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FIG. 1.

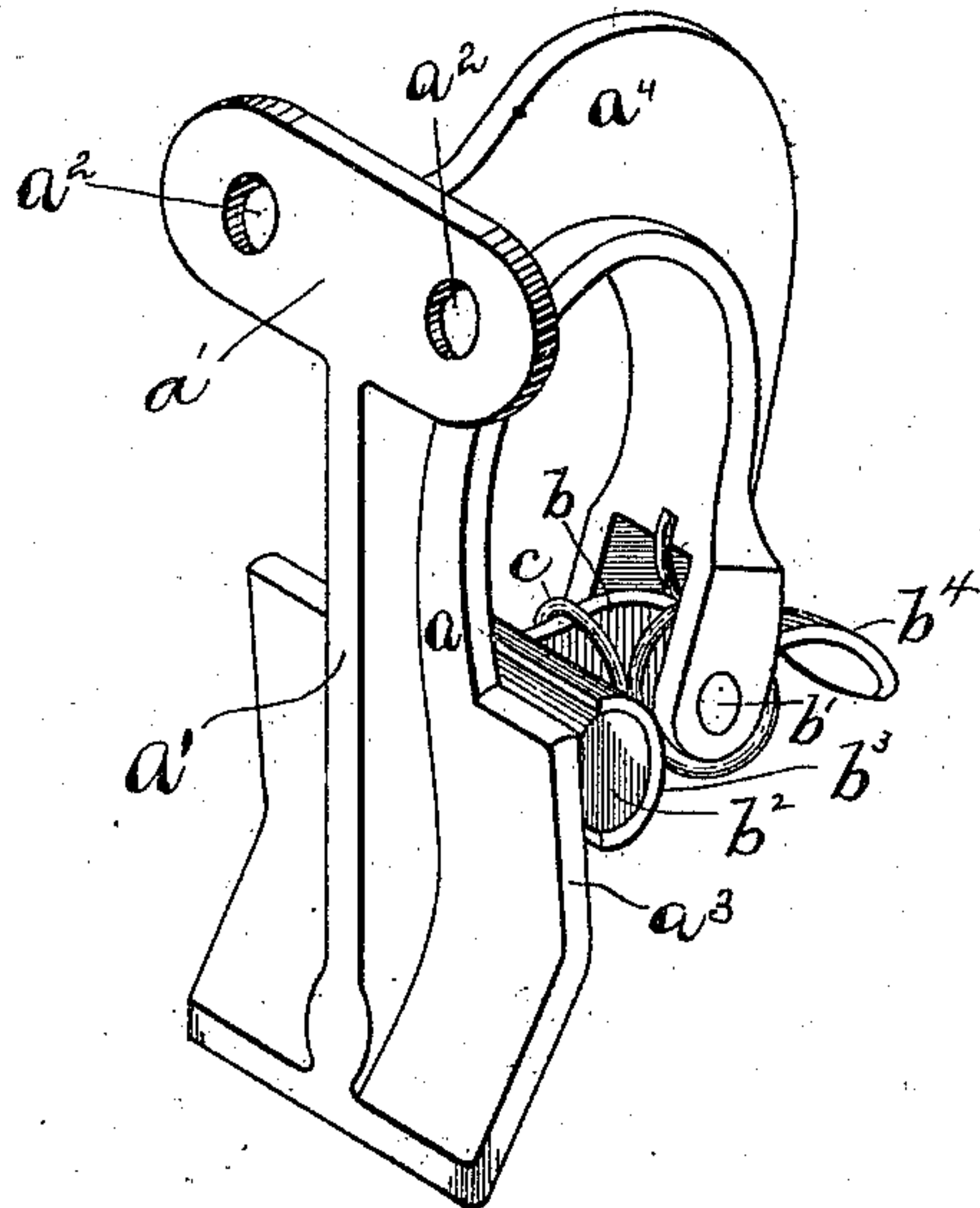


FIG. 2.

