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Fig. 1.

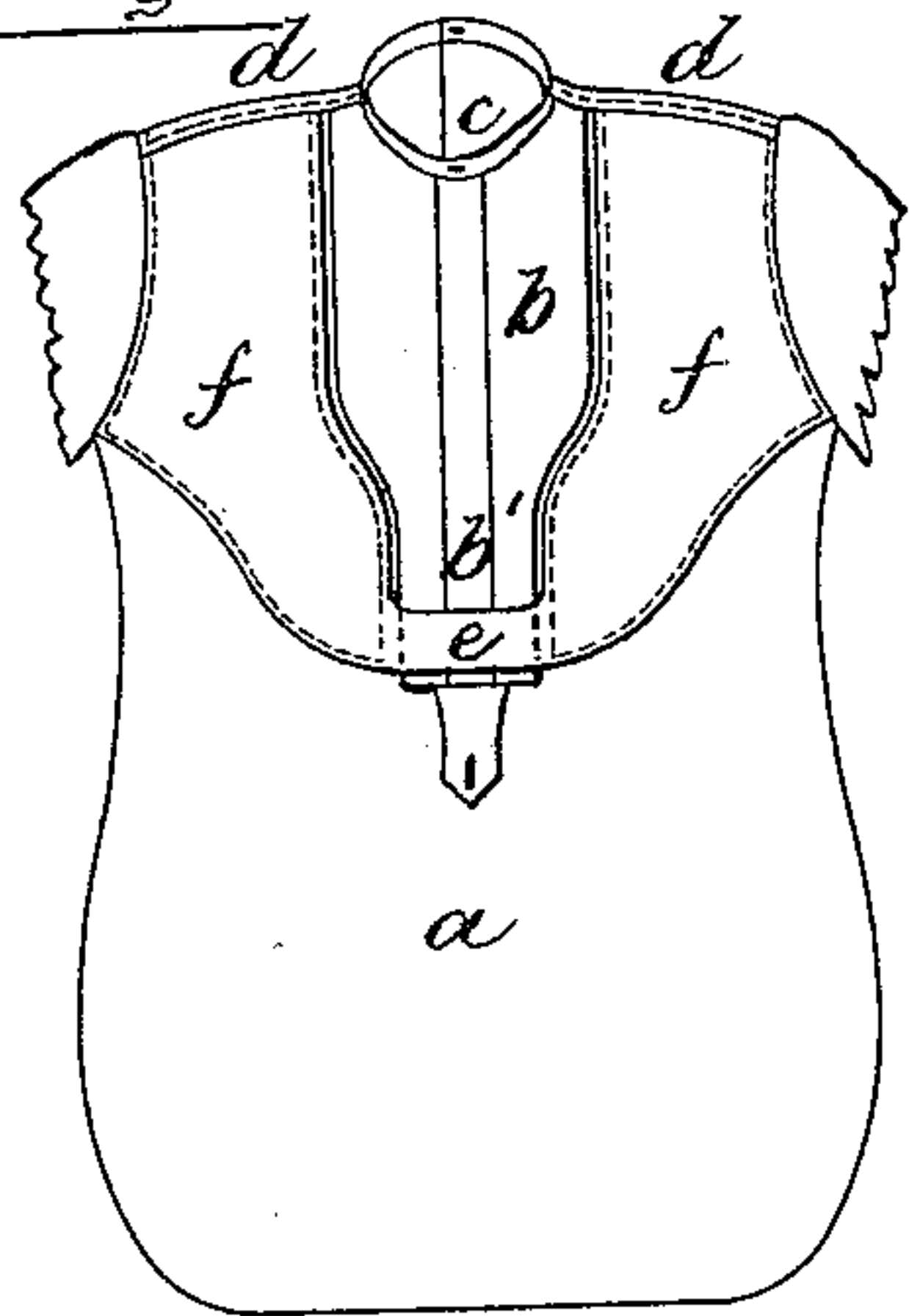


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