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Skirt Supporter.

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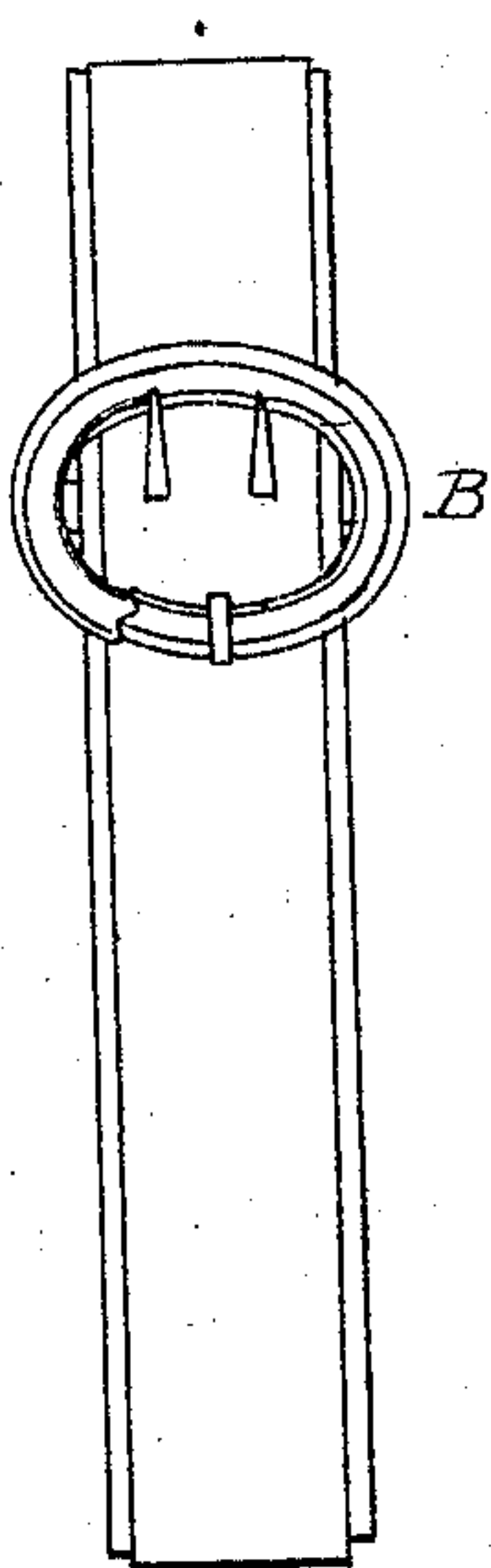


FIG. 1.

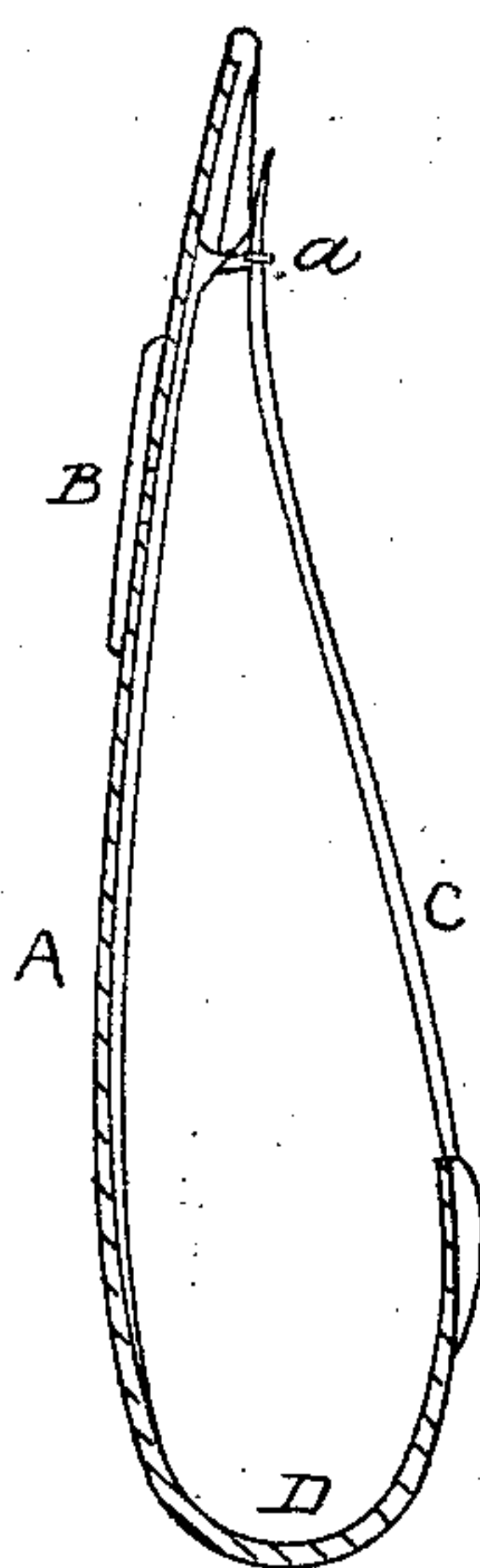


FIG. 2.

