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Fig1.

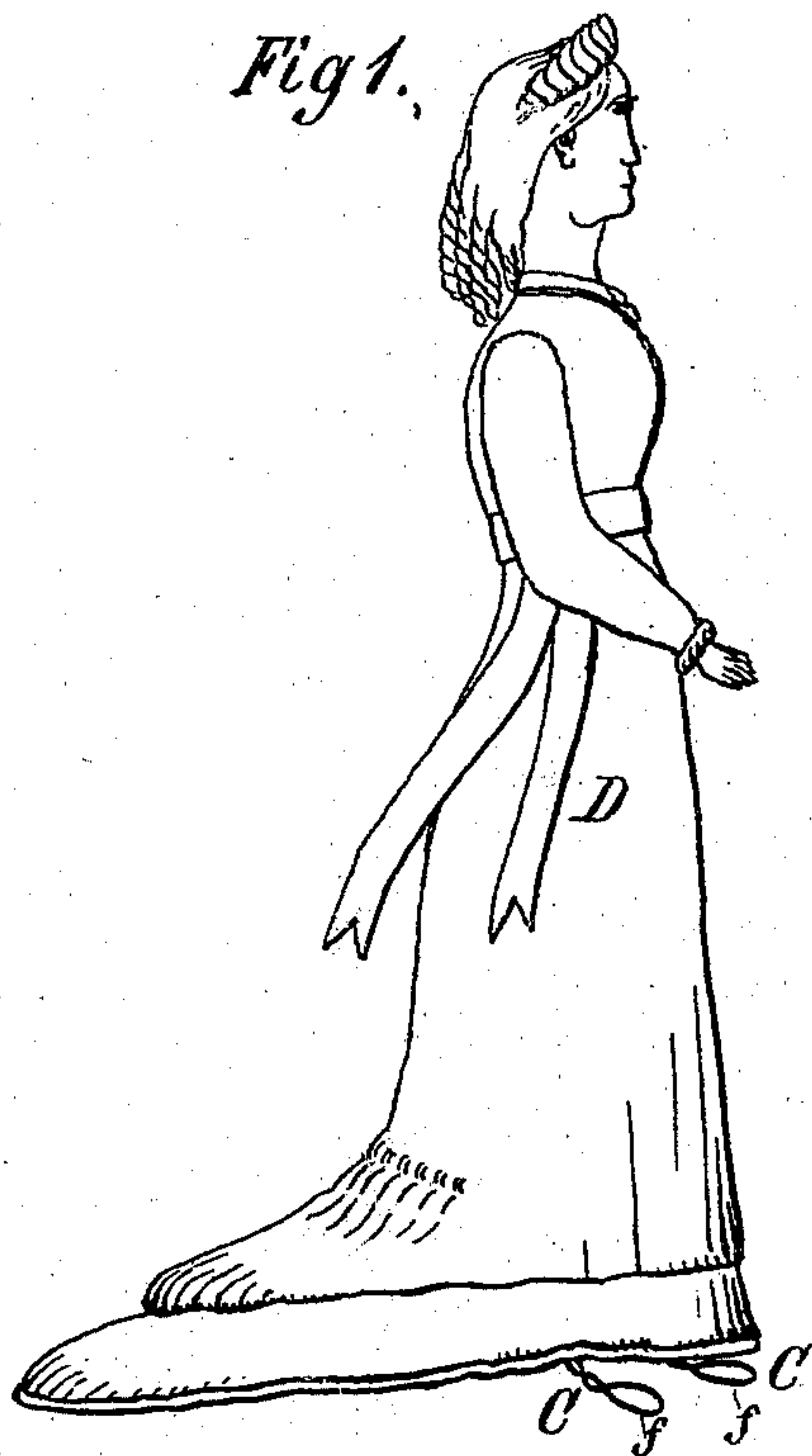


Fig2.

