

(No Model.)

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MUSTACHE GUARD.

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Fig. 1.

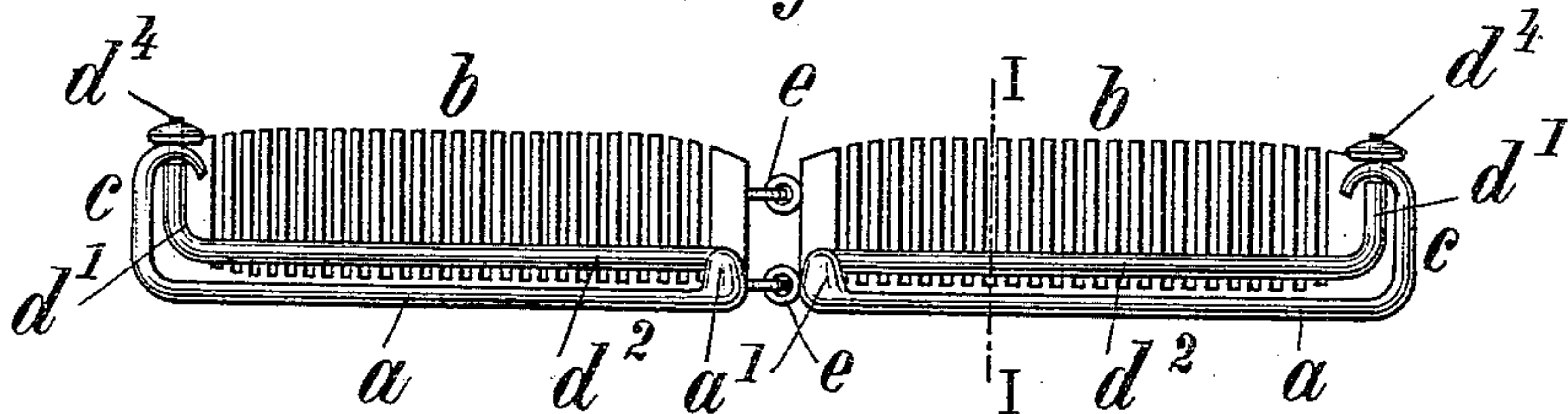


Fig. 2.

