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NO MODEL.

Fig. 1.

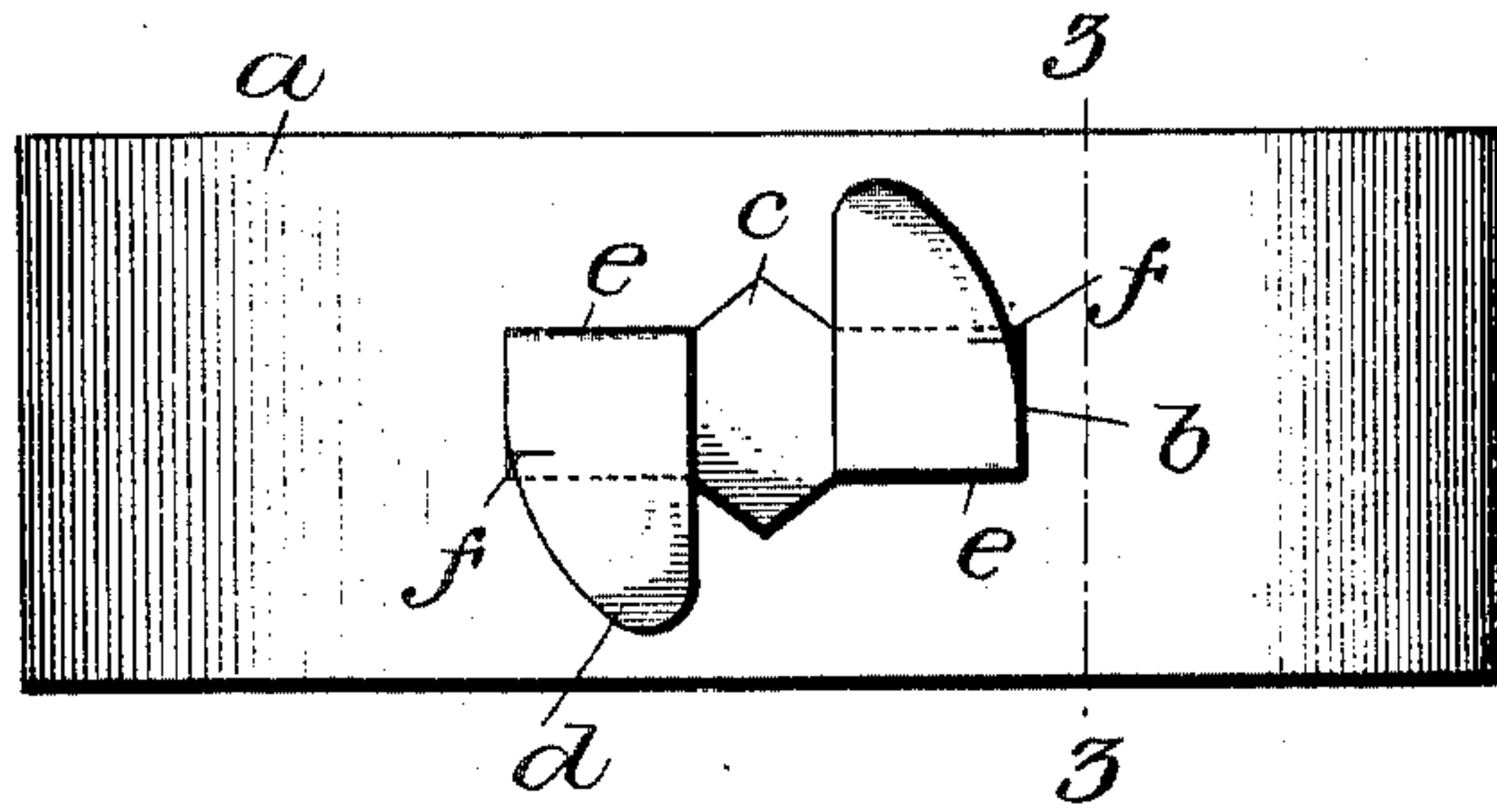


Fig. 2.

