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Corset.

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Fig. 5.

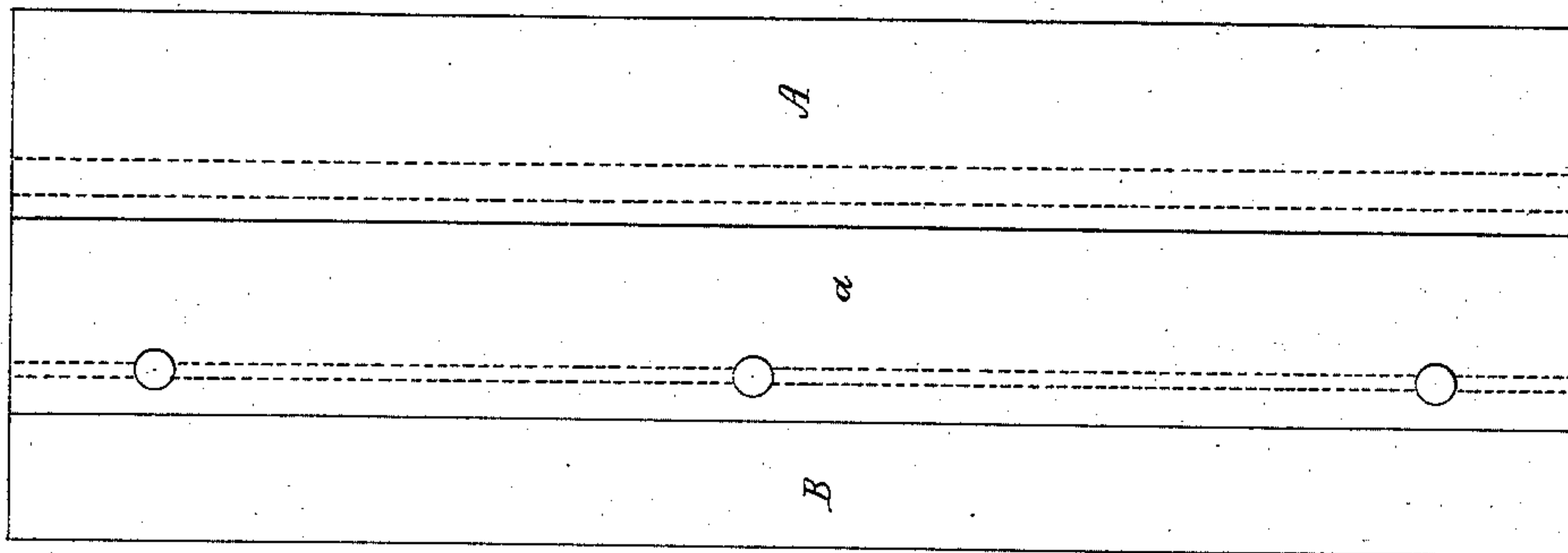


