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Fig. 1

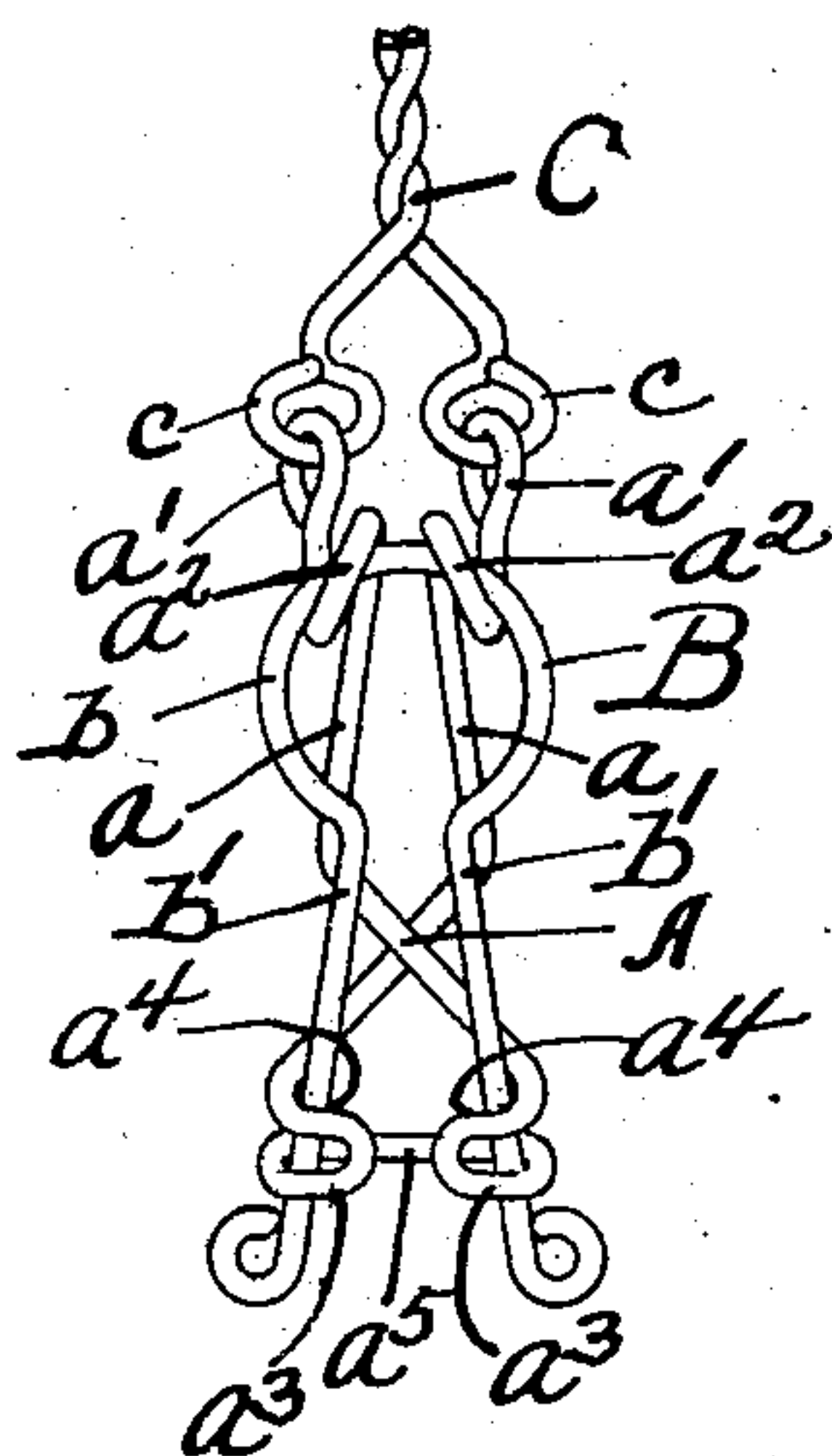


Fig. 2.

