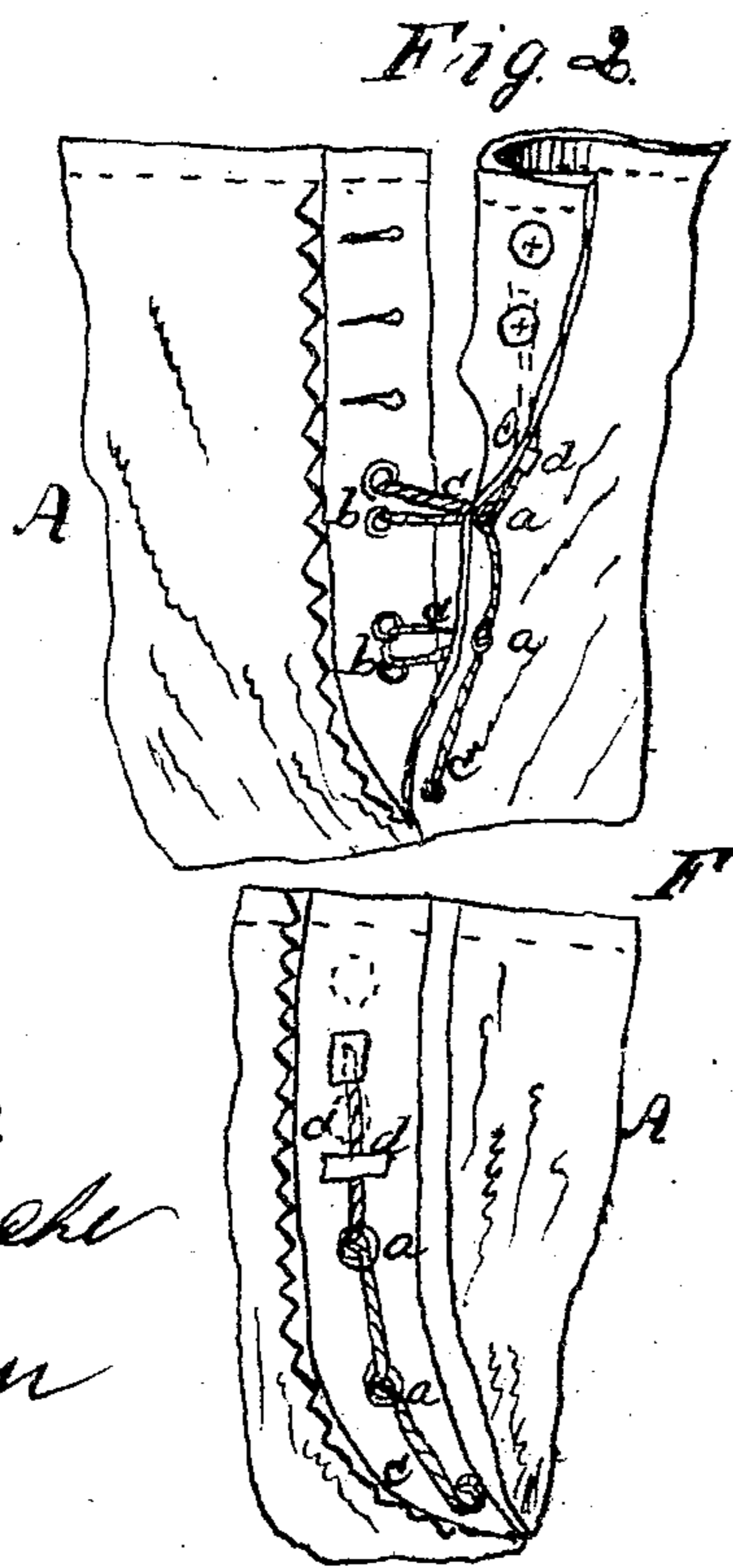
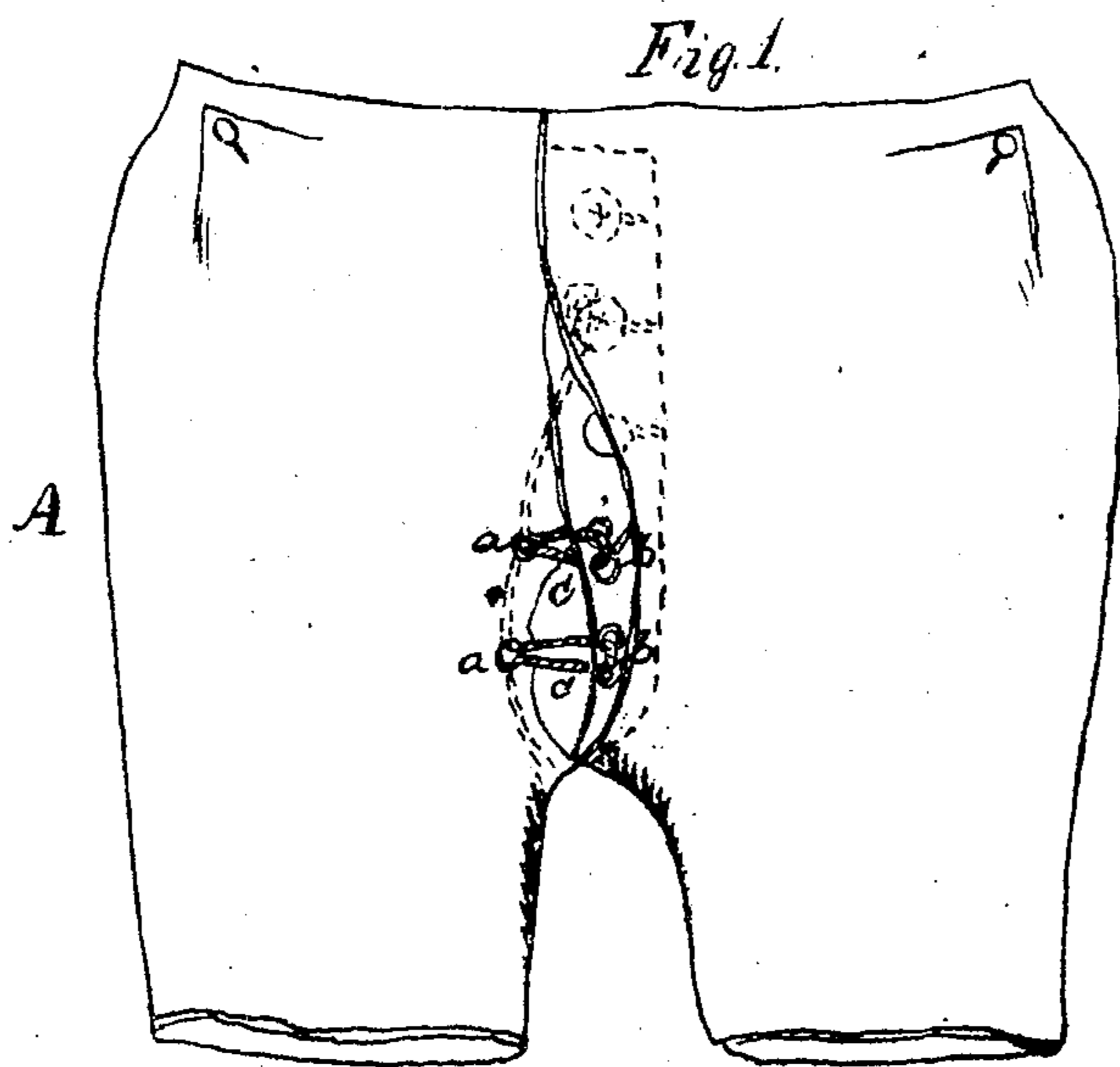


