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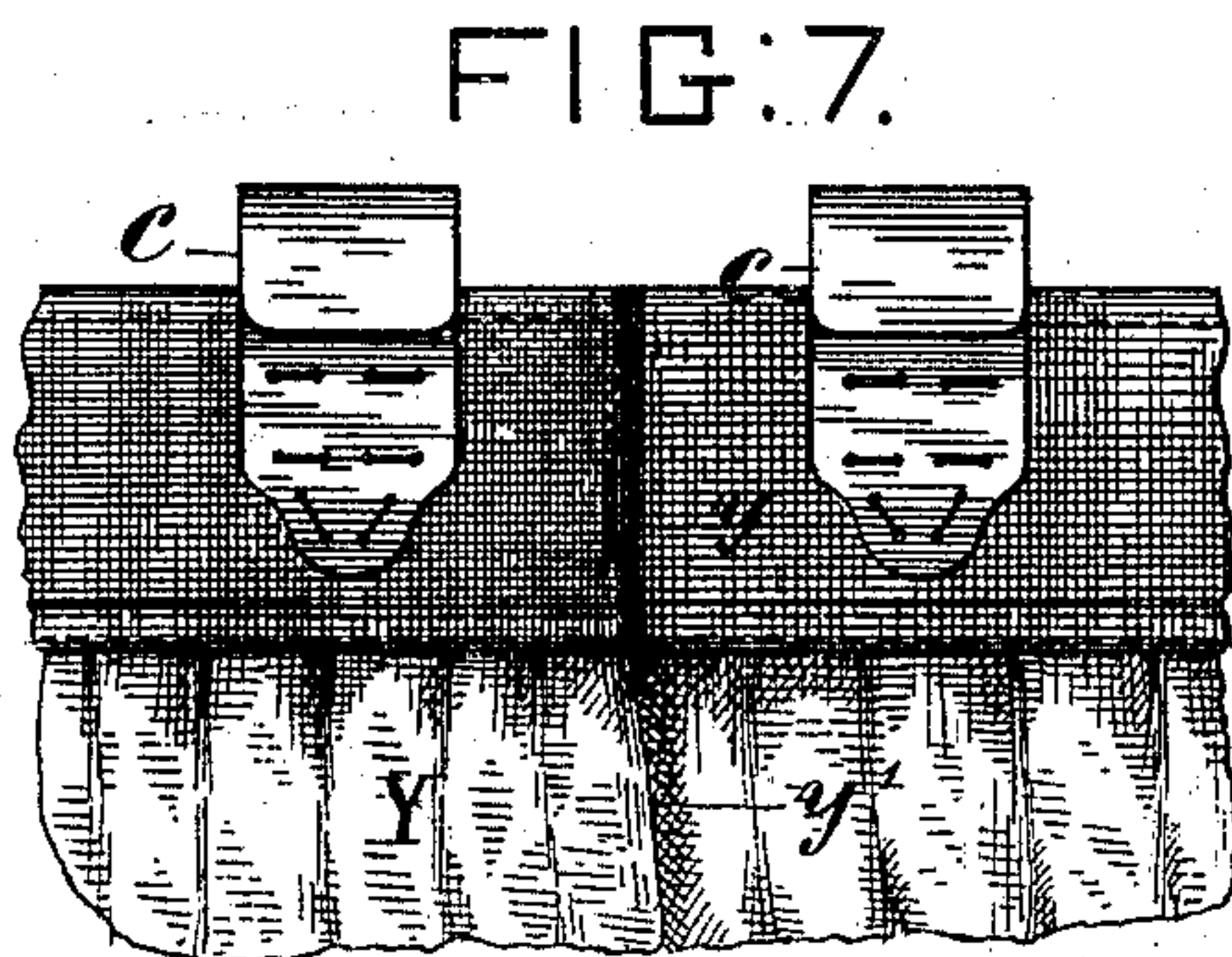
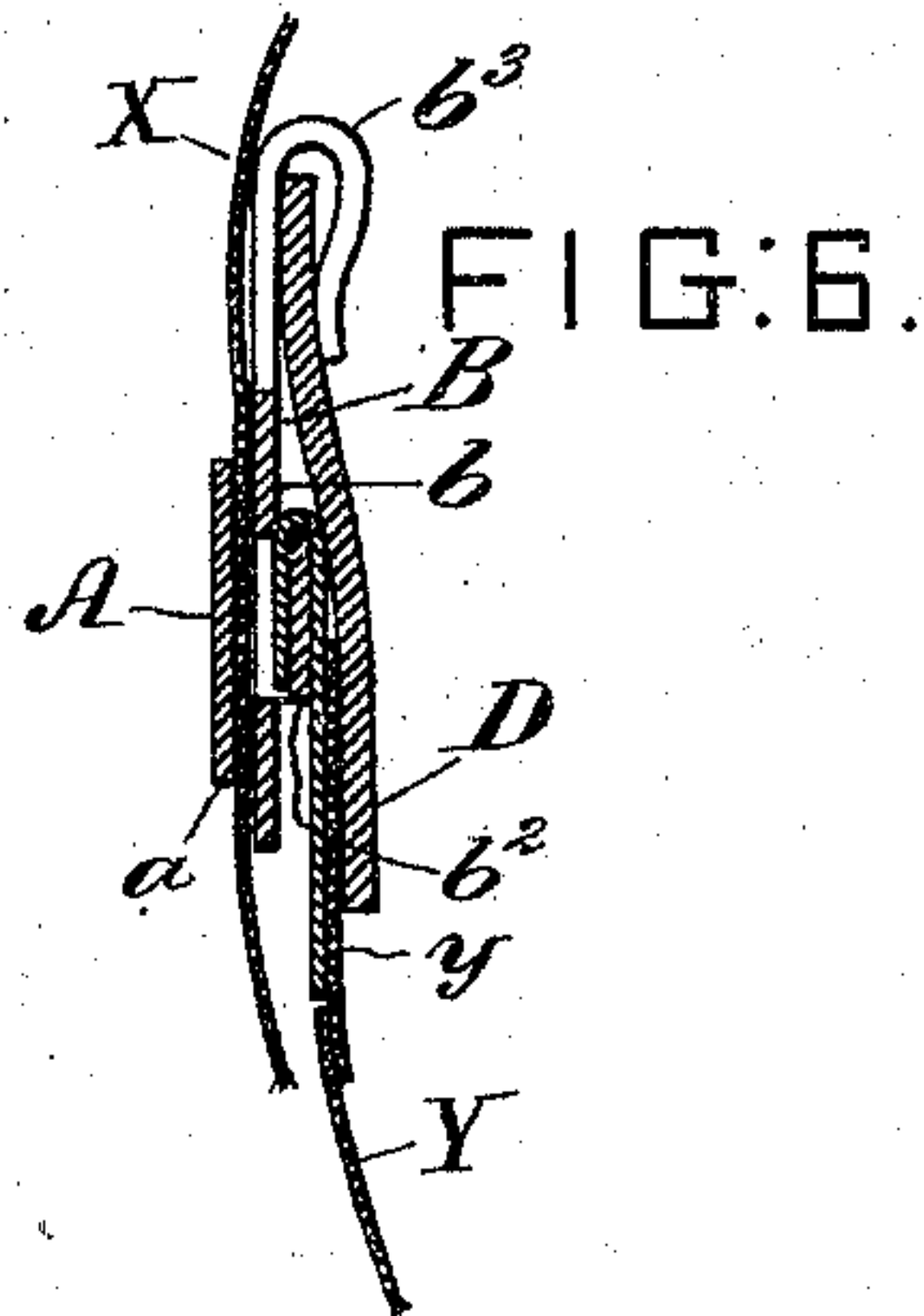
