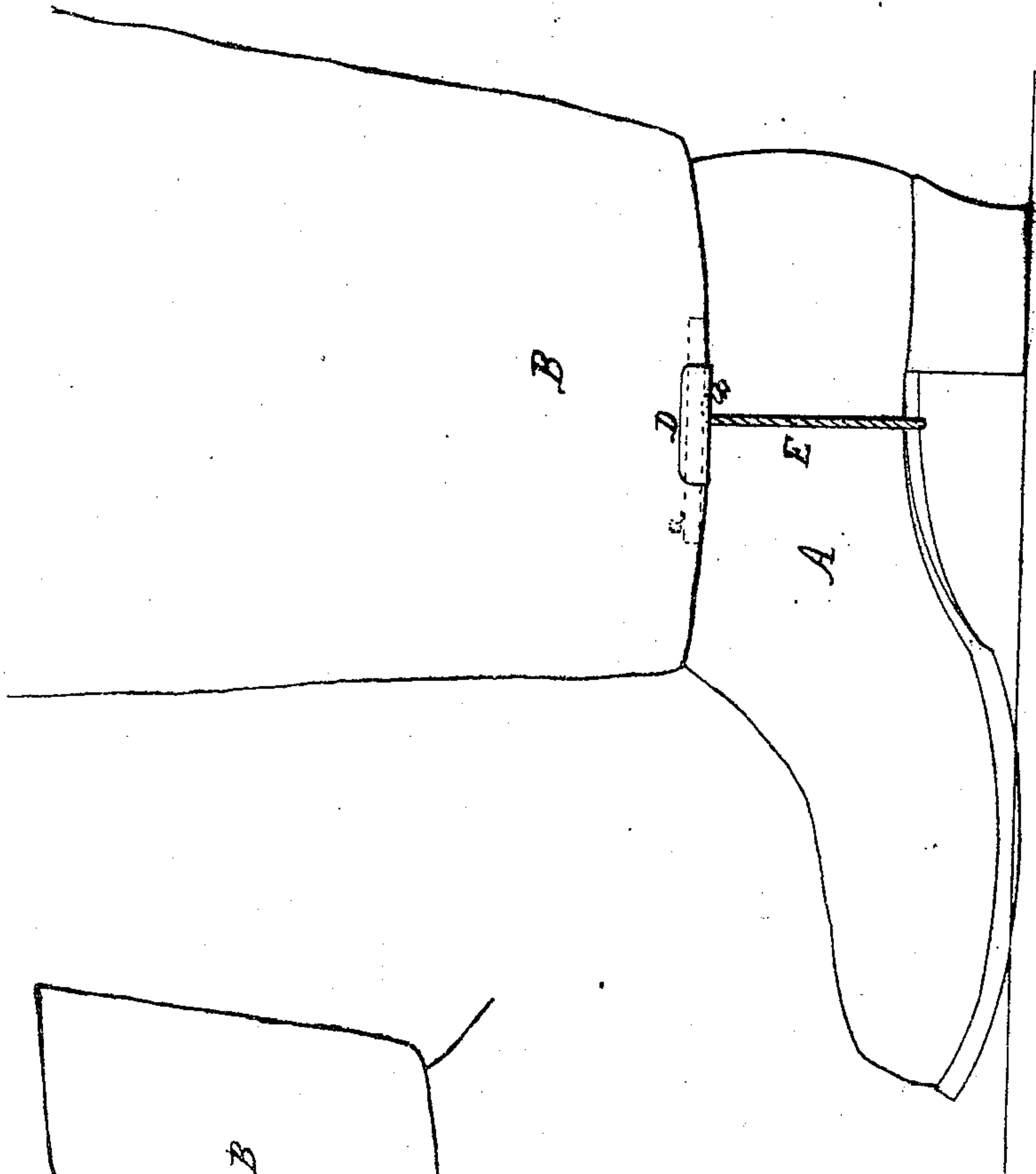


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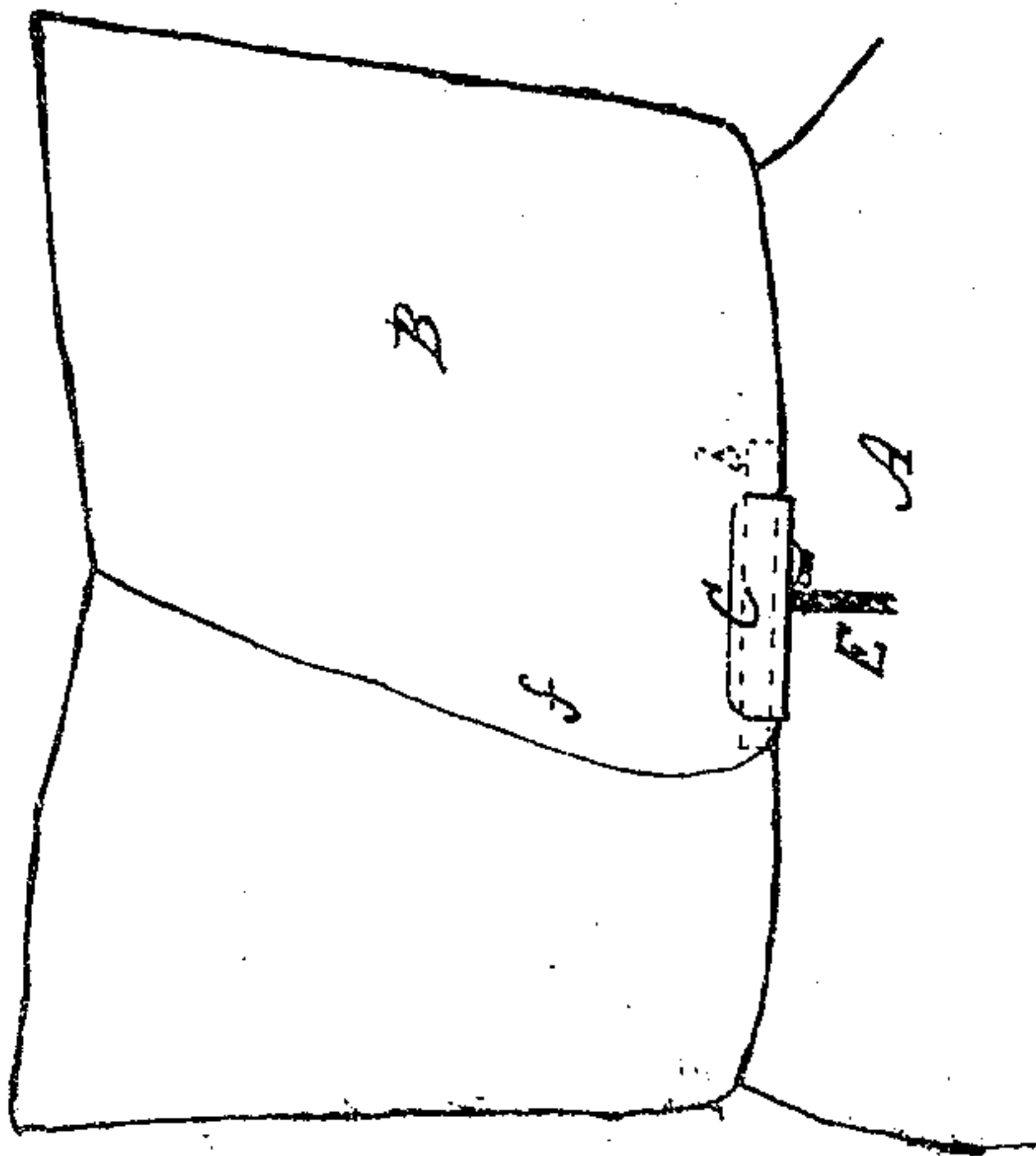
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