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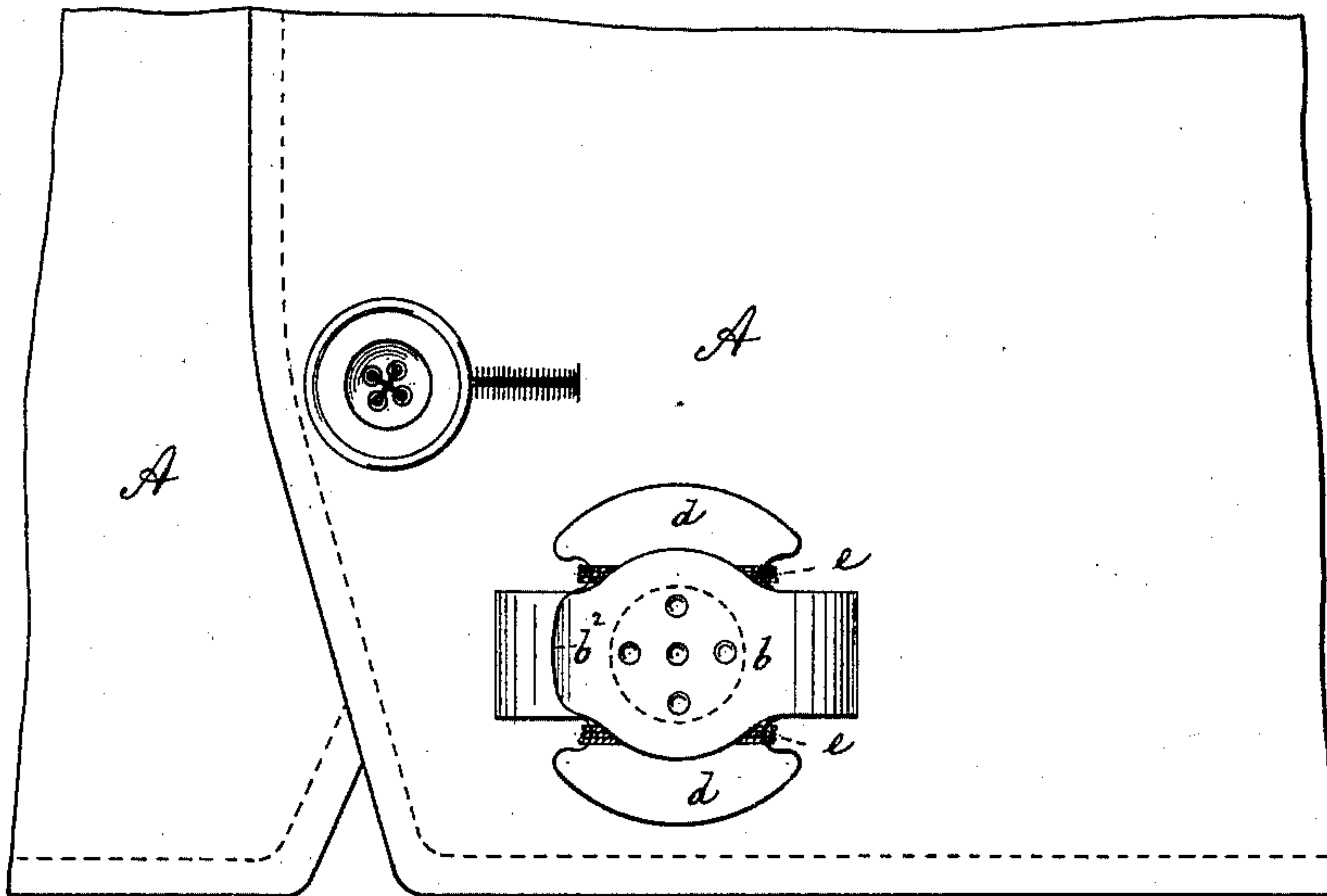


