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Fig. 2.

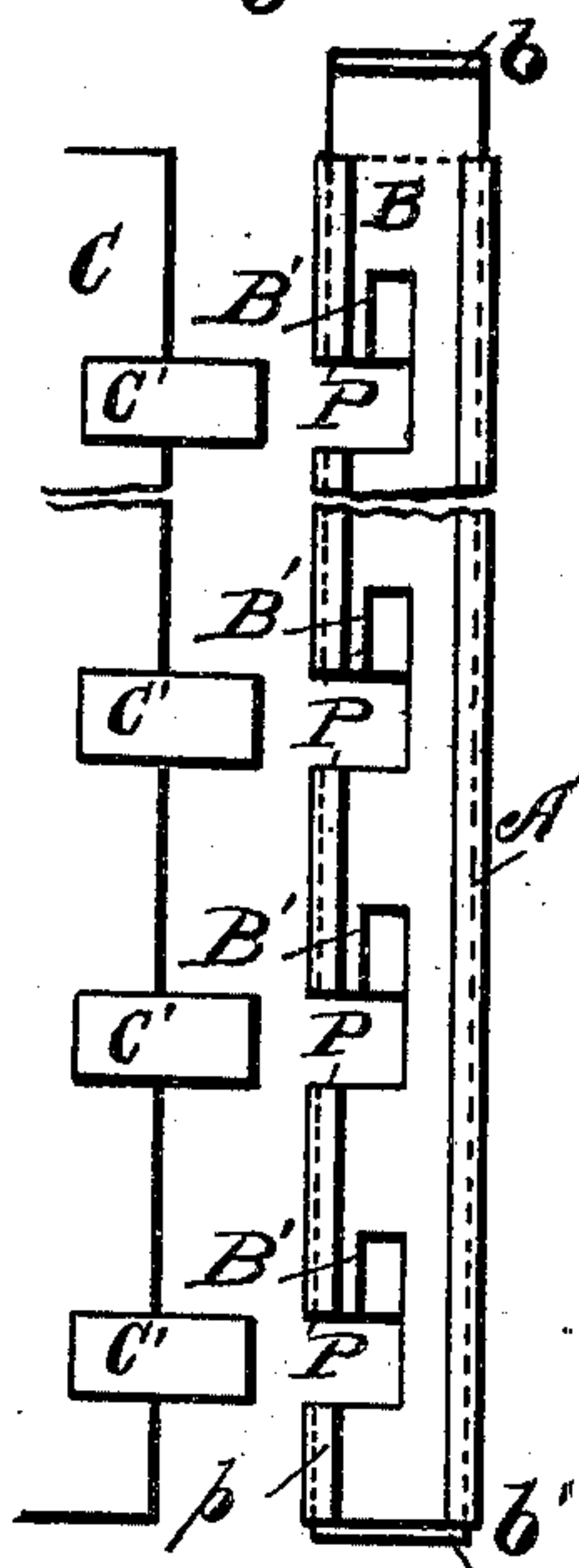


Fig. 4.