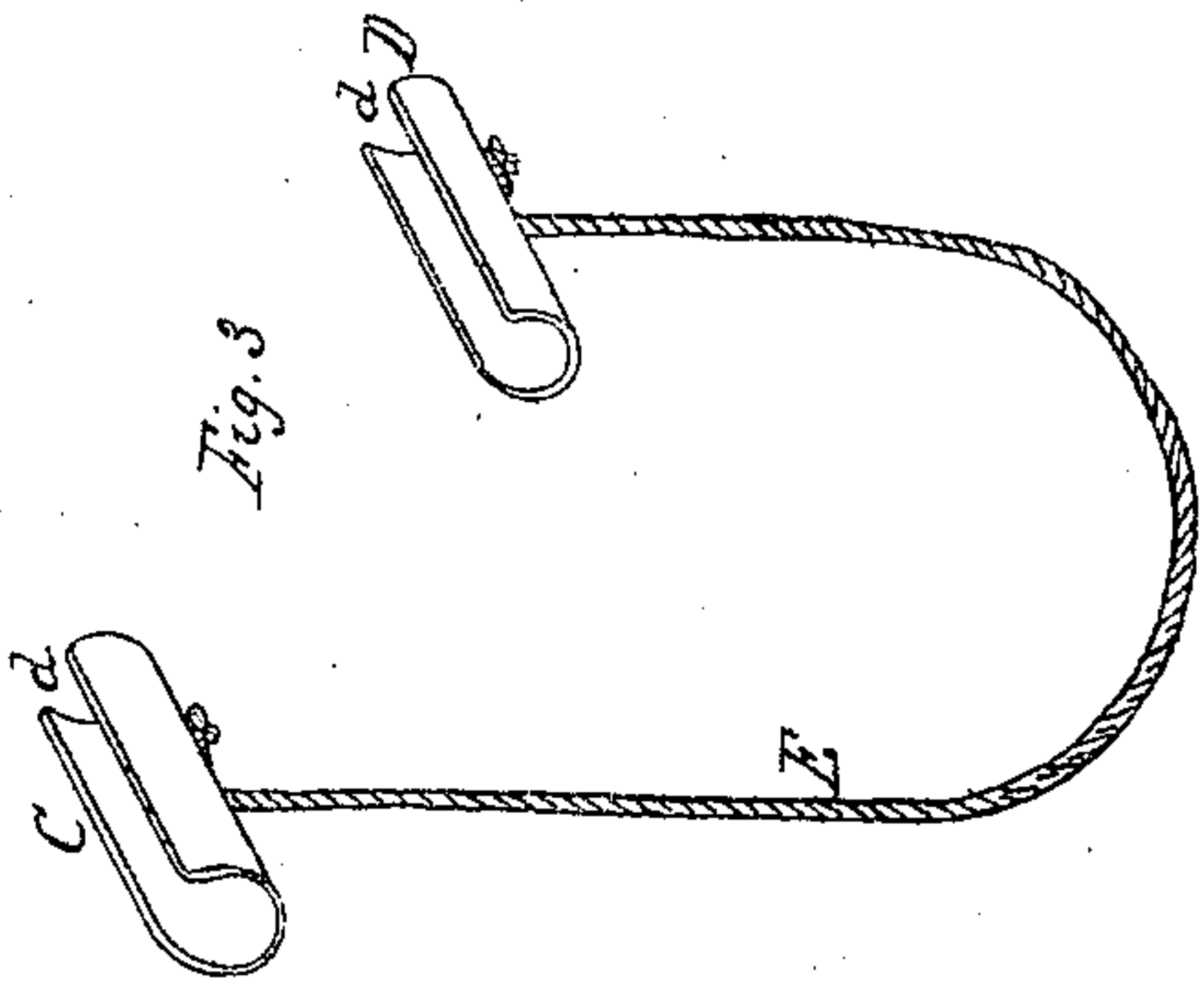
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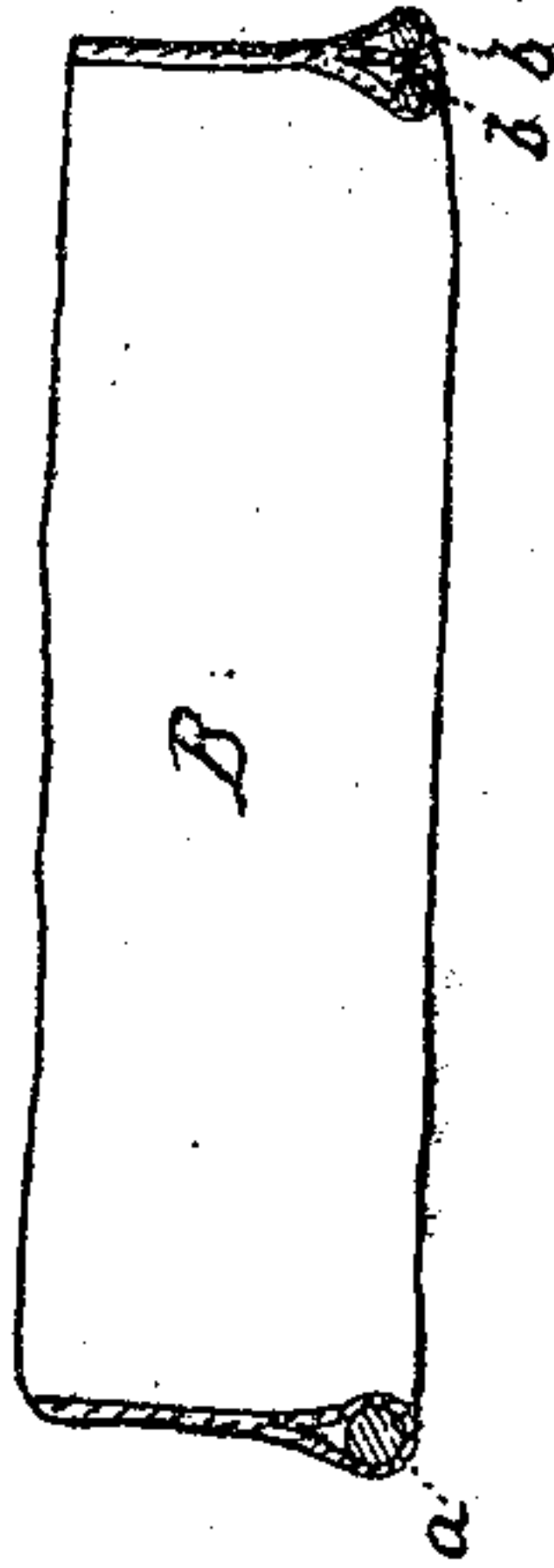
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN STRAPS FOR HOLDING DOWN PANTALOONS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **43,727**, dated August 2, 1864; antedated June 14, 1864.

