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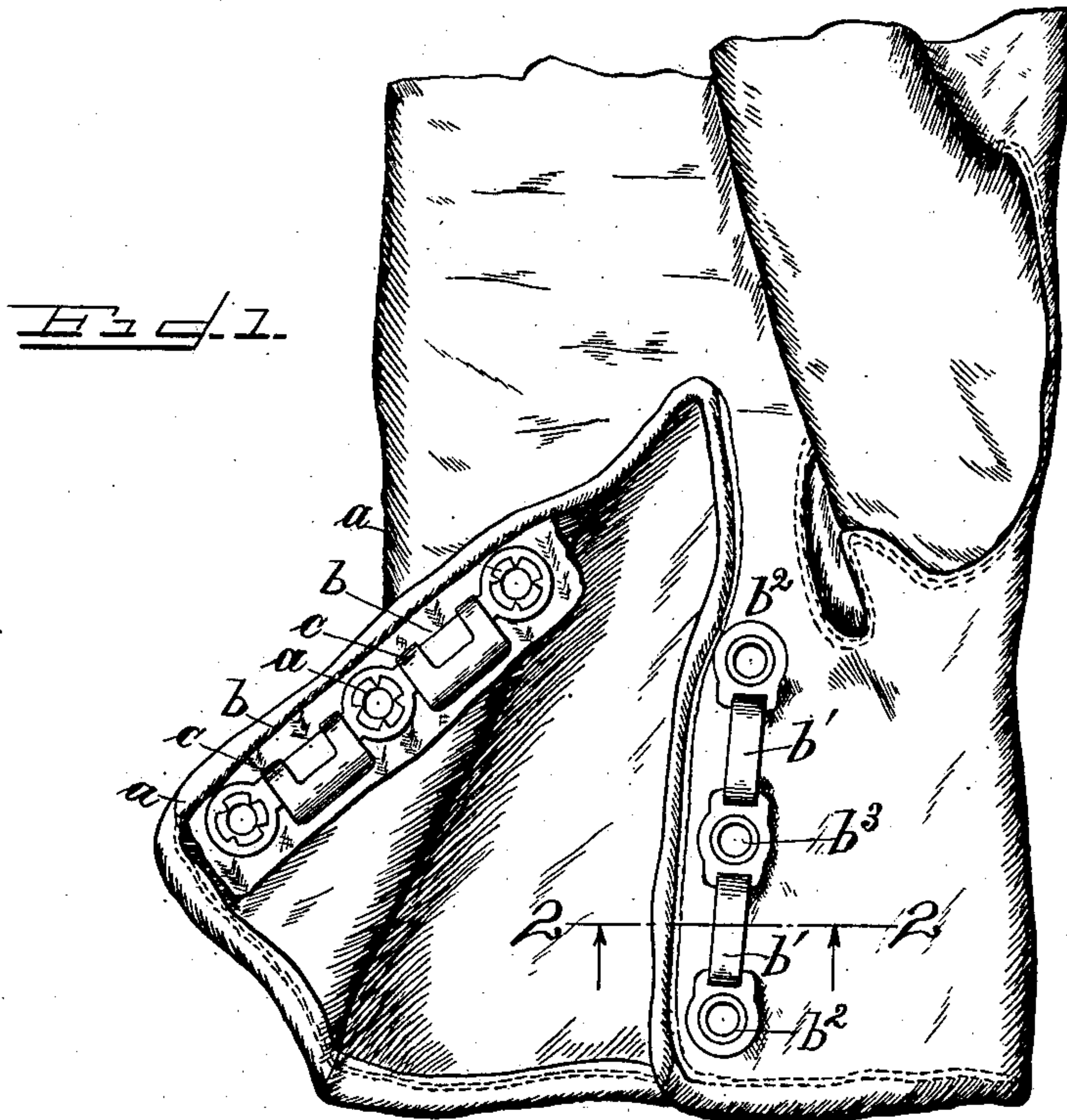


Fig. 2.