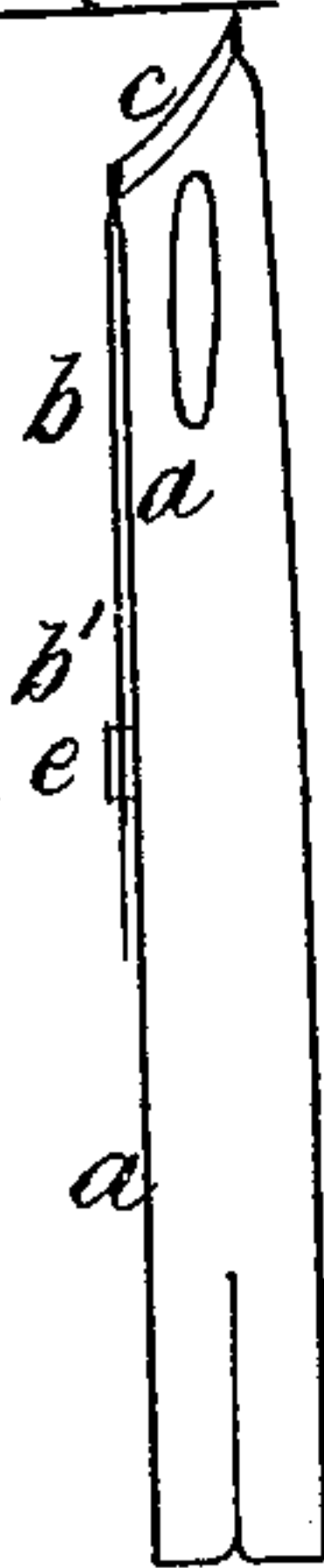


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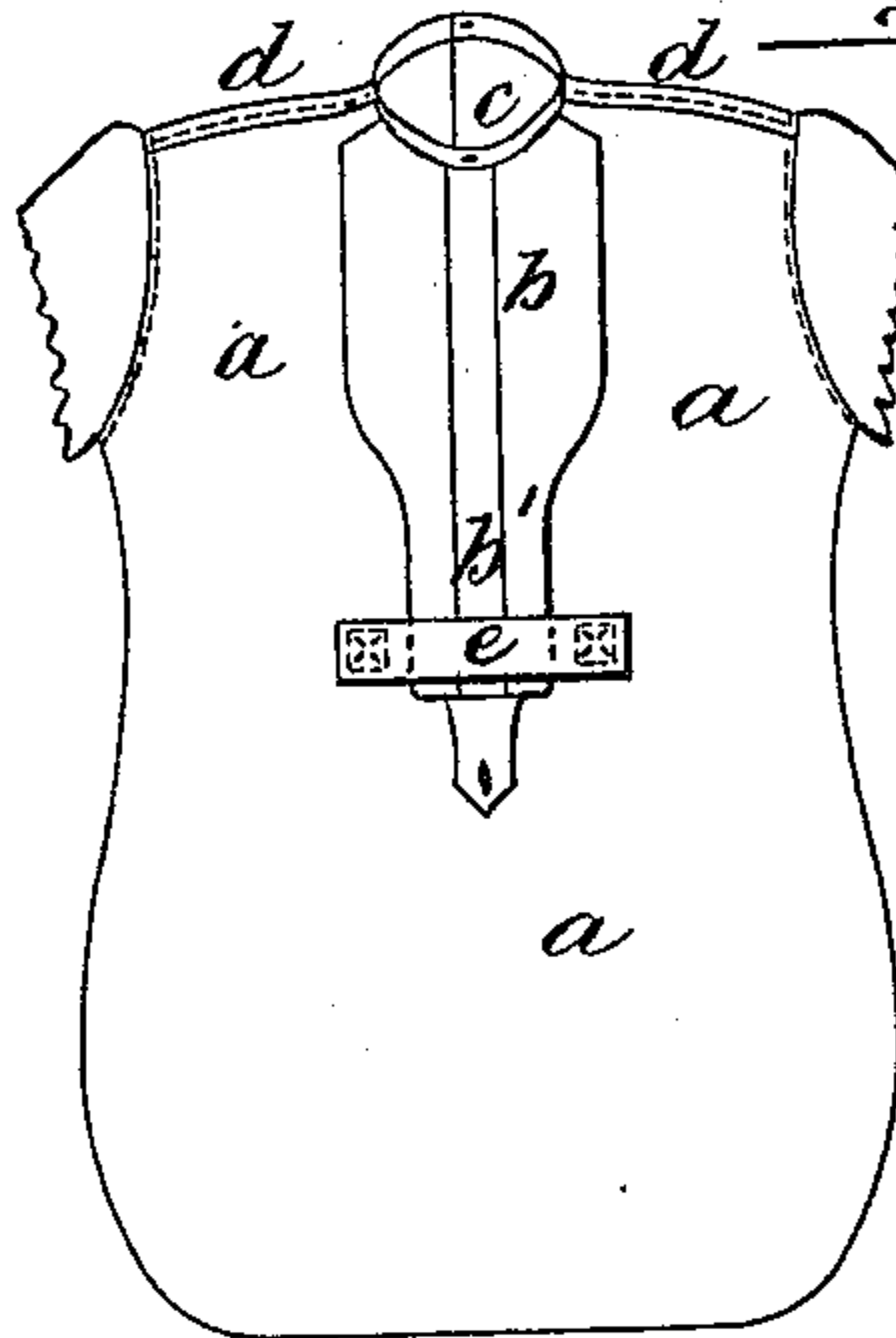


