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Fig. 1

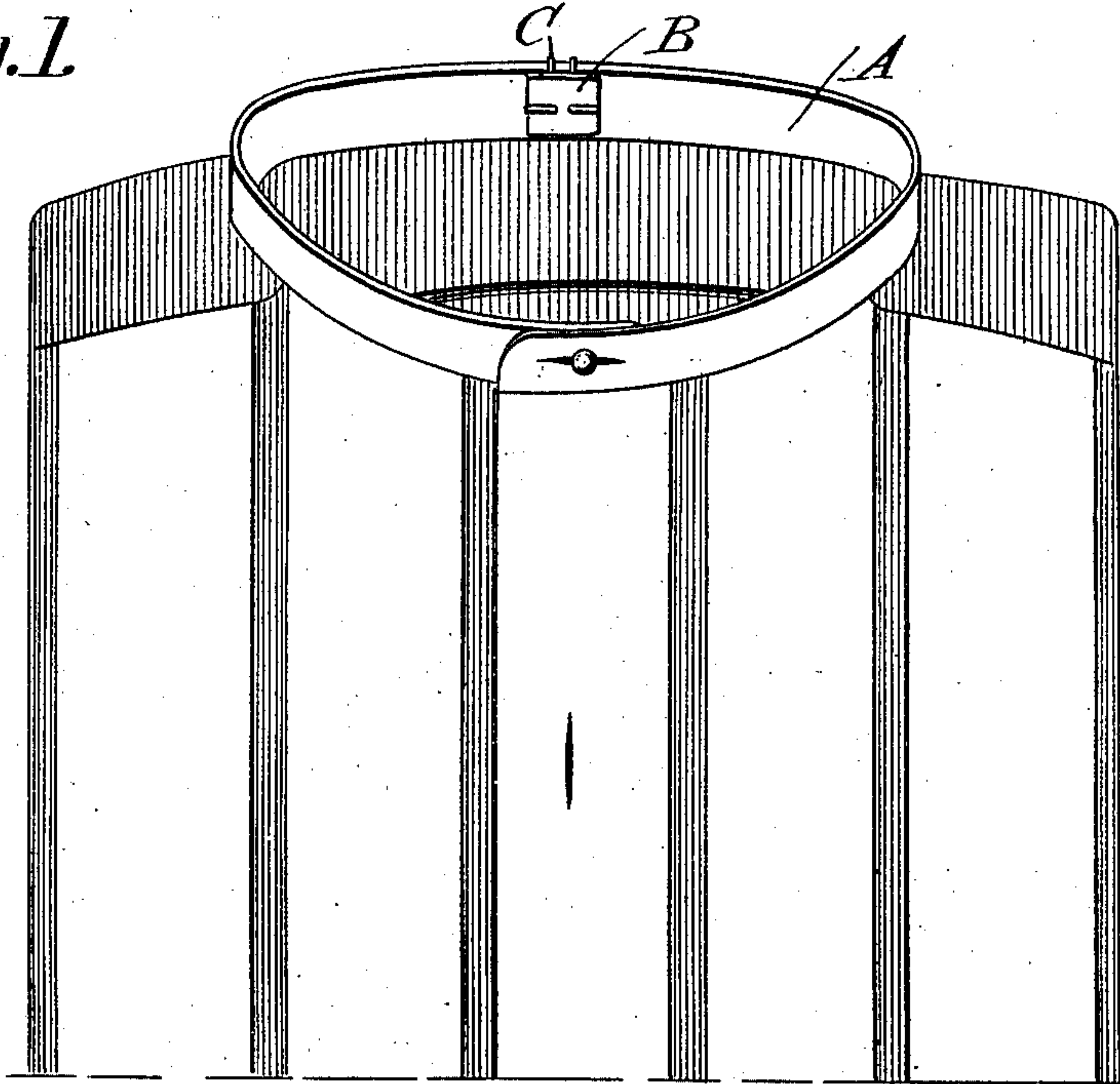


Fig. 2.