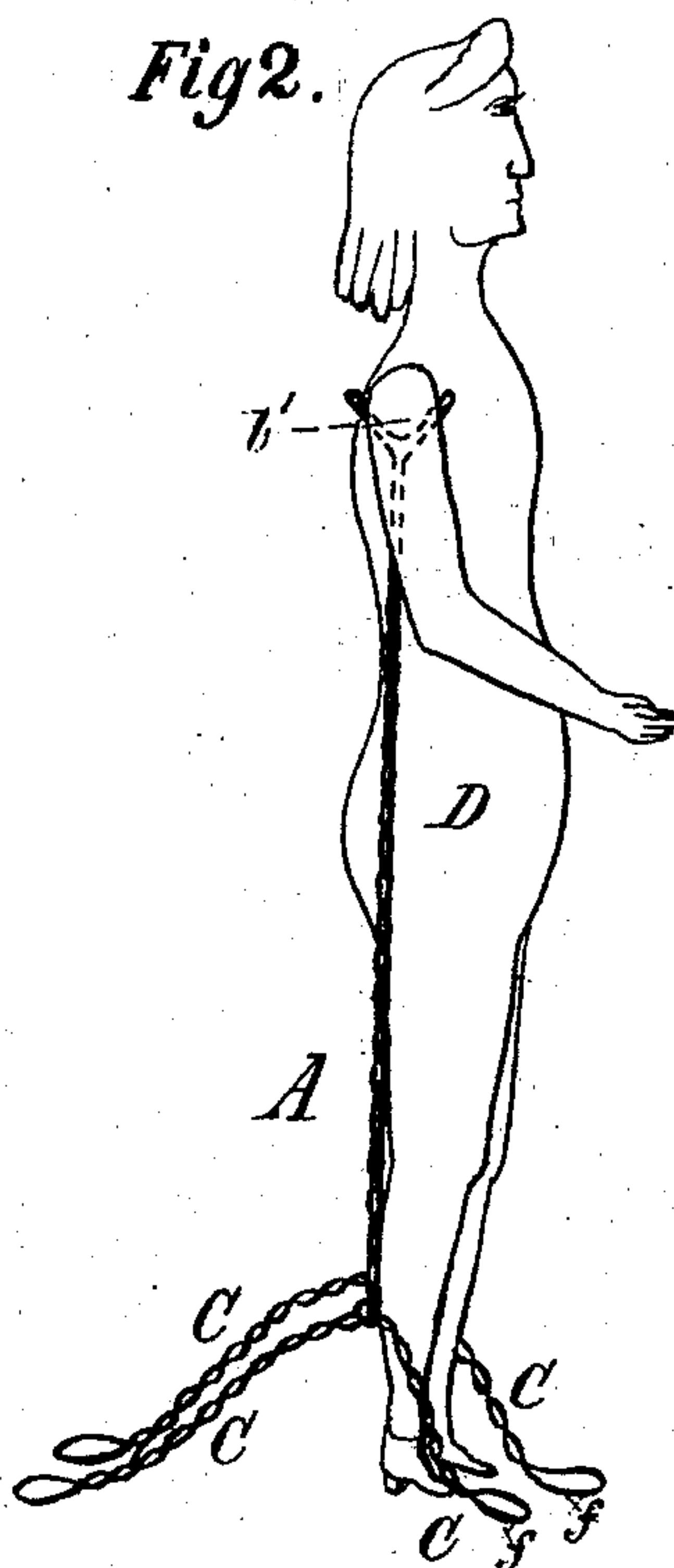


Fig3.

