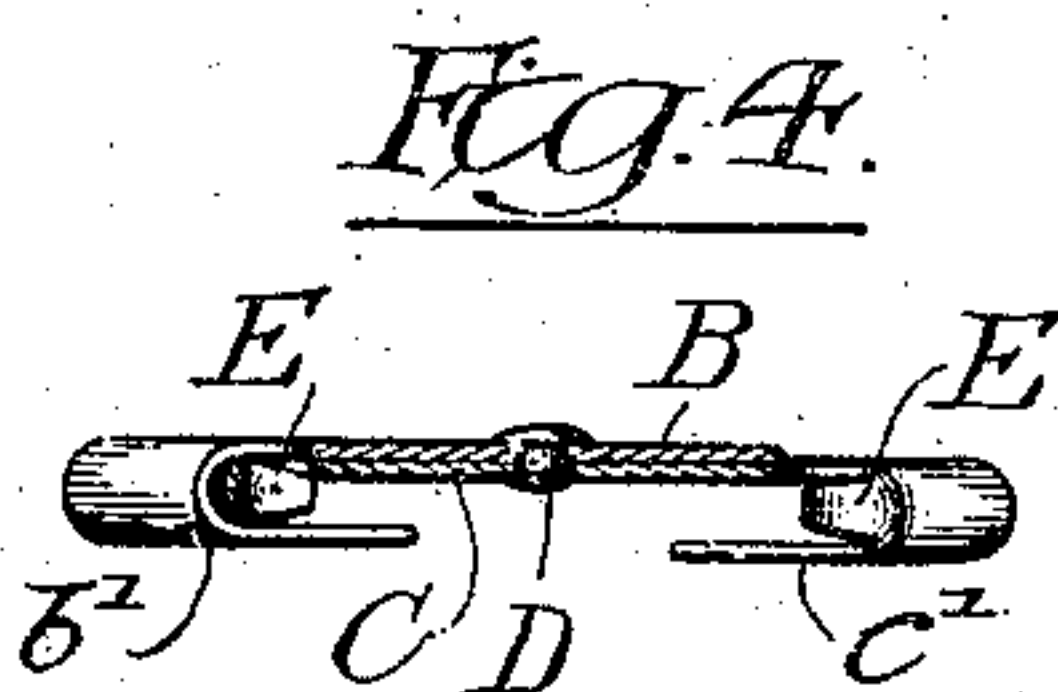
