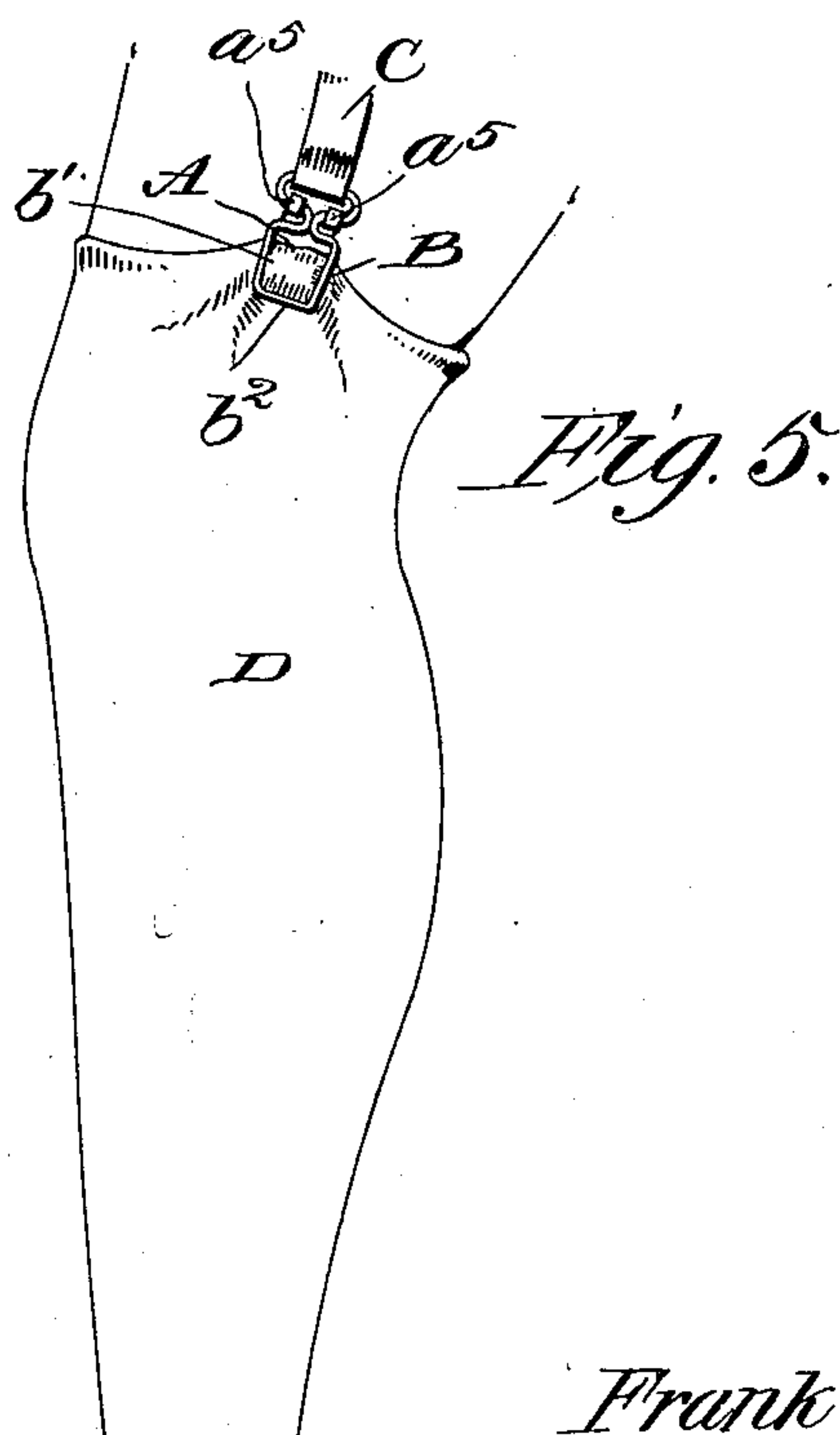
