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Fig. 1

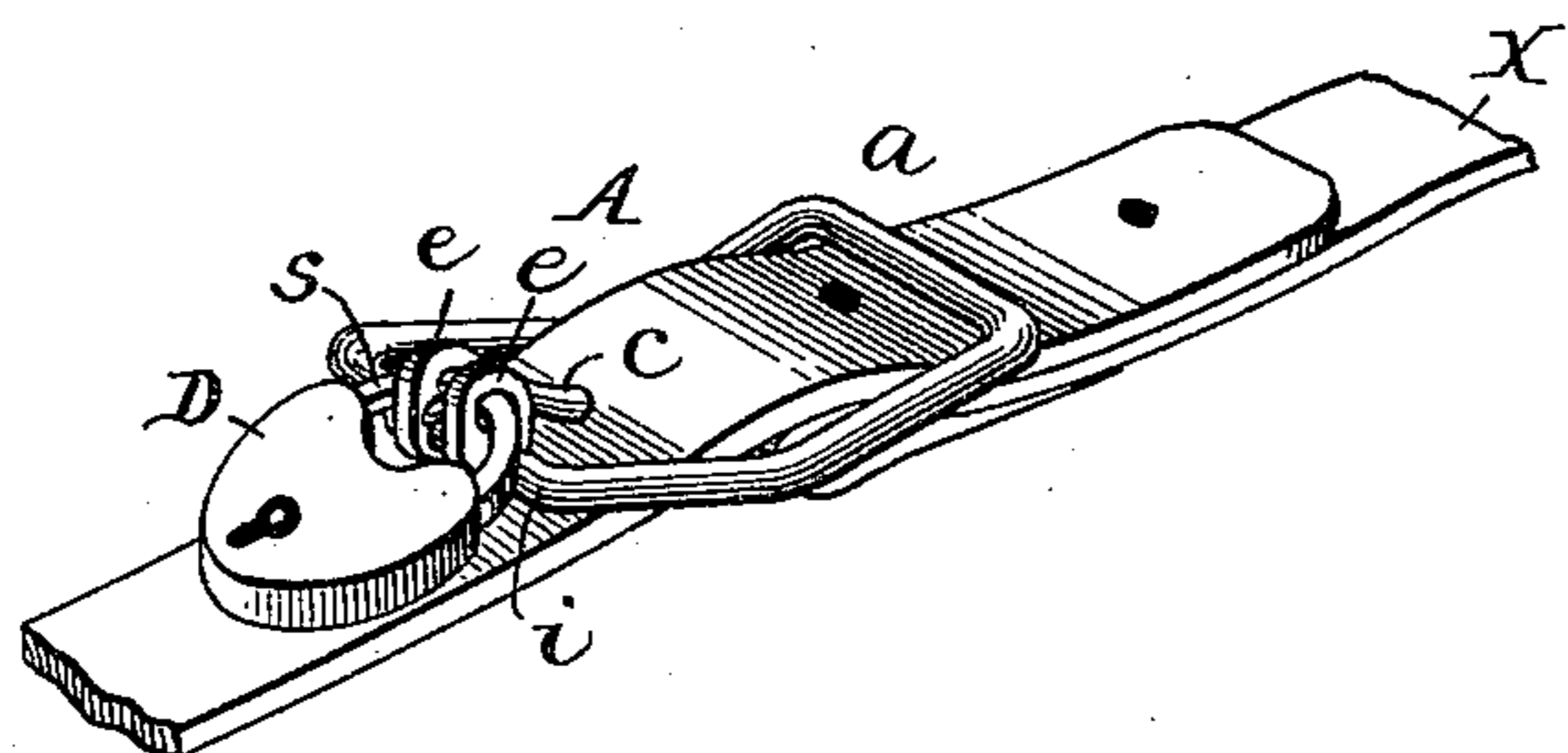


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