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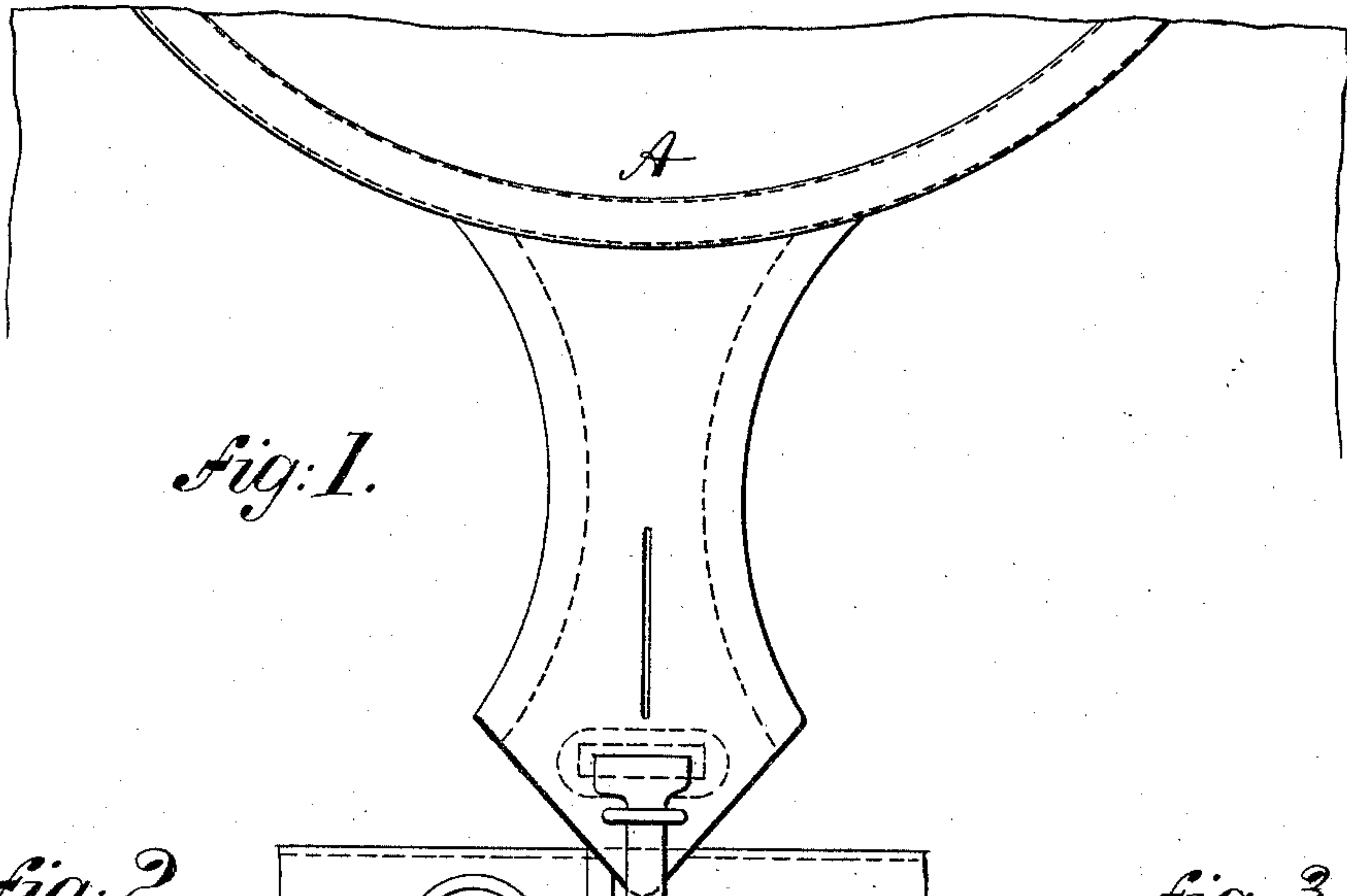


