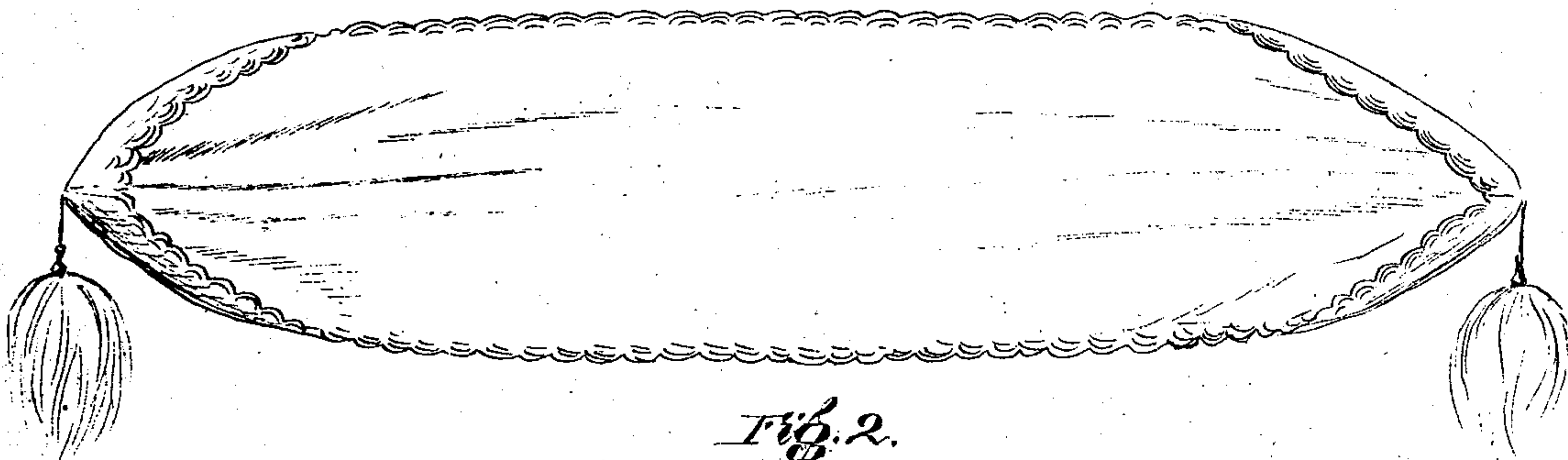


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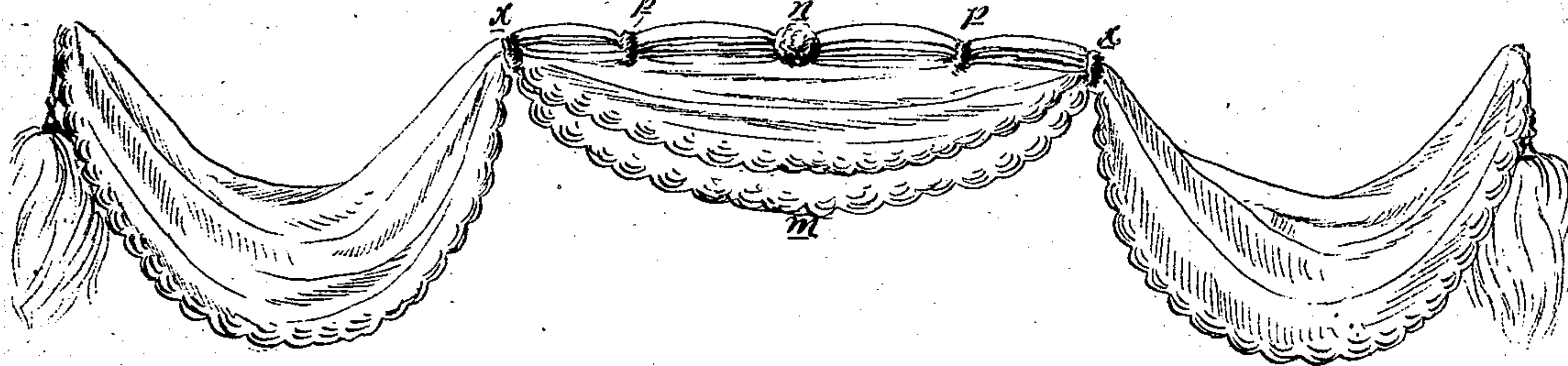
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*Fig. 1.*