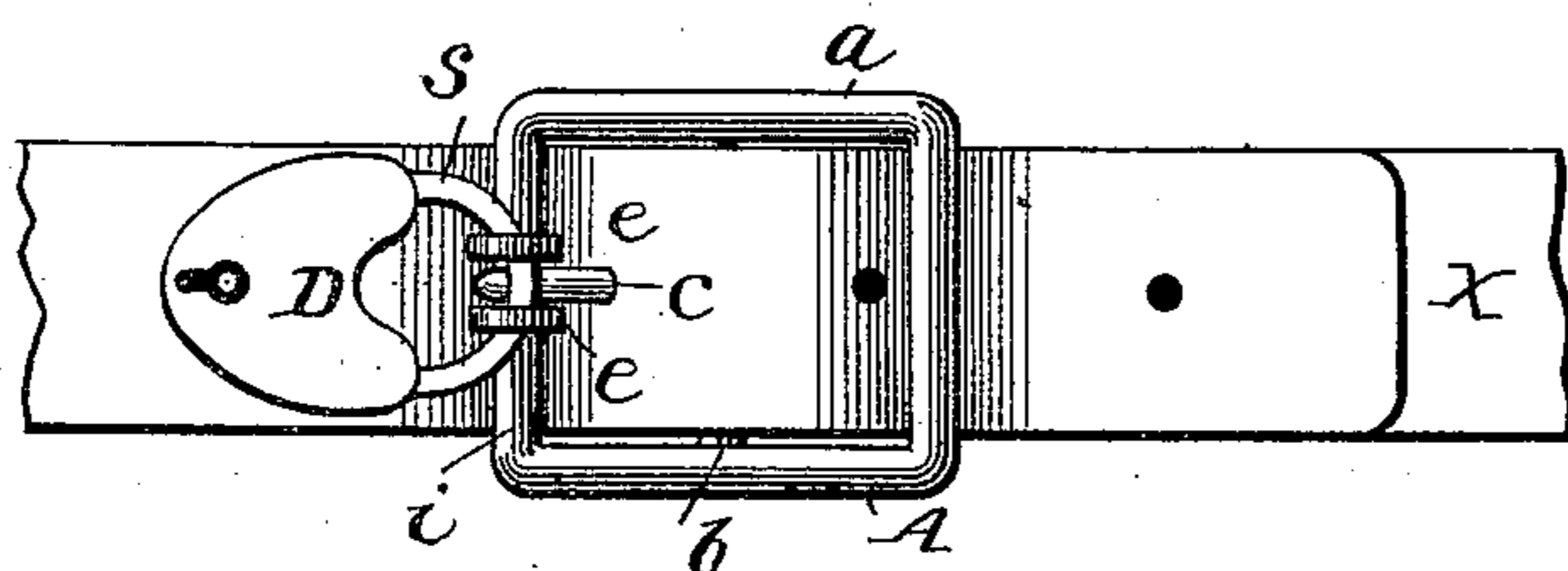


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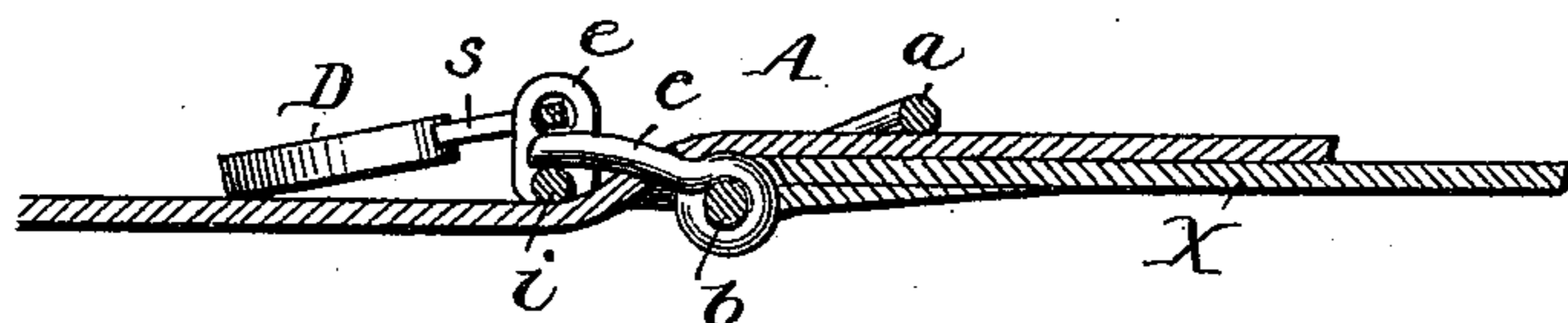


