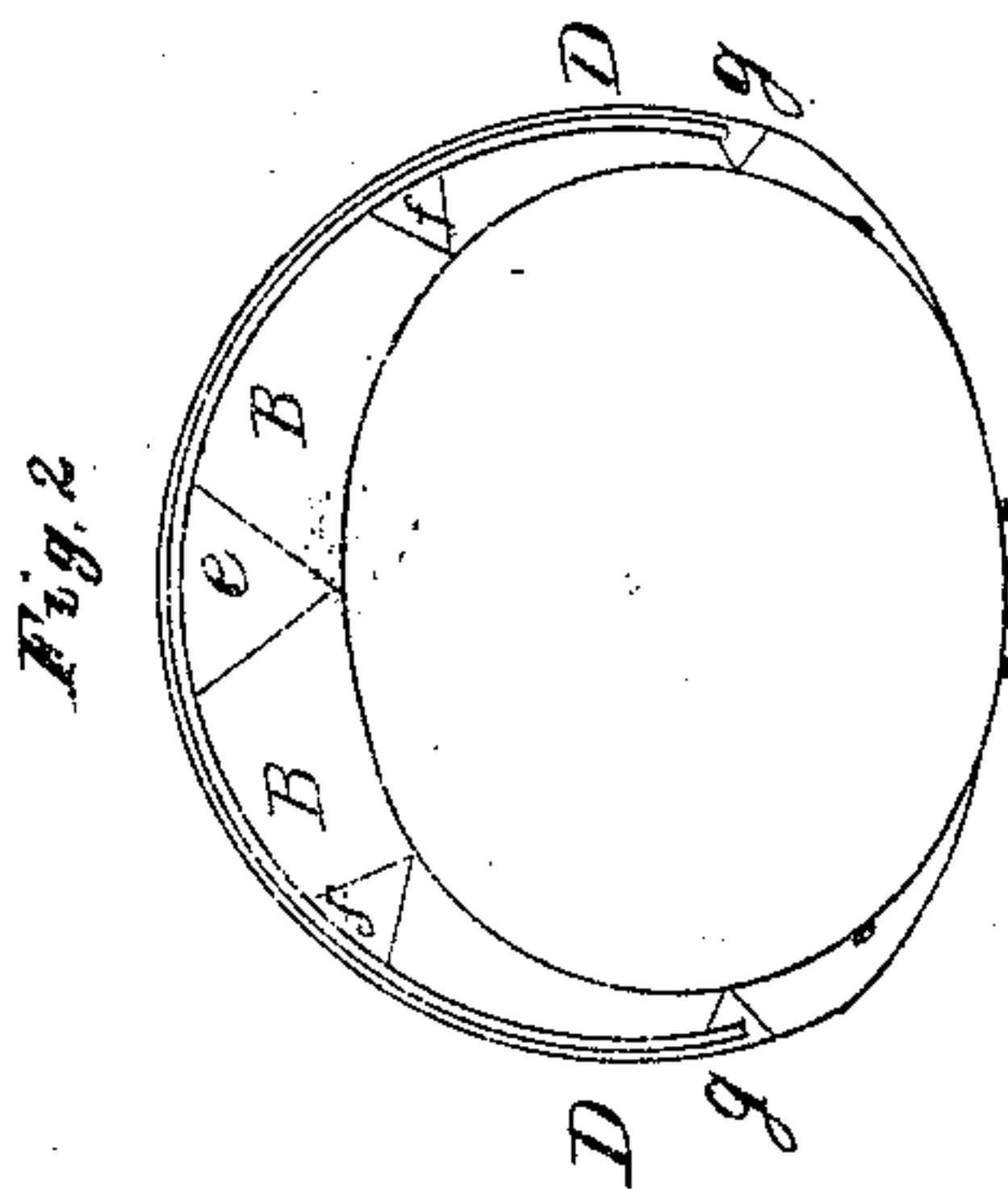
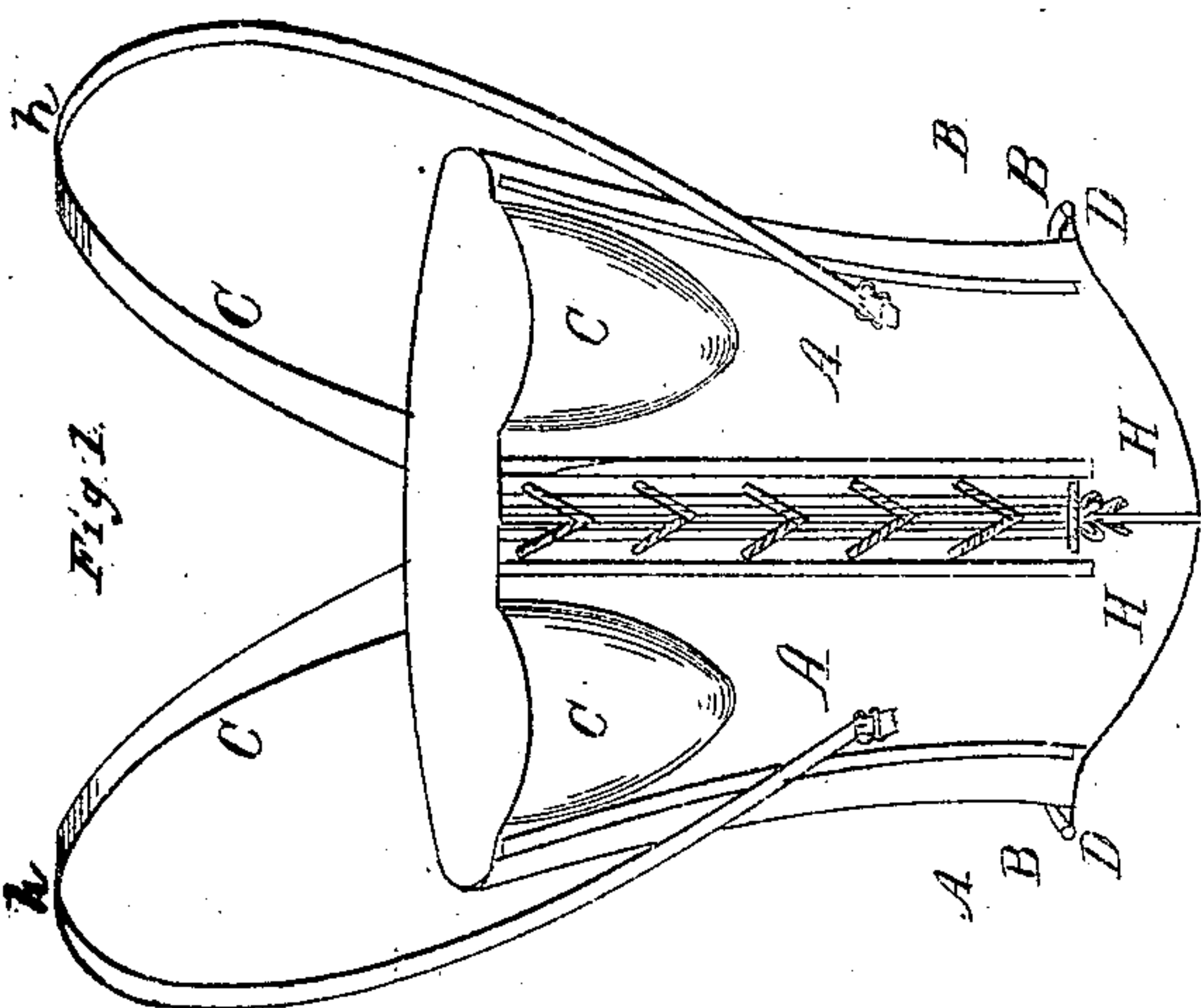
