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PAPER PANTELET.

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Fig. 1.

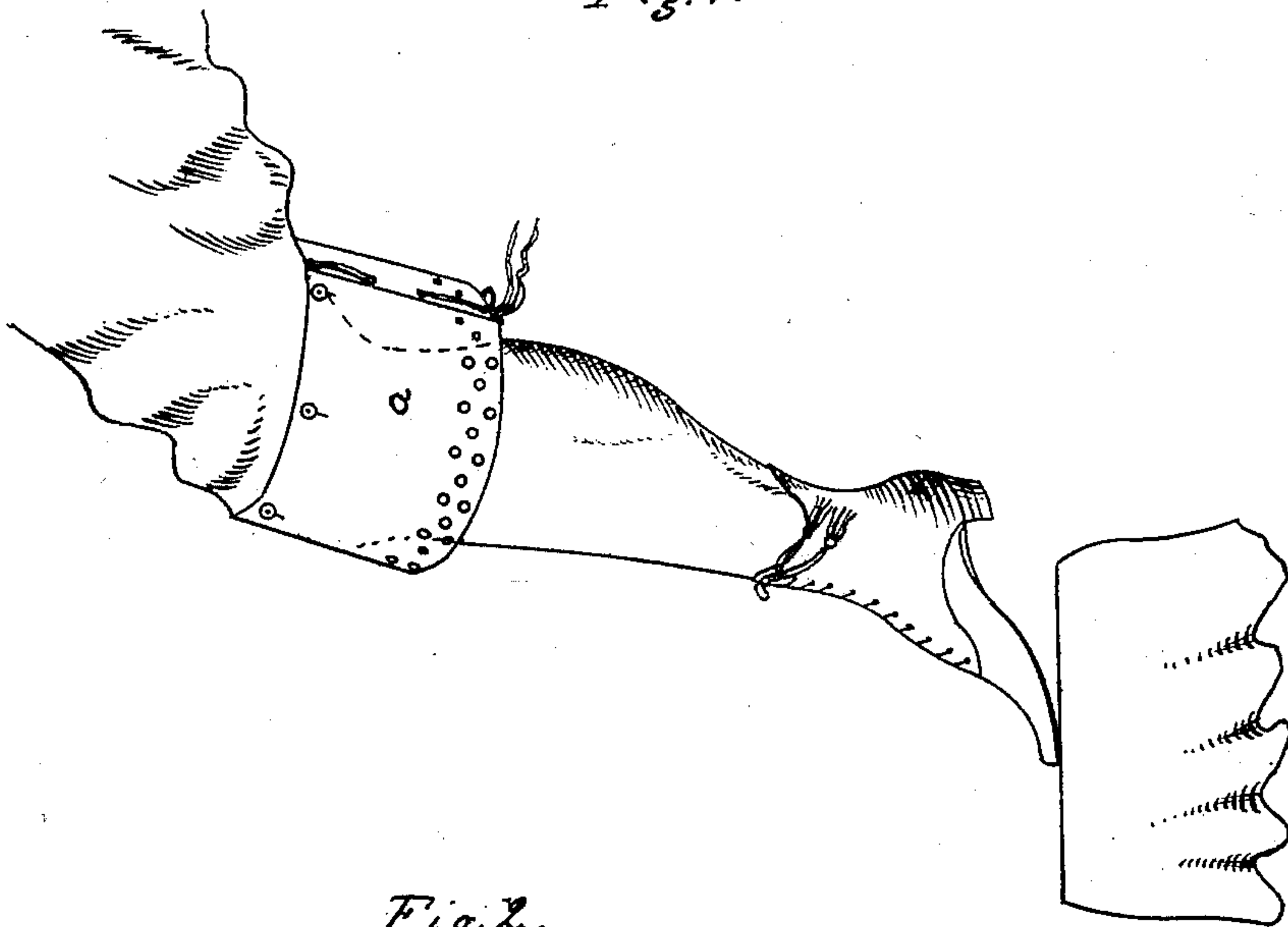
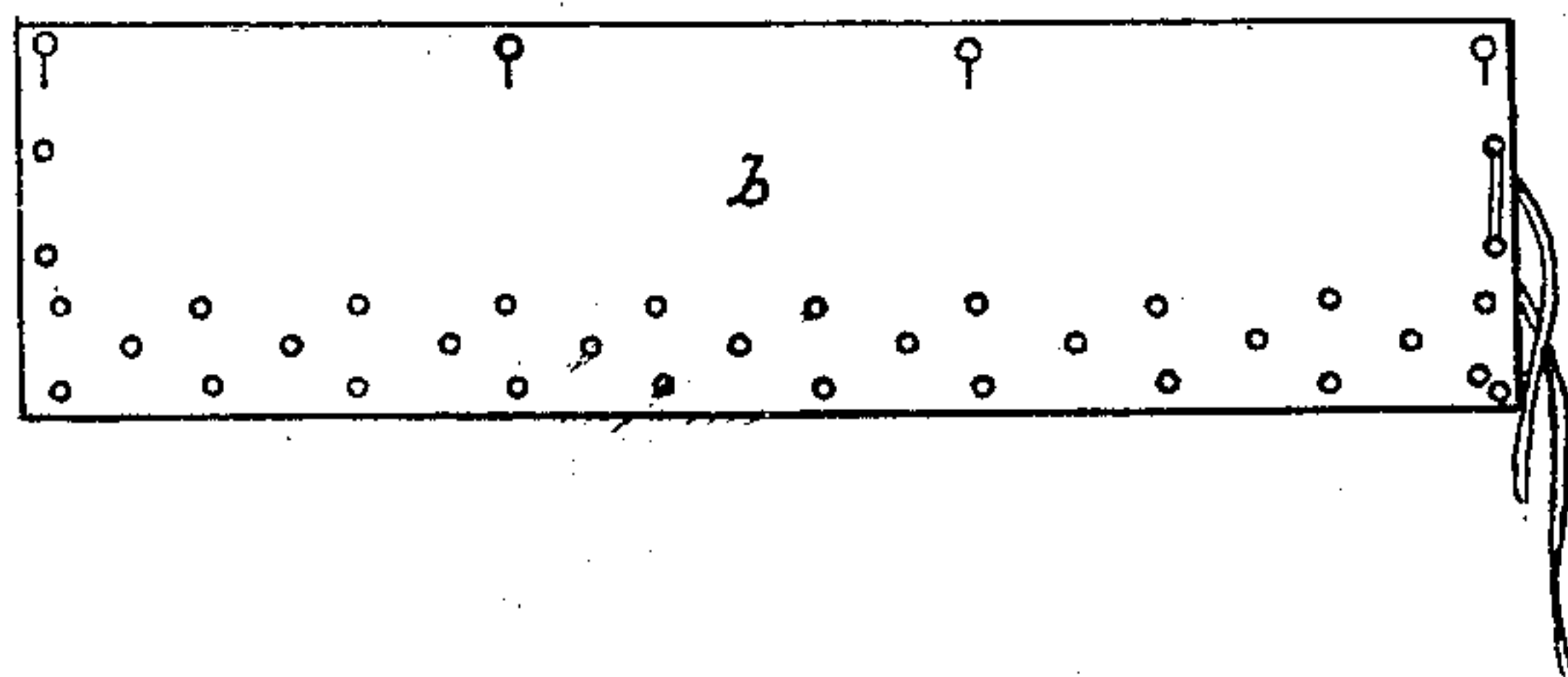


