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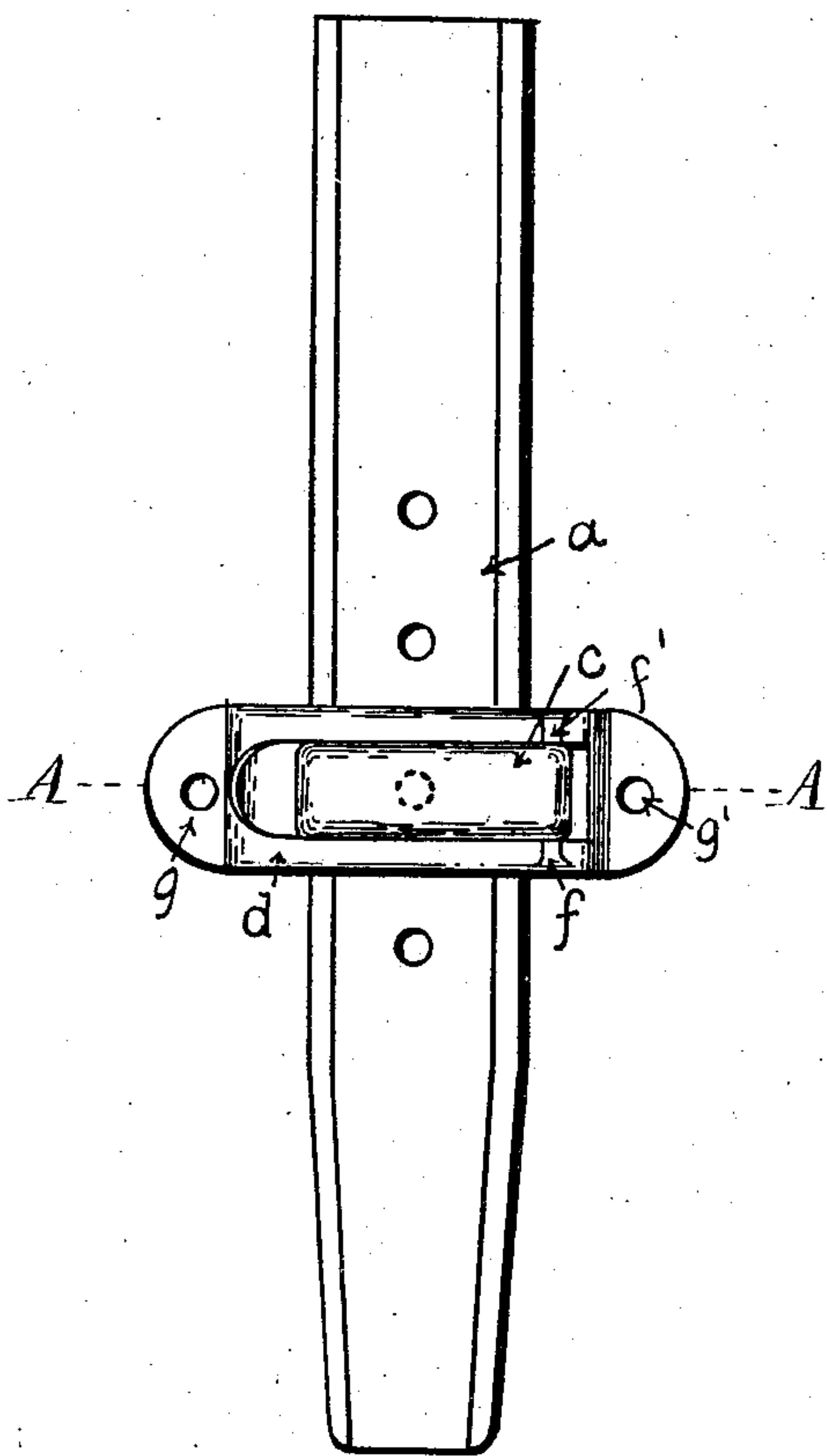


