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Fig. 1.

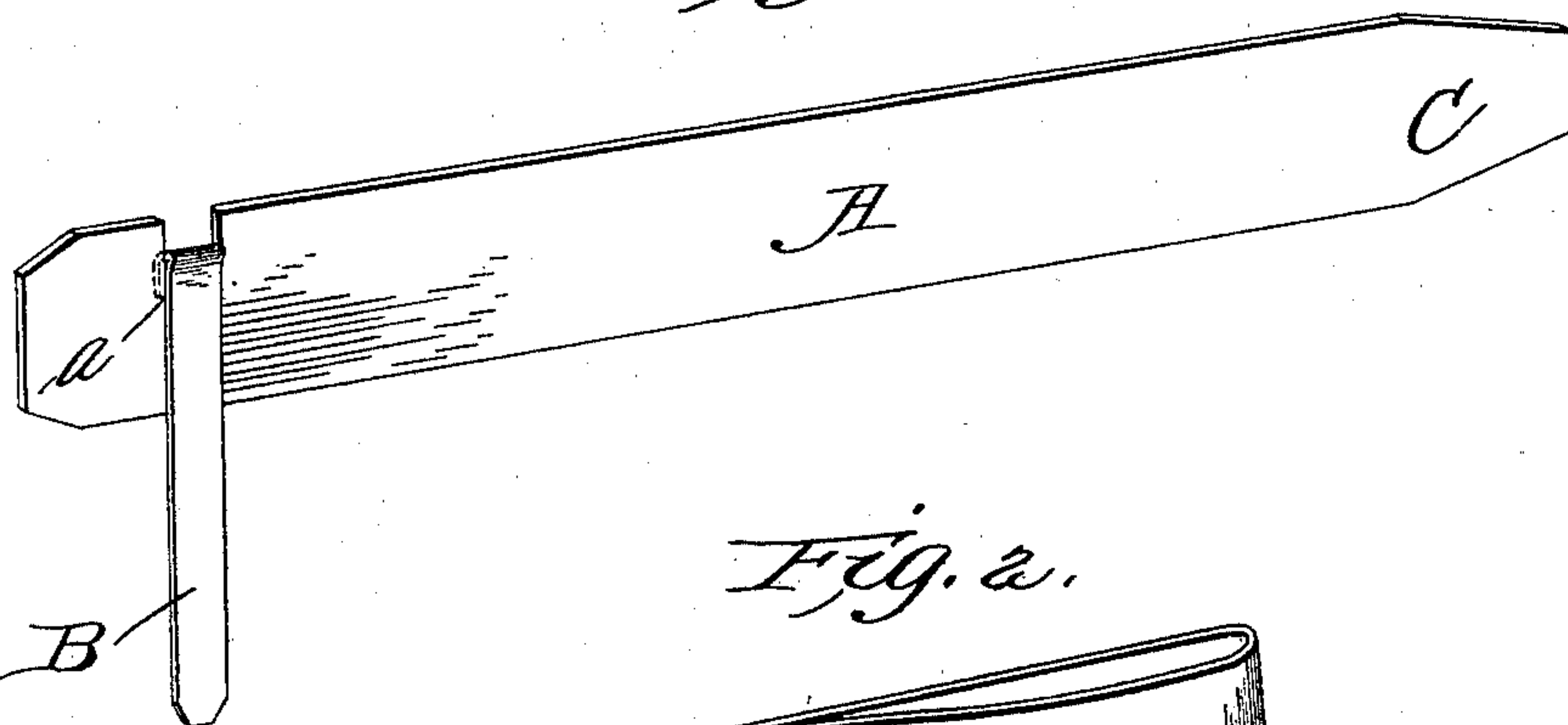


Fig. 2.

