

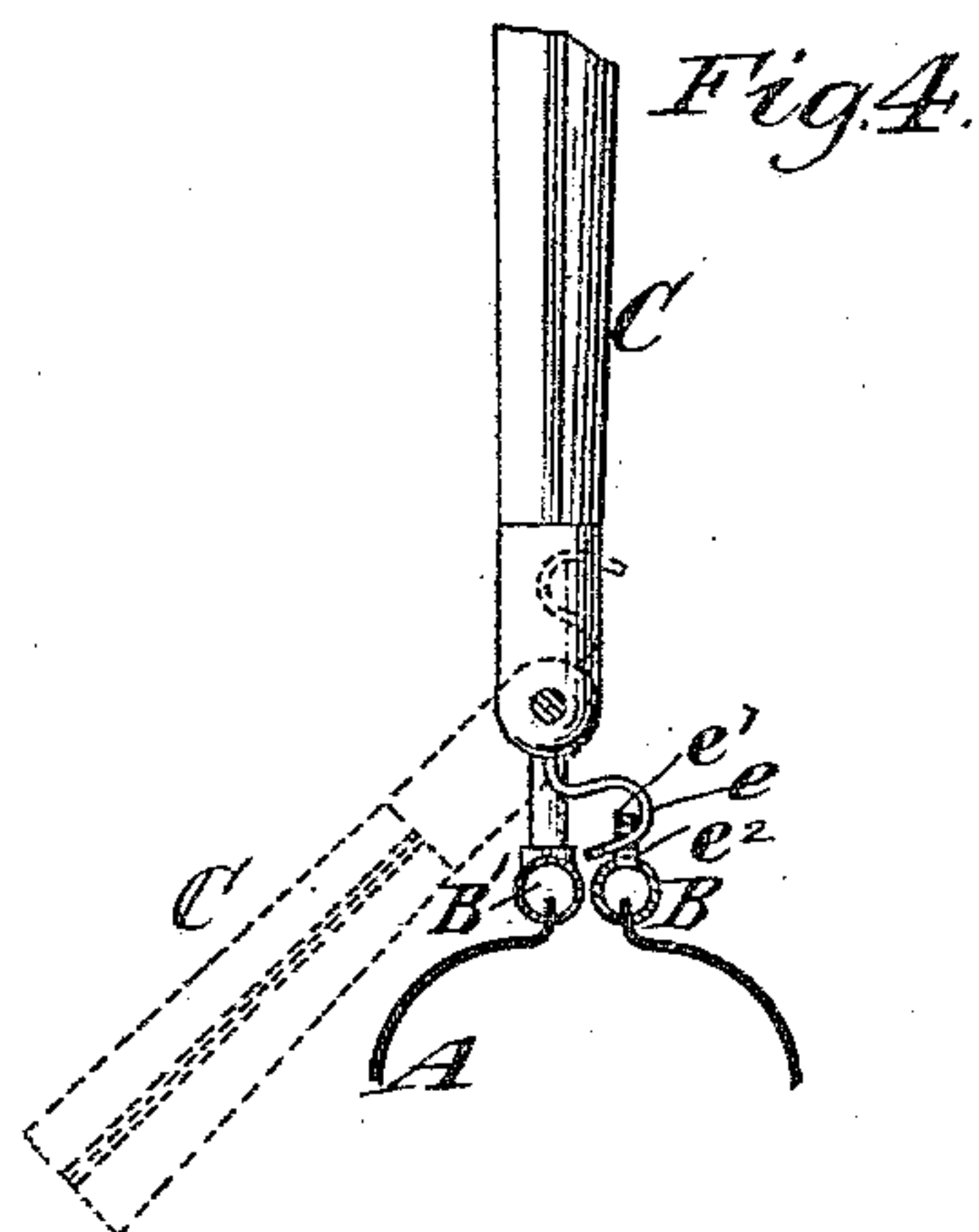
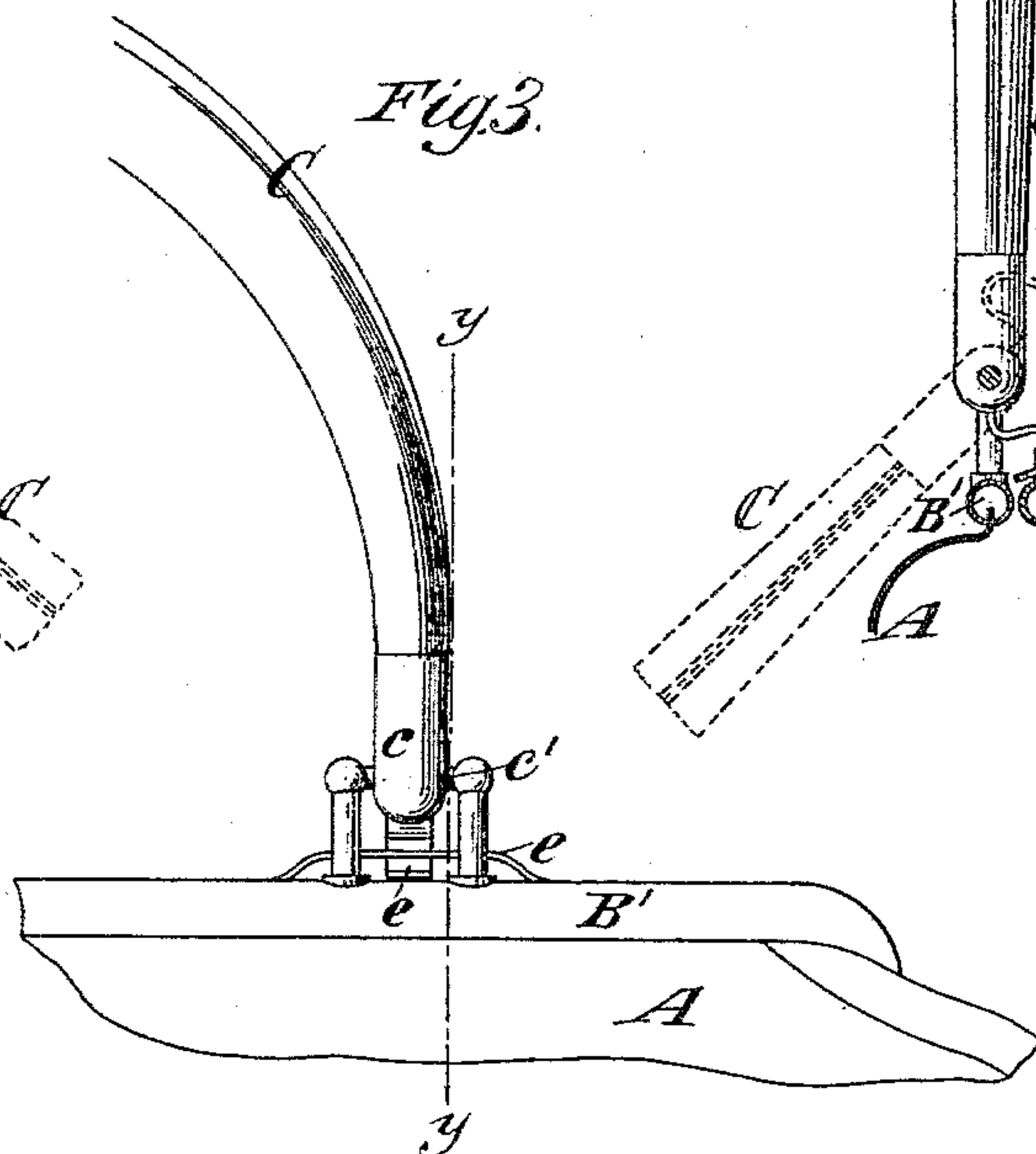
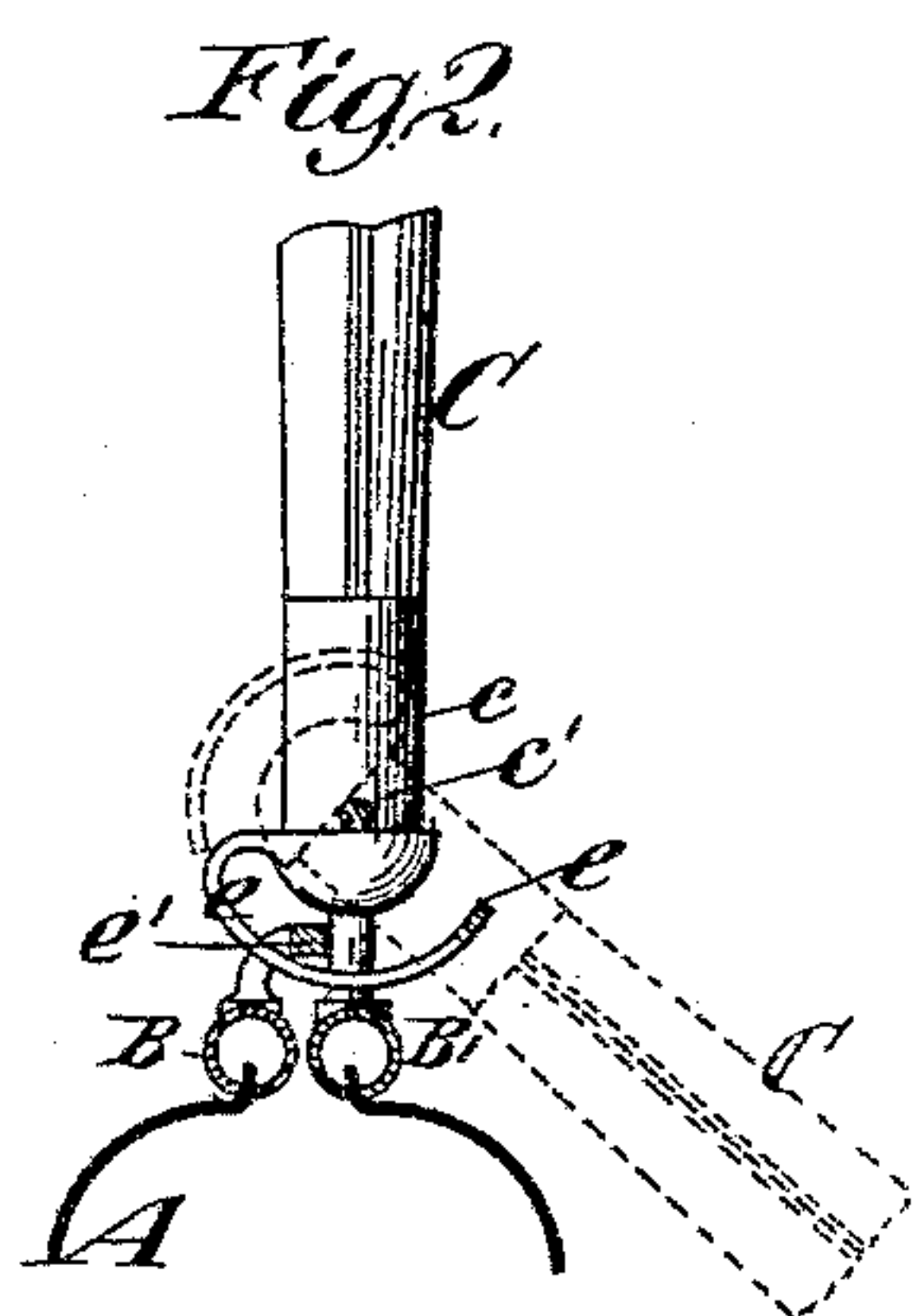
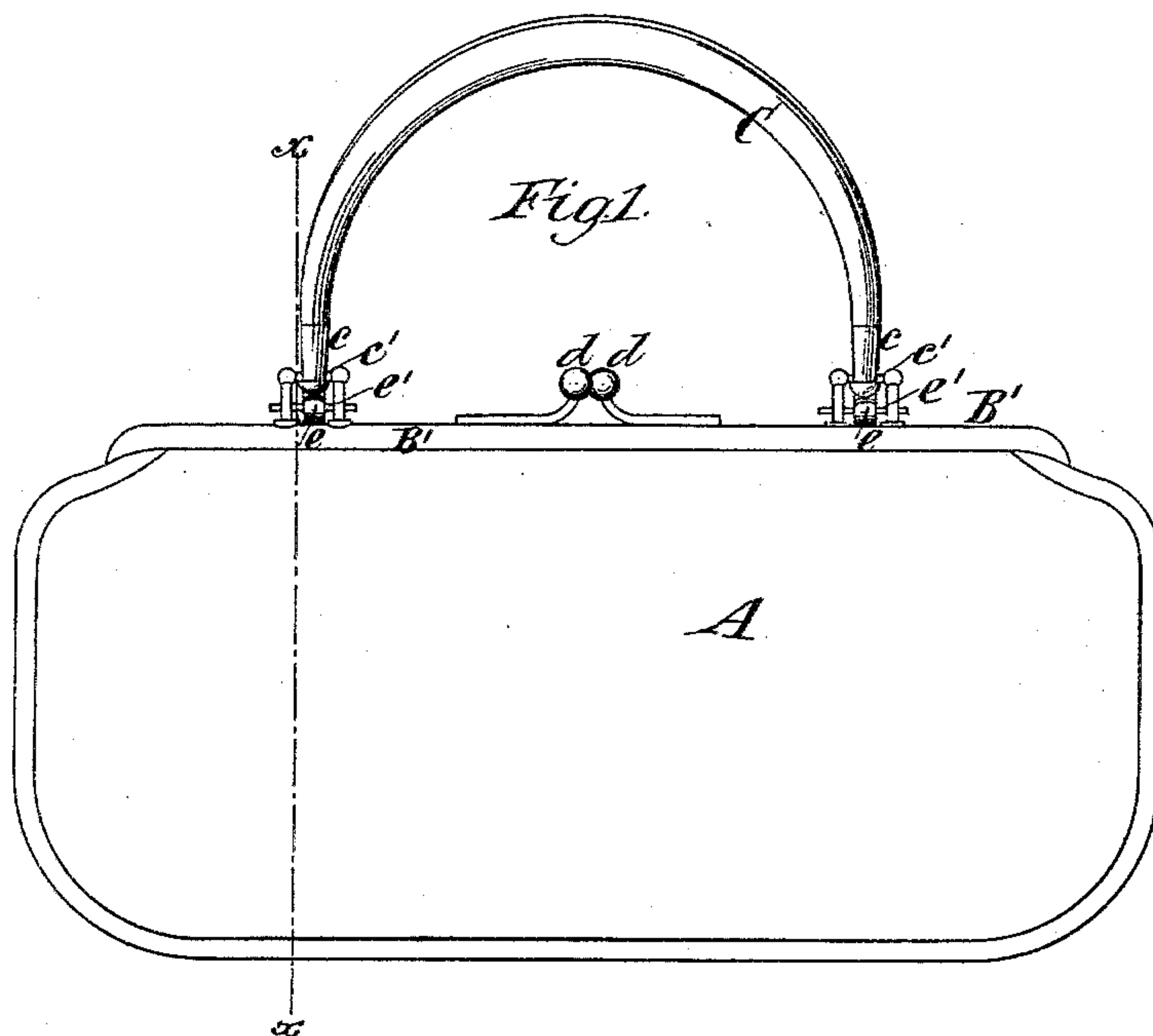
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## HAND-BAG.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN MEHL, Jr., of Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hand-Bags, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to hand-bags the two hinged frame portions of which abut together externally; and it consists in the combination, hereinafter described and claimed, in such a bag-frame of a handle and attached hook pivoted to one of said frame portions and a loop or bar on the outside of the other of said frame portions, with which the said hook engages to lock the bag when it is closed and the handle is in a position for carrying it.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a bag embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of a portion of the bag upon the plane indicated by the dotted line *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a side view of a portion of a bag embodying a slight modification of my invention; and Fig. 4 is a transverse section upon the plane of the dotted line *y y*, Fig. 3. Figs. 2, 3, and 4 are drawn upon a larger scale than Fig. 1, and similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures.