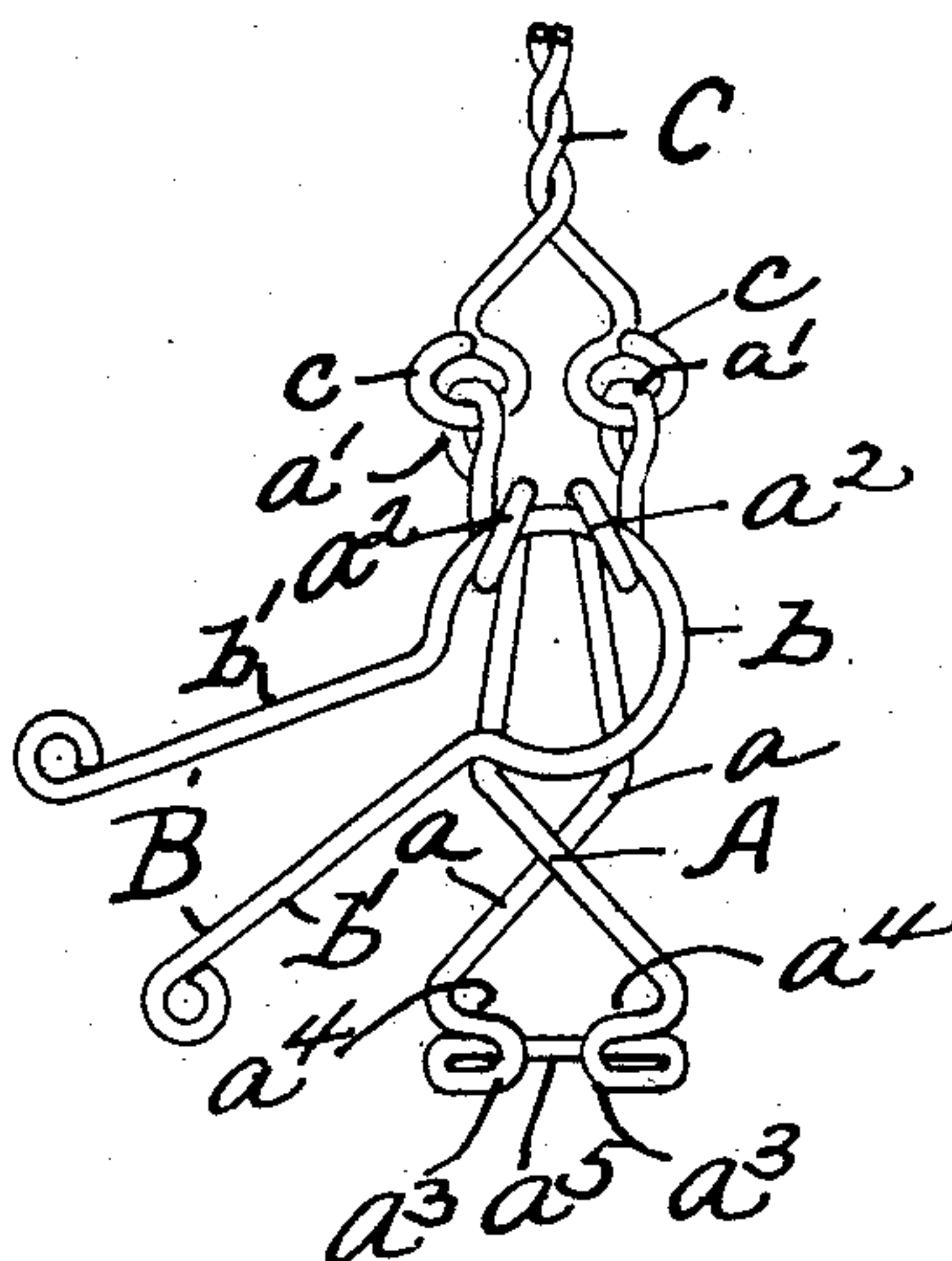


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