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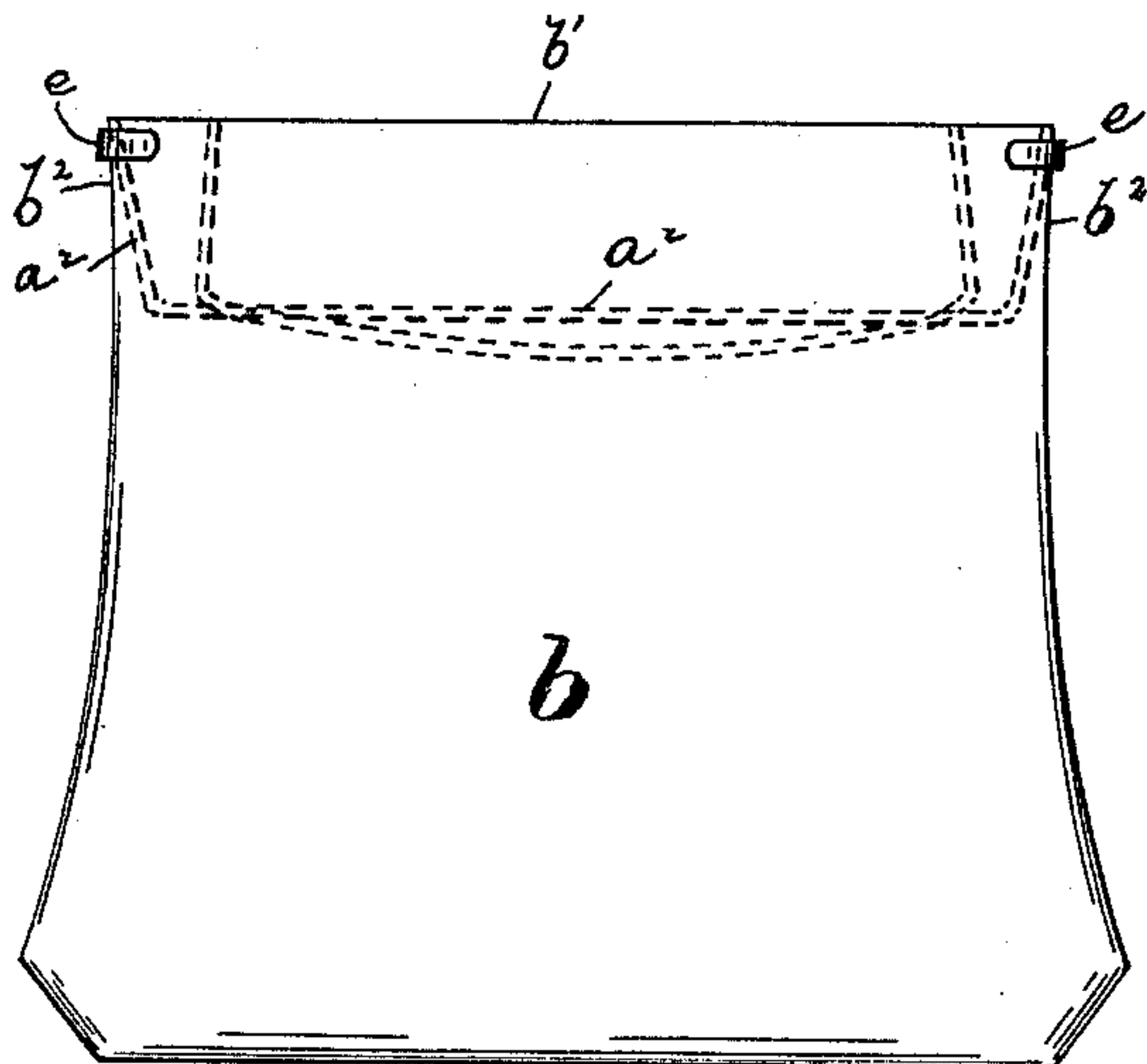


Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.

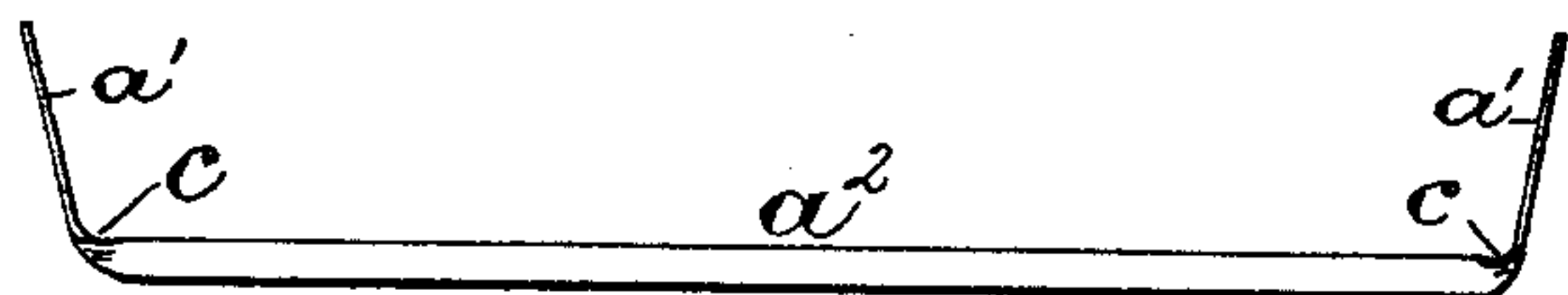


Fig. 3.



Fig. 4.