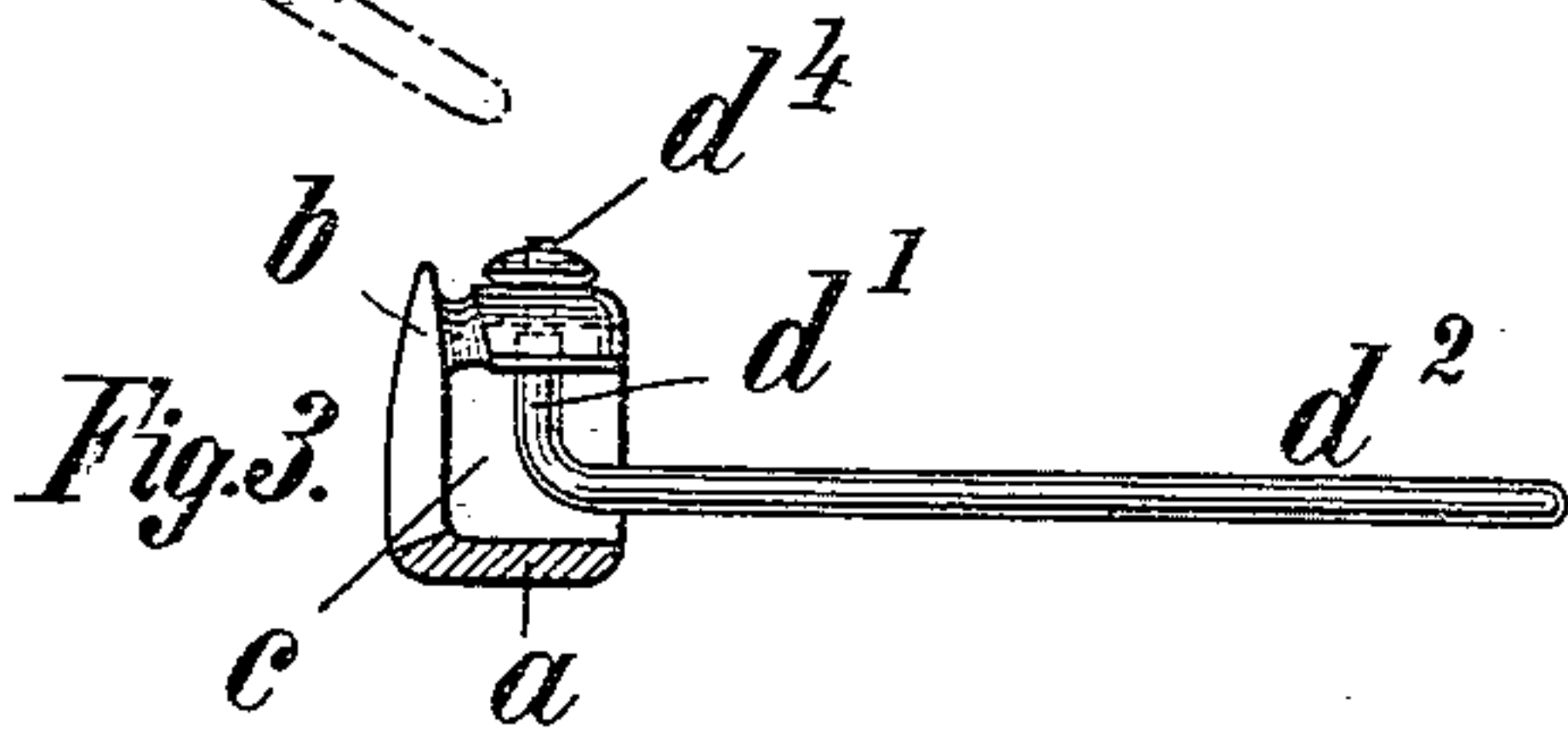