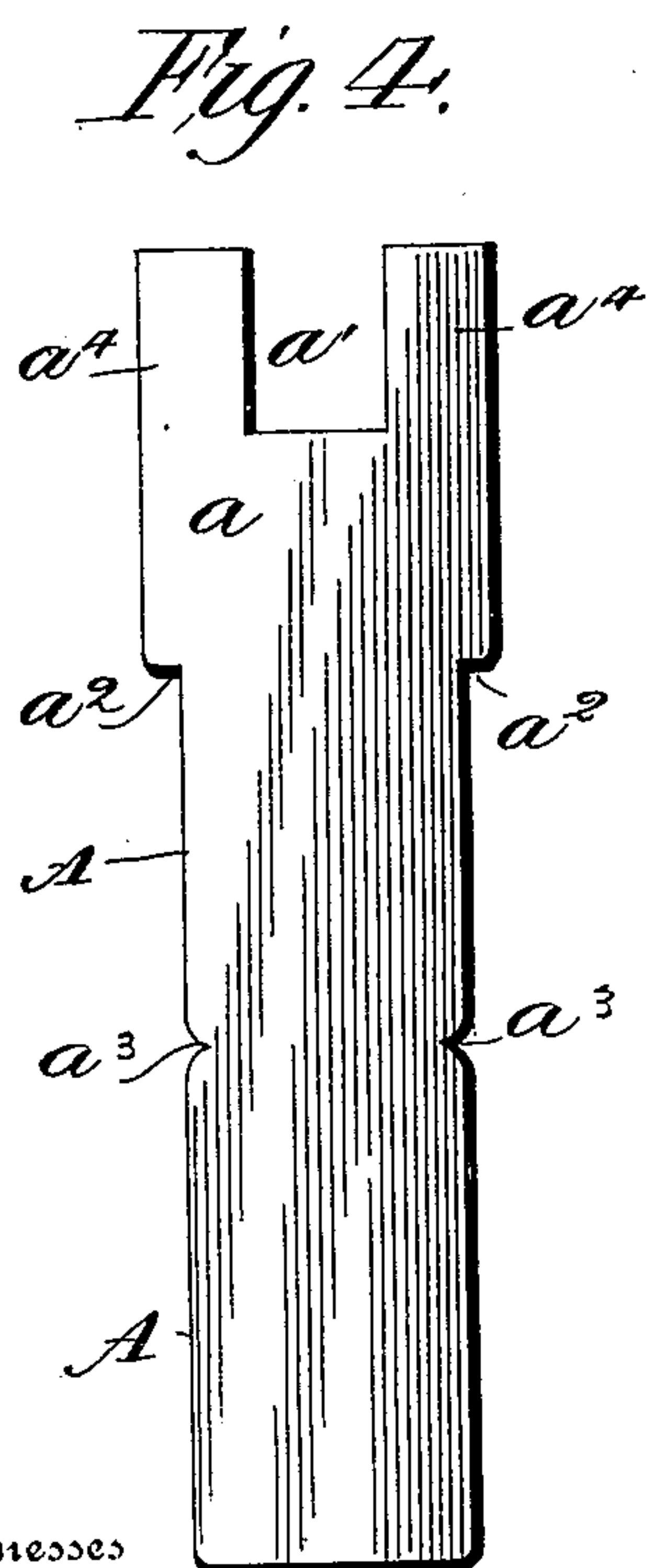
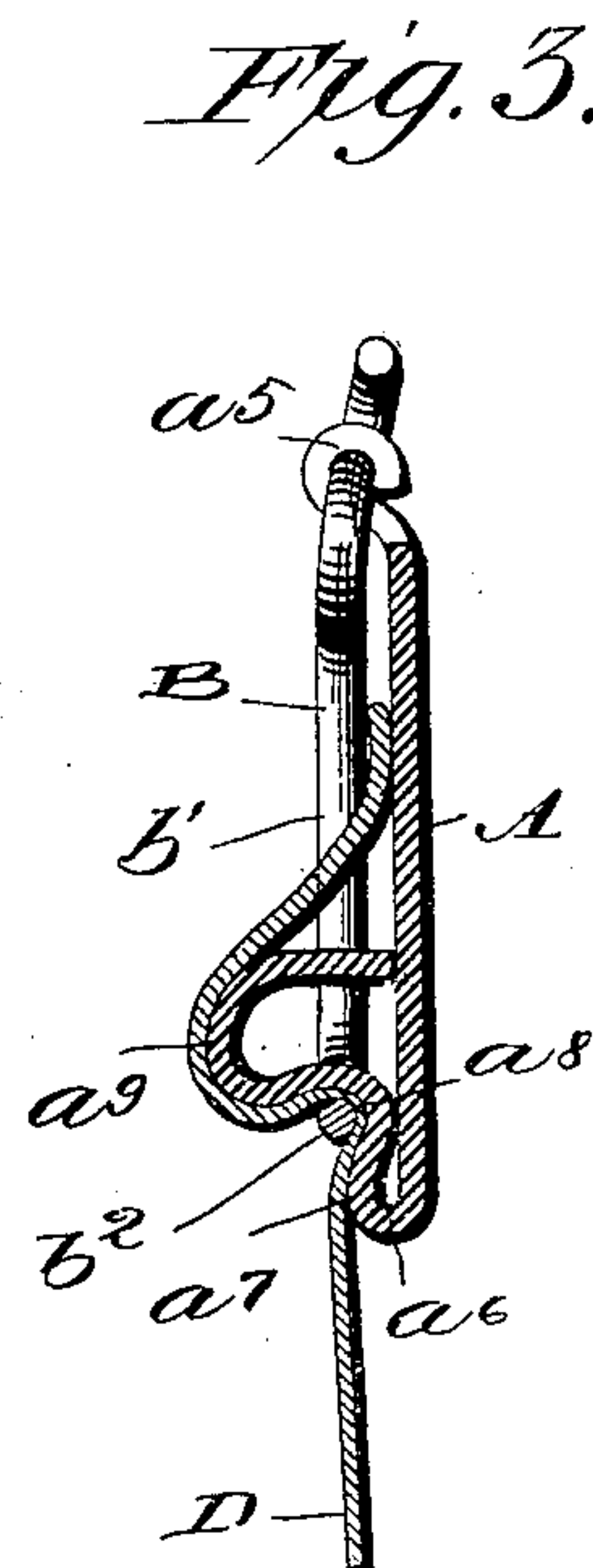