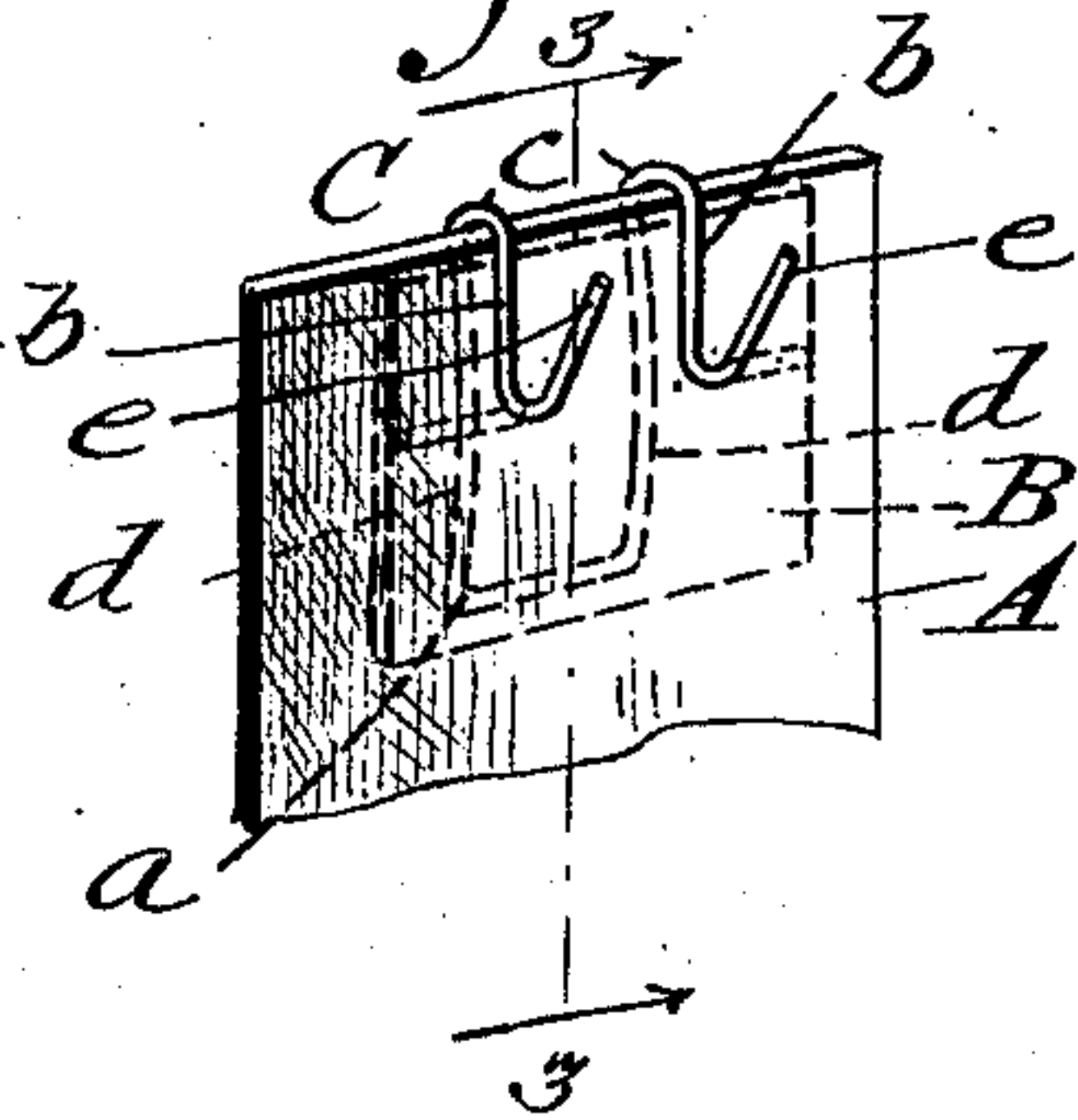


Fig. 3.