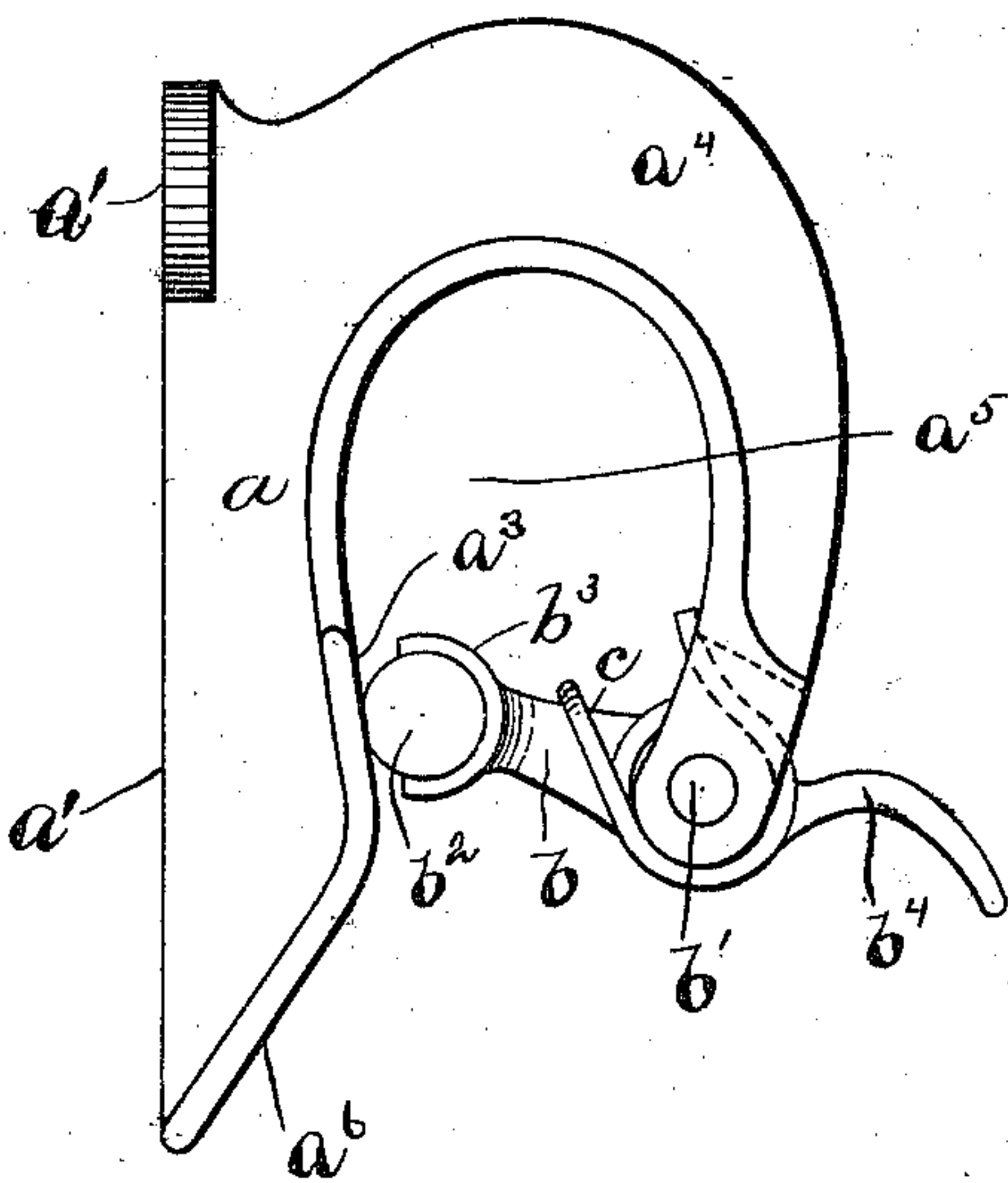