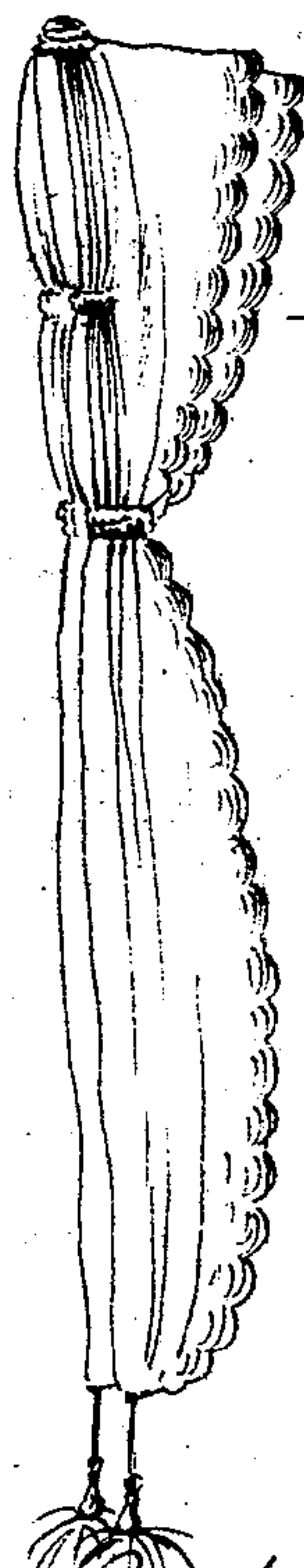
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 4.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN NUBIAS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 117,158, dated July 18, 1871.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS DOLAN, of Philadelphia, county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented an Improved Nubia, of which the following is a specification:

My invention relates to the articles of wearing apparel which are known as nubias, and which are used by ladies as temporary protections for the head and neck; and my invention consists of a nubia constructed substantially in the manner too fully explained hereafter to need preliminary description, so that when applied it will form an attractive ready-made head-dress, requiring no adjustment other than that of simply placing the nubia on the head preparatory to folding the ends round the neck.

Figure 1 is a view of an ordinary nubia; Fig. 2, a view of my improved nubia; Fig. 3, a side view of the same; and Fig. 4, my improved nubia as it appears when applied to the head and neck of the wearer.

An ordinary nubia consists of a strip of light, loosely-knitted fabric, with or without ornamental borders, and having at its opposite tapering ends tassels, all as shown in Fig. 1. In applying an ordinary nubia the wearer places the middle of it on her head and folds the pendent ends about her neck, the portion on the head assuming such folds as may result from the manipulation of the wearer or from accident; hence the nubia has not, at the top of the wearer's head, that determined finish which would add to its attractive appearance.

I take an ordinary nubia, such as is shown in Fig. 1, and so pucker or plait it in the middle that, when applied to the wearer's head, it will always present a neat appearance and form an attractive head-dress. In Fig. 2, for instance, the nubia is puckered and plaited and contracted in width at the two points *x x*, and the folds are then secured by stitches, and any small rosette or other ornament may be secured to the puckered folds. A curved pendent portion, *m*, is thus formed in two folds, the edges of which may be suitably fringed. The upper edge of the central

pendent portion of the nubia is plaited and puckered in the middle, at *n*, where any suitable ornament may be attached; and the upper plaited edge may have such other puckers, as for instance at *p p*, as the taste of the manufacturer or wearer may suggest. When the nubia is applied to the wearer's head, as shown in Fig. 4, the plaited and puckered edge is folded over the forehead and down the sides of the face, forming a neat border, which is rendered more attractive by the ornamentation of the parts where the puckers occur. The pendent portion *m* of the nubia forms a lappel, the two folds of which are situated on the top of the head and hung partly over the back of the same, thus completing, with the plaited and puckered front, a highly-attractive head-dress.

It will be seen without further description that, while the above-described article of wearing-apparel serves all the purposes of an ordinary nubia for protecting the head and neck of the wearer, it is at the same time a ready-made head-dress of much more attractive appearance than that of the most carefully-adjusted nubia of the ordinary character.

I do not desire to limit myself to any specific number or arrangement of plaits or puckers, or to any positive shape of the pendent portion *m* of the nubia, or to any ornamentation of the same.

I claim—

1. The combination, substantially as described, of a nubia with a head-dress.
2. A nubia plaited and puckered, substantially as described and illustrated in Fig. 2.
3. The pendent portion *m* of the nubia, in combination with the plaited and puckered edge of the same.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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