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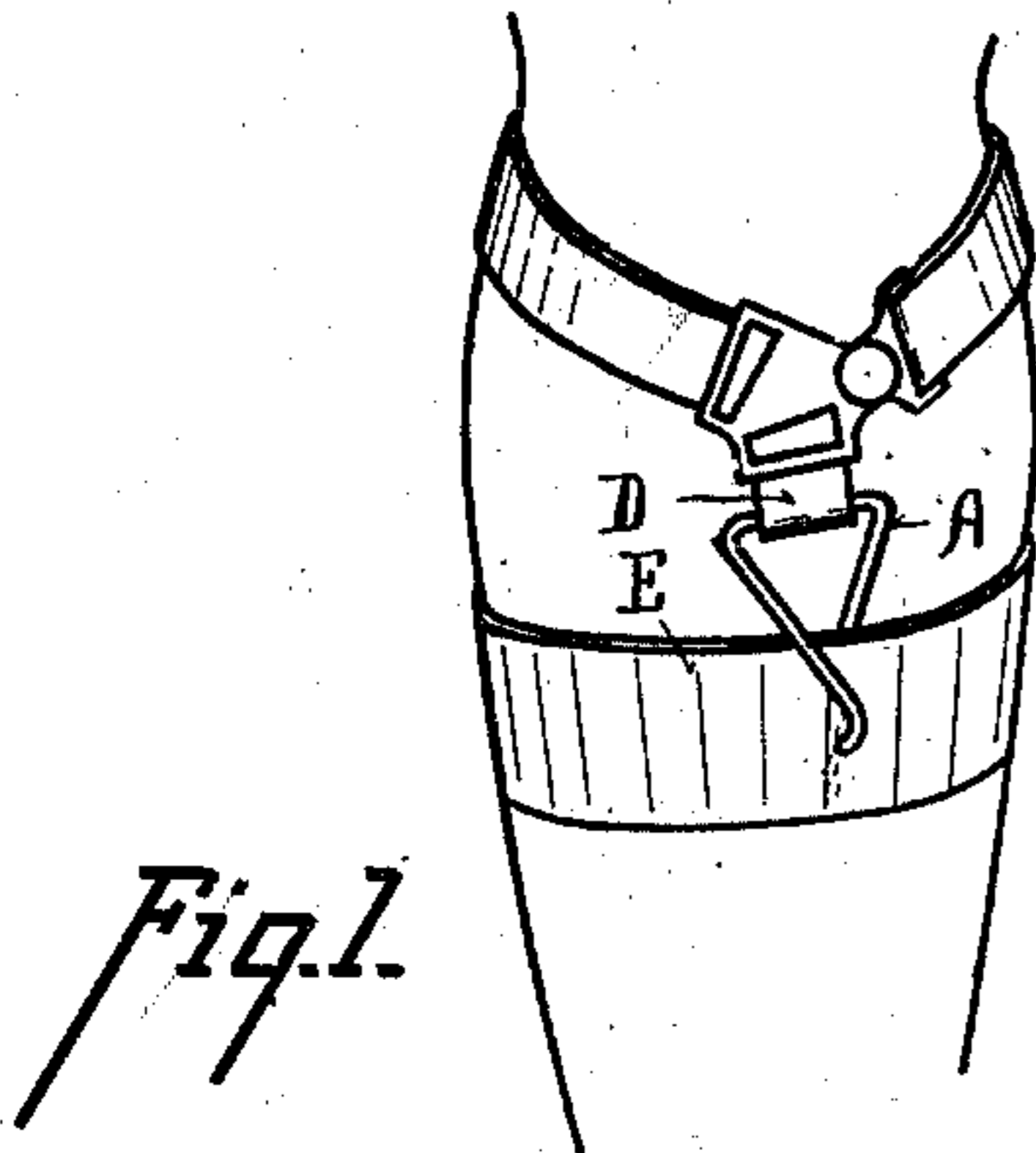


Fig. 1.

