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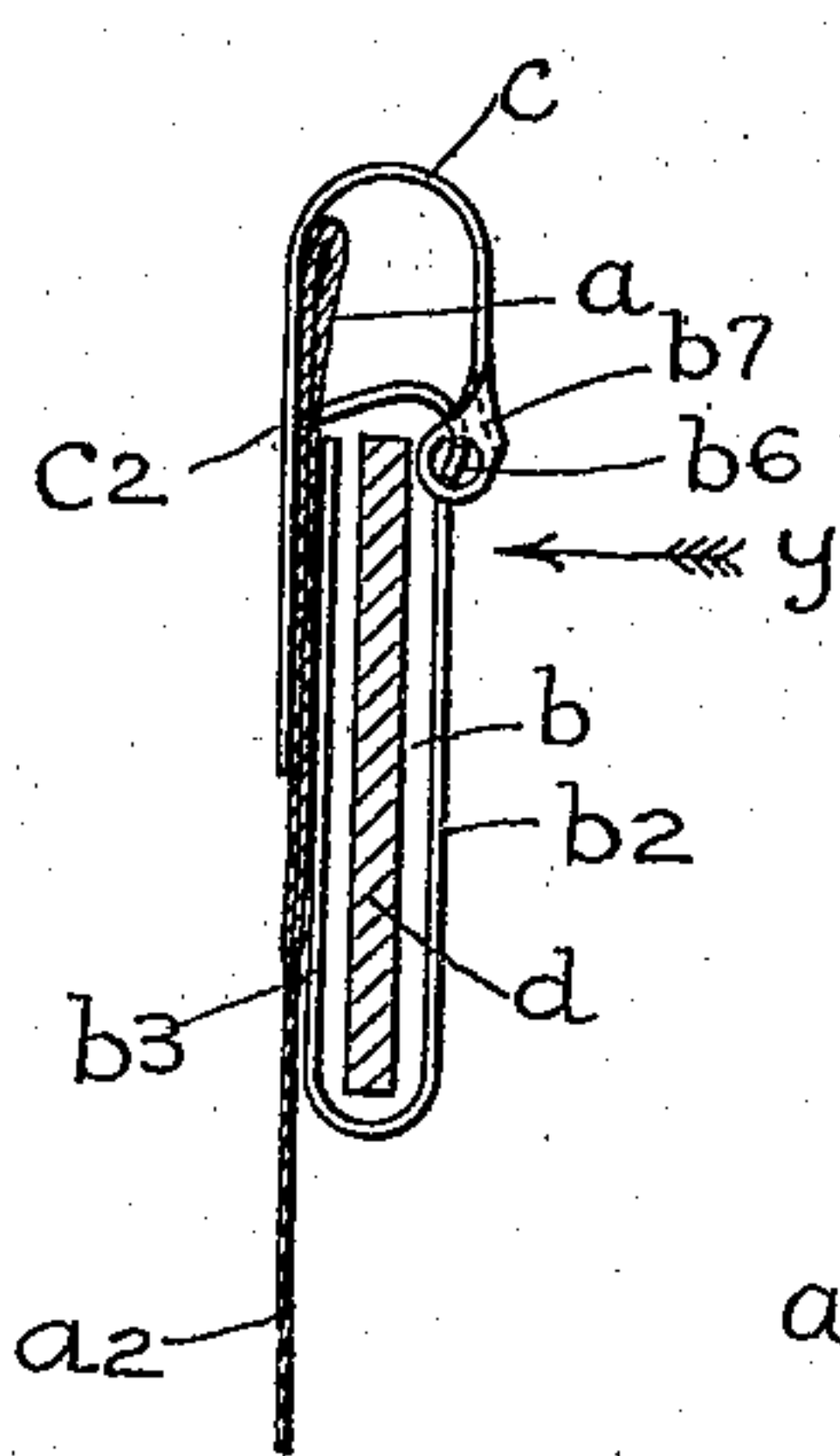


Fig. 1.

