

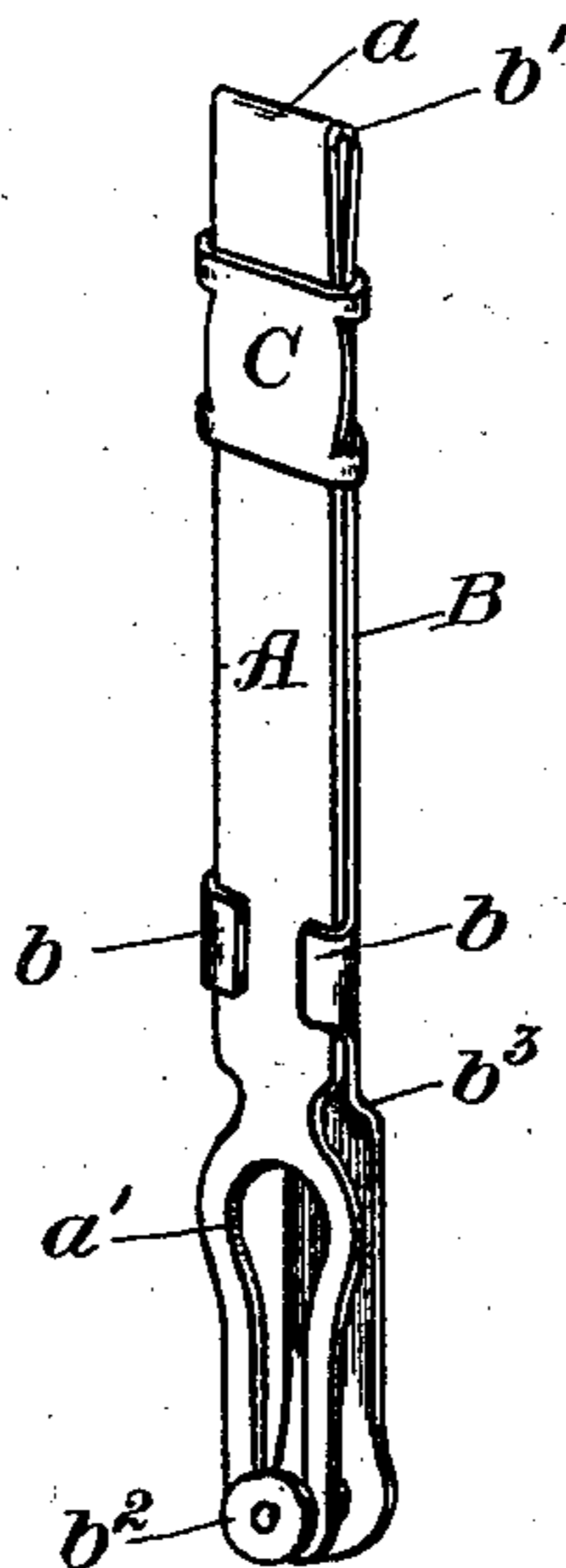
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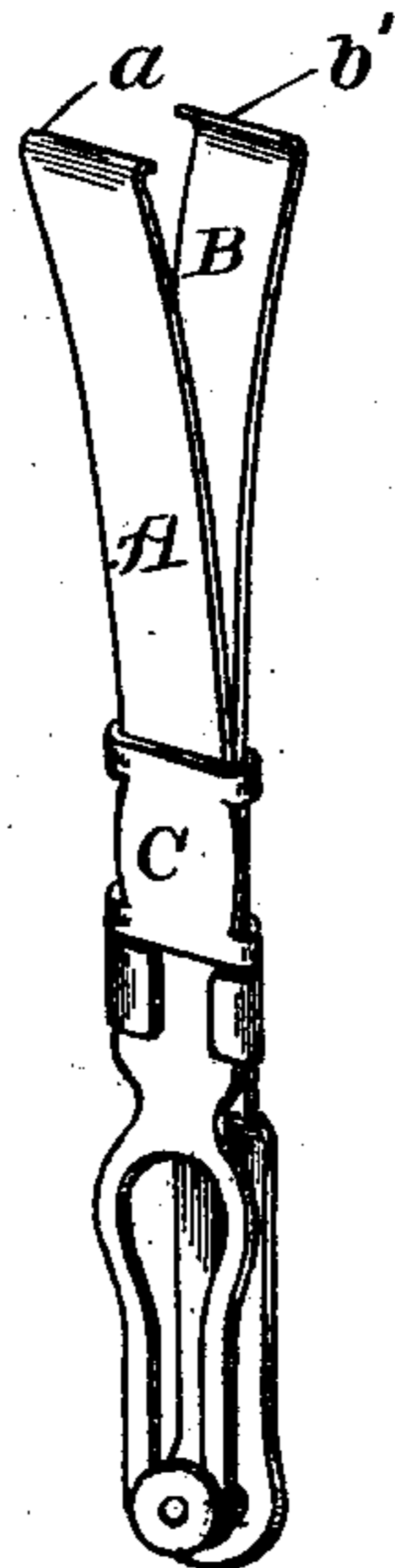
