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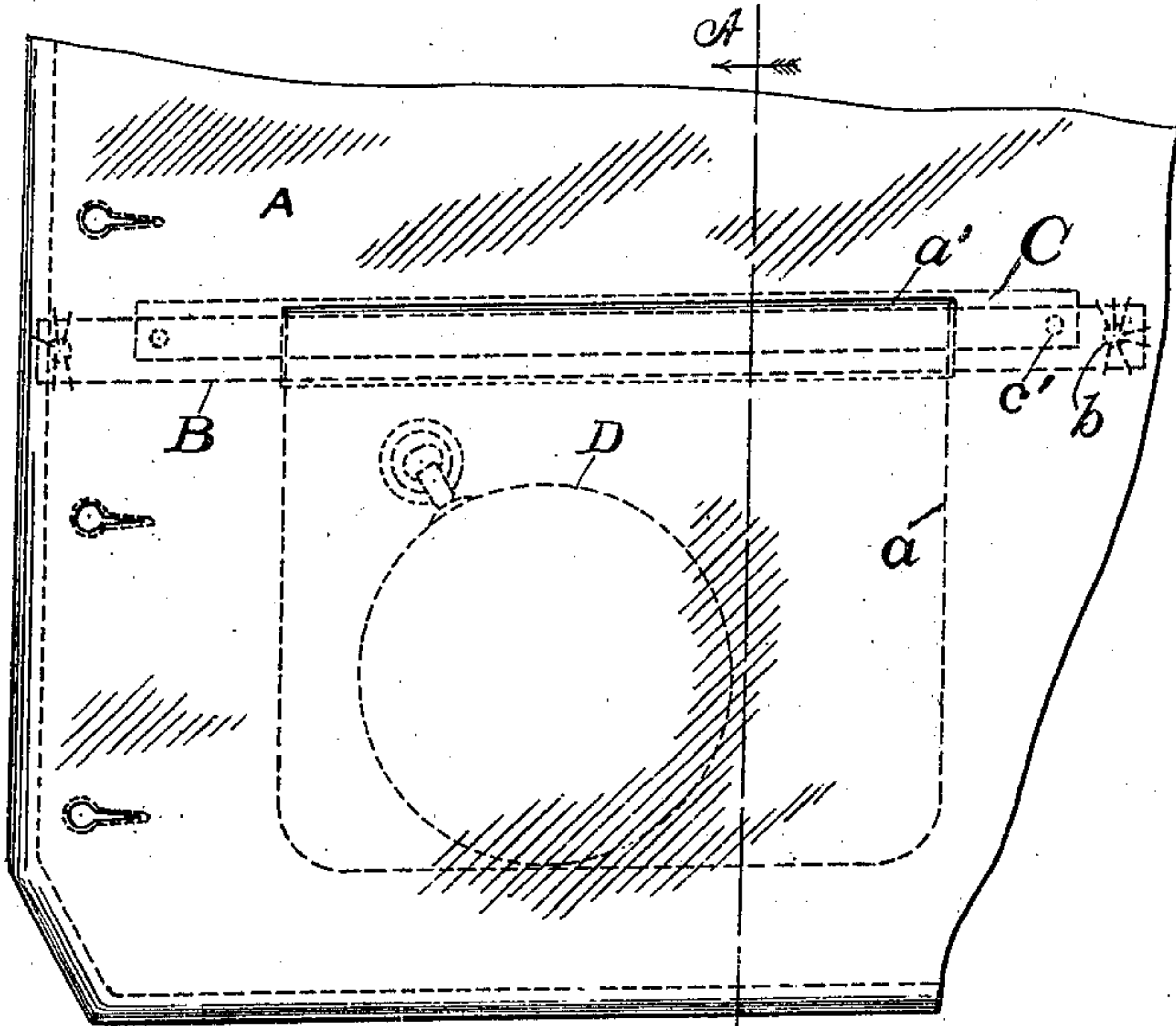