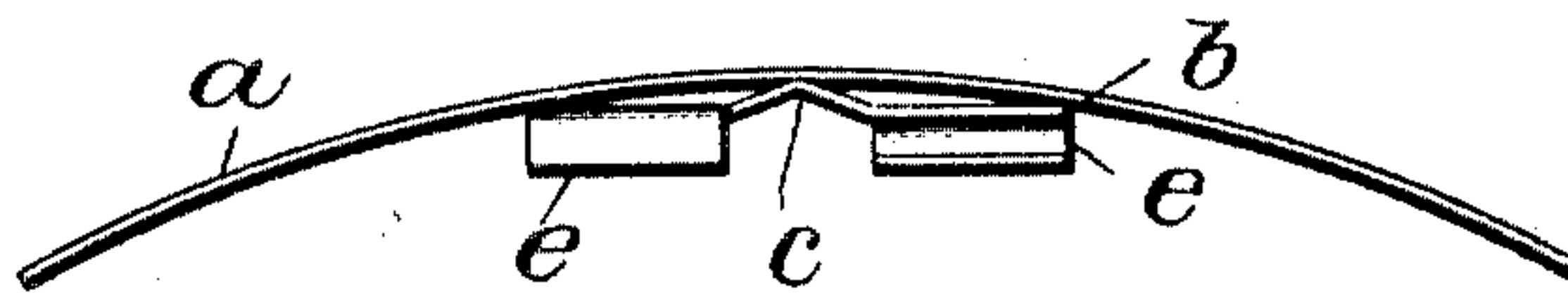


Fig. 3.

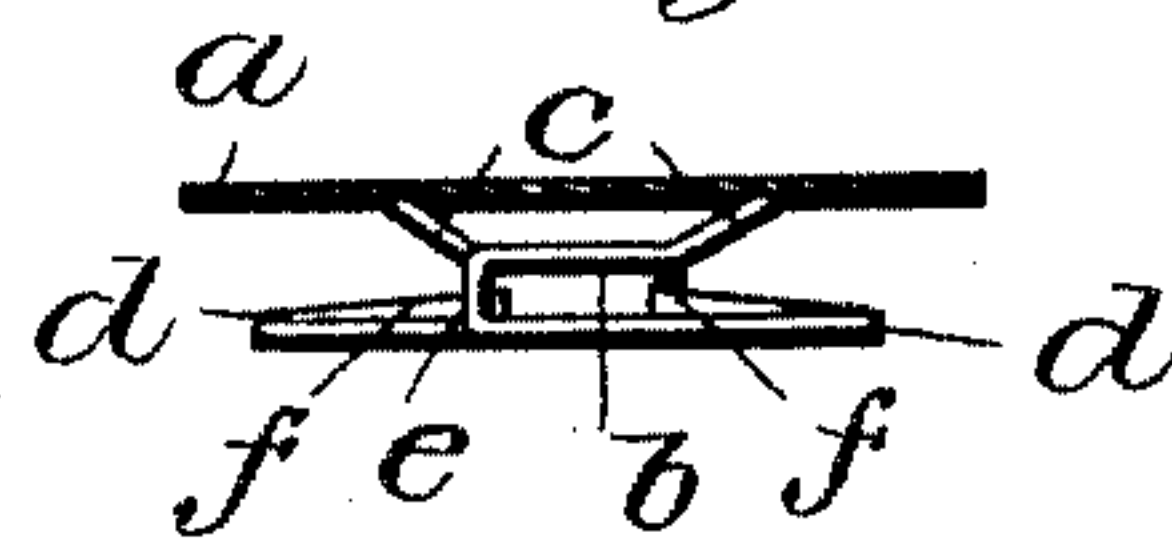


Fig. 4.