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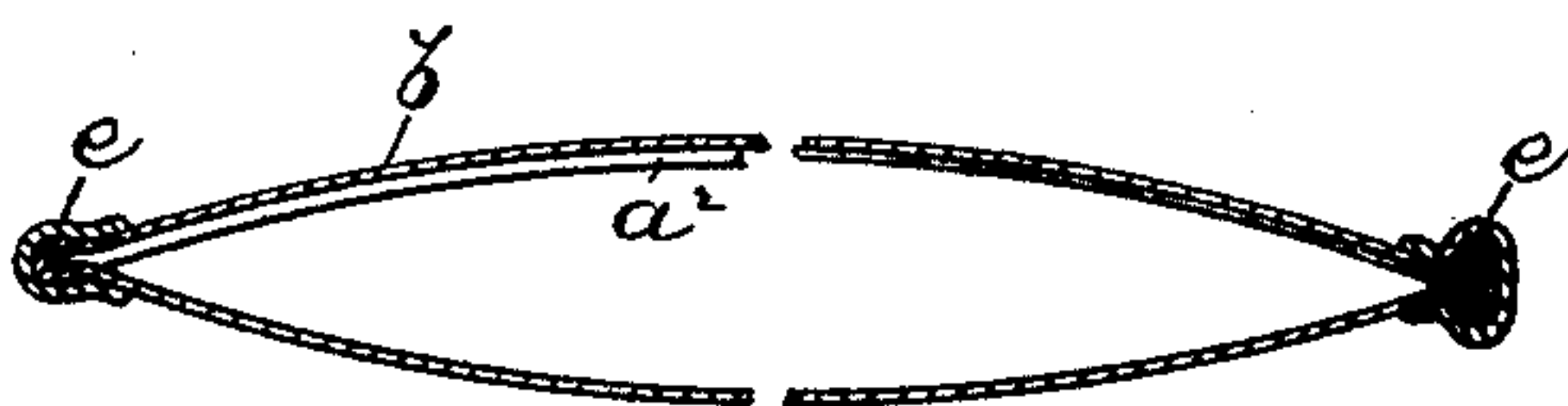


Fig. 5.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES L. NESLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Clinton township, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tobacco-Pouches; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of this invention is to simplify and reduce the cost of constructing pouches and to remedy certain defects and objectionable features deemed to exist in certain pouches heretofore in use.

The invention consists in the improved receptacle or pouch having the arrangements and combinations of parts substantially as will be hereinafter set forth, and finally embodied in the clauses of the claim.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents in side elevation a pouch embodying my improvements. Figs. 2, 3, and 4 are detail views of a spring employed at the mouth of said pouch, and Figs. 5 and 6 are detail views showing in one case a flat spring-wire in connection with the bag and clip and in the other a round wire.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in each of the figures.

In carrying out the invention I provide a wire spring, either flat or round in cross-section, the extremities a' a' of which are bent upward or toward the mouth of the bag or pouch b , as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, the said extremities a' a' extending about three-fourths of an inch (more or less) from the horizontally-extending portion a^2 , lying parallel or approximately parallel with the edges b' formed at the mouth. The extremities a' extend into engagement with the ends b^2 of the bag-body, and are snugly and securely fastened thereat by clips e e or other suitable fasteners, so that the pouch is kept normally closed by the opposite pressure exerted by the spring. By this construction the lower or body portion of the pouch below the por-

tion a^2 of the spring is free to be wrapped or turned over and around the portion of the pouch containing the spring. Thus the pouch, when partly empty, can be more conveniently carried in the pocket, as will be apparent.

To prevent the spring from lying across the opening at the mouth, and thus when the bag is open obstructing the passage to the contents of the bag, I give to the portion a^2 of the spring a lateral bend or turn d (shown in the plan of Fig. 2) when the spring is of round wire, or when of flat wire, as in Figs. 3, 4, and 5. In this latter case the central portion a^2 of the spring, which extends approximately parallel with the upper edges of the bag, is bent to lie in a plane approximately parallel or parallel with the sides of the bag, the opposite ends of said spring, which extend upward toward the mouth of the bag, lying in a plane at right angles to said sides, as shown in Fig. 5. By this construction, when the ends of the spring are pressed toward one another in opening the pouch, the portion a^2 will bend in the direction of least resistance or toward the sides of the bag, and not to any material degree downward or toward the bottom of the bag against the contents thereof.

I prefer to have the angles c c between the parts a' a^2 of the spring greater than a right angle, thus allowing at the ends some movement in a vertical plane as well as horizontally, conducing to ease of action. The body of the pouch may be of cloth, leather, or other suitable material.

I disclaim, generically, a self-closing bag or pouch having a flexible mouth, a spring arranged near said mouth and adapted to move in a horizontal plane when the ends of said mouth are pressed, said spring having arms at the ends thereof and extending up and engaging with the ends of the mouth of the bag to keep said mouth stretched longitudinally when in its normal position, and clips for securing the ends of the bag.

What I claim as new is—

1. The improved tobacco-pouch herein described, combining therein a bag-body, a spring having a central portion lying within the bag and extending straight across the mouth parallel with the edges b' , a little away from said edges, the bulk of the body portion of the bag

being free from said spring, the said spring being bent near its opposite extremities, forming extensions $a' a'$, which engage the ends b^2 of the bag, and clips fastening the said extensions to the said ends, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. The combination, with a bag-body, of a spring having its ends bent toward the mouth of the bag, and having additional bends or turns at suitable points in its length to secure a lateral movement of the central part of the

spring when the extremities thereof are pressed toward one another, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of January, 1889.

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