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Fig: 1.

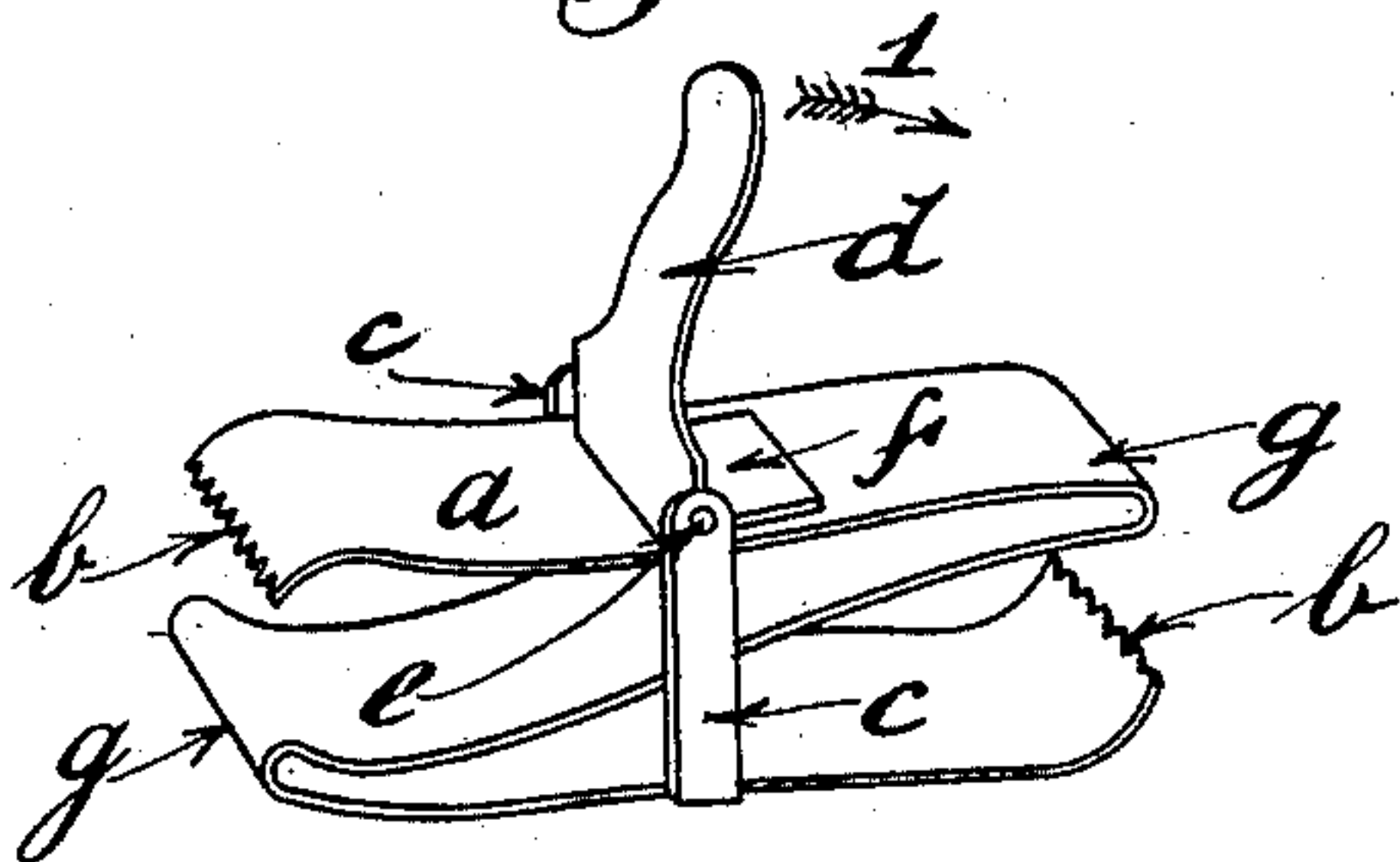
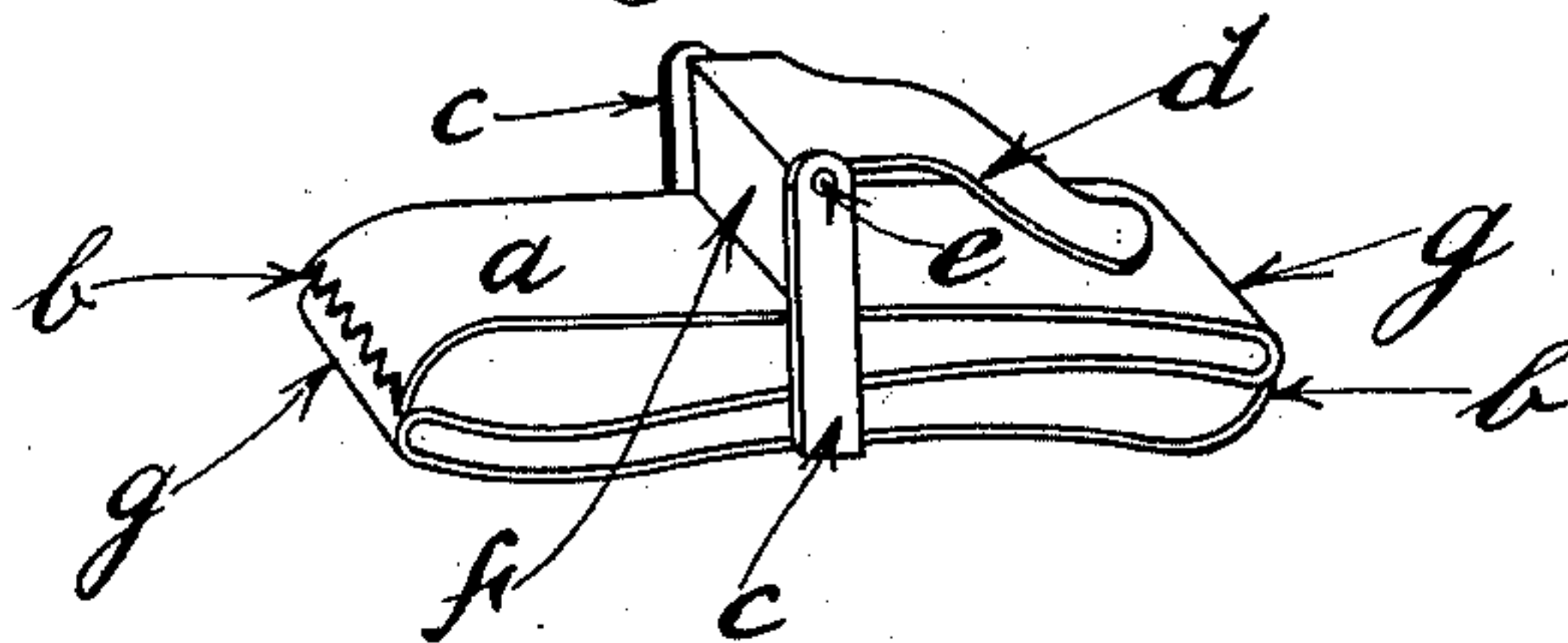


Fig: 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE HILL, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, and a resident of Ledbury, in the county of Hereford, England, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clips, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification.

This invention consists of a new or improved clip for connecting articles together and also for use as what is known as a "trousers-clip."

In order that my invention may be fully understood, I will now refer to the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved clip in its open position, and Fig. 2 a perspective view of same when in its closed position.

a is a piece of elastic material which is bent approximately to the shape of the letter **N**, the ends *b* of which are serrated, as shown.

c is a support attached to one of the limbs of the clip and which carries the locking-piece *d*, which is pivoted to the support *c* at *e*. When the locking-piece *d* is moved in the

direction of the arrow 1, the prolongation *f* will cause the serrated ends *b* and bent parts *g* to approach one another and so clip or hold the required substances or articles, such as cloth, which may be placed between the serrated ends *b* and bent parts *g*.

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

A clip consisting of a piece of elastic material bent approximately to an **N** shape; a support attached to one of the limbs; a pivoted locking-piece carried by said support and having a prolongation for the purpose of bringing the clipping ends together when the locking-piece is operated, substantially as described and illustrated herein.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of August, 1897.

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