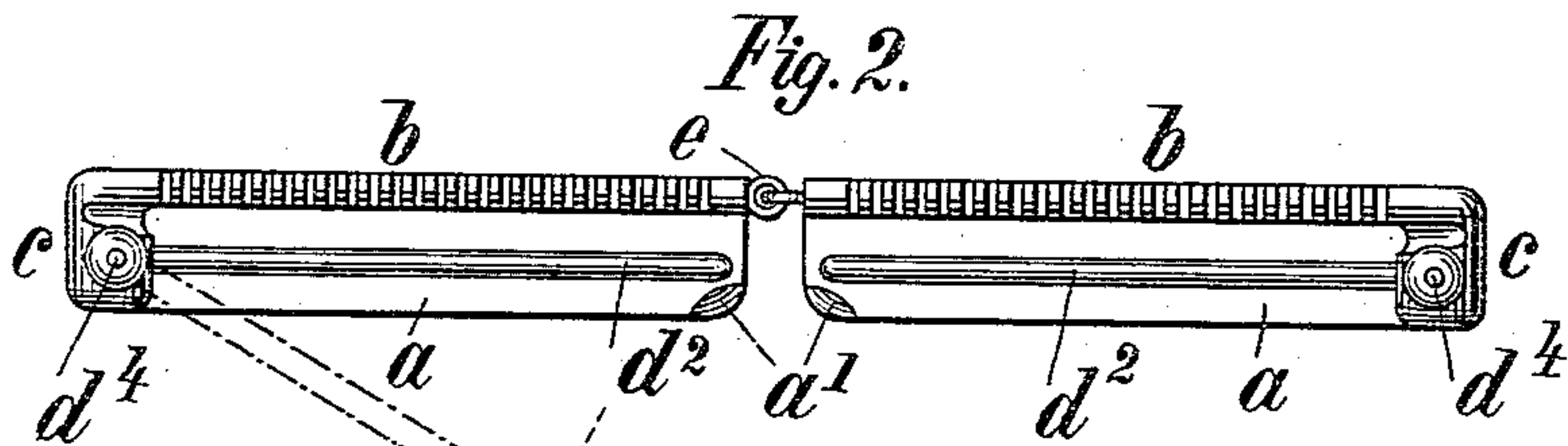
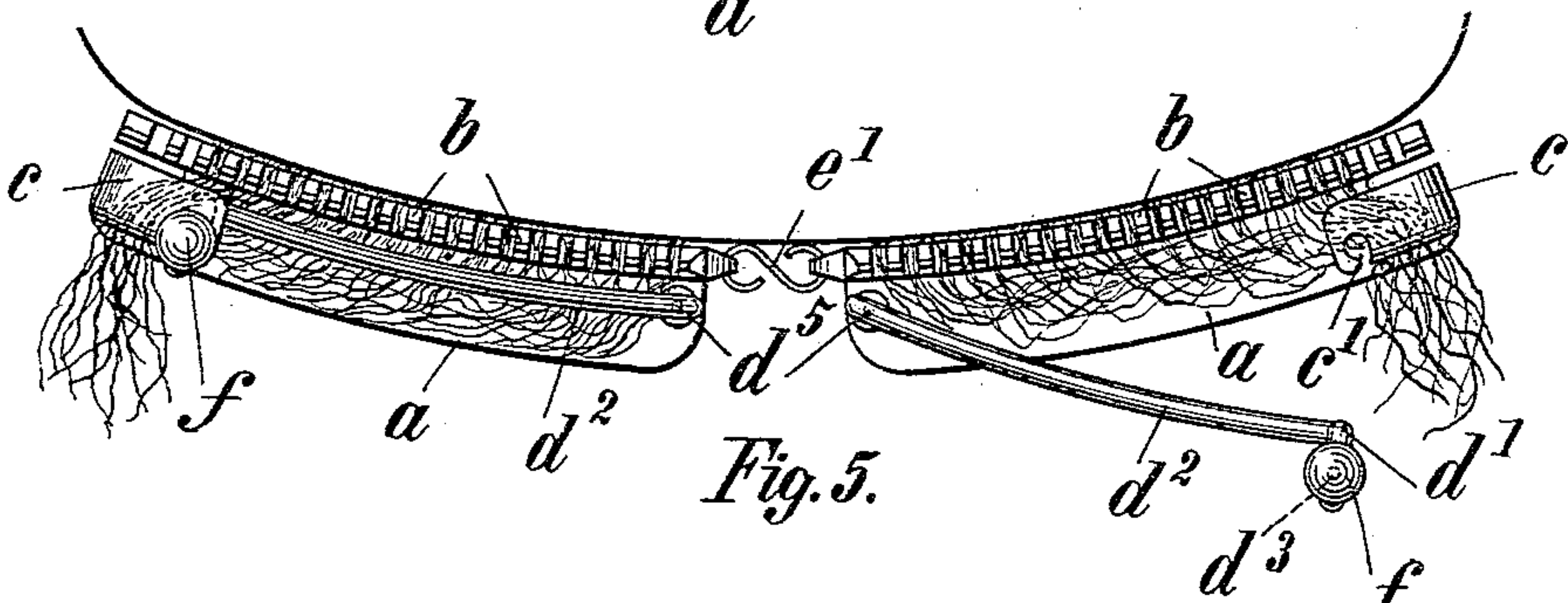