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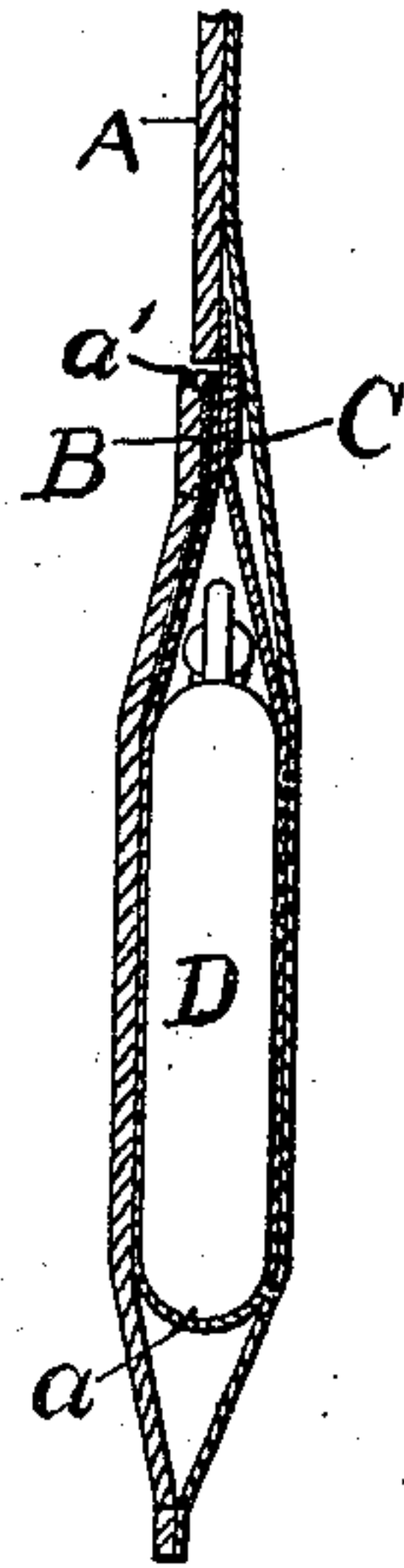


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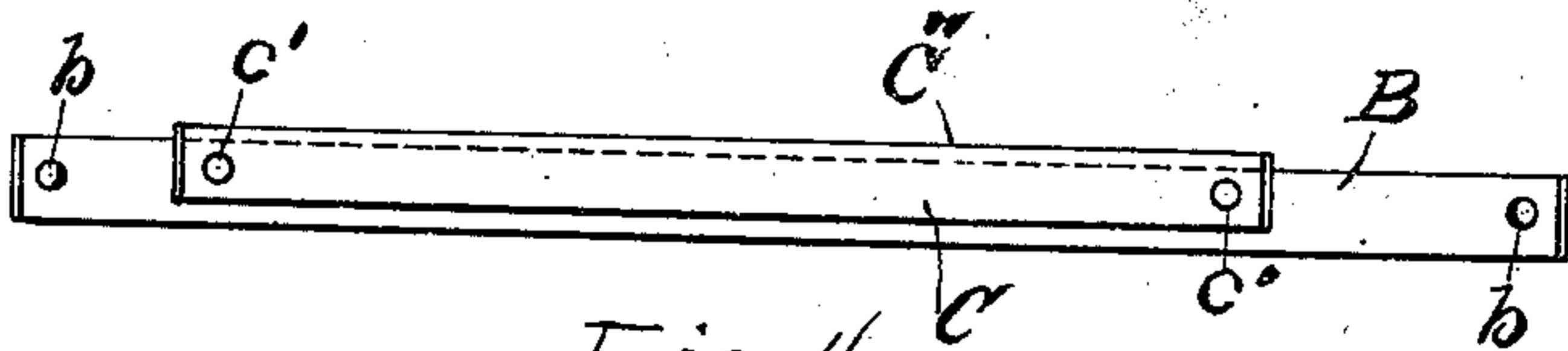


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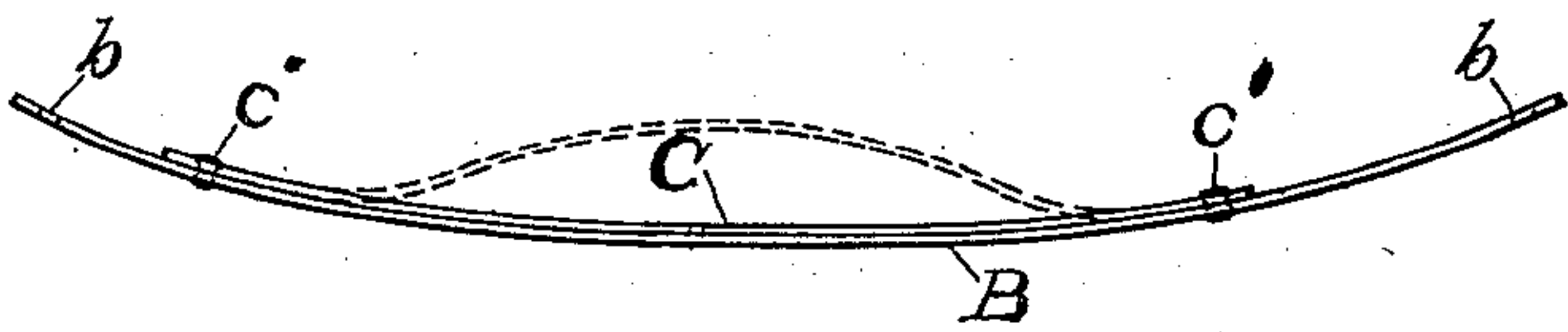


