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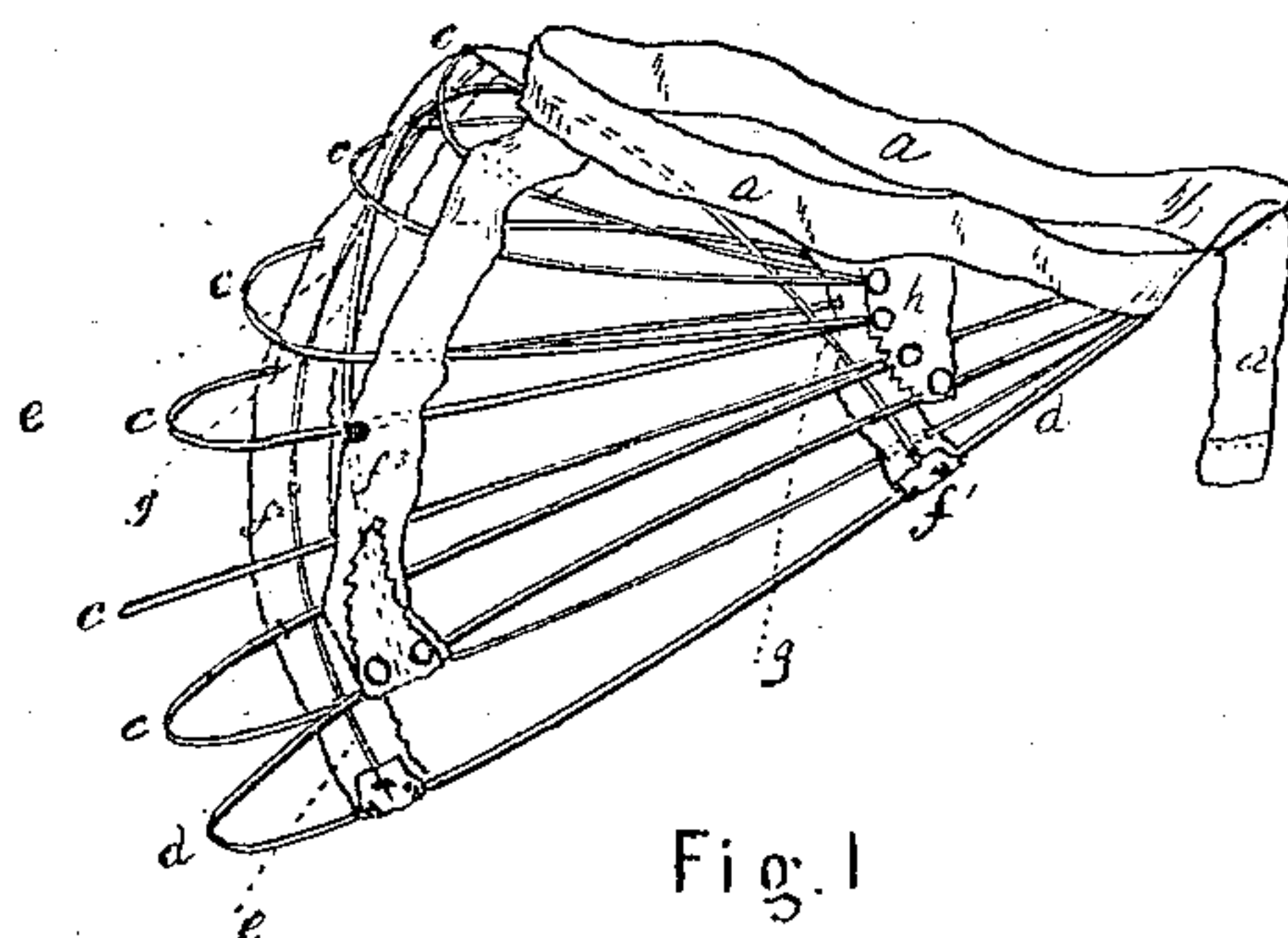


