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Fig. 1.

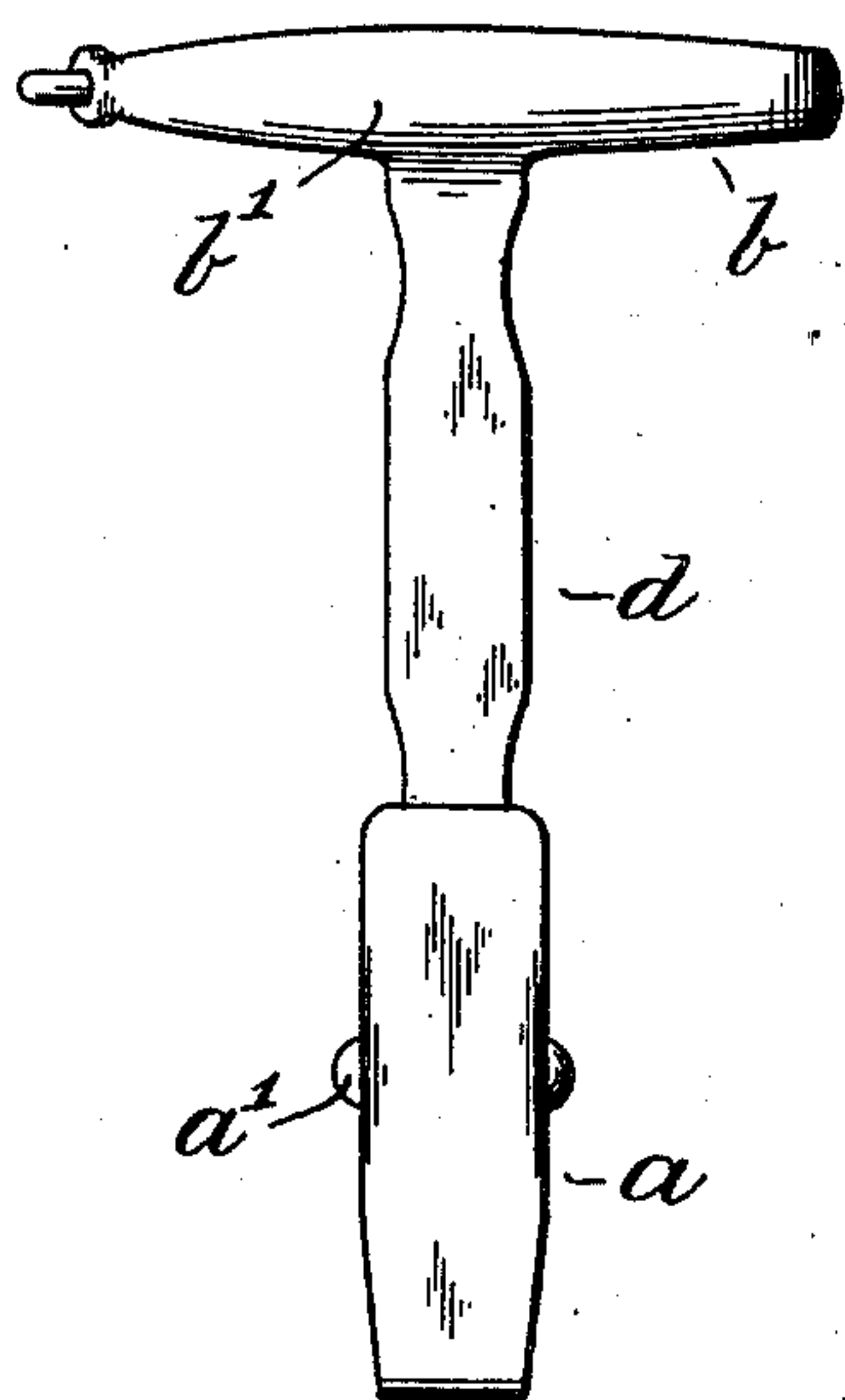


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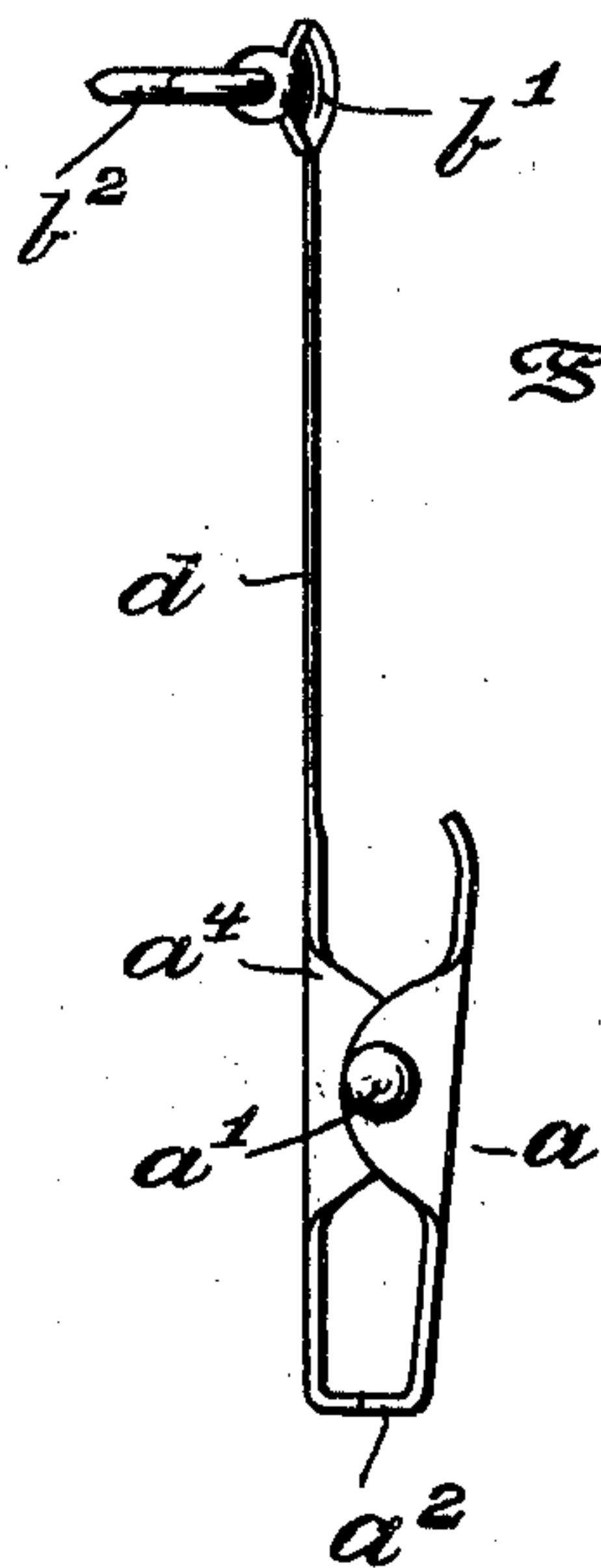


