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BRACELET.

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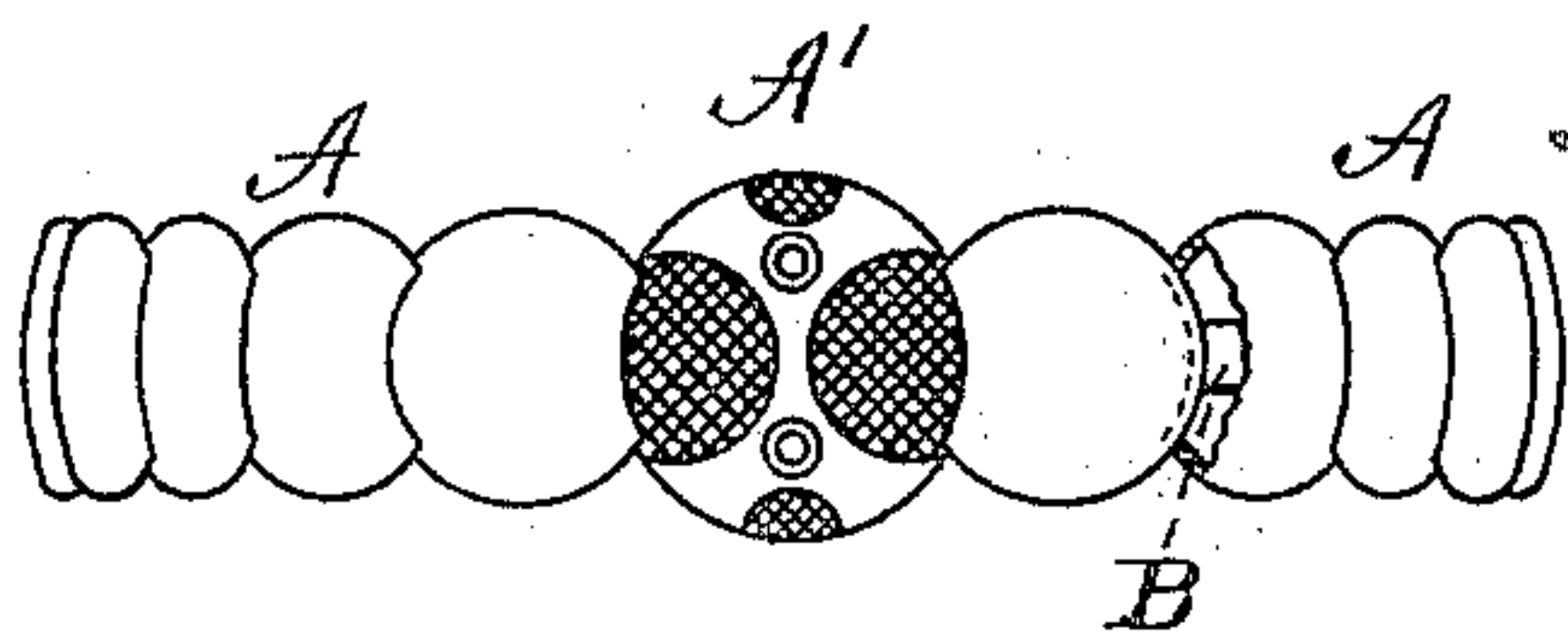


Fig. 1.

