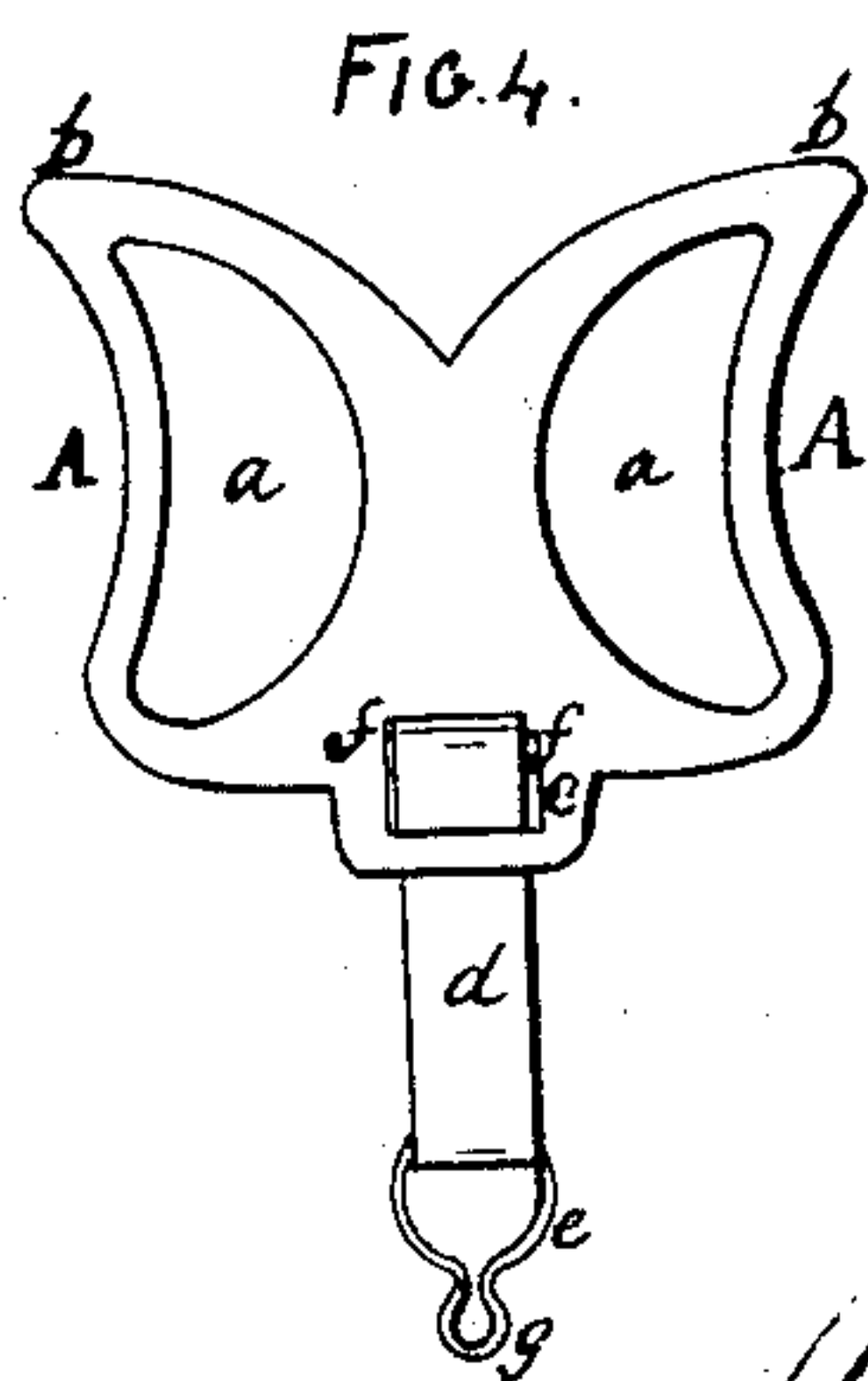