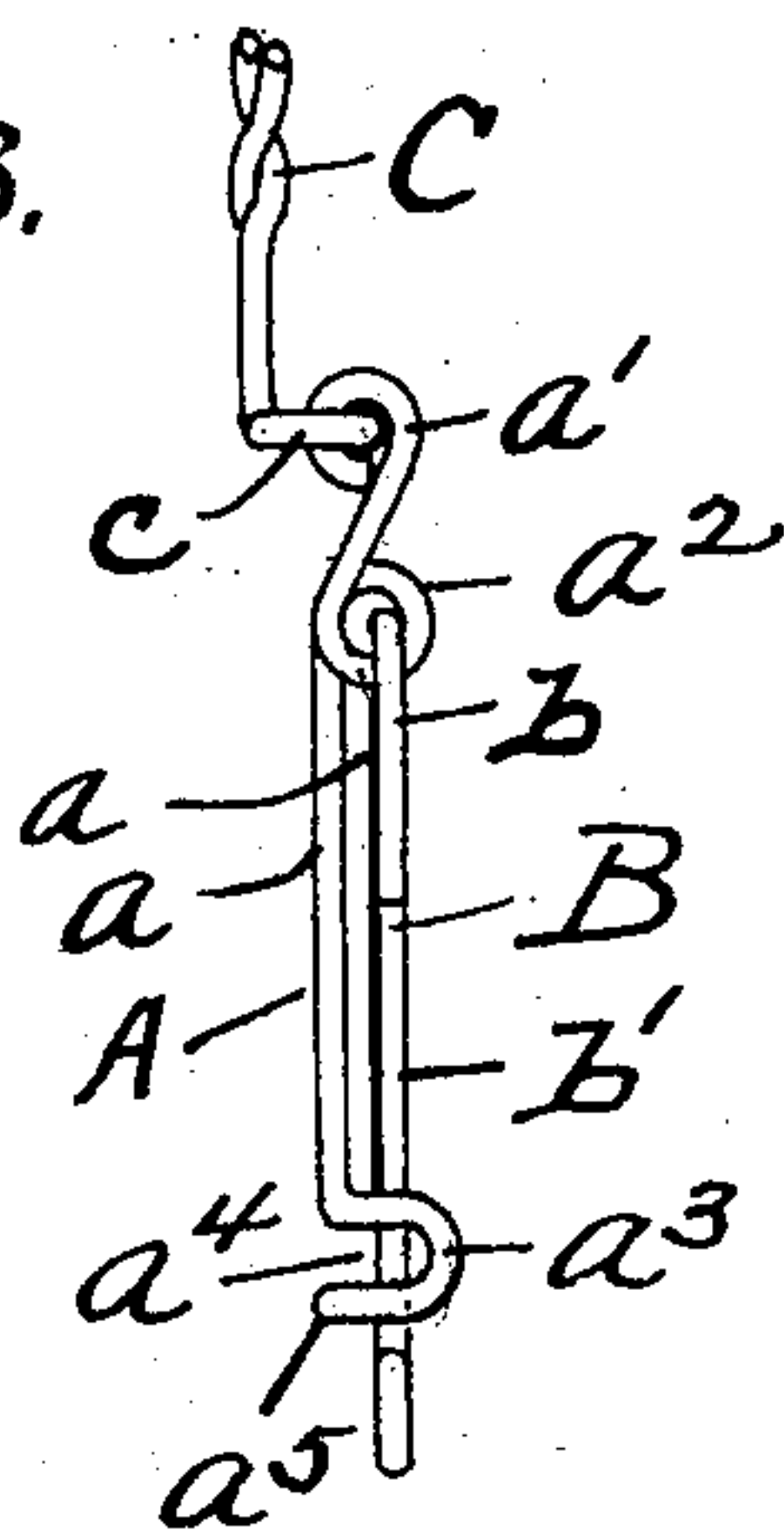
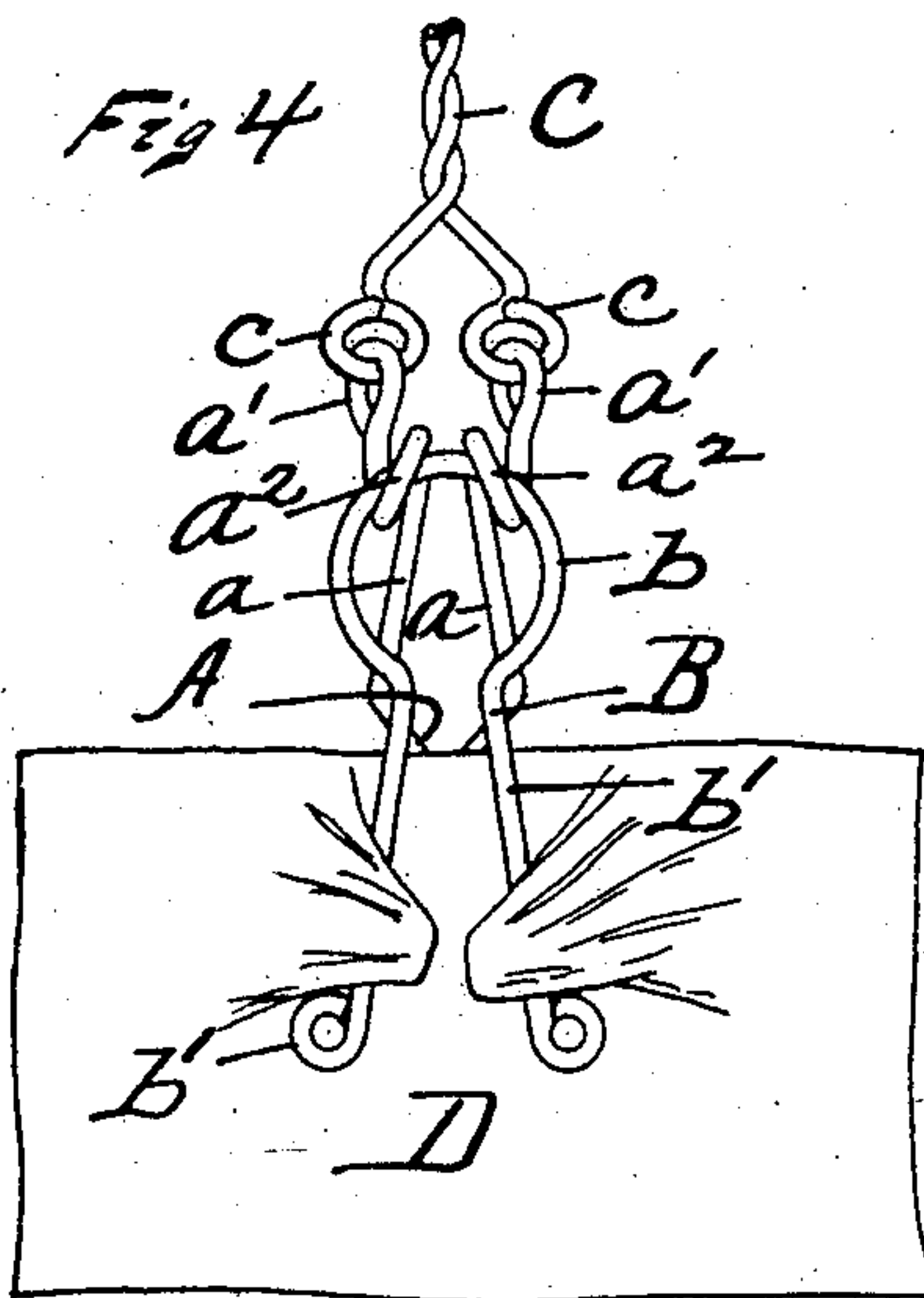