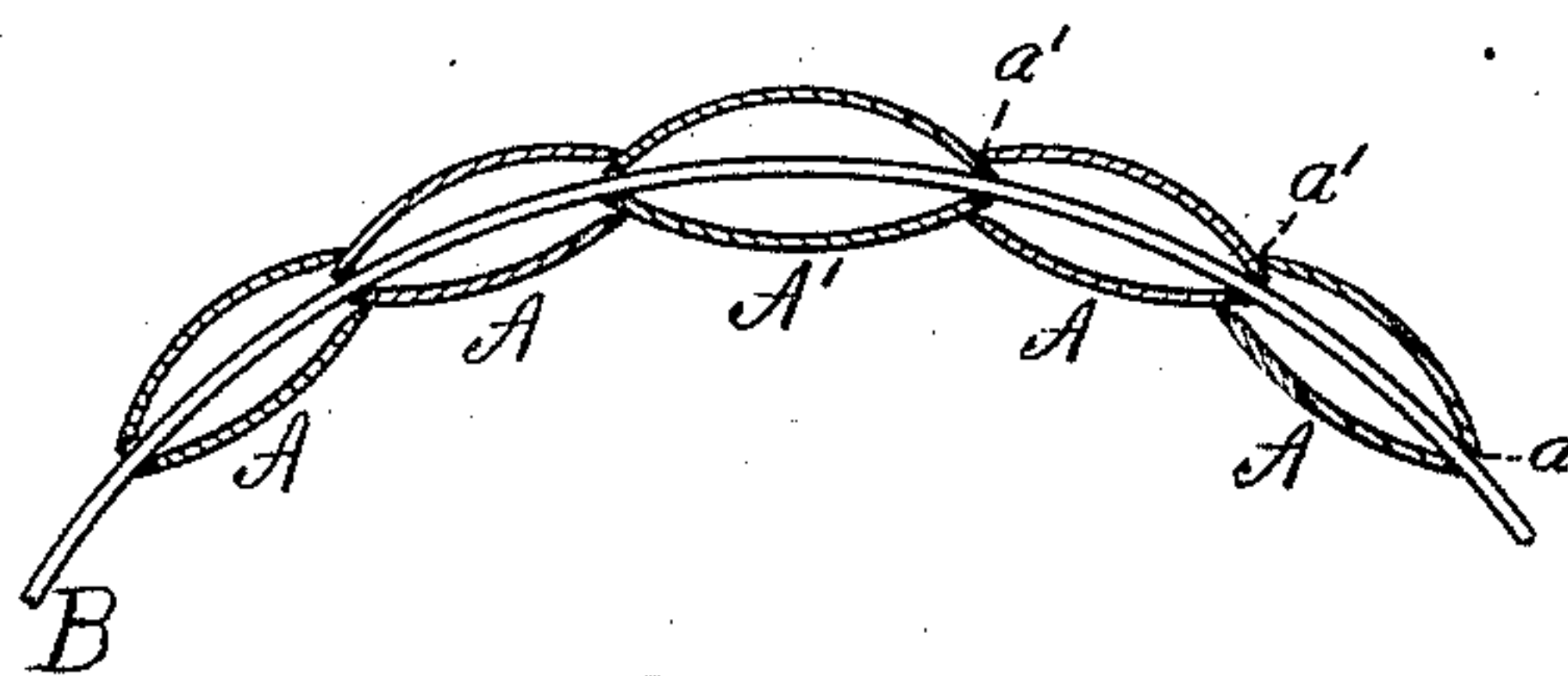


Fig. 2.

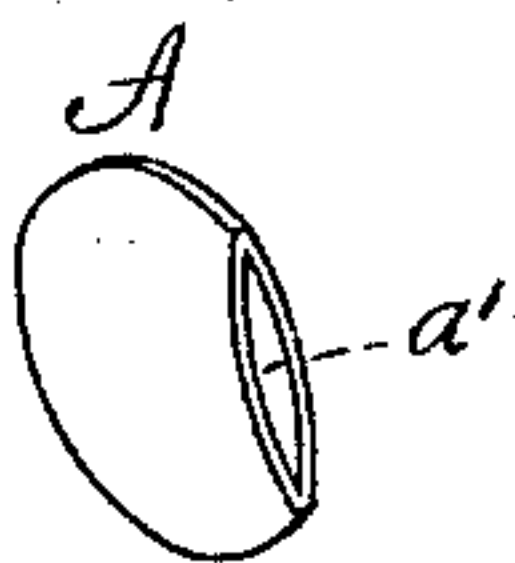


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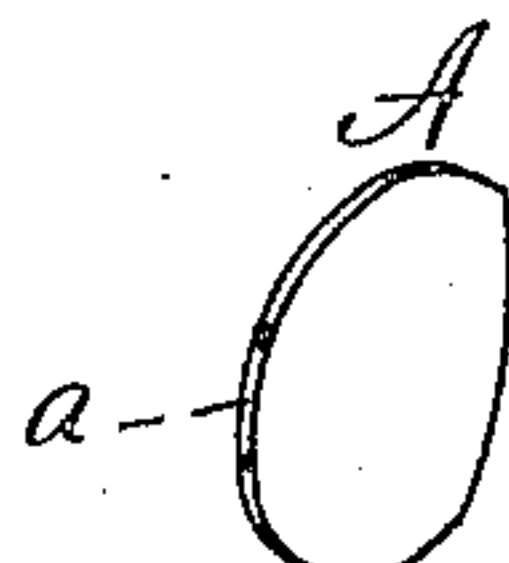