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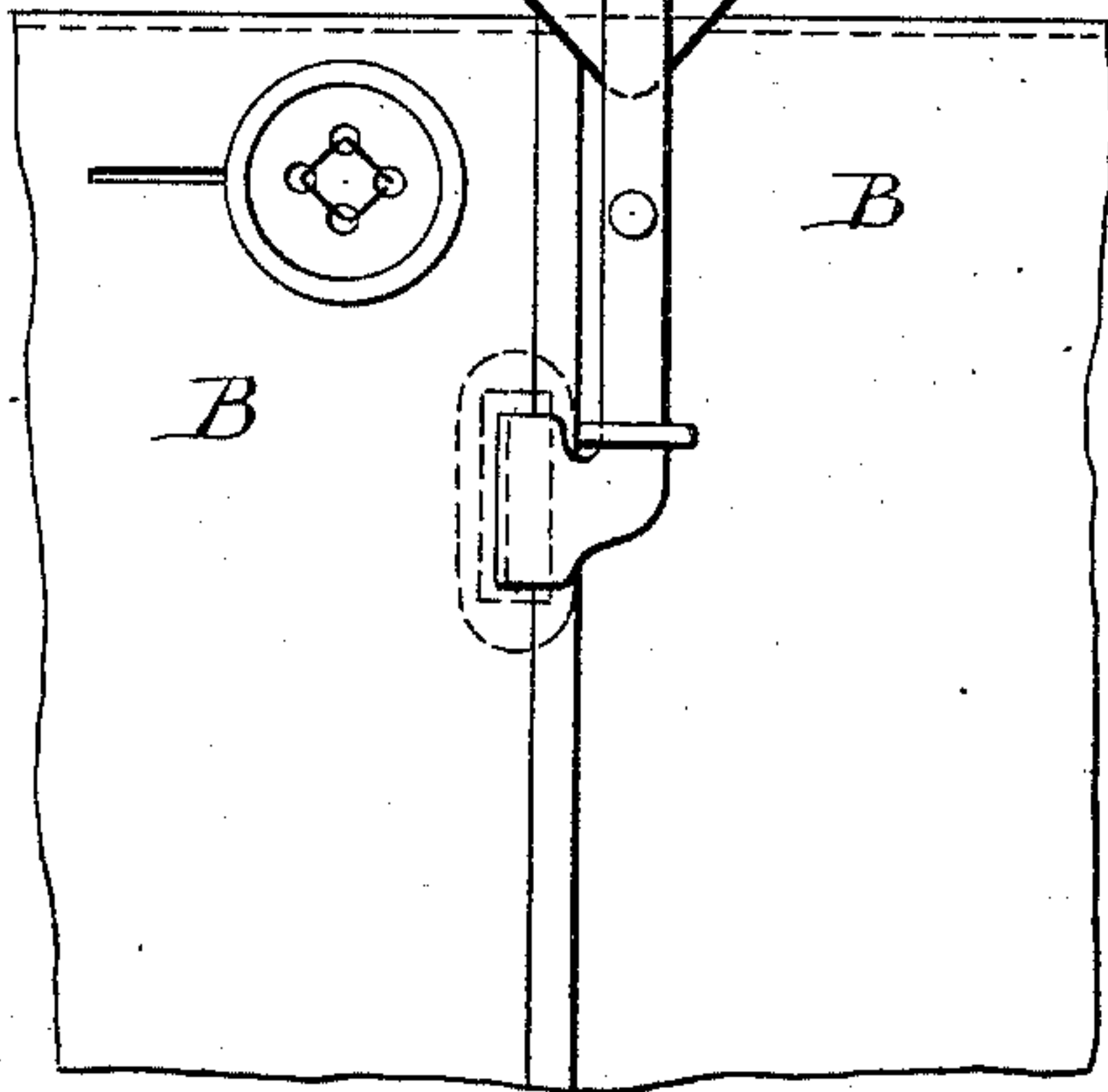
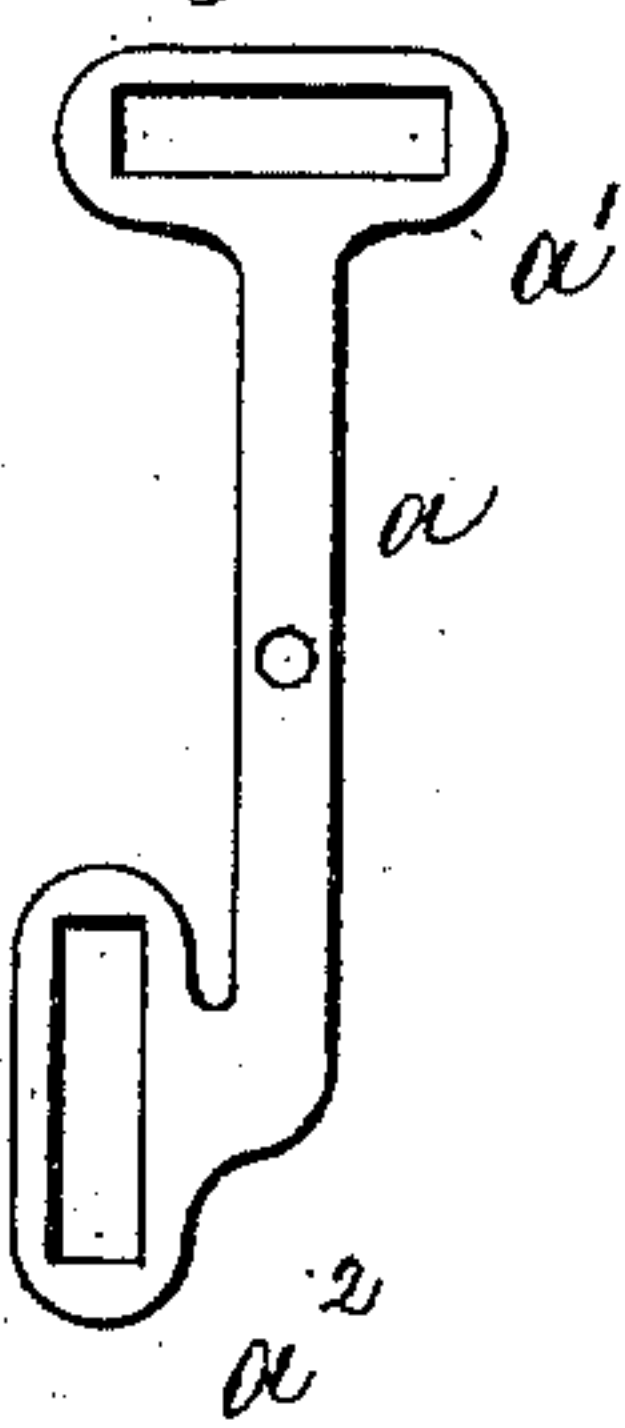