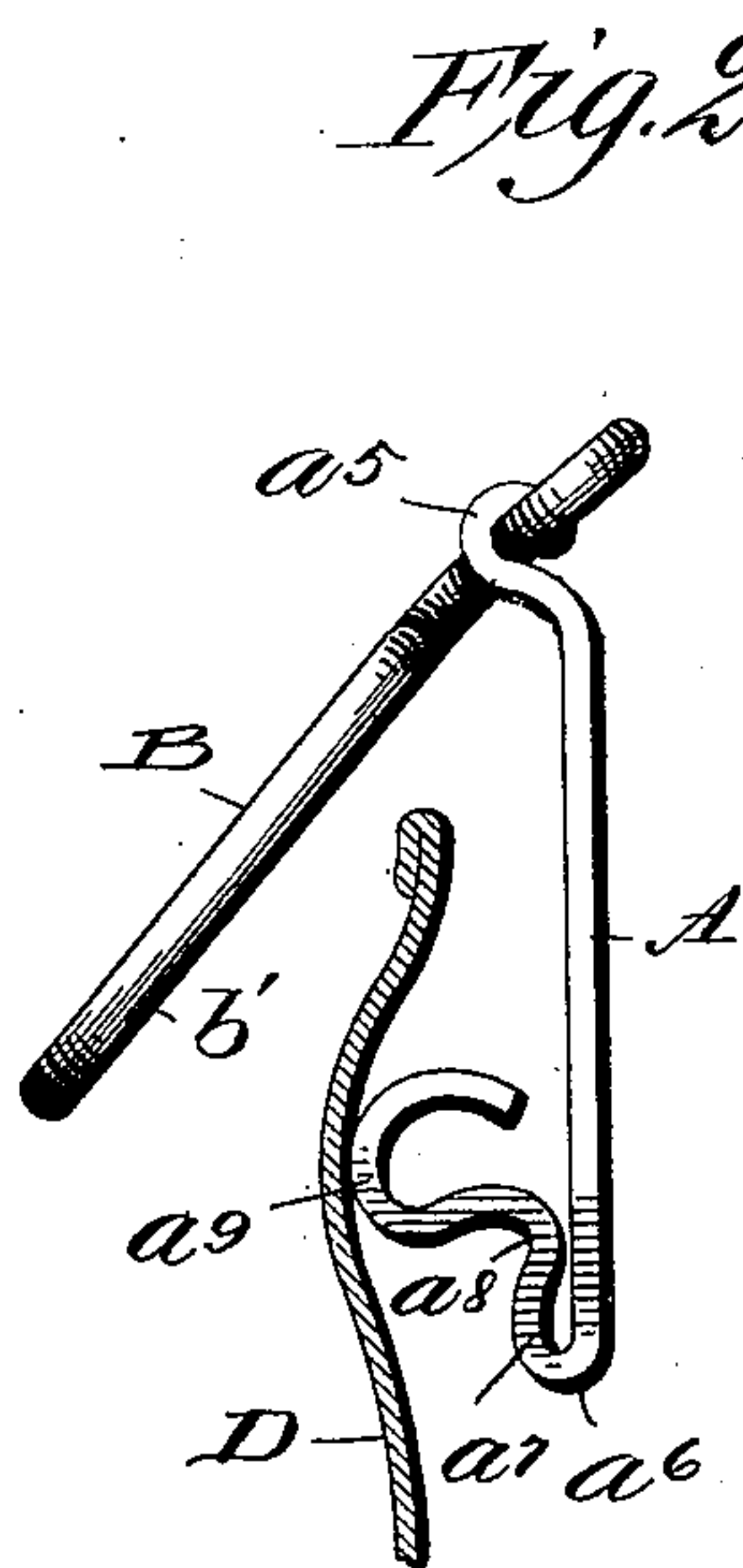
