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Fig. 1.

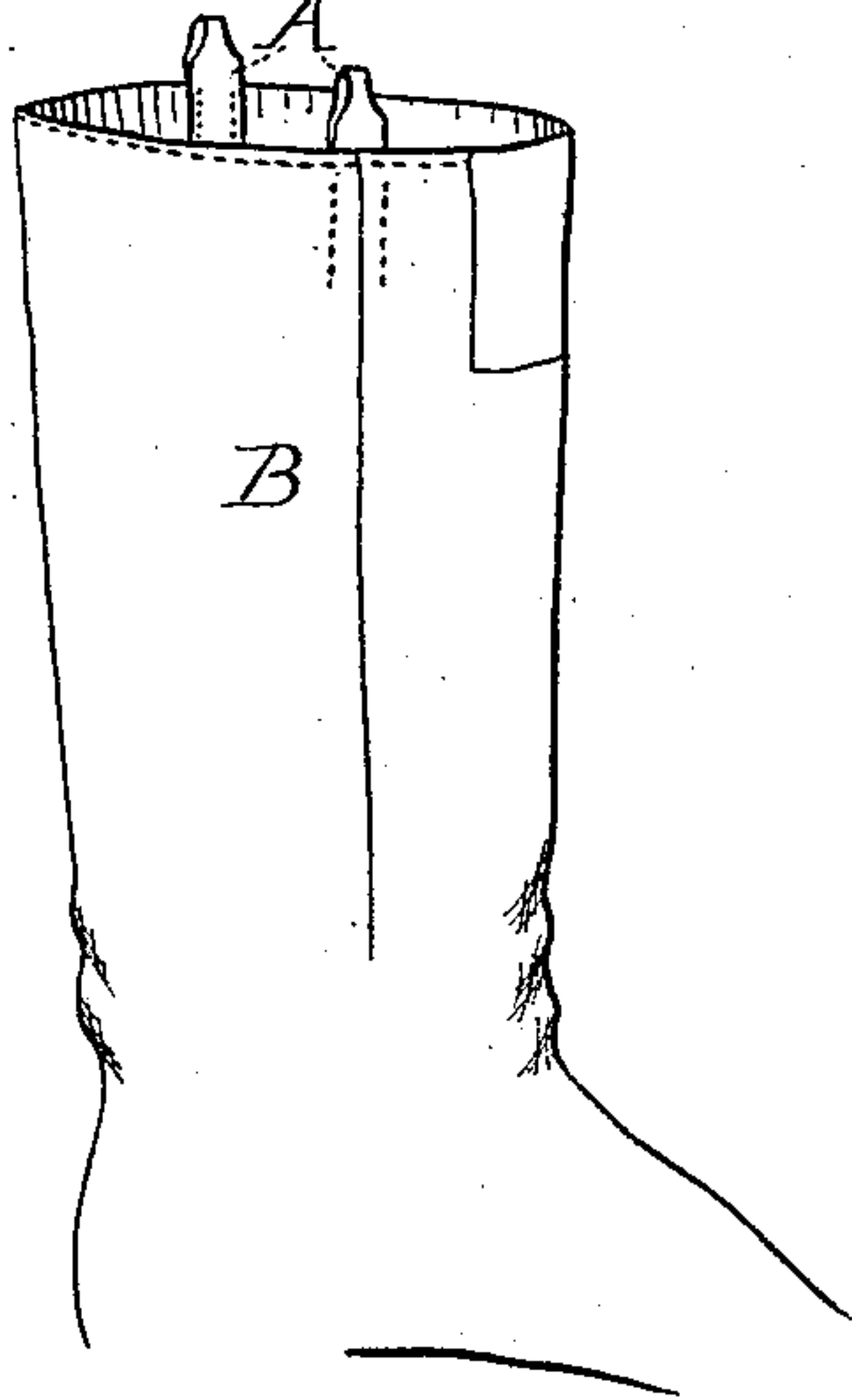


Fig. 2.

