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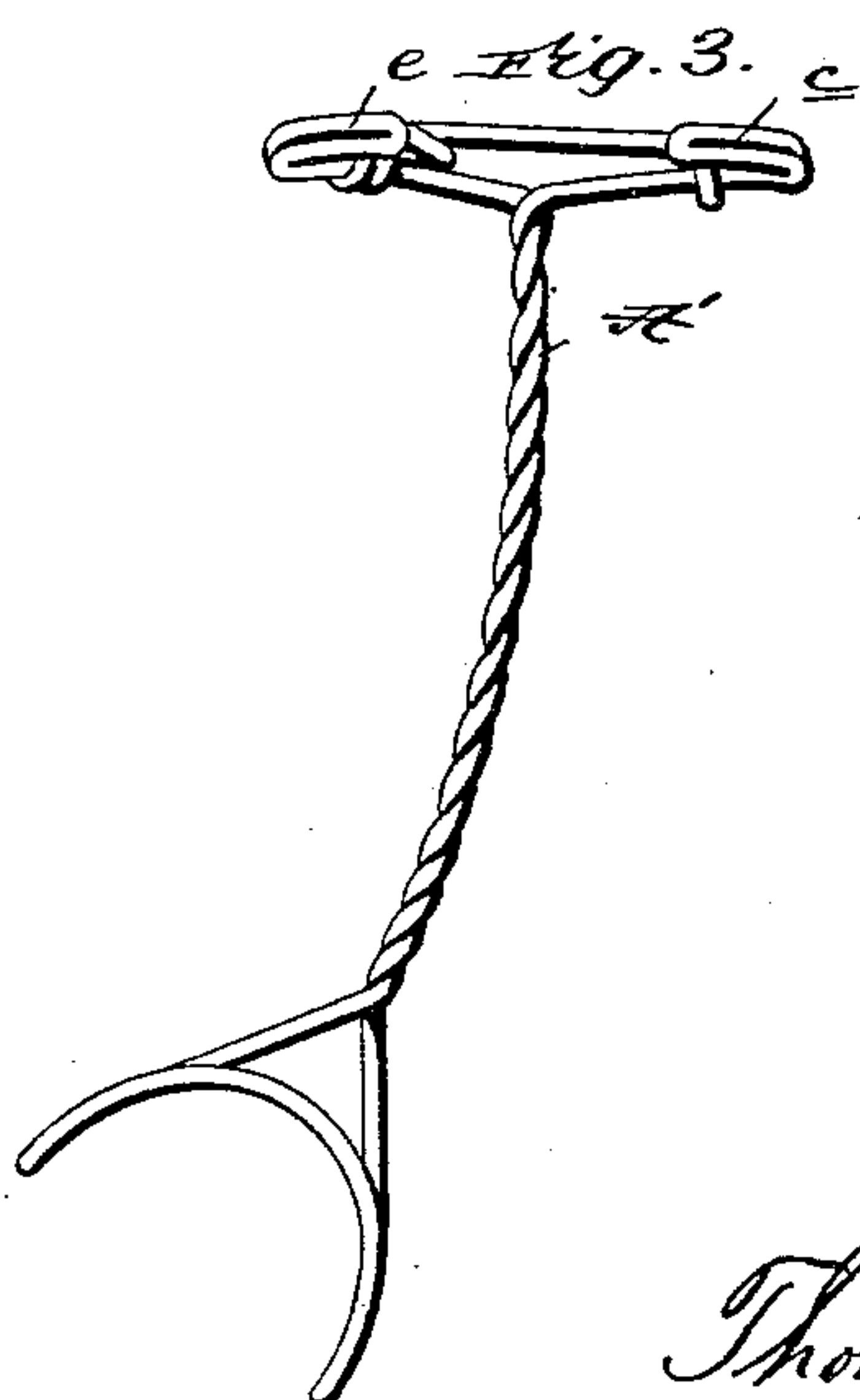
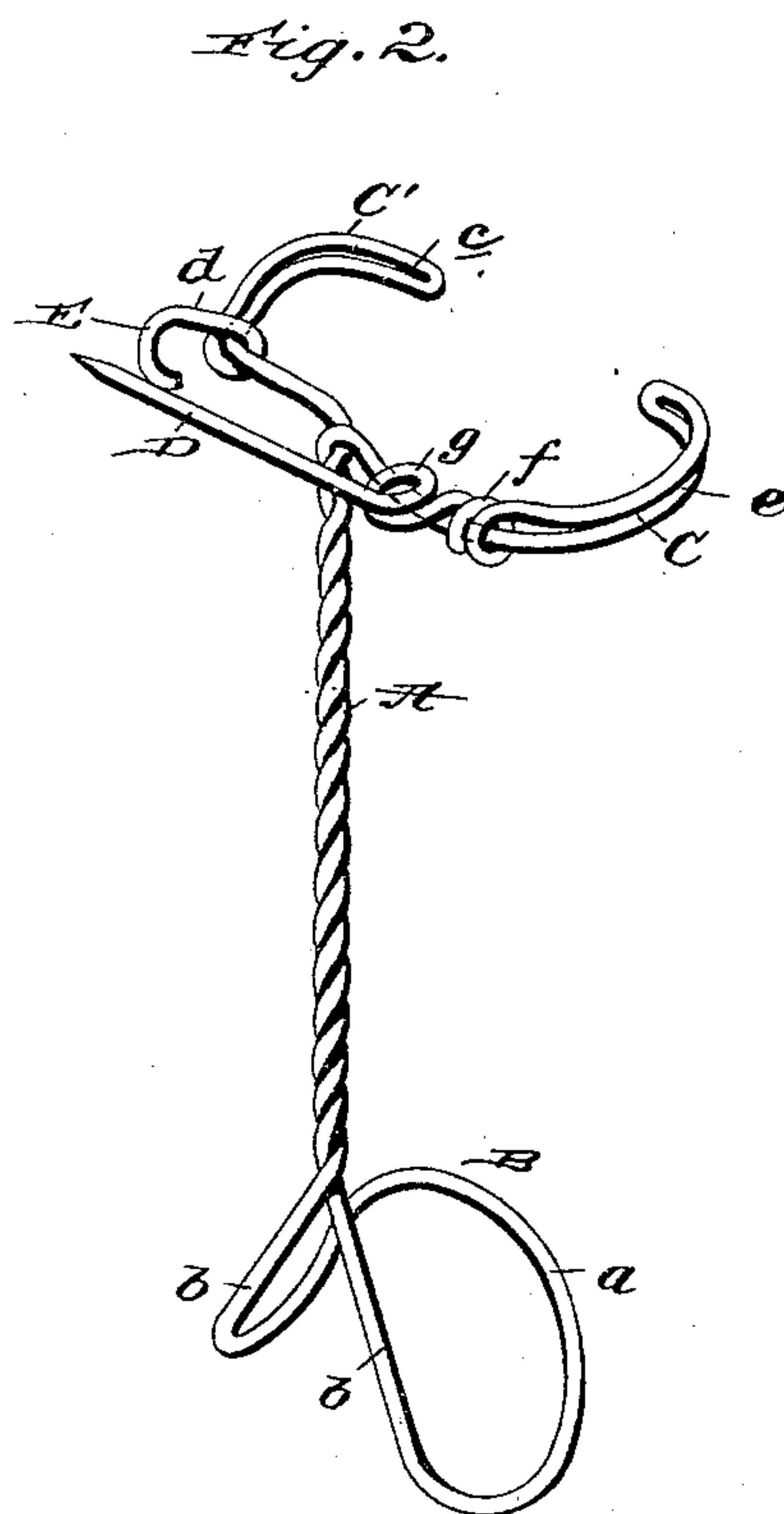
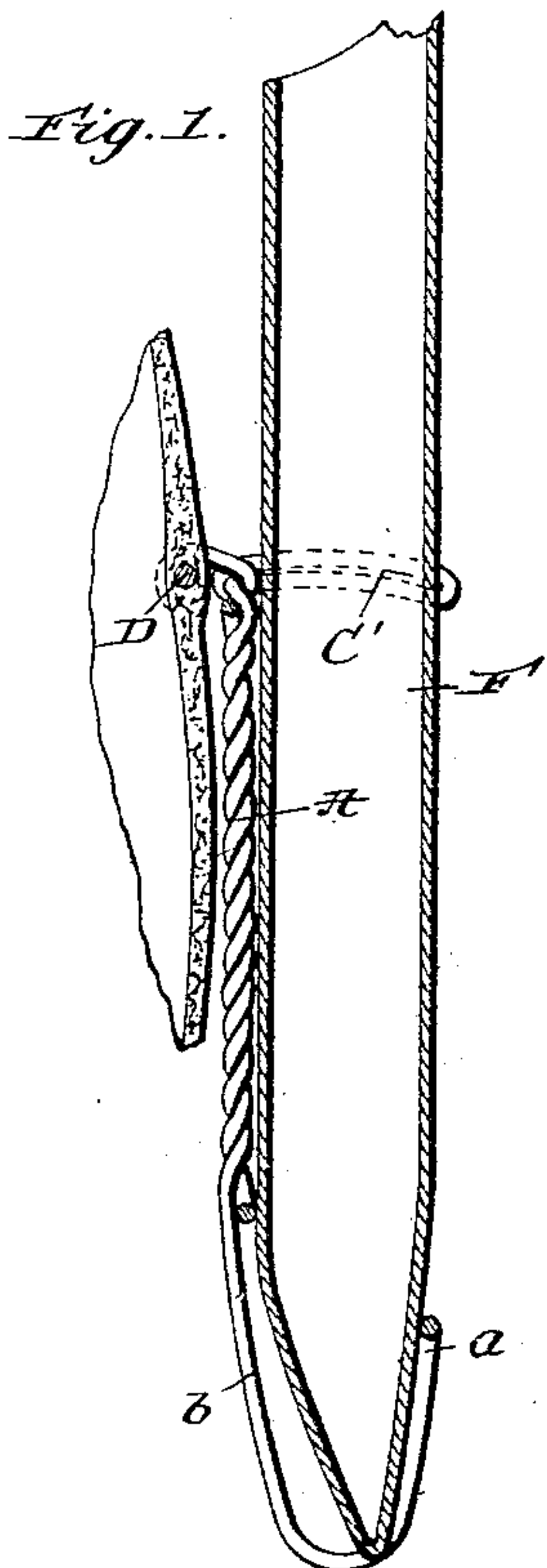
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## DEVICE FOR HOLDING EYEGLASS OR SPECTACLE CASES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS GASKINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Arcadia, in the county of De Soto and State of Florida, have invented new and useful Improvements in Devices for Holding Spectacle or Eyeglass Cases, of which the following is a specification.

