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Stocking-Supporter.

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Fig. 2.

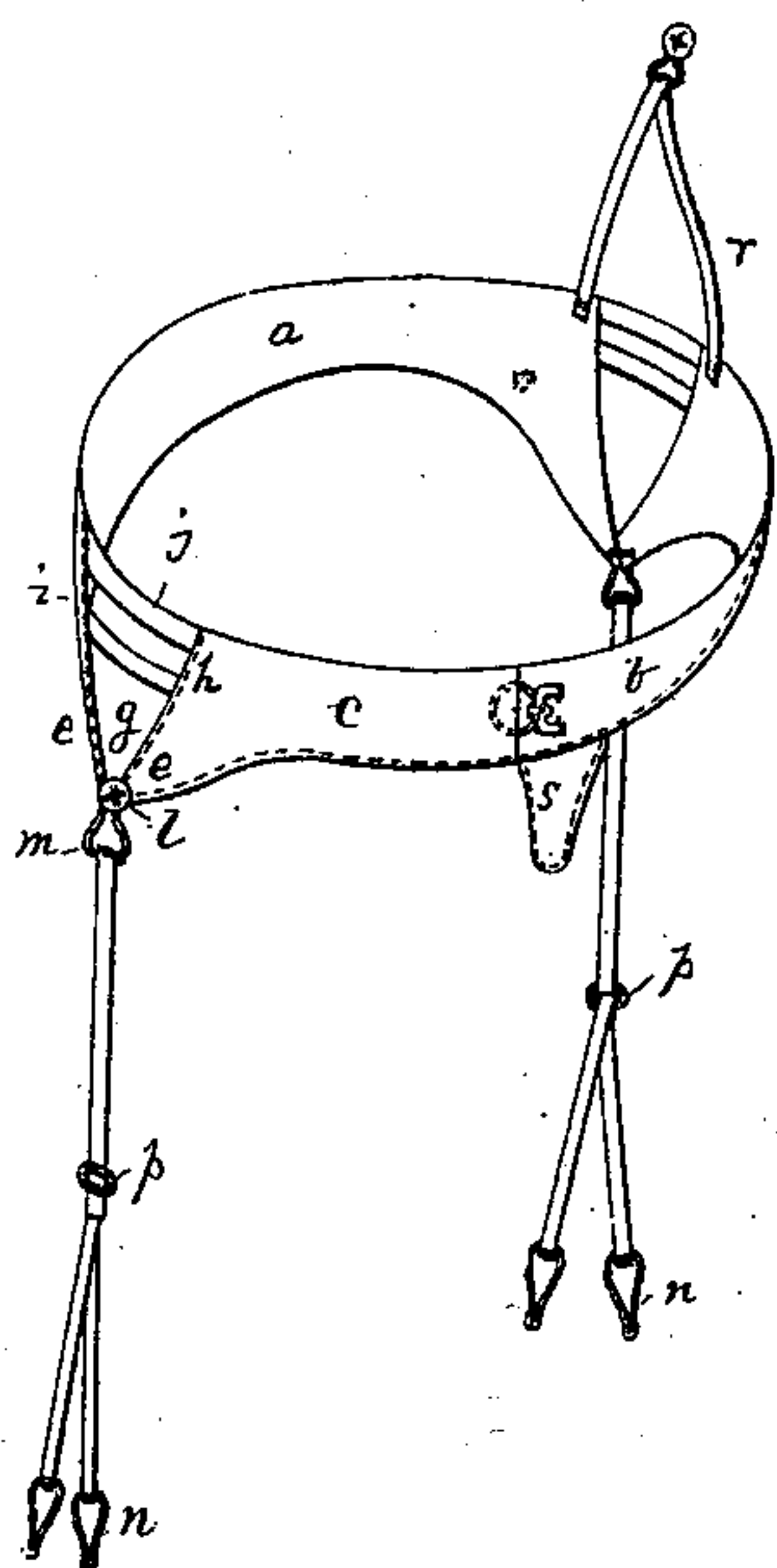


Fig. 1.