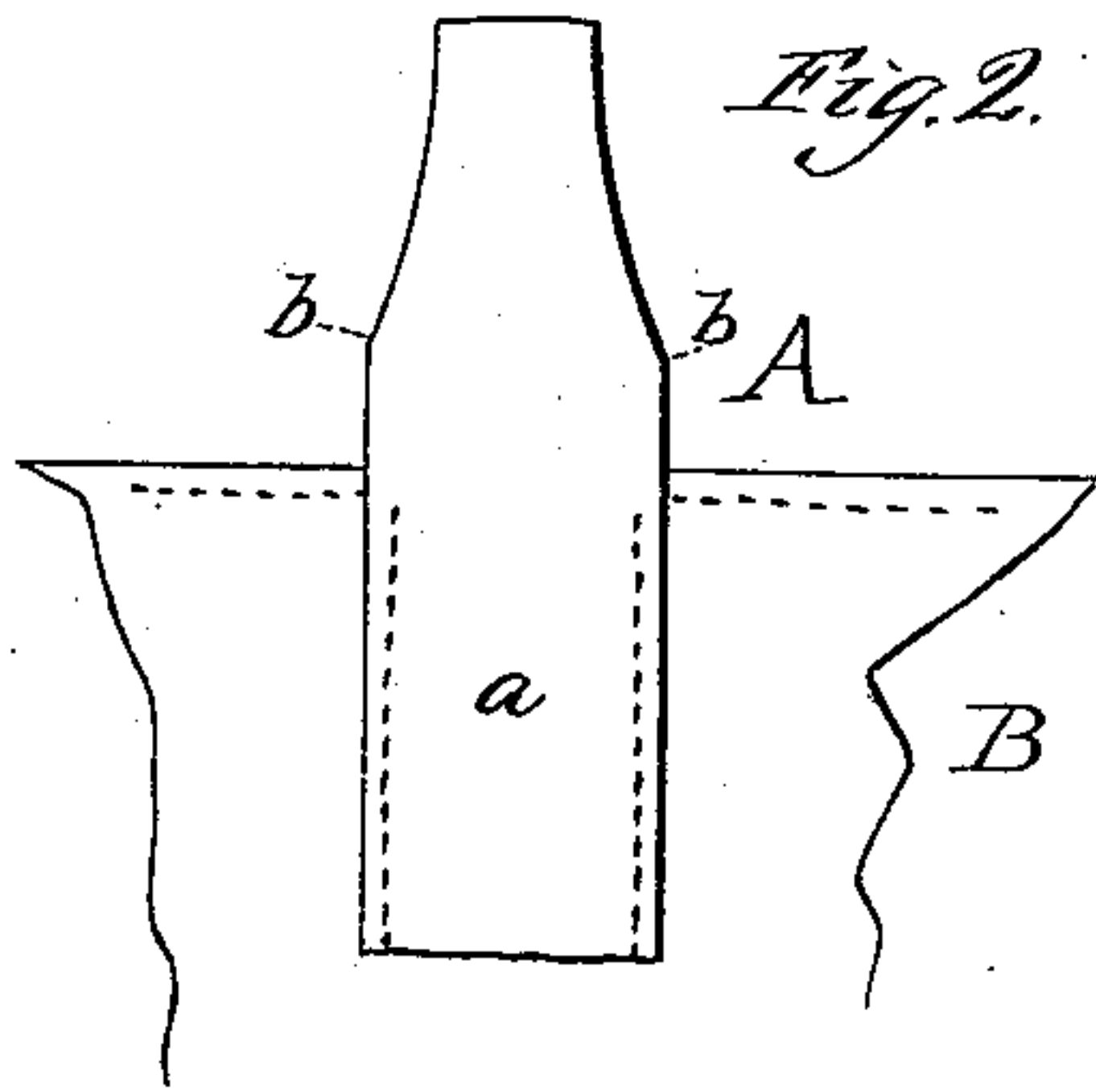
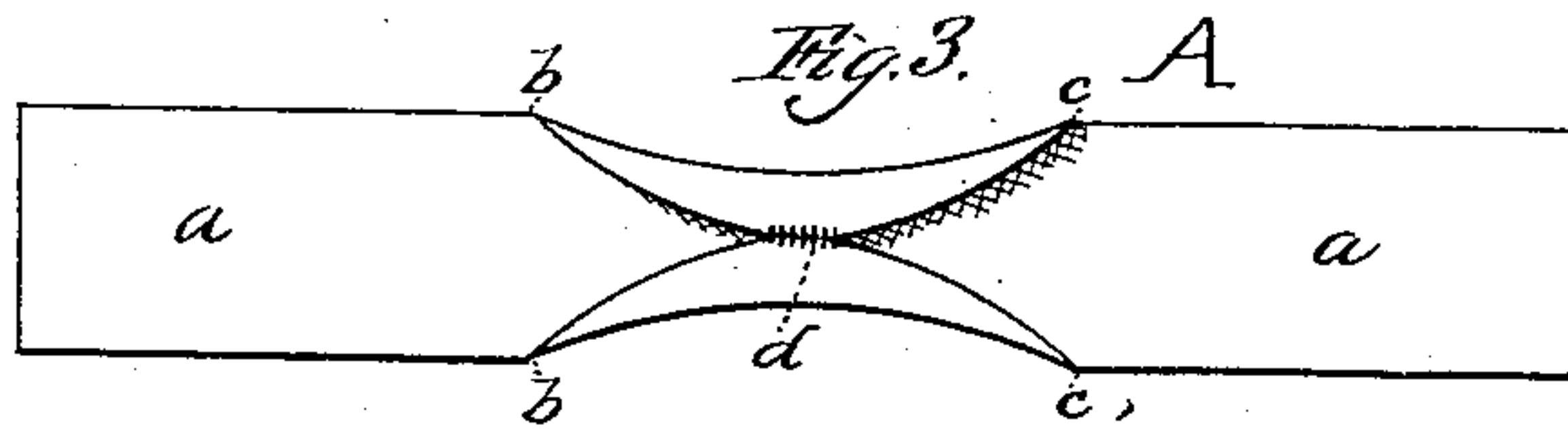