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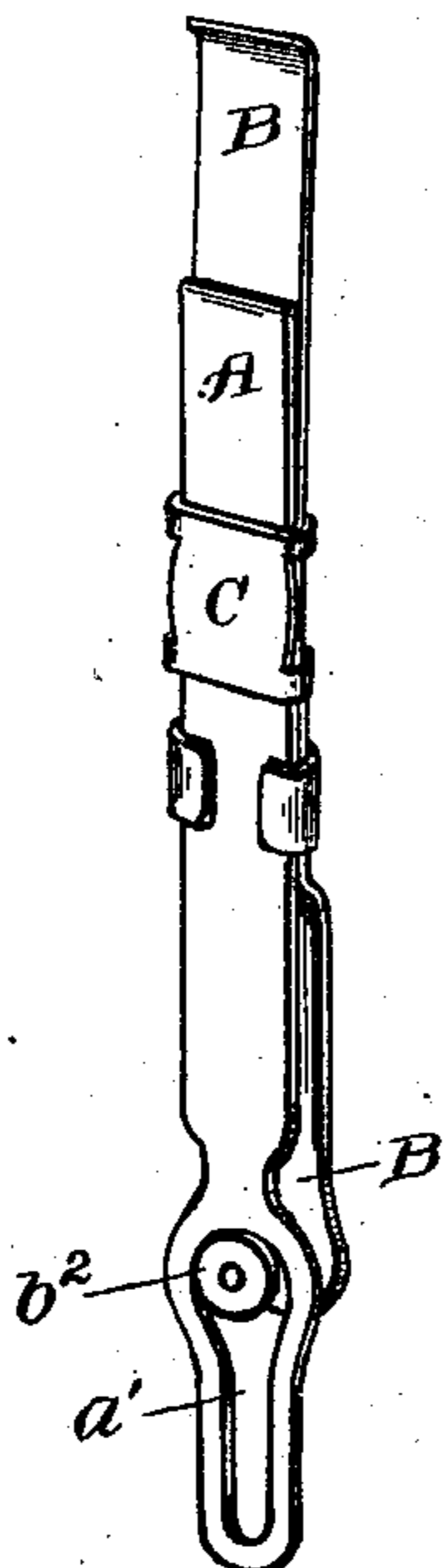
-FIG. I-