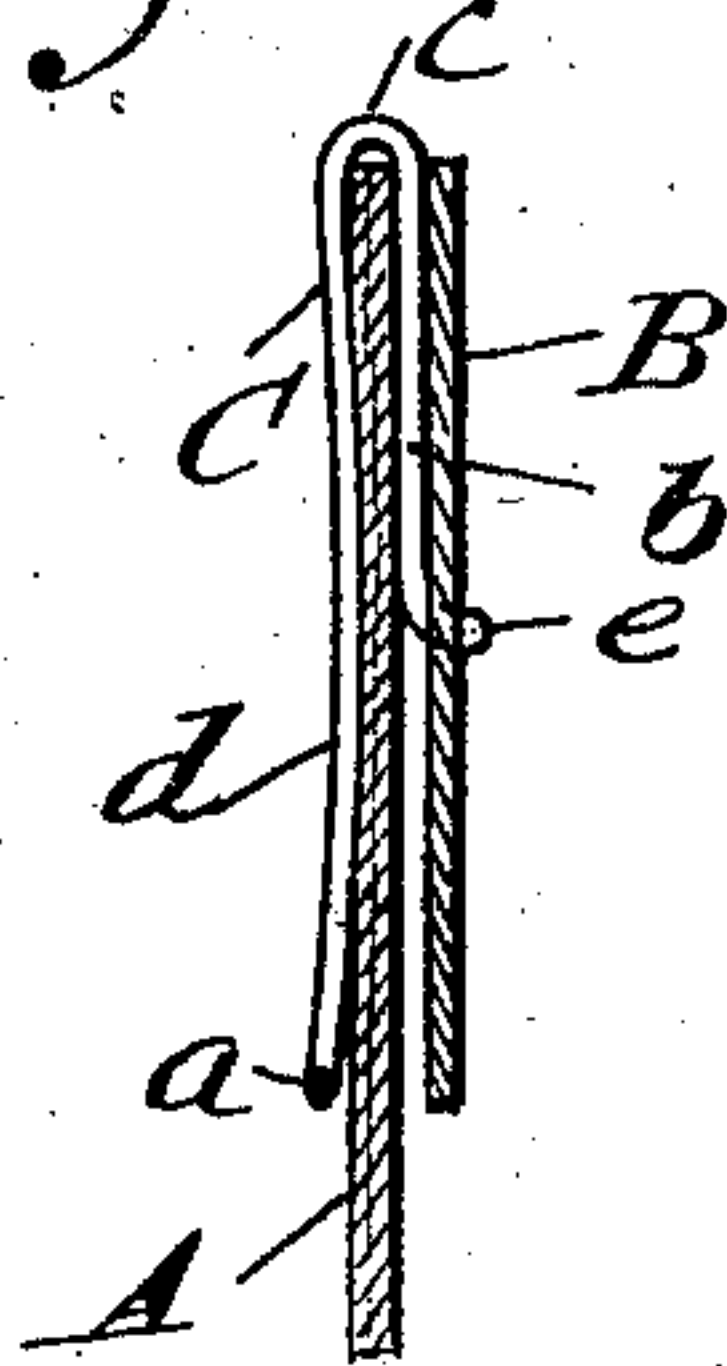
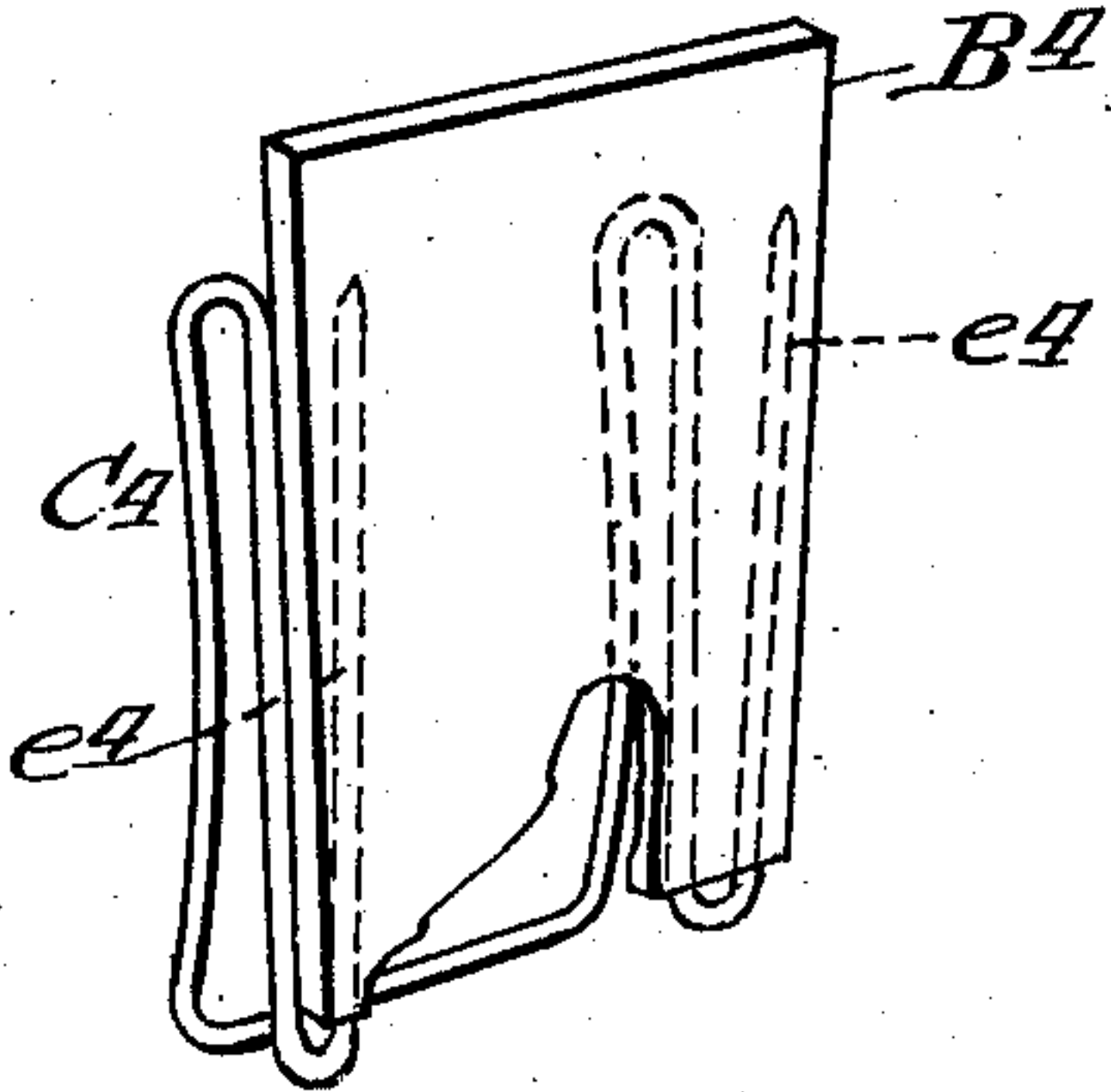