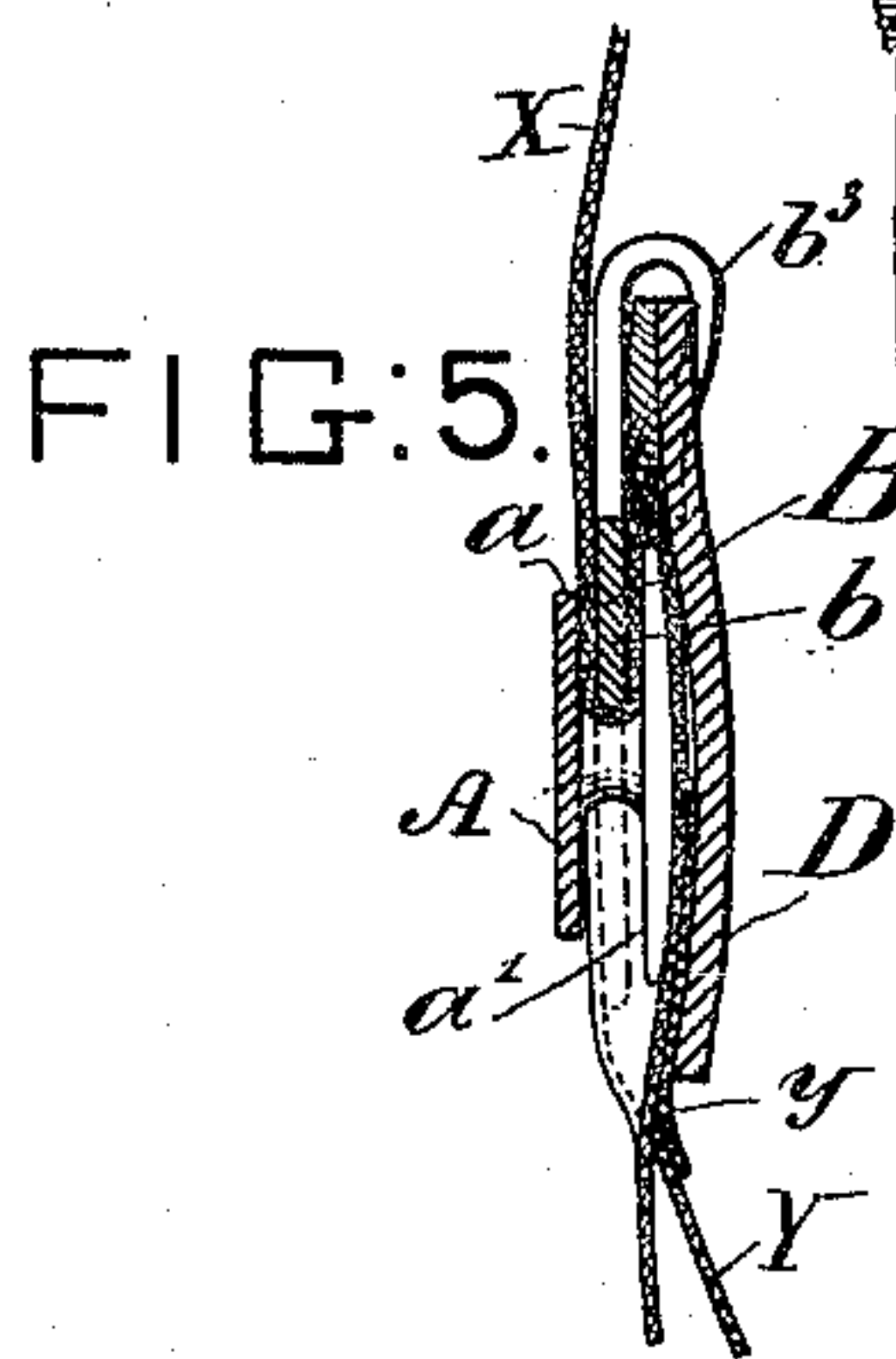