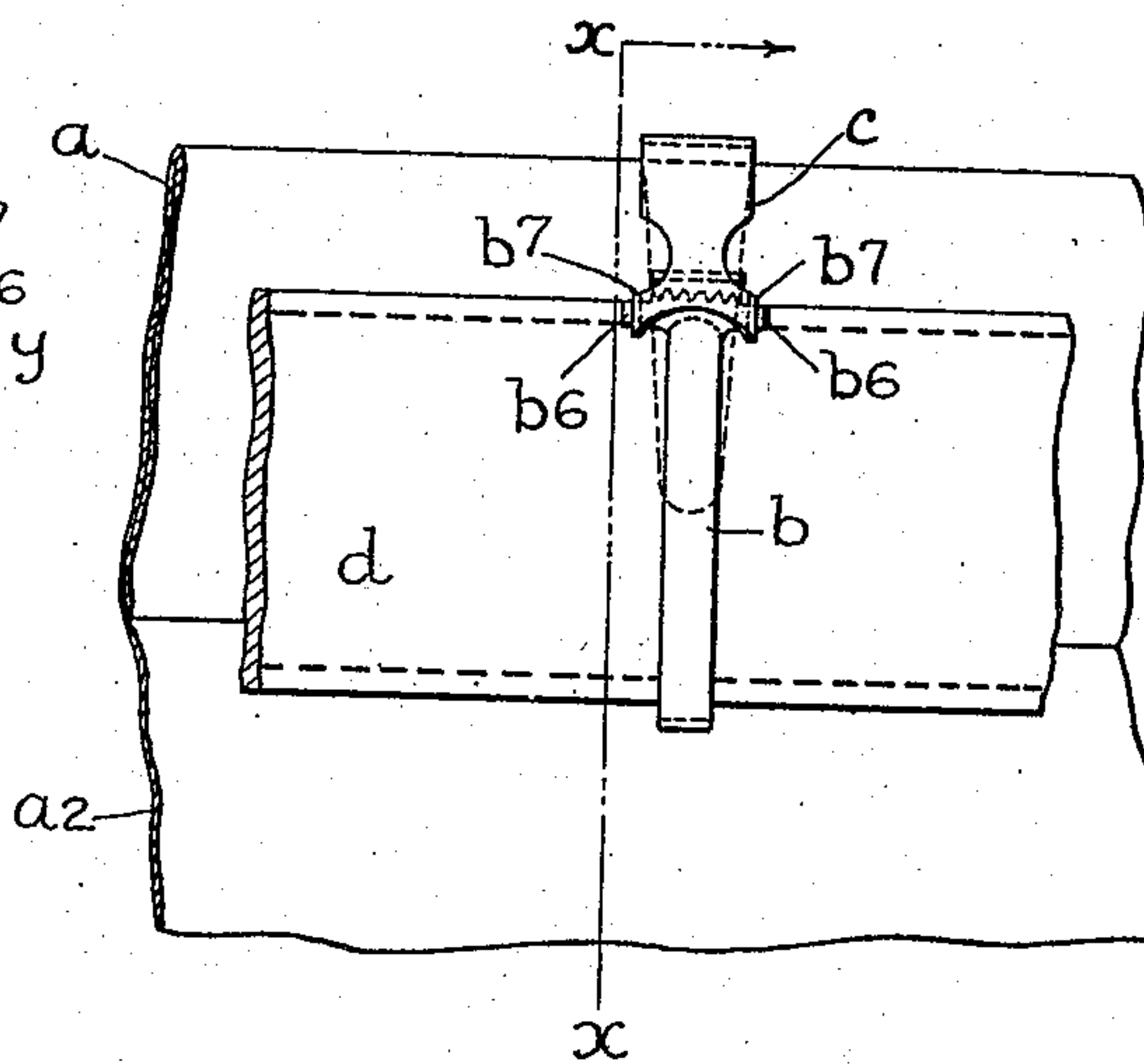


Fig. 2.