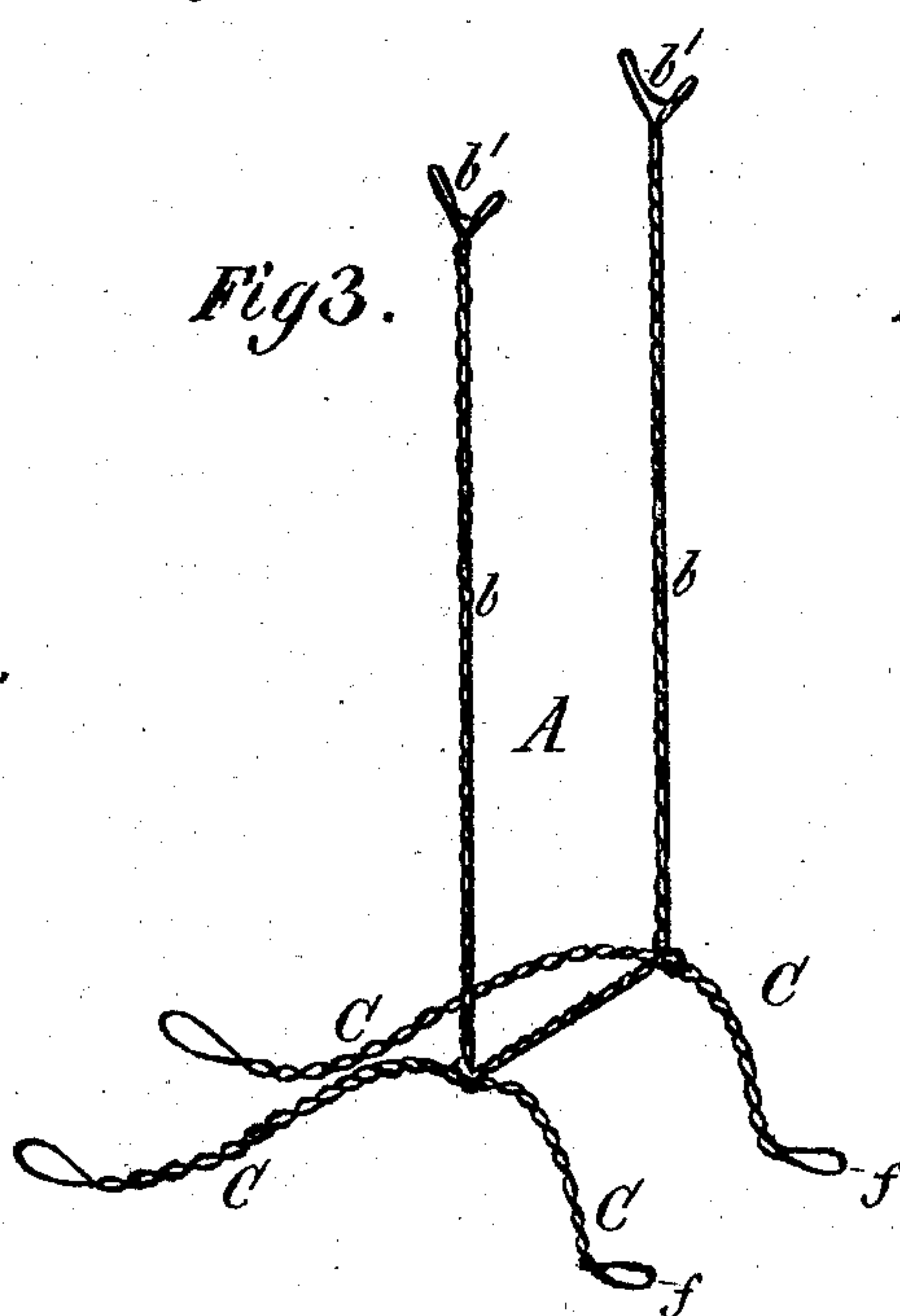
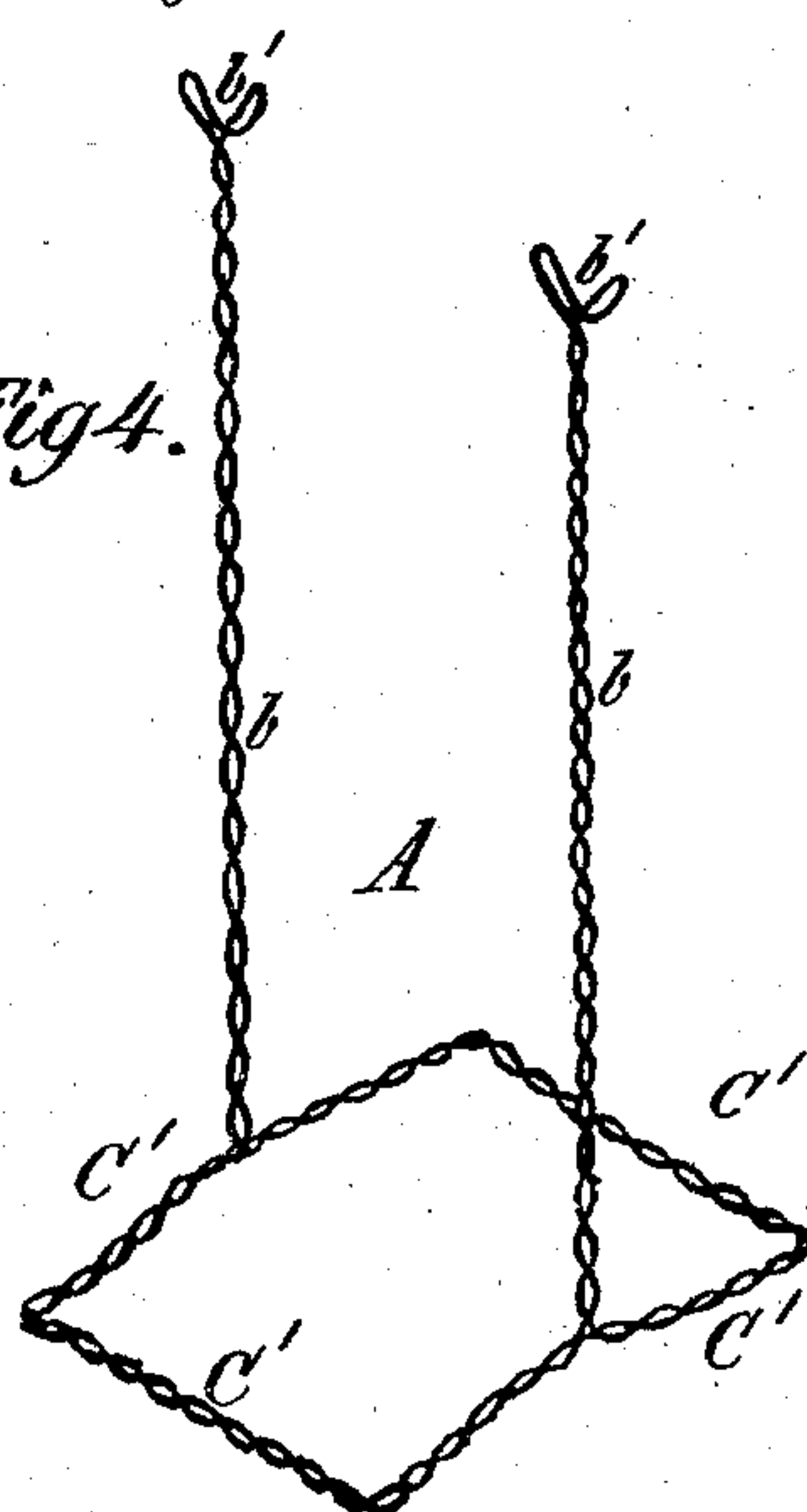