Fig. 1

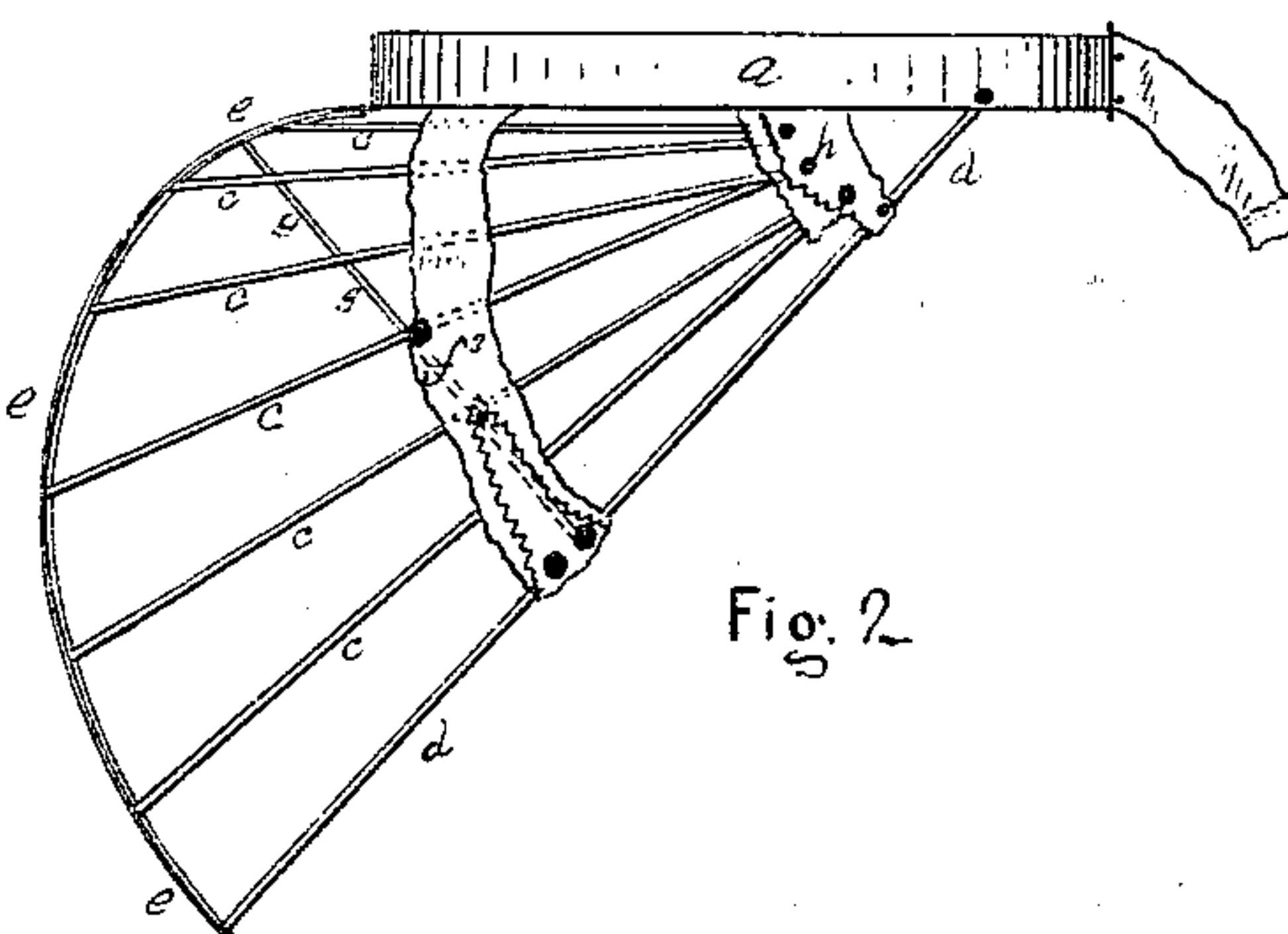


Fig. 2

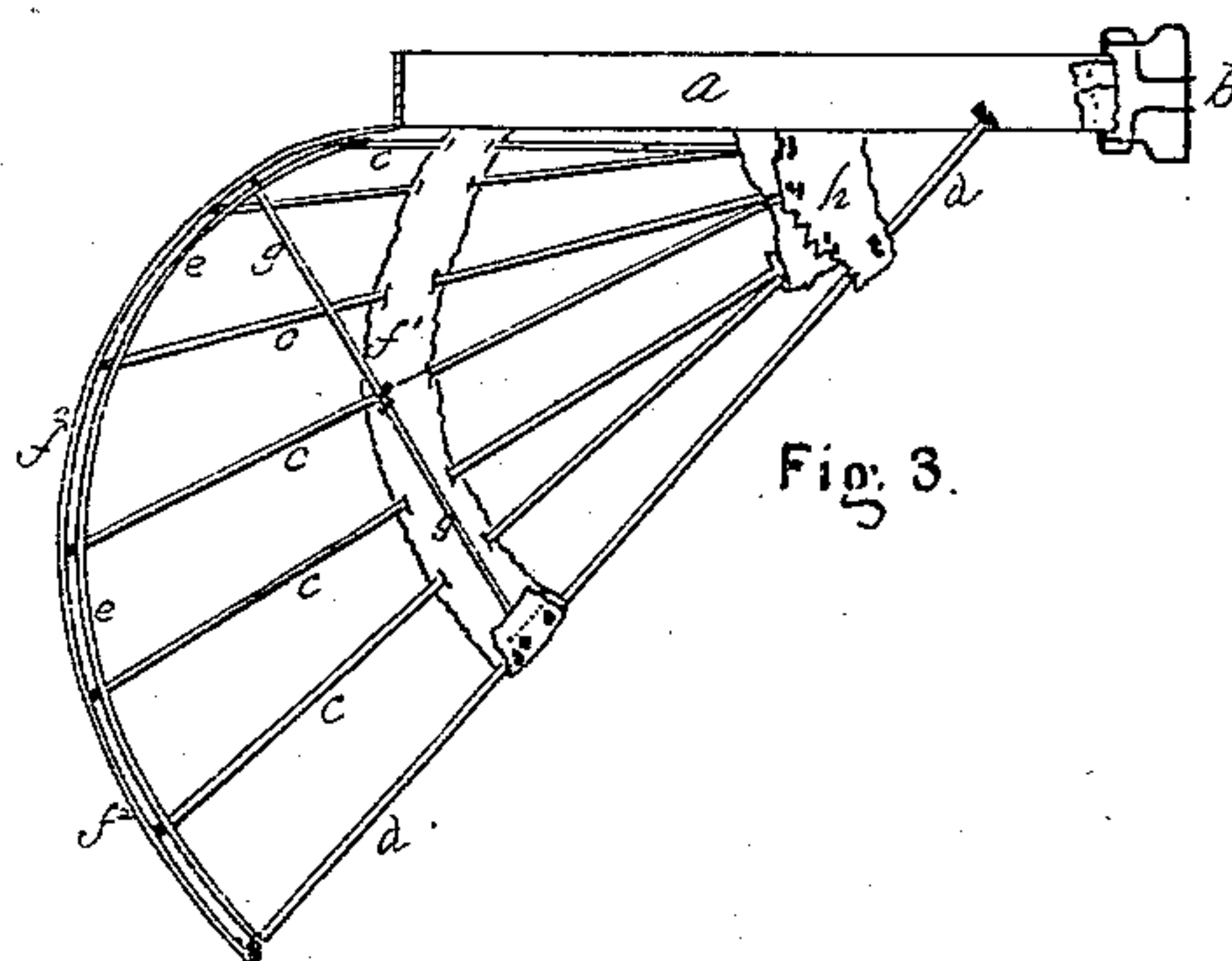


Fig. 3.

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IMPROVEMENT IN BUSTLES.

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Specification describing certain Improvements in Bustles, invented by GEORGE R. TABER, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts.

The first part of my invention relates to the peculiar arrangement of the lower spring when placed in combination with a rear perpendicular spring. The second part of my invention relates to an arched spring, giving strength to the bustle. The third part of my invention relates to a method of grouping or pairing the horizontal springs for purposes fully set forth below.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a view, in perspective, of a bustle embodying my improvements. Fig. 2 is a side elevation, and Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

a is the flexible waistband. *b* is the buckle. *c c* are the horizontal wires or bowed springs. *d* is the lower horizontal wire or spring. *e* is the rear perpendicular wire or spring. *f¹ f² f³* are tapes extending from the lower spring *d* to the waistband *a*. *g* is the arched wire or spring extending, from one side to the other, over the upper part of the bustle. *h h* are the tabs which receive the springs *c c*, and through which the spring *d* passes.

The waistband *a* and the buckle *b* are constructed in themselves substantially as usual. The springs *c c* are placed in pairs. The usual method is to provide a pocket for each spring. My method of placing the ends of two or more springs in each pocket insures greater strength and a more desirable shape for the bustle, bringing it well out from the form at the desired place. This could not be secured in any other manner that I am aware of. These springs pass through shirrs or pockets in the tapes *f¹ f² f³*.