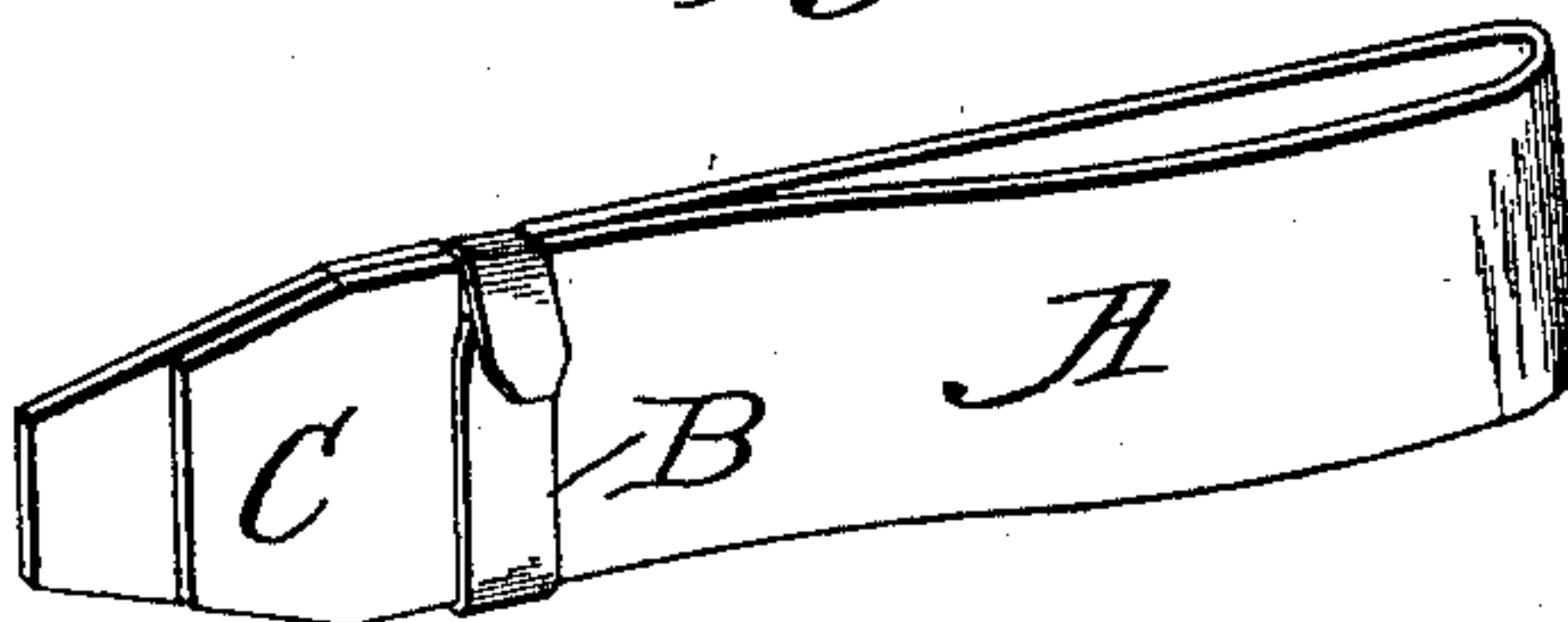


Fig. 3.