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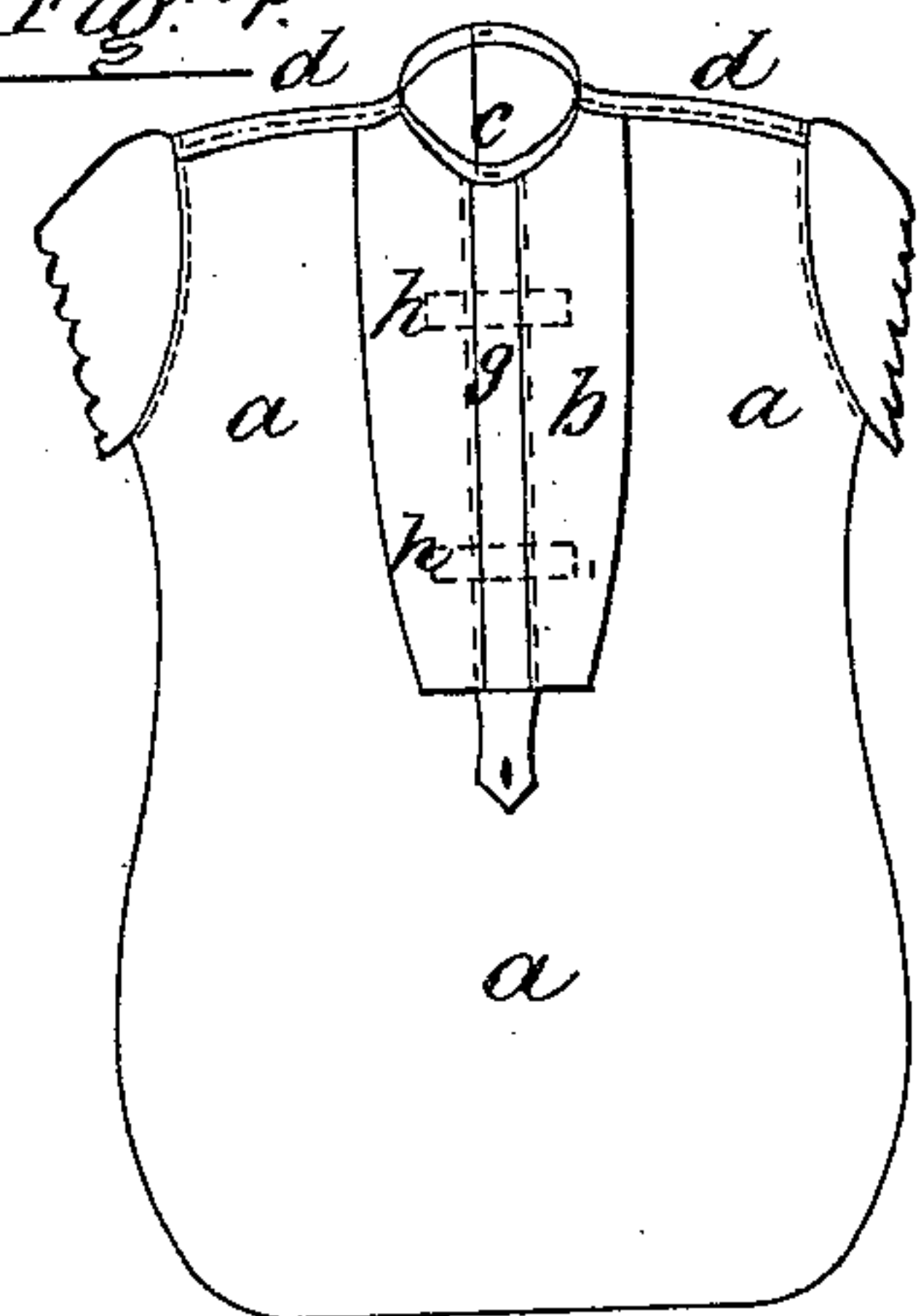