Fig4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LIZZIE HERRICK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Iowa City, Johnson county, and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Doll-Supports; and I do hereby declare the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the annexed drawings and letters of reference marked thereon, forming a part of this specification, in which drawings—

Figure 1 is a view, in elevation, of a doll, the doll being clothed and sustained in erect position by the doll-support shown in Figs. 2 and 3. Fig. 2 is a like view, the doll being divested of clothing. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the doll-support to which the doll shown in Figs. 1 and 2 is applied; and Fig. 4 is a like view of the doll-support shown in Figs. 2 and 3, save that its foundation portion is in rectangular form, instead of in the form as shown in the other figures.

The object of my invention is the production of a cheap, yet suitable, pedestal upon which dolls may be supported in an erect position, and which may also be utilized for supporting either large or small show-figures in the show-cases or windows of dressing establishments, in order to display dress or fancy goods.

In the drawings, Figs. 3 and 4 show a pedestal, A, having two upright supports, as at *b b*, which project from foundation-supports, as at C and C'. The pedestal A, I form of a single length of wire, two strands of the wire being twisted together in order to give volume and strength to the pedestal when completed, as shown in the figures. The upright supports *b b*, I make of any suitable height to accommodate the figure or doll D to be supported, and at their upper ends, as at *b'*, they are made forked or in V shape, so as to constitute suitable rests under the arms of the doll at the armpits thereof, as indicated in Fig. 2, and thereby support the doll D in an easy and naturally-erect posture.

Thus constructed, it will readily be perceived that the supports *b b* may be passed within and

upwardly through the corresponding legs of the pantaloons of a boy doll, and so on to the armpits thereof, and, in case of a girl doll, that said supports *b b* may be passed up through and under the skirts or clothing to the armpits, and that when so passed into position, as shown in Fig. 2, neither straps nor braces nor any other appliance is necessary in order to hold the doll or figure in proper erect position, the doll being held erect and its weight falling upon the rests *b'* at the armpits of the doll, as signified in said Fig. 2; and, further, that the doll may readily be withdrawn from such position when a child using such toy desires to place the doll in a sitting or in a reclining posture and separated from the pedestal.

Another advantage possessed by the pedestal is that after inserting it beneath the clothing of a doll the flexibility of the wire composing it admits of a compression of the uprights *b b* to the outline or configuration of the doll at its waist, while at the same time such compression will not prevent the withdrawal of the doll from the pedestal when a child playing with the doll desires so to do.

The simplicity of construction, ease of adjustment, avoidance of all auxiliary clasps, waistbands, straps, or other appliances of a like character for giving poise to the doll and for holding it in position are, in addition to inexpensiveness of construction, advantages due to my improved doll-support, and in cases where the foundation C is constructed as in Figs. 1, 2, and 3 the front portions, *ff*, thereof may be formed to receive a doll-shoe, thus adding to the completeness and beauty of the doll when mounted upon the pedestal.

I claim—

As a new article of manufacture, a doll-support consisting of a foundation, C, provided with two upright supports, *b b*, terminating in forked or V-shaped armpit-rests *b' b'*, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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