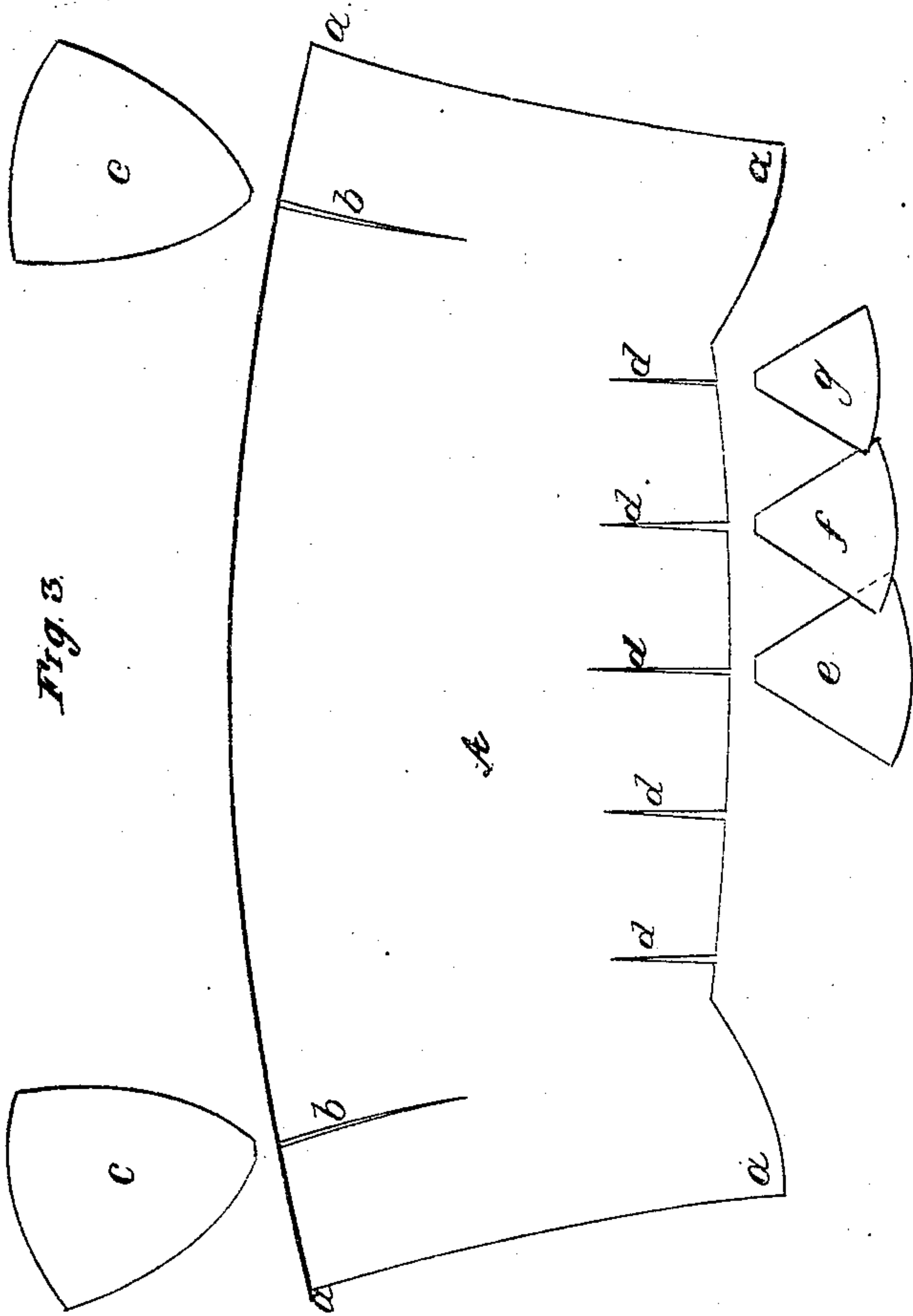


