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FRAME FOR POCKET BOOKS.

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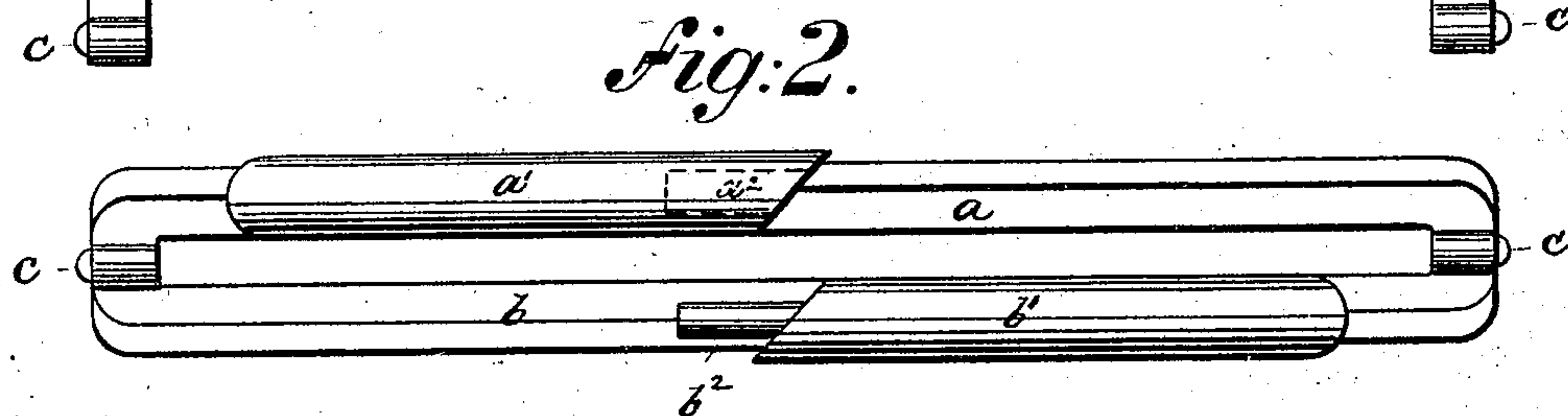
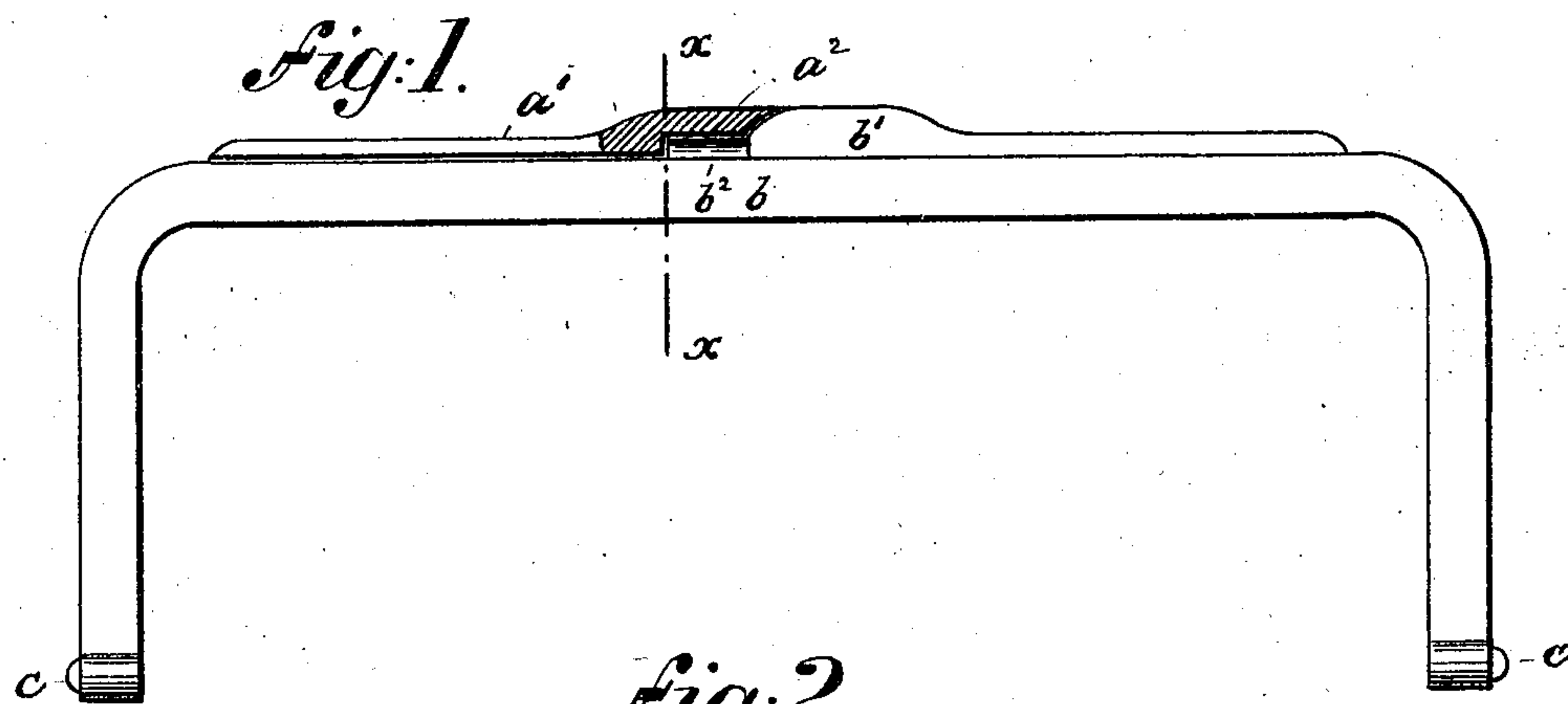