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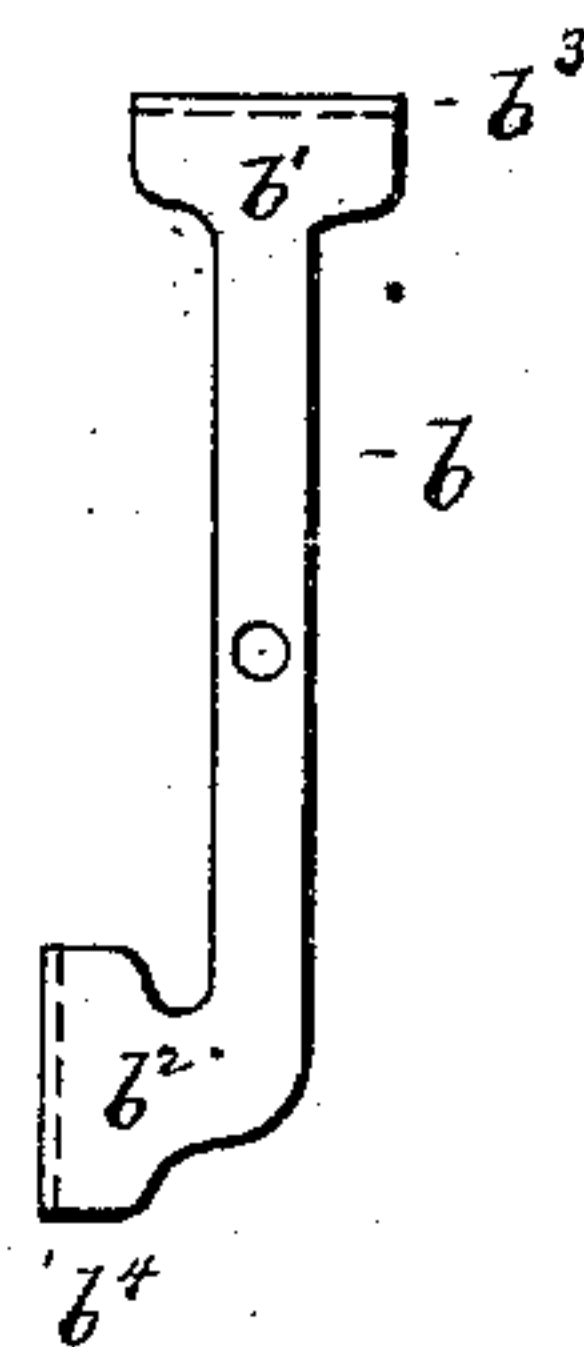