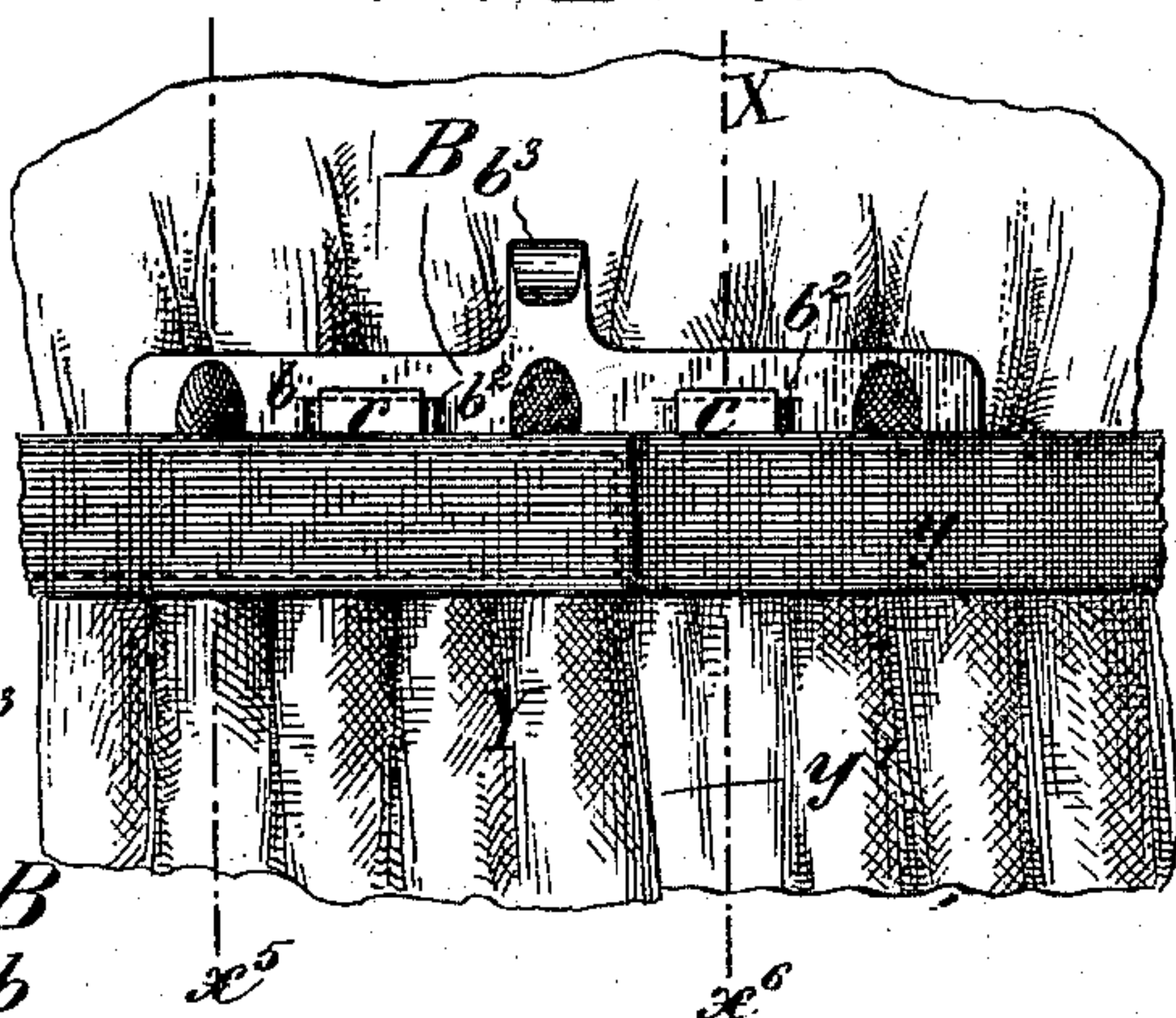
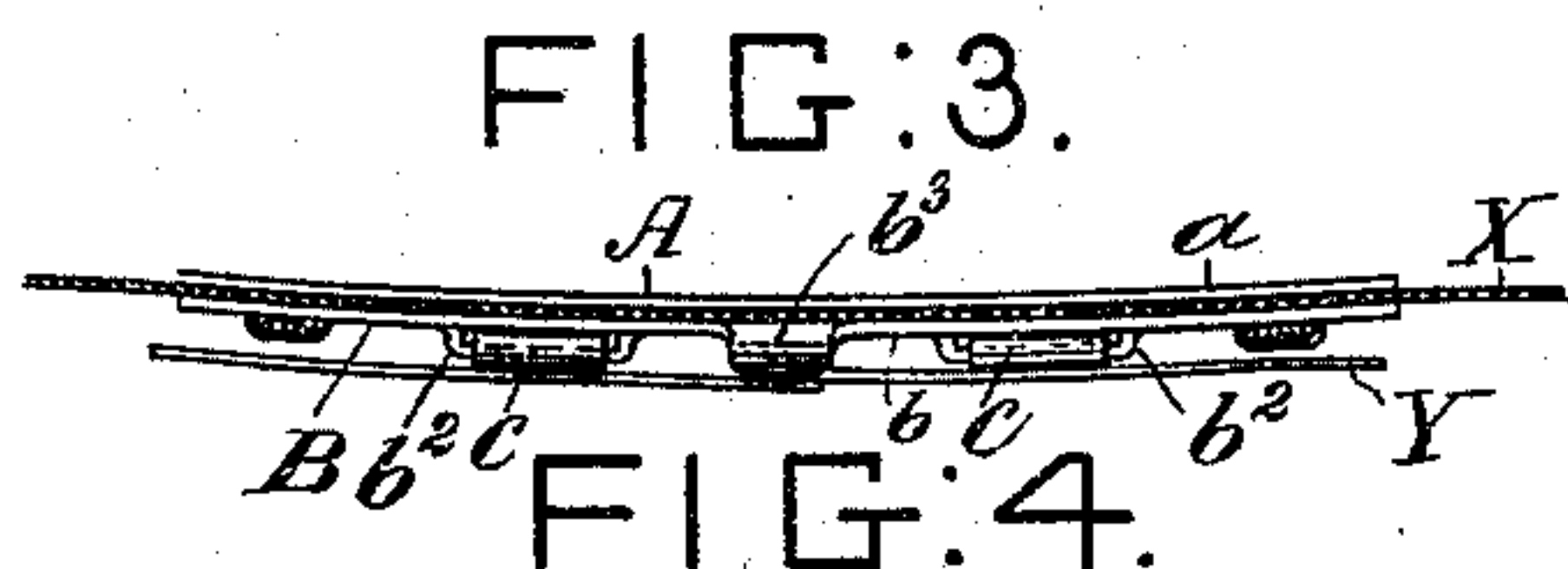