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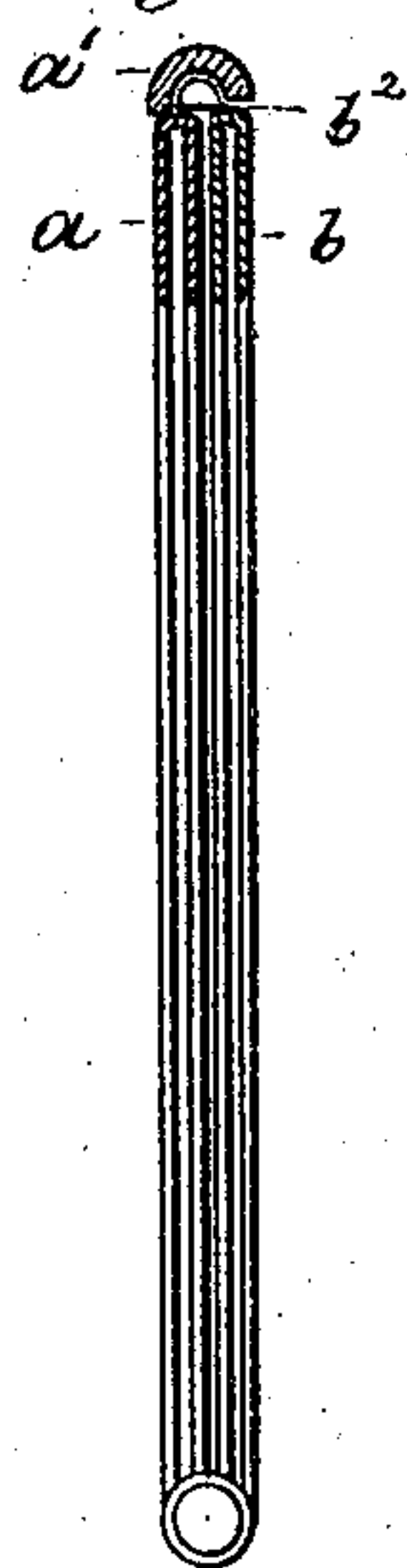