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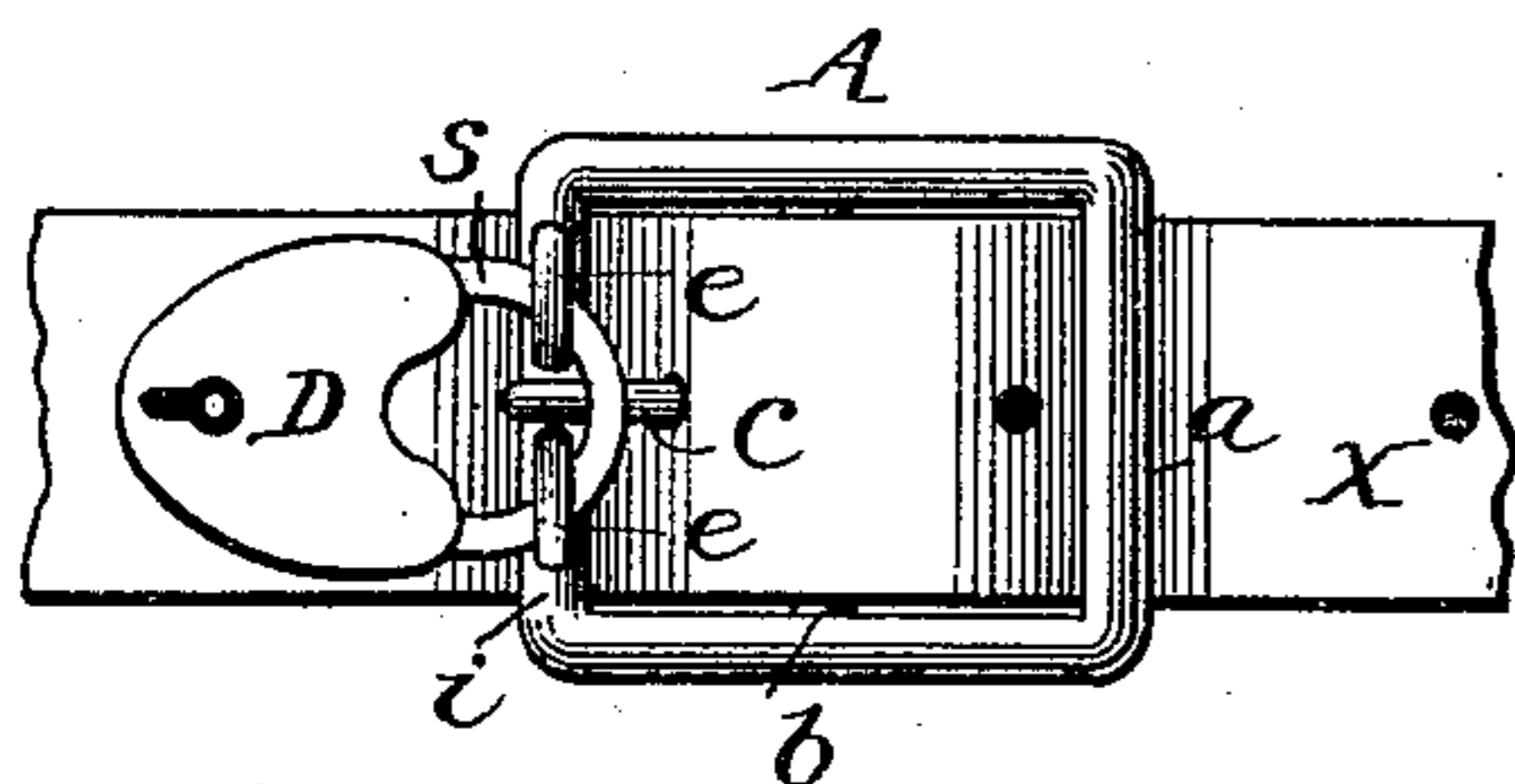