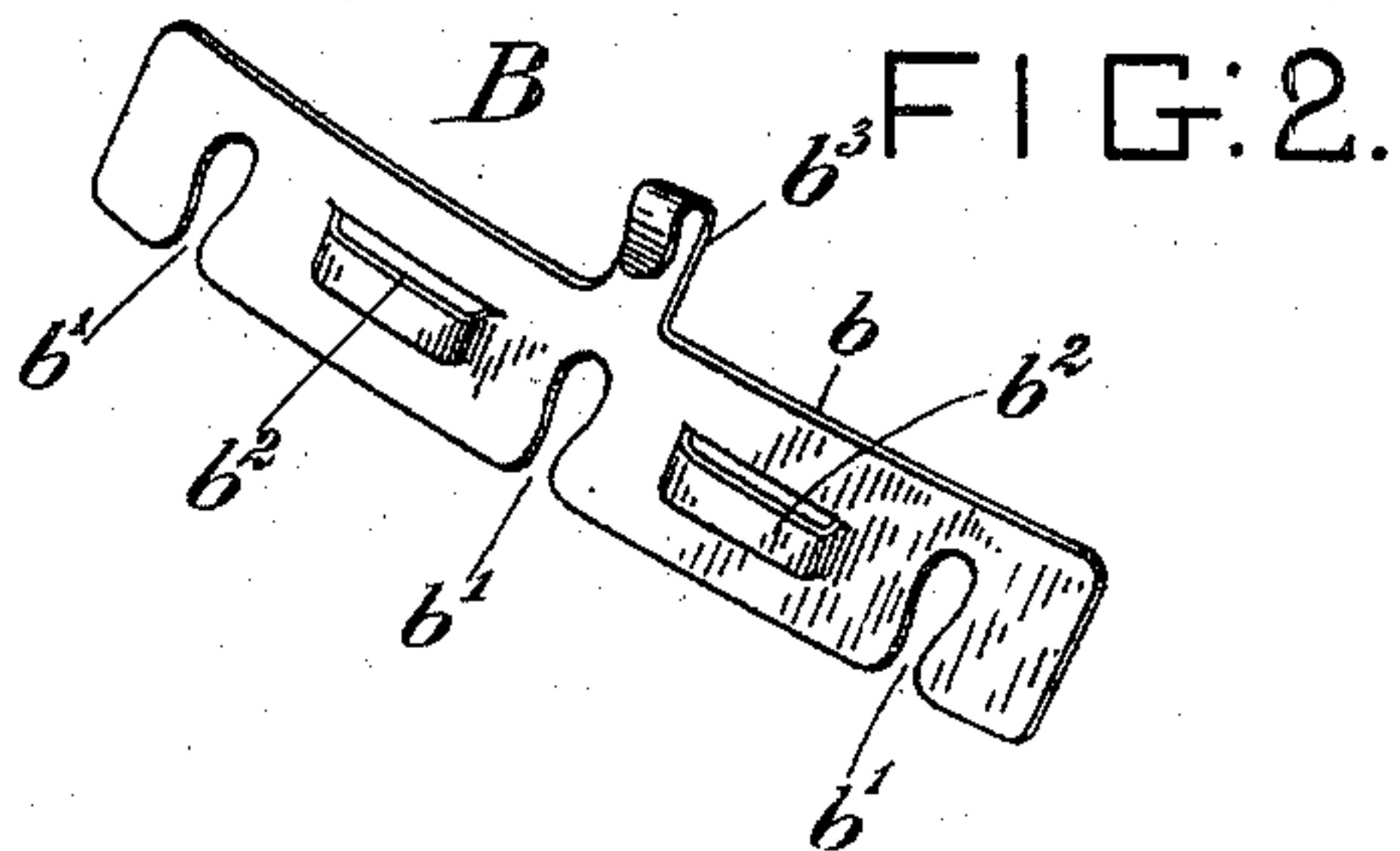
