

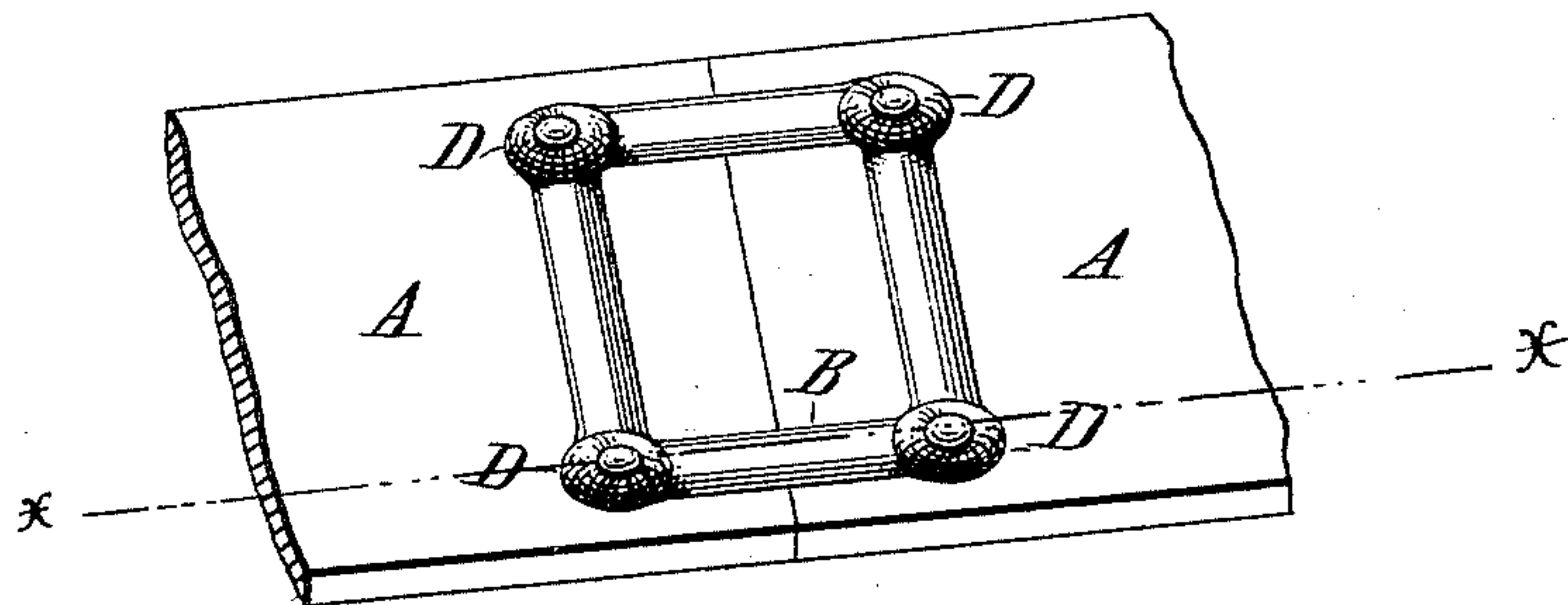
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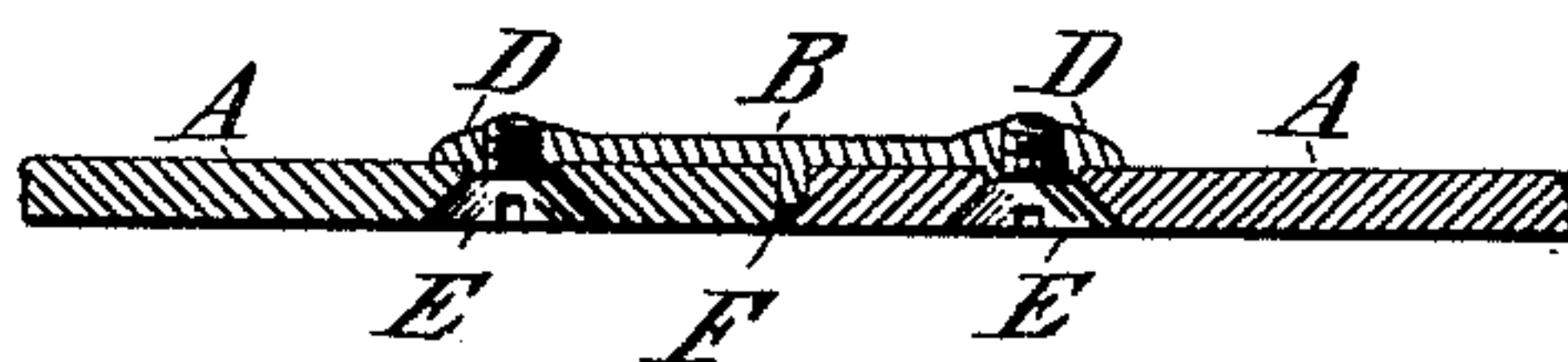
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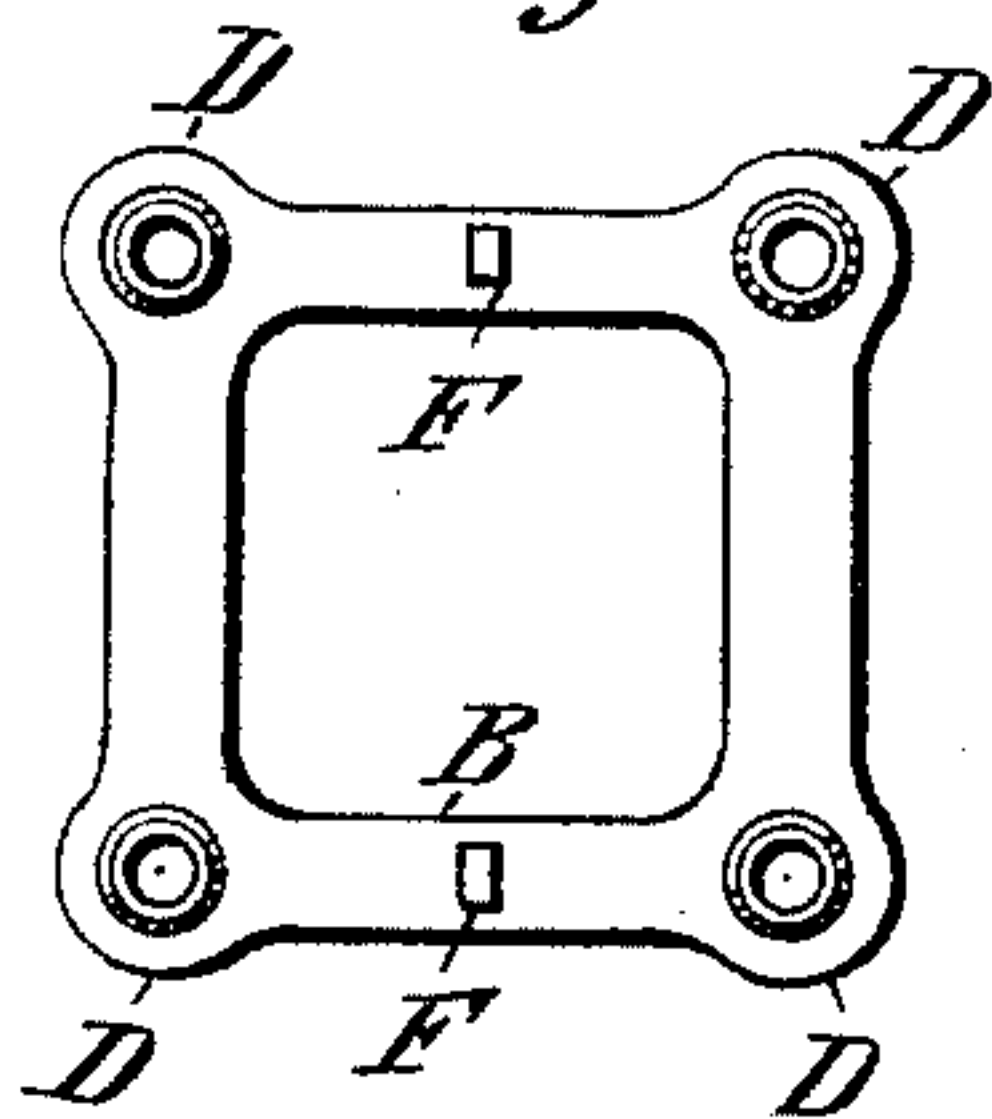
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## BELT-FASTENER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS LYNETT, of Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Belt-Fasteners; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to belt-fasteners; and it consists in the peculiar construction of the same, as will hereinafter be fully set forth and claimed.

