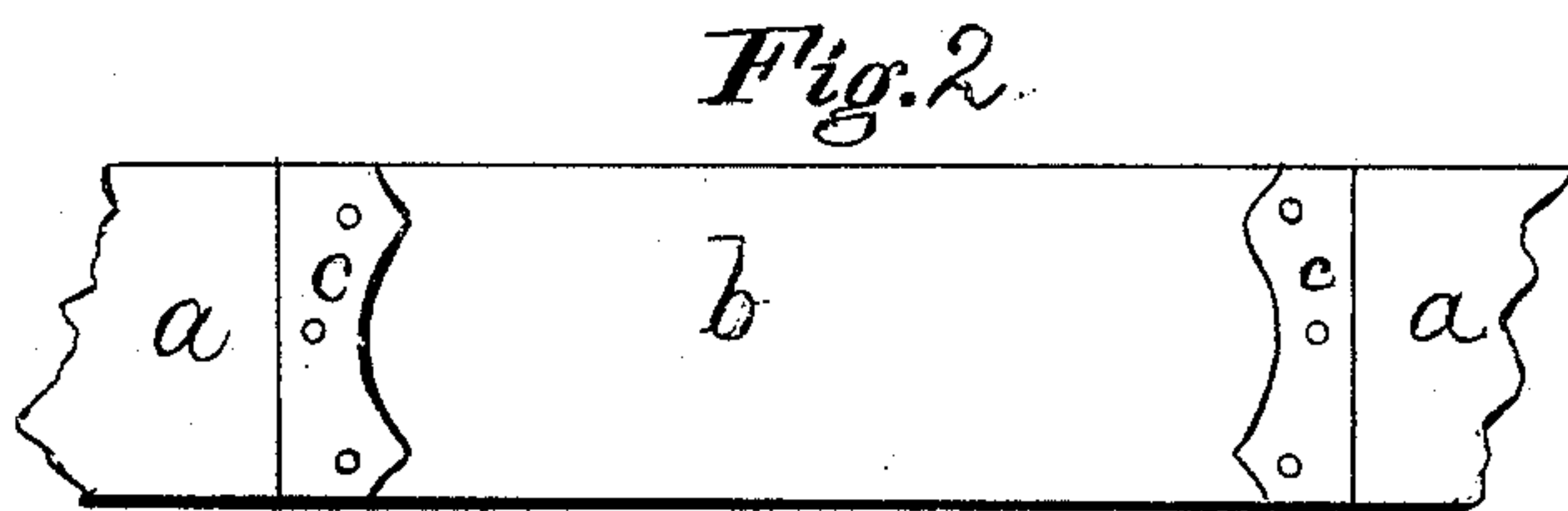
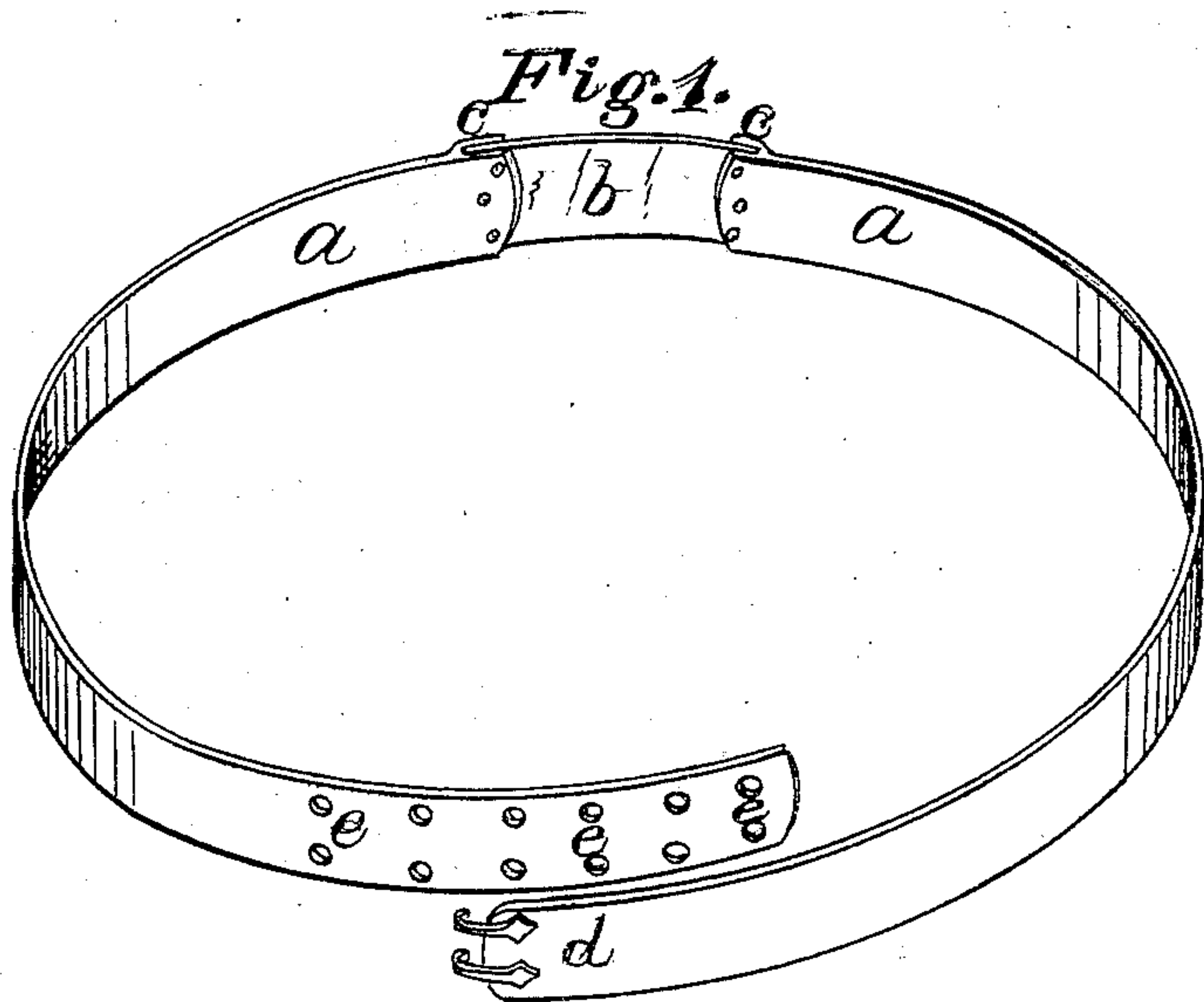


