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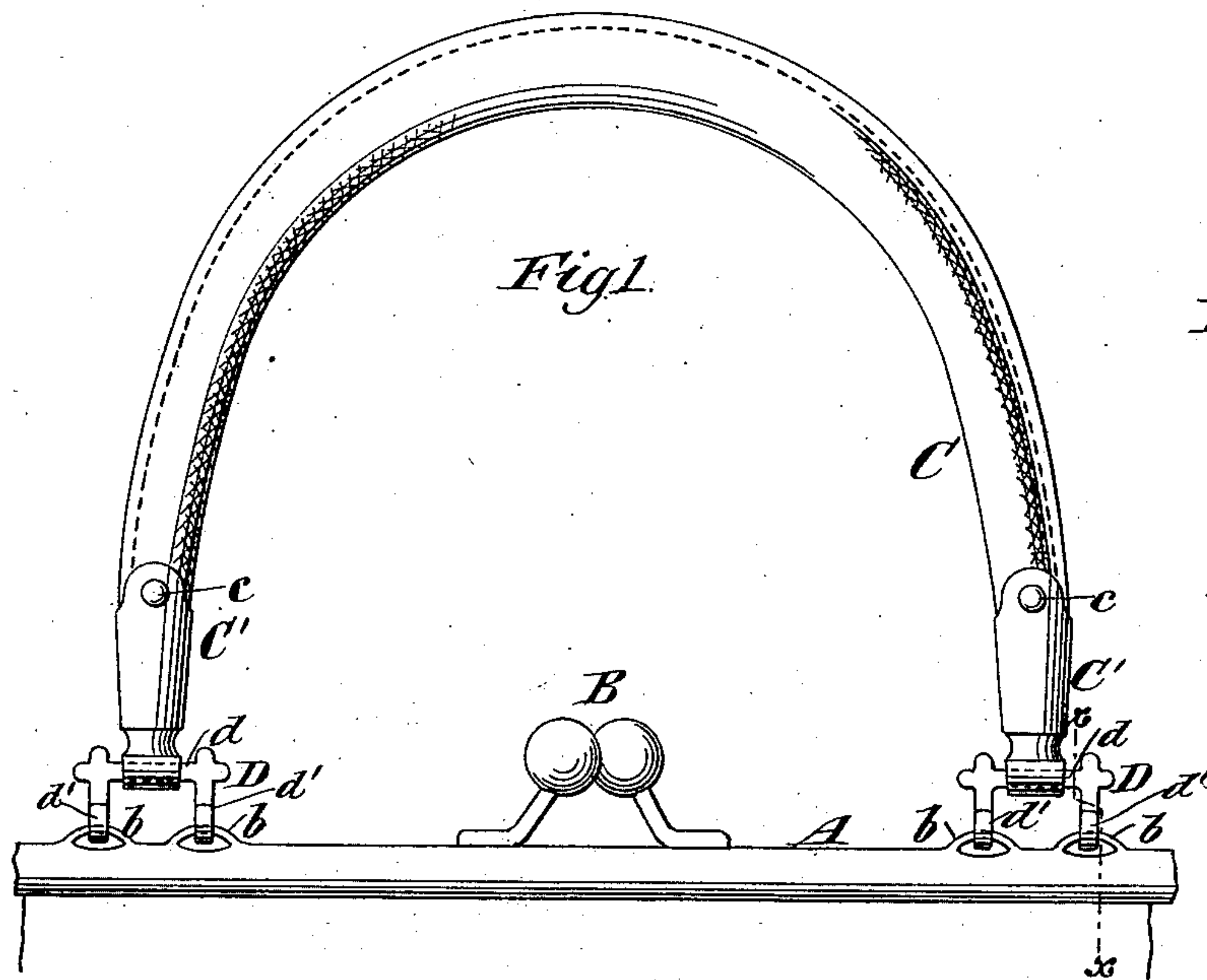


Fig. 2.