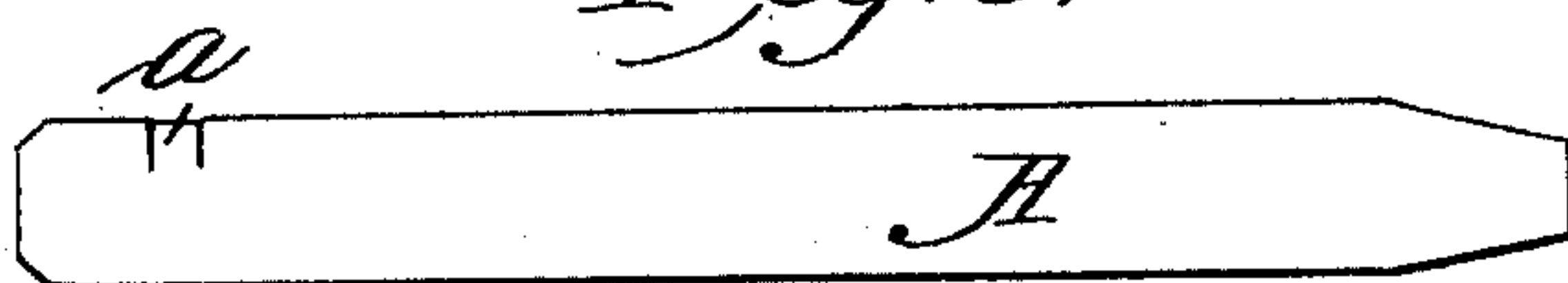
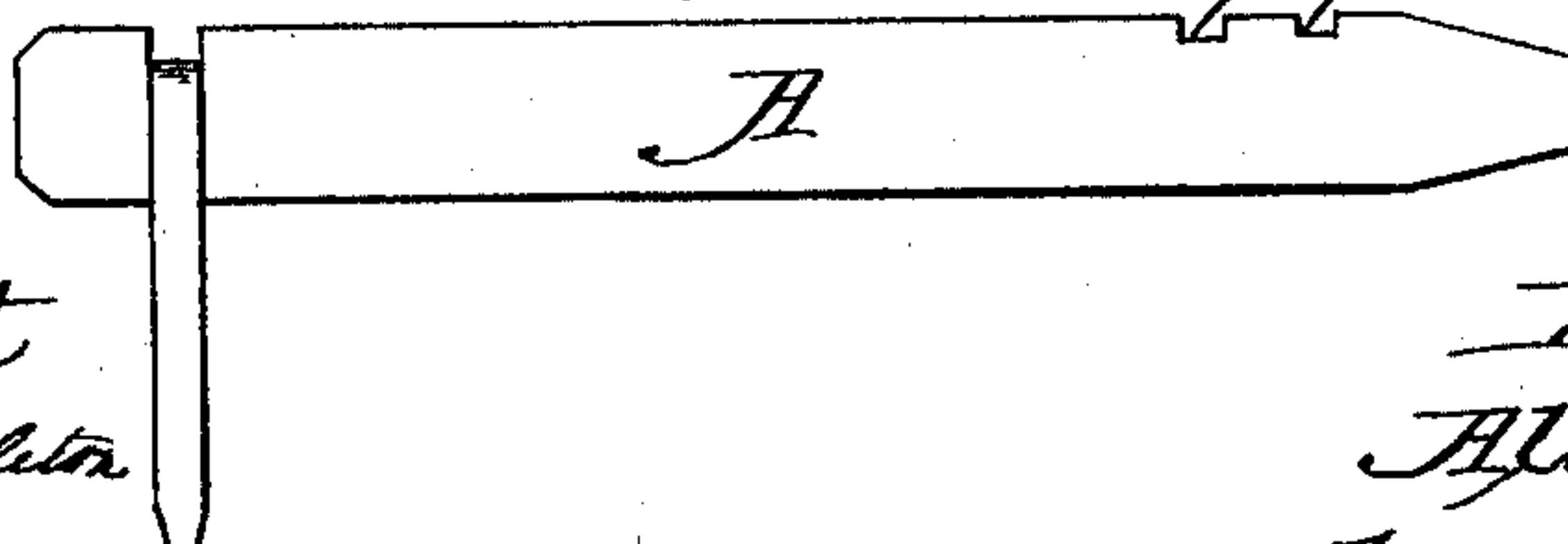


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALMER B. THOMAS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Hardwick, Vermont, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Paper-Bag Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improved bag-fastener adapted for use on paper bags.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 shows the improved article before it is applied to the bag. Fig. 2 shows the strip as it will appear when in use. Fig. 3 is a view of the strip without the fastening device. Fig. 4 shows a modification of the main strip.

It is the object of the invention to devise a cheap fastener adapted for use to secure the ends of paper bags.

As shown in Figs. 1 and 2, I take a strip of thin cardboard or other suitable material and make two parallel cuts, as shown in Fig. 3, in the edge of the strip, the material between the cuts being folded down upon the back. In the recess thus formed I insert the bent-over end of a tin strip B and press the bent-over end tightly against the bent-over portion *a* of the main strip A, and this adds to the security of the grip of the tin strip and prevents displacement. The tin strip extends across the width of the strip A, projecting below the same. The strip A is folded around the gathered end of the bag and the two ends of the strip brought together, after which the

tin strip is folded to the rear across the free end of the main strip and back upon itself, preferably engaging the recess in the upper edge of the main strip. The free end C of the main strip may be drawn through the tin strip to tighten it about the bag, and the friction will usually be sufficient to hold it in place; but to prevent any possibility of slipping the end C may be bent back over the tin strip.

In Fig. 4 I have shown a modification adapted for use on larger bags, and in this form I have shown a series of notches in the upper edge of the free end of the strip, as at *a'*, into which the tin may be folded, making it impossible to slip.

I claim—

1. In combination with the main strip, a fastening-strip secured to one edge thereof by fitting a notch or recess made therein and having its free end extending at right angles to the main strip.

2. A bag-fastener comprising the main strip, a notch in one end, a fastening-strip secured therein and a series of notches at the opposite end of the main strip, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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