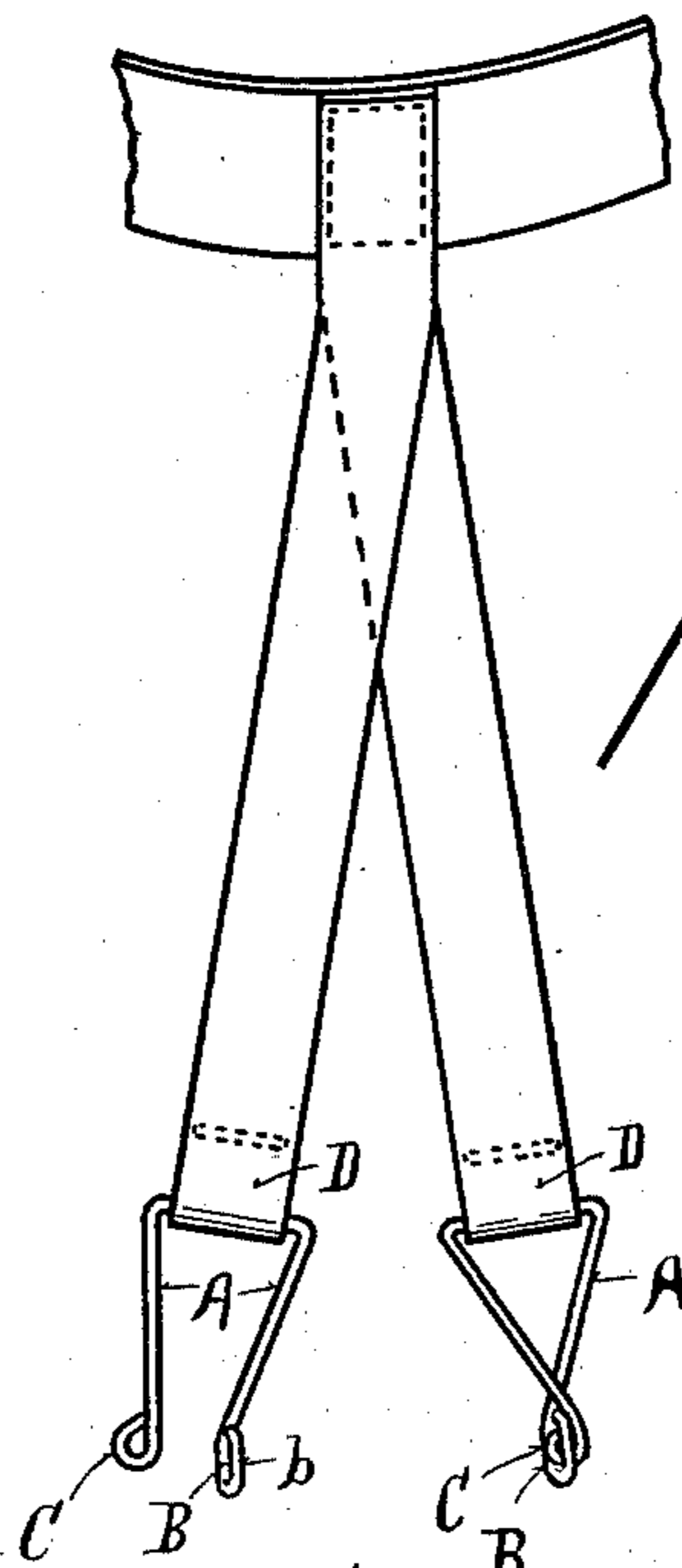


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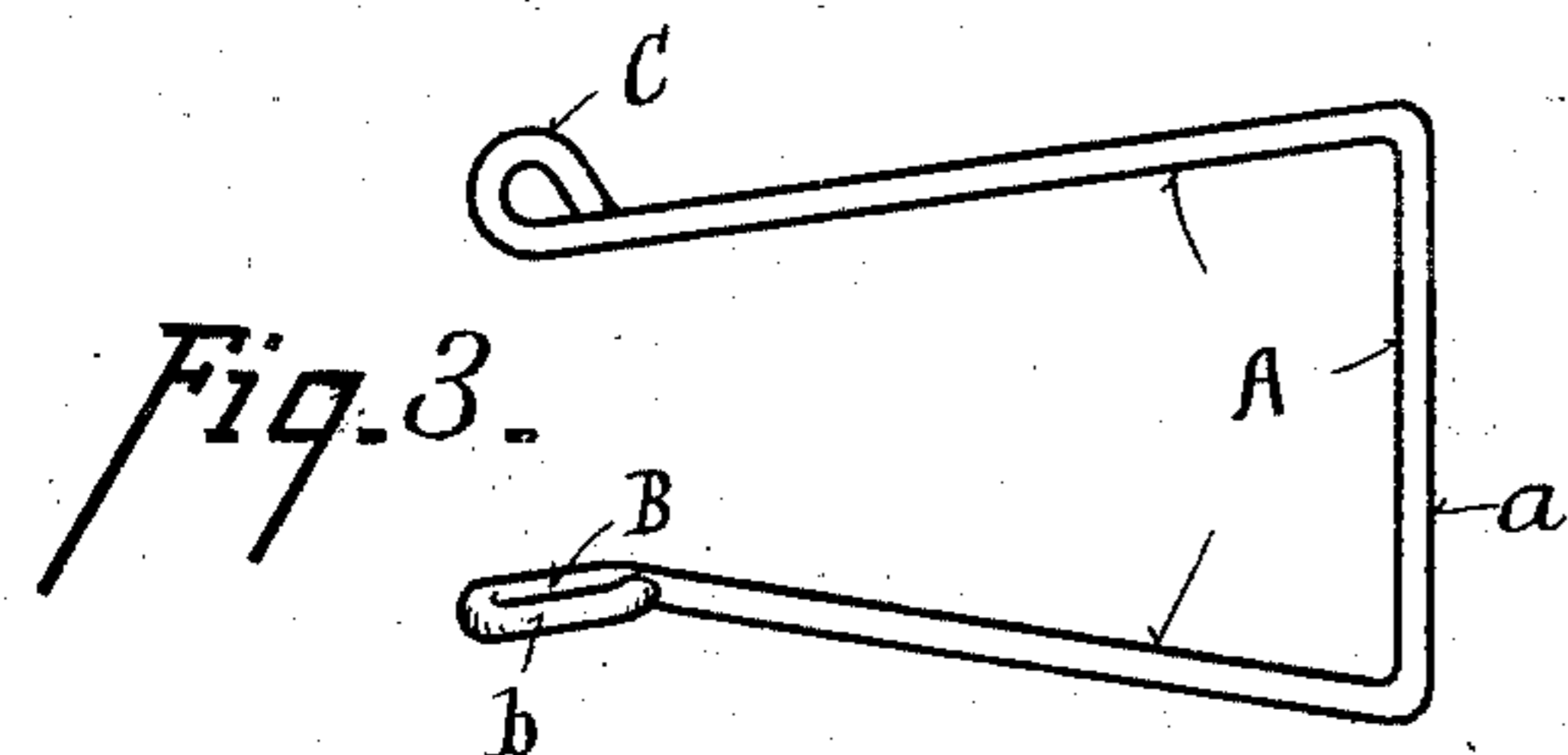