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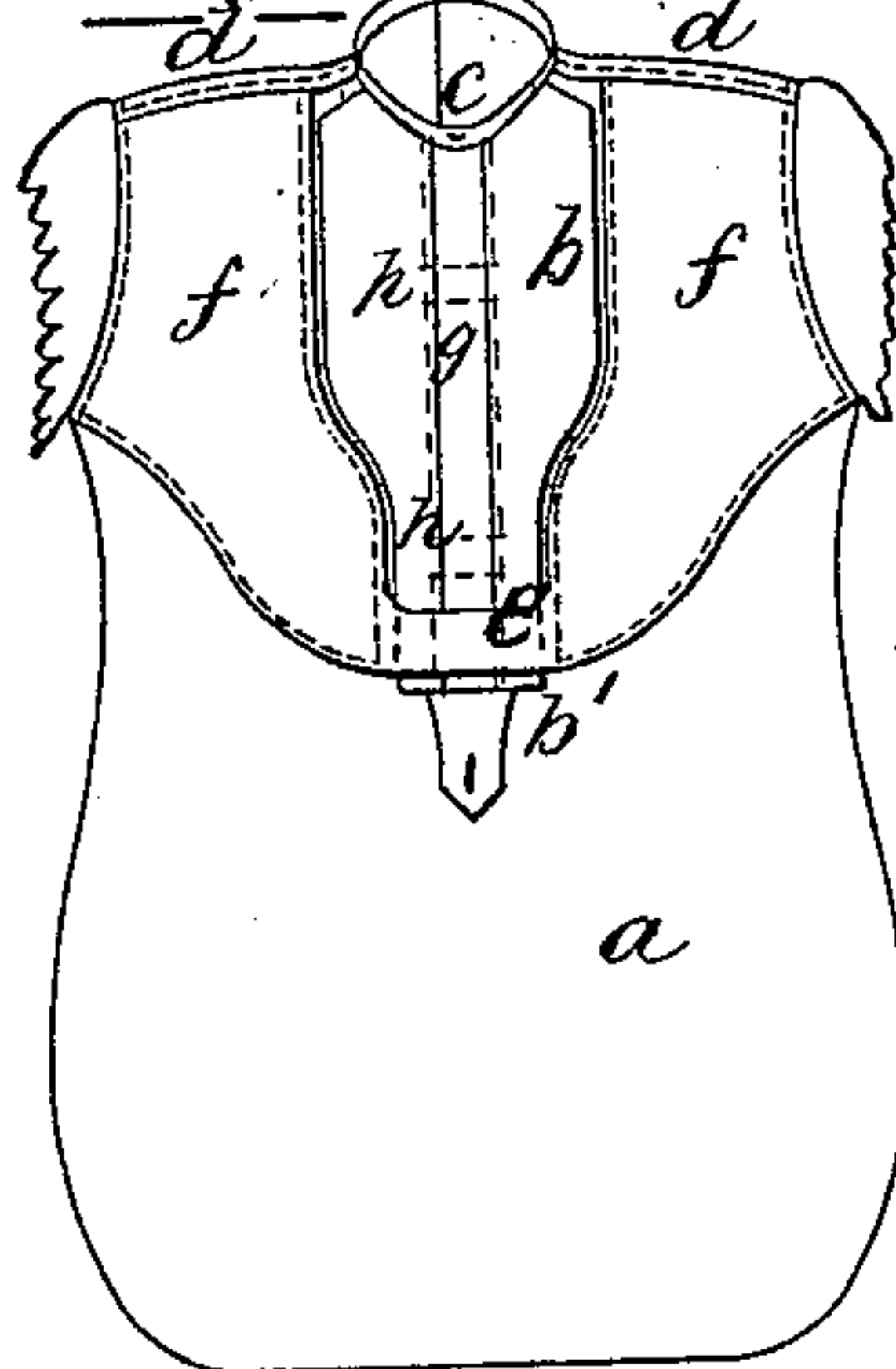