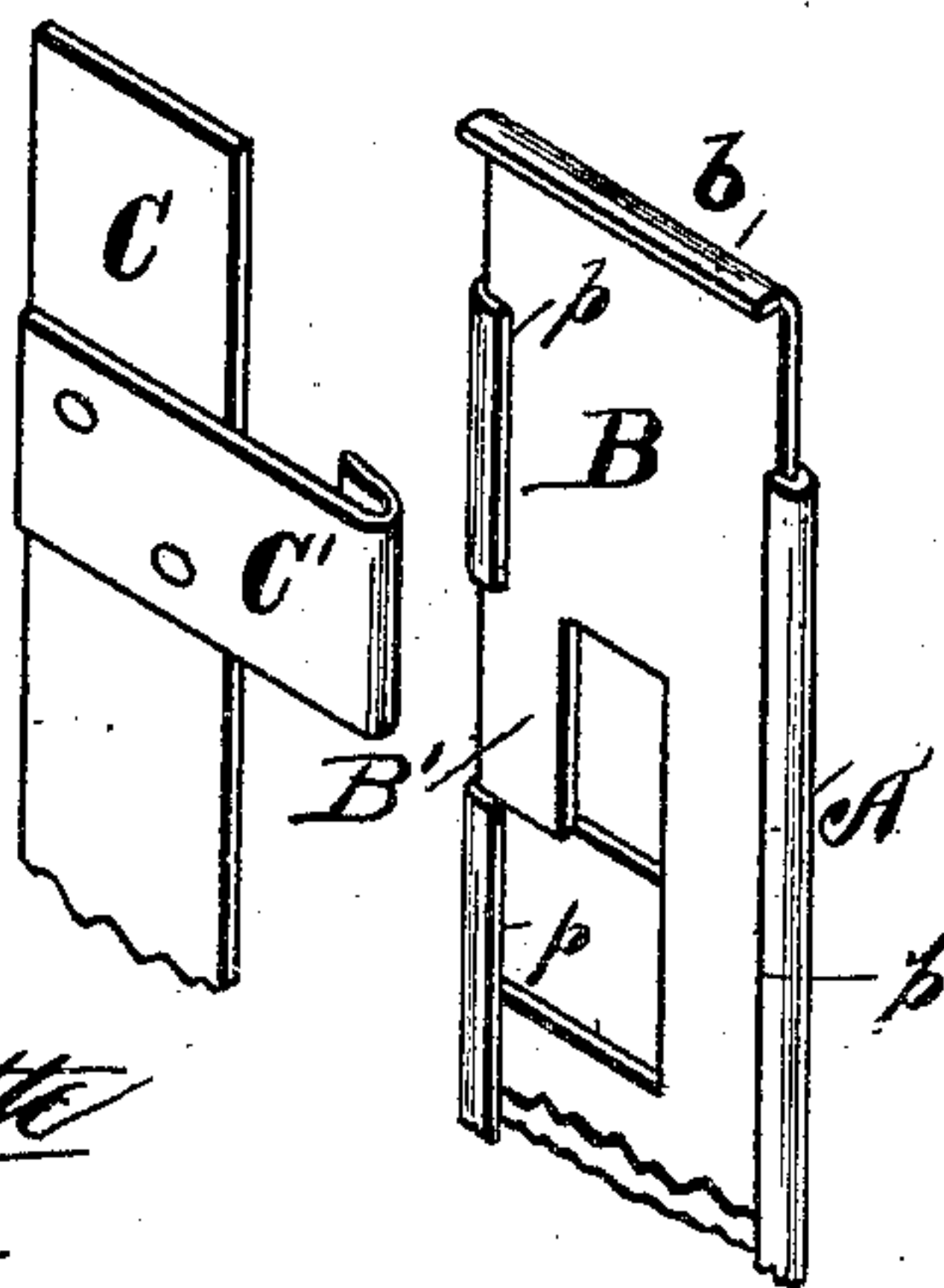
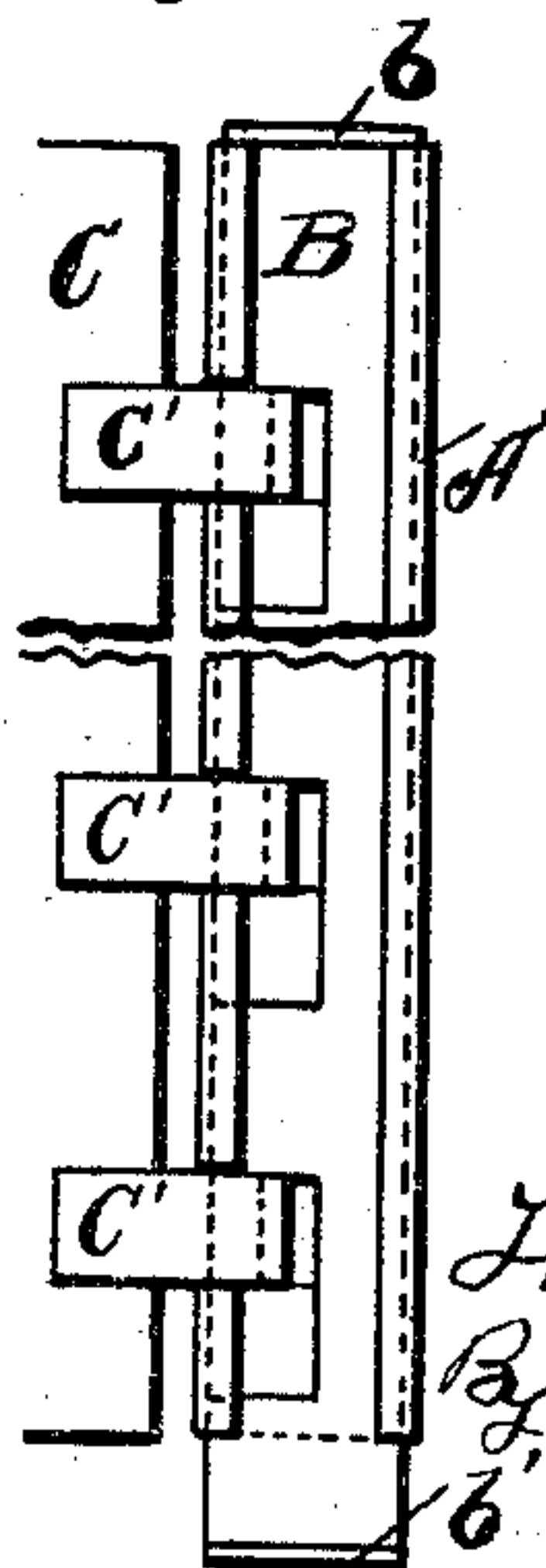


