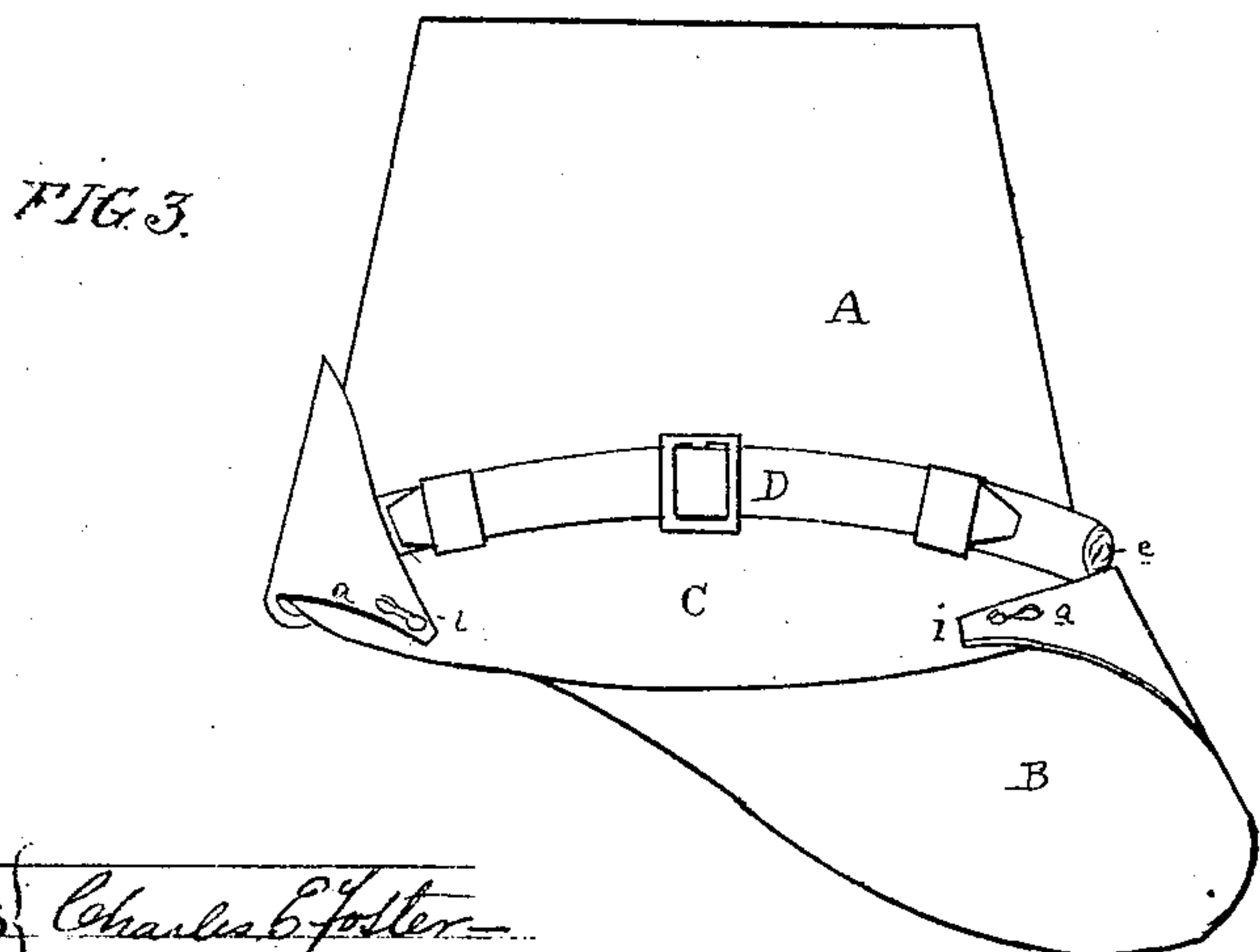
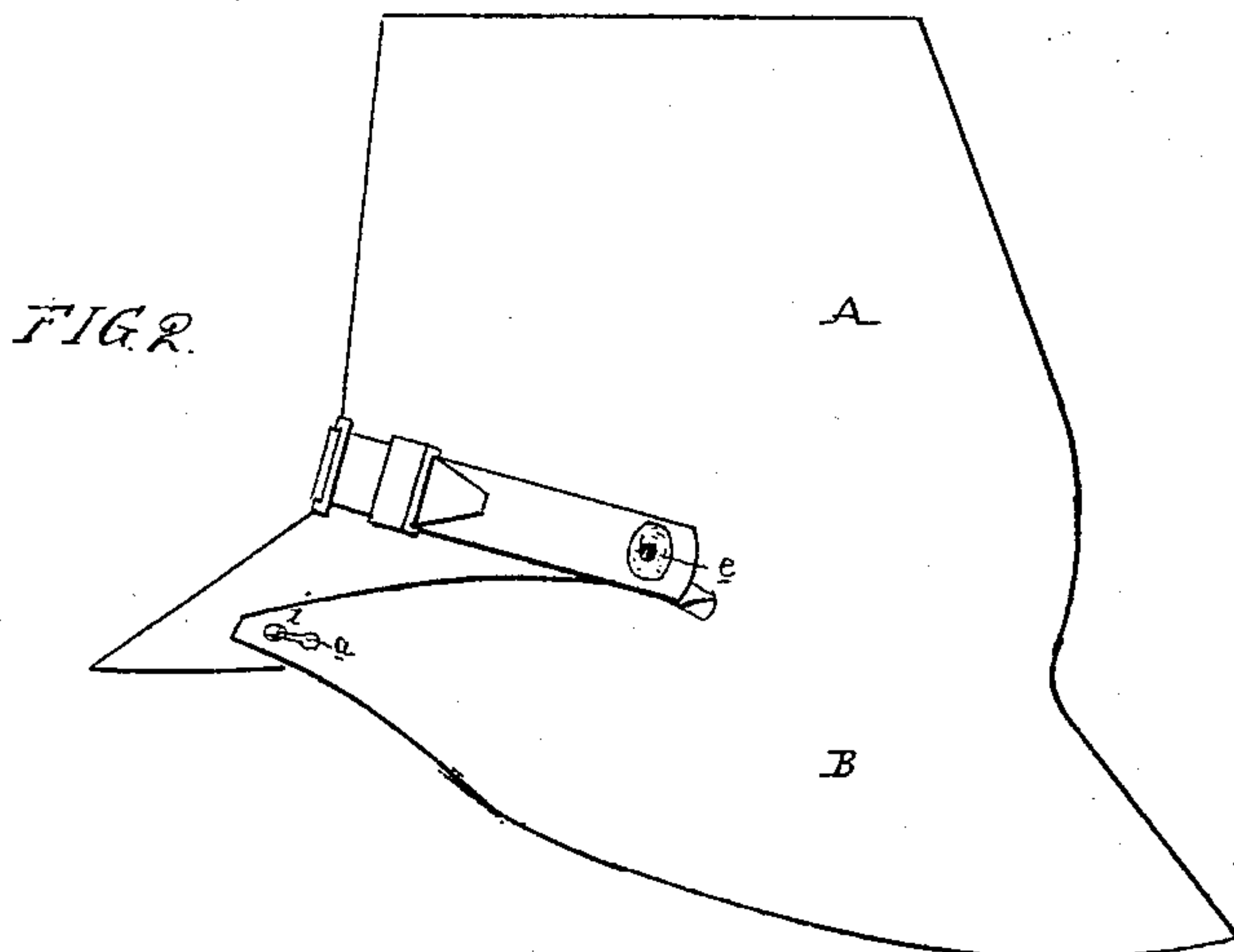