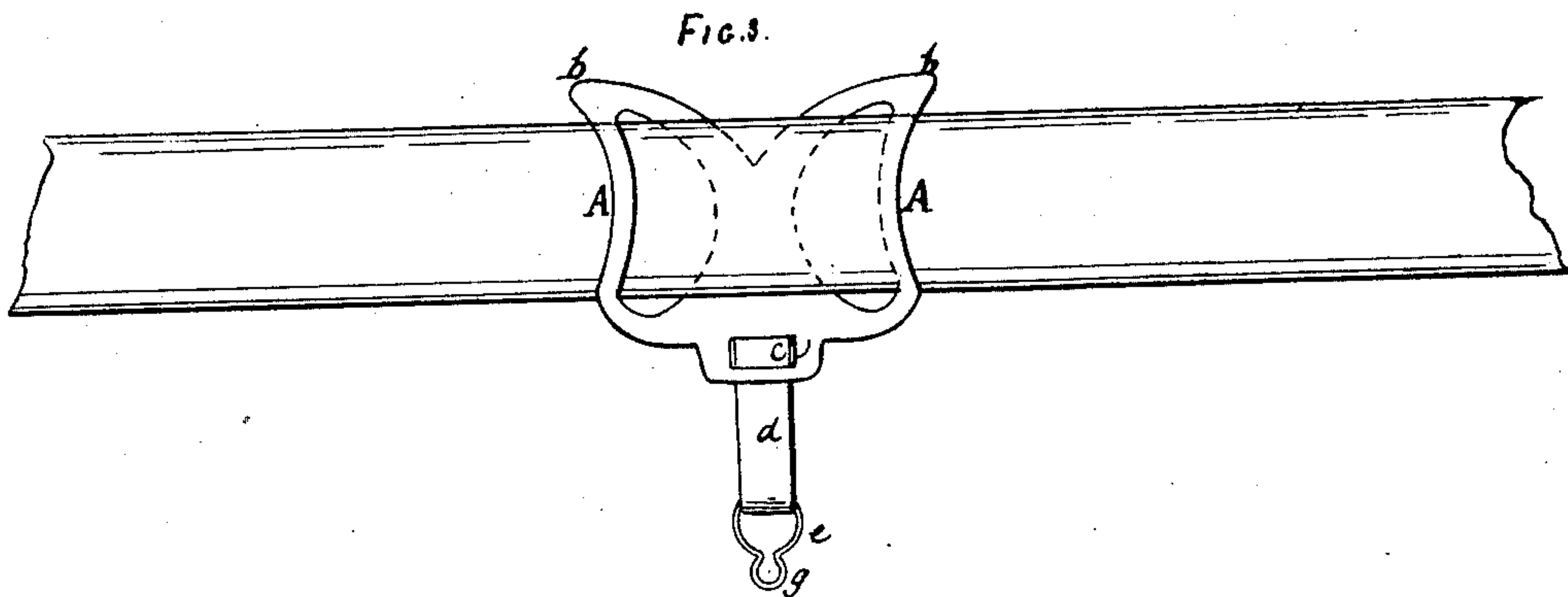
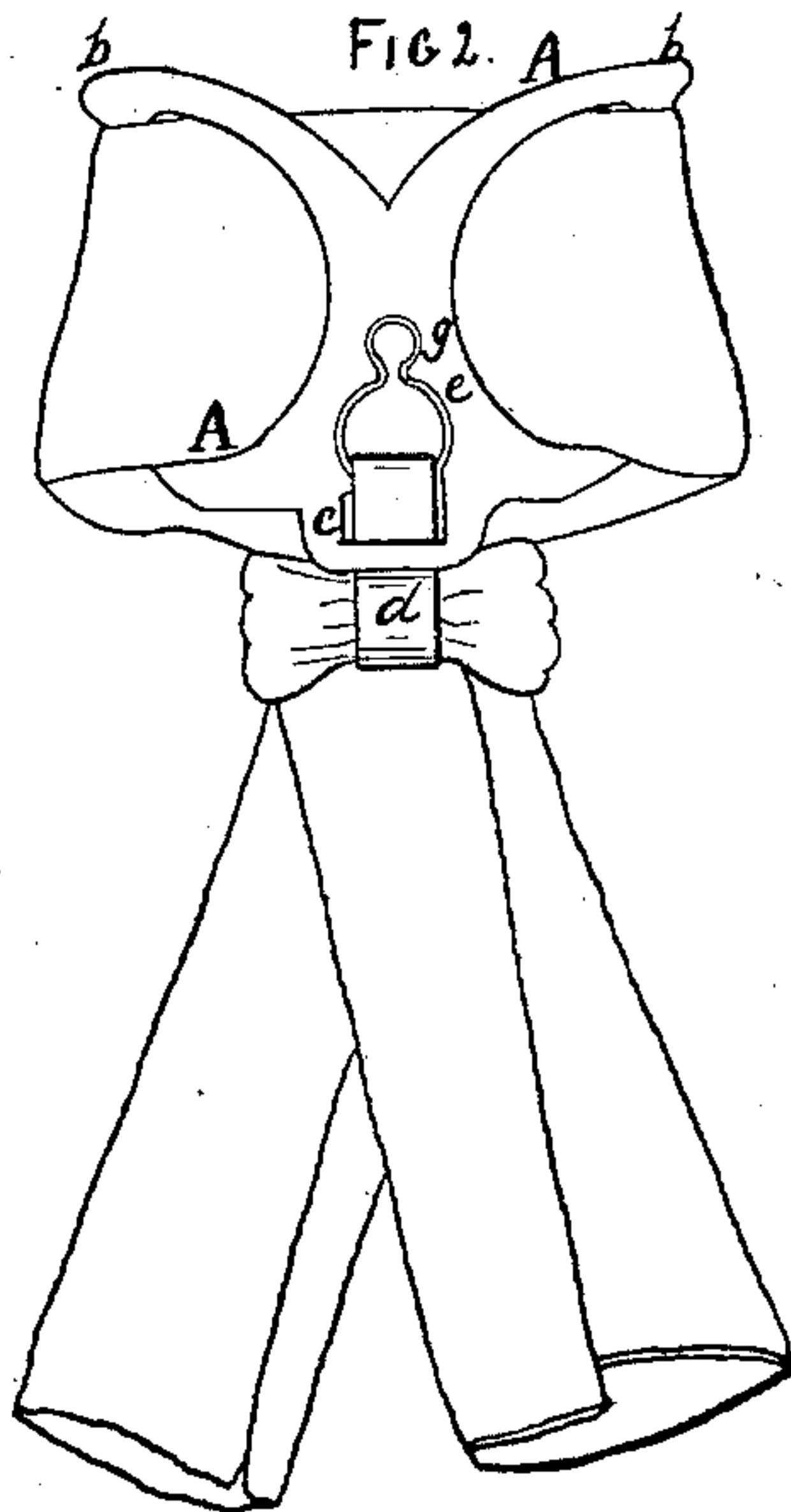