A designates a bag, which may be of ordinary or suitable construction and of leather or other material, and B B' designate the two frame portions, which are hinged together at the ends, as usual, and in which the leather of the bag is secured, the said frame portions meeting side by side and abutting together externally. As here represented, the frame portions B B' are of tubular construction, as is usual in bags of this character, and as best represented in Figs. 2 and 4. To the frame portion B' is attached a handle, C, which, as here represented, has its ends or end portions, *c*, swung upon pivots *c'*, which are supported upon the frame portion B', so that the handle C may be swung into carrying position, as shown by full lines in all the figures, or out of carrying position, as shown by dotted lines in Figs. 2 and 4. I have here represented the frame portions B B' as secured together at about the middle of their length to hold the bag closed by a fastening, and the form of fastening here represented for purposes of illustration consists simply of the two spheres or balls *d*, which spring past each other when the bag

is closed, and thus serve to hold the bag closed. The fastening at this point, however, constitutes no part of my invention.

In the form of my invention shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the loop or bar *e'* is formed by a separate piece secured external to the frame portion B; but in the example shown in Figs. 3 and 4 the loop or bar *e'* is formed on the exterior of the frame portion B by slitting each longitudinally at *e''* and then bending or deflecting outward the strip or tongue of metal thus formed, so as to give it sufficient projection from the frame portion B to enable the hook *e* to pass under it. When the loop or bar *e'* is formed separately and attached to the frame portion B, it may be offset inward, so as to come in a plane substantially between the two frame portions B B', as shown in Fig. 2, and very nearly in position vertically below the pivot *c'*, on which the handle swings, and then the hook *e* may be long, and provision is afforded for the bag to swing laterally to a great degree upon the handle C without the hooks *e* swinging clear of the members *e'*.

In all the examples of my invention, no matter what the construction of the two members *e e'* of the lock which engage one with another, the member of the lock which is upon the handle is caused by the swinging of the handle upward into carrying position to engage the member of the lock which is upon the exterior of the frame portion B, and the member on the handle is caused to disengage the member which is upon the frame portion B by the swinging of the handle downward out of carrying position, as shown by dotted lines in Figs. 2 and 4.

When the usual fastening, as *d*, is employed to hold the frame portions together, it will be seen that my locks, which are provided between the ends of the handle and the frame portion B, serve to additionally lock the frame portions together upon each side of the usual fastening, *d*, and the locks which I provide between the handle and the frame portion B will give what is really an ample security in holding the frame portions together, even if a fastening, as *d*, between the ends of the handle is not employed.

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

The combination, with the two hinged ex-

ternally-abutting portions of a bag-frame and  
a handle pivoted to one of said frame portions,  
of a lock between the handle and the other of  
said frame portions, consisting of a hook on the  
5 handle and a loop or bar on the outside of said  
other frame portion, with which loop or bar  
said hook engages when the bag is closed and

the handle is swung to carrying position, substantially as herein described.

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