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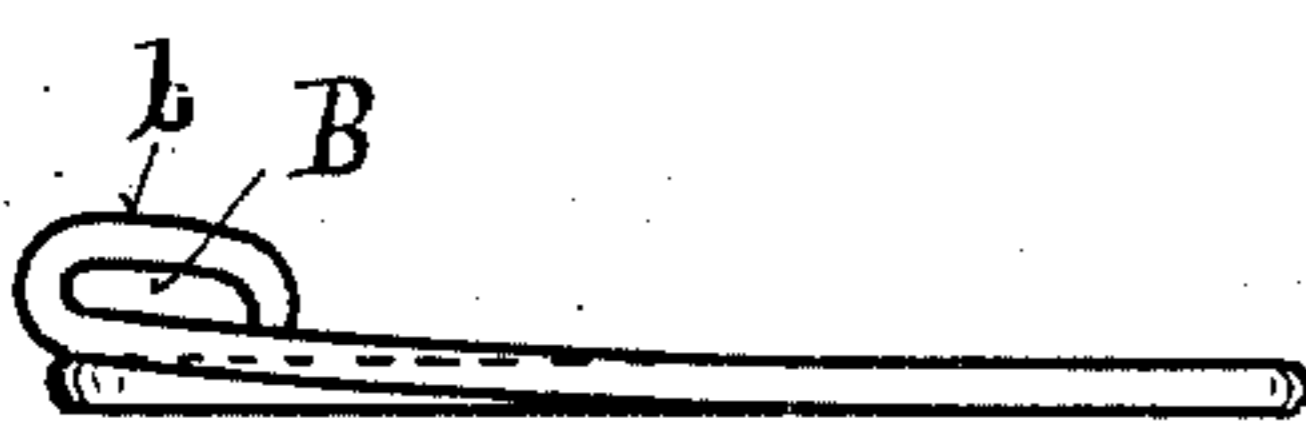