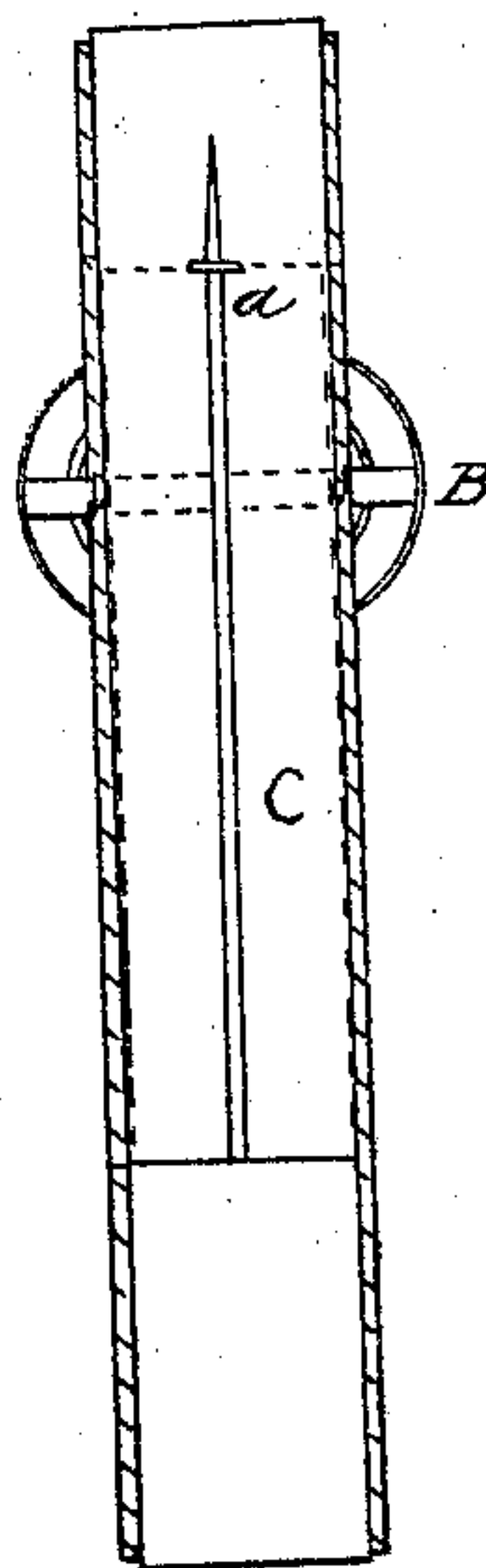
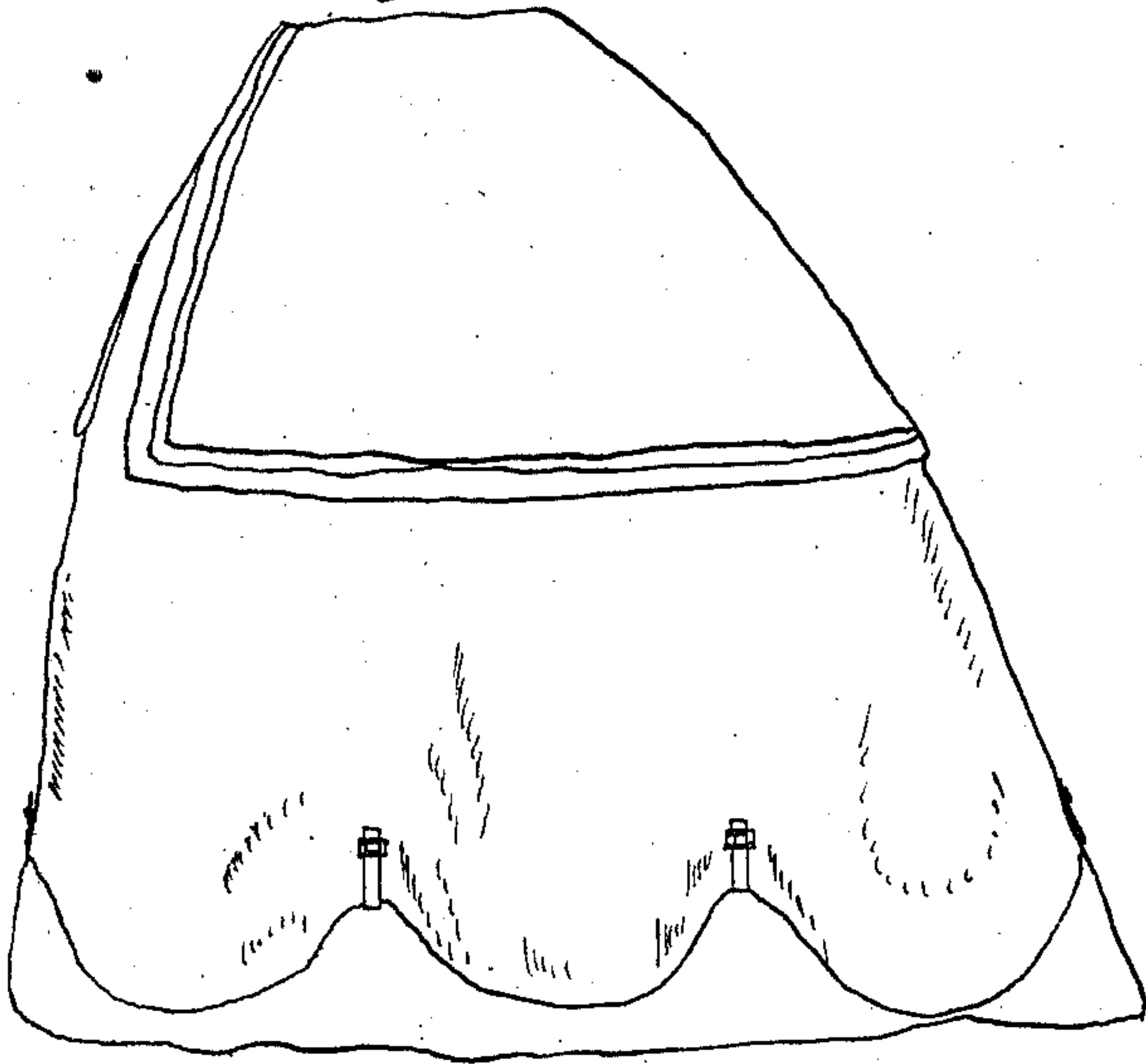