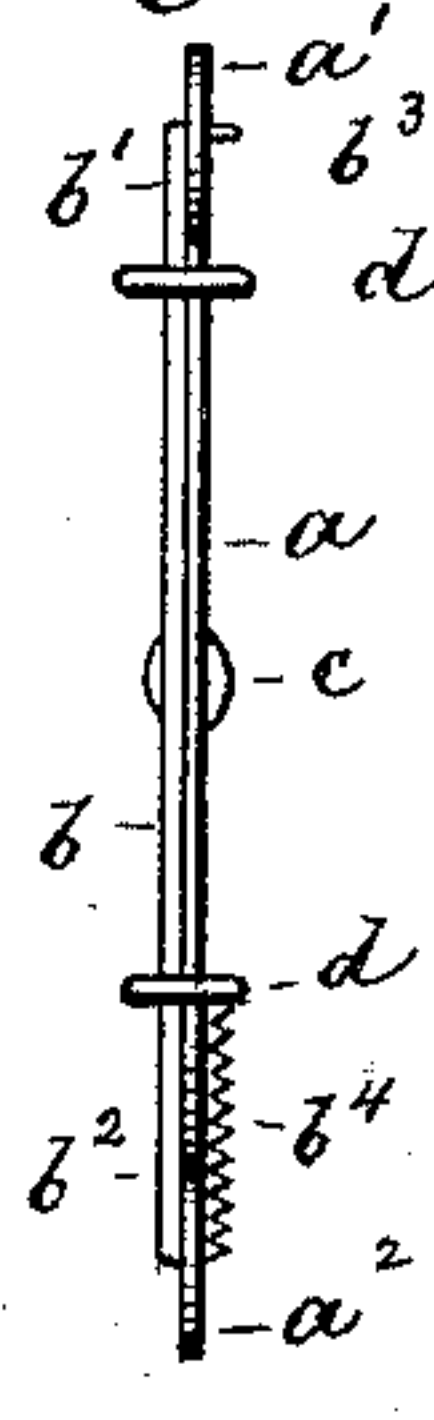
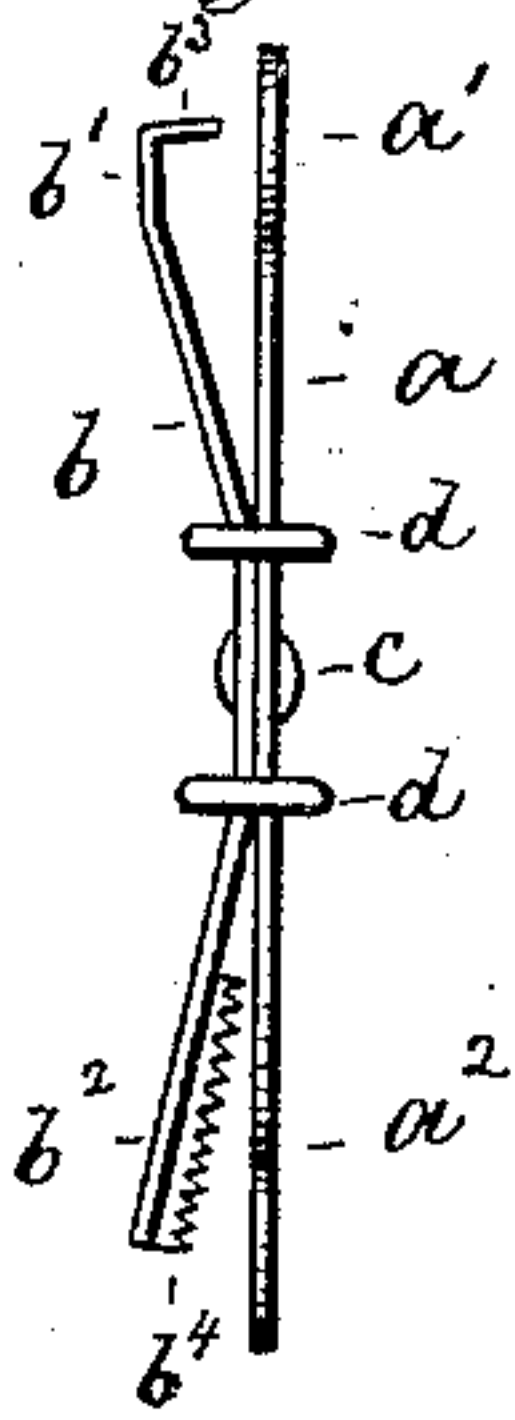
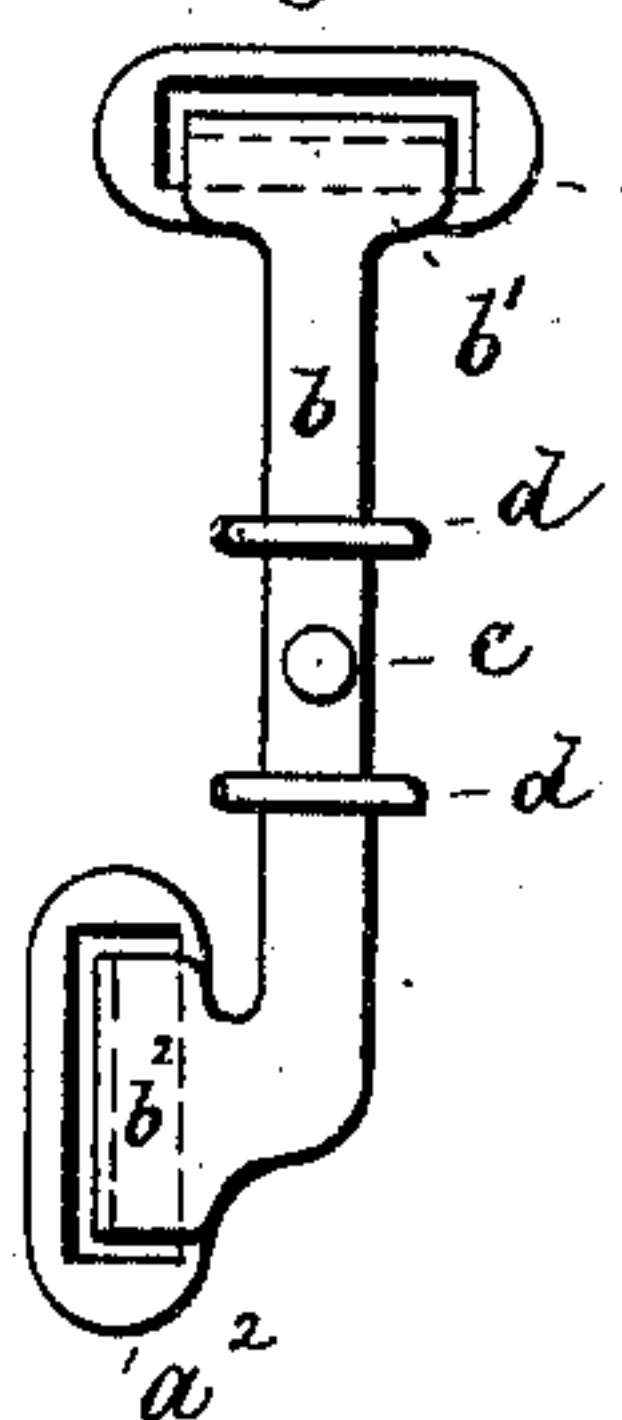