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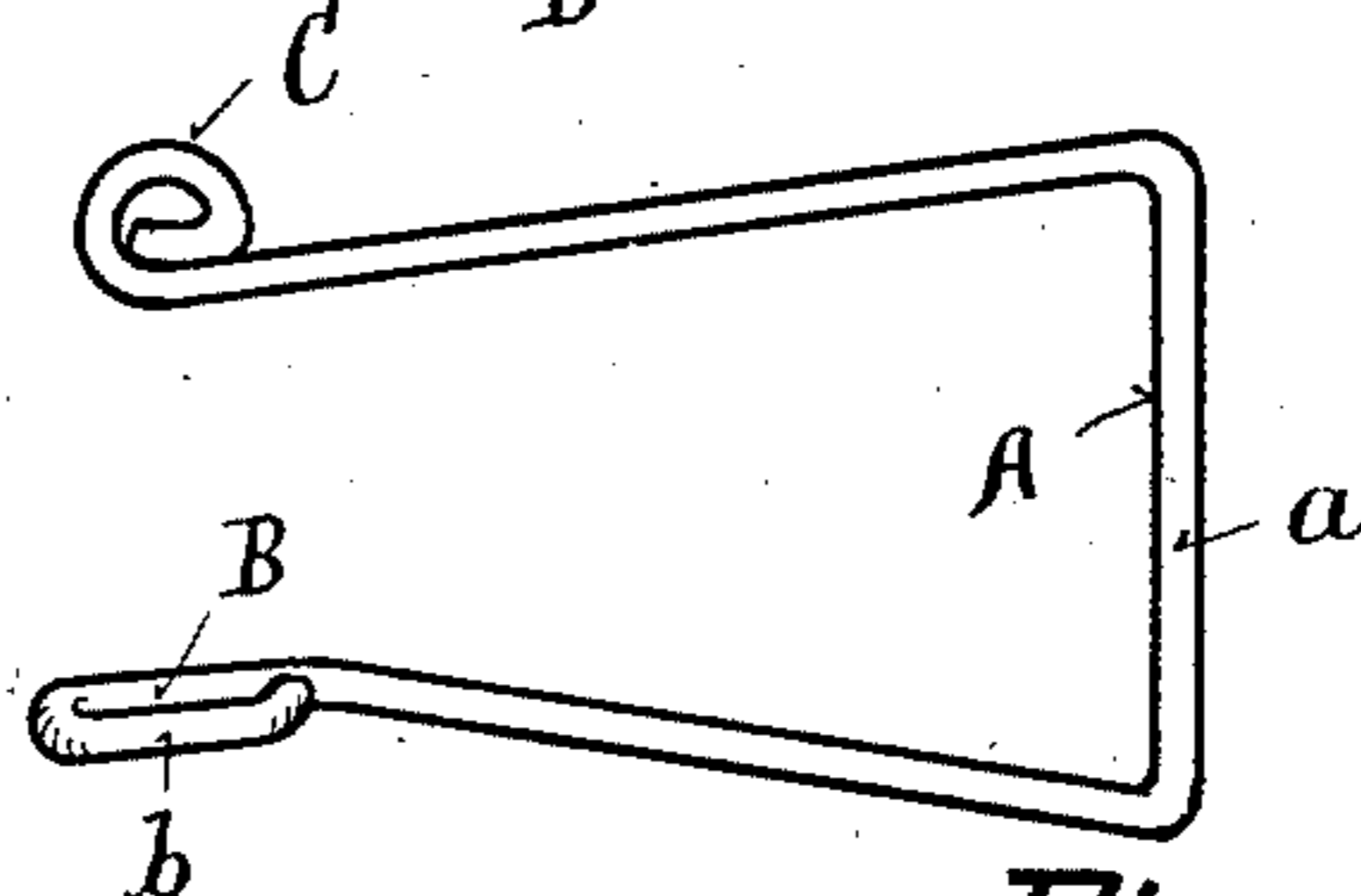