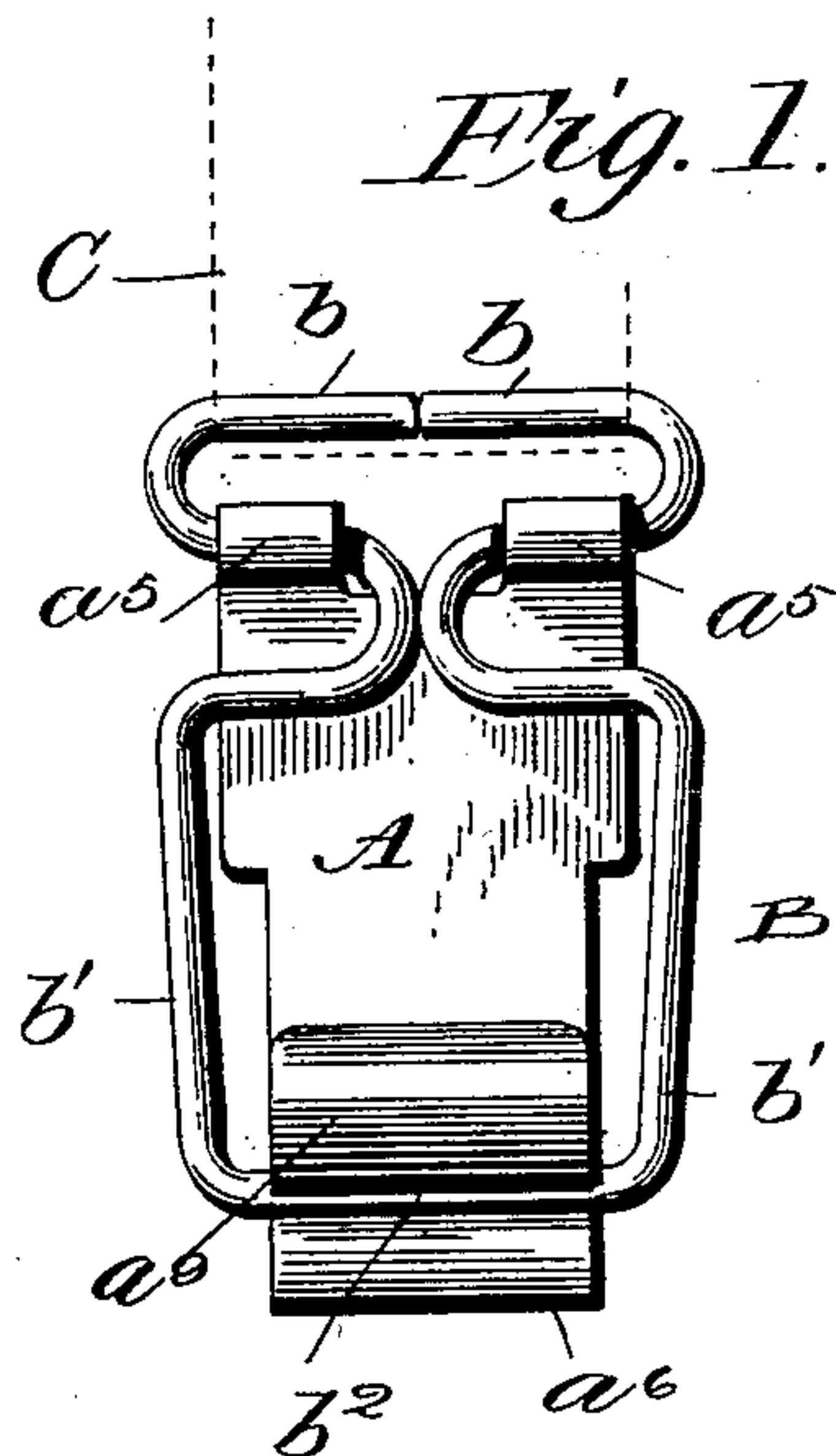


