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Fig. 1.

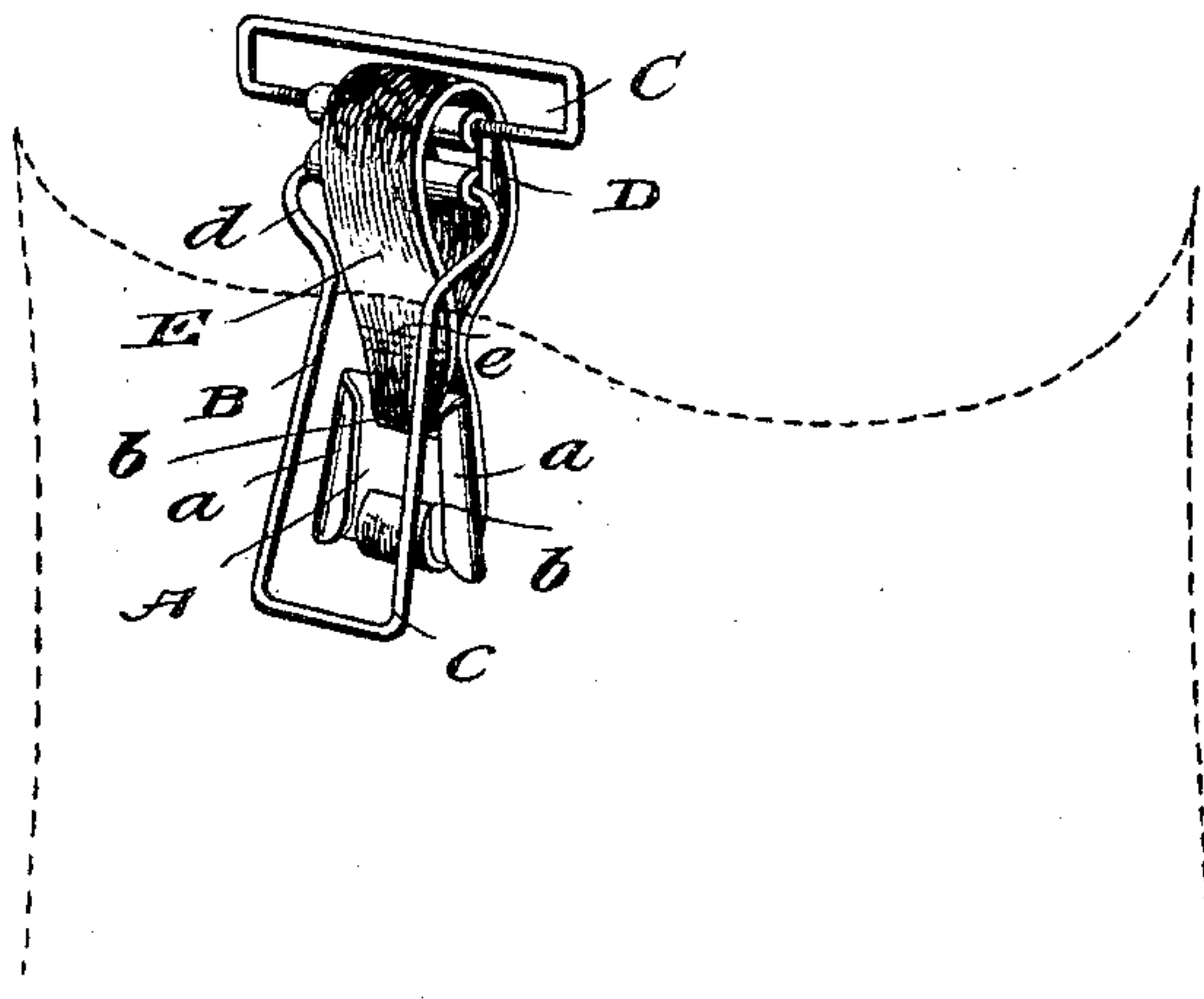


Fig. 2.