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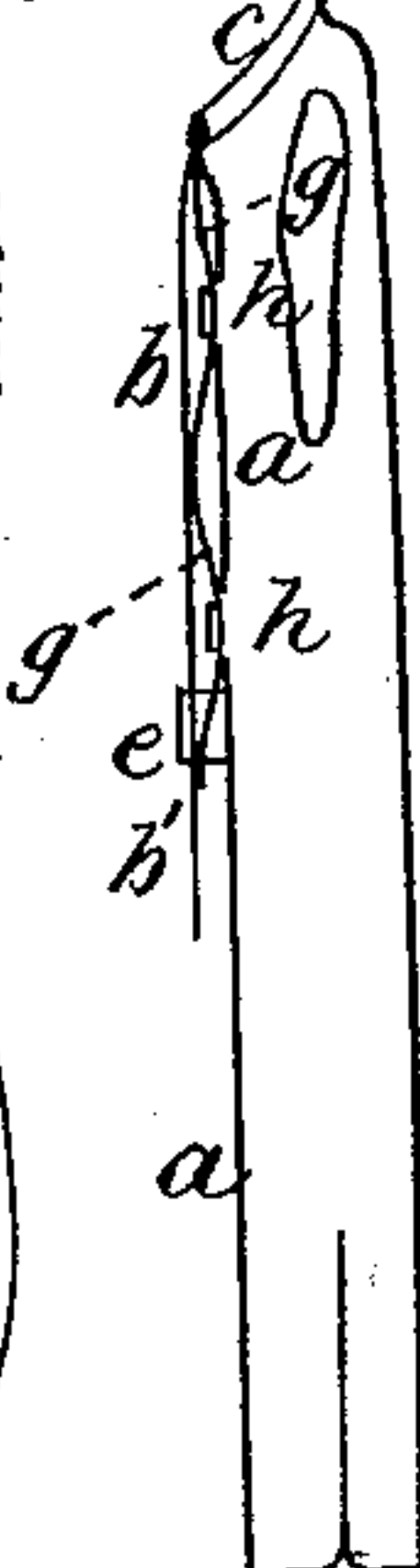


