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Fig: 1.

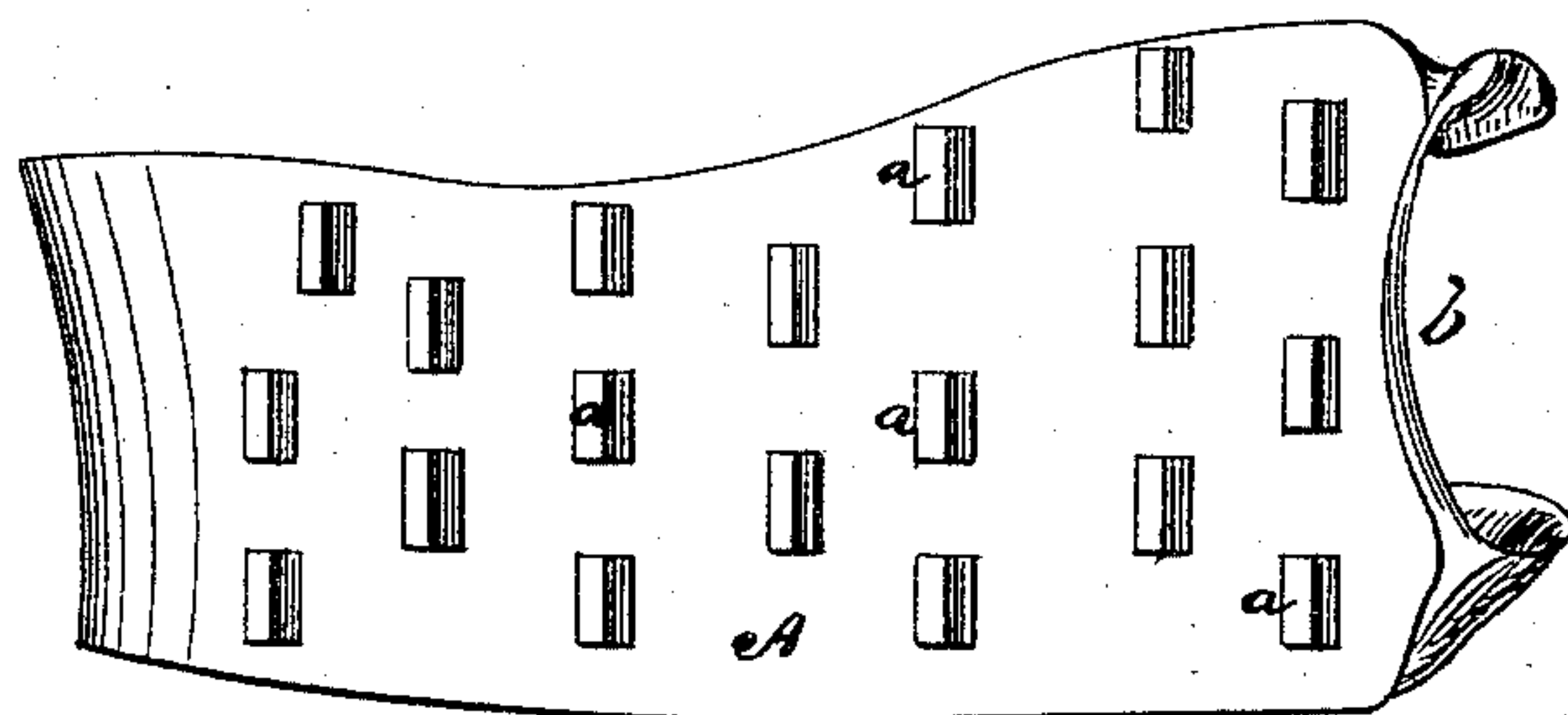


Fig: 2.

