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Fig. 1.

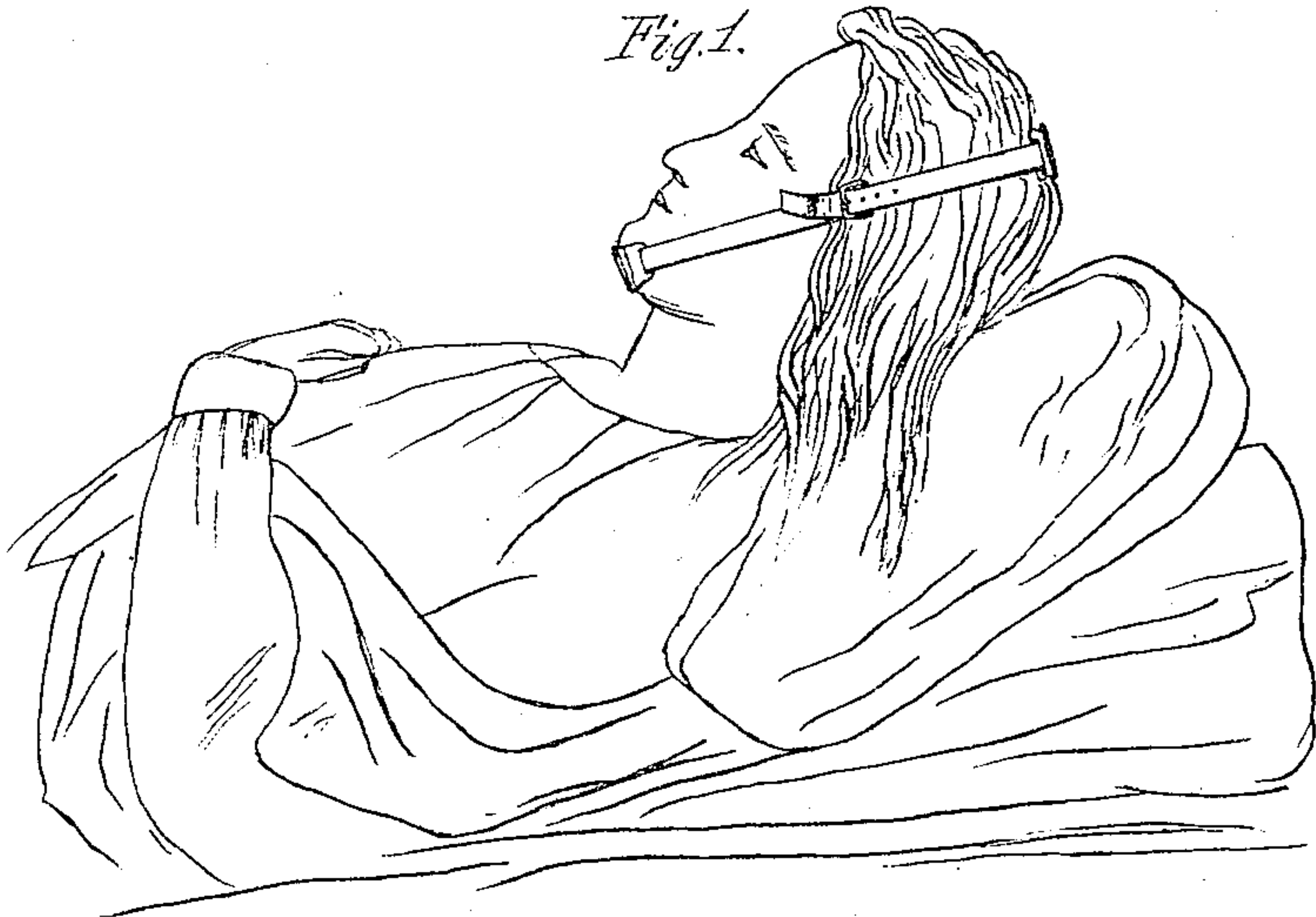
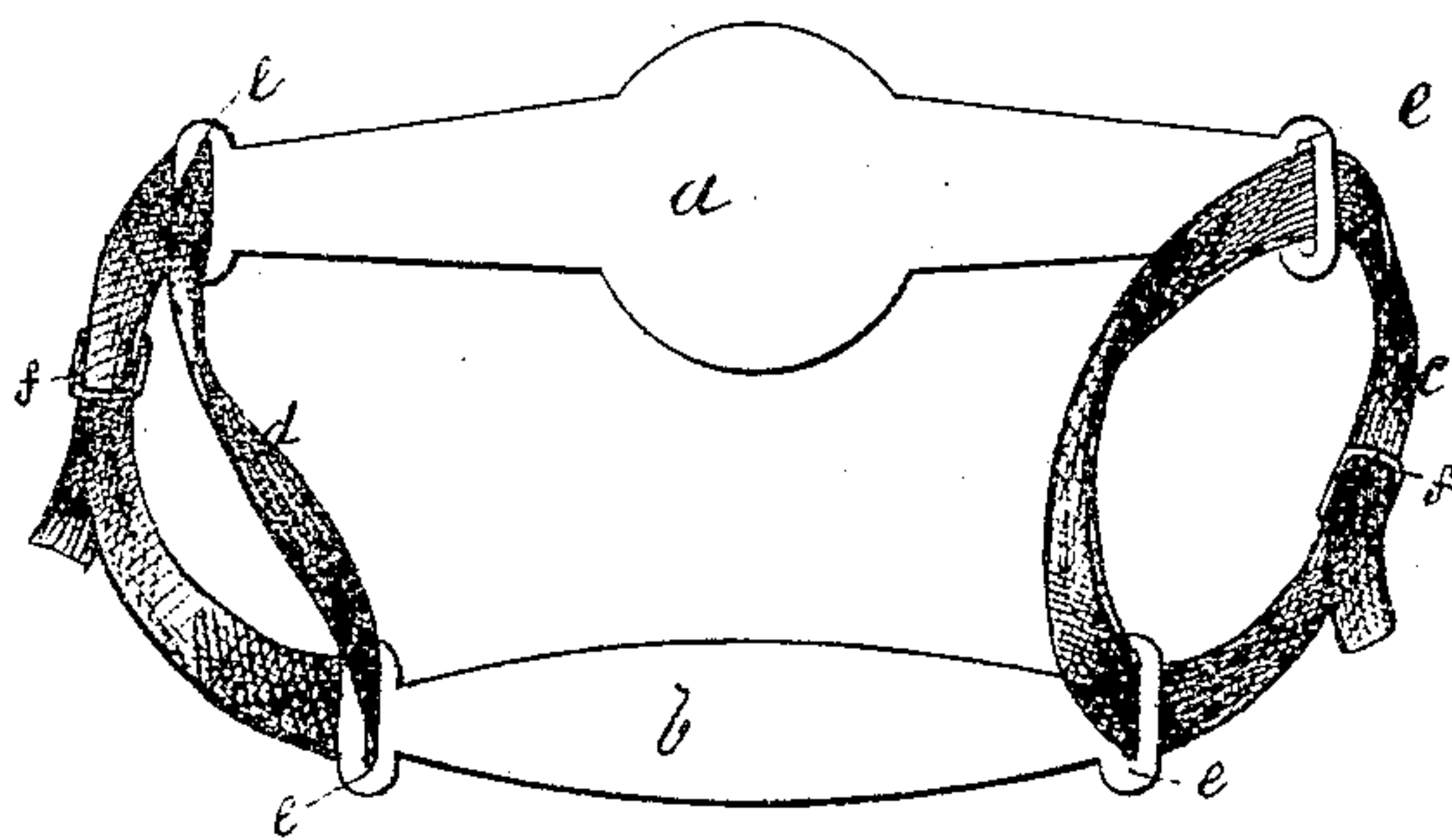