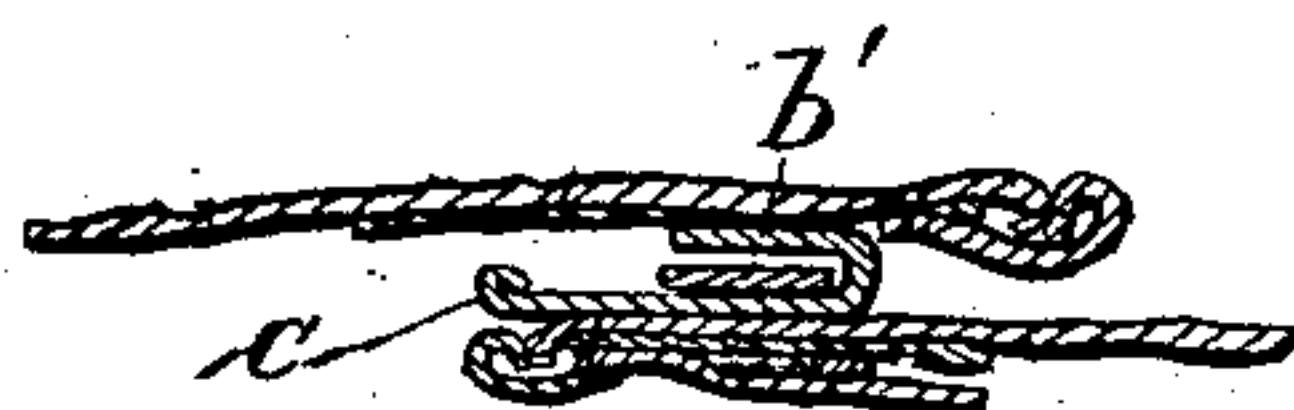
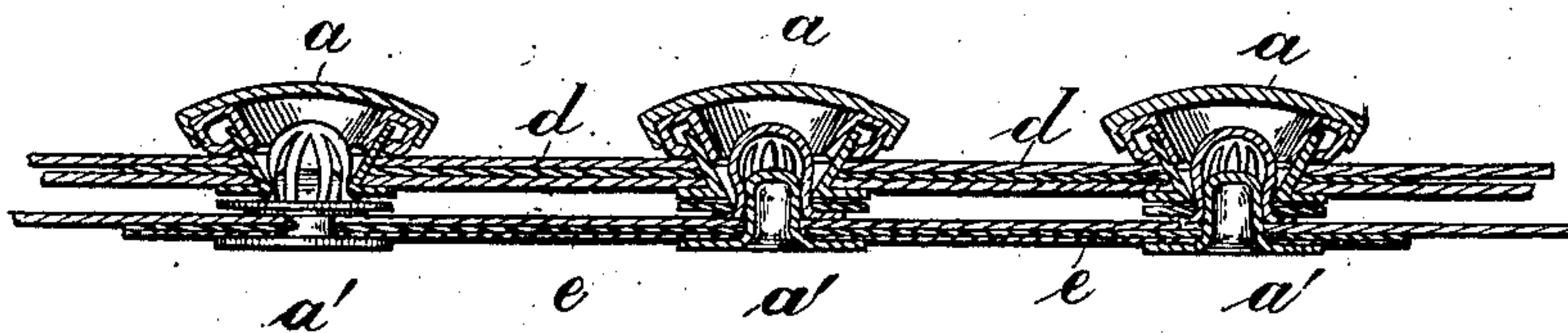


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM MAYBAUM, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Whitestone, Long Island, in the county of Queens and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clasps for Wearing-Apparel, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has reference to a novel clasp for wearing-apparel, to be particularly used in place of buttons on gloves, underwear, drawers, knee-breeches for boys, knickerbockers for bicyclists, gentlemen's trousers, in place of the two or three top buttons or the usual clasp and one or two buttons for closing the placket of ladies' skirts and other wearing-apparel where a plurality of buttons is employed.

My novel clasp combines the qualities of perfectly closing the apparel and at the same time embellishing the article to which it is applied. The device is flexible, and therefore agreeable to wear, and does not produce any uncomfortable feeling, as a rigid device would do. This is particularly desirable for ladies' long gloves, because the wrist and the forearm are practically always in motion, and a rigid device would be uncomfortable.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 illustrates the clasp as applied to a glove. Fig. 2 is a cross-section of line 2 2 of Fig. 1, showing the device clasped; and Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section of a modification showing a plurality of buttons mounted on flexible supports.

In the drawings, *a* represents the buttons in Figs. 1 and 3. The buttons are connected by a flexible strip *b*, provided with hooks *c c*, which are preferably integral therewith and bent somewhat at their inner edge for the purpose of insuring a perfect closing of the device, as is seen in Fig. 2. The hooks *c c* are rectangular in shape, which tends to lock the device securely. The portion of the clasp just described is located on the upper part of the open ends of a garment or glove and forms half of same. The other half of the clasp is attached to the lower open end of a garment or glove and consists likewise of a flexible strip *b'*, which extends at the end into two broadened portions *b² b²*, which are prefer-

ably circular in shape. The second half of the clasp is stamped out so that the end portions *b² b²* are located somewhat below the flexible strip *b'* for the purpose of having same somewhat elevated above the end portions, when this part of the device is attached to the wearing-apparel or gloves, in order to leave room for the hooks to locate underneath and permit of closing and releasing the clasp easily. If desirable, a third portion *b³* may be provided in the middle of the second half of the device. The hooks *b²*, when secured beneath the flexible strip *b'*, extend beyond the latter, guarding thus against any unintentional opening of the clasp.

The clasp is very easily applied to garments or gloves by simply securing the two halves therein by means of special tongs, which are solely adapted for this purpose.

A modification of the clasp is represented in Fig. 3, which is particularly adapted for the long gloves of ladies, which extend up to the elbow or shoulder, and for closing the placket of ladies' skirts. These long gloves are usually manufactured at present so that they form an almost completely closed article. They contain an opening at and above the wrist, which is provided at present with the usual buttons. For these gloves the modified form shown in Fig. 3 is particularly adapted, because the clasp is practically closed by slightly pressing the top portion down on the lower portion. In Fig. 3 *a* is the top half of the button and *a'* the lower half. The top parts of the buttons are connected by a flexible strip *d*, and the lower halves of the buttons are connected by a flexible strip *e*. It is plainly seen from the drawings that this clasp is easily locked and released. This modified form may also be used on drawers, knickerbockers, trousers, and other wearing-apparel wherever a plurality of buttons is employed. The flexible strip is usually made of metal, particularly spring-steel; but it may be made of wood, ivory, celluloid, or other suitable material.

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

1. A clasp for gloves and wearing-apparel comprising an upper flexible strip, a plurality of top halves of buttons secured to its top

surface, hooks formed integral with the flexible strip; a second lower flexible strip adapted to receive the hooks and extending into broadened portions of like number as the top halves of the buttons, said broadened portions forming the lower halves of the buttons and adapted to engage the top halves of same.

2. A clasp for gloves and wearing-apparel comprising an upper flexible strip, a plurality of top halves of buttons secured therein, and rectangular hooks formed integral therewith;

a second lower flexible strip adapted to receive the hooks and broadened portions formed therein in a lower plane, said broadened portions forming the lower halves of the buttons and adapted to engage the upper halves of same.

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