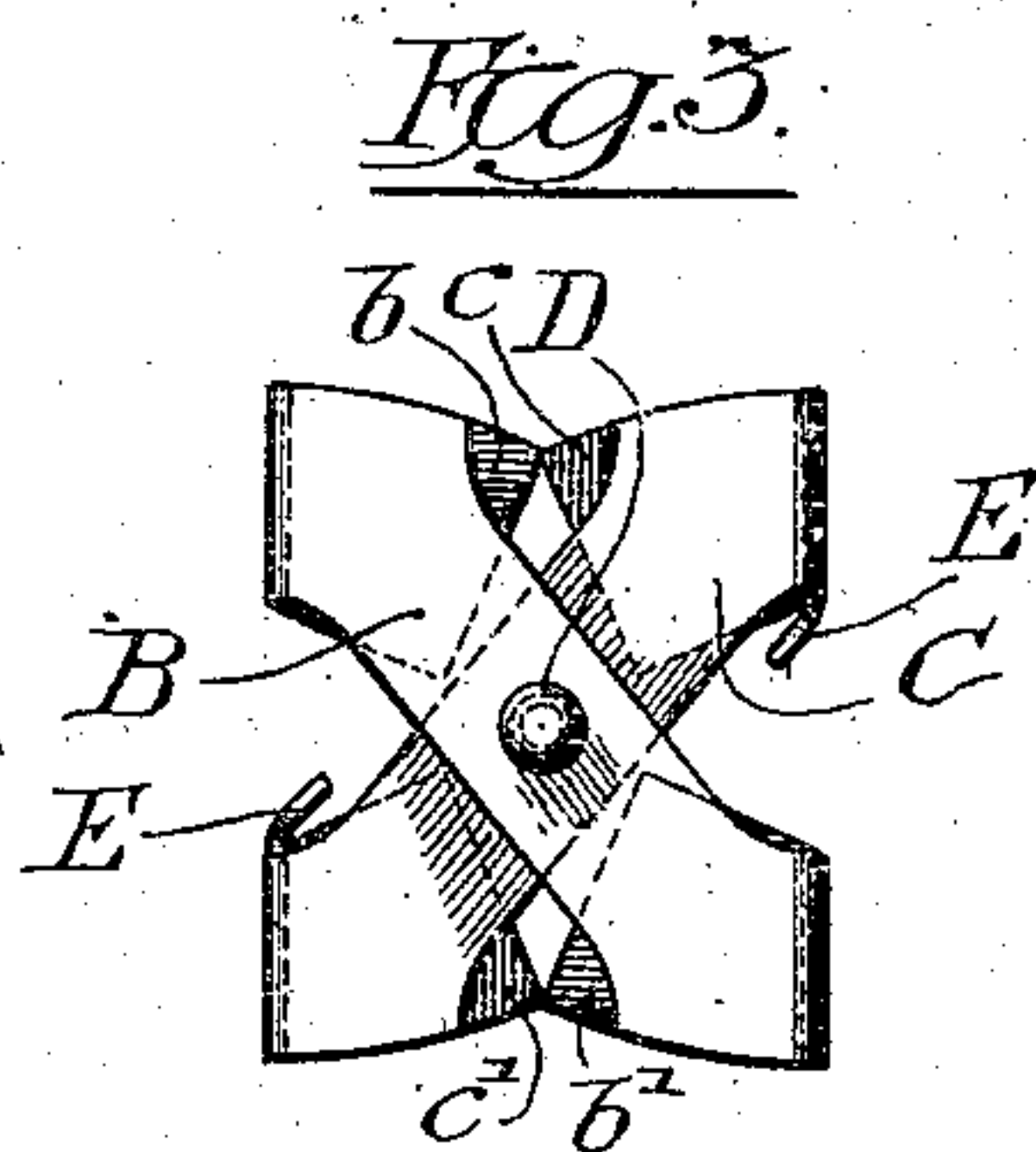
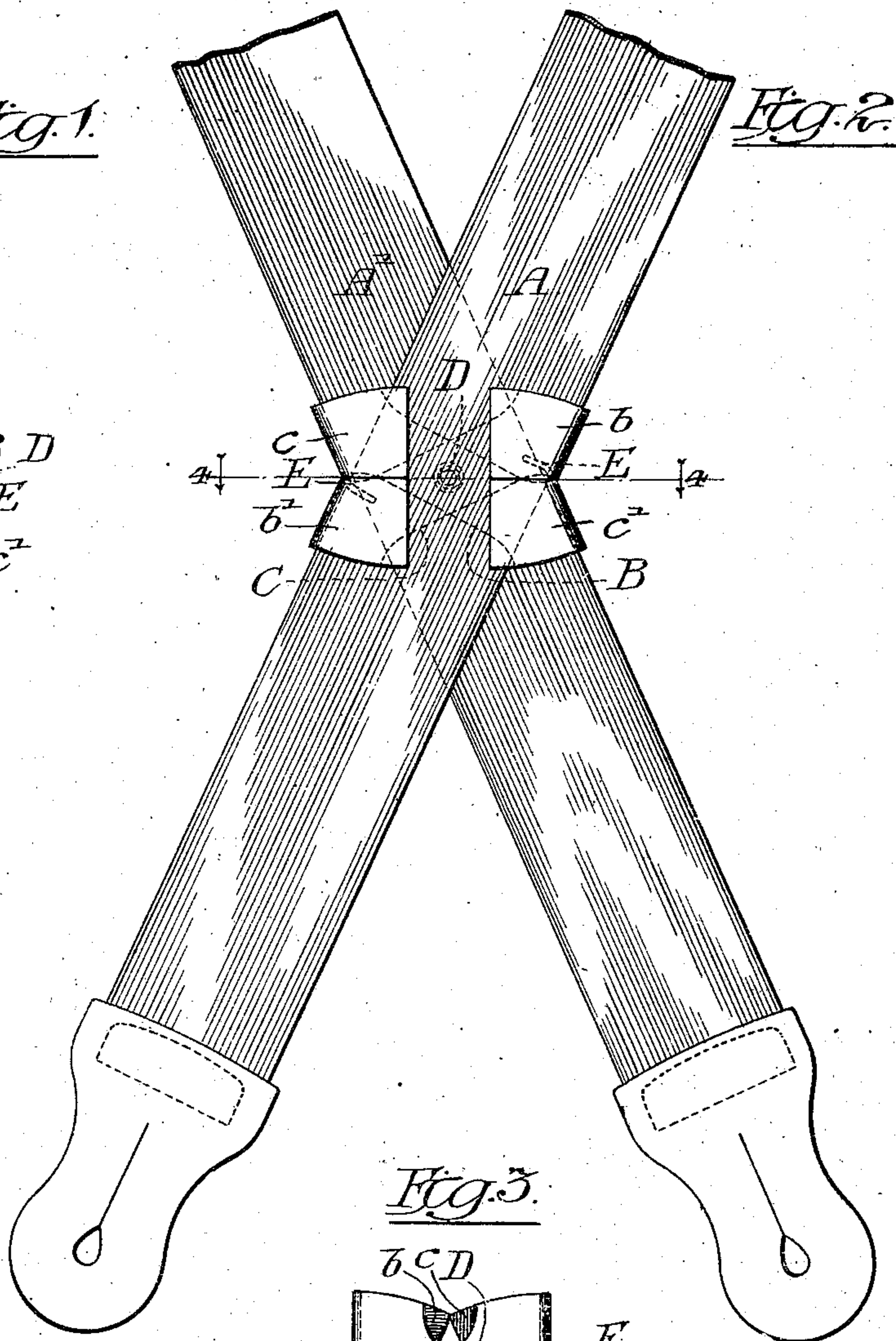
