

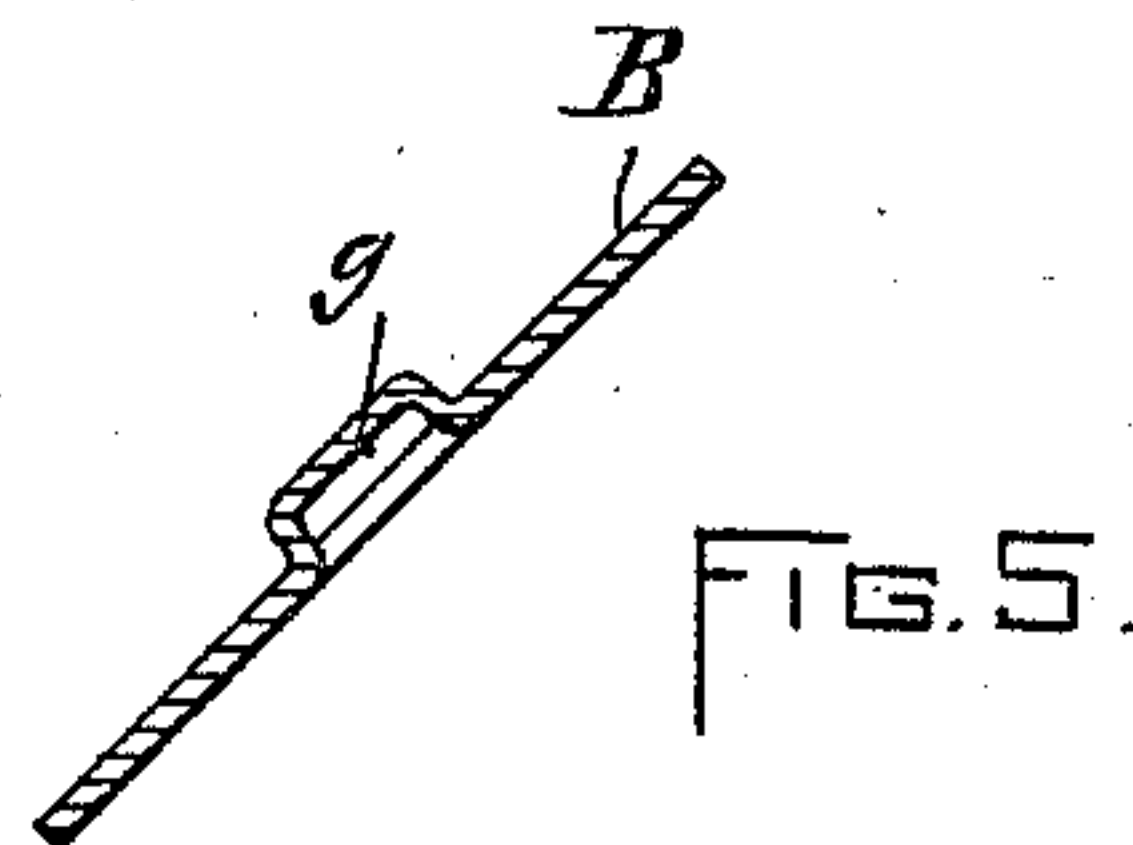
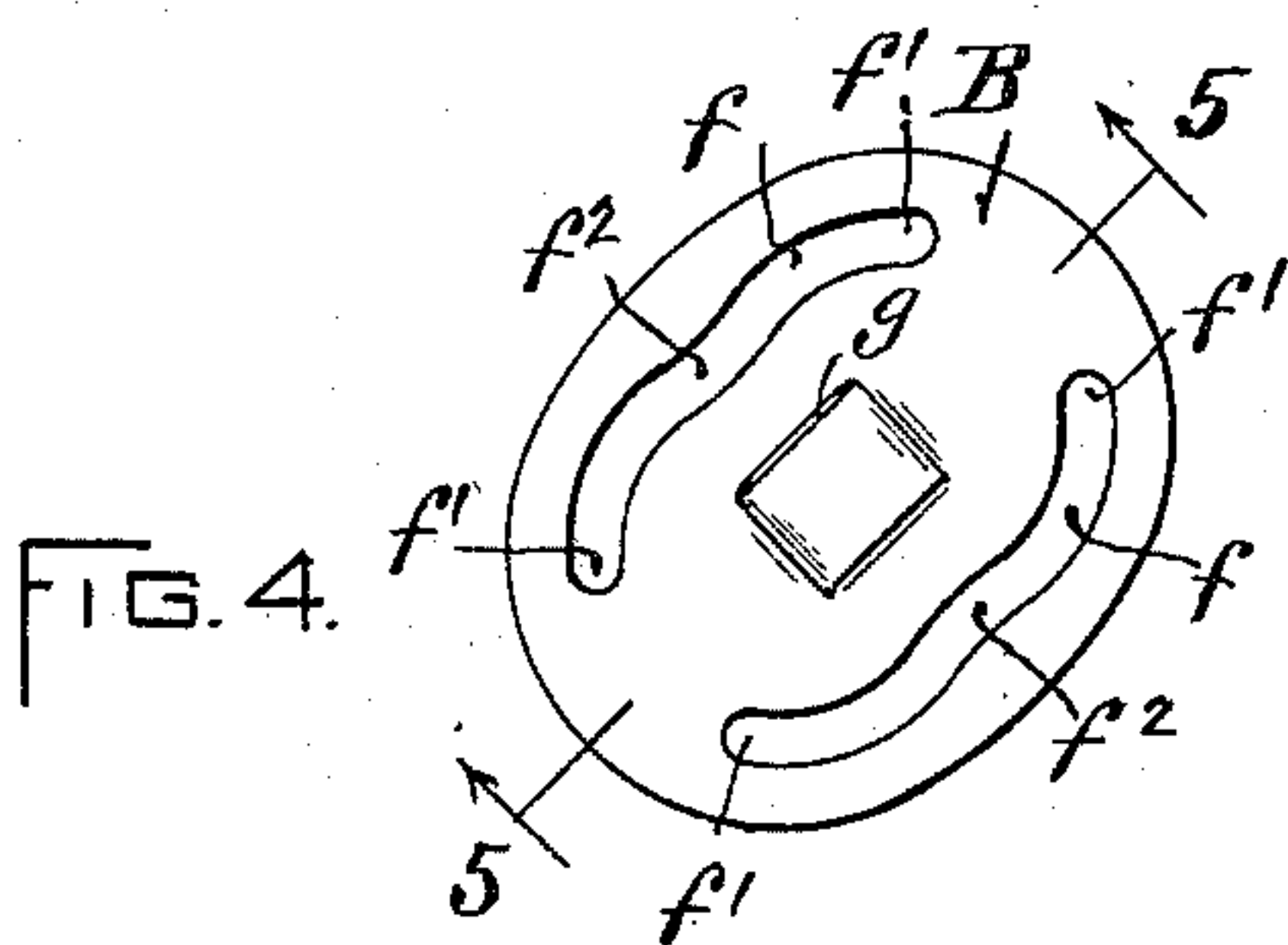
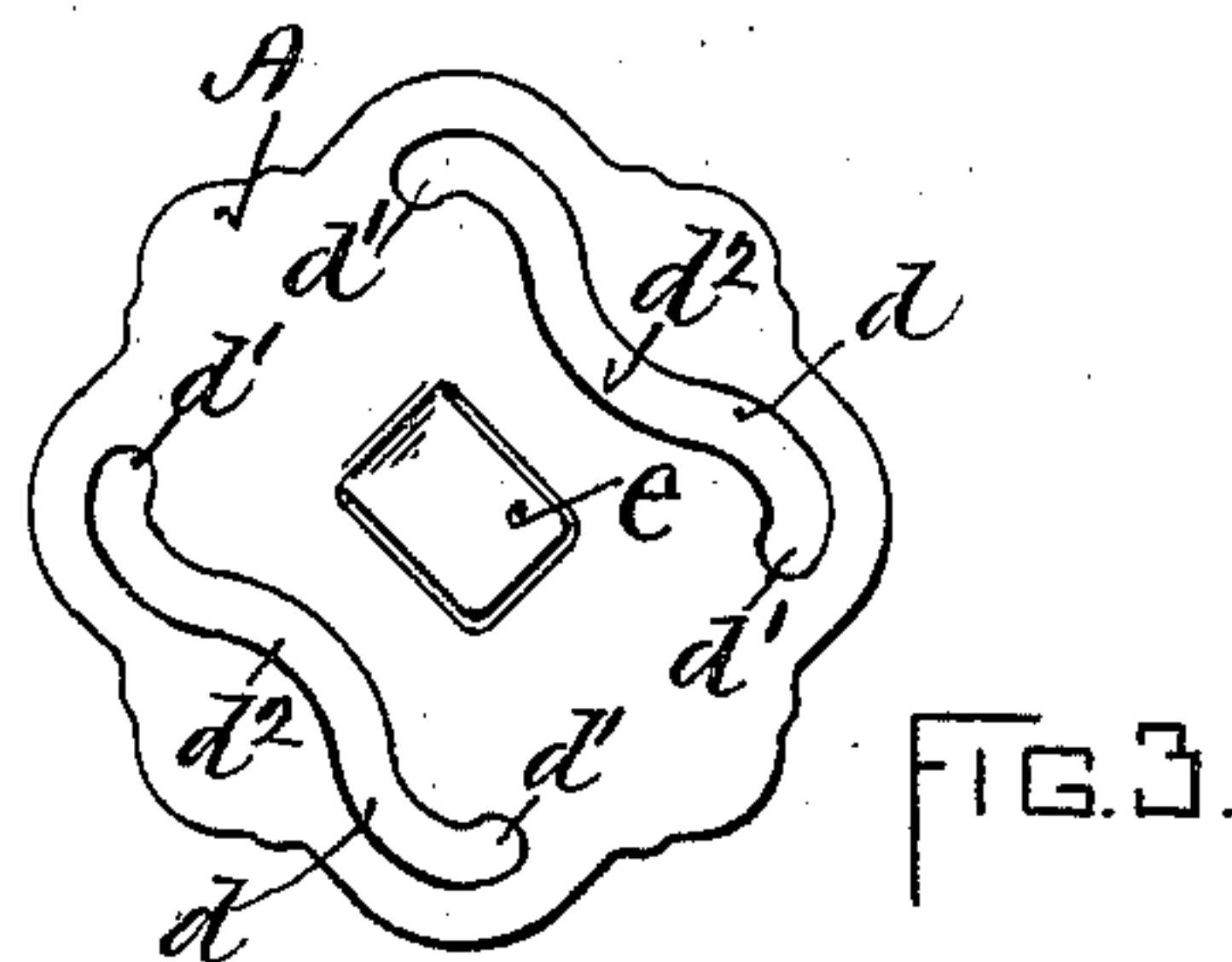
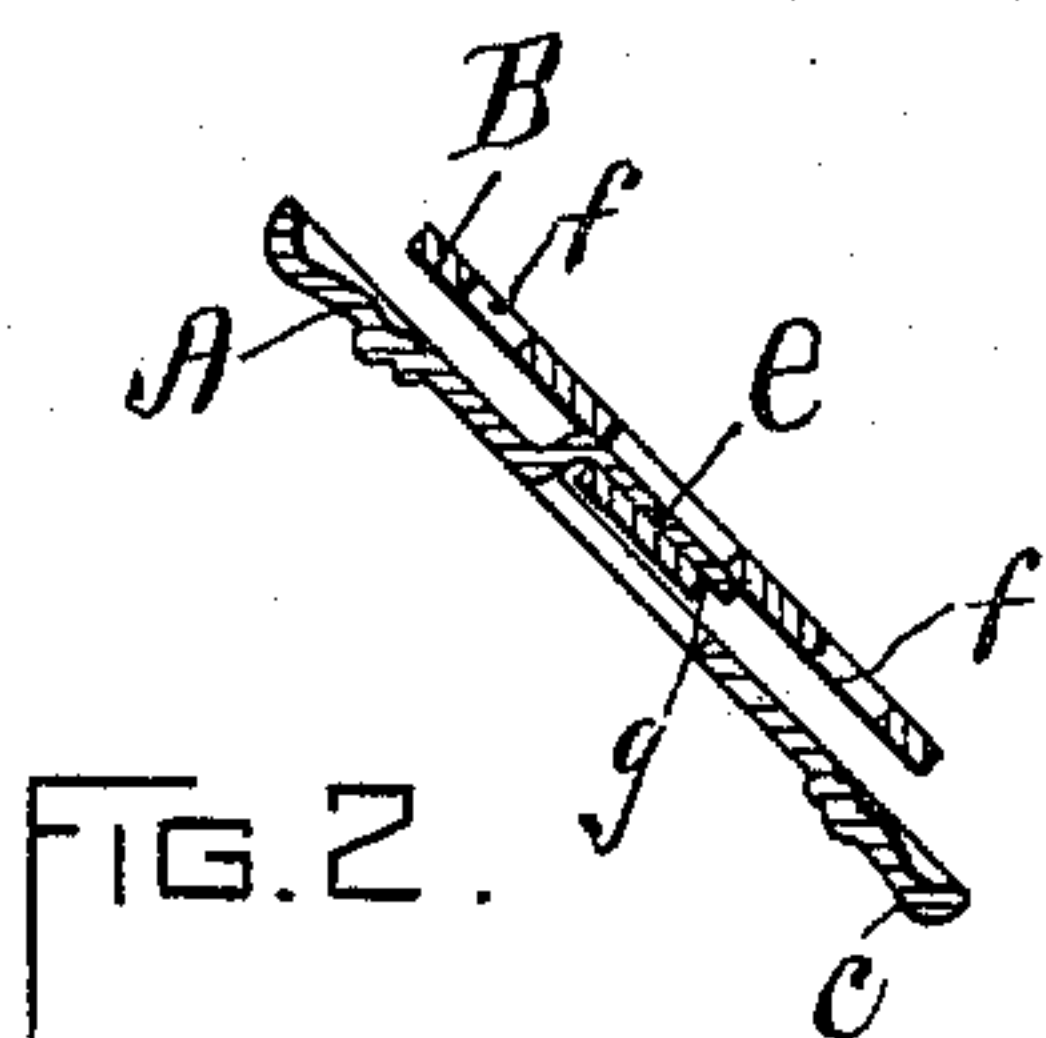
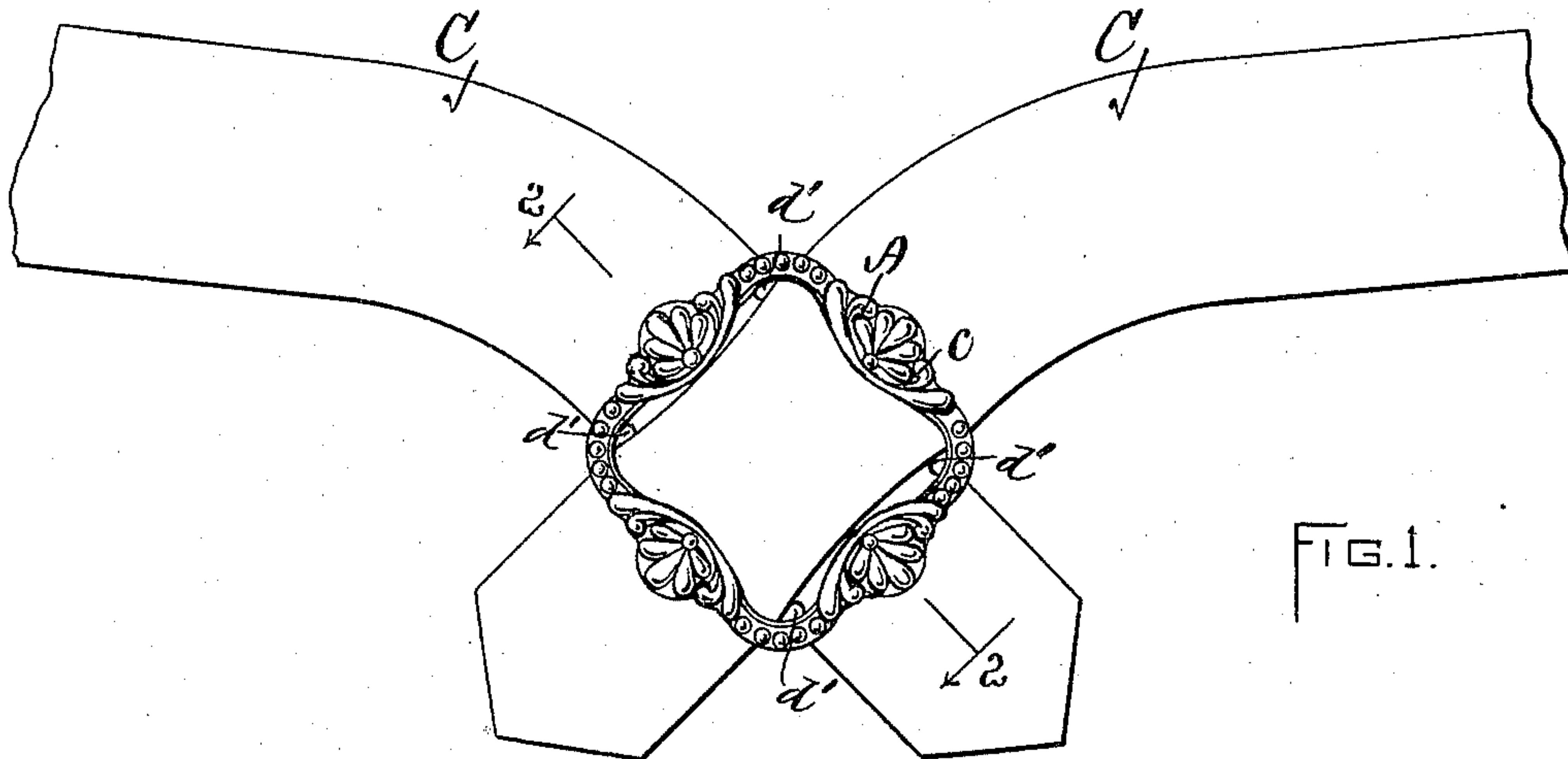
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERIC A. FAIRBROTHER, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing at Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Ornamental Belt-Clasps, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an ornamental clasp adapted to secure the ends of a belt or girdle; and it consists in the improved form and arrangement of the slots of the clasp for holding the end of the belt and the improved construction of the clasp, as hereinafter set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents the front view of an ornamental clasp embodying my improvement and showing a downward deflection of the ends of the belt. Fig. 2 represents a section taken through the parts of the clasp in the line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 represents a back view of the front member of the clasp. Fig. 4 represents a front view of the back member of the clasp. Fig. 5 represents a section taken in the line 5 5 of Fig. 4.