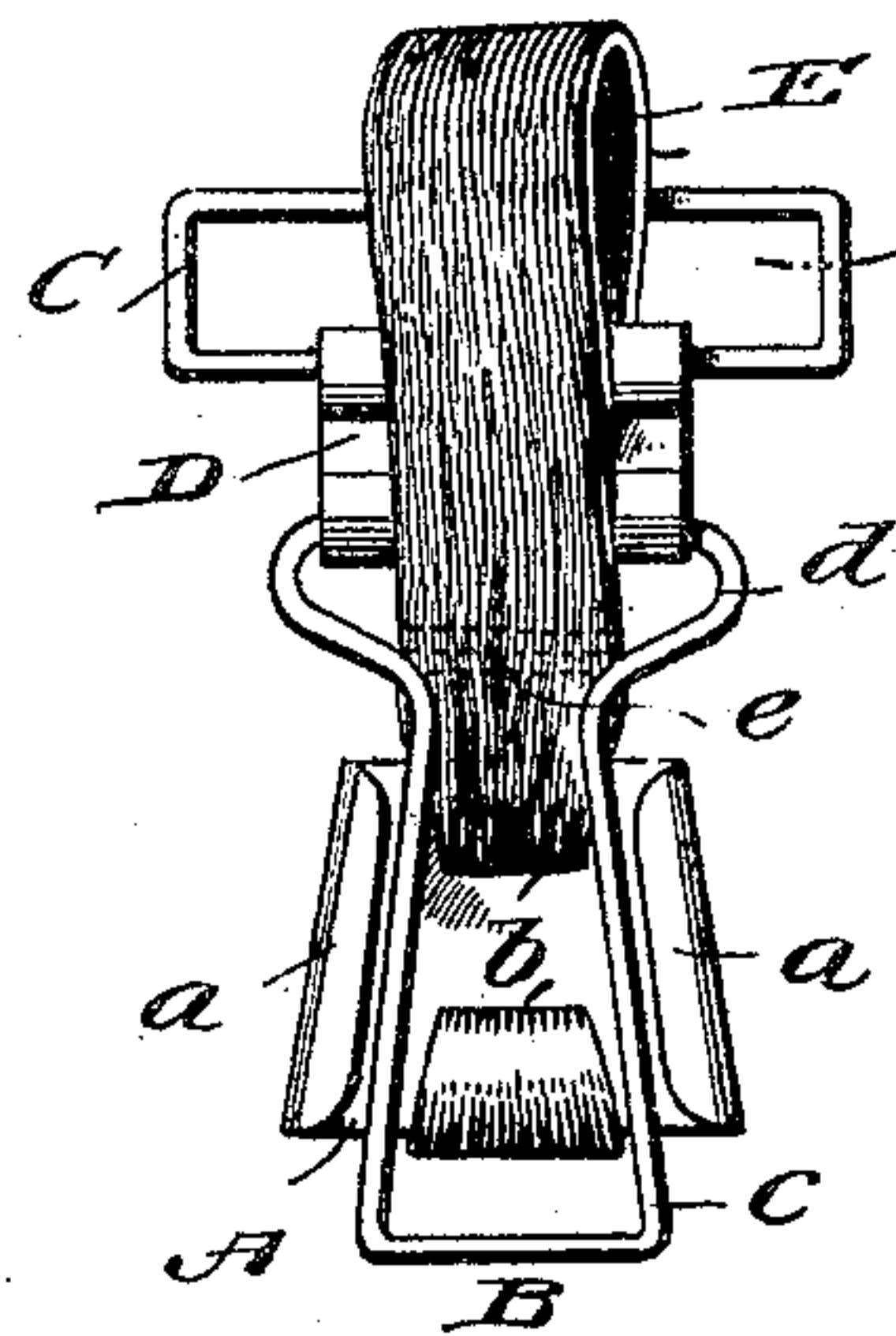


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