Fig. 4.

Fig. 5.

Fig. 6.



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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, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a clasp for securing the tab of a shirt to the drawers and for similar purposes.

It consists in the various features of improvement more fully pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved clasp, showing it in use. Fig. 2 is an elevation of part *a*; Fig. 3, an elevation of part *b*; Fig. 4, an elevation of the clasp complete; Fig. 5, an end view of the clasp, showing it open; and Fig. 6, a similar view showing it closed.

The letter *a* represents a flat bar bent at right angles to form a long and a short arm. Each arm terminates in an elongated eye *a'* *a*², which eyes are thus placed at right angles to each other.

b is the dog, which is a flat bar provided in like manner with a long and a short arm. These arms terminate in jaws *b'* *b*², having downwardly-bent serrated edges *b*³ *b*⁴. The bar *b* is by rivet *c* secured centrally to bar *a*, so that each dog engages one of the elongated

eyes. The bars *a* *b* are surrounded by two small slides *d*, one at each side of the rivet *c*. The bar *b* is bent upwardly from the pivot at both ends, Fig. 5, so as to normally diverge from bar *a*.

In use the slides are moved toward the center, so that both jaws *b'* *b*² will recede from the eyes *a'* *a*², owing to the elasticity of bar *b*. Next the clasp is slipped over the tab of a shirt *A* and the edge of drawers *B*, after which the slides *d* are moved outward to cause the serrated edges *b*³ *b*⁴ to project into the eyes *a'* *a*², respectively. Thus the clasp will firmly connect the parts and prevent the shirt-bosom from wrinkling.

It will be seen that my clasp is simple, effective, and not apt to tear the clothing.

What I claim is—

The combination of a bent bar *a*, having terminal eyes *a'* *a*² placed at right angles to each other, with a bent bar *b*, having downwardly-bent edges entering the eyes, and with a connecting-rivet *c* and slides *d*, substantially as specified.

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