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK SOADY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pekin, in the county of Tazewell and State of Illinois, have
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which
10 it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in garment-supporters; and it has for its object, among others, to provide a simple and cheap yet effective device
15 by which the garment may be held securely, yet without danger of injury thereto. The material is held with sufficient elasticity to prevent tearing, stretching, or piercing of the same.

20 The device is composed of but two parts—those readily assembled and capable of manufacture at a trifling expense.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear, and the novel
25 features thereof will be specifically defined by the appended claims.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part
30 of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of my improved garment-supporter with the clasp closed. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same with the clasp portion thrown open and a portion of a garment about to be applied thereto shown in section. Fig. 3 is a substantially longitudinal section through the supporter with the garment clamped therein. Fig. 4 is a view
35 of the blank from which the body portion of the device is formed. Fig. 5 shows the application of the device.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views.

45 The improved supporter consists of a body portion A and a clasp B. The body portion is formed from a single piece of material cut or stamped into the form shown in Fig. 4, having at one end the part a , which is by preference somewhat wider than the remaining
50 portion, and the outer end thereof is cut away to form the notch or recess a' , the object of which will hereinafter appear. About mid-

way between the other end and the shoulders a^2 , at the junction of the part a with the main portion of the body, the latter is provided
55 with the indentures a^3 , at which points the metal is bent, as will soon be explained. The two narrow portions a^4 upon opposite sides of the notch a' form the eyes into which the wire of the clasp are received and in which
60 they have movement. The blank is bent by suitable tools into the form indicated in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, the portions a^4 being bent rearward to form the eyes a^5 , which are offset forward, as seen clearly in Figs. 2 and 3, while
65 the metal at the other end is bent along the line designated by the indentures a^3 , as seen at a^6 , being bent upward to form the spring portion a^7 with the adjacent curve a^8 and the hump a^9 , the end of the metal being free to
70 provide the required amount of resiliency in the lower portion. This hump is rounded or curved, as shown, so as not to present square corners to the material that is to be clamped thereon.

75 The clasp B is formed of a single piece of material, such as round wire, having its ends passed through the eyes a^5 of the body portion from the inner ends thereof outward and thence again inward toward each other, as
80 seen best in Fig. 1, the ends b being either separated, as shown, or joined together by solder or otherwise, as may be found most expedient. The side portions b' of the clasp are joined by the cross-bar b^2 , and the side bars
85 are of such a length as to require a slight pressure on the cross-bar to cause it to ride over the hump and into the curve a^8 of the body portion.

The manner of use will be apparent. The
90 body portion is secured in the usual manner to the webbing or other material C and the stocking or other garment D placed over the hump a^9 of the body, and then by pressing the clasp down over the hump the garment will
95 be securely held without danger of stretching or tearing of the same, the spring portion at a^7 and again that portion above the curve providing sufficient elasticity to allow sufficient movement of the parts as to avoid in-
100 jury to the garment. Slight pressure upon the under side of the lower end of the clasp will serve to disengage it from the under side of the hump, in the curve of which it has been

retained, and when the clasp is disengaged it will be free to be moved into the position in which it is shown in Fig. 2 and the garment removed.

5 Modifications in detail may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

What is claimed as new is—

10 1. A garment-supporter consisting of a body portion bent back upon itself at one end to form a spring with a hump and a curve at the free end of said spring, and a clasp pivotally mounted on the other end of the body portion and having a cross-bar to ride over said hump
15 and engage in said curve, as set forth.

20 2. As an improved article of manufacture, a garment-supporter consisting of a body portion with eyes at one end with its other end bent upon itself and extended upward and comprising a double spring-tongue with a

curve therein, and a clasp pivotally mounted in said eyes and having a cross-bar to engage in said curve, substantially as specified.

3. As an improved article of manufacture, a garment-supporter, consisting of a body portion with eyes at one end and its other end bent to form a spring portion, a curve at the upper end thereof, and a hump between said curve and the free end of the bent-up portion, and a clasp of wire having its ends held in
30 said eyes and its side bars connected by a cross-bar adapted to ride over said hump and to engage in said curve, substantially as shown and described.

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

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