

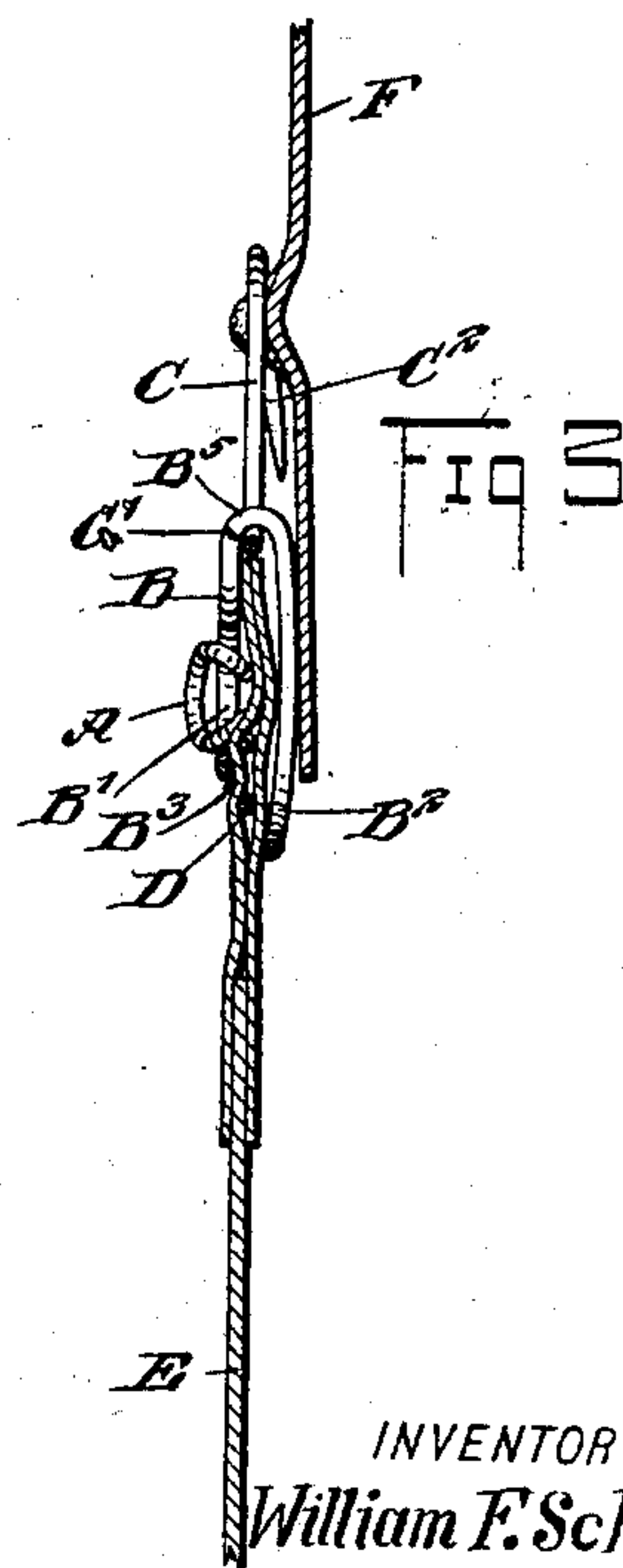
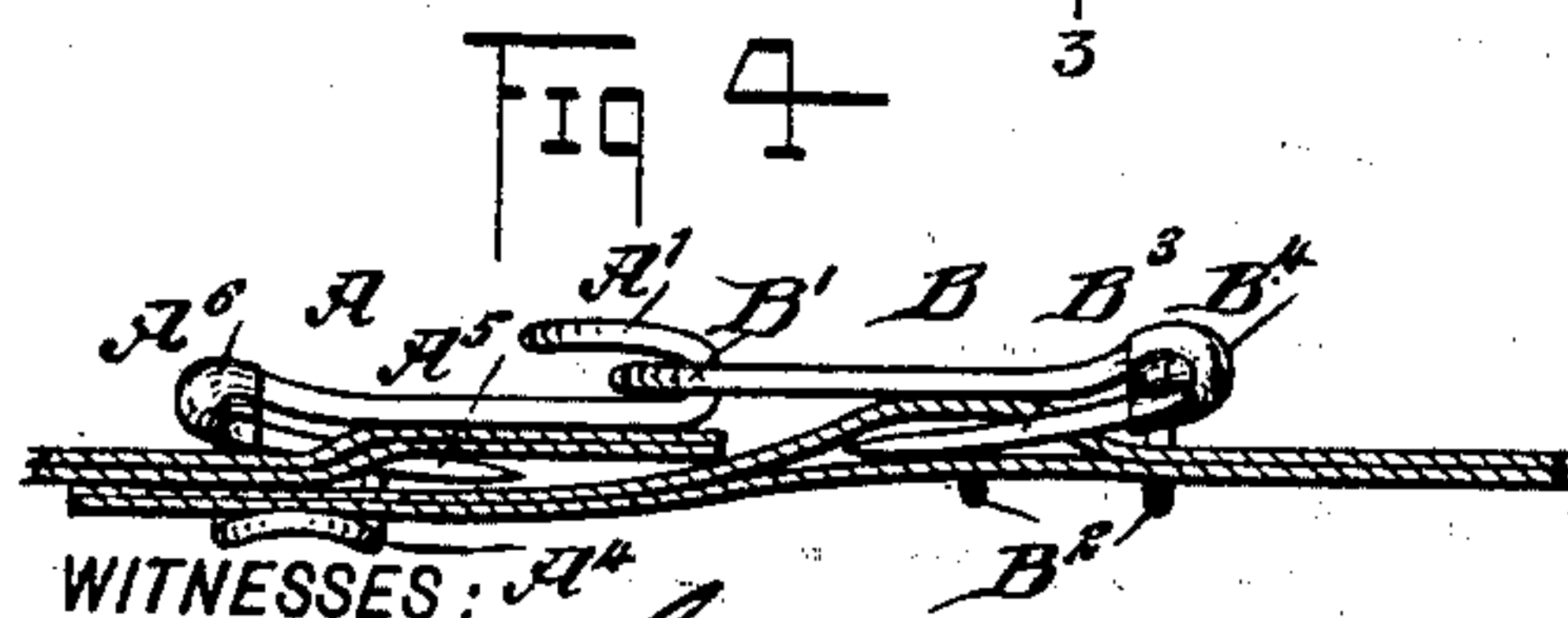
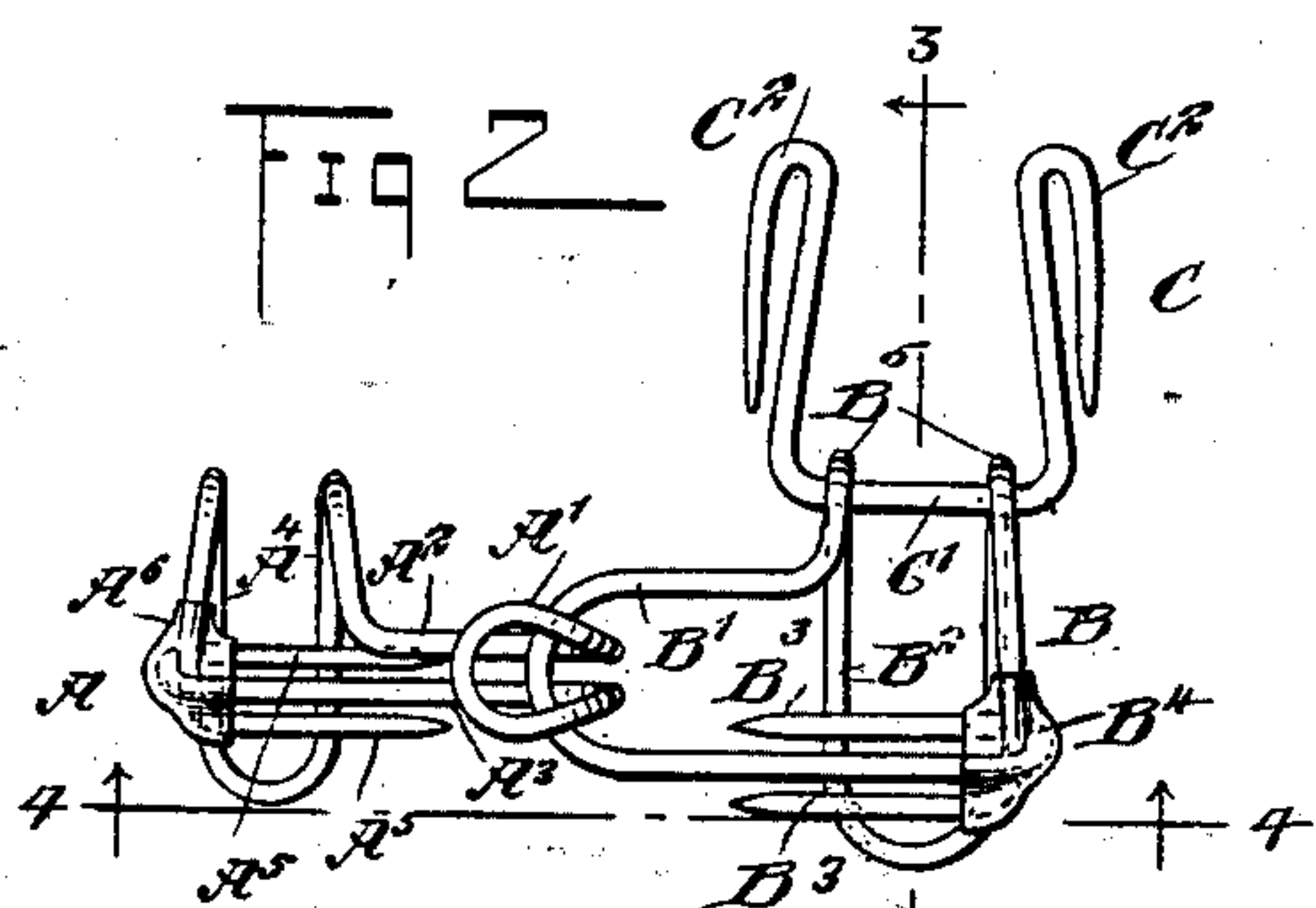
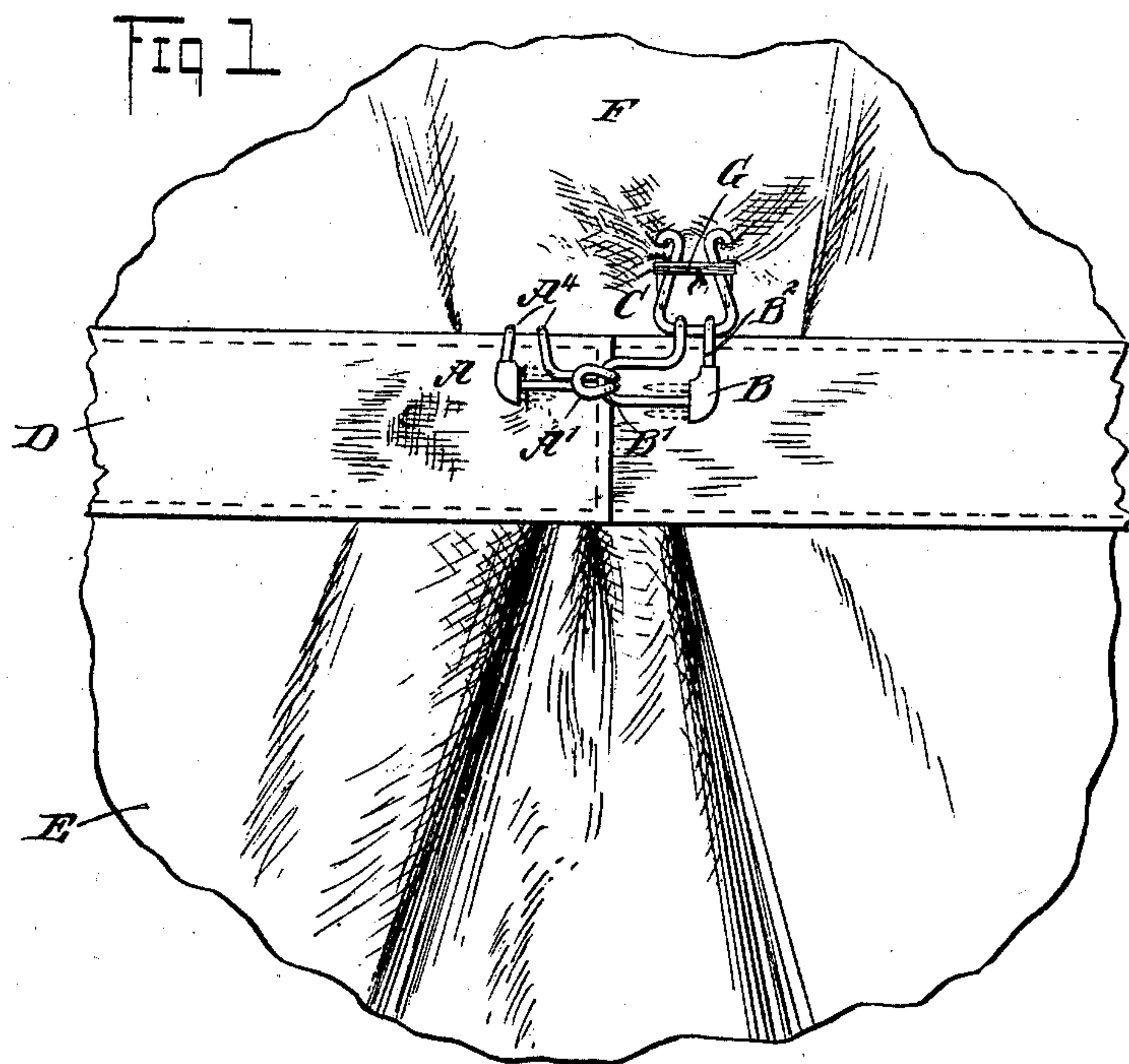
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GARMENT-FASTENER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM F. SCHMIDT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Blanco, in the county of Monterey and State of California, have invented a new and Improved Garment-Fastener, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved garment-fastener, more especially designed for use on skirt-bands for properly fastening the ends of the skirt-band together and to connect the skirt-band with the waist to hold the skirt in position and give it the correct hang.

