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Fig. 1.

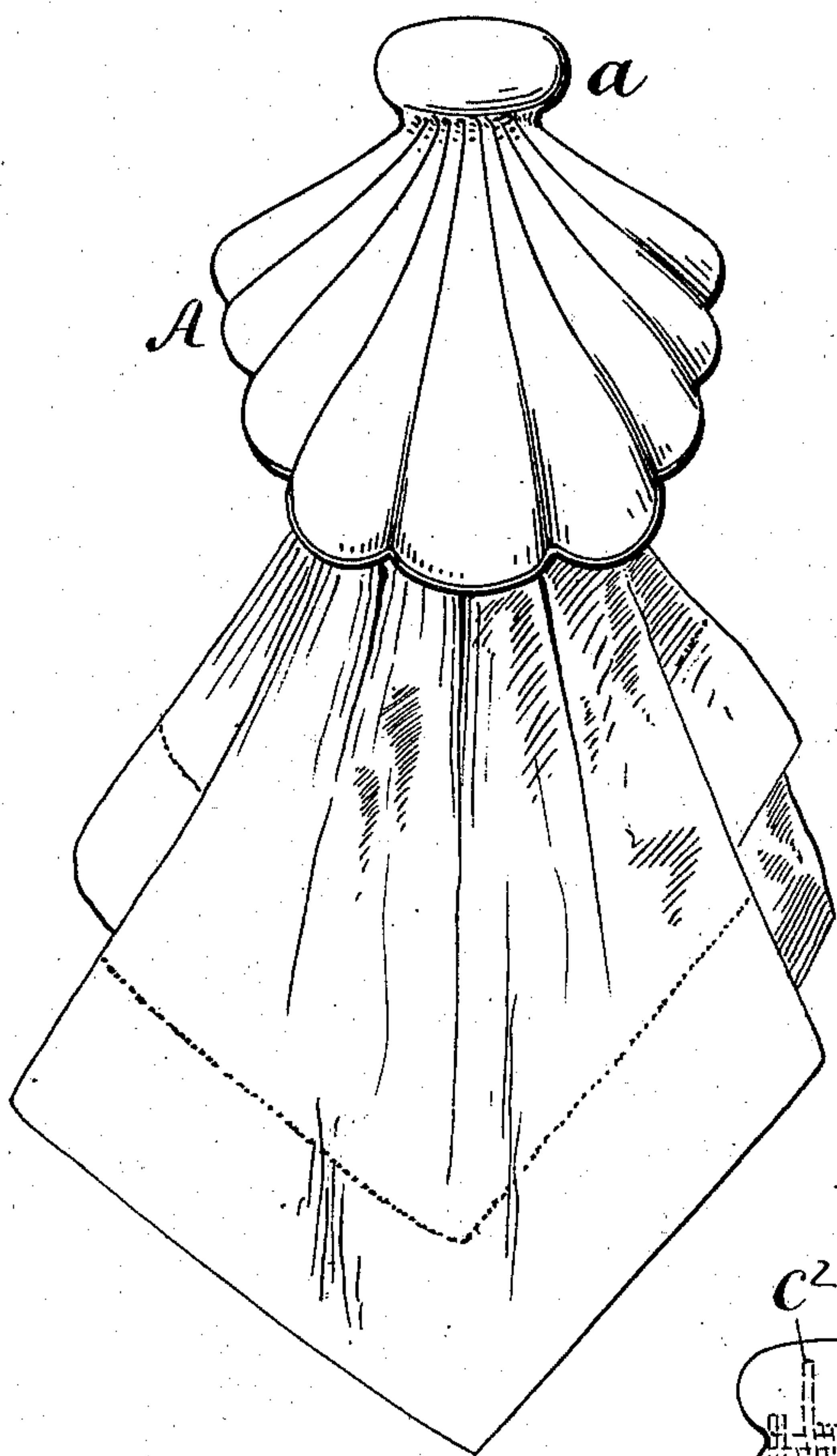


Fig. 2.