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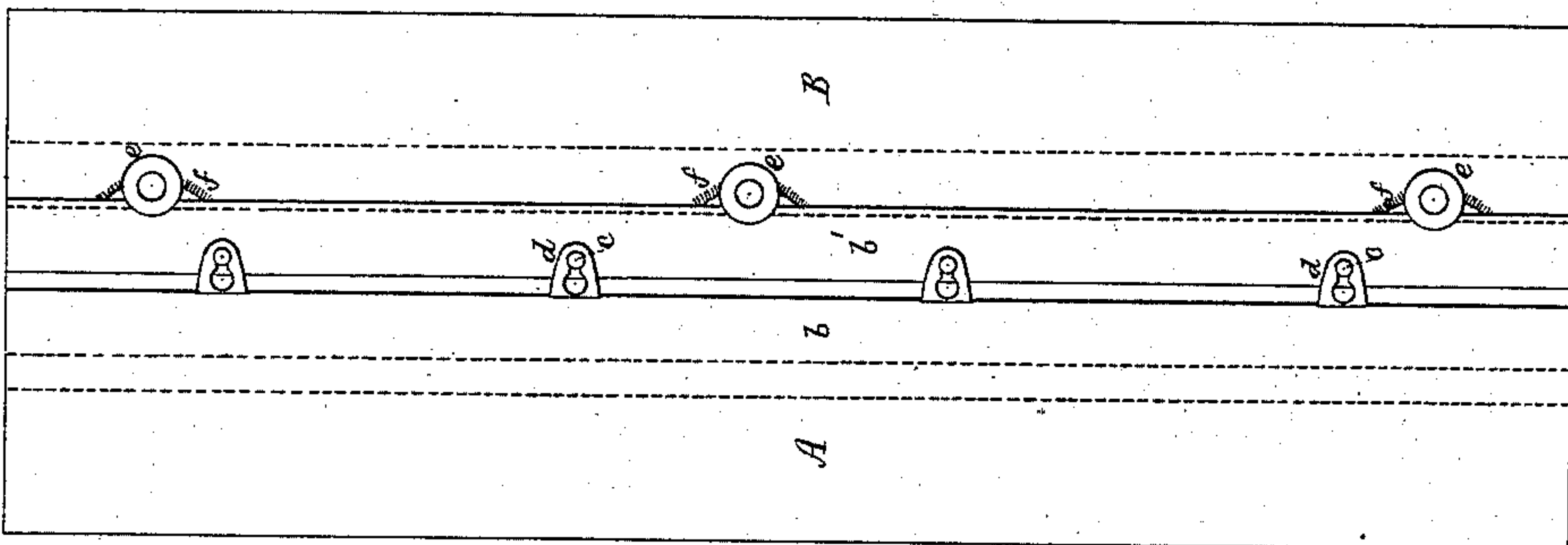


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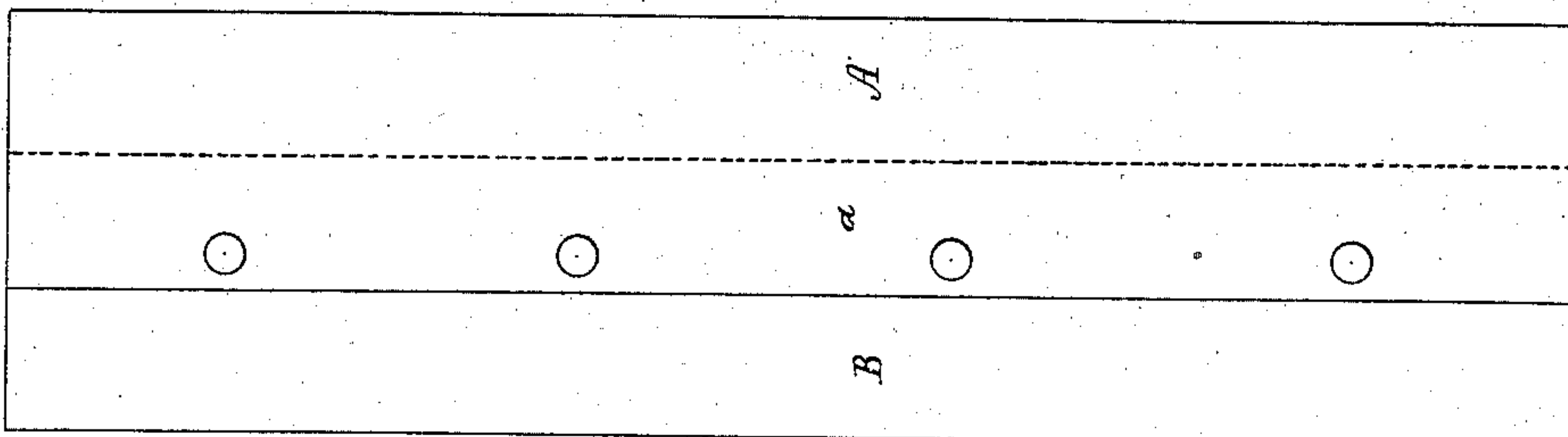


Fig. 1.

