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Hoop Skirt.

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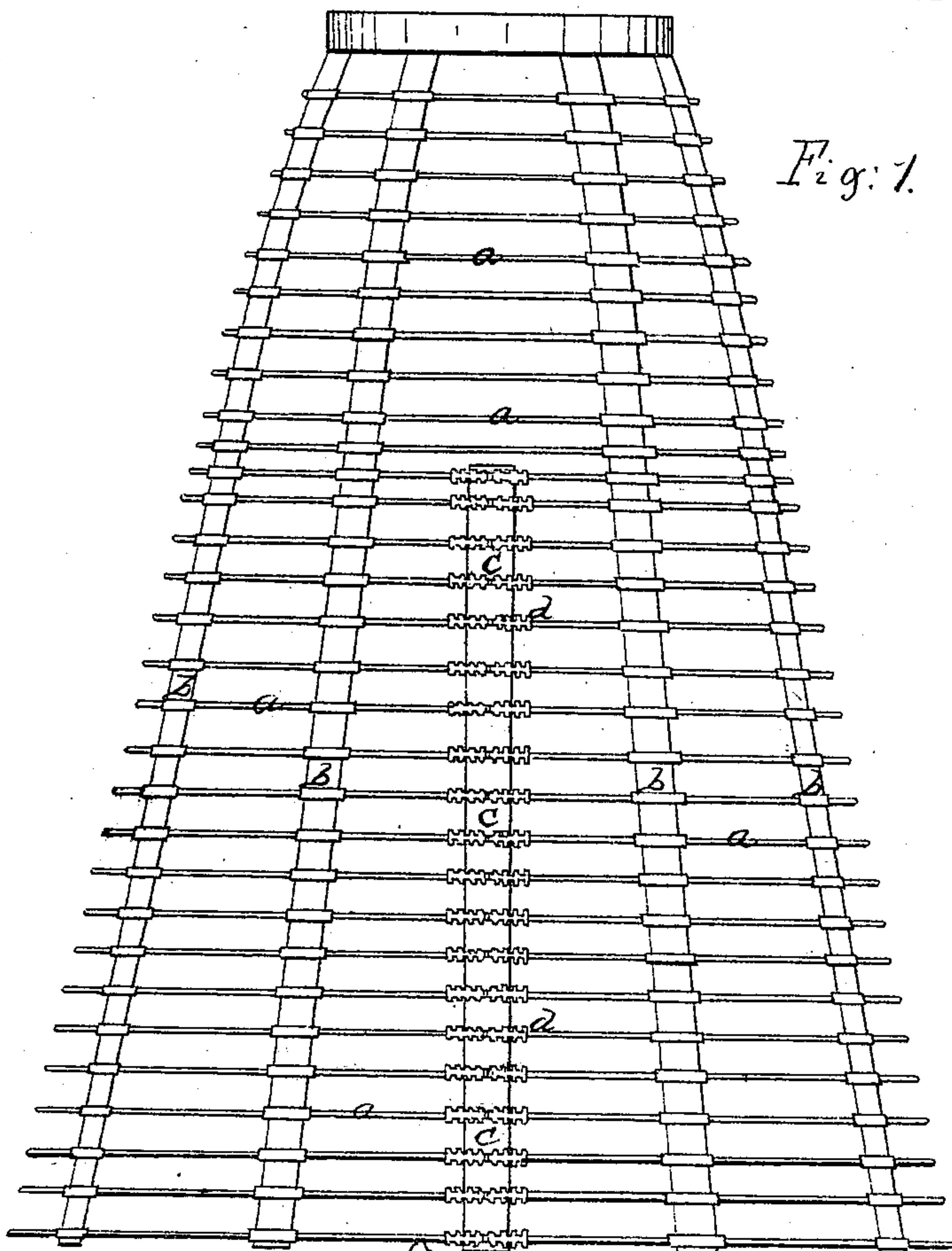


Fig. 1.