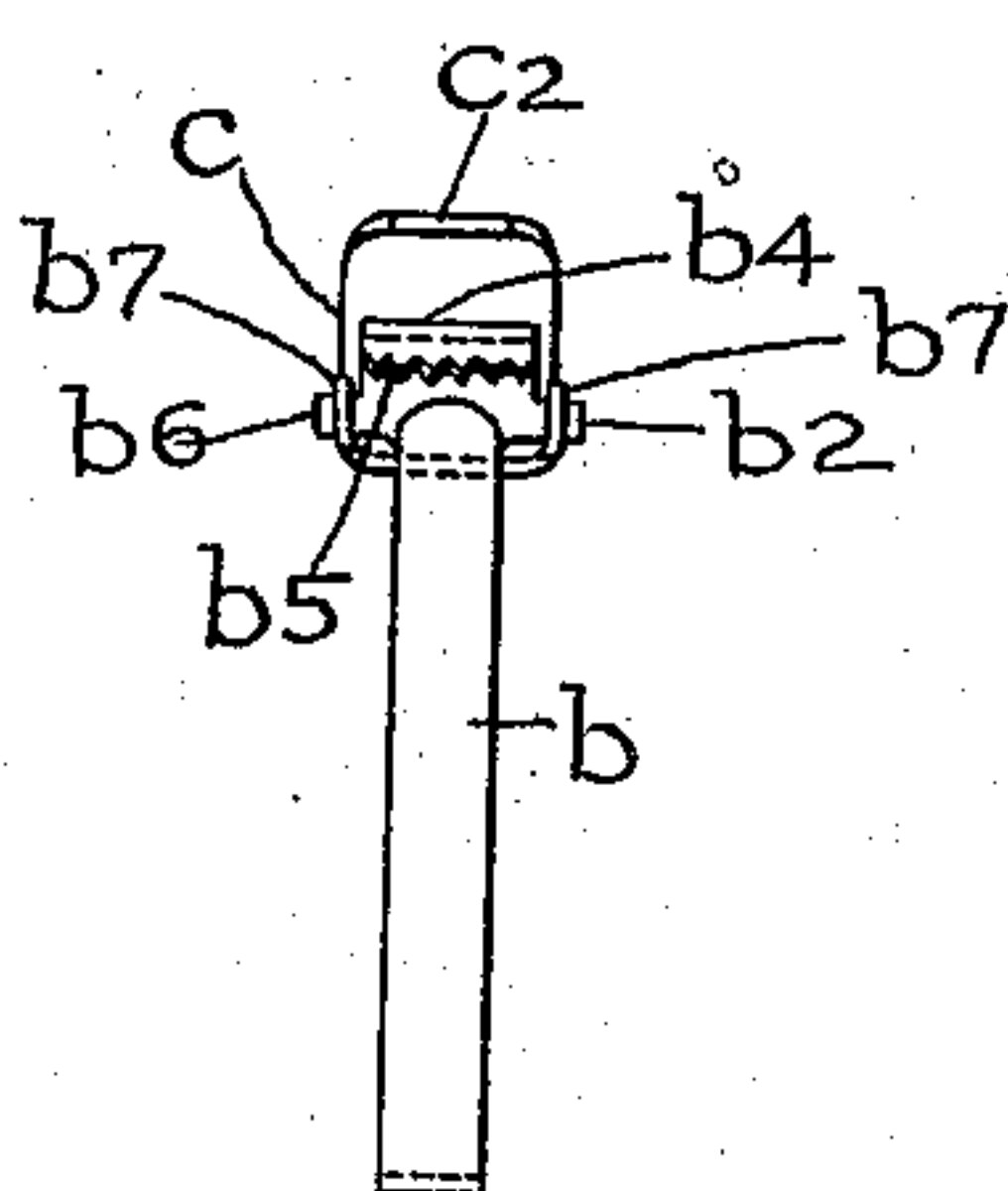


Fig. 3.