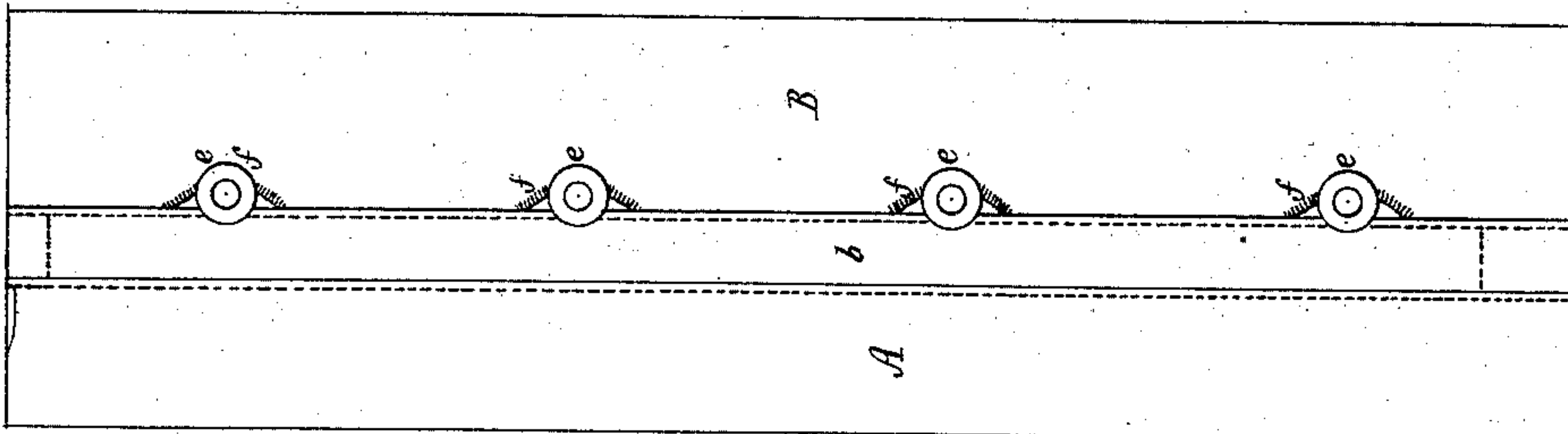


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN CORSETS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **215,560**, dated May 20, 1879; application filed March 14, 1879.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EVERETT W. BIGELOW, of Boston, of the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Corsets; and do hereby declare the same to be described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a front view, Fig. 2 a transverse section, and Fig. 3 a rear view of the front parts, of one form of duplex-busk corset provided with my invention. Fig. 4 is a front view, Fig. 5 a rear view, and Fig. 6 a transverse section of the front portions, of another form of duplex-busk corset having my invention.

The distinctive feature of difference between the two forms may be thus described: In one, or that exhibited in the first three figures, the main and auxiliary busks *a b* are in pockets of the two front parts, A B, of the corset, the auxiliary busk being in front of the main busk. In the other form or construction the auxiliary busk is in two parts, *b b'*, which are arranged in pockets in the parts A B, and are provided with studs *c* and eyes or clasps *d*, to connect them, (the said busk parts.) The main busk *a* is detachable from the auxiliary busk, and is arranged in rear of it.

In carrying out my improvement, I couple one busk to the other by means of a series of buttons, *e*, extending from one—viz., the inner busk—and by a series of button-holes, *f*, arranged not in the front busk, but directly alongside of it, and in the cloth next to the pocket containing the said front busk. By so arranging the button-holes the strain on the buttons while the corset is in wear is borne mainly, if not entirely, by the outer busk, and the cloth is thereby saved from being torn away by the shanks or fastenings of the buttons.

Therefore I do not pretend to claim connecting one article or part of a garment to another by a series of buttons and button-holes; but

I claim—

In a duplex-busked corset, the underlapped portion, steel, or busk provided with buttons, in combination with the overlapping or other portion provided with button-holes arranged next or alongside of the busk or busk-pocket of such portion, all being substantially as specified.

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