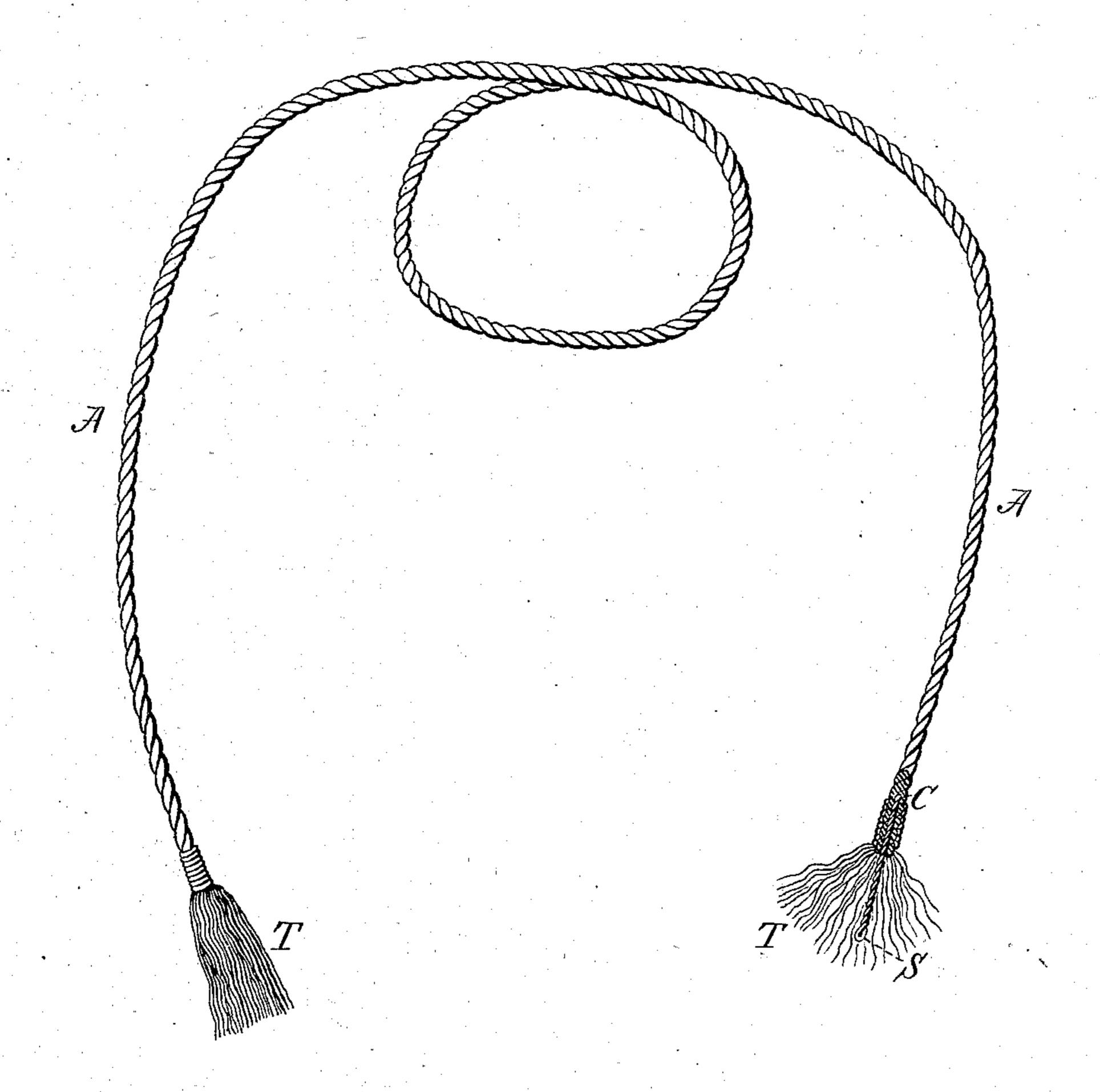
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Joseph Nathan, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful improvement in laces, strings, and cords for corsets, dresses, skirts, shirts, waists, jackets, gloves, shoes, and other articles of wearing-apparel, and bags and other articles on which such cords can or may be used.

The invention relates to a new and useful improvement in laces, strings, and cords for corsets, dresses, skirts, shirts, waists, jackets, gloves, and shoes, and other articles of wearing-apparel, and bags.

Heretofore such laces, strings, and cords were made by attaching to or covering the end of the lace, string, or cord with a piece of metal, wood, or other hard or stiff material in order to stiffen it, or partially covering it with said hard or stiff material, so that it may be passed through a hole or eyelet in the article on which it is to be used. On articles made of fancy materials laces, strings, or cords with the ends thus made would present an appearance at once unsightly and incongruous. This made such ends objectionable.

The object of my invention is to provide a lace, string, or cord for articles of wearing-apparel or bags which shall be as useful and as easily applied as those heretofore made, and be at the same time ornamental.

My invention consists in making the ends of the lace, string, or cord in the following manner: by attaching to such end a piece of

wire or other hard or stiff material covered 35 with material of the same kind, or similar to that of which the lace, string, or cord itself is made, the wire or other hard or stiff material being turned back and upon itself and twisted, so as to prevent its covering from slipping or 40 unraveling; then from the upper part of said stiff end, where it is attached to the lace, string, or cord, depends a fringe, forming a kind of tassel, effectually concealing the ends from view.

To use the lace, string, or cord, it is only necessary to throw back the fringe and thrust the stiffened end through the hole or eyelet in the article used, then smooth down the fringe, and then there will be formed and appear a 50 tassel.

In the accompanying drawing, A represents the lace, string, or cord; S, the stiffened end; C, the point of attachment of the stiffened end to the lace, string, or cord; T, the tassels.

What I claim as my invention is—A lace, string, or cord for corsets, jackets, shirts, gloves, shoes, bags, and other articles, consisting of a suitable cord provided with stiffening-pieces attached to its ends, and have for ing fringes or tassels surrounding such stiffening-pieces and dependent from or near the upper ends thereof, concealing them from sight, all substantially as set forth.

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