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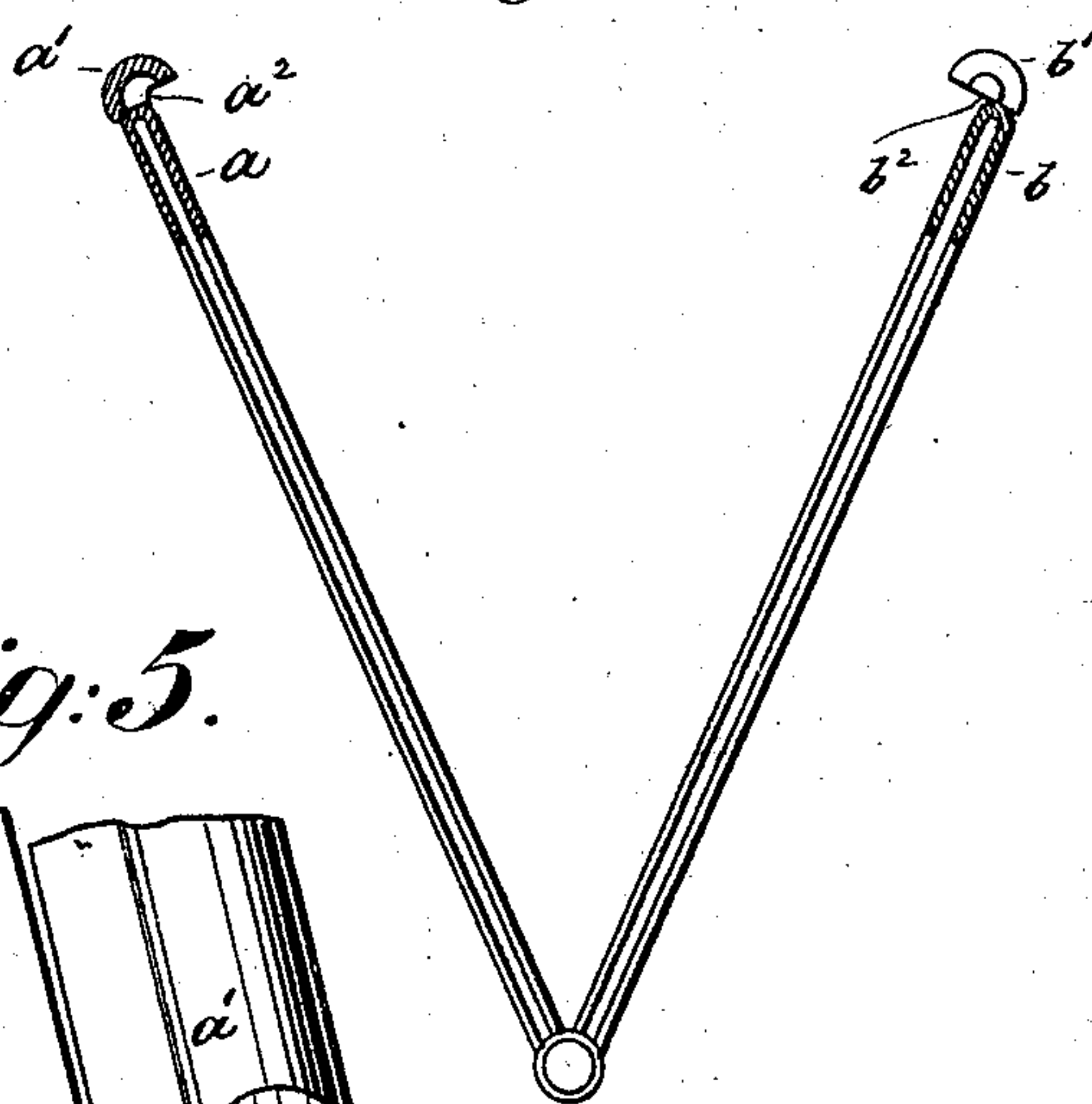
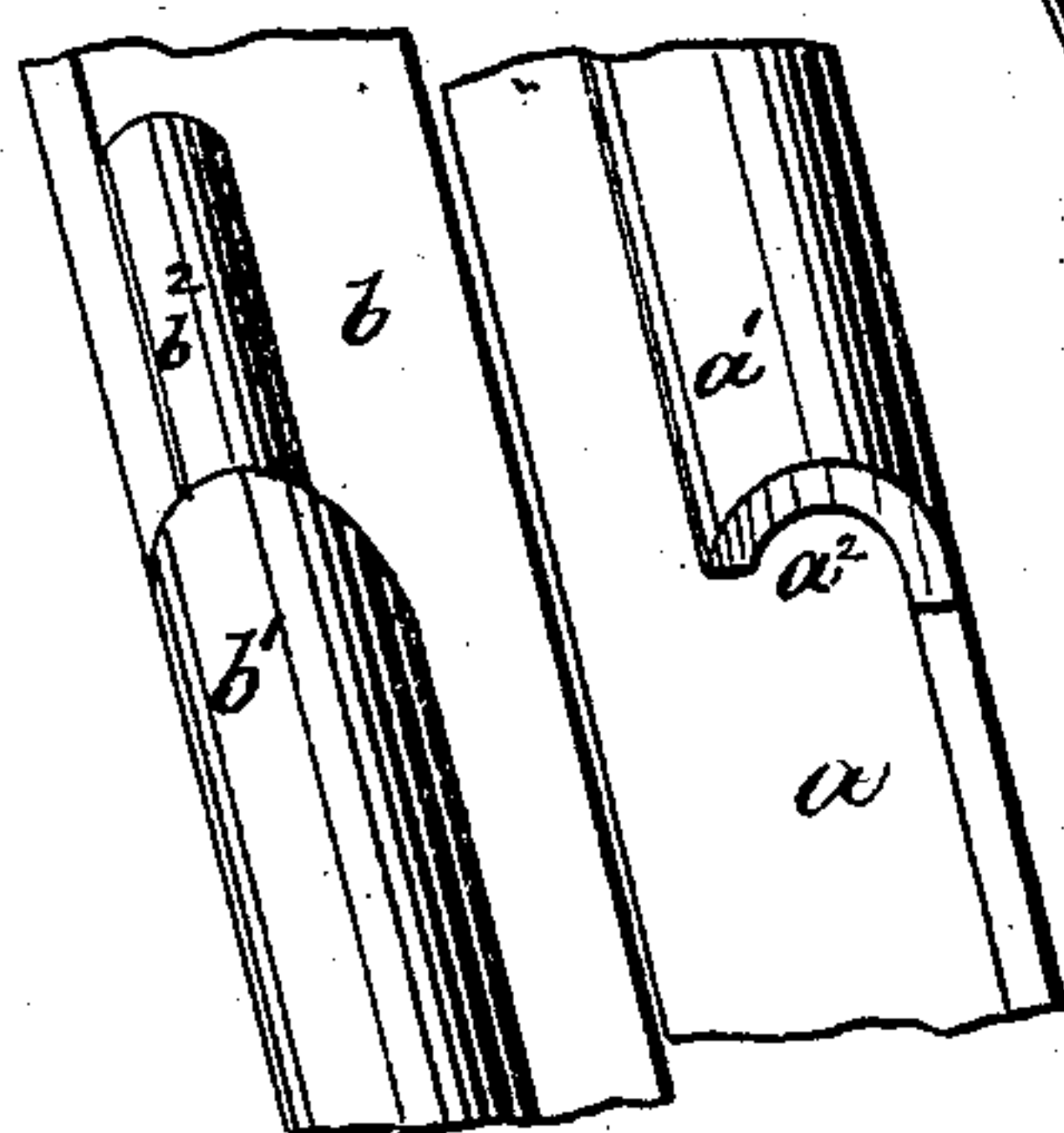