FIG. 3.

Fig. 4.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN SKIRT SUPPORTERS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **55,651**, dated June 19, 1866.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, PRESCOTT V. HARRINGTON, of North Attleborough, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Skirt-Supporter for Ladies' Dresses; and I do hereby declare that the following specification, taken in connection with the drawings making a part of the same, is a full, clear, and exact description.

Figure 1 is a front view. Fig. 2 is a side view. Fig. 3 is a back view. Fig. 4 is a dress-skirt with the article applied to it.

The article herein described is designed to take the place of hooks and eyes or other means heretofore used to hold up at various points around the skirt the bottom of ladies' dresses, to prevent their being soiled from contact with the dirt of the street in walking. It is intended to be applied to the dress at the option of the wearer, and besides subserving its useful object, adds to the ornamentation of the skirt by giving the effect of additional trimming.

The article consists of a combined loop and pin and catch, as shown clearly in the several figures. The object of the loop is to support the skirt at the point where it is applied in a graceful fold, while the pin and catch secure the loop to the skirt.

In the accompanying drawings, A, Fig. 2, represents the loop. It consists of a ribbon of thin metal or other suitable material bent

into the form of a loop, as shown, the surface which comes in view being covered or not with velvet, plush, cloth, or any material which will suit the taste of the wearer; and it may be ornamented with any figure or design to make it attractive, one specimen of which is shown at B.

C is a pin-tongue, which is affixed to one end of the loop, as shown, a catch, *a*, being provided upon the surface of the loop near the other end, in which the pin-tongue will rest when the article is fastened to the skirt, in the common and well-understood way in which breastpins or similar articles are held in clothing, there being sufficient elasticity in the metal of the ribbon where it is bent at D to cause the pin-tongue to always press against the catch and be retained by it.

In Fig. 4 is shown the skirt of a dress as it will appear when worn, from which it will be seen that the edge of the skirt has the appearance of being gathered into plaits which rest in the loops, the dress between the loops hanging in easy folds.

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

A skirt-supporter consisting of a loop and pin-tongue and catch combined, the article being substantially as specified.

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