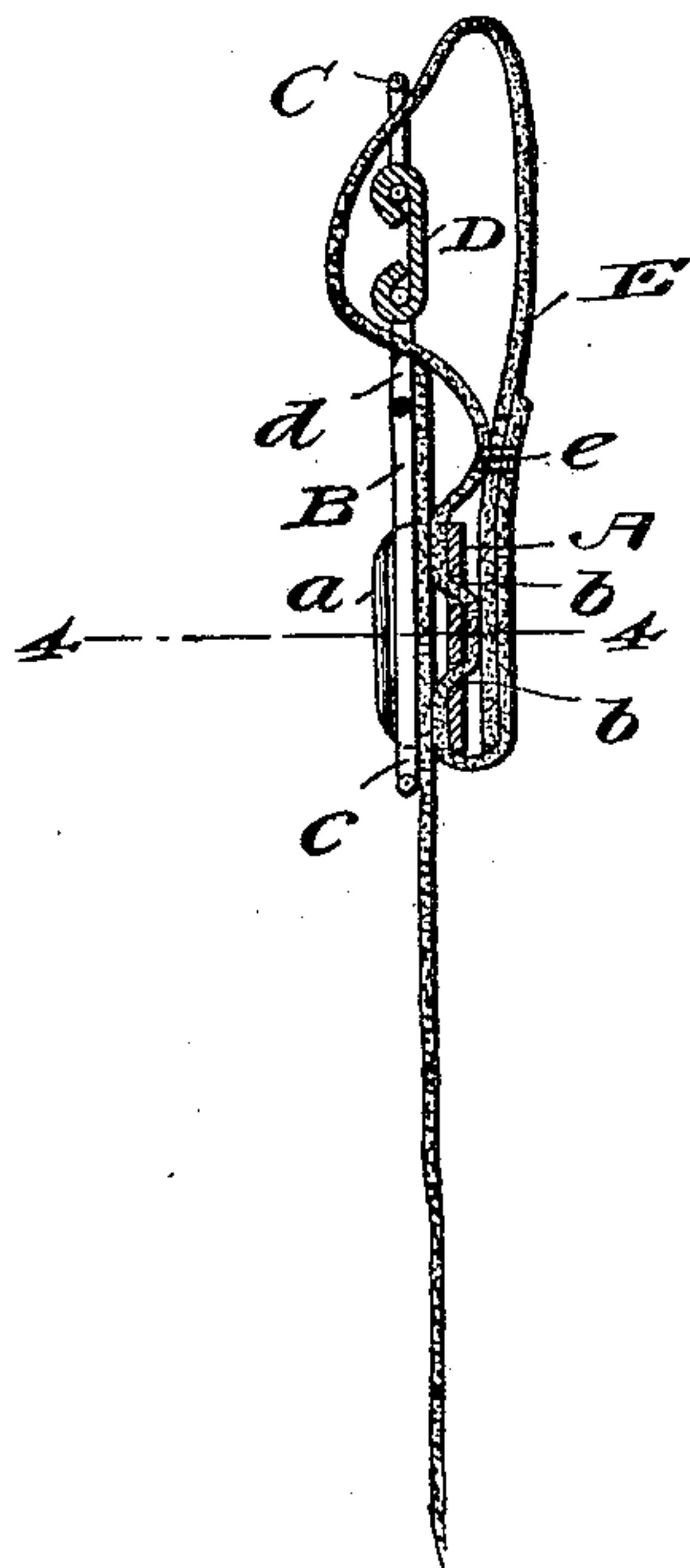