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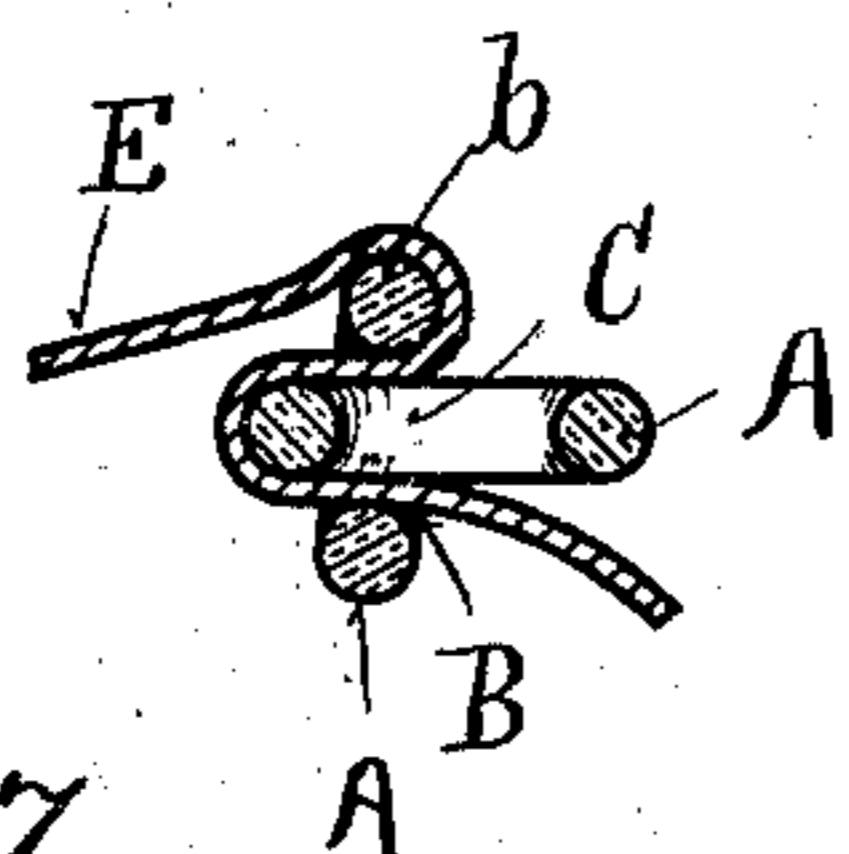


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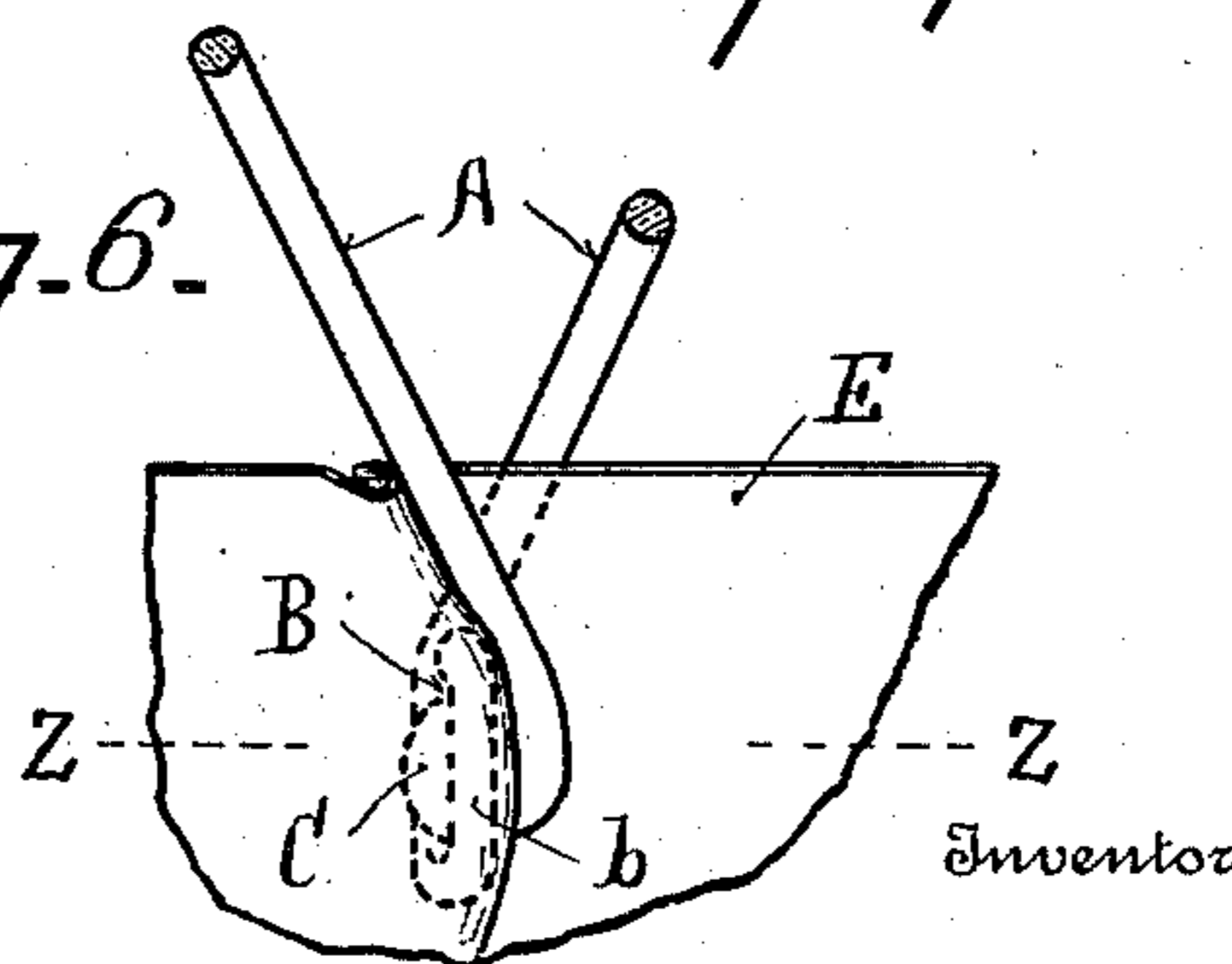


