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HEAD-DRESS.

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Fig. 1.

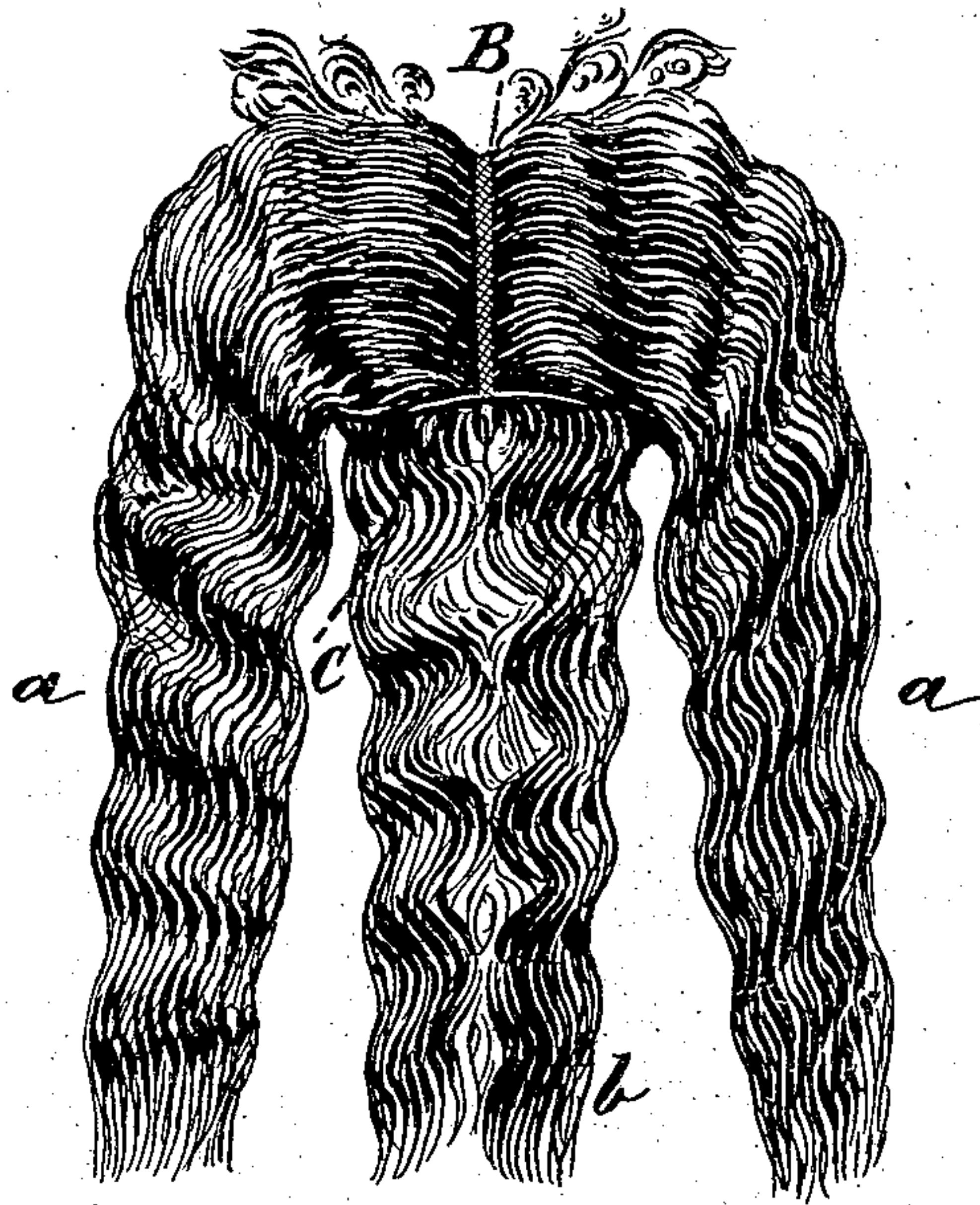
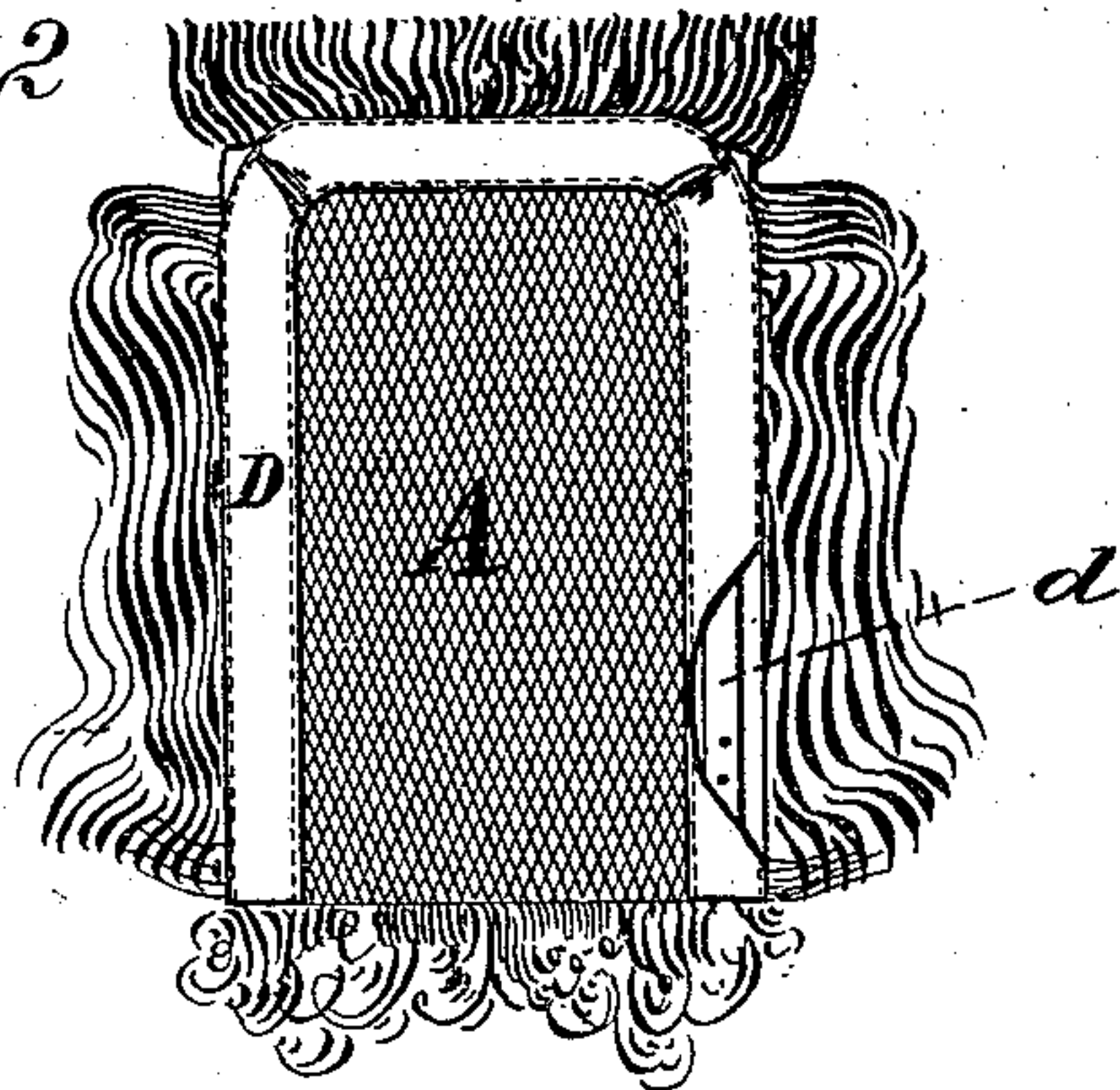