FIG. 1

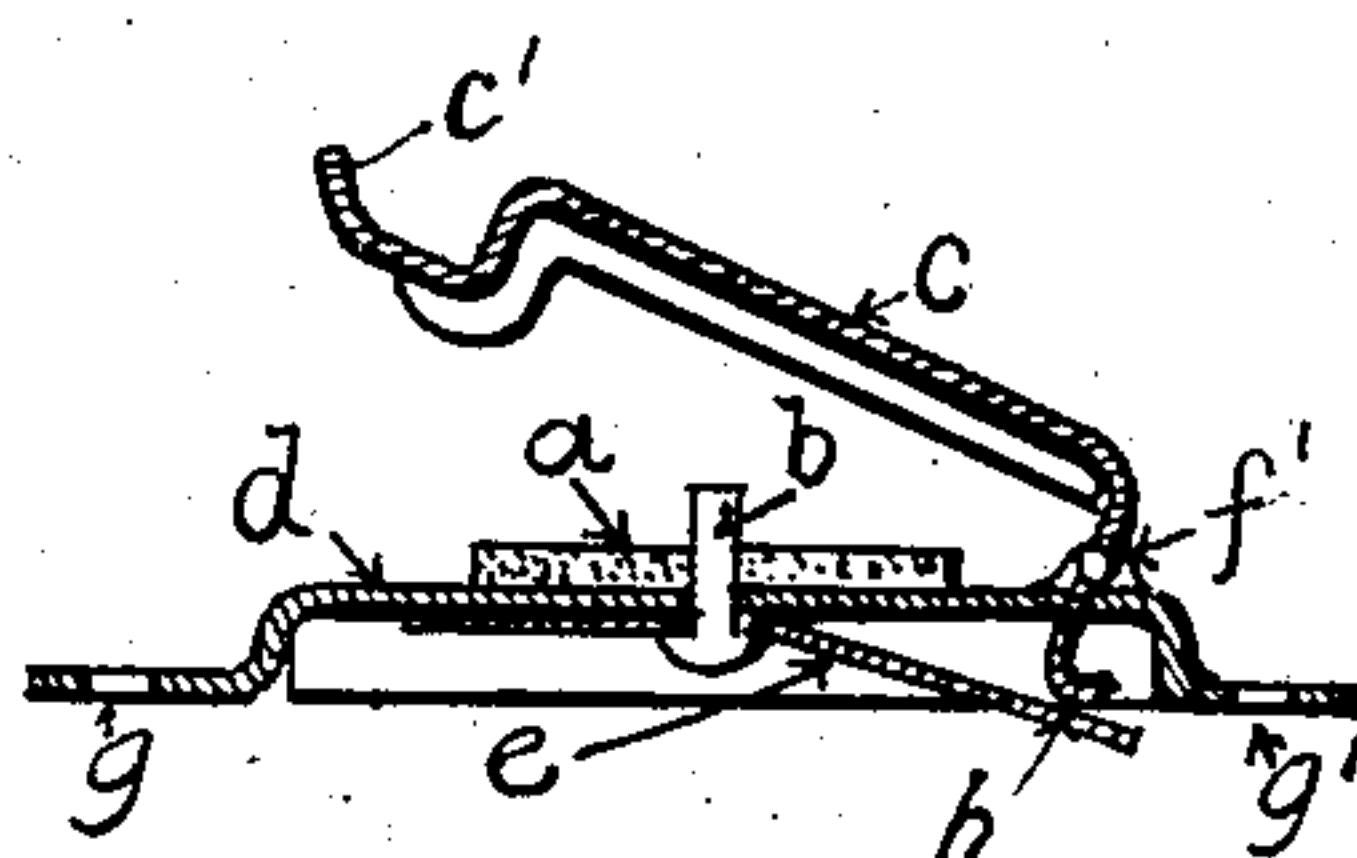


FIG. 2

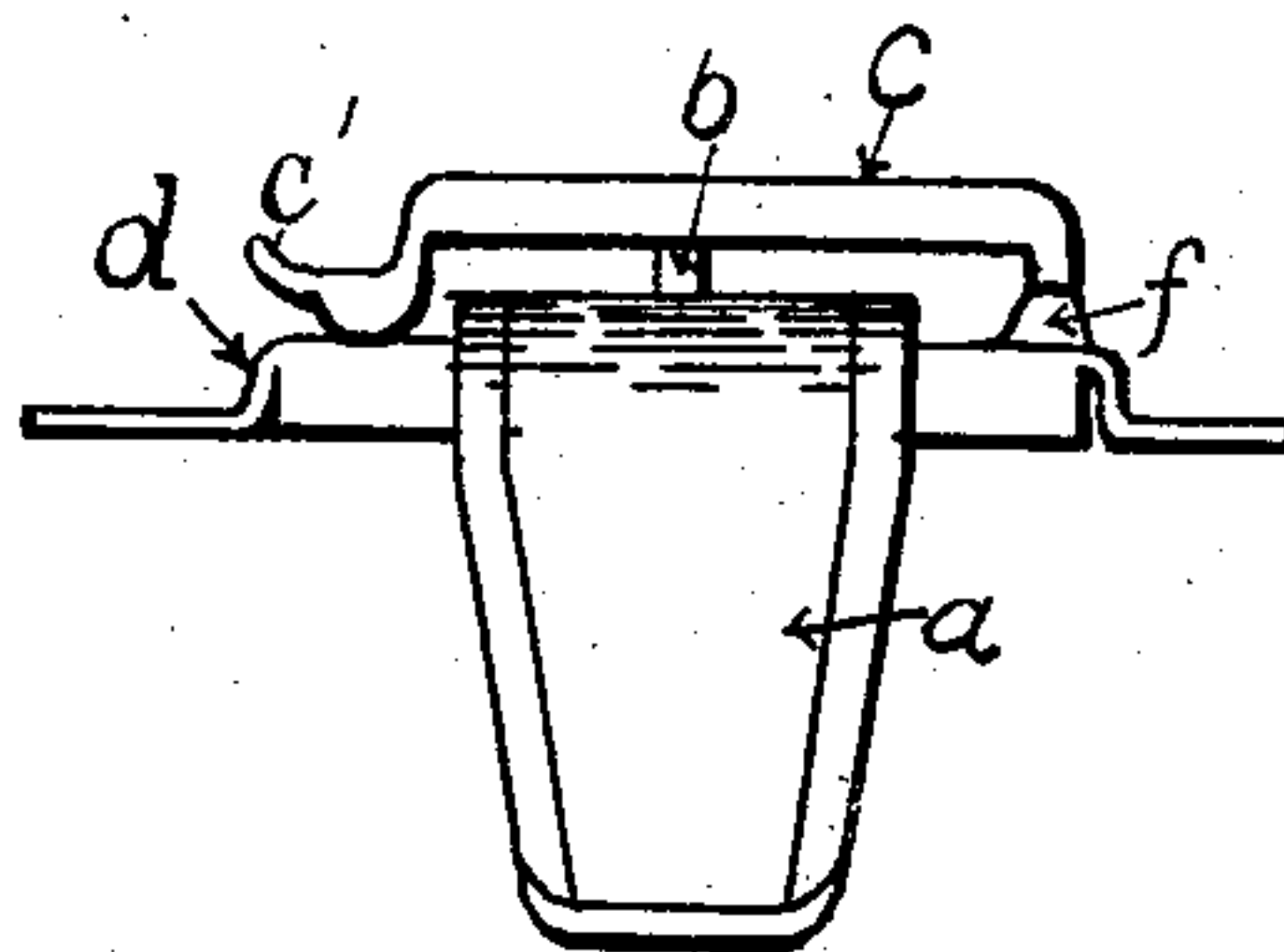


FIG. 3

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISIDOR BIENENSTOCK, a citizen of the United States, residing at 333 South Fourth street, in the city and county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Strap-Holder for Dress-Suit Cases, Bags, or Trunks, of which the following is a specification.

More particularly, my invention relates to strap-fasteners adapted for use in trunks, suit-cases, and the like, in which one portion of the trunk, as the lid, is provided with short straps having eyelets, and the other portion is provided with a fastener having a pin adapted to engage one of the eyelets of the strap and a snap or spring-actuated clasp adapted to close down upon the strap and hold it from disengagement with the pin of the fastener.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of a strap-fastener embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the fastener on the line A A of Fig. 1 with the clasp open, and Fig. 3 is a side elevation with the clasp closed.

The fastener consists of a plate *d*, adapted to be secured to the trunk, case, or other receptacle, as by nails or screws through the holes *g g'*. The central portion of the plate *d* is struck up to form a recess on the under side.

c is the clasp, which is pivoted at one end, as at *f*, by a pin *f'*, carried in lugs on the plate *d*. The rear end of the clasp *c* is formed with a projection *h*, extending through an opening in the plate *d* into the recess on the under side.

e is a flat spring secured at one end to the under side of the plate *d* in the recess and having its free end bearing against the projection *h* of the clasp.

b is a pin carried by the plate *d*, adapted to engage the holes of the strap *a*. As shown, the pin *b* is riveted through the spring *e* and plate *d*. The clasp *c* extends over the pin *b*, and its outer end may be upturned to enable the clasp to be manipulated more readily.