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GARMENT-CLASP.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES B. HOY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Clasps; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvement in garment-clasps, and is particularly designed for use as a garter-clasp, although it may be advantageously employed wherever a garment-clasp is desired. One of its objects is to provide a clasp which will securely hold the goods and will not be liable to tear or injure the material.

Another object is to provide a more simple, strong, and inexpensive clasp.

Another object is to provide a clasp which can be readily connected to and disconnected from the elastic portion of garters and similar articles without necessitating the sewing of the clasp in position.

It also consists in certain details of form, combination, and arrangement, all of which will be more fully set forth in the description of the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows my improved clasp applied to a garter in position for use. Fig. 2 shows the clasp applied to another form of garter or garment-supporter. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the clasp detached. Fig. 4 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 5 shows a modification of Fig. 3. Fig. 6 is an enlarged detail view showing the garment clasped in position. Fig. 7 is a sectional detail on line *z z* of Fig. 6.

Considerable difficulty has been experienced heretofore in providing a garment-clasp which would securely hold the garment without tearing the goods, and which was both simple and easily attached, all of which desirable features are accomplished by my improved clasp, which consists of a wire or rod of spring metal A, bent into a triangle

or loop shape and provided at one end with a loop or eye B, at substantially right angles to the plane of the triangle, and a tongue C in substantially the same plane as the triangle, at the opposite end, adapted to enter the eye B. The side *a* of the triangle serves for attachment to the elastic portion D of the garter, which is preferably effected by slipping one leg of the triangle through a loop of the elastic portion, and from which it can be easily detached in like manner. It may, however, be sewed permanently into the elastic material, if desired.

The eye B is preferably turned slightly out of a true right angle relative to the triangle, as seen in Figs. 2, 3, and 7, so that the limb *b* will tend to hold the tongue C in its place in the eye B and prevent accidental unclasp-
ing.

The limb of the triangle having the eye B is also slightly bent or curved outwardly, as shown in Fig. 4, so as to throw the lower end of the clasp out from the body of the wearer when in use.

The end forming the tongue C may be variously modified so long as it forms a smooth tongue to enter the eye B. A simple loop, as shown in Fig. 3, is preferred. Fig. 5, however, shows a modified form in which the end of the wire forming loop C is bent around upon itself for a short distance, as shown.

In clasping the garment the eye B is inserted on one side of the goods and the tongue C on the other side. The two limbs of the triangle are then sprung together so as to cross each other, and the tongue inserted into the eye with the goods between, as shown in Figs. 1, 6, and 7. The right-hand clasp, Fig. 2, shows the position of the parts when clasped without the goods.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a garment-support, in combination with means for suspending the clasp from the body, a triangular clasp made of spring metal having an eye on one end and a tongue on

the other, said eye lying on one side of its shank so as to form a flat side to said clasp and prevent chafing of the wearer.

2. In a garment-support, in combination
5 with means for suspending the clasp from the body, a triangular clasp made of spring metal having an eye on one end and a tongue on the other, the shank of said eye being bent

outwardly at an angle, as described, to prevent chafing of the wearer. 10

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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