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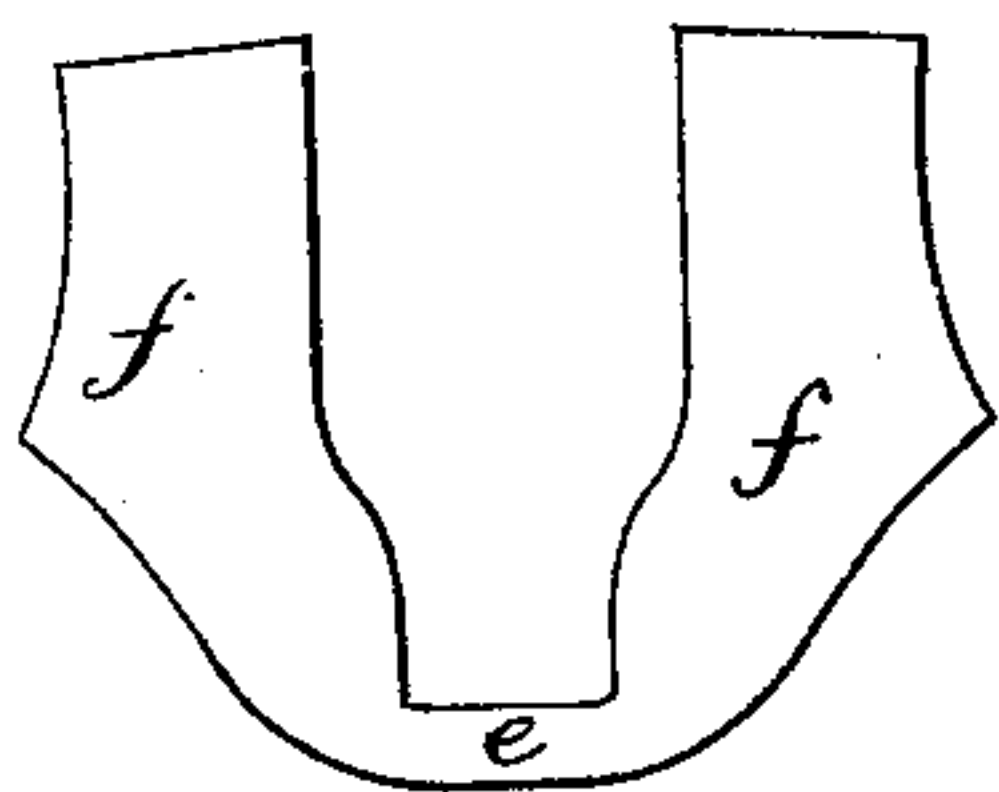


