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Fig. 1.