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN PAPER PANTALET.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, EDWARD P. FURLONG, of Portland, in the county of Cumberland, and State of Maine, have invented a new and useful Paper Pantalet; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others to make and use my invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 shows a view of a limb with my invention attached to the bottom of drawers represented thereon.

Figure 2 shows a view of my invention detached, and illustrates also the method of uniting the two ends and of attaching the pantalet to the drawers.

The bottoms of ladies' drawers and children's pantalets are, in most cases, embroidered and worked with various devices, such as flowers, leaves, &c., and other ornamental stitching. As these articles of wearing apparel are now most usually made, the pantalet, so called, and the drawers are made in one continuous piece. With the modern changes in the habiliments of females, the introduction of hooped skirts, taste and fashion have required that the feet and ankles of ladies should be dressed with neatness and care, and a very important portion of the attire of a neatly-dressed child is, owing to the short skirts in which they are now dressed, the short pants, drawers, or pantalets which protect and envelope the leg. In consequence of the amount of elaborate finish now given to these articles of clothing, both in the dress of adult females and children, they can be worn only a short time without soiling, inasmuch as the embroidery soon collects dust, loses its whiteness in consequence, and even when they are made more cheaply and plainly, the fibres of the cloth serve more readily for a resting place for floating dirt and dust than if the material of which they were composed presented a smooth and polished surface, to which dust would slowly and with difficulty adhere. The bottoms of drawers, pantalets, children's white pants, &c., are the first to become stained or dingy, while the upper portions, more protected by the other garments, remain comparatively clean for a longer period of time. A method by which these bottoms could be made of some substance not so soon soiled by use, and be equally susceptible of ornament and finish, and, in addition, be removable, would, especially if the material were cheaper, be an improvement in this department of dress much to be desired. It is the object of my invention to meet this requirement and want. There are other uses to which my invention can be devoted; such as the fringe or bottoms to the short breeches worn by actors in representing characters of a past age. With these general indications of the purposes of my invention, I will proceed, in connection with a reference to the accompanying drawings, to give a more particular description thereof.

My invention consists of a paper band or ring, finished and figured as taste may dictate, to be attached to the bottoms of ladies' drawers, children's white pants, drawers, &c., and for certain other indicated uses. The band thus intended for the bottom of drawers, &c., may be made whole or to be united by ribbon and such like means. It may furthermore be attached to the drawers by buttons, hooks, or loops, as convenience, choice, or expense may decide. I do not intend to limit myself to any particular method of uniting the ends of my invention, or of connecting the same with the drawers. These are all familiar and evident to any one acquainted with the business and manufacture.

In the accompanying drawings, *a* shows my invention in such position on the leg of a pair of drawers as indicates its use and the manner of its application, and *b* the same detached and the ends to be united by tying. Thus a highly-finished and neatly-fitting bottom to the articles of clothing above mentioned is furnished; one which can be worn longer without soiling than when made of cloth, and easily removed when stained. The bottom or pantalet can be made of any kind of smooth white paper, and worked to represent embroidery, as taste may dictate. Cheapness is also consulted by my invention.

From the title and denomination of my invention it is obvious that I do not claim a legging, boot leg, stocking leg, or imitation drawers' leg. My invention has no reference to any article that fits closely to or conforms in some degree to the shape of the limb, such as a legging which is claimed in the patent of A. L. Munson, dated March 3, 1866; but, on the contrary, I hereby disclaim such an article of apparel. A pantalet is a diminutive of pantaloon, and is a loose appendage to drawers, and is distinct from a legging, just as pantaloons are, and is in some manner attached to the drawers' leg, from which it is also distinct. Pantalets are necessarily

loose, and are mostly worn by young misses, which use well defines the invention, and shows that it is not intended to fit the limb nor to supersede stockings, gaiters, anklets, or leggings, and also that my production must necessarily be light and flexible, to conform to the character of the article it is designed to represent. I do not claim any new method of attaching my invention to the drawers' leg.

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

A paper pantalet constructed and applied to drawers substantially as described.

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