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IMPROVEMENT IN FASTENINGS FOR PANTALOONS.

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, ISAAC STRATTON, of Keene, Cheshire county, New Hampshire, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fastening for the Fly-Fronts of Pantaloon; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents my improved elastic fly-front fastening applied to a pair of pantaloon, showing it when opened.

Figure 2 is an inside view of the same, with the fronts opened.

Figure 3, a similar view, with the fronts closed.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention consists in a device for fastening the lower part of the fly-fronts of men's and boys' pantaloon, instead of employing buttons for the purpose, and is intended especially for the convenience of aged and other infirm persons, whose fingers are disabled or crippled, and cannot button and unbutton with facility, and also for boys.

This improved device for fastening the fly-fronts of pantaloon is formed by attaching a set of eyelet-holes in both flaps or fronts, in the place of buttons and button-holes at the lower part, in which eyelet-holes is strung an elastic cord or braid, in such manner that it draws the fly-fronts together of itself, and keeps them snug, and even, ordinarily, as though they were buttoned together, while at the same time the cord may be easily put aside and the fly-fronts or flaps be opened by merely inserting the ends of the fingers between the fronts, and bearing upon the cord, as required.

By this means the aged and infirm, or men with crippled hands, are enabled to serve themselves in calls of nature without difficulty, while at the same time the fastening is self-closing, and avoids exposure commonly attending neglect to fasten the fronts by buttoning them up.

In the drawings, A represents a pair of pantaloon, with the lower front or flap having two or more single eyelets, *a*, and the upper fly-front having two or more pairs of corresponding eyelets, *b*, side by side, in place of the lower buttons. An elastic cord, *c*, is sewed fast at one end to the binding, at the lower part or junction of the fly-fronts, about two inches below the place of the lower button, as shown clearly in figs. 2 and 3. The cord is passed through the lower single eyelet *a* from the back side, and thence through the lower one of the lower pair of eyelets *b*, returning through the other eyelet of the pair back to the same single eyelet *a*, thence passing to the next single eyelet *a*, above and through it to and through the next pair of eyelets *b*, as before, and back to the second single eyelet, and thence upward on the under side of the front, passing under a loop, *d*, if desired, and fastened at the end several inches above, either inside or outside of the lining. The cord is made just long enough to draw the fly-front together flat.

The fly-fronts are easily opened by inserting the fingers between them, and bearing outward on the elastic cord; they close of themselves.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In combination with the fly-front of pantaloon, the elastic cord *c*, arranged with the eyelet-holes *a* and *b*, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this third day of May, 1867.

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