Fig. 2.



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DEVICE FOR SECURING THE FEATURES OF A CORPSE IN PLACE

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, AMOS S. CHESEBROUGH, of the city and county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Device for Securing the Features of a Corpse in Place; and to enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, I will proceed to describe, referring to the drawings, in which the same letters indicate like parts in each of the figures.

The nature of this invention consists of a machine or instrument to be applied to the head of a person, recently deceased, which, by an elastic pressure, shall adjust and keep in place the chin, mouth, and lips, until the parts, having lost their vital heat and become rigid, shall retain their natural position, and so the features be preserved.

The instrument may be varied in form, but that which is herewith presented consists of two parts or pieces of metal, *a b*, connected together at their extremities by elastic cords or bands *c d*. These pieces *a b* may be made of any suitable material, as of wood, gutta-percha, India rubber, leather, *papier-maché*, or other solid material.

The piece *a* is of elongated form, and is designed to lie across the upper and back portion of the head, from one side to the other, the middle part resting upon that portion of the head where it begins to slope downward.

The whole piece may be slightly curved, so as to correspond somewhat, though not of necessity, closely to the convex shape of the head.

The middle part, where it rests most firmly on the head, may be made somewhat concave and enlarged, so as to have a saucer-like shape. In order that it may sit more firmly in its place, it may be padded, if desirable.

The two arms of this piece, extending somewhat beyond the sides of the head, may be of light workman-

ship, and more or less elastic, the extremities of each having perforations *e*, or otherwise fitted, so that the elastic cords or bands *c d* can be passed through them.

The piece *b* is of similar form and structure to piece *a*, only smaller.

It is designed to rest on the chin, curving upward, as the other does downward, the middle part being somewhat convex, as in piece *a*, and padded, if desirable, so as to hold its place more securely on the chin.

The arms are made, like those of piece *a*, with their extremities fitted to receive the elastic cords or bands *c d*, by which the two pieces are to be connected together.

When these two pieces are in place, the arms should be of such length as that the elastic material, which connects their extremities together, shall not rest or exert any pressure upon the face of the corpse to which it is applied.

The elastic connections should have adjustments of buckles *f*, whereby they can be lengthened or shortened, so that, by the pressure thus secured, the chin of the corpse can be drawn up to its natural position and held in its place until the rigidity of the parts shall serve to preserve this position after the instrument is removed.

I believe I have thus shown the nature, construction, and advantage of this invention, so as to enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same therefrom.

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

The elongated pad-plates *a b*, and adjustable elastic bands *c d*, for securing the features of a deceased person in their natural position, substantially as set forth.

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