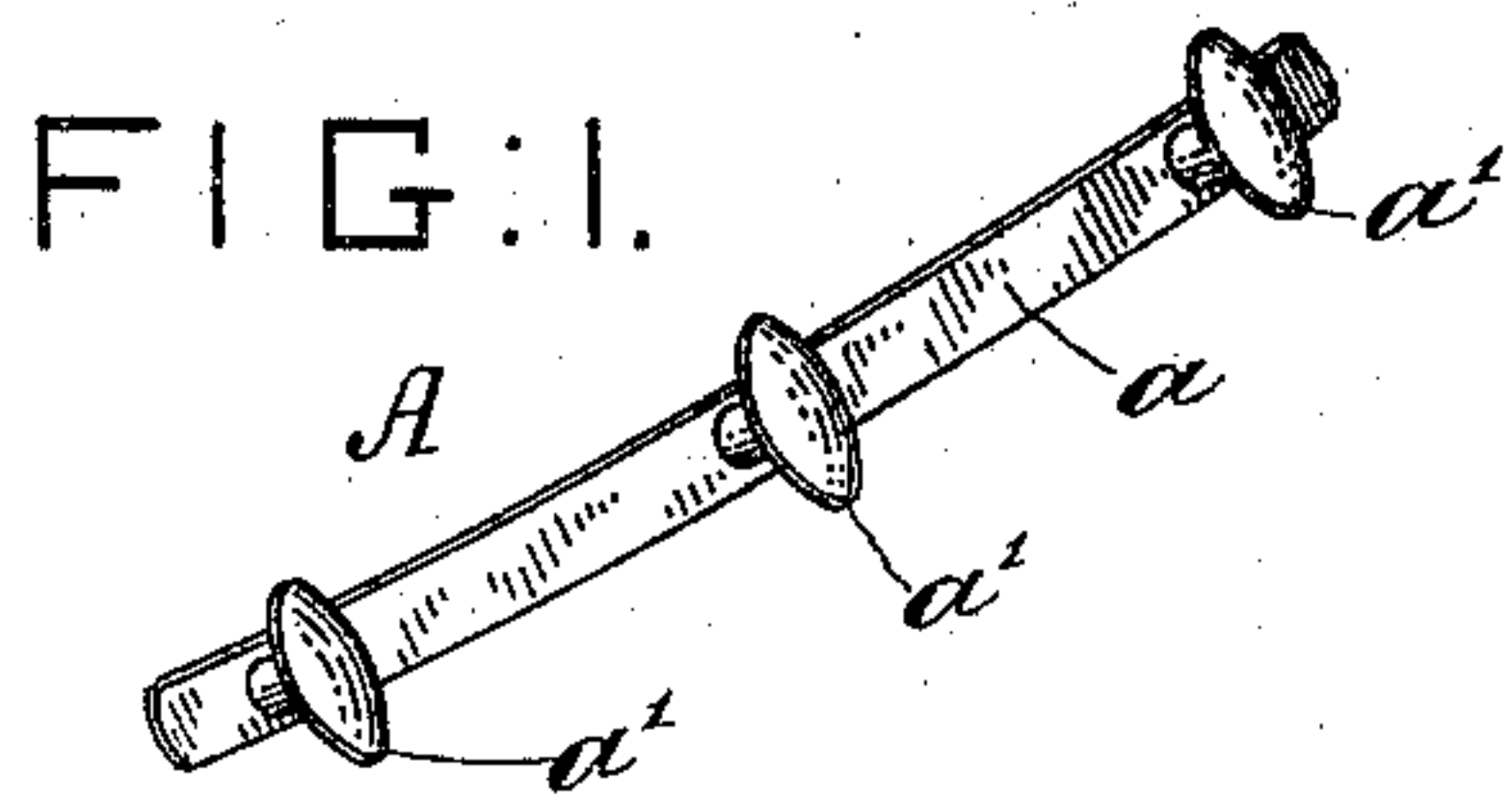
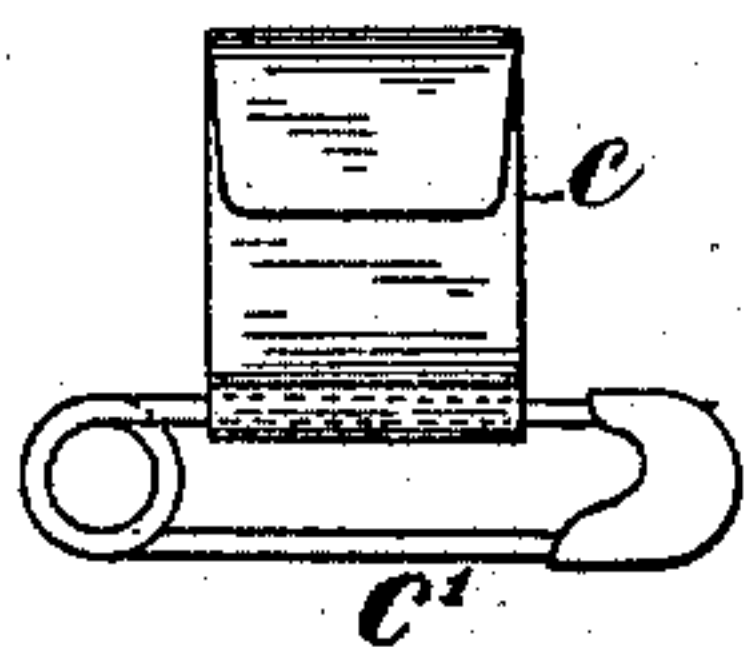


