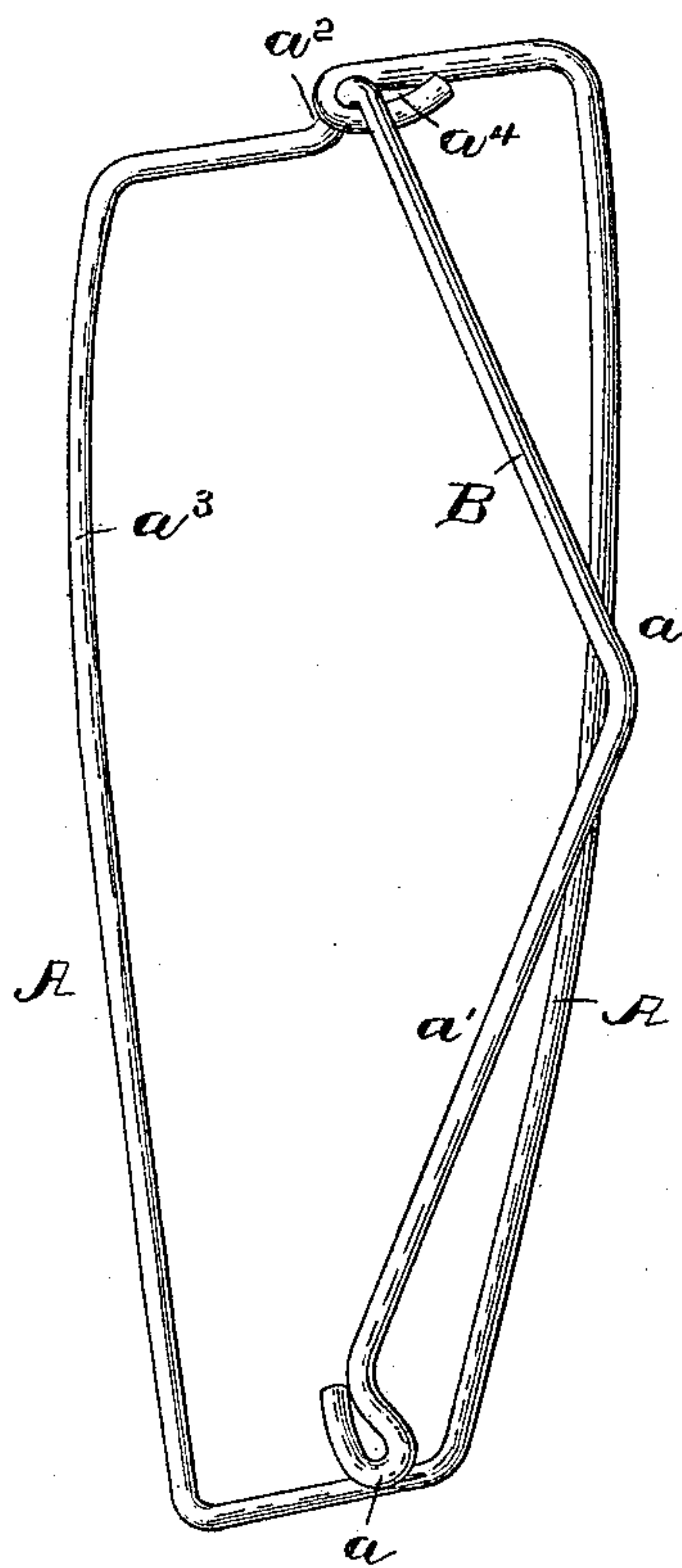


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CLASP.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY C. ANDERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Whitesborough, in the county of Grayson and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clasps; and I do 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 drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which forms a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in clasps, and has especial reference to a clasp especially designed for use in holding a tidy in place, clothes on a line, and the like.

The object of my invention is the provision of a clasp of the character mentioned which can be manufactured at an extremely small price, and which will be durable and thoroughly efficient for the intended purposes.

To attain the desired objects my invention consists of the clasp constructed substantially as herein illustrated, described, and specifically defined and distinguished by the claim.

The figure of the drawing represents a perspective view of my improved clasp.

My improved clasp consists of a base or support A and a retaining-arm B, formed of a single piece of wire bent in the following manner: The wire is first bent into an eye a , then into an upwardly-inclined and downwardly-inclined arm a' , and which is bent to form a loop or bearing a^2 , from said loop is bent into a substantially-rectangular or oblong base a^3 , which terminates in an eye a^4 , which engages the loop or bearing a^2 , thus forming a very simple, durable, and efficient clasp.

The oblong or rectangular base is somewhat longer than the retaining-arm, which is

arranged centrally of the said base, and by this construction the base forms a firm bearing and the arm presses more uniformly than if it were otherwise arranged. To apply the same for holding a tidy, it is only necessary to pass the base back of the article of furniture and have the upwardly-inclined portion of the spring-arm engage the tidy, which will securely hold the same in place, as will be apparent.

To apply the clasp for holding the clothes on a line, the clasp is passed over the clothes on the line and the base engages one side of the clothes and the retaining-arm engages the other side and securely holds the articles, as will be evident.

The clasp, it will be seen, is of very simple and durable construction, is easy to apply and will firmly hold any article of fabric in place, and can be sold for a small sum, thus placing the article in reach of all persons desiring a practical and efficient clasp of this character.

I claim as my invention—

A clasp comprising a base and a reversely bent or inclined retaining or clamping arm formed of a single continuous wire with an eye at one end thereof and a bend or enlargement at the other end thereof, the frame or base being substantially rectangular, and the upward bent arm extending through the eye at one end of the base and having the bend or enlargement at the other end arranged near or against the end bar at the opposite end of the frame, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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