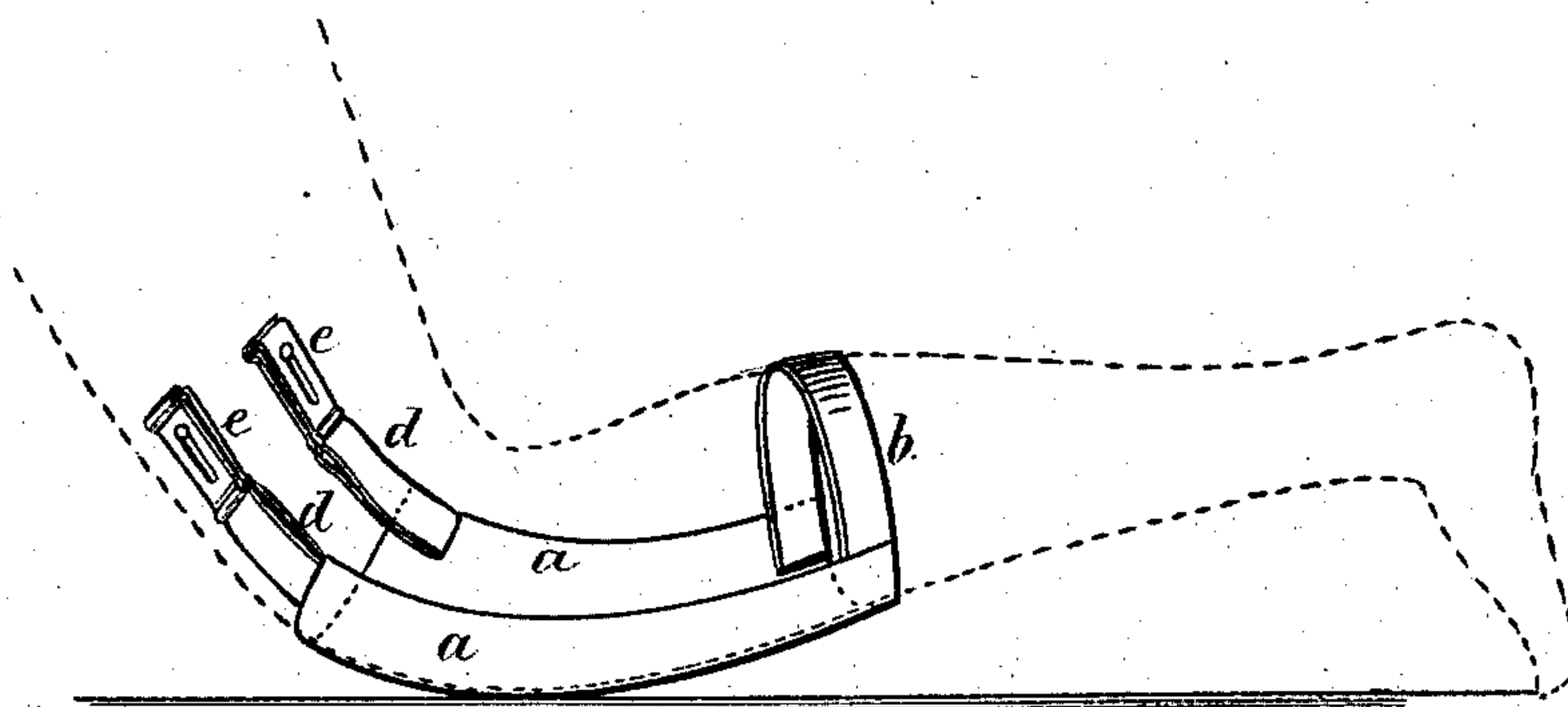


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## IMPROVEMENT IN KNEE-PROTECTORS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THEOPHILUS MASAC, of the city and State of New York, have invented an Improved Knee-Protector, of which the following is a specification:

Knee-protectors have been made in the form of stockinet section to draw on over the foot, and straps have in some instances been employed to hold the protector around the limb at the knee; but such straps do not allow freedom of movement, and tend to check the circulation.

I remark that these knee-protectors are intended for young children, to prevent injury to the skin or to the clothes, as they play or creep around on the floor.

My improvement consists in the combination, with the knee-protector, of an elastic strap passing around the upper part of the lower limb, and two elastic straps and clasps at the upper corners of the knee-protector to grasp and hold upon the child's drawers or pantalets, and thus keep the knee-protector in place without interfering with the freedom of movement of the leg, or injuring the garment to which it is applied, as the elastic straps yield freely to strain.

In the drawing, I have represented, by a perspective view, the knee-protector, and illus-

trated the position of the same on the leg by showing the latter by dotted lines.

The protector *a* is of leather or other suitable material. The strap *b* is elastic, and attached to the lower corners of the protector, so as to pass around the lower limb between the calf of the leg and the knee-joint. This strap *b* should be loose, so that the protector is free to accommodate itself to the limb.

The straps *d d* are elastic, and connected to the upper corners of the knee-protector, and terminated with metallic clasps *e e*, by means of which the fabric of the child's drawers or pantalets are grasped and thereby held, so that the protector prevents injury to either the skin of the child or the lower part of the drawers or pantalets.

I claim as my invention—

The combination, with the knee-protector, of the strap *b*, connecting the lower corners, the elastic straps *d d* at the upper corners, and the metallic clasps *e e* at the ends of the straps *d d*, as and for the purposes set forth.

Signed by me this 15th day of November,  
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