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN HEAD-DRESSES.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, MARY E. THOMPSON, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ladies' Head-Dresses; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view, showing the method of arranging and parting the hair; and Fig. 2 shows the under side of my improved tournure.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

This invention relates to certain improvements in ladies' head-dresses, made either of real or artificial hair, substantially as herein-after more fully shown and described.

My improved head-dress is intended to be worn on the fore part of the head, and it consists of a piece of lace, A, made of white hair or its equivalent, to which the natural or artificial hair is knotted, tied, crocheted, or otherwise secured. The method of parting the hair is plainly shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, from which it will be seen that there are two lines of parting—one forward middle line, B, and one rear cross-line, C, intercepting the front line B. These two lines, as will be seen, divide the hair into three sections or portions, two of which *a, a*, fall over either side of the

head, and the third, *b*, covering the back of the head, the lines B C thus resembling the natural parting of the hair. The edges of the lace A are strengthened by a ribbon, D, in order to secure the article more perfectly upon the head. I arrange around the three edges of lace A, under the ribbon D, a strip of ductile metal, which, by adapting itself to the shape of the head, causes the tournure to retain its shape better. This strip of metal, which I have shown at *d*, Fig. 2, may be covered with colored silk or other suitable material, so as to prevent it from showing.

My improved head-dress, when constructed and arranged in the manner herein described, perfectly resembles the natural parting of the hair. The lace, being white, is invisible on the scalp, and by the arrangement of the hair in three parts, as described, it is better held in place when adjusted upon the head than when otherwise arranged.

Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

A lady's head-dress, constructed and arranged as herein described, and having the strip *d* of ductile metal, substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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