In the drawings, A represents the front member of the clasp, and B the back member, the member A being provided with the ornamental border *c*, the curved slots *d d*, and the hook *e*, the said hook being preferably formed integral with the plate of the front member A, as shown in the section, Fig. 2. The slots *d d* are made with the inwardly-turned ends *d' d'* and preferably with the inwardly-curved median portion *d²*, and the interlocking hook *e* is formed between the said slots and extends in the same longitudinal direction.

The back member B of the clasp is preferably made narrower than the front member A and provided with the curved slots *f f* and with the eye *g*, adapted for the engagement of the hook *e* of the front member, the said eye being preferably formed integral with the plate of the said back member, as shown in Fig. 5. The slots *f f*, like the slots *d d* of the front plate, are made with the inwardly-turned ends *f' f'* and preferably with the inwardly-curved median portion *f²*, and the opening through the eye *g* is made in a direction transversely of the said slots, so that

when the said front and back members are interlocked their respective slots will stand at about a right angle with each other, thus turning the ends of the belt C downward, as shown in Fig. 1; but the hook *e* and eye *g* may be so arranged as to cause the respective slots of the members to be parallel with each other, in which case the ends of the belt would not have a downward inclination imparted by the clasp. The slots *d d* and *f f*, having their ends turned inwardly toward each other, are adapted to firmly grip the edges of the belt C and hold the same from slipping, and by oppositely turning the slots toward each other at their middle portions an additional hold will be obtained upon the belt by the turning of the material of the belt in opposite directions before it is flattened down between the slots.

I claim as my invention—

1. In a belt-clasp, the combination of the front and back members provided with the slots turned inwardly at their ends, with the hook-and-eye attaching means located between the slots, the one extending in the same direction with, and the other transversely of the slots, whereby the ends of the belt passed through the slots of the members of the clasp will be deflected downwardly by the engagement of the members.

2. In a belt-clasp, the combination of the front and back members provided with the slots turned inwardly at their ends, and oppositely curved toward each other at their middle portions, with interlocking means located between the slots.

3. In a belt-clasp, the combination of two members, one of which is provided with slots inwardly turned at their ends, and oppositely curved toward each other at their middle portions, the slots being in such proximity that the belt or other article is sufficiently distorted by the oppositely-curved portions as to be firmly gripped, and interlocking means for the attachment of the back member to the front member, located between the inwardly-turned and opposite slots.

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