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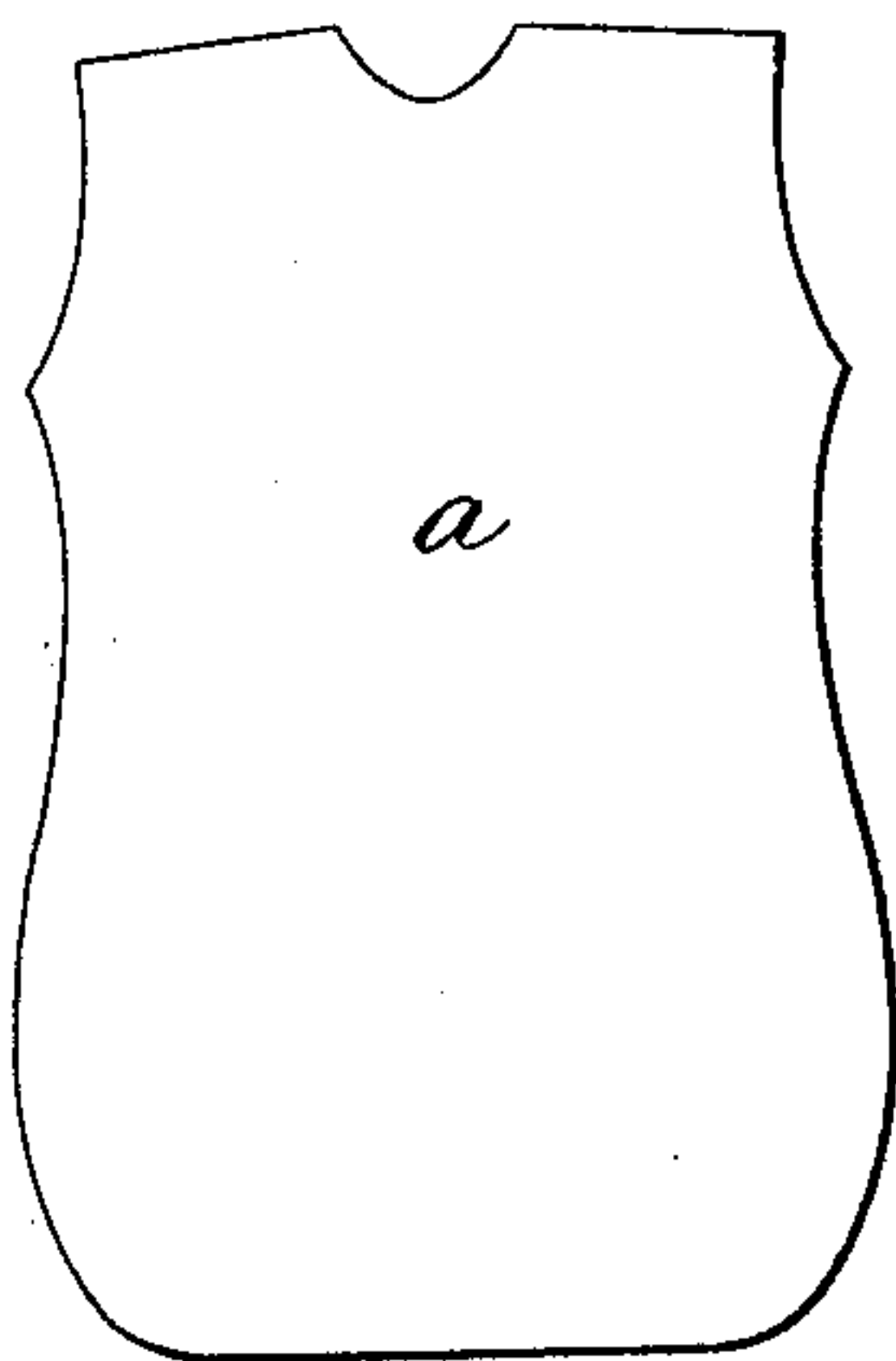
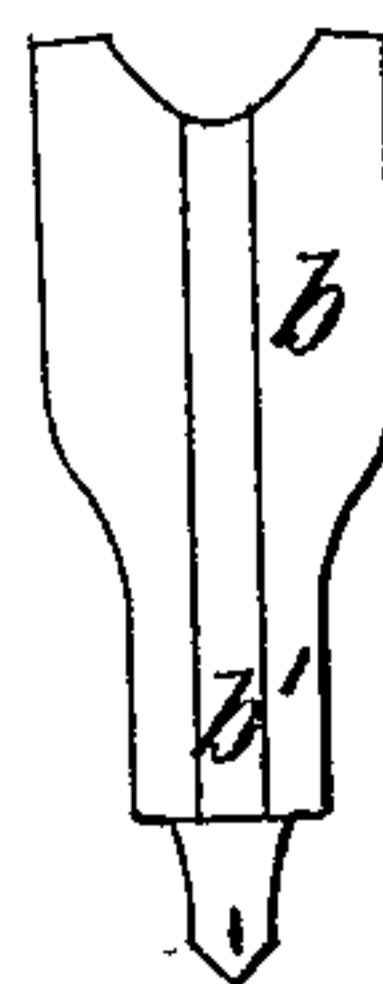


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES SAMPLE, Jr., of Brooklyn, county of Kings, State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Shirts, of which the following is a specification.

This improvement in shirts consists in making the bosom loose from the body except at its upper end, where it is sewed to the neckband and yoke, or to the neckband only, and holding it against the body at its lower end by connecting the re-enforce pieces together at their lower ends and leaving such connection free, thereby forming a loop, under which the lower end of the bosom is placed, or by securing a loop to the body at this part of the shirt when the re-enforce pieces are not used. By this arrangement the bosom of the shirt is self-adjusting and will fit, without creasing, different-sized persons, as its lower end is free to move up and down independent of the body of the shirt, and it will retain its shape whatever positions the wearer may assume, the loop at the lower end of the bosom preventing it from leaving the body during such movements. To further hold the bosom to the body I propose in some cases to secure to the under side of the bosom a longitudinal strap, attached thereto at the top, bottom, and central parts only, and to the body I attach two loops adapted to lay over said longitudinal strap between where it is attached to the bosom.