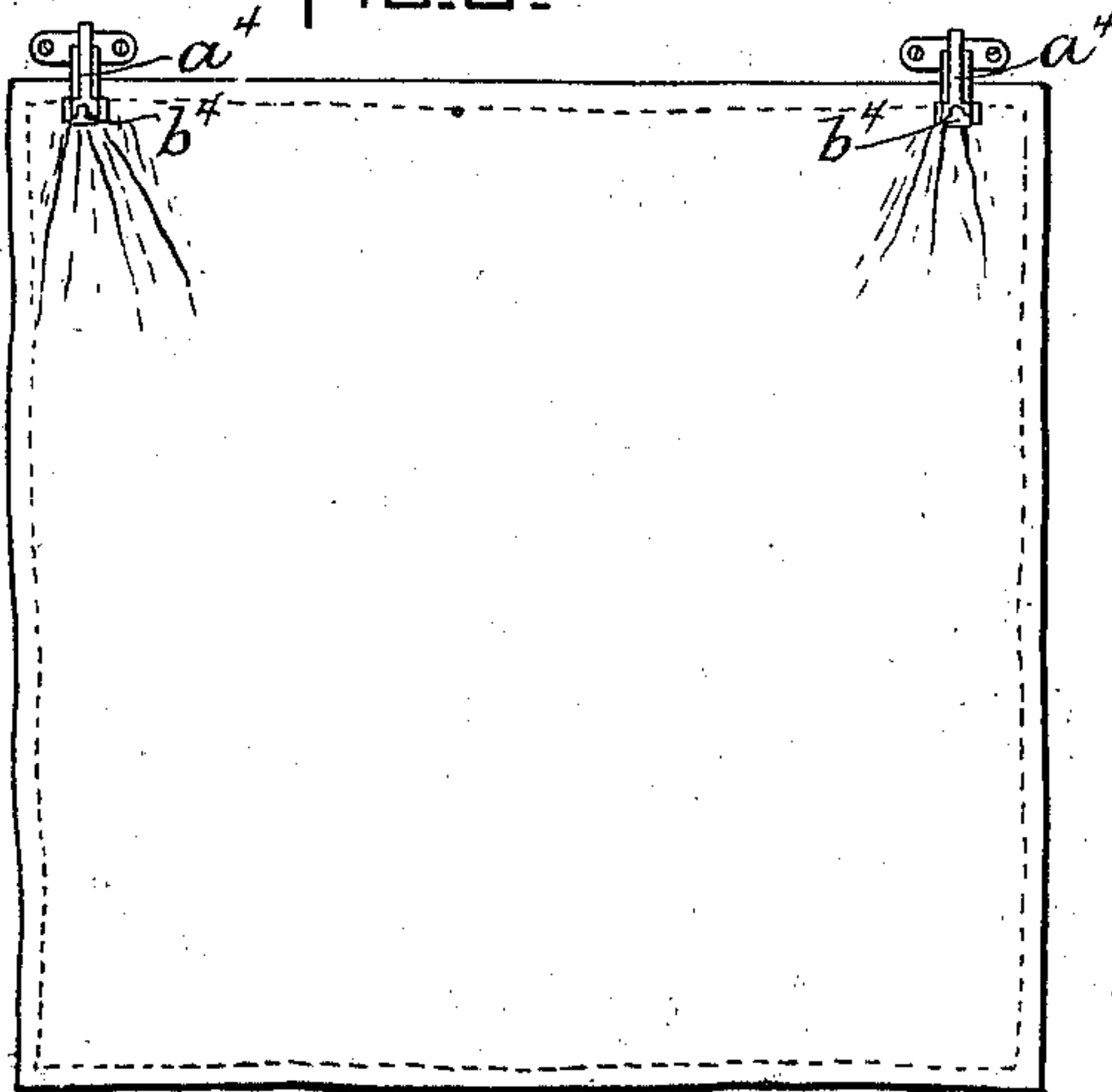