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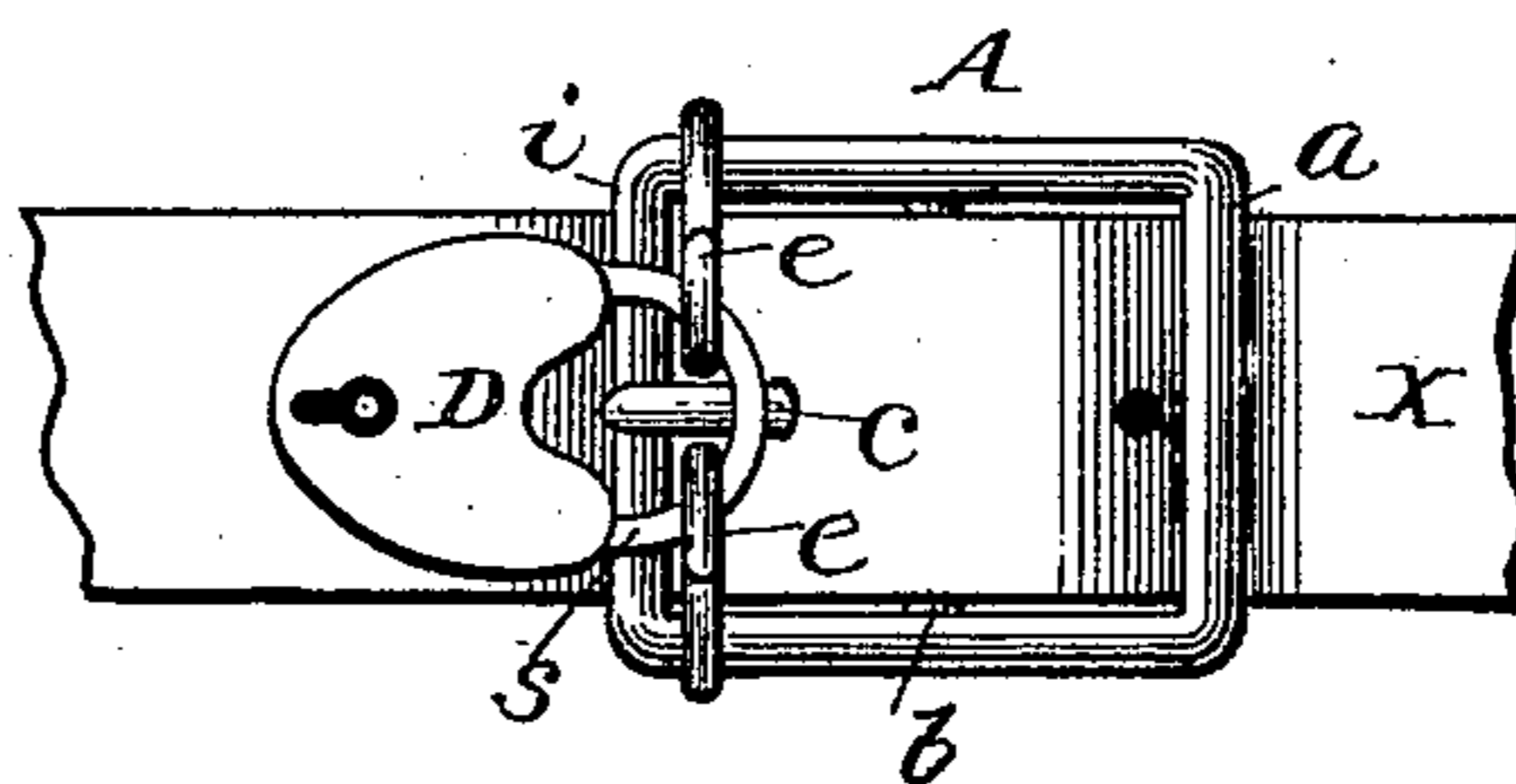