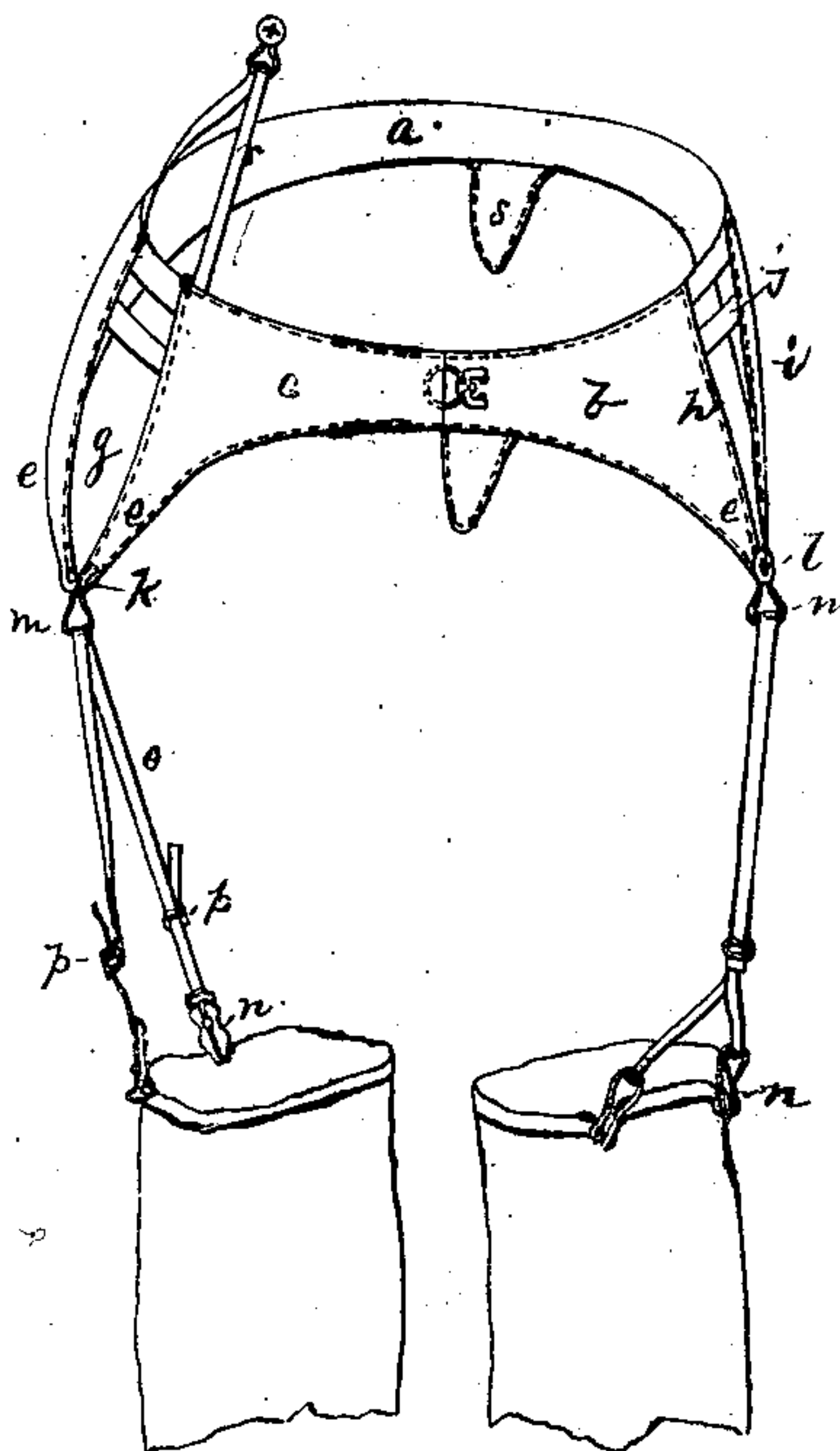
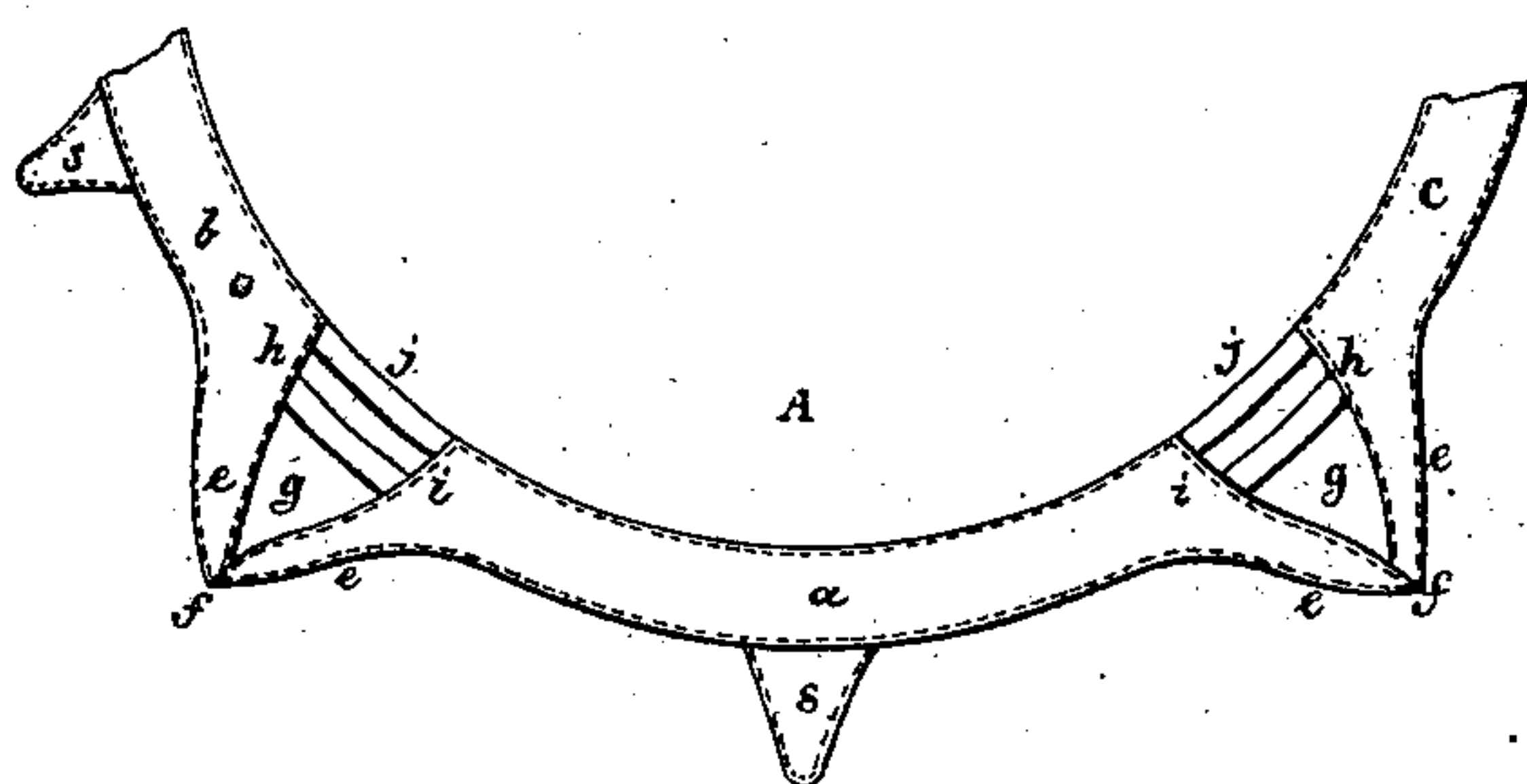


