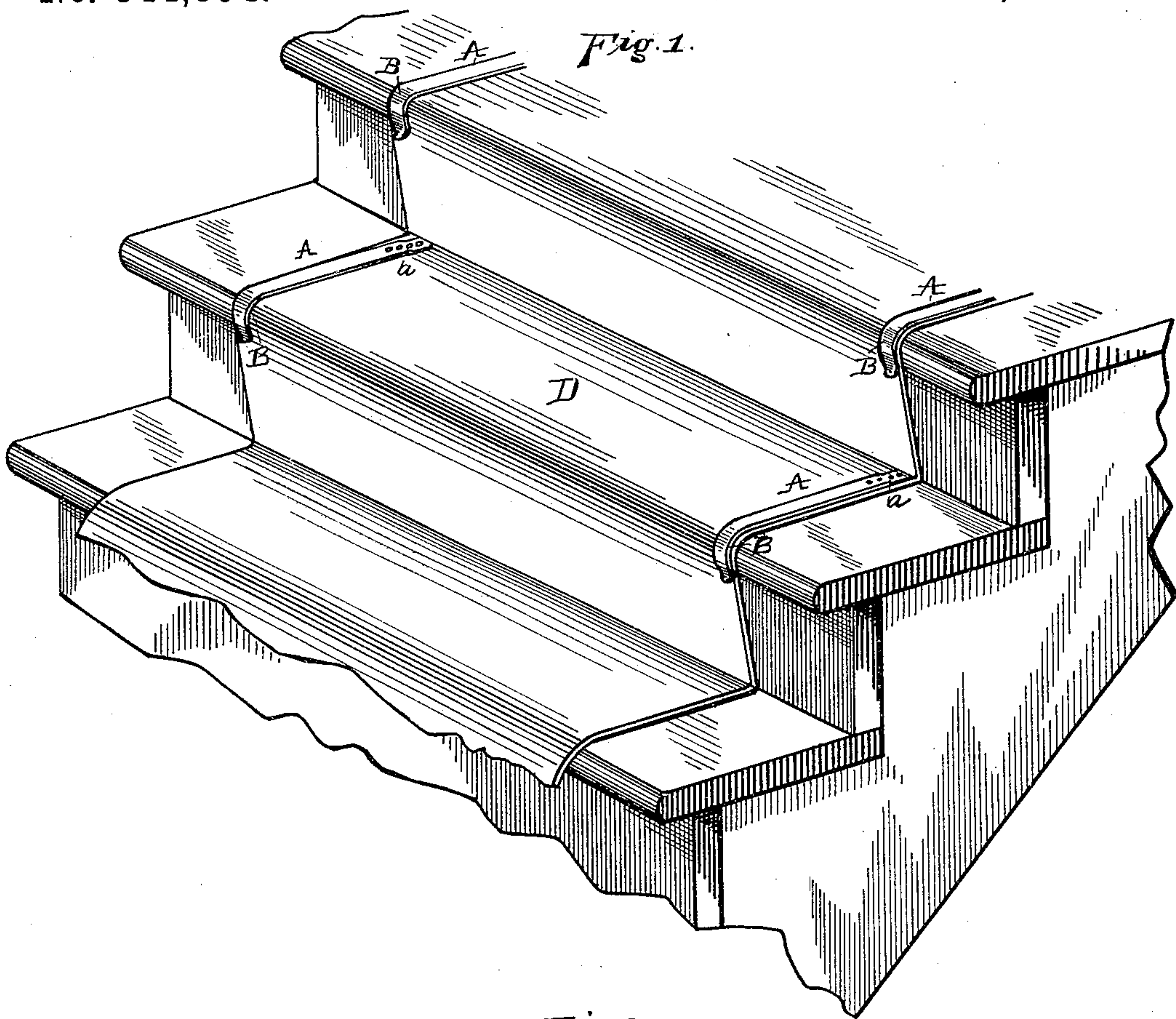
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM T. MERSE-
REAU, of Orange, Essex county, New Jersey,
have invented a new and useful Device for
5 Fastening Stair-Carpets; and I do hereby de-
clare that the following is a full, clear, and
correct description of my invention, reference
being had to the accompanying drawings,
making part of this specification, and to the
10 letters of reference marked thereon, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a series of stairs,
showing the stair carpet and the fasteners in
position. Fig. 2 is a side view of the fastener.
Fig. 3 is a top view of the same.

15 In the drawings, like parts of the invention
are designated by the same letters of reference.

The nature of the invention consists in the
construction, as more fully hereinafter set
forth, of an improved device for fastening
20 stair-carpets, the object of the invention being
to provide a ready, simple, and inexpensive
device for fastening stair-carpets in position
by which the use of stair-rods is dispensed
with.

25 To enable those skilled in the art to make
and use my invention, I will describe the same.

My improved stair-carpet fastener consists
of a flat strip of metal A, the forward end, B,
of which is hook-shaped, as shown in Fig. 2
30 of the drawings. Within this hook-shaped
end of the strip of metal A is secured one end
of a curved strip, C, formed of spring metal.

The rear portion of the strip of metal A is
provided with a series of openings, *a*, by which
the fastener is secured over the carpet D by 30
tacks or nails passed through these openings
and through the carpet into the stair below.

The face of the strip may be ornamented
with any desired pattern or configuration.

Such being the construction the operation 40
will be readily understood. The stair-carpet
D having been properly laid over the stairs,
two of the fasteners are employed for each
stair—one upon the right-hand and the other
upon the left-hand—to retain the carpet in po- 45
sition. The hooked ends of the fastenings are
passed over the front of the stair, the curved
strips C bearing directly upon the carpet and
taking up the "slack" of the same, and caus-
ing it to snugly fit the stair before the tacks 50
or nails are driven through the openings *a* and
the stair-carpet D into the stair below.

Having now described my invention, I claim
as new—

A fastener for stair-carpets, consisting of 5
the strip A, having its forward end, B, hook-
shaped, and provided with a curved strip, C,
of spring metal, and its rear end provided
with the openings *a*, substantially as and for
the purpose set forth.

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