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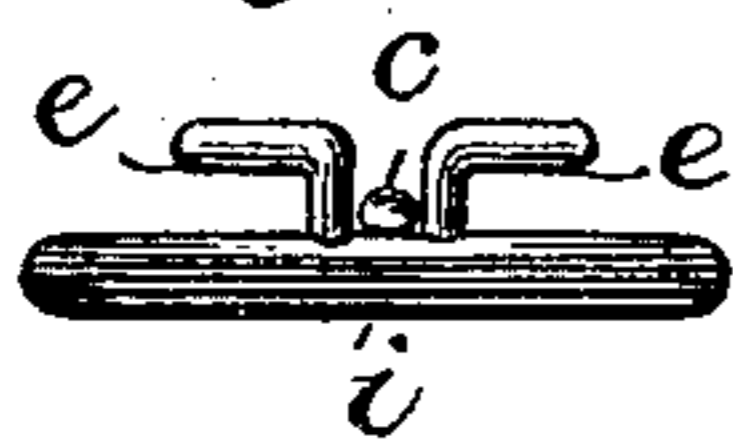


Fig. 7.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RODOLPHE CLAUGHTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Buckles, of which the following is a specification.

There are a great many articles, as valises, hold-alls, extension-satchels, &c., which it is
10 necessary to secure by straps and buckles in consequence of the varying sizes of the articles, and the object of my invention is to permit such articles to be so secured, the straps being drawn as tightly as may be desired, and
15 at the same time secure the advantages of locking the articles which are not incident to the use of an ordinary strap and buckle.

To this end I make use of a buckle provided with loops or lugs or staples arranged in proximity to the tongue when closed and adapted to receive the hasp of a suitable lock, as fully set forth hereinafter, and as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a
25 portion of a strap provided with a buckle embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a plan view of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section. Fig. 4 is a plan view showing a different form of engaging slug or staple. Fig. 5 is an edge
30 view of Fig. 4. Fig. 6 illustrates another modification, and Fig. 7 is an edge view of Fig. 6.

The buckle A is provided with the ordinary loop *a*, constructed in any suitable manner,
35 with the cross-piece *b*, to which one end of the strap X is secured, and with the tongue *c*, adapted to enter the openings in the opposite end of the strap. These parts may be constructed in any usual or suitable manner. I
40 combine with the loop *a* two lugs *e e*, which are arranged to receive the tongue between them. As shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, these lugs are arranged on the front cross-piece *i* of the loop at the upper edge of the same and
45 are adapted to receive between them the

tongue *c*, and each lug is perforated to permit the passage of the hasp *s* of a padlock D, which may be of any suitable construction. Under ordinary circumstances the buckle serves its ordinary purpose and is used in the
50 ordinary manner, but whenever it is necessary to lock the parts in position the hasp *s* of the padlock D is passed through the openings in the lugs or staples and the tongue is thereby securely fastened in place, but so
55 that it can be readily released upon unlocking the padlock and removing the hasp.

In the construction shown in Fig. 4 the staples *e* are in the form of hooks, around which the curved hasp of the lock may be
60 passed, as shown in Fig. 4; and in the constructions shown in Figs. 6 and 7 they are also in the form of hooks, but these hooks are clamped around the side bars of the yoke or loop *a* instead of being supported by the front
65 bar. When in the position shown in Figs. 6 and 7, they are on opposite sides of the tongue and may be locked by means of the lock and staple, as shown.

Without limiting myself to the precise construction and arrangement of parts shown, I
70 claim as my invention—

1. A buckle provided with a tongue and with lugs or staples arranged to receive the tongue between them, the lugs or staples being adapted to receive the hasp of a lock in
75 a position to hold the tongue in place, substantially as set forth.

2. A buckle provided with a cross-bar and tongue, and with perforated lugs arranged
80 upon said cross-bar and adapted to receive the tongue between them, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of
85 two subscribing witnesses.

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