Fig. 3.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN STOCKING-SUPPORTERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JULIA D. BANFIELD, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Stocking-Supporter, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to stocking-supporters; and consists in a stocking-supporter the waistband of which is composed of front and back portions, connected at the hips, and shaped substantially as described, to leave an open space for the reception of the hips; also, in such a belt provided with connecting-piece of elastic web at the spaces to receive the hips.

Figures 1 and 2 represent, in perspective, stocking-supporters provided with my improvements; and Fig. 3 shows the waistband extended.

The waistband A (see Fig. 2) is composed of a back portion, *a*, and two front portions, *b c*. The back portion has two, and each front portion has one, depending piece, *e*, which are joined together at *f*, thereby leaving spaces *g* between the end and back portions for the reception of the hips. Such spaces prevent the waistband from being drawn out of position around the body.

The edges *h i* are connected together by means of one or more elastic bands, *j*, which yield to the movement of the hips. The portions *e*, forming parts of the back piece, rest upon the back of the hips diagonally, and

greatly relieve the more sensitive portions of the body from pressure.

The waistband is provided with a removable hook, *k*, or a button, *l*, with which is engaged a loop, *m*, which supports the strap to which are connected the stocking-engaging attachments *n*, of any suitable or well-known kind. One long strip is preferred, as at *o*, it being free to move backward and forward over a roller to be placed upon the loop. Slides or equivalents *p* adjust the length of the strips. At the hip portion of the band I connect a strap, *r*, having an eye or ring adapted to engage a hook or button on any part of the under-clothing or a waist.

I claim—

1. The waistband composed of front and back portions, shaped as shown, to fit the hips, in combination with bands to connect such portions at the hips, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. The combination, with the waist-belt, of the straps *r*, adapted to be connected with a garment above the waistband, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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