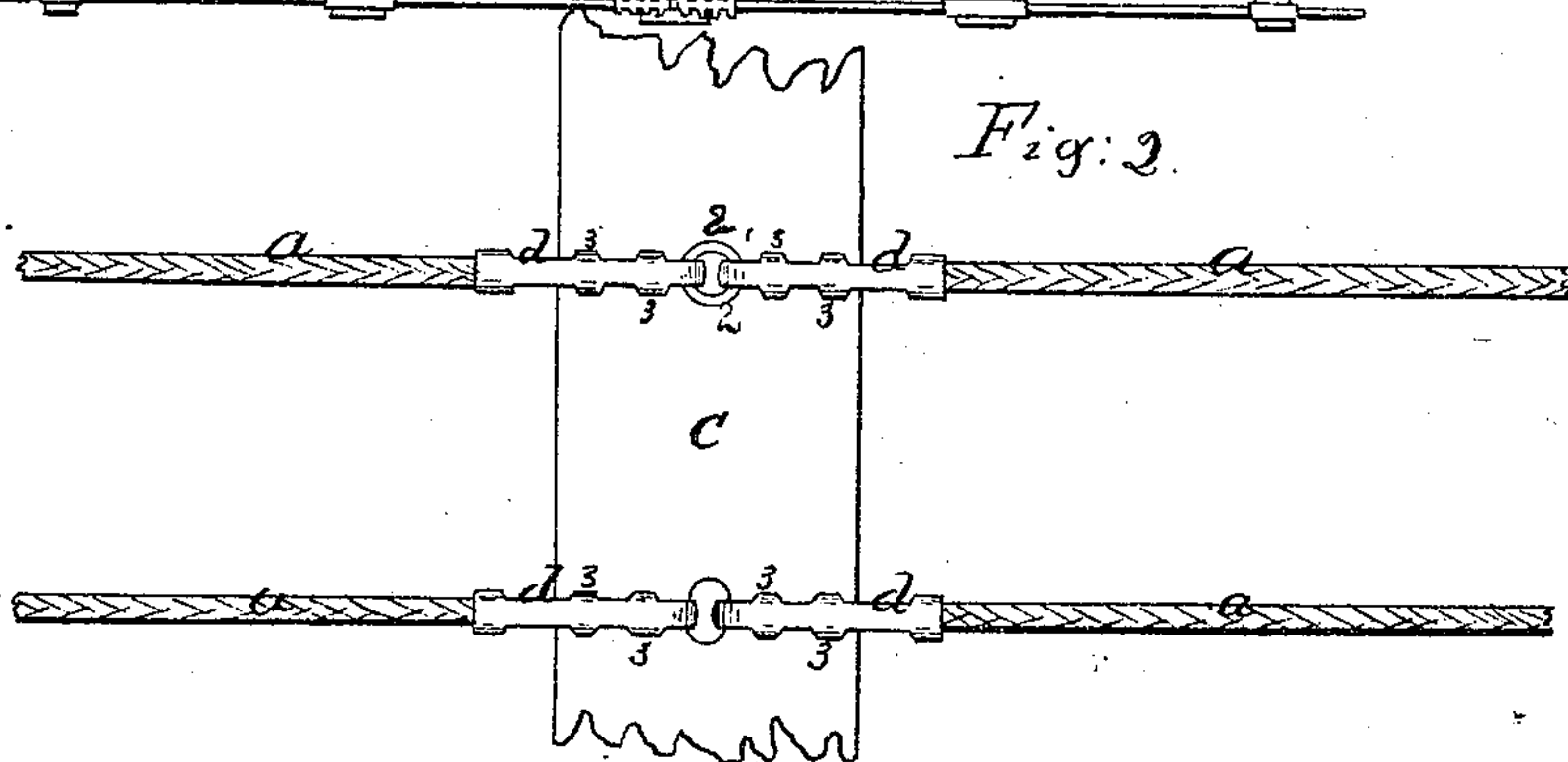


Fig. 2.