The invention consists of novel features and parts and combinations of the same, as will be fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claims.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is an inside view of part of a skirt and waist with the improvement applied. Fig. 2 is an enlarged face view of the improvement. Fig. 3 is a transverse section of the same on the line 3 3 in Fig. 2 and as applied to a skirt and waist, and Fig. 4 is an inverted sectional plan view of the same on the line 4 4 in Fig. 2.

The improved garment-fastener consists, essentially, of a hook A, an eye B, and a hanger C, each made of a single piece of wire, as indicated in Fig. 2. The hook A and the eye B are arranged for adjustable connection with the band D of a skirt E, so that the said band when closed has no slack and properly fits the person, and the hanger C is arranged for detachable connection with either the hook A or the eye B, preferably, however, with the latter, to engage the waist F, so as to properly connect the skirt to the waist and insure a proper hanging of the skirt.

The hook A, of a single piece of wire, is formed with a hook proper, A', having shanks A² A³ extending longitudinally, the shank A² terminating in a transversely-extending hook A⁴, adapted to hook over the top edge of the skirt-band D, as is plainly indicated in Figs. 1, 3, and 4. The ends of the wire form

points A⁵, which extend parallel to the shanks A² A³ in a direction toward the hook proper, A', the rear ends of the points being fastened by solder A⁶ or the like to the return-bent member of the transverse hook A⁴. The eye B is similarly constructed—that is, is formed into a loop B', a transverse hook B², adapted to hook over the top edge of the skirt-band, the ends of the eye-wire forming points B³, extending toward the loop B' from the return member of the transverse hook B², and solder B⁴, fastening the rear ends of said points to the return member of the transverse hook. Now it will be seen that the points A⁵ and B³ of the hook A and the eye B can be readily engaged with the skirt-band D, at or near the ends thereof, so that the eye B can be readily engaged with the hook A to close the said skirt-band. It will further be seen that all strain on the hook and eye tends to draw the points A⁵ B³ in firm engagement with the skirt-band D, so that the said hook and eye are not liable to become accidentally disconnected from the skirt-band unless the material of the band should give way.

The hanger C has a transverse bar C', adapted to hook upon the transverse hook B² at the upper bends B⁵ thereof, and said hanger is formed with downwardly-extending return-bent points C², adapted to engage the waist F, so as to securely fasten the hanger in place on the waist. If desired, the hanger C can be additionally secured in position by stitches G, as indicated in Fig. 1.

When the several parts are secured in position on the skirt-band and the waist, as described, then the operator can readily close the skirt-band by hooking the eye B upon the hook A and by engaging the transverse hook B² with the cross-bar C' of the hanger C, so that the skirt is supported from said hanger attached to the waist.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A garment-fastener, comprising a hook and an eye, each having fastening-points for attaching the hook and eye to a skirt-band at any desired point in the length thereof, and said hook and eye being each provided at one end with a transverse hook adapted to extend

over the top edge of the skirt-band, and a hanger adapted to be secured to a waist and to be engaged by the transverse hook of either the said hook or eye, as set forth.

5 2. A garment-fastener, comprising a hook and eye, each formed at its outer end with a transverse hook and fastening-points extending inwardly from said outer end, and a U-shaped hanger having its members terminating in return-bent fastening-points, said
10 hanger being adapted to be engaged by the transverse hook of either the eye or hook, substantially as described.

3. In a garment-fastener, a hook and eye,
15 each formed of a single piece of wire bent to form a hook and eye respectively, from each of which extend parallel members, one member being bent to form a transverse hook, the ends of the wire being then bent to extend
20 parallel with the said members and in direc-

tion of the hook or eye, substantially as described.

4. In a garment-fastener, a hook and eye, each formed of a single piece of wire bent to form a hook and eye respectively, from each 25 of which extend parallel members, one member being bent to form a transverse hook, the ends of the wire being then bent to extend parallel with the said members and in direction of the hook or eye, the said ends being 30 secured to the return-bent member of the transverse hook, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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