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FRAME FOR POCKET-BOOKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CARL GUST. PFINGSTEN, of New York city, New York, have invented an Improved Frame for Pocket-Books, of which
5 the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a frame for pocket books, satchels and similar articles, having a catch of novel construction which can be easily manipulated and does not tend to strain
10 the pivots.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a side elevation, partly in section, of my improved frame; Fig. 2 a top view thereof; Fig. 3 a section on line x, x , Fig. 1 showing the
15 frame closed; Fig. 4 a similar section showing the frame open and Fig. 5 a perspective view of the catch.

The letters a, b , represent the two frames or jaws of a pocket book, satchel or similar
20 articles connected by pivots c , as usual. The frame a is provided at one end with an inwardly projecting flange or top plate a' , and the frame b , is provided with a similar flange or top plate b' , upon the opposite end. When
25 the book is closed, the plate a' , overlaps frame b , and the plate b' , overlaps frame a , to produce, in effect, one continuous top plate, that overlaps both the frames as will be readily understood. The inner or central end of the

plate a' , is provided with a longitudinal groove
30 a^2 , extending parallel to the frame along the bottom of the plate. The plate b' , is provided with a longitudinal tongue b^2 , which extends on top of and parallel to the frame and is adapted to engage the groove.
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When the frames a, b , are pressed together, the tongue will readily enter the groove sideways, owing to the spring of the metal and the frame will thus be closed. As the tongue and
40 groove are parallel to the frame itself, no injurious strain will be exerted during the closing of the pocket-book upon the pivots c , as with many catches now in use.

To open the book it is only necessary to exert pressure in opposite directions upon the
45 two jaws which will have the effect to disengage the tongue from the groove.

What I claim is—

The combination of jaw a with a laterally projecting top plate having a downwardly
50 opening groove and with a jaw b having a longitudinal tongue that is adapted to enter the grooved top plate sideways, substantially as specified.

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