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. THOMPSON, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Boot and Shoe Straps, of which the following is a specification.

The object I have in view is to produce shoe and boot straps of webbing which will not break or tear in use, and will last as long as the boots or shoes themselves, thus saving the annoyance of broken straps, and the expense and trouble of having them renewed one or more times during the wearing period of the boots or shoes. This I accomplish by turning in the edges of the straps at the center for a portion only of their length, and securing such turned-in edges in position. This produces a griping-loop with inclined sides, and a narrow upper end of double thickness, which, at the same time that it has the required strength, is also more convenient to take hold of, and is easier on the fingers.

My invention consists in the peculiar boot or shoe strap, as a new article of manufacture, as fully hereinafter explained.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof, Figure 1 is a view of a boot-leg with my improved straps secured thereto; Fig. 2, a view of the inside of a portion of the boot-leg, showing one strap; and Fig. 3, a view of the inner side of the strap laid out flat.

My boot or shoe strap A is made of webbing, as usual, and is of the ordinary or any desired width. The ends *a* of the strap, which are stitched to the boot-leg B, are left the full

width of the webbing, so as to have the same straining-surface on the boot-leg as the ordinary strap. If desired, wider webbing could be used than now generally employed, since the griping-loop is made narrower than the webbing. The center of the strap, from *b* to *c*, which forms the griping-loop, or the greater portion thereof, has its edges turned inwardly toward each other, on the inner side of the strap, as shown in Fig. 3, and secured together by stitches *d*. The strap is then doubled and pressed, so as to keep the turned edges in position. The turned edges can be additionally secured by stitching on a sewing-machine, and if the turned edges are first properly pressed they can be wholly secured by such stitching.

A webbing boot or shoe strap is thus produced having a griping-loop with inclined sides and a narrow griping end. The edges of the griping end of the strap being doubled they will not break or tear in use, and the strap will outlast the boot or shoe on which it is placed. The narrow griping end of the loop is more convenient to take hold of, and is easier on the fingers.

What I claim as my invention is—

As a new article of manufacture, the boot or shoe strap A, made of webbing, and having the edges of its center *b c* turned inwardly, while its securing ends *a* are the full width of the webbing, substantially as described and shown.

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