FIG. 1

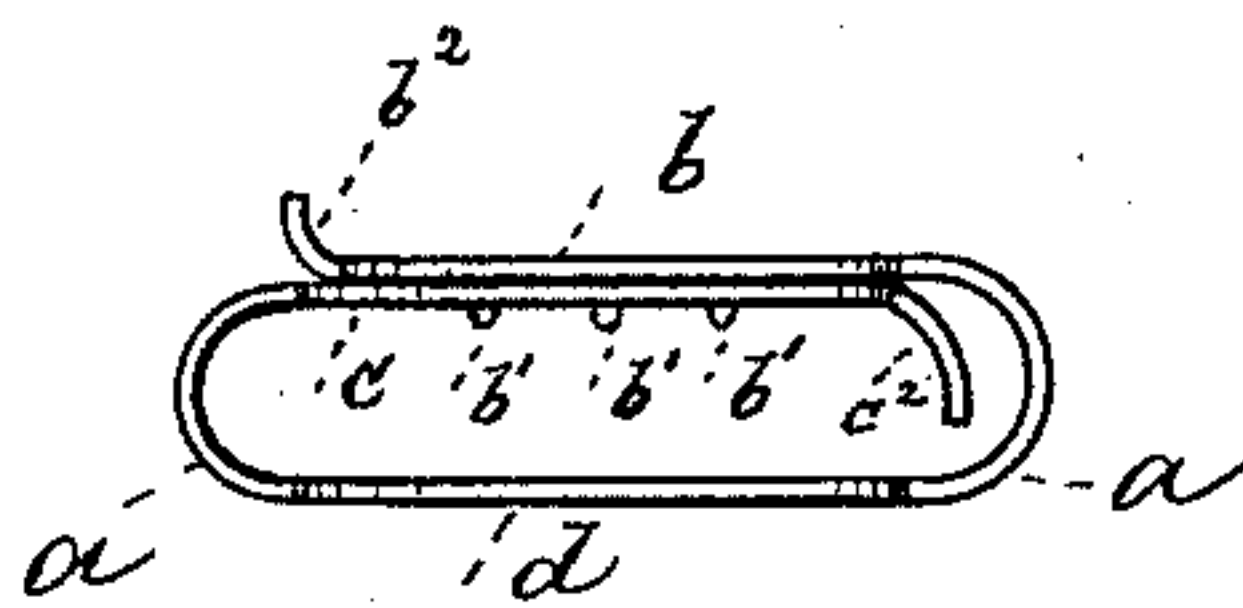


FIG. 2

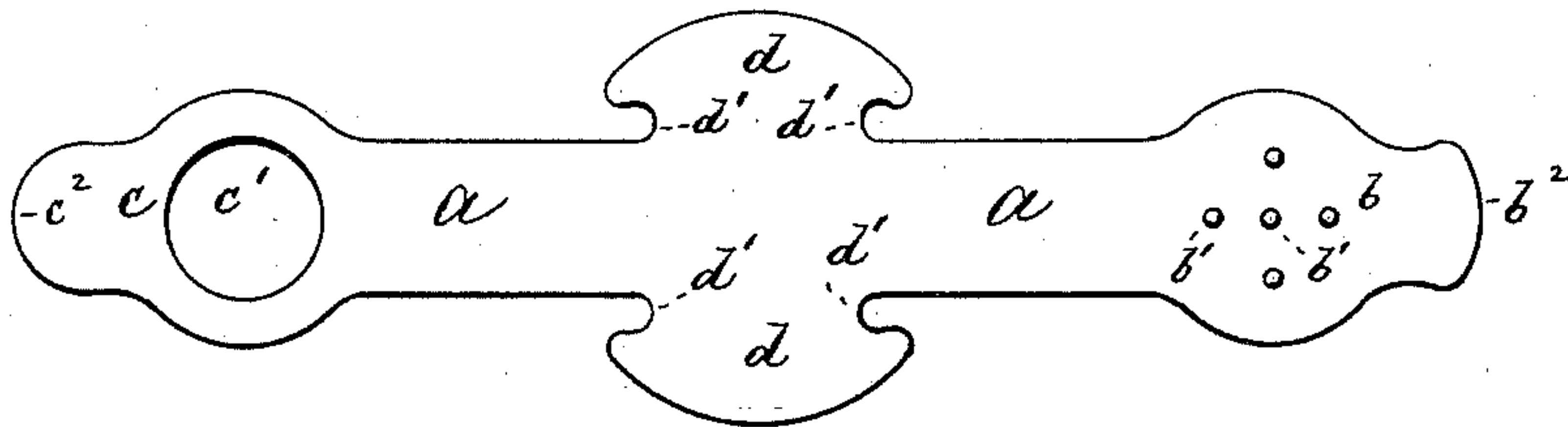


FIG. 3

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD K. KELLY, of New York city, New York, have invented an Improved Clasp for Handkerchiefs, &c., of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a clasp adapted to attach a handkerchief or a similar article to a lady's garment.

The invention consists in the various features of improvement more fully pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a face view of my improved clasp, showing it attached to a garment. Fig. 2 is a side view of the clasp, and Fig. 3 a face view of the blank spread into a plane.

The entire clasp is formed from a single piece of sheet metal, the different parts of which will be indicated by different letters of reference. It consists, essentially, of a long and narrow strip of metal *a*, bent into the shape of a flattened ring, with overlapping ends *b c*. These ends constitute the spring-jaws of the clasp. The upper jaw *b* is provided with downwardly-projecting teeth *b'*, that are punched out and face into the ring. The lower jaw *c* has a circular opening *c'* directly beneath such teeth. The edges of the jaws *b c* are turned upward and downward, respectively, as at *b²* and *c²*.

The clasp is provided at its center with

the laterally-projecting shoulders *d*, having notches *d'*.

In use the clasp is sewed to a garment *A* by means of threads *e* passed over the shoulders *d*. The edge of the handkerchief is slipped between the jaws *b c* and will be firmly held in place, though being readily removable. The teeth *b'* force the handkerchief partly into the opening *c'*, and thus prevent it from slipping without tearing it.

What I claim is—

1. A clasp consisting of a strip *a*, bent into a flattened ring with overlapping ends and having teeth on the upper jaw that face into the ring and a perforation in the lower jaw for the reception of the teeth, substantially as specified.

2. A clasp composed of a strip of metal bent to form a flattened ring with overlapping ends that constitute jaws, teeth on one jaw, and laterally-projecting shoulders at the center of the strip, substantially as specified.

3. A clasp consisting of a bent strip of metal having overlapping ends *b c*, that constitute the jaws, teeth *b'* on jaw *b*, an opening *c'* in jaw *c*, and notched shoulders *d*, substantially as specified.

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