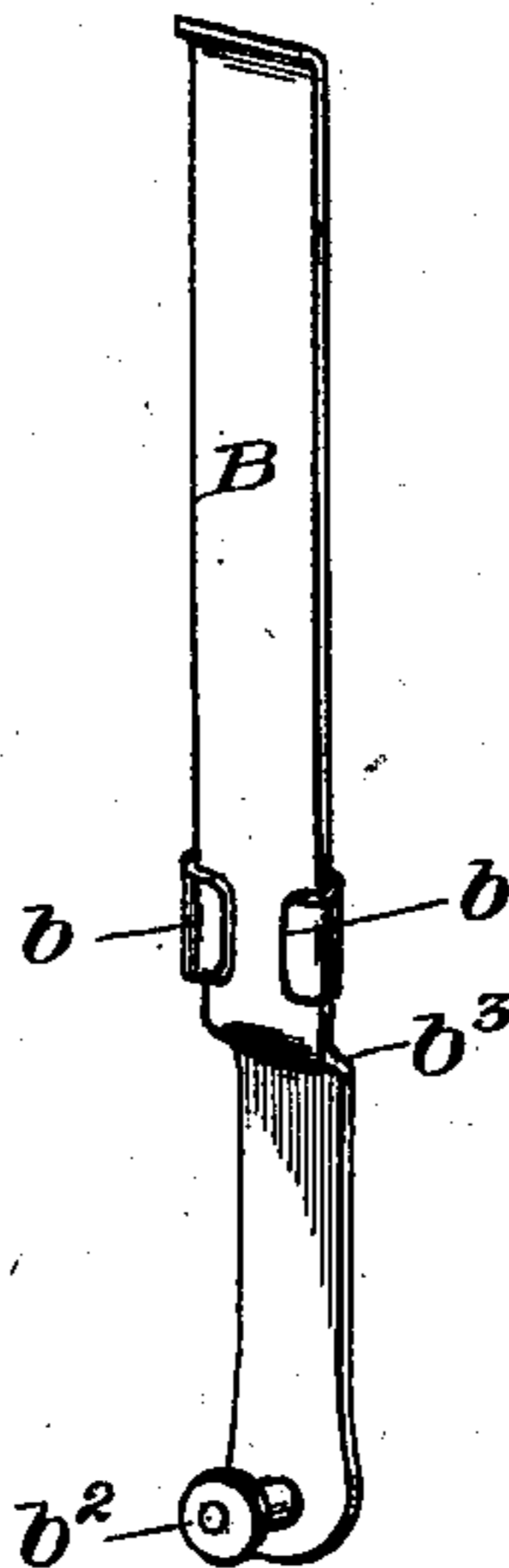
-FIG. II-



-FIG. III-



-FIG. IV-



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PEYTON DOUGLAS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Cleveland, county of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a specification, the principle of the invention being herein explained and the best mode in which I have contemplated applying that principle, so as to distinguish it from other inventions.

My invention relates to garment-supporters, and is particularly adapted to supporting hose, its object being to provide a supporter of such character and eliminate the necessity for using an elastic band encircling the limb to which the ordinary supporter using such band is applied, such band being objectionable by reason of its constricting action upon such limb as a result of the pressure exerted thereon.

Said invention consists of means hereinafter fully described and specifically set forth in the claims.

The annexed drawings and the following description set forth in detail certain construction embodying the invention, such disclosed means constituting but one of various mechanical forms in which the principle of the invention may be used.

In said annexed drawings, Figure I represents a perspective view of a device embodying my invention illustrated in a position in which both fastening devices are closed. Fig. II represents a similar view, showing the upper fastener open. Fig. III represents a third such view, showing both upper and lower fasteners open; and Fig. IV represents a perspective view of one member detached.

The support embodies two flexible steel members A and B, slidable one upon the other, member B being provided with two bent lugs b , forming guides during the sliding movement and securing the two members to each other. The upper end of each member is formed with a jaw a and b' , respectively, a sliding sleeve C being located upon the two members intermediately of the jaws and lugs, as shown, and being adapted to slide up and down while encircling both members. These contiguous member ends are bent so as to nor-

mally open when the slide is moved downwardly, whereby said jaws may be caused to recede from each other when the sleeve is so moved, as shown in Fig. II.

The lower end of member B is provided with a rubber button b^2 , secured thereto, and the contiguous end of member A is provided with a keyhole-slot a' of the usual form, the elongated portion of which is engaged by the button when the two members are in the position shown in Fig. I—that is, in their operative position.

In operating the above-described device sleeve C is pushed downwardly, thereby permitting the jaws a and b' to open out. Member A is then slid downwardly or B upwardly, Fig. III, until the button reaches a position from which it may be removed from slot a' , through the circular portion thereof, by springing the two members apart. The members are bent so as to normally spring apart in such position and require pressure to insert the button in such circular slot portion. The amount of such bending to procure such normal opening is reduced by forming a shoulder b^3 in member B, as shown in Fig. IV. In such open position the hose fabric may be inserted between the lower ends of the two members, the button inserted in the slot, and the two members slid so as to cause the button to engage the elongated slot portion, and so secure the fabric therein. The fabric of a contiguous garment, as the drawers, may now be inserted between the jaws a and b' , whereupon the sleeve C is slid upwardly, causing such jaws to fasten upon such fabric and the two members to be secured to each other, whereby the hose is securely supported by such garment.

Other modes of applying the principle of my invention may be employed instead of the one explained, change being made as regards the construction herein disclosed, provided the means stated by any one of the following claims or the equivalent of such stated means be employed.

I therefore particularly point out and distinctly claim as my invention—

1. A garment-supporter comprising the combination with two relatively slidable members, of means for securing such mem-

bers to each other, such members jointly forming fastening devices at each end of the supporter.

2. A garment - supporter comprising the
5 combination of two relatively slidable members, means for securing such members to each other, contiguous ends thereof being provided with a button and keyhole-slot, and
10 jaws respectively, and means for closing such jaws.

3. A garment - supporter comprising the
combination of two relatively slidable members, means for securing such members to
15 each other, contiguous ends thereof being provided with a button and keyhole-slot and jaws respectively, and a slidable sleeve engaging both members and adapted to close said jaws.

4. A garment - supporter comprising two fastening devices at opposite ends of the supporter, such devices consisting of a pair of 20 spring-jaws and means for closing same, and a button and keyhole-slot the latter being relatively slidable.

5. A garment - supporter comprising two fastening devices at opposite ends of the sup- 25 porter, such devices consisting of relatively slidable flexible metallic members and means for securing same to each other.

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