Fig. 3.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS C. STODD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fastening Devices, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to new and useful improvements in fastening devices, and has for its object the easy adjustment and unfastening of the article to which it is attached and applied.

In the drawings which accompany this specification, Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved fastener applied to a corset, the same being in position and hooked or fastened. Fig. 2 is a front elevation showing the fastener as it appears unhooked. Figs. 3 and 4 are similar views of my fastener as it appears hooked or fastened and ready to be hooked or fastened, respectively.

A is a metallic plate of suitable size, upon which plate B slides, plate B being slidably fastened to plate A in any suitable manner. P are rectangular notches or openings cut into plate A at suitable distances apart. Similar openings are cut in plate B the same distance apart as the openings in plate A, and further openings are cut in plate B, forming the tongues B'. As shown in the drawings, plate B is slidably fastened to plate A by the lips formed by turning the edges of plate A.

At *b* and *b'* the ends of plate B are turned, which serves the double capacity of forming a stop when the same comes in contact with the lips of plate A, and as a thumb-hold or handle by which plate B is slid up and down on plate A.

The letter C indicates a plate having laterally-projecting hooks C', with which the tongue-pieces B' are adapted to engage. I do not, however, confine myself to the plate C for carrying the hooks C'.

To operate my fastener, plate B is slid to such a position that tongues B' partly or en-

tirely span the openings P in plate A, as shown in Fig. 4, when the hooks C' can be fastened or hooked over the tongue B. If it is desired to separate and loosen the two parts composing my fastener, plate B is slid to such a position that the edges of the openings or notches in plates A and B coincide when the hooks C' lose their hold upon the tongue B' and become loosened, as is shown in Fig. 2. It is apparent that the openings or notches in plates A and B could be so cut and the tongues B' be so formed that by sliding plate B one or more hooks C' would become unhooked from tongues B', while the remainder of the hooks remained fastened. It is also clear that the openings or notches cut in plates A and B could be varied in many ways as to their shape. For instance, they might be cut circular instead of rectangular and the same result achieved. These variations come within the scope of my invention.

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

1. A fastening device consisting of a base-plate provided with edge-guides, a locking-plate sliding lengthwise in engagement with the guides on the base-plate and having one edge provided with a series of pendent tongue-pieces, and a plate having hooks with which the pendent tongue-pieces engage, substantially as described.

2. A fastening device consisting of a base-plate having edge notches and guides, a locking-plate sliding lengthwise in engagement with guides on the base-plate and having a series of angular edge-notches forming pendent tongue-pieces adapted to move across the notches in the base-plate, and a plate having hooks adapted to enter the edge-notches in the base-plate to engage the tongue-pieces on the sliding plate, substantially as described.

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