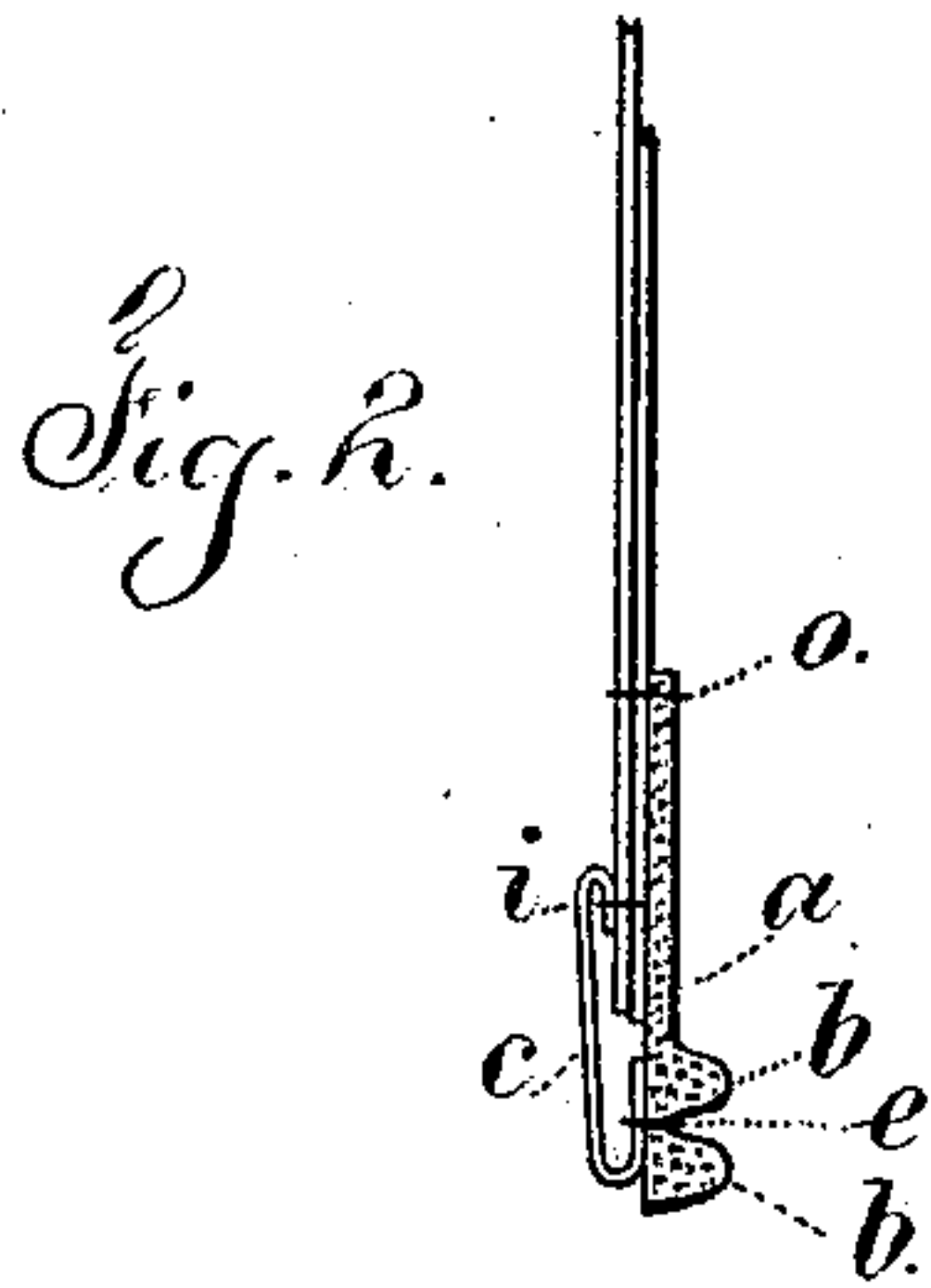


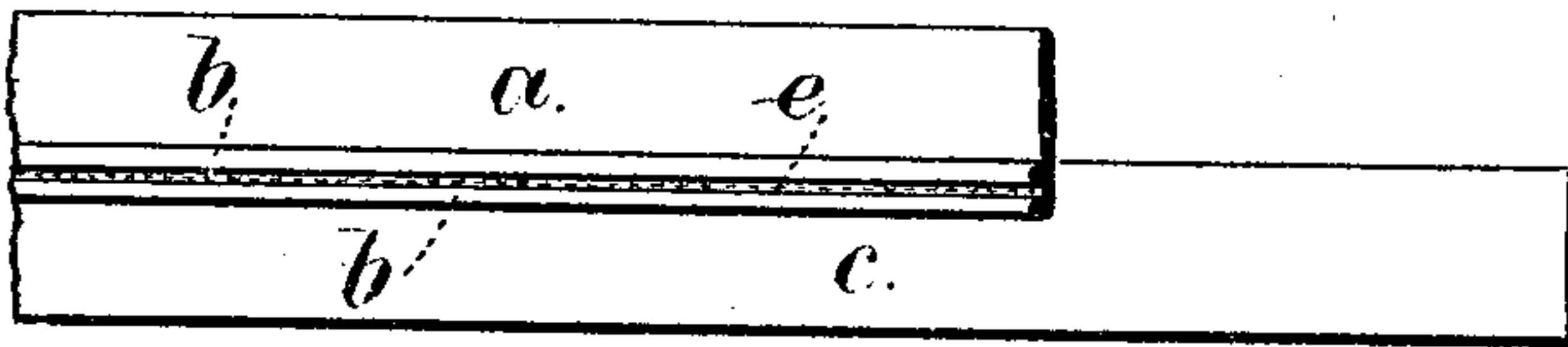
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SKIRT-PROTECTOR.

No. 175,674.

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*Fig. 1.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN SKIRT-PROTECTORS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THEODORE D. DAY, of Elizabeth, in the county of Union and State of New Jersey, have invented an Improvement in Skirt-Protectors, of which the following is a specification:

Skirt-protectors have been made of a strip of india-rubber attached to a piece of braid, and the latter has been sewed to the lower inner edge of the dress, so that the india-rubber has protected the dress from contact with the pavement or floor. This may be seen in Letters Patent No. 61,172. A patent, No. 161,012, has also been granted to me in which the india-rubber has been made with ribs, between which the lines of stitching are introduced, the ribs protecting such stitches from wear.

My present invention is an improvement upon the devices shown in the said patent; and consists in a skirt-protector formed of a strip of ribbed india-rubber attached to a braid in such a manner that the braid can be used as the ordinary binding for the bottom edge of the dress, and the india-rubber forms an inner protecting-surface to both the braid and the dress, and the ribs of the rubber protect the stitching.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a face view of the strip of rubber and the braid; and Fig. 2 is a section, in enlarged size, showing the manner in which the protector is attached to the dress.

The strip of rubber *a* is made with ribs *b*, and the braid *c* is attached to the back there-

of by a line of stitching at *e*, which stitching is protected by the ribs from wear. The edge of the braid is sewed, at *i*, to the outside of the dress, in the ordinary manner. Then the rubber protector is turned over into the inner side of the dress, and attached at *o*, so that there is no more work in applying this protector than there would be in attaching the ordinary braid; but the india-rubber surface being inside of the bottom edge of the dress, and its lower edge projecting slightly below the braid, both the braid and dress are protected from wear by the india-rubber, and there is but little weight of india-rubber and the protector is cheap.

In the protectors heretofore proposed the line of stitching between the braid and rubber has been exposed to wear, and the article has been valueless.

The corrugated strip *a* may be made of material imitating india-rubber.

I claim as my invention—

The skirt-protector made of a strip of ribbed india-rubber, *a b b*, and a braid, *c*, attached together by a line of stitching, *e*, that is protected by the rib of the india-rubber, substantially as set forth.

Signed by me this 7th day of March, A. D. 1876.

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