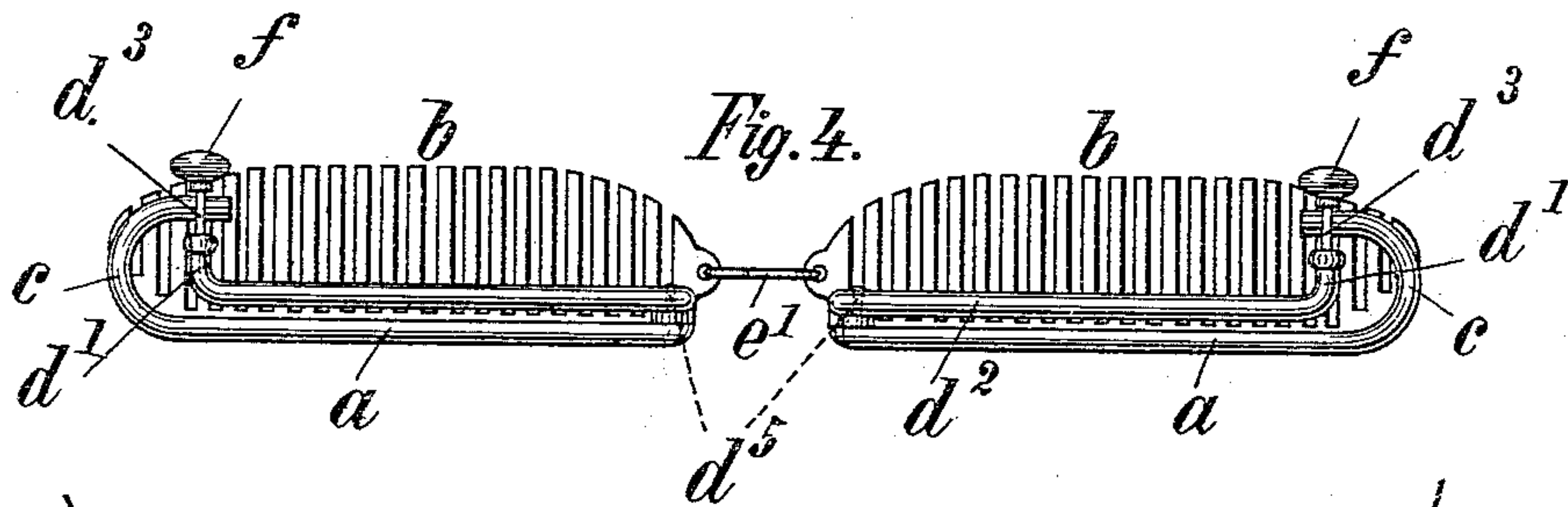