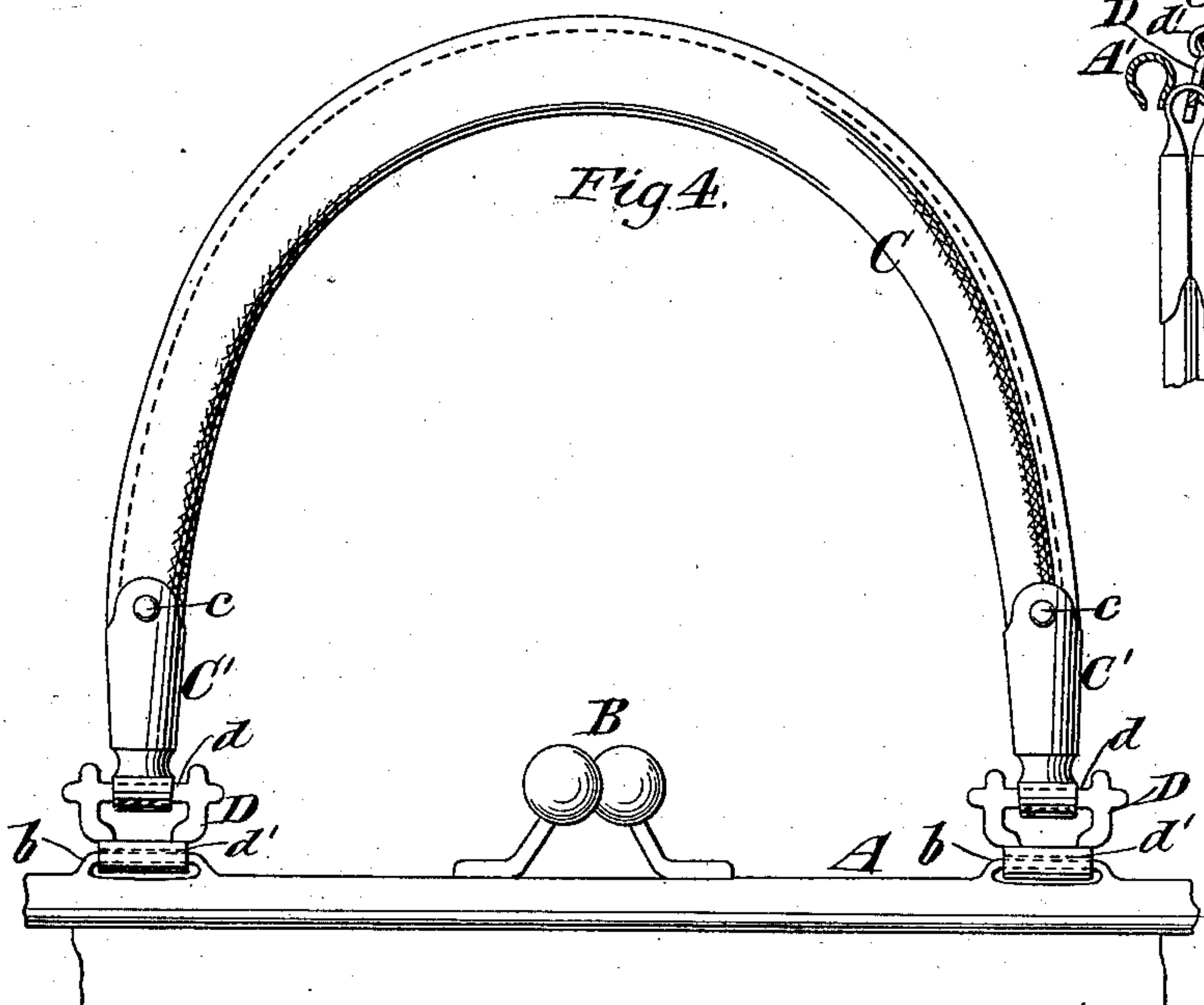
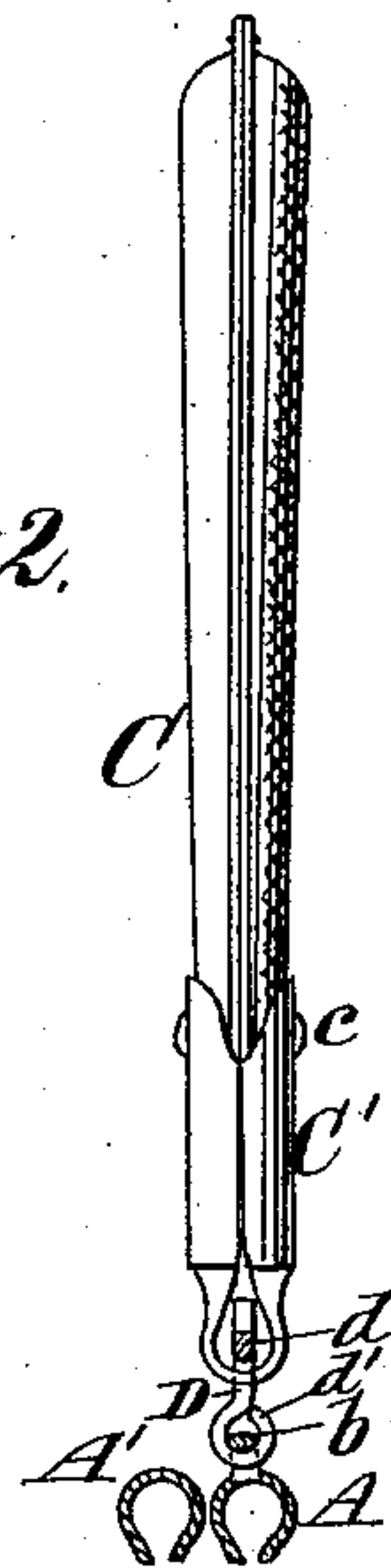