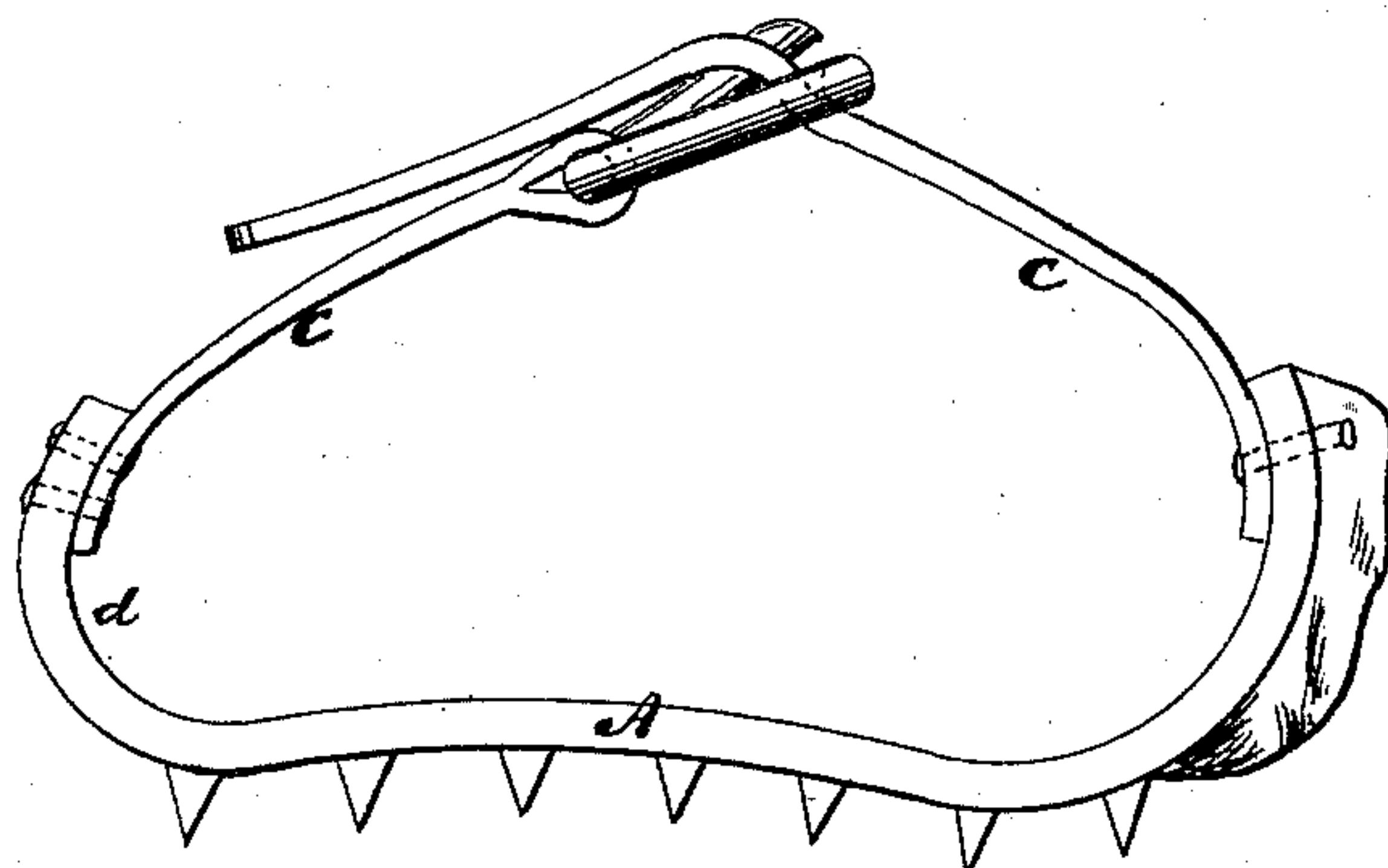
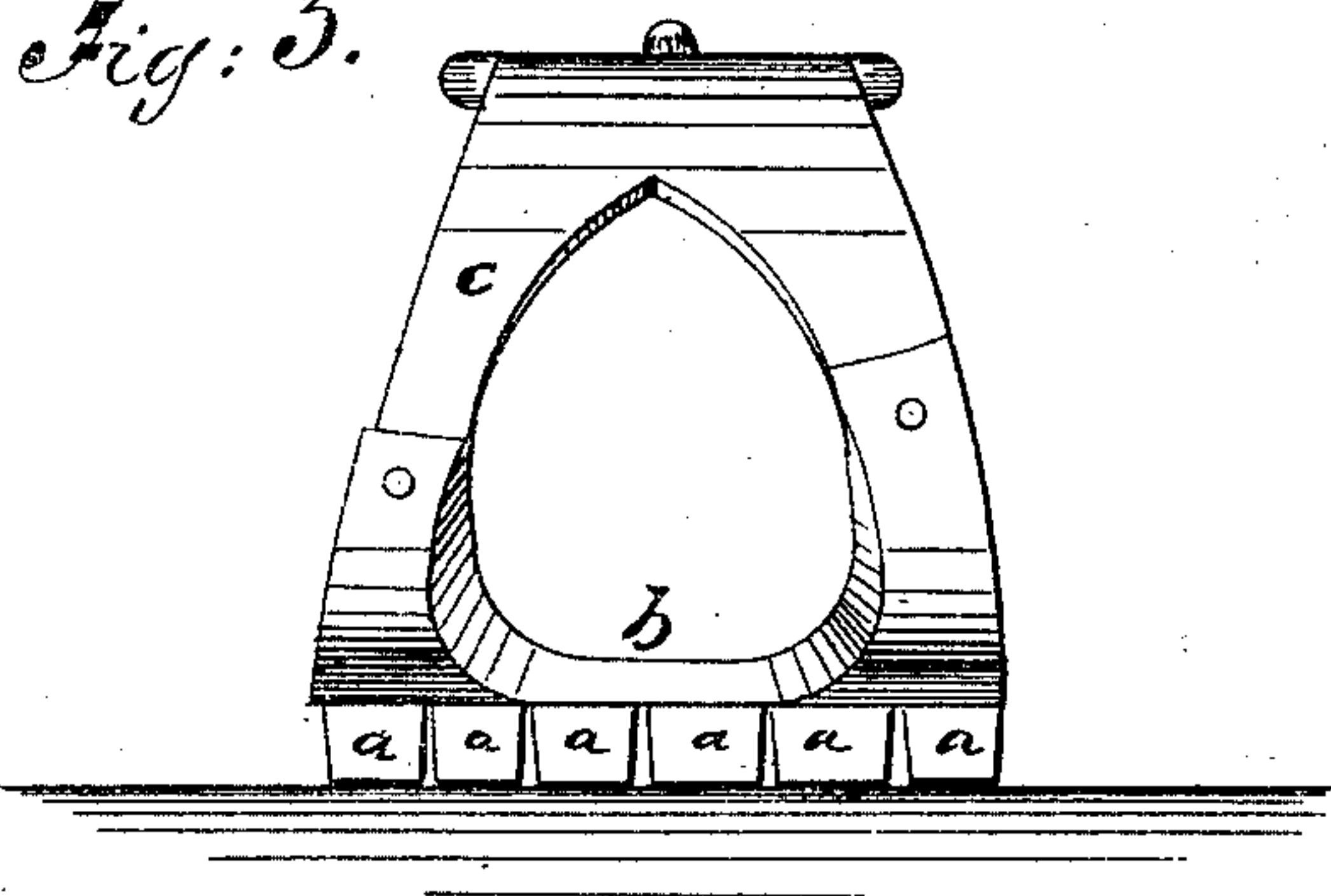