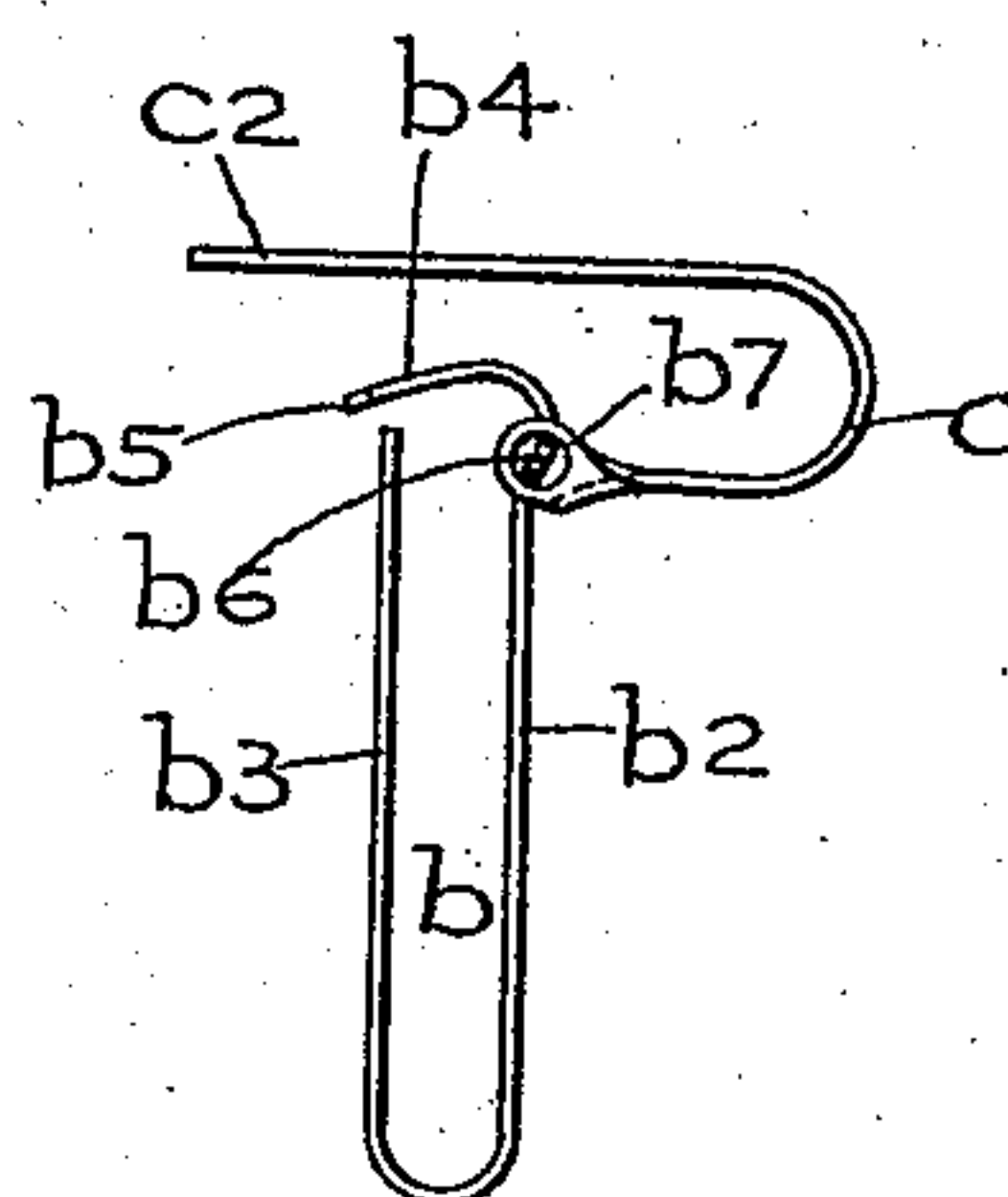


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, GEORGE J. SHAW, a citizen of the United States, and LOUIS LONG, a subject of the King of Italy, residing at Buchanan, in the county of Westchester and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Belt-Holders, of which the following is a specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to devices for holding gentlemen's belts; and the object thereof is to provide an improved device of this class whereby a gentleman's belt will be held in proper position with reference to the waistband of a pair of trousers and the belt and waistband prevented from twisting or folding; and with this and other objects in view the invention consists in a device of the class specified constructed as hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawings form a part, in which the separate parts of our improvement are designated by suitable reference characters in each of the views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a transverse section of a belt and the waistband of a pair of trousers, taken on the line xx of Fig. 2 and showing the belt-holder; Fig. 2, a view looking in the direction of the arrow y of Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a front view of the belt-holder and showing the clamp with which the same is provided thrown back and in position for attaching the belt-holder to the waistband of a pair of trousers, and Fig. 4 a side view of the device as shown in Fig. 3.

In the drawings forming part of this specification we have shown at a a part of the waistband of a pair of trousers, below which at a^2 is shown a part of the trousers proper, and in the practice of our invention we provide a belt-holder comprising a yoke-shaped or U-shaped member b , comprising front and back parts b^2 and b^3 , and the yoke-shaped or U-shaped member b opens upwardly, and the top end of the back part b^3 forms a spring, while the top end of the front part b^2 is formed into a backwardly-directed jaw b^4 , preferably provided with serrations or teeth b^5 .

The upper end of the front part b^2 of the yoke-shaped or U-shaped member b of the holder or that part thereof which forms the jaw b^4 is preferably made wider than the front part b^2 of said member, and at the base thereof are laterally-directed lugs or projections b^5 ,

to which are pivoted or hinged, as shown at b^7 , a U-shaped clamp-arm c , the free side c^2 of which is longer than the pivoted side, as clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 4 and as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 2.