In the accompanying drawings, to which I will now refer to more clearly describe my invention, Figure 1 is a front view of a shirt having re-enforce pieces, showing my improvements thereon. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the shirt without the re-enforce pieces. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section of Figs. 1 and 2. Fig. 4 shows a modification, consisting of a retaining strap and loops under the bosom. Fig. 5 is a longitudinal section of the same. Fig. 6 is a view illustrating the combination of the devices shown in Figs. 1 and 4. Fig. 7 is a longitudinal section of the same. Figs. 8, 9, and 10 are detached views of the shirt body, bosom, and re-enforce pieces, respectively.

The style of shirts to which my improvements are applicable is that that opens at the back.

I form the front *a* in the ordinary manner,

but without cutting it away at the bosom, as shown at Fig. 8. The bosom *b* is made complete, as shown at Fig. 9, and then attached by sewing to the neckband *c* and the yoke *d*, as shown at Figs. 1 and 4, or to the neckband *c* only, as shown at Figs. 2 and 6, the sides and bottom part of it being entirely free from the shirt-front *a*. The side edges of the bosom, at its lower end, *b'*, are parallel, and it passes down between the loop *e* and the body of the shirt. This loop *e* is formed by connecting the two re-enforce pieces *ff*, Fig. 1, at their lower ends. The re-enforce pieces *ff* are secured to the shirt-front *a* in the ordinary manner, as shown at Figs. 1 and 6; but the connecting-strip *e* is left loose to form the loop. In Fig. 2, which shows a shirt with no re-enforce pieces, the retaining-loop *e* is formed by sewing a strip of cloth to the shirt-front *a*. The way in which the lower part, *b'*, of the bosom *b* fits in the loop *e* is shown at Fig. 3, which answers as a sectional view of both Figs. 1 and 2, and which is somewhat exaggerated, as are the other longitudinal sectional views of the drawings, to clearly show the construction of my improvements.

It will be observed that the bosom *b*, by reason of the parallel sides of its lower part, *b'*, is free to move up and down independent of the shirt-front *a*, but is held thereto by the loop *e*, embracing said lower part, *b'*, and prevented thereby from moving laterally.

As a modification, to prevent the bosom *b* from moving laterally and to keep it against the shirt-front *a*, the strap *g* is sewed to the under side of the bosom at the top and bottom and at the center, and it passes under the two loops *h h*, formed by strips of cloth sewed to the shirt-front *a*, as shown at Figs. 4 and 5. This strap *g* and loops *h h* may be used in conjunction with the retaining-loop *e*, as shown at Figs. 6 and 7, and these figures also show the loops *h h* substituted by slits cut in the shirt-front *a*, through which the strap *g* passes.

By this improvement in shirts all the advantages of a loose-bosom shirt are had—viz., facility of laundering; the obviation of breaking or tearing of shirt-fronts, which occurs generally at the junction of the bosom with the shirt-front when they are rigidly connected together; facility of placing studs in and remov-

ing them from the bosom, &c., besides the additional advantages of the self-adjustability of the bosom, the non-liability of its creasing, and its retention in position against the shirt-front
5 and prevention from lateral movement.

Having now described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. As an improvement in shirts, a bosom permanently attached to the body at the upper
10 end only and held to the body by means of embracing loops and straps in such a manner that the body and bosom are free to move vertically in relation to one another, substantially as and
15 for the purpose hereinbefore set forth.

2. The improvement in shirts hereinbefore described, consisting in a bosom attached by sewing to the body at its upper end only, and
20 adapted to slide at its lower end under a retaining-loop formed by the connecting-strip at

the lower end of the re-enforce pieces, substantially as and for the purpose hereinbefore set forth.

3. In a shirt, the bosom attached to the body at its upper end only, a loop secured to the body
25 to retain the lower end of the bosom, a vertical strap attached to the under side of the bosom at three places, and two small loops secured to the body and arranged to fit over the vertical strap under the bosom at the parts of it
30 between where the strap is attached to the bosom, in combination, substantially as and for the purpose hereinbefore set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 3d day of May, A. D. 1881.

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