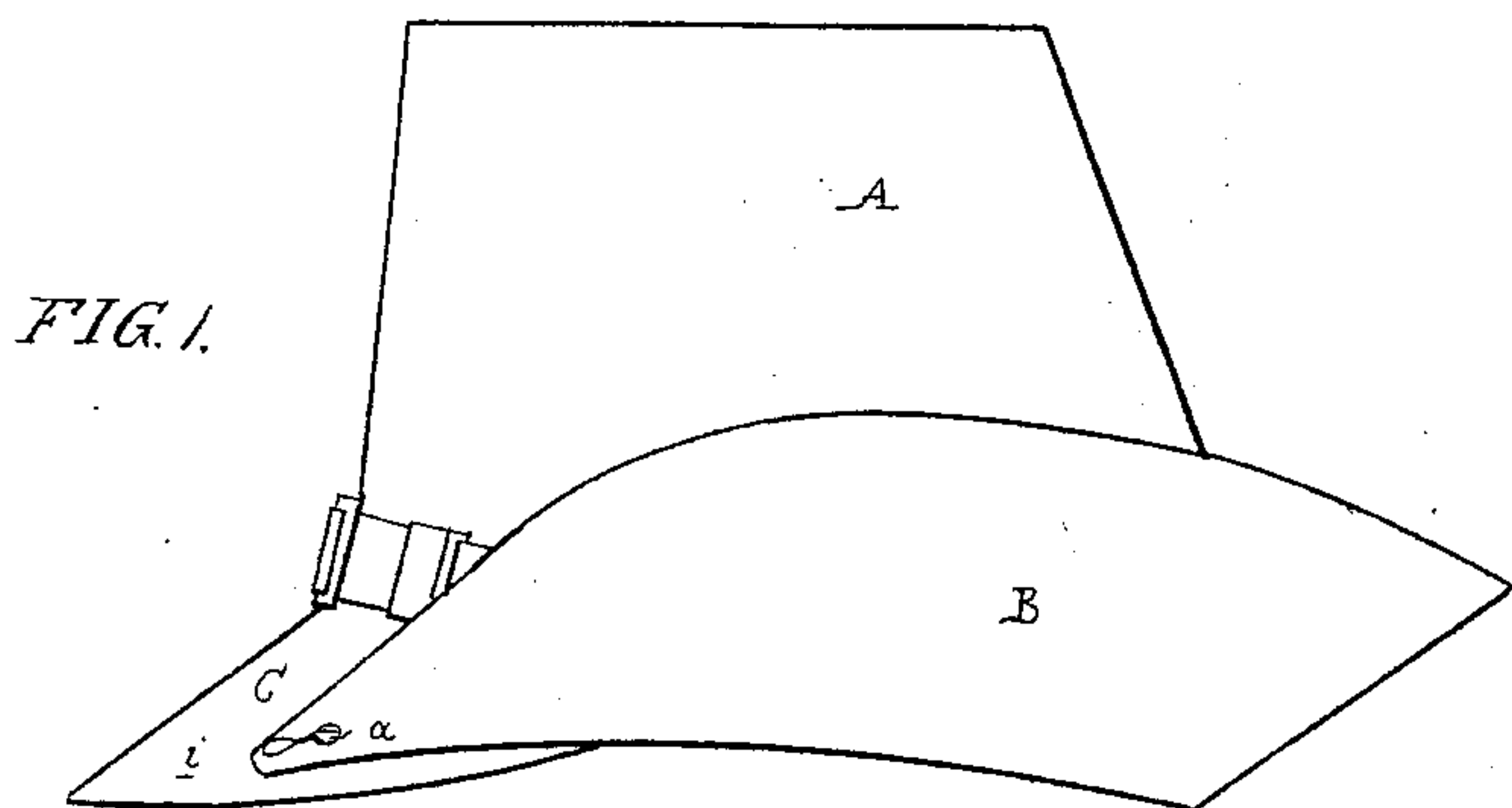