Fig. 4.



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MUSTACHE-GUARD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, PAUL BERNHARD WERMANN and JOHANN HEINRICH CHRISTIAN FRIEDRICH WEBER, subjects of the Emperor
5 of Germany, and residents of Hamburg, in the German Empire, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Mustache-Guards, (for which we have obtained a patent in Germany, No. 82,174, dated July 24,
10 1894,) of which the following is a specification.

This invention has relation to mustache-guards, and more particularly to that class of guards in which two connected comb-plates are provided, to which the mustache is
15 clamped by means of suitable appliances.

The object of our invention is to improve the construction of this class of guards in combining therewith means whereby the longer hairs at the ends of the mustache are supported and held away from the face approximately at a right angle thereto, with a view,
20 in shaving, to prevent such parts of the mustache being lathered and shaved off accidentally, and also in combining with said comb-plates means for effectually locking the clamping-bars thereto, as will now be fully described, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation, and Fig. 2 a
30 plan view, of one form of a mustache-guard embodying our invention. Fig. 3 is a cross-section on line I I of Fig. 1, the clamping-bar being swung out into its open position; and Figs. 4 and 5 are a front and plan view, respectively, of another form of guard.

Our improved mustache-guard consists of two members of like construction articulated together by means of links *e*, Figs. 1 and 2, or *e'*, Figs. 4 and 5, so that a description of one
40 of said members will suffice for a clear understanding of the invention. These members consist of a comb-plate *a*, having its teeth *b* at right angles thereto along one of its longer edges, and having at its outer end a curved branch or shoulder *c*. This inwardly-curved
45 branch or shoulder *c* is in fact a standard that forms an end guard between which and the bent end *d'* of the clamping-bar *d*² the longer hairs at the end of the mustache are held away
50 from the face at or substantially at a right angle thereto.

The clamping-bar *d*² above referred to has its outer end bent at right angles, the short leg *d'* being pivoted in the overhanging upper end of the standard *c*, as shown at *d*⁴, so as to
55 leave a space between the said short leg *d'* of the clamping-bar and the vertical member of the standard *c* for the reception of the longer hair at the end of the mustache. (See Fig. 5.)

The horizontal member of the clamping-bar
60 *d*² is substantially parallel with the comb-plate *a* and lies a short distance above the same in front of its teeth *b* to form a space between the two for the hair of the mustache, said clamping-bar swinging from and toward the
65 comb-teeth on its pivot *d*⁴, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2 and in full lines in Fig. 3, showing one of the clamping-bars swung out. The comb-plate *a* has at its inner end a projection *a'* that serves to lock the clamping-bar *d*² into
70 its operative or closed position, Figs. 1 and 2.

In Figs. 4 and 5 we have shown another form of mustache-guard in which the long leg *d*² of the clamp-bar is pivoted at *d*⁵ to the inner end of the plate *a*, so that the clamp-
75 bar may be swung out in the reverse manner, as shown above. In order to secure the clamp-bar in its closed position the short leg *d'* has a pin *d*³ screw-threaded at its outer end and adapted to engage a slot *c'* of the branch
80 or standard *c*, to which it can be locked by means of a nut *f* screwed on said pin *c'*.

In using the improved mustache-guard the clamp-bars *d'* *d*² should first be opened or swung out, as indicated by Figs. 3 and 5.
85 The two combs *b* are then inserted into the mustache from beneath and the longer hairs at the ends of the mustache placed between the standards *c* and the short legs *d'* of the clamping-bars. The clamping-bars *d*² may
90 now be closed by swinging them back over the comb-plates *a* and over the hairs on said plates and locking them into their closed position. The hairs will thus be clamped in the mustache-holder and the latter attached to
95 the mustache in such manner that the hairs, and especially the ends of the mustache, are supported and held away from the cheeks, as shown by Fig. 5, this being effected by the end guards *c*, between which and the short
100 leg *d'* of the clamping-bars the longer hairs at the ends of the mustache are held. The

mustache is thereby prevented from being lathered or cut off by the razor in shaving.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new therein, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a mustache-guard, the combination with two comb-plates articulated together and having their teeth at right angles to their bases, and a guard-arm *c* at the outer end of said bases; of clamping-rods adapted to swing to and from the teeth of the comb-plates above the bases thereof and provided at their outer end with a guard-arm, said rods and their guard-arms co-operating with the teeth of the comb-plates and the guard-arms *c* thereof to clamp the mustache to said teeth and hold the longer hairs at the end of the mustache away from the face, for the purpose set forth.

2. A mustache-guard comprising two comb-plates articulated together and provided at their outer end with an arm *c* and clamping-rods *d*² for clamping the mustache to the comb-plates, said rods provided at their outer

end with an arm *d'* forming with the aforesaid arms *c* a guard adapted to hold the longer hairs at the mustache ends away from the face, substantially as set forth.

3. In a mustache-guard, the combination with a comb-plate *a b*, provided at its outer end with the inwardly-curved guard *c* having formed therein a recess *c'*; of the clamping-rod *d*² pivoted to the base *a* of said comb-plate at its inner end, said rod provided at its outer end with a guard-arm *d'* *d*³ adapted to be locked in the aforesaid recess *c'* of the guard *c*, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our invention we have signed our names, in presence of two witnesses, this 7th day of June, 1895.

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