Fig. 3.

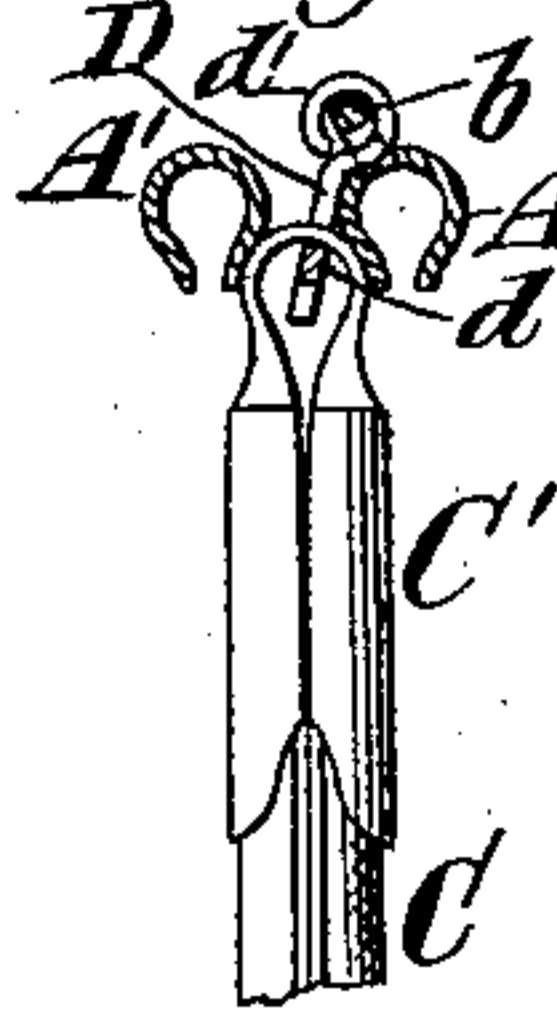
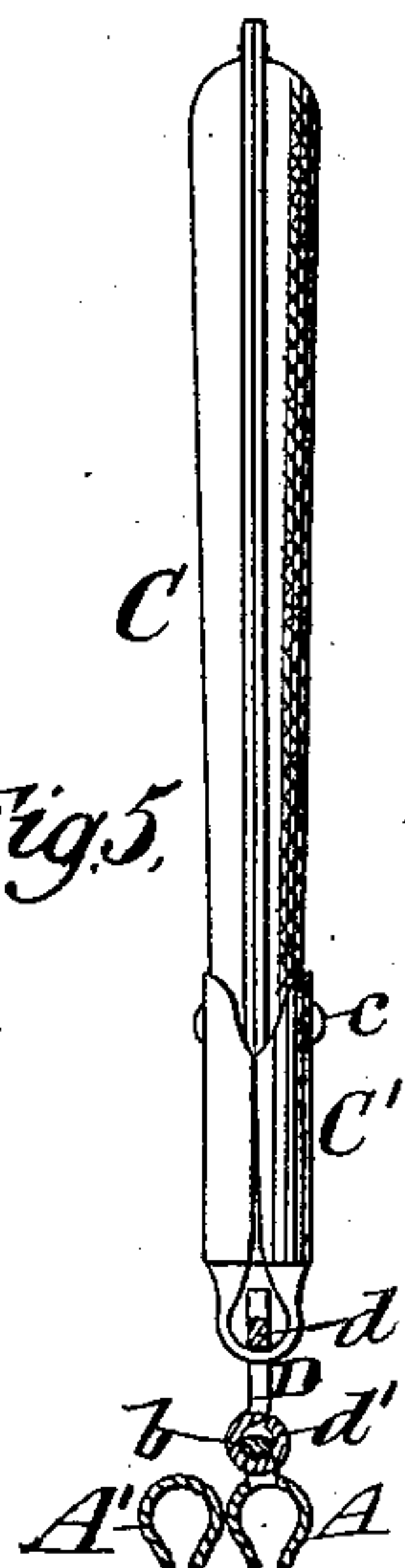