*To all whom it may concern :*

Be it known that I, C. F. WALKER, of Benford's Store P. O., Somerset county, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Device for Holding Down Pants for the Purpose of Keeping out of Shoes Snow, Dirt, &c.; and I do hereby declare that these specifications give a full and exact description of the invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification.

Figure 1 is an elevation of the inside of a foot. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the outside of the foot. Fig. 3 is a view of the device detached from the foot. Fig. 3 is a section of the lower part or hem of one of the legs of the pants, showing the small sticks in the inside.

In the accompanying drawings, A shows the shoe or foot; B, the lower part of one of the legs of the pants. C, D, and E show the device to hold the pants close round the shoe or foot. C is a tube, with a slot or opening, *d*, large enough to be easily slipped onto the lower edge of the fold *f* with the small sticks *b b* in on the outside of the foot, and so small that it will hold over the sticks. D is a similar tube, smaller than C, to slip onto the lower edge of the hem with the stick *a* in on the inner side of the foot. E is a cord that connects the clasps C and D.

*a* is a stick in the edge of the hem in the inner part of the foot. *b b* are smaller sticks in the edge of the hem in the fold on the outer side of the foot. These sticks *a* and *b b* are designed for holds for the clasps C and D, and are left to remain in the lower edge of the hem *a*, on the inner side of the foot, and *b b* on the outside, so far apart as to bring one on the upper layer and the other on lower layer of the fold; or it might answer to have the sticks in upper layers of the fold and slip the clip on the two upper layers. These sticks in the hem will not be noticed, and therefore can remain there. *f* shows the fold on the outer side of the foot.

The clasps or tubes can be made of any

suitable metal or material, and may be either plain or ornamental. The connection E may be a cord, tape, leather strap, or chain, attached to the clasps by one or two holes and a knot, or in any equivalent manner. A cord, being the cheapest and most convenient, is preferred. It can conveniently be shortened, and, if necessary, a knot put in to hold it. The manner of putting on is by having the sticks *a* and *b b* in the hem, as already shown, make the fold on the outer side sufficiently large to bring the edge of the pant-leg as tight around the foot as desired, hold the edges of the fold with the sticks *b b* in evenly together, and slip on the larger clasp, C; then bring the cord round under the foot and fasten the smaller clasp on the lower edge of the hem with the stick *a* in on the inner side of the foot. Thus it will be seen that by this simple device a person can in a most convenient manner and in a moment of time put on this device, which will effectually shut out snow, dirt, cold, &c., or keep down pants when desired, and when not needed can be taken off more easily than to open a button, and, being so compact, can be very conveniently carried in a pocket.

I do not claim, broadly, straps sewed or buttoned to the pants and passing round the foot, as I am aware that such have before been known; but

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

The device composed of the parts C, D, and E when the same are used in combination with the sticks *a b b*, or equivalents, secured in the hem of the pants, substantially as herein set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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