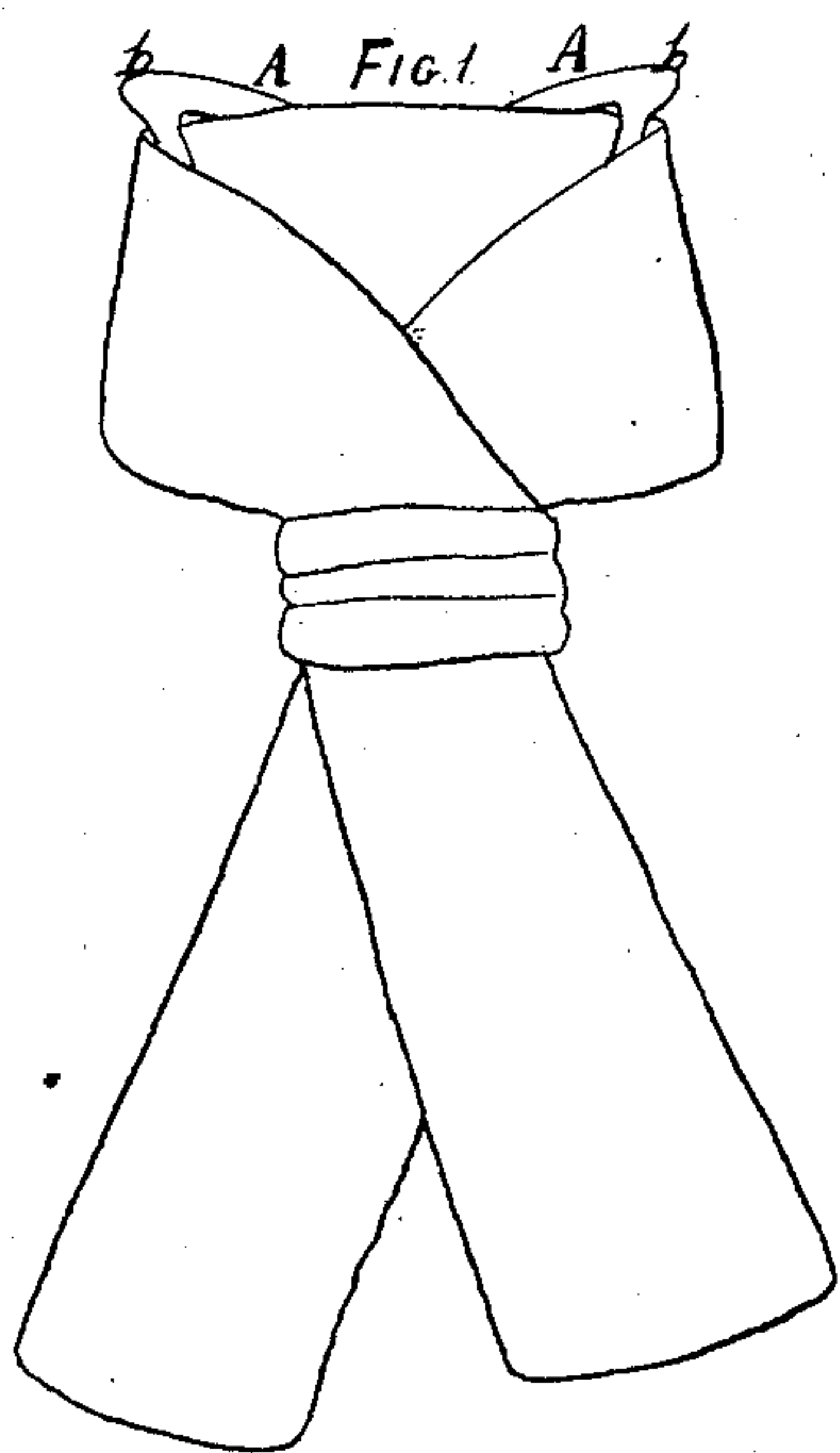