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IMPROVEMENT IN MILITARY HATS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, C. L. PASCAL, of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Military Hats; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention relates to a hat for military use, so formed as to afford protection to the wearer's neck from both the heat of the sun and the effect of storms, and yet capable of such alteration as to present a neat and ornamental appearance when used either on dress parade or on other occasions; and my invention consists in supplying the body of the hat with a flap of such a shape and securing it in such a manner as to accomplish the ends desired.

In order to enable others to make my invention, I will now proceed to describe the manner in which it is constructed.

On reference to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, Figures 1 and 2 are side views of my improved military hat, and Fig. 3 a front view.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

A is the body of the hat, and is in this instance of a shape somewhat similar to that known as the "fatigue-cap," having the usual shade C, and the strap and buckle D, the latter being attached to the buttons *e e*. A flap B is connected to or forms a part of the body of the hat and is of the form plainly represented in the drawings, the ends of the flap projecting forward and being reduced to nearly a point where there are openings *a*, which are arranged to fit over the buttons *i* and *i'*, the latter being secured to the shade C, the shape of these openings being such that the head of the buttons *i* may readily pass through the larger portion of the openings, and when the flap is drawn back the shanks of the buttons will enter a slit so narrow that it cannot slip over the head of the buttons *i*, the flap being thus firmly secured in the position required. These openings may have a metallic rim introduced in the manner of an ordinary ocillet to strengthen them and prevent the edges from wearing away.

My object has been to make a military hat light, durable, and suitable for wearing either as fatigue-cap or dress-hat.

For ordinary use the flap of the hat may be turned up and secured, as shown in Fig. 1, in which position the hat presents an appearance much neater and more soldier-like than the common felt military hat now generally worn. When it is desirable to protect the wearer's neck from the rays of the sun or from the effects of a storm, the small ends of the flap are drawn forward until the enlarged portions of the openings *a* come under the head of the buttons *i*, when the ends of the flap are raised and detached. The flap is then turned down to the position shown in Fig. 2, when the ends, now reversed, are again fastened to the buttons *i*, a brim equivalent to an ordinary Havelock being thus formed, which will effectually protect the wearer both from rain and the rays of the sun.

When it is desirable to distinguish one arm of the service from another, one side of the flap may be elevated and the other lowered. Thus the infantry may have the left side of the flap turned up and the right side turned down, while the cavalry may have the flap reversed, the right side being turned up and the left down, as seen in Fig. 3.

Officers' caps may be distinguished by cords and tassels, plumes, or other ornaments, as heretofore.

On reference to Fig. 2 it will be seen that the lower portion of the back of the hat-body is curved inward, the hat thus being of a proper shape to suit the form of the head.

I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A military hat having the reversible flap B, formed and arranged substantially as described, when the ends of the said flap are constructed for attachment to and detachment from the peak or shade C, in the manner and for the purpose specified.

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

C. L. PASCAL.

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