Fig. 4



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## CLASP FOR STOCKING-SUPPORTERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WALTER W. PALMER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Erie, in the county of Erie and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clasps for Stocking-Supporters; 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in clasps designed for use in connection with garment-supporters.

This application is a division of an application which was filed by me on the 8th day of May, 1903, the serial number of which is 156,238.

My invention consists of a spring-metal clasp adapted to be connected to the spring-loop structure of my former application and adapted for holding the fabric of the stocking, such clasp comprising two separate members, one a metallic frame bent to form opposite open recesses into which the fabric of the stocking is crowded, the other member being pivoted thereto and provided with two diverging spring-arms adapted for holding engagement with the fabric in the said recesses of the first member.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved device with parts in operative position. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing parts disengaged. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 is a front elevation showing my improved clasp in engagement with the fabric of the stocking.

Referring to the drawings, the clasp, as before stated, is formed of two parts, which are lettered A and B. These are suspended from the support C, which is preferably ar-

ranged on the structure shown in my former application. The frame A comprises the two arms *a a*. These arms terminate in the loops *a' a'*, which are extended through and locked with the loops *c c* on the support C. Immediately below the loops *a' a'* are the loops *a<sup>2</sup> a<sup>2</sup>*, through which the ring *b* of the part B is passed, making a free joint between the parts A and B. The arms *a* have the inturned portion *a<sup>3</sup> a<sup>3</sup>*, which forms the open recesses *a<sup>4</sup> a<sup>4</sup>* between said inturned ends *a<sup>3</sup> a<sup>3</sup>* and the cross-bar *a<sup>5</sup>* and the lower parts of the arm *a*. The arms *b'* of the part B extend from the ring *b* and are adapted to be sprung into the recesses *a<sup>4</sup>* and to hold the garment by this engagement.

Fig. 4 shows clearly the manner of engaging the garment. Here a fragment of stocking or other part to be supported is lettered D. A portion of this garment is forced into the recesses *a<sup>4</sup>* by the arm *b'*, acting under the influence of the spring *b*. To disengage the clasp, it is simply necessary to spring the arms *b* together and to withdraw them between the inturned ends *a<sup>3</sup>*.

I claim—

A spring-metal clasp adapted for holding the fabric of the stocking or other garment, such clasp comprising two separate members, one a metallic frame bent to form opposite open recesses into which the fabric is crowded, the other member being pivoted thereto and comprising two diverging spring-arms, adapted for holding engagement with the fabric in the said recesses of the first member.

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

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