FIG. 3.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HARVEY F. CRAWFORD, of Brockton, in the county of Plymouth and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain  
5 new and useful Improvements in Robe or Blanket Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide an improved construction of clamp or holder  
10 adapted to be used in pairs attached to a wall or other vertical support for the purpose of suspending a carriage robe or blanket by one edge and holding the same so that its whole surface can be conveniently brushed and in-  
15 spected.

The invention consists in the improved clamp or holder which I will now proceed to describe and claim.

Of the accompanying drawings, forming a  
20 part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved holder. Fig. 2 represents a side view of the same. Fig. 3 represents a view showing a robe or blanket suspended by two of my improved  
25 holders.

The same letters of reference indicate the same parts in all the figures.

In carrying out my invention I make a clamp or holder comprising a base portion  $a$ ,  
30 having an extended flat seat  $a'$  at one side adapted to bear on a flat vertical support, such as the wall of a room, and provided with screw-holes  $a^2$  to receive attaching-screws, the form of the seat  $a'$  being such that when the  
35 device is screwed to a wall it will be rigidly supported and prevented from rocking in any direction. On the side of the base opposite the seat  $a'$  is formed a clamping-face  $a^3$ . From the base, above said clamping-face,  
40 projects an overhanging arm  $a^4$ , which extends outwardly from the base and downwardly to a point opposite the clamping-face  $a^3$ , the arm and base forming a recess  $a^5$ , which is closed at its upper end and is unob-  
45 structed at the sides of the device and has a mouth or opening between the lower end of the arm and the clamping-face  $a^3$ .

$b$  represents a lever, which is pivoted at  $b'$  to the lower end of the arm  $a^4$  and is formed  
50 to extend across the mouth of the opening  $a^5$ . The lever is provided with a frictional tip  $b^2$ , which is adapted to exert a yielding frictional

hold upon a blanket or robe interposed between it and the face  $a^3$ . The said tip is a cylindrical piece of rubber forced, while com- 55 pressed, into a socket  $b^3$  formed on the lever  $b$ , the mouth of said socket being somewhat narrower than its interior, so that the tip  $b^2$  will expand within the socket and will be re- 60 tained firmly in place thereby, the tip projecting from the mouth of the socket.

The length of the lever  $b$ , including the tip  $b^2$ , is such that the distance between the pivot  $b'$  and the bearing-surface of the tip  $b^2$  is greater than the width of the mouth of the 65 recess  $a^5$ . Hence the lever  $b$  cannot swing downwardly over said mouth, but when at its lowest position is held substantially in the position shown in Fig. 2 by the bearing of the tip  $b^2$  on the seat  $a^3$ . 70

$c$  represents a spring, which is arranged to press the lever  $b$  downwardly and thus hold the tip  $b^2$  in yielding contact with the seat  $a^3$ , the spring as here shown comprising a portion which is coiled around the pivot  $b'$  of 75 the lever  $b$ , an end portion which bears upon the lever, and another end portion which bears upon the arm  $a^4$ . The lever  $b$  is provided with an outwardly-projecting thumb-piece or handle  $b^4$ , by which it can be raised 80 to separate the tip  $b^2$  from the seat  $a^3$  or from a robe or blanket interposed between said tip and seat.

The base  $a$  is preferably provided with an inclined guiding-face  $a^6$ , which extends below 85 the clamping-face  $a^3$  at an angle therewith, said guiding-face being adapted to guide the edge of a robe or blanket upwardly into the mouth of the opening  $a^5$ .

The improved device above described is 90 used in pairs, as shown in Fig. 3, the two members of the pair being placed at a suitable distance apart upon a wall. It will be seen that when the upper edge of a robe or blanket is pressed upwardly into the mouth 95 of the opening  $a^5$  the lever  $b$  will yield and permit the insertion of said edge between the face  $a^3$  and tip  $b^2$ , the spring holding the tip in engagement with the outer surface of the robe or blanket, so that it immediately en- 100 gages the latter and prevents it from dropping from the opening  $a^5$ . The two clamping devices conjointly hold the blanket in a smoothly-extended position, so that its entire



outer surface can be readily brushed and inspected.

I claim—

5 A blanket clamp or holder comprising a base having at one side an extended flat seat formed to bear on a wall or other support, and perforated for the reception of attaching-screws, the opposite side of the base having a clamping-face; an overhanging arm projecting from the upper portion of the base  
10 above the clamping-face and extended downwardly to a point opposite the clamping-face, said arm and base forming an opening or recess the mouth of which is between the arm  
15 and clamping-face; a lever pivoted to the outer end of the arm, said lever extending across the mouth of said recess and having a

socket which has a mouth or opening in the side adjacent to the clamping-face, an elastic clamping - tip inserted removably in said 20 socket and projecting therefrom toward the clamping-face; and a spring connected with said arm and lever and arranged to press the clamping-tip of the lever yieldingly against the clamping-face on the frame. 25

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, this 25th day of January, A. D. 1896.

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