The arrangement of the lower spring *d* is new and of great importance, inasmuch as it preserves the shape of the bustle by keeping it from falling against the form. Each end of the spring is fastened to the flexible waistband

a, from which it passes through the tab *h*, where it may be fastened or not, as experience or circumstances may dictate.

The arched spring *g* extends from the lower spring *d* upon one side to the same spring upon the other side, crossing the top of the bustle a short distance back of the waistband. It serves as a brace or bridge and gives great strength to the bustle at the particular point where strength is most needed, the weight of clothing bearing principally upon the upper side of the bustle.

The tabs *h h* are constructed, as will be readily seen, to accommodate the springs *d* and *e*, the former being in pairs and the latter passing through the tabs.

There are various advantages connected with my improvement, among which are great strength and firmness, as I have shown; cheapness and lightness.

Both of these important advantages are secured in my bustle, as I am enabled to do away with the placing of anything whatever inside. Inside springs, tapes, shields, &c., are not needed in my bustle, as the arrangement of my lower and rear springs answers the purpose perfectly without uncomfortably heating the form, as the bustle is kept entirely free from it.

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

1. The arched spring *g* arranged as above described, in combination with the lower spring *d* and rear spring *e*, for the purpose of securing strength, &c., in the bustle, as above described.

2. The combination and arrangement of the lower spring *d*, waistband *a*, tabs *h h*, grouped springs *c c*, and arched spring *g*, as and for the purposes hereinbefore set forth.

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