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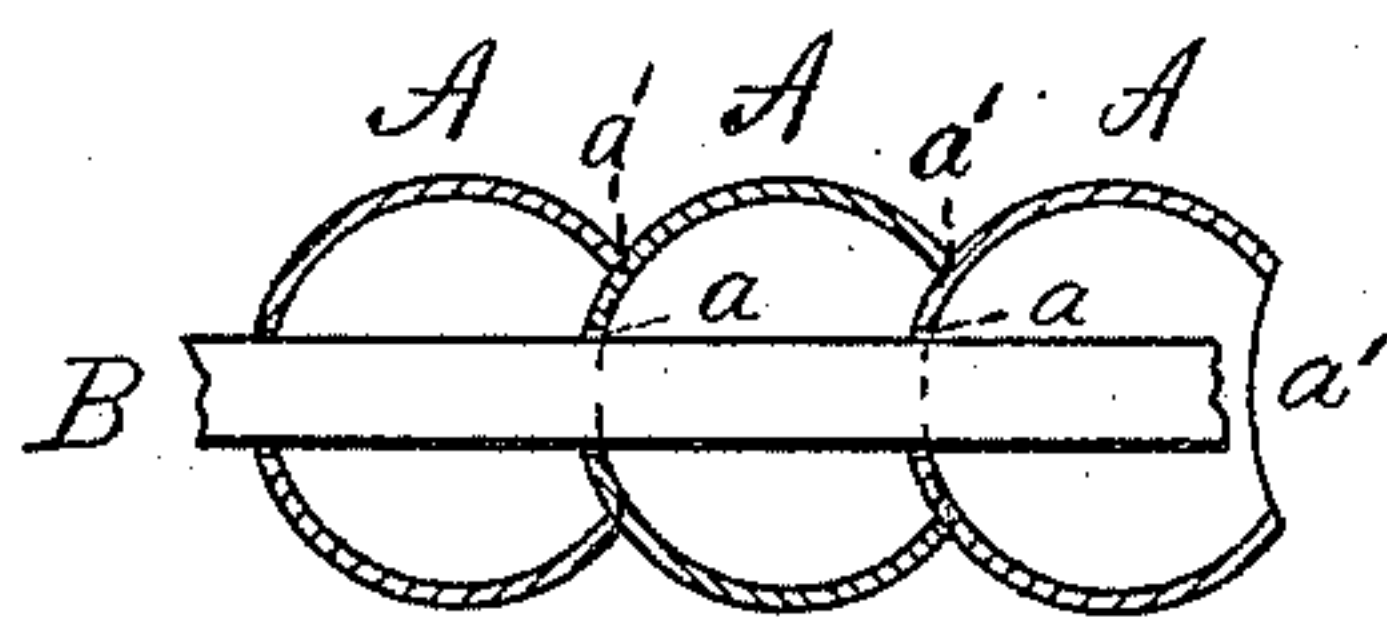


Fig. 3.

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## BRACELET.

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### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES R. MATHEWSON, of Wrentham, in the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Bracelets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to that class of ornamental bracelets in which the links consist of shells or hollow balls of any suitable shape slipped over and strung upon a spring, which supports them and gives shape to the bracelet; and the invention has for its object to so construct the shells forming the links that while their rigidity, as far as twisting is concerned, and their pliability, as far as opening or spreading is concerned, are not in the slightest degree impaired, yet the spring is entirely hidden, without providing any intermediate links for the purpose of concealing it, between the shells.

In the accompanying drawings, in which similar letters of reference indicate like parts, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a bracelet embodying my invention, a portion of one link being broken out to show the spring within. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section of a portion of the same. Fig. 3 is a vertical section of a portion of the same. Figs. 4 and 5 are perspective views of a single link or shell, showing opposite portions thereof.

A A are shells or links, of any desired shape and size, hollow and strung upon the spring B, preferably flat in shape. Each shell has two holes or openings in its opposite ends, whereby the spring is passed through it, and in each case (save the central shell A') one of these openings is very small—just large enough to admit the spring—and the other is comparatively large. The smaller of these openings is lettered *a* and the larger *a'*.

In the illustrations the central shell or link has both its openings made small. Now, supposing the central link or shell A' to be on the spring, the next shell is placed on the spring with its large opening *a'* forward until it strikes the link A' and overlaps it or takes it in for quite a distance. The next link is slipped on in the same manner, its large opening *a'* overlapping or taking in the end of the preceding link having the small opening *a*. In Figs. 2 and 3 this is well illustrated, each large opening or mouth *a'* being next the small opening *a* of the next link and taking in so much of the link that no movement of the bracelet can open the joints sufficiently to expose the spring.

Intermediate links for concealing the spring (now common) are utterly unnecessary in this bracelet.

The shape of the links or shells may be varied as desired.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a bracelet of the character described, hollow links or shells, as A, provided with two opposite holes *a a'*, the former being a small and the latter a large hole, said links or shells being arranged or strung on a spring, as described, whereby the large opening or mouth *a'* of each link overlaps or takes in a portion of the next link having the small hole *a*, thus keeping the spring concealed, substantially as set forth.

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