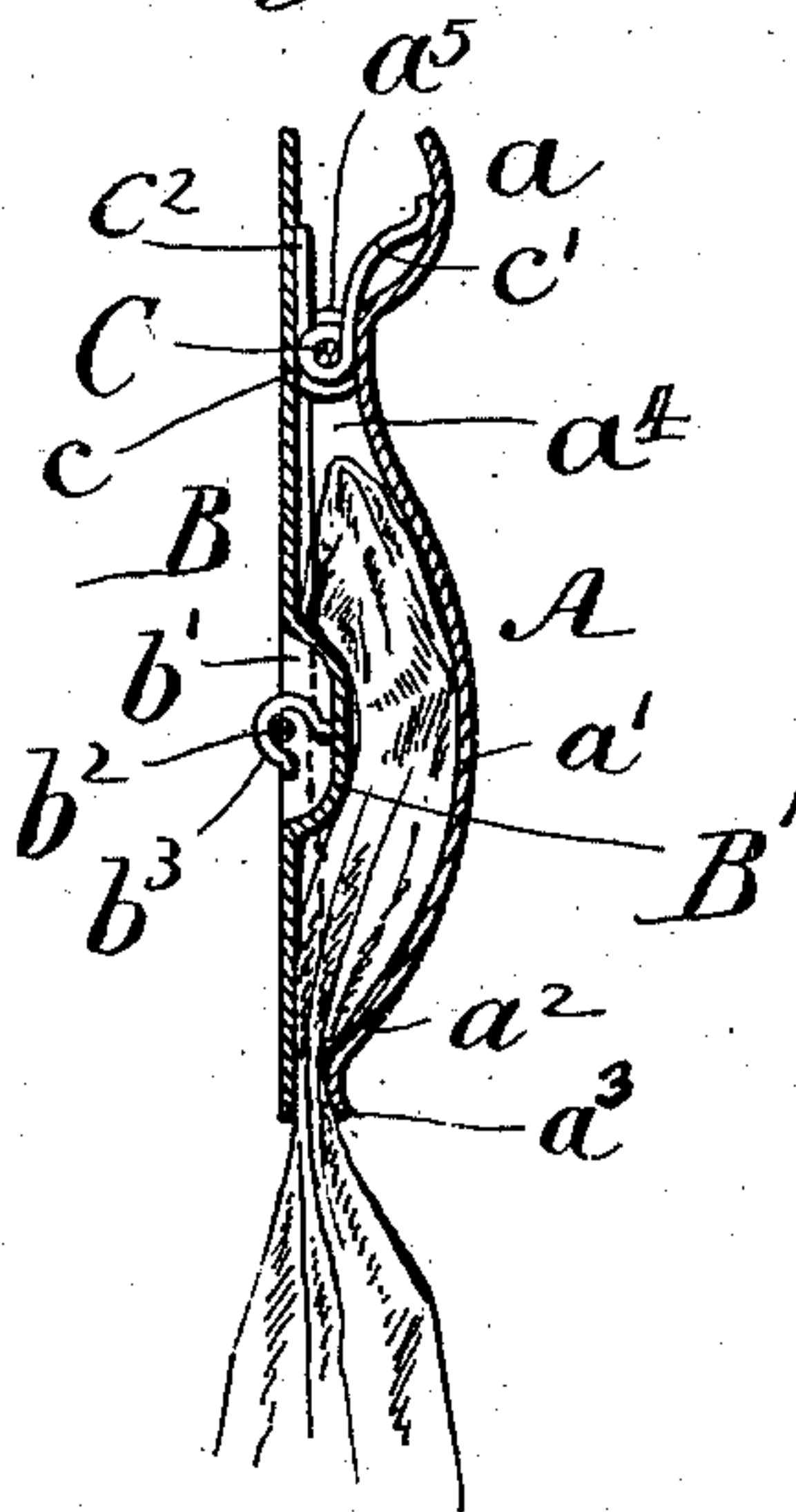