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## IMPROVEMENT IN CORSET SKIRT-SUPPORTERS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **39,910**, dated September 15, 1863.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LAVINIA H. FOY, of the city and county of Worcester, and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corset Skirt-Supporters; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 represents a front view of my improved corset skirt-supporter. Fig. 2 represents a section on line A B, Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 represents detached parts.

In the drawings, A represents the piece of cloth which forms the main or body part of the article. It is cut whole, or out of one piece of cloth, curved and flaring a little at the top, as seen at *a a*, in order to give in part the required fullness, while the bottom is cut with curved projecting corners *a' a'*, for the purpose of producing the desired form in front, as seen at H H. Slits *b b* are cut in the top part, and gores *c c* inserted in front part, to obtain the proper form for the bosom. The bottom part is also slitted, as seen at *d d d*, and gores *e f g* inserted to form the projecting rim B. The gores on each side are of different sizes, in order to give the required form.

The waist is provided in front with whale-bones, and laced or otherwise fastened. The straps C C are cut to fit the shoulders, and, being made in part of elastic material, as seen at *h h*, are worn with ease. The gores at the bottom being properly arranged and stitched in, the lower part is caused to project out in a horizontal position, and the outer edge of the horizontal part is retained in form by a hoop, D, which is of great service in relieving the body of the uncomfortable feeling usually caused by the tightness and weight of clothing, and also directly promotes health.

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

1. Forming the rim B of a corset skirt-supporter from the bottom part of the piece A, in combination with the use and employment of gore-pieces *e f g* of different sizes, substantially as shown and described.

2. The combination, with the peculiar-formed piece A, of the gore pieces *e f g* and *c c*, when located as shown and described, and for the purposes stated.

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