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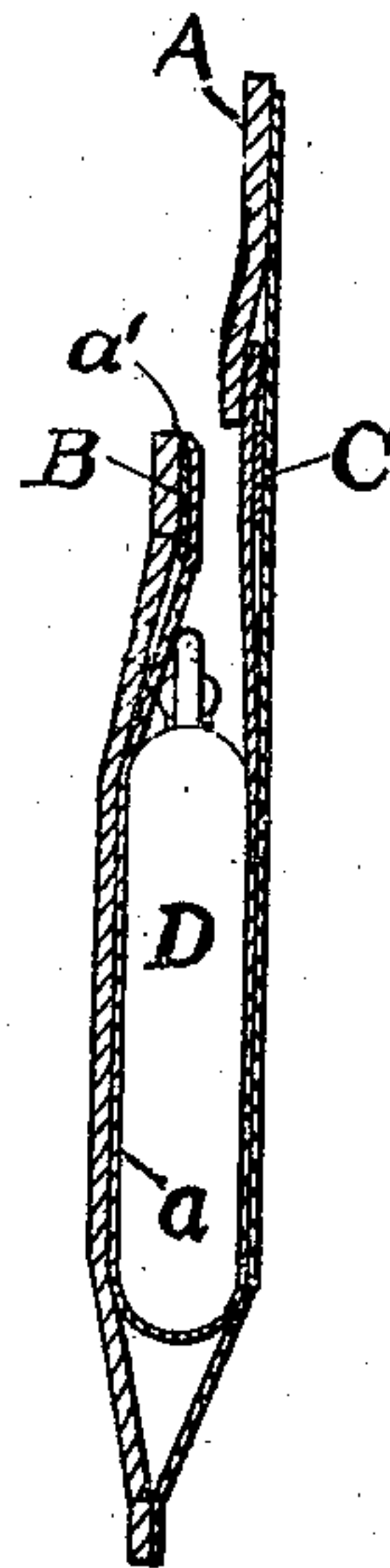


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## POCKET-CLOSURE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN H. SYME, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a useful novelty in Pocket-  
5 Closures, which I call an "Automatic Lock," of which the following is an exact description, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this application.

This relates to the production of a locking  
10 device that will keep closed any horizontal pocket on any garment that is worn comparatively close to the body. It is simple and without any attachments to get out of order. It does not depend on the care of the wearer  
15 to keep it closed. It is perfectly automatic and will also keep the pockets from sagging or tearing at the sides and will also keep the garment in good shape. It will not only keep articles secure in the pockets, but also  
20 such articles as are usually partly out of the pockets—such as pens, pencils, small tools, &c. It will prevent them from falling out.

Figure 1 represents the lock in its normal position near the top of a pocket in a garment  
25 A. Fig. 2 is a sectional view along the line A A, Fig. 1, with the pocket closed; and Fig. 3 the same open and a watch D therein. Fig. 4 is a side view of the device, and Fig. 5 is a top view thereof, the dotted lines showing  
30 the lock open.

The parts of the automatic pocket-lock consist of two bands B C, curved to the shape of the body and riveted or otherwise fastened securely together, Fig. 4, C'. They may be  
35 made of any flexible material of a resilient nature, steel preferred.

To properly secure the device to the garment, B should be fastened at each end by holes *b* inside of the outer wall or part of the garment near the top of the pocket *a*. The  
40 pocket is placed between the two bands B and C. A strong piece of lining is placed horizontally outside of B and inside of the outer part of the garment and sewed securely above and below the band B to the outer wall  
45 of the pocket at *a'*. The inner band C being inside of the inner wall of the pocket and outside of the lining is fastened to the inner wall of the pocket *a* in like manner as B is fastened to the outer wall of the pocket.  
50 The inner band C is so riveted to B that the upper edge C' of C is slightly higher than B. This is to facilitate the opening of the pocket.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters  
55 Patent, is—

In a pocket-closure, the combination of two flat resilient strips of different lengths, riveted together and secured around the upper edge of the pocket, the longer strip project-  
60 ing at each end of the shorter strip, and one of the strips projecting above the other at the edge of the pocket, whereby the opening of the pocket is facilitated, substantially as set forth.  
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I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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