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## FRAME-HANDLE CONNECTION FOR HAND-BAGS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ROBERT R. DEBACHER, of the city and county of New York, in the State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Frame-Handle Connections for Hand-Bags, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates more particularly to hand-bags of comparatively small size, to be carried by ladies, and which are now sold in large quantities. In packing such bags the handle is ordinarily folded inside the bag, the latter being left somewhat open to receive the handle, and if the handle has a simple pivotal connection with the bag-frame it holds the bag open to a considerable degree when packed within it, and at the same time the handle or its connection with the bag-frame is liable to be impaired or broken.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple connection, ordinarily made of sheet metal, which may be readily and cheaply secured to the bag-frame, and which is interposed between the ends of the handle and the frame, the ends of the handle being pivotally connected with such attachment or connection, and said attachment or connection being pivotally connected with the frame.

In carrying out my invention, tongues or bars are cut by longitudinal and parallel slits from the frame of the bag, and are then deflected upward from the upper contour of the frame, so as to form integral eyes or loops, and between the ends of the handle and the frame are interposed connections, particularly hereinafter described, having cross-bars, with which the ends of the handle are pivotally connected, and tongues, which are bent to embrace the integral loops upon the frame portion.

The invention will be more fully hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of a portion of a bag-frame and a handle connected according to my invention, the frame portion being formed with double integral loops for the handle-connection at each end of the handle, and said handle-connections each being provided with two tongues for engaging the loops. Fig. 2 is a transverse section on the plane of the dotted line  $x x$ , Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a sectional view upon the

same line  $x x$ , showing the frame portions as slightly separated and a portion of the handle which is folded or introduced within the bag; and Figs. 4 and 5 are views similar to Figs. 1 and 2, but illustrating a modification of my invention, in which the frame is provided with a single long integral loop at each end of the handle, and in which each of the handle-connections has a single long tongue bent to embrace such loop.

Similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures.

A A' designate the two frame portions of the bag, which may be of sheet metal bent into tubular form, and which are secured by a suitable fastening, B.

C designates the handle, the opposite ends of which are to be connected with the bag-frame portion A.

In this example of my invention the frame portion A has formed in it two parallel slits, and the bar, or portion between these slits, is bent or deflected upward above the top of the frame, as best shown in Figs. 1 and 2, so as to form integral loops  $b$ ; and in the example of my invention shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3 the integral loops are short and in pairs at each end of the handle C. Between each end of the handle and the frame portion A is interposed a connection, D, which may be of sheet metal, and this connection comprises a cross-bar,  $d$ , which is embraced by the handle, and a tongue or tongues,  $d'$ , bent to embrace the integral loops  $b$ .

In the example of my invention shown in Figs. 1 and 2 the connection D is made in the form of a staple, the upper cross portion,  $d$ , of which is embraced by the handle, and the two tongues  $d'$  of which are inserted through the eyes and bent round the loops  $b$ , which are formed integral with the frame portion A.

In the example of my invention shown in Figs. 4 and 5 the loops  $b$  are considerably longer than the loops  $b$  shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and one loop only is provided at each end of the handle. In these two figures the connection D has a cross-bar,  $d$ , as before described, to which the handle is pivoted, and has a single broad tongue,  $d'$ , embracing the single long integral loop  $b$ .

Not only do my improved handle-connec-

tions add to the ornamental appearance of the bag, but they enable the handle C, when folded within the bag, as shown in Fig. 3, to lie nearly in a plane parallel with and between the sides of the bag, or, in other words, to project more directly into the bag, and the bags may therefore be packed for shipment in a more nearly closed condition, occupying less room, and there is no liability of breaking or impairing the handle or straining the U-shaped sheet-metal pieces C', which are applied to the opposite ends of the handle or their riveted connections c with the handle.

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

The combination, with the frame portion A of a bag, having the tongues or bars cut and deflected therefrom to form integral eyes or loops b, of the handle and the connections D, interposed between the handle and the frame, and having the cross-bars d, with which the ends of the handle are pivotally connected, and the tongues d', bent to embrace the integral loops b, substantially as herein described.

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