In practice the belt-holder is connected with the waistband of the trousers by throwing the U-shaped clamp-arm c forwardly into the position shown in Figs. 3 and 4 and then inserting the waistband into said U-shaped clamp-arm and then folding said clamp-arm backwardly into the position shown in Figs. 1 and 2, after which the belt d is passed around the waistband and through the belt-holder.

It will be understood that in practice a number of the belt-holders b are employed, said belt-holders being located around the waistband of the trousers wherever desired, and instead of placing the holders on the waistband, as hereinbefore described, and then passing the belt therethrough the holders may be placed on the belt and then connected with the waistband, if desired.

In Figs. 1 and 4 of the accompanying drawings the transverse dimensions of the belt-holder b are shown as considerably greater than the thickness of the belt; but it will be understood that the dimensions of the belt-holder may be regulated in any desired manner.

In folding the U-shaped clamp-arm c backwardly over the waistband of the trousers, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the longer end thereof operates to compress the waistband between itself and the jaw b^4 and prevents the belt-holder from slipping on the waistband, and the dimensions of the belt-holder may be so regulated and the free side or end of the U-shaped clamp-arm c so formed as to press the spring part b^3 of the belt-holder against the belt.

This device is simple in construction and operation and perfectly adapted to accomplish the result for which it is intended and is also comparatively inexpensive.

Having fully described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A belt-holder of the class described, comprising a U-shaped member and a U-shaped clamp, one arm of which is shorter than the other, the shorter arm of the clamp being pivoted to one end of one side of the U-shaped member, and the longer arm of said clamp being adapted to fold over the opposite side of the U-shaped member, that side of the U-

shaped member to which the clamp is pivoted being also provided with a jaw which ranges transversely of the open end of the U-shaped member, substantially as shown and described.

2. A belt-holder of the class described, comprising a U-shaped member, one side of which is provided at its upper end with a jaw which extends transversely of said member and is provided with serrations or teeth, and a U-shaped clamp-arm one side of which is shorter than the other, the shorter side being pivoted at the base of said jaw, and the longer side of

which is adapted to fold over the free end of said jaw, substantially as shown and described. 15

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our invention we have signed our names, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 2d day of September, 1905.

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