Heretofore belt-fasteners of the class shown have been formed of plates of different sizes to adapt them to be used on belts of different widths, and it was necessary, in order to be ready for emergencies, to be supplied with a few of the various sizes and have a supply of others.

My invention obviates this objection, inasmuch as it is only necessary to keep in stock at most two or three sizes, either of which sizes may be cut down to adapt it to a narrower belt than the one it was intended for.

With the above object in view my invention consists in forming a belt-fastener of a series of bars or individual plates connected together by slight tie-bars, thus forming a skeleton fastener adapted to be easily divided or reduced in width.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of two ends of a belt secured together by my improved fastener. Fig. 2 is a longi-

tudinal sectional view taken through line *xx* of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is an under side view of the fastener and the center guide.

B illustrates the skeleton fastener, which may be composed of two or more individual plates secured together by means of slight tie-bars, which are easily cut by means of a cold-chisel or other suitable tool. These individual plates are each provided with a screw-threaded projection, D, on both ends, and a center guide, F, which allows of each of the individual plates to be used alone, or several may be used together, depending on the width of belt and other circumstances, such as an irregular break or tear.

E are screws, which pass through holes made in the belt A and secure the parts together, leaving the under part of the belt smooth, as shown in Fig. 2, the guide F acting to keep the holes at equal distance from the edge of the belt.

What I claim is—

In a belt-fastener, the combination herein described of a series of plates, each having two perforated screw-threaded projections, one on each end, being united together by tie-bars, thus forming an easily-divided skeleton belt-fastener, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereunto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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