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IMPROVEMENT IN WAIST-BELTS.

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, ALMENA R. BOYLSON, of the city of Chicago, in the county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Metallic Belt-Supporters; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view;

Figure 2, a portion of the back; and

Figure 3, an edge view.

Like letters refer to the same parts in all of the figures.

The nature and object of my invention consist in constructing a supporter of metal for waistbands, or belts of cloth or other material, so as to prevent them from wrinkling, or rolling, or presenting other than an even and smooth appearance, and in interposing an elastic or flexible section at the back, so that the metallic portion will conform to the body without discomfort to the wearer, either in stooping or sitting.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my supporter, I will describe its construction and operation.

I make the metallic portion, *a*, of a width to correspond with the cloth or other belt, taking care to make it a little narrower than the cloth belt, so that the supporter will not show, the design in use being

to wear or use a ribbon, cloth, or other belt, over the metal.

I usually make the sections *a* from sheet-zinc, but sheet-brass and other metals can be made to answer the purpose. The edges are turned in, so that the supporter will not cut or injure the other clothing, and in turning the edges in for extra articles, I turn them over a piece of cloth or felt, so as to give them an interior lining. These sections *a* are made alike, except that, at the front ends, one is provided with hooks, *d*, and the other with holes, *e*. They are connected together at the back by an elastic or flexible piece, *b*, which is cut about three inches long, and of the same width as the sections *a*, and riveted, or otherwise fastened in, as shown at figs. 2 and 3, thus making an easy, flexible, and comfortable metallic supporter for any ordinary belt or band.

Having thus fully described my supporter,

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

A metallic belt-supporter, made in sections, with an elastic or flexible piece, *b*, interposed between the sections *a*, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

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