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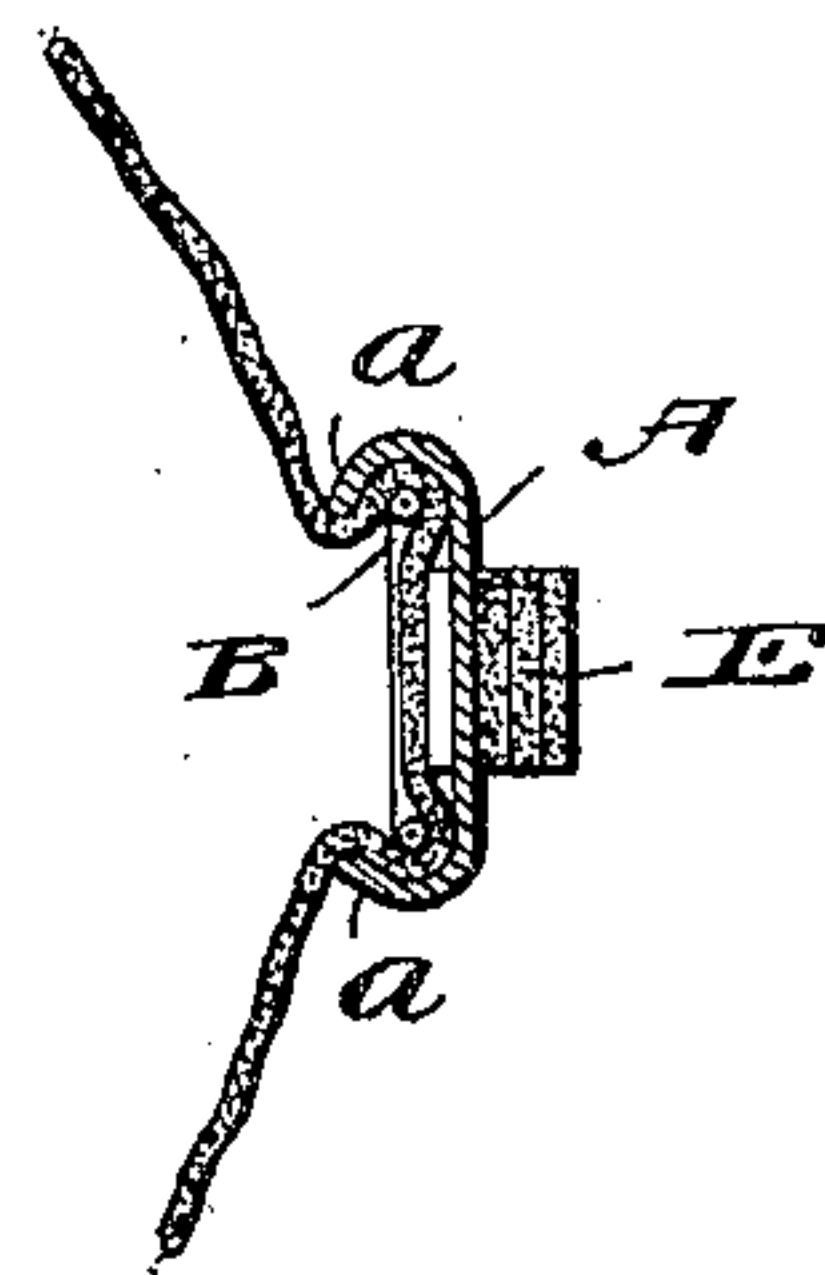
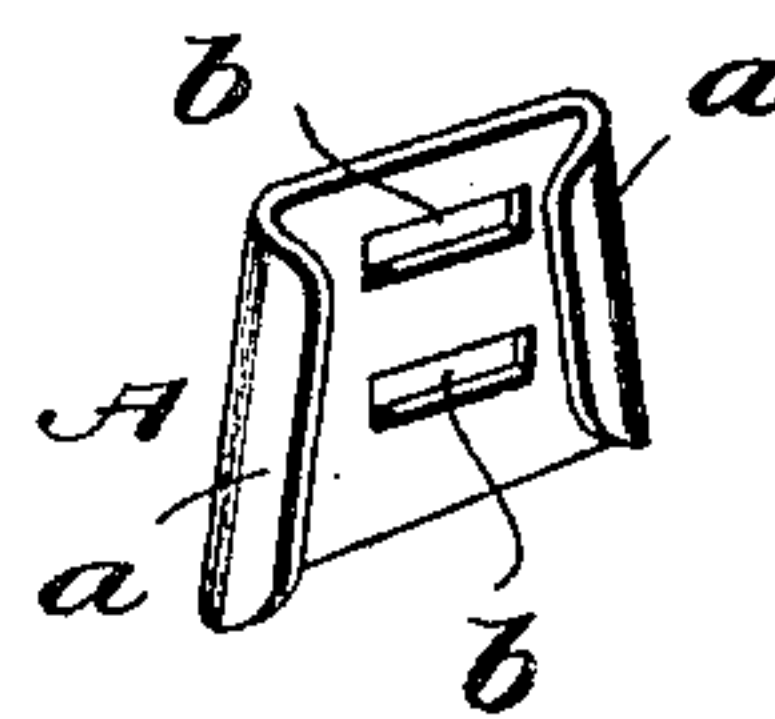