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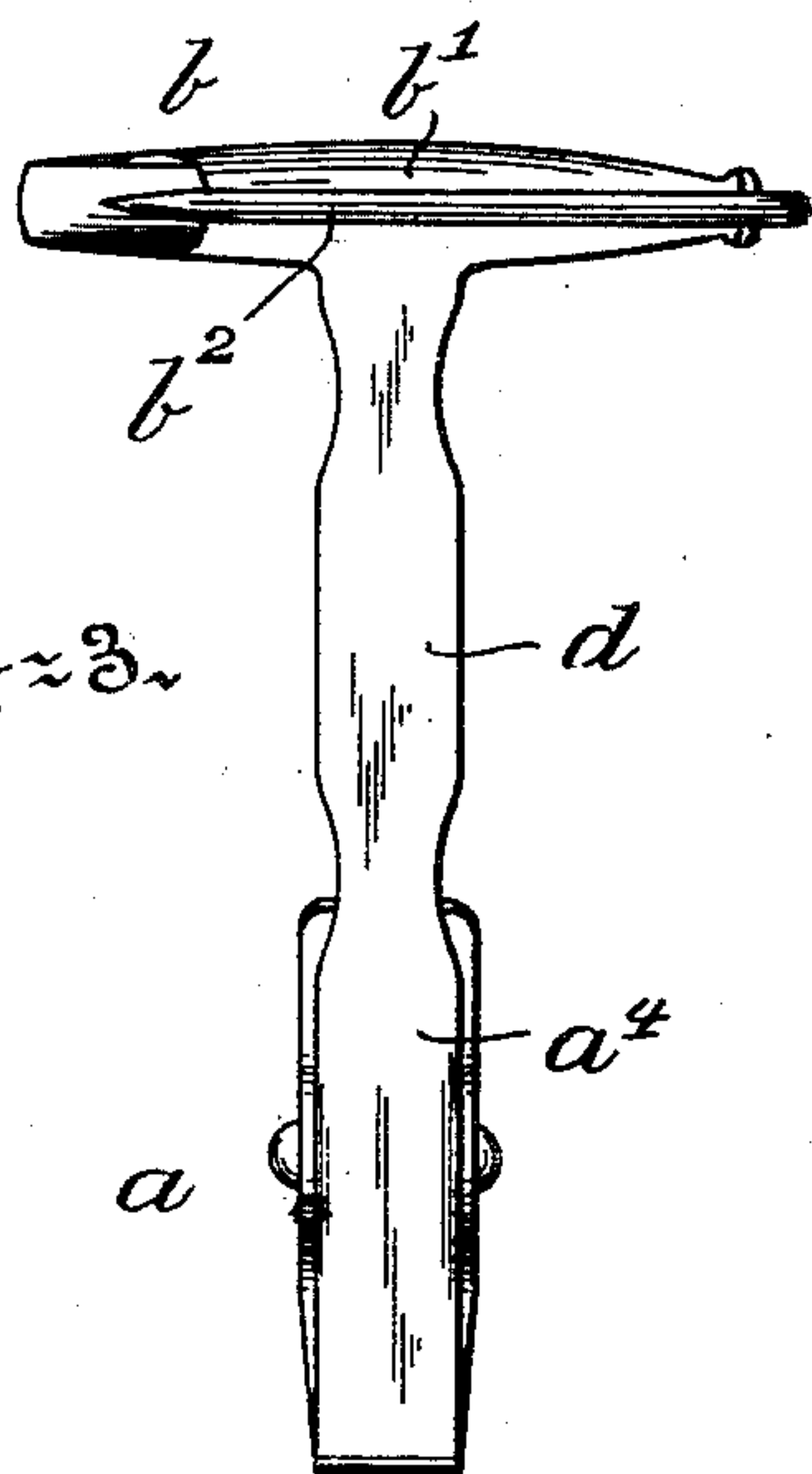
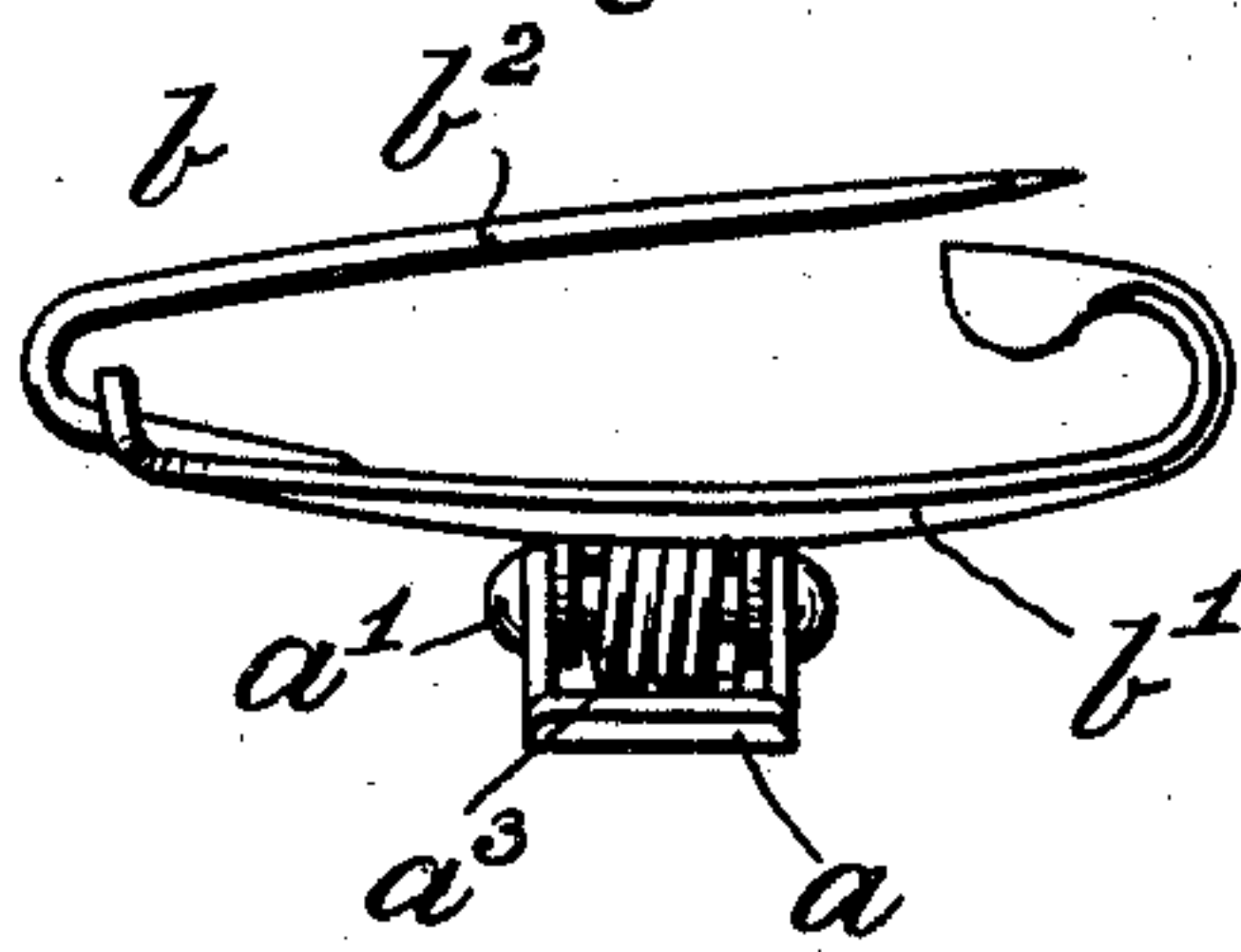