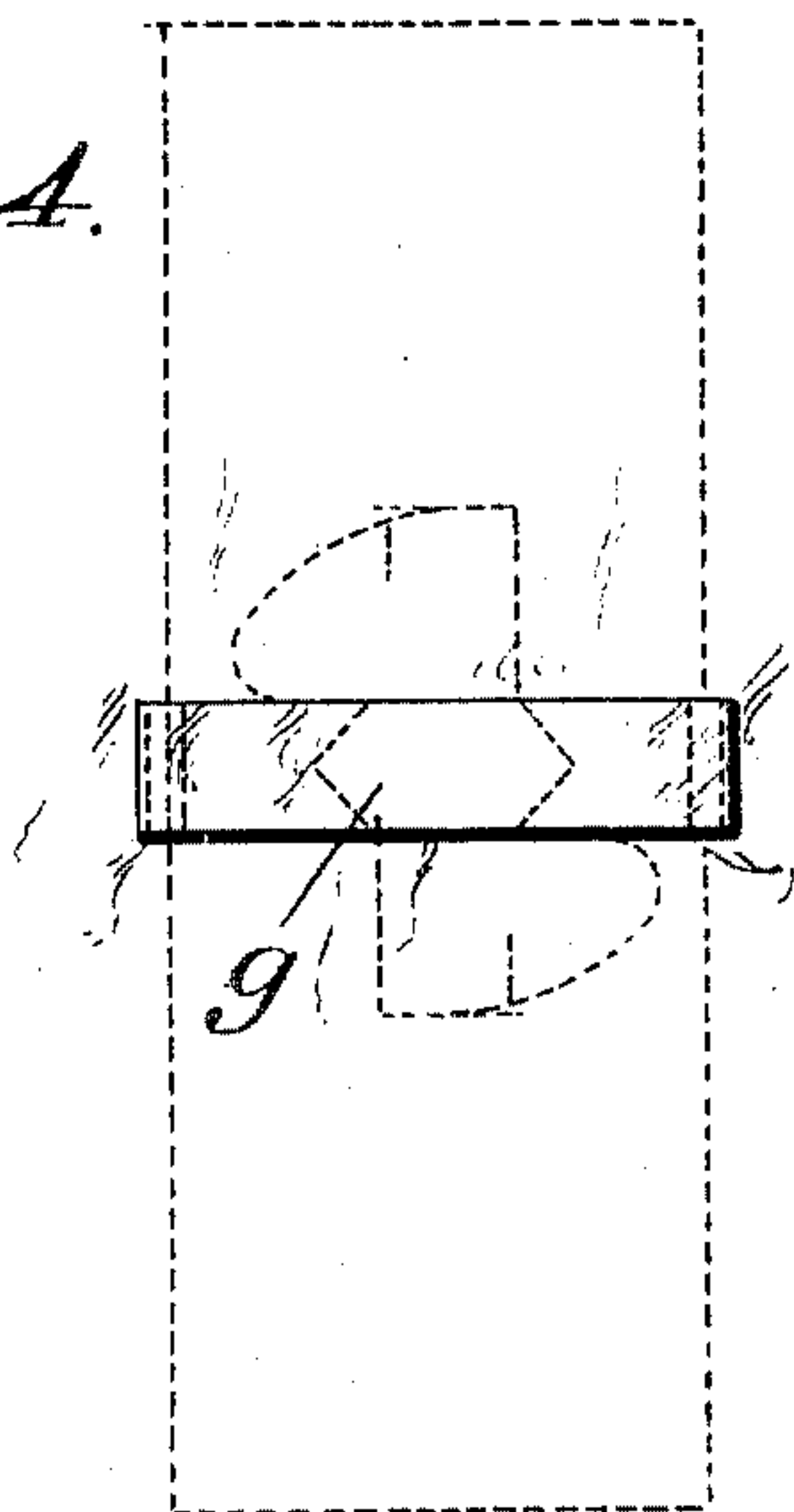
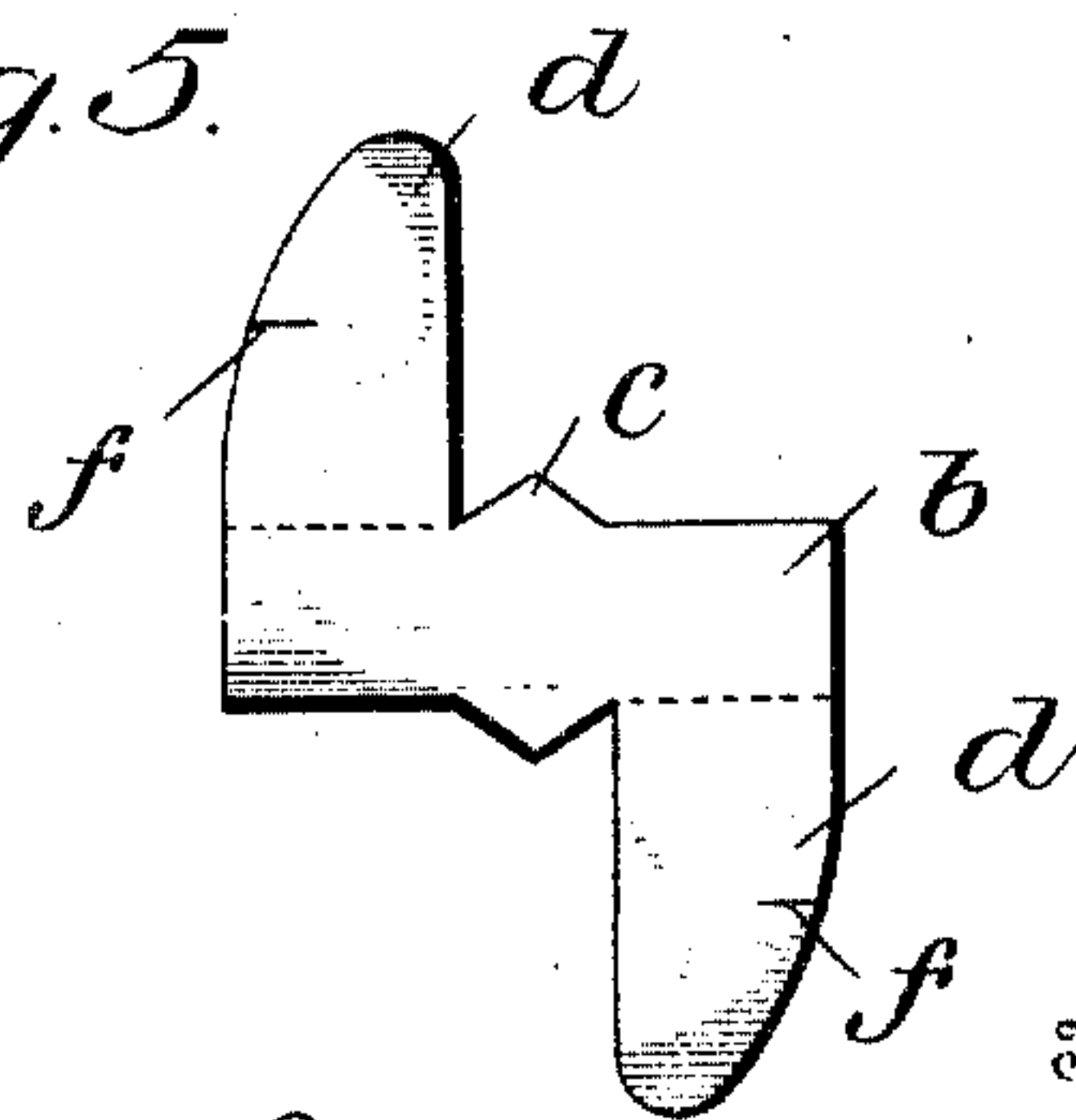