In applying the fastener the plate *g* is fastened to the case and the strap *a* to the cover or lid. When the lid is closed, the strap is fitted by the appropriate hole to the pin *b*

and the clasp is closed. With a strong flat steel spring *e* the pressure on the heel or projection *h* will be sufficient to hold the clasp firmly shut, so that a substantial effort may be required to open it.

When the clasp is opened and turned back sufficiently, the spring *e* will hold it open.

The spring is wholly contained within the recessed portion of the plate, the under surface of which is flat and adapted to lie on the surface of the receptacle, and with a strong flat steel spring very small space is necessary in the recessed portion to afford the movement, and a very short extension or heel *h* is required.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is as follows:

1. In a spring-fastening, the combination of the plate having its central portion recessed on the underside, a snap-clasp pivoted at one end to the plate and extending over the upper face of said central portion and provided with a heel extension projecting through the plate into the recessed portion, a flat spring located in said recessed portion and bearing on said heel extension, and a strap-engaging pin extending through said spring and plate and securing the spring in place.

2. In a spring-fastening, the combination of a plate having its central portion recessed on the under side, a strap-engaging pin carried by the body of the plate and projecting from the upper face of the recessed portion, a snap-clasp at one end to the plate and extending over the strap-engaging pin, the side edges of said clasp being bent down to engage the head of the pin between them and its end being formed with a heel extension beyond the pivot projecting through the plate into the recessed portion, and a flat spring secured at one end to the plate within said recessed portion and having its free end bearing against the heel extension of the clasp.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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