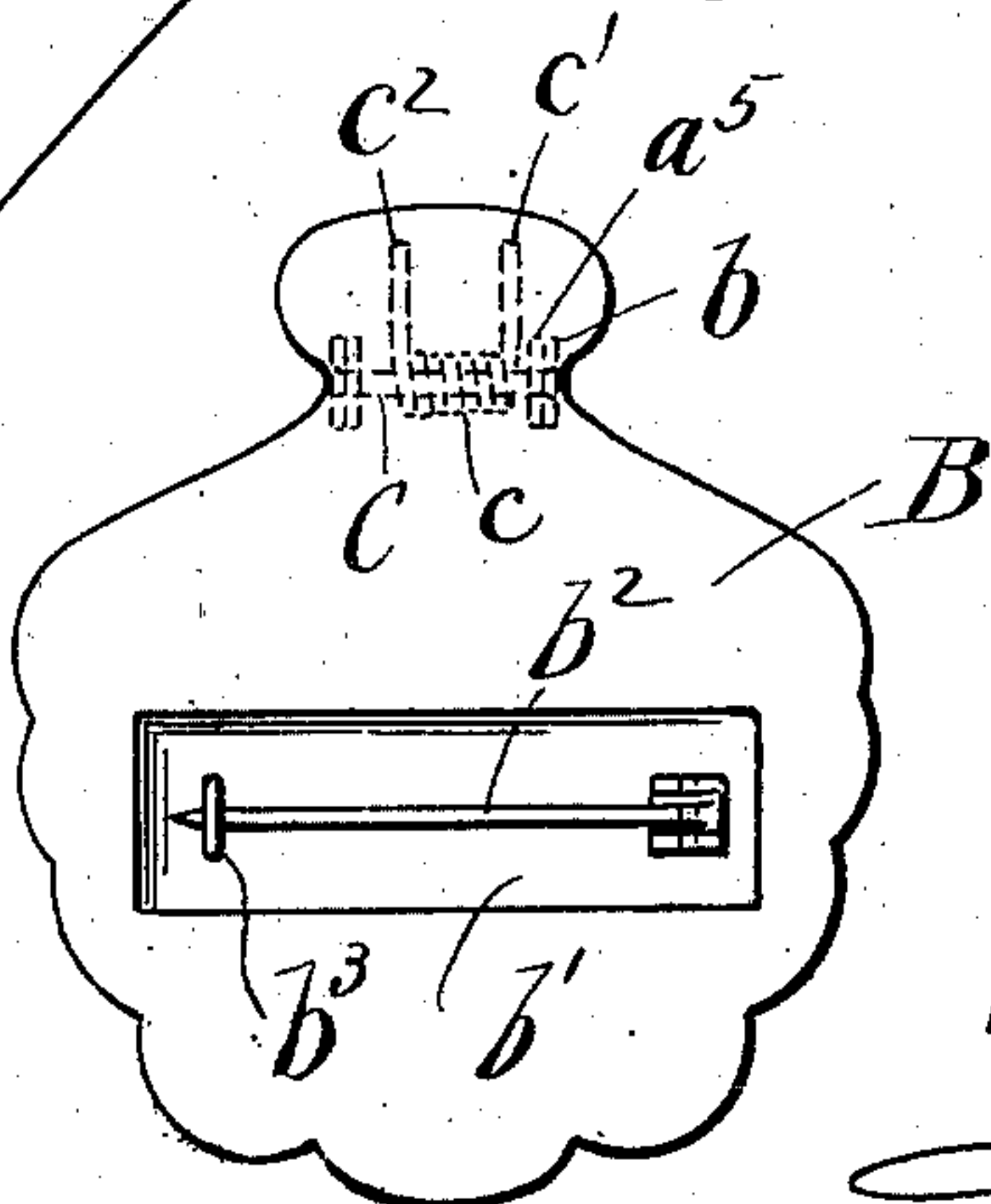