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SKIRT-SUPPORTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MILDRED N. ANDERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city, county, and State of New York, have
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to devices employed for supporting the skirt of a dress by securing it to the waist behind, and especially to what is known as a "shirt-waist;" and the object is to provide a simple, inexpensive, and easily-manipulated clip device which
15 which will adapt itself readily to the creased or plaited fabric, and which will not be liable to tear the fabric when a strain is thrown upon it.

The supporting device is also adapted to
20 hold closed the placket-opening in the skirt and to take over and keep down a waist-belt.

In the accompanying drawings I have illustrated an embodiment of the invention, in which—

25 Figure 1 is a perspective view of one member of the waist-clip, and Fig. 2 is a similar view of the other or outer member of said clip. Fig. 3 is a plan view showing these members of the clip engaged or interlocked
30 and the skirt supported thereon. Fig. 4 is a rear view showing the device in use, as in Fig. 3. Figs. 5 and 6 are sectional views on a larger scale than the principal views and designed to illustrate the construction and
35 use of the device. The planes in which these sections are taken are indicated, respectively, by the lines x^5 and x^6 in Fig. 4. Fig. 7 is an inside view of the skirt-waistband at the back, showing the flat hooks attached there-
40 to by stitches; and Fig. 8 is a view of one of these hooks shown as provided with a shield-pin for securing it to the skirt.