Fig. 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE THEODORE RIEBEL, citizen of the United States, residing at New Orleans, in the parish of Orleans and State of Louisiana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Tags, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention pertains to tags or labels such as are equipped with means for effecting attachment of the same to shirts and other articles; and it has for its object to provide a tag having a fastener of such construction that it can be securely attached to shirts, neckties and other articles, and this expeditiously and easily without puncturing or otherwise injuring the shirt or other article, and in such manner that the label or tag can be readily slipped off and used either on another article or as a record against the sale of the article to which it was applied.

Other advantageous characteristics of the invention will be fully understood from the following description and claim when the same are read in connection with the drawings, accompanying and forming part of this specification, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating a portion of a shirt and my novel tag properly applied to the neckband thereof. Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail perspective view showing, by full lines, the wire fastener as the same appears when clipped on a neckband and precedent to the connection of the tag to said fastener, and also showing by dotted lines the tag and the terminals of the fastener as said terminals appear after the label is placed thereon and the terminals are bent against the opposite side of the tag with reference to the neckband. Fig. 3 is a vertical section taken in the plane indicated by the line 3—3 of Fig. 2, looking in the direction indicated by arrow and showing the tag and fastener as properly connected together. Fig. 4 is an enlarged perspective view illustrative of a modified mode hereinafter referred to of connecting the tag and fastener together.

