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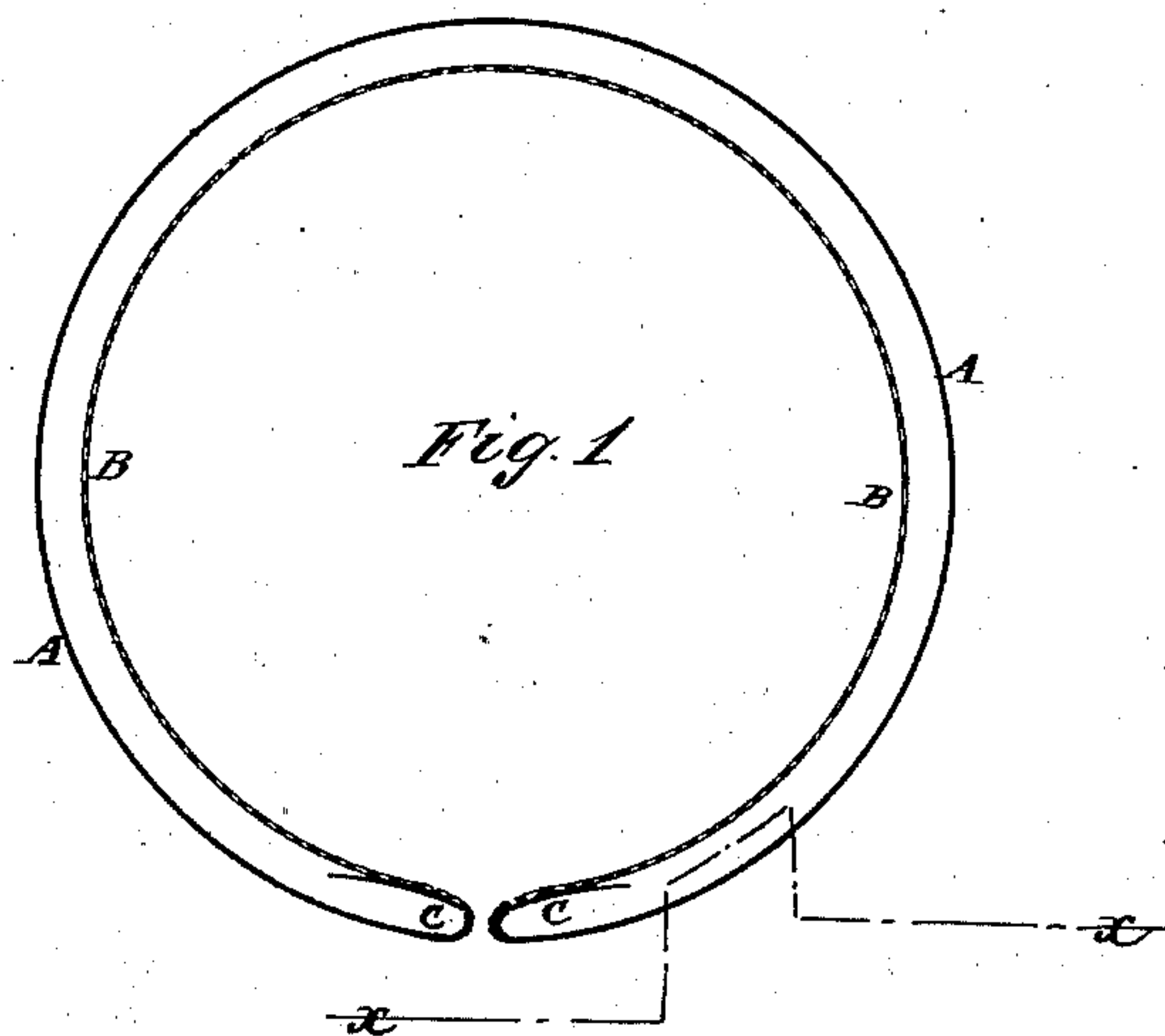
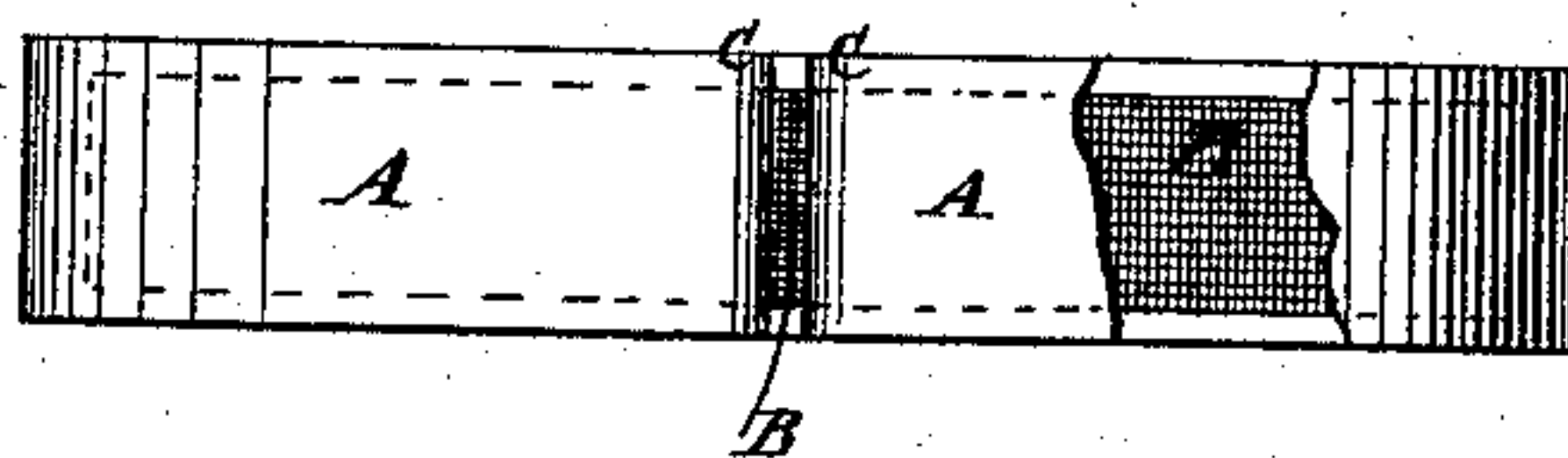


Fig. 2



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## IMPROVEMENT IN GARTERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SAMUEL CHARD, of Mianus, Fairfield county, Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Elastics, of which the following is a specification:

The object of this invention is to furnish a simple, cheap, and effective elastic for fastening stockings below the knee, and for all other purposes for which it may be adapted; and it consists in an outside spring-band and an inside adjusting-band, severed at one point, and connected together as hereinafter described.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is an edge view of the elastic. Fig. 2 is a side view, with the outer or spring band broken away, as seen looking from the line *x x*, Fig. 1, to show the inner band.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents the outer or spring band. B is the inner or adjusting band. The spring-band is formed of one piece of metal, or similar material, bent in circular form, with its

ends curved or turned inward, substantially as seen at C. The band B is made of any suitable pliable material, as woven wire-gauze, attached to the curved ends of the outer spring A, as seen at C, so that, being pliable itself, it will be controlled by the outer spring-band and adjust itself snugly to the limb of the wearer. This inner band will be made a little less in circumference than the limb which it is designed to clasp. It is placed over the top of the stocking, and exerts, through the spring-band, a gentle pressure sufficient to hold the stocking securely to the leg.

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

A garter composed of an outer rigid elastic band, A, and a flexible band, B, of woven wire or its equivalent, constructed and arranged substantially as specified.

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