Fig. 5.



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SHOULDER-STRAP HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT MORRIS, a citizen of the United States, and an ensign in the United States Navy, stationed on board the United States Steamship *Mohican*, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoulder-Strap Holders; 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 improvements in shoulder-strap holders; and the object of my invention is to provide a simple device whereby shoulder-straps may be fastened to the shoulders of a coat in a neater and better manner than with present devices, thereby improving the appearance of the uniform.

A further object of my invention is to devise a holder which can be quickly and easily attached to the coat.

With these objects in view my invention consists in the construction and combination of parts, as hereinafter described and claimed.

Figure 1 represents a bottom plan view of a shoulder-strap with my improved fastening device or holder attached thereto. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same. Fig. 3 is a cross-section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 shows the manner of applying the shoulder-strap to the shoulder of the coat, and Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the fastening means detached and before it has been bent over.

a represents the base or stiffening portion of an ordinary shoulder-strap. Instead of the pasteboard stiffening commonly used I prefer to use a rectangular piece or sheet of brass or tin to which has been given the proper amount of curvature, as shown in Fig. 2. To the under side of this is soldered the holding device *b*, although, of course, it may be riveted or fastened thereto in any other suitable manner. This holding device consists of a central portion *c*, bent upward, as shown in Fig. 2, and two shoulders formed by bending the tongues *d d*, projecting from the ends of the center piece, over, so as to form hooks *e*. Each of the tongues *d* is provided with a slit *f* for a purpose to be hereinafter described.

In order to put the shoulder-strap in place,

a loop *g* is sewed to the shoulder of the coat, being fastened at the ends only, leaving the central part loose. To put the shoulder-strap in position, it is put over this loop, as shown in Fig. 4, and then turned around ninety degrees, the tongues catching under the loop *g*. After the shoulder-strap has been put in place, to keep it there the outer ends of the tongues *d* are bent up sidewise, the slits *f* permitting this movement, so that the bent-up portions will engage the loop *g* and prevent the disengagement of the shoulder-strap from the loop until they have been bent back again. In order to prevent the sharp edges at the slit *f* from cutting the cloth, they may be rounded off a little. When so placed in position, the shoulder-strap is securely attached to the shoulder of the coat. It is in perfect shape. It does not gather or ruffle up the cloth of the uniform, and the means of attachment is hidden.

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

1. In a shoulder-strap holder, the combination with the shoulder-strap base and a holder secured thereto consisting of a central piece and tongues made integral with and projecting in opposite directions from said central piece and bent over so as to form hooks extending in opposite directions from said central piece.

2. In a shoulder-strap holder, the combination of the shoulder-strap base and a holder secured thereto, consisting of a central portion and tongues each provided with a slit forming a part of said holder and adapted to be bent over to form oppositely-arranged hooks, substantially as described.

3. The combination with a loop, of a shoulder-strap secured thereto including a shoulder-strap base and a holder carried by said base, said holder consisting of a central portion bent upward, and tongues projecting in opposite directions from either end of said central piece, each of said tongues being slitted and adapted to be bent over in opposite directions to form oppositely-arranged hooks for engaging said loop, substantially as described.

4. The combination with a loop, of a shoulder-

der-strap secured thereto, including a curved
shoulder-strap base and a holder centrally se-
cured to the lower part of said base, said holder
consisting of a central portion bent upward
5 and fastened to said base, and tongues pro-
jecting in opposite directions from either end
of said central portion, each of said tongues
being slitted and adapted to be bent over in op-
posite direction to form oppositely-arranged

hooks for engaging said loop, substantially as is
described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in
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