Fig: 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CORN-SHELLERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN RUPP, of Four Corners, in the county of Jefferson and State of Iowa, have invented a new and Improved Corn-Sheller; and that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The invention consists in a device for shelling corn, constructed substantially in the manner hereinafter described.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of my invention; Fig. 2, a side view of same; Fig. 3, an end view of same.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts in the several figures.

This implement consists in a metallic plate, A, formed in any suitable manner to fit the palm of the right hand, and having its ends turned up to conform to the side of the hand, so as to afford a support therefor in using the implement, as shown in Fig. 2. The front surface of this plate is studded with teeth *a* of tapering form. These teeth may be arranged in "break-joint" fashion or in any other desirable way; and the plate is also formed with an opening, *b*, through which passes the

thumb of the hand. A strap, *c*, is secured to one end of the plate A, and after passing around the back of the hand it is fastened to the other end of the plate by a buckle or other suitable device, thus holding the shelling device firmly to the hand.

Having thus described substantially the construction of my sheller, it is operated by simply rasping it down the ear of corn, which is held in the left hand, when the teeth *a* speedily forces the kernels of corn from the cob, so that the corn is readily shelled without much effort or expense.

The sheller above described may be constructed of malleable iron or any other suitable material.

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

The herein-described device for shelling corn, composed of the toothed metallic plate A, bent to conform to the palm and side of the hand, provided with straps *c*, and having the thumb-opening *b* made thereon, substantially as shown.

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