The clip, which is detachably secured to the shirt-waist, is composed of two members—
45 namely, the inner member A and the outer member B. These members may be made of metal, celluloid, or other suitable material. The member A comprises a bar a , preferably slightly curved, but not necessarily so, and
50 on the outer face of said bar are two or more

(preferably three) studs a' , having oval, laterally-elongated, and smooth rounded heads. The elongation of the heads is lateral or transversely of the bar a . The outer member B comprises a plate b , having in its lower
55 edge as many open slots b' as there are studs on the member A and spaced to register with said studs when the members are interlocked. Preferably the slots b' will be slightly contracted at their mouths or open ends, and
60 they will fit loosely over the stems of the headed studs a' . The member B also has two keepers b^2 struck up from the plate b and at its upper edge an outwardly overhanging hook b^3 .

In securing the waist-clip to the waist X
65 the member A is placed inside the waist at the back and at the proper elevation, the studs a' being pressed outwardly against the thin material of the waist, so as to form protuberances on the outer face of the fabric. The
70 member B is then placed and pressed down, so as to cause the slots b therein to interlock with the necks of the studs a' , which latter will be embedded in the fabric. The fabric about and inclosing the studs will cause the
75 members to interlock tightly.

On the waistband y of the skirt Y are secured at the respective sides of the placket-opening y' , Fig. 7, two flat hooks c , properly
80 spaced to suit the spacing of the keepers b^2 on the member B of the waist-clip, so that when the latter is on the waist the hooks c may be made to engage said keepers, as clearly shown in Figs. 3, 4, and 6. Thus the
85 skirt is supported by the engagement of the hooks c with the waist-clip, and as the hooks c cannot spread apart the engagement with said clip prevents the opening of the placket at the band and tends to take the strain off
90 from hooks or other fastenings that may be used on the waistband of the skirt.

The member B of the clip has or may have on it the hook b^3 to take over a waist-belt D. (Seen in Figs. 5 and 6.)

The hooks c may be secured to the skirt in
95 any known way, either permanently or removably. In Fig. 7 I have shown them as sewed on, and in Fig. 8 I have shown one provided with a shield-pin c' for securing it.

The hooks c may be set low down on the
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waistband of the skirt, so that they do not appear above it, if desired. This is a matter that may be left to the taste of the user.

Having thus described my invention, I
5 claim—

1. As an improved article of manufacture, a skirt-supporter, comprising a removable clip for attachment to the waist, and a hook for attachment to the skirt, said clip consist-
10 ing of an inner member having headed studs on its outer face, and an outer member, having open slots adapted to engage the stems of the respective studs when the fabric of the waist is clamped between the clip members,
15 and having also a keeper to receive the hook on the skirt.

2. The combination with a hook to be se-

cured to a dress-skirt, of a clip adapted to be removably secured to the dress-waist for supporting the skirt, said clip comprising the
20 inner member A, provided with headed studs a' on its outer face, and the outer member B, consisting of a plate b , having in its lower edge open slots b' , spaced to engage the studs
25 on the inner member A, and keepers b^2 , on its outer face to receive the supporting-hooks on the skirt, substantially as set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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