Referring by letter to the said drawings, and more particularly to Figs. 1 to 3 thereof: A is the neckband of a shirt. B is a tag which is preferably of pasteboard or cardboard, though it may be of any other material suitable to its purpose without involving departure from the scope of my

claimed invention, and C is the fastener with which the tag B is equipped.

The fastener C is formed of a single piece of wire possessed of the requisite resiliency; and it comprises a U-shaped clip *a*, arms *b* connected through bights *c* with the ends of the clip *a* and arranged opposite the side bars *d* of said clip, and terminals *e* extending from the lower ends of the arms *b*. The said terminals *e* are passed transversely through the tag B and are bent flat against one side of the said tag as clearly shown by full lines in Figs. 1 and 3 and by dotted lines in Fig. 2.

When it is desired to place the tags equipped with the fasteners on the market as unitary articles of manufacture the tags and their respective fasteners are connected together in the manner described at the time of manufacture. I would have it understood, however, that without involving departure from the scope of my claimed invention the tags and fasteners may be separately placed on the market, from which it follows that when it is desired to tag a shirt for instance, a fastener may be clipped over the neckband of a shirt after the manner shown by full lines in Fig. 2, after which a tag can be pressed on the terminals *e* of the fastener, and then the said terminals can be bent by hand flat against one side of the tag, as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 2.

In the practical use of my novel tag it will be manifest that its fastener may be quickly and easily clamped on a neckband of a shirt or on any other article that is to be tagged, and when so placed the fastener will securely hold the tag to the neckband or other article without puncturing or otherwise injuring the article or in any way affecting the salability thereof. It will also be manifest that when the tagged article is sold, the fastener-bearing tag may be quickly and easily removed from the article, and then the fastener-bearing tag can be used to tag another article or else can be preserved as a record of the sale of the first-named article.

In lieu of connecting the fastener C to the tag B in the manner shown in Figs. 1 to 3 and hereinbefore described, the tag can be connected to the fastener in the manner illustrated in Fig. 4. In the latter figure the fastener C⁴ is provided with upstanding terminals *e*⁴, but is otherwise similar to the fastener C. On the said upstanding ter-

minals e^4 a tag B^4 is impaled, by running the terminals e^4 upward between layers comprised in the tag. In this way it will be observed that the terminals e^4 are hidden
5 from view, and at the same time the tag and its fastener are strongly connected together without the necessity of bending the terminals flat against the side of the tag.

By reference to the drawings, it will be
10 observed that in both embodiments of my invention, the U-shaped clip and the arms intermediate the said clip and the terminals are arranged at the same side of the tag, and with the arms lying snugly against the
15 tag with a view to lending increased stiffness and strength thereto. The said arrangement of the U-shaped clip and the intermediate arms at the same side of the tag is also advantageous inasmuch as the neck-
20 band of a shirt or other device to which the tag is to be affixed is received between the U-shaped clip and the intermediate arms, with the result that the fastener is enabled to securely hold the tag on the de-
25 vice without in any way pressing the tag out of shape or otherwise marring or affecting the same.

While I have shown and described two
30 forms of my invention, it is to be understood that I am not limited to the details or the form or relative arrangement of parts

disclosed, but that modifications may be made therein without departing from the spirit thereof.

Having described my invention, what I 35 claim and desire to secure by Letters-Patent, is:

A tag having a fastener, of resilient wire, comprising a depending U-shaped clip ar-
40 ranged as a whole opposite and substantially parallel to the tag, arms joined through bights at their upper ends with the upper ends of the clip and arranged substantially parallel to and spaced from the
45 sides of the clip and also arranged throughout their length between the clip sides and the tag and in the same transverse planes as said sides; the relative length of the said
50 arms being such that the tag is enabled to rest alongside of a neckband without projecting materially above the same, and terminals extending from the lower ends of the said arms and on which the tag is se-
cured.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set 55 my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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