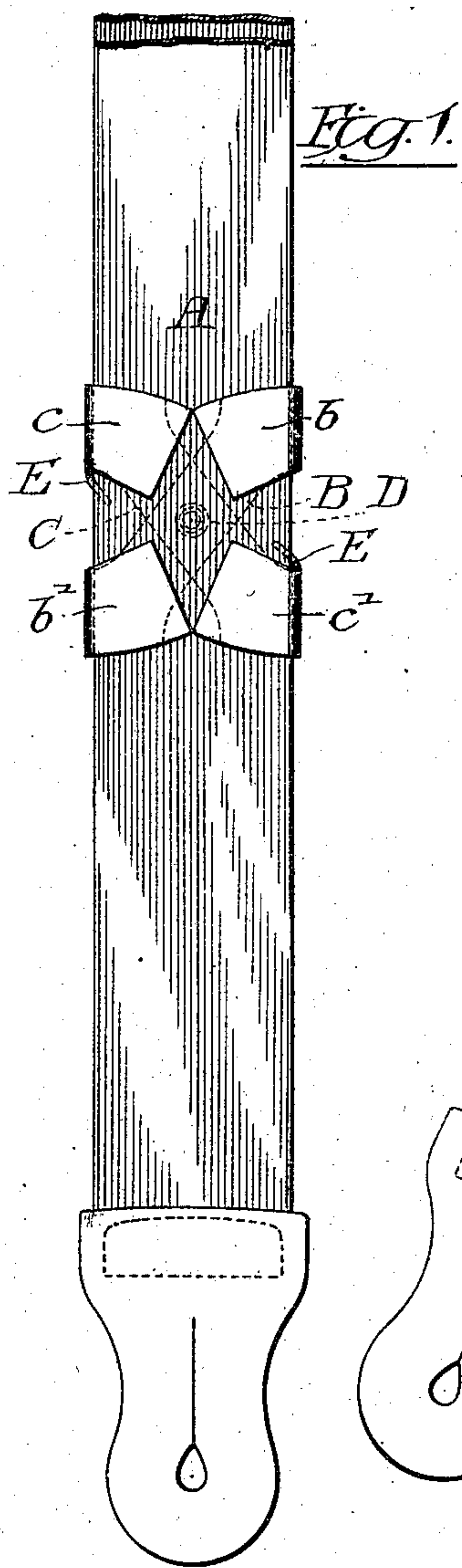