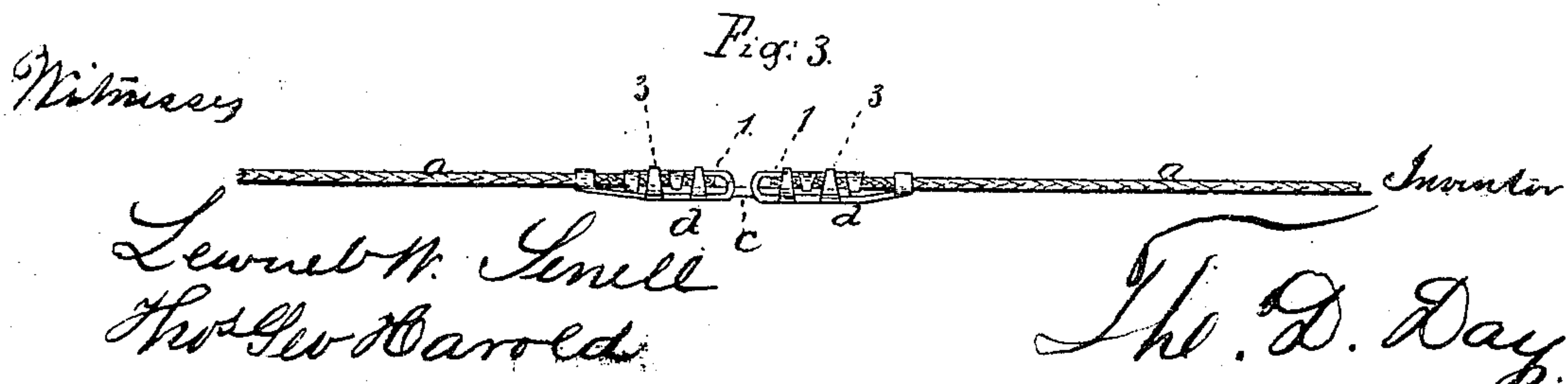


Fig. 3.

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IMPROVEMENT IN SKELETON SKIRTS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 44,287, dated September 20, 1864.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THEODORE D. DAY, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented, made, and applied to use, a certain new and useful Improvement in Skeleton Skirts for Ladies; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the said invention, reference being had to the annexed drawing, making part of this specification, wherein—

Figure 1 is a view of the back of the skirt, showing the points at which the hoops are separated. Fig. 2 is an elevation, and Fig. 3 is a sectional plan, of the hoops at the point of separation.

Similar marks of reference denote the same parts.

The nature of this invention consists in forming the hoops of the skirt at the back with joints, so that the springs will yield more easily to side pressure and prevent the skirt spreading when the wearer passes through a narrow opening, and by this joint in the back of the hoops or springs the continuity being interrupted the said springs will fall as the person takes a seat, avoiding the difficulty often experienced of the skirt rising in front as the lady sits down, in consequence of the continuous hoop-formed springs tending to assume a cylindrical form from the point at which the spring is pressed flat under the person. I also employ a tape or strip of cloth at the point where the springs are thus separated to confine them to place and prevent said ends injuring the garments.

In the drawing, *a a* are the hoops or springs connected by the tapes or strips *b b* in any usual manner, and forming a skirt of any desired character. *c* is a tape or strip of cloth running down the skirt at the back thereof, and receiving the ends of the hoops *a a*, and to which said hoops are secured by the clasps *d d*. (Shown in full size in Figs. 2 and 3.) The parts 1 of the clasps *d* are bent off at right angles and passed through holes in the tape or through an eyelet, 2, and afterward returned on themselves, as shown, so that the teeth 3 3 may pass through the tape *c*, and the parts thereby be secured firmly to the tape; but said hoops are only held in position at their ends and are free to move or yield to pressure on the hoops, as before mentioned, allowing the skirt to fall when the person is seated, or yielding to side pressure when the person is standing or walking.

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

1. Forming the hoops of the skirt with joints at the back, so that the springs or hoops will fall more easily, when the person is seated, as set forth.

2. Uniting the ends of the springs or hoops of a skeleton skirt by means of the tapes or strips receiving the said ends, in the manner specified.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my signature this 26th day of May, 1864.

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