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Fig. 1.

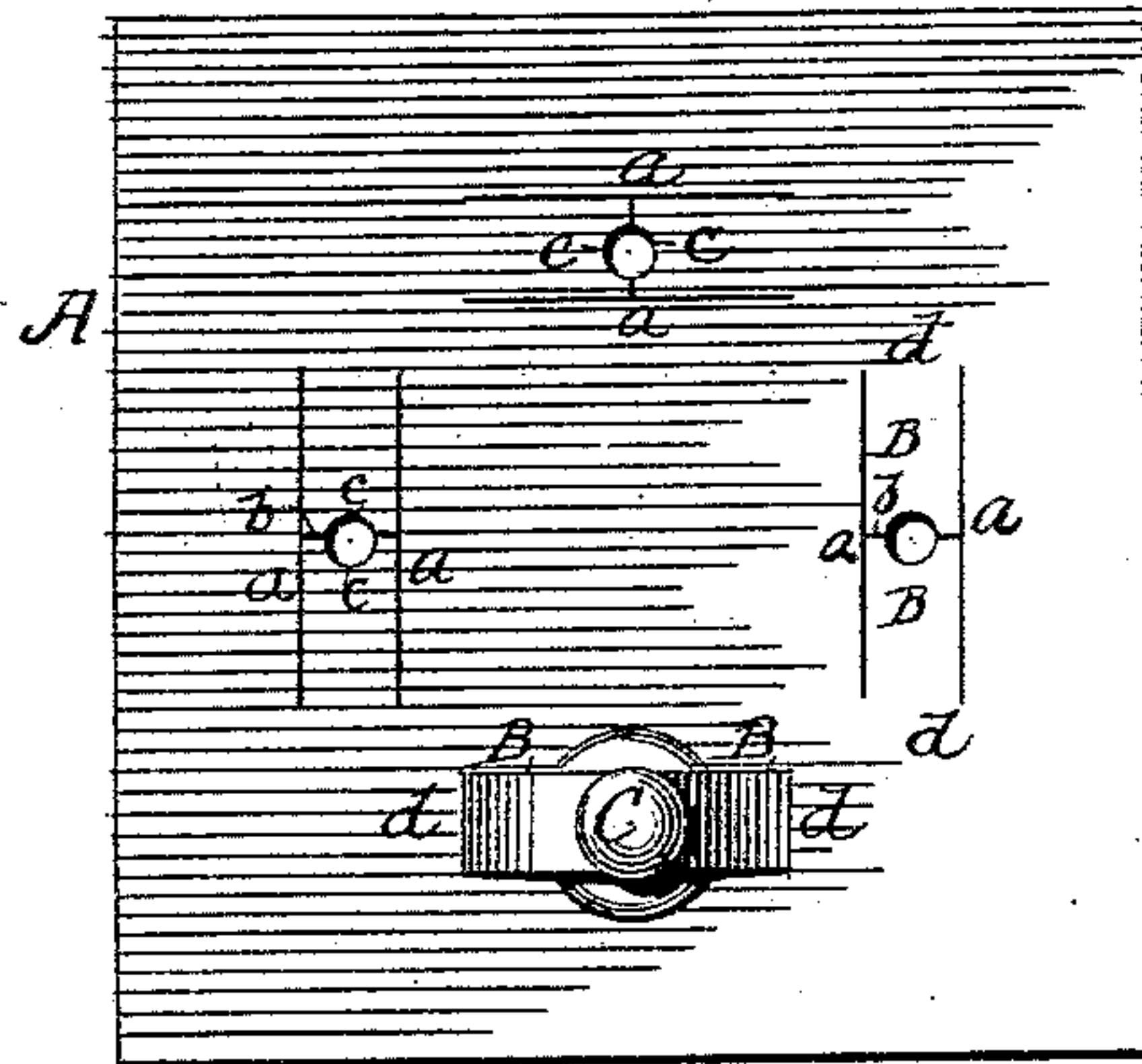


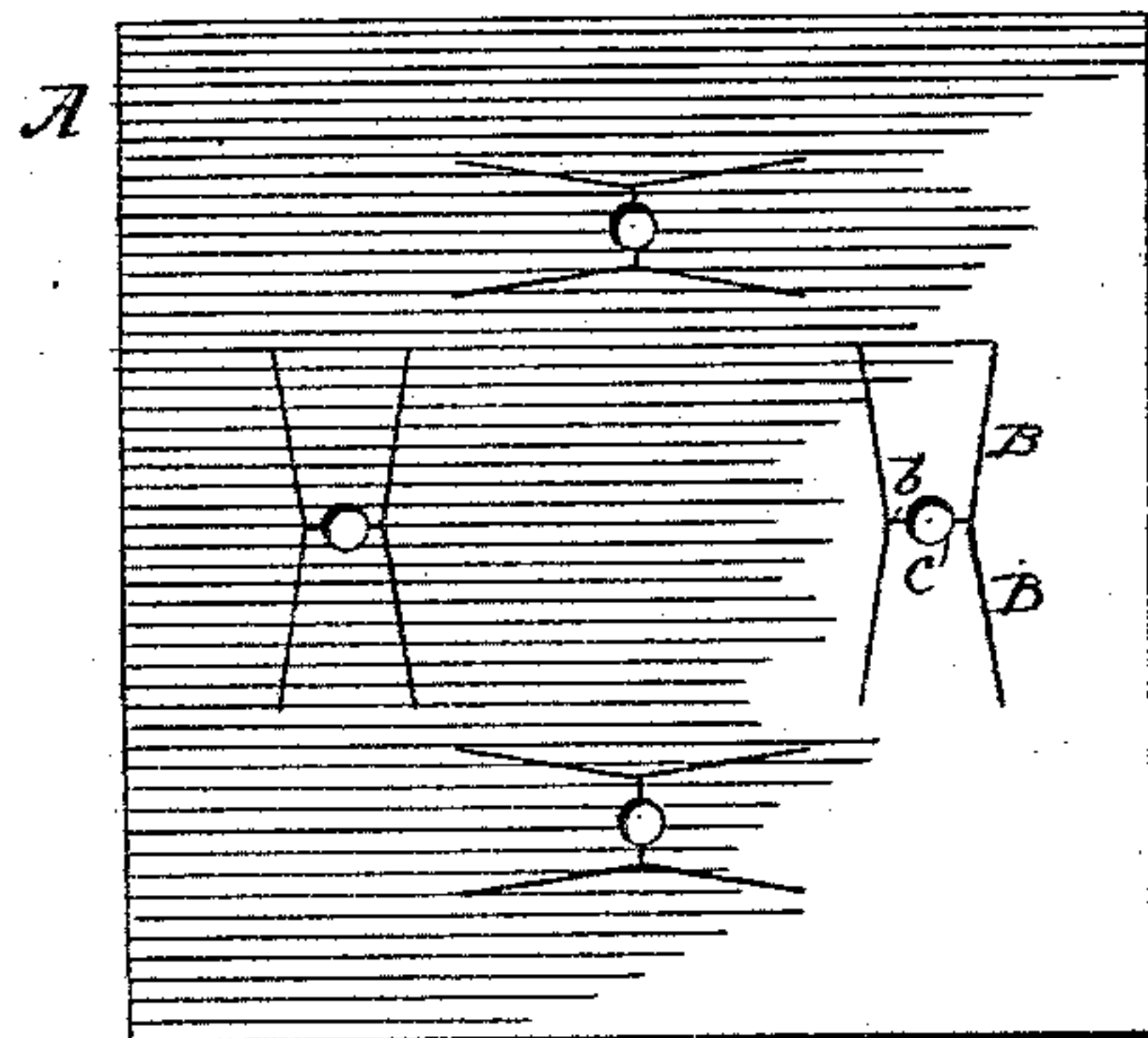
Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.



Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES P. BENEDICT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of West New Brighton, in the county of Richmond and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Button or Stud Cards, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to facilitate the attachment of collar, sleeve, and other buttons and studs to manufacturers' and dealers' cards for retaining the buttons and studs for convenience in handling and for exhibiting them for sale and in show-cases or windows; and to this end my invention consists of a collar button or stud card formed with tongues designed to embrace the shank of the button or stud, while the base or back of the button or stud rests upon the main body of the card and is protected thereby from wear and from being scratched or marred.

In the accompanying drawings, to which reference is made, Figure 1 is a plan view of my invention, showing a card designed to receive and hold a set of four buttons or studs with one button or stud fitted in place in the card. Fig. 2 is an edge view of the same. Fig. 3 is an edge view showing one method of attaching the button or stud, and Fig. 4 is a plan view showing a modification.

A represents a card of suitable size and form, of celluloid, bristol-board or other similar material. The body of the card is provided with tongues B B, in pairs, which embrace the button or stud C by its neck or shank, as shown. These said tongues are made integral with the body of the card by cutting the card in a die or otherwise to form the parallel slits *a a*, and also the cross-slits *b*, which sever the strips detached by the slits *a a* and form two opposite tongues free at their adjacent ends, but attached at their opposite ends to the body of the card. The adjacent ends of the two tongues thus formed are centrally cut away or recessed to form opposite spaces *c c* to receive and hold the shank of the button or stud.