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM PIGOTT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Suspender-Clasps, of which I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

The present invention has for its object to provide an improved construction of suspender clasp for uniting the suspenders at their point of intersection, and the invention is directed more specifically to the improvement in the form of suspender clasp set forth in Letters Patent No. 819,794 granted to me May 8, 1906.

In the suspender clasp set forth in my above mentioned Letters Patent, no provision is made whereby the clasp could be adjusted and held against accidental slipping at any desired point at the back of the suspenders.

The present invention consists in providing a suspender clasp of the type set forth in my above mentioned Letters Patent with means whereby the clasp, when set in position, will be held against accidental displacement.

Figure 1 is a view of a portion of a pair of suspenders and having my improved clasp applied thereto, the suspenders being arranged in alinement with the clasp in folded position to be packed in a convenient case. Fig. 2 is a view showing the clasp and portions of the suspenders in position for use. Fig. 3 is a detail front or inside view of the clasp. Fig. 4 is a view on line 4—4 of Fig. 2, the suspenders being omitted.

A and A' designate the suspenders to which my improved clasp is applied. The clasp comprises two members B and C which, as shown, are pivoted together by a rivet D, so that the members and the parts carried thereby may occupy the closed position shown in Figs. 1 and 3 or the open position shown in Figs. 2 and 4.

The member B is provided at its upper end with the guide loop *b* and at its lower end with a similar guide loop *b'* and the member C is provided at its upper end with a guide loop *c* and at its lower end with a similar guide loop *c'*, these guide loops being preferably formed by reverting the ends of the members B and C which are formed of thin sheet metal plates.

When the members B and C are in extended position for use, the guide loops at each side of the clasp form reversely inclined portions for receiving the suspenders and the inner edges of the guide loops are at such distances apart as to permit the suspenders to be inserted in the clasp, as clearly shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings.

In order to retain the clasp in the desired position at which it may be set upon the suspenders, I have provided the clasp with suitable catches E that will engage the fabric of the suspenders and thus prevent the slipping of the clasp. Preferably, the catches E are formed integral with one of the members and consist of prongs that are bent inward to engage the fabric of the suspenders, by preference at their edges.

By reference to the drawings, it will be seen that when the suspenders A and A' have been set within the loops of the clasp, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the catches E will be embedded more or less in the edges of the suspenders and will thus prevent the slipping of the clasp from the position at which it has been set upon the suspenders. By my present invention, the suspender clasp may be held at any desired position and, if desired, it may be nearer the end of one suspender than the other, a condition that is desirable where one shoulder of the wearer is somewhat higher than the other.

It is manifest that the construction, arrangement and number of the catches E may be varied without departure from the spirit of the invention.

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

1. A back clasp for suspenders having guide loops at each side thereof, the upper and lower portion of each side forming reversely inclined portions receiving the suspenders and the edges of the guide loops being arranged a distance apart to permit the suspenders to be inserted in the clasp, said clasp being provided with means to hold the clasp in adjusted position upon the suspenders.

2. A back clasp for suspenders formed of two sections pivoted together, each section having an upper loop at one side of its pivotal point and a lower loop at the opposite side of its pivotal point, the upper and lower loops of one section being arranged opposite the corresponding loops of the other section,

said clasp being provided with one or more catches for engaging the suspender fabric and holding the clasp in position for use.

3. A back clasp for suspenders formed of
5 two sections pivoted together, each section having an upper loop at one side of its pivotal point and a lower loop at the opposite side of its pivotal point, the upper and lower loops of one section being arranged opposite

the corresponding loops of the other section 10 and prongs projecting from the opposite edges of the clasp to engage the edges of the suspenders.

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