Fig. 4.



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GARMENT-SUPPORTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, WILLIAM G. WALTON and DANIEL W. HARNER, citizens of the United States, residing at the city of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have jointly invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention has relation to a garment-supporter or similar article; and in such connection it relates to the construction and arrangement of such a supporter.

The principal object of our invention is to provide a garment-supporter comprising a spring-clip adapted to detachably engage the garment to be supported, a safety clasp or pin also adapted to detachably engage a part from which the garment is supported, and a flexible or resilient metallic strip forming a continuation of one of the spring-clip members and connecting the same with the bar of the safety-clasp.

The nature and scope of our invention will be more fully understood from the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, forming part hereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of a garment-supporter embodying main features of our invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevational view of the same. Fig. 3 is a rear elevational view, and Fig. 4 is a top or plan view of said garment-supporter.

Referring to the drawings, *a* represents the spring-clip, *b* the safety-clasp, and *d* the flexible or resilient metallic strip connecting the clip to the clasp. The clip *a* consists of two members or jaws pivoted together, as at *a'*, and having notched engaging ends *a²*, normally closed under the tension of a spring *a³*, coiled around the pivot of the jaws. One of the members *a⁴* is extended in the form of a thin resilient metallic strip *d*, which extends upward to connect the jaw member *a⁴* with the bar *b'* of the safety-clasp *b*. The pin *b²* of the clasp *b* engages the bar *b'* in the usual manner. In practice the jaw member *a⁴*, re-

silient strip *d*, and bar *b'* of the safety-clasp can readily be stamped out of a single sheet of spring metal, and the connecting resilient strip *d* may be flattened or rolled out to the required thinness and flexibility. In use the thin strip *d* will normally rest flat upon the garment from which the article is to be supported and yet will bend or flex to permit the garment to shift or bend as the user walks or bends the part engaged by the garment. The supporter shown is especially adapted to support half-hose, and when so used the strip *d* will follow the bending of the leg and yet will lie flat upon the leg to support properly the stocking.

Having thus described the nature and object of our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A garment-supporter, comprising two fastening devices united in an integral structure by a flat oblong flexible strip, said fastening devices projecting respectively from opposite faces of said strip, and one of said devices consisting of a spring-clip, comprising two spring-controlled jaws and the other device consisting of a safety-clasp, comprising a rigid bar having a pin adapted to engage and to be disengaged from the rear face of said bar, substantially as described.

2. A garment-supporter, comprising two fastening devices, whereof one has a solid face with a transversely-arranged fastening-pin and whereof the other has a fixed face and a spring-controlled movable jaw, a long, narrow and flexible strip formed integral with the solid face of one of said fasteners and integral with the fixed jaw of the other of said fasteners and the operative members of said fastening devices projecting from opposite faces of said strip, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our signatures in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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