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDGAR DE LAMATER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Ogden, county of Weber, and State of Utah, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clips, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The subject of the present invention is a clip designed for ladies' use, and more particularly intended for neatly and conveniently supporting or carrying a handkerchief upon the person of the wearer in a manner permitting its ready disengagement when desired and its orderly reengagement by the clip when not in use.

The novel clasp involves a back plate having a forwardly-displaced horizontally-extending rectangular portion, preferably produced by stamping, and providing a rear recess in which is located the fastening-pin and its keeper, a front clamping-plate having a spring-hinge connection at its top with the back plate, so that its lower portion, while normally spring-held against the back plate, is capable of a limited outward movement therefrom to permit the handkerchief to be introduced into and removed from position.

There are other improved features and advantages connected with the novel clasp, which are clearly set forth in the subsequent detailed description.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a front view of the improved clasp with a handkerchief adjusted in position. Fig. 2 is a central vertical sectional view of said clasp with a handkerchief held in position; and Fig. 3 is a rear view of the clasp, its securing-pin being shown as engaged by the keeper.

The major parts of the clasp are presented by the front and back plates A B, preferably having a registering outline configuration of pleasing character to add to the attractiveness of the device and involving on the part of the front plate an upper head or finger-piece *a* for convenience of manipulation, as will be

presently explained. The body of the plate A has a corrugated or fluted appearance imparted thereto in the operation of producing the same to increase the ornamentation thereof, said body having also an outward swell, as indicated at *a'* in Fig. 3, and terminating at its lower end with the inwardly-turned extending portion *a''*, terminating in a short outward bend *a'''*. The vertical edge portions of the plate A are also inwardly turned to form side walls *a''''*. These walls extend along the sides of the plate A to prevent lateral extension of a material to be held by the clip. This plate A has a pair of rear horizontal ears *a''''*, through which and the forwardly-projecting horizontal ears *b* of the back plate B passes a horizontal pintle C, having its ends headed to permanently hinge both plates together. A coiled spring *c*, embracing the pintle between the pairs of ears, has upwardly-extending end portions *c'* *c''* bearing against the rear of the plate A and front of the plate B to normally hold the lower rounded end of the plate A pressed toward the plate B. The back plate has a forwardly-displaced horizontally-extending rectangular portion B', preferably produced by stamping and providing a rear recess *b'*, in which near one end thereof is pivotally secured the end of a horizontally-swinging pin *b''*, adapted to have its free end engaged by a keeper *b'''*, also within the recess near the other end thereof. It will be obvious that the location of the pin within the recess is such that when engaged by the keeper said pin occupies a position flush with the rear face of the plate B. This arrangement admits of the device being secured upon the person of the wearer, so that the plate B will lie smoothly against the wearing material and not irregularly be supported thereon in an unsightly manner. With the device thus secured in position the front plate can be operated to cause its lower portion to open relative to the plate B, so that a handkerchief desirably arranged in neat folds can have its upper portion passed between the plates and over the projection B', after which the plate A can be released, so that its lower rounded end will positively clamp the handkerchief against the plate B

and retain the latter in position. The projection B' prevents any tendency of the handkerchief from being disengaged should it accidentally receive a considerable downward pull, while the walls a^4 prevent it from crowding out at the sides. The lower rounded bearing end of the plate A avoids injury to the fabric of the handkerchief.

It will be appreciated that the novel clasp is simple, highly useful, and comparatively inexpensive.

I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the precise arrangement of parts shown and described, as changes may be made in the details thereof without departing from the spirit of my invention.

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

1. In a clasp for supporting handkerchiefs upon the person, the combination with the back plate having the forwardly-projecting portion forming a rear horizontally-extended recess, of a pin and keeper sunk in said recess, a corrugated clamp-plate registering in size and form with said back plate, hinged on the front of the back plate, and having its lower end normally spring-pressed against the back plate.

2. In a clasp for supporting handkerchiefs,

the combination with a back plate having the forwardly-projecting portion forming a rear horizontally-extended recess, and ears formed on the front thereof, of a pin and keeper sunk in said recess, a corrugated clamp-plate constructed with side flanges and registering in size and form with said back plate, said clamp-plate having rearwardly-projecting ears, and hinged thereby upon the front of the back plate by the first-named ears and also having a lower outwardly-turned end normally spring-pressed toward the back plate.

3. In a clasp for supporting handkerchiefs, the combination with a back plate having the forwardly-projecting portion forming a rear horizontally-extended recess, of a pin and keeper sunk in said recess, a corrugated clamp-plate pivotally mounted upon the front of the back plate and having inwardly-turned flanges and an outwardly-bent lower end, and a spring normally pressing it toward the back plate.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 28th day of January, 1902.

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