In order to place the buttons or studs in the card, it is only necessary to slightly lift the tongues B B and slip the base of the button

or stud over the top of the card and under the tongues until the neck or shank is centered between the tongues, whereupon the resiliency of the material at the base of the tongues at *d* will cause the adjacent ends of the tongues to close around the shank or neck of the button or stud and thus securely hold it in place. To detach the button or stud the card is to be slightly bent, as shown in Fig. 3, which action will cause the tongues to spread and thus permit the button or stud to drop out.

In case the card be of pasteboard the slits which form each tongue will diverge, as shown in Fig. 4, to give a greater width of material at *d*, and consequently greater spring-pressure and greater holding power.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a card-board display-card for buttons and studs formed with a pair of opposite holding-tongues, freed from the material of the card beneath the base of the button or stud, and connected to the card at their outer ends, and whose combined length is greater than the diameter of the base of the button or stud, the adjacent ends of the said tongues being lifted above the plane of the card to embrace the shank of the button or stud above the base thereof, while the said base rests upon the surface of the card beneath said tongues, substantially as described.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a button or stud card of flexible material formed integrally with spring-tongues raised at their adjacent ends from the card at the base of the button or stud, and connected to the card at their opposite outer ends, said tongues being less in width than the base of the button or stud to be held thereby, and recessed at their free ends to embrace the neck, or shank, of the button or stud, and adapted to release the same by bending the card substantially as described.

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