My invention contemplates the provision of a simple and inexpensive device susceptible of ready attachment to a coat, vest, suspenders, or other article of personal apparel and calculated to receive and securely hold against casual displacement a spectacle or eyeglass case.

The invention will be fully understood from the following description and claims when taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a vertical section illustrating my improved device as attached to a vest and holding a spectacle-case. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the device removed. Fig. 3 is a similar view illustrating a modified form designed to receive and hold the curved cases of eyeglasses.

In the preferred embodiment of the invention the holder shown in Figs. 1 and 2 and that shown in Fig. 3 are respectively formed of one piece of resilient wire and are similar, with the exception that the shank A of the holder disclosed in Figs. 1 and 2 is straight, while the shank A' of the holder illustrated in Fig. 3 is curved. This being so, a detail description of the holder shown in Figs. 1 and 2 will suffice to impart a full understanding of both of the illustrated embodiments of the invention. The said holder comprises the shank A, a hook-shaped loop B at the lower end of the shank, lateral curvilinear arms C C' at the upper end of the shank, a pin D on the arm C, and a keeper E for said pin on the arm C'. The loop B is designed to receive and support a spectacle-case F after the manner shown in Fig. 1, and its bight *a* is adapted by reason of the resiliency of the wire to clamp and securely hold the case against casual displacement. The arms C C' are shaped in the manner shown and described in order to enable them to receive the case F between them, and they are adapted by virtue of the resiliency of the wire to clasp and assist in holding said case against

casual removal. The pin D is designed, in conjunction with the keeper E, to effect a secure attachment of the device to a vest, coat, suspenders, or other article of personal apparel. When the device is thus attached and the case F is placed therein, said case is supported in an upright position, so as to prevent the spectacles from dropping therefrom, and is securely held by the loop B and arms C C' against casual removal or displacement. While this is so, the case may be readily withdrawn from the device when desired and as readily replaced therein.

In making the device of a single piece of wire the wire is bent to form the loop B, with a bight *a* and upwardly-converging arms *b*, and is then twisted to form the shank A. At the completion of the shank one end portion of the wire is carried laterally, curved and bent upon itself, as indicated by *c*, to form the arm C', and its terminal is bent around its main portion and carried laterally, as indicated by *d*, to form the keeper E. The other end portion of the wire is also carried laterally, curved and bent upon itself, as indicated by *e*, to form the arm C, and is then bent around its main portion, as indicated by *f*, and coiled, as indicated by *g*, to form a spring. Its terminal forms the pin D, which is designed to be passed through an article of personal apparel and placed in engagement with the keeper E in the manner and for the purpose described.

When made in the manner described of a single piece of wire, my improved device is neat in appearance and strong and durable and may be produced and sold with profit for a very small price. For these reasons I prefer to make the device of a single piece of wire. I do not desire, however, to be understood as confining myself to the same, as the device might be made of sheet metal or other suitable material, in which case the pin would be soldered on or otherwise connected to one of the arms.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. As an improved article of manufacture, the holder for a spectacle or eyeglass case formed of metal and comprising the twisted shank, the hook-shaped loop at the lower end of the shank, curvilinear arms extending lat-



erally in opposite directions from the shank, a pin on one of said arms, and a keeper for said pin on the other arm, substantially as specified.

- 5 2. As an improved article of manufacture, the holder for a spectacle or eyeglass case, formed of a single piece of wire and comprising the twisted-wire shank, the hook-shaped loop at the lower end of the shank  
10 having the upwardly-extending bight and the upwardly-converging arms, curvilinear arms extending laterally in opposite directions from the upper end of the shank and formed by bending the end portions of the piece of

wire upon themselves, a pin forming the terminal of one end portion of the piece of wire and having a coiled spring at its heel, and a keeper for said pin forming the terminal of the other end portion of the piece of wire, substantially as specified. 15 20

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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