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IMPROVEMENT IN RETAINERS FOR NECK-TIES.

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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, J. C. MERRITT, of the city of New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and improved Device for Retaining a Neck-Tie or Scarf to a Person's Collar; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which forms part of this specification.

My invention consists in a metallic plate or frame of novel construction, as will be hereinafter described, for retaining or confining the neck-tie or scarf to a person's collar, so that the same may be folded, tied, or arranged in various ways to suit the fashion of different seasons. In the accompanying drawing—

Figure 1 is a front view of a scarf attached in one way by my improved device.

Figure 2 is a back view of the same.

Figure 3 is a front view of the device, showing the manner in which the ribbon or scarf is first attached to the device.

Figure 4 is a back view of the device, and a view also of the elastic band and ring employed for fastening the device to the collar.

The device, when completed, resembles a frame which can be readily stamped (many at a time) out of flat sheets of metal or other suitable material. A A are the two rings or sides of the frame, each carrying or having formed in it a large slot or opening, *a*, fig. 3, through which the material to be used for the scarf or neck-tie is drawn previously to folding it in the desired style. The top of the plate, in the present instance, is cut in somewhat of a V-shape, which insures lightness, and permits of the corners or points *b* of the rings A being pushed under the fold of the collar to conceal them, as well as to partially secure the device in place. At the lower part of the plate an aperture, *c*, is made, through which is hung an elastic band, *d*, carrying a ring, *e*, at its end. The said ring *e* is pressed together at one side, so as to form a contracted part or loop, *g*, which, after the button on the band of the shirt is thrust through its larger part, will clasp the stitches receiving the button to the shirt-band, and thus keep its position on the button, and therefore hold the device in proper position to the collar. The band *d* may be fastened in various ways to the plate or frame; I have shown it as clasped by a lip, F, turned up from one side of the aperture *c*.

In using my device, the material employed for the scarf or neck-tie is run through the slots *a a*, as shown in fig. 3, (the front of the frame being in this figure toward the observer;) the ends are then folded down across each other in the usual way, and a scarf-pin may be used if desired, or the ends may be run through a ring, as shown in fig. 1, and in this latter case the elastic band *d* may be carried around the ring, and thence up through the aperture *c*, as shown clearly in fig. 2. The material to form the scarf or neck-tie may be arranged upon the device in various other ways. The device is secured in position by placing the corners *a a* of the wings under the fold of the collar, and to placing the ring *e* upon the button, as before described. If the device be used with a choker or stand-up collar, it would be well to so arrange the scarf as to cover the corners of the wings, which can be easily done. I am aware that devices of metal and other substances have been used for confining scarfs and neck-ties to the collar, and I do not therefore claim any such device broadly. I however know of none constructed like mine, nor have I seen any upon which the neck-tie or scarf can be applied in so many different ways as with mine.

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

A retainer for neck-ties provided with openings *a a* for the reception of the neck-tie and having an elastic connection secured to the retainer by means of lip F, and provided with the button attachment *e g*, substantially as described.

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