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY C. BARLOW, a citizen of the United States, residing at Deepriver, in the county of Middlesex and State of Connecticut, have invented new and useful Improvements in Hose-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

My invention pertains to hose-supporters; and it contemplates the provision of a simple and durable supporter which is adapted to be quickly and easily fastened to a stocking without injury thereto and as readily detached from the stocking, and yet is not liable to casual disengagement under any condition.

The invention will be fully understood from the following description and claim when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my novel supporter as the same appears precedent to being fastened to a stocking. Fig. 2 is an enlarged front elevation of the supporter. Fig. 3 is a vertical section taken through the supporter and a stocking to which it is fastened. Fig. 4 is a horizontal section taken in the plane indicated by the line 4 4 of Fig. 3, and Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of the receiving member of the supporter.

Similar letters designate corresponding parts in all of the views of the drawings, referring to which—

A is the receiving member of the supporter, and B is the fastening member thereof. The receiving member is formed of one piece of metal and is tapered toward its upper end and provided with side flanges *a* and lower and upper slots *b*. The fastening member is preferably though not essentially formed of wire and comprises a lower upwardly-tapered body portion *c* of a size to enter between the flanges *a* of the receiving member and a loop *d* at the upper end of the body portion.

In addition to the receiving member A and the fastening member B the supporter comprises a loop or eye C, adapted for the connection of a suspension-strap depending from a body-garment, (not shown,) a connection D between the fastening member B and the loop or eye C, said connection being by preference a sheet-metal plate having barrels loosely receiving the upper bar of the member B and the lower bar of the loop or eye C, as shown, and a looped and flexible strap E, of textile or

other suitable material, having a lower portion receiving the lower and upper bars of the receiving member A and an upper portion loosely receiving the upper bar of member B, the connection D, and the lower bar of the loop or eye C, and also having intermediate portions stitched or otherwise connected together, as indicated by *e*.

In the practical use of my novel device the receiving member A is placed at the inner side of a stocking to be supported, and the fastening member B, disposed at the outer side of the stocking and in the position shown in Figs. 1 and 2 relative to the member A, is utilized to press the stocking into said member A, after which said fastening member is drawn upwardly between the flanges *a* of member A. With this done it will be observed that portions of the stocking will be securely clasped between the lower comparatively wide portion of the fastening member and the flanges of the receiving member. It will also be observed that there is no liability of the stocking being casually released from between the members A and B, and yet when it is desired to release the stocking the same may be readily accomplished by merely moving the member B downwardly with respect to the member A.

As will be readily observed by reference to Figs. 1 and 2, the strap-loop E, while connecting the members A and B together, permits of free movement of the member B with respect to the member A either to clasp or release the stocking. It will also be observed that because of the friction when a stocking is engaged there is no liability of the member B casually moving downwardly with respect to the member A and releasing the stocking even when no upward pull is exerted on the member B, as when a woman sits down.

It will be gathered from the foregoing that while my novel supporter is adapted to securely hold a stocking there is no liability of the stocking being cut, torn, or otherwise deteriorated.

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

A hose-supporter comprising an upwardly-tapered receiving member having side flanges, an upwardly-tapered fastening member of a size to enter between the flanges of the receiving member, a loop or eye, a connection

between said loop or eye and the upper portion of the fastening member, and a flexible strap-loop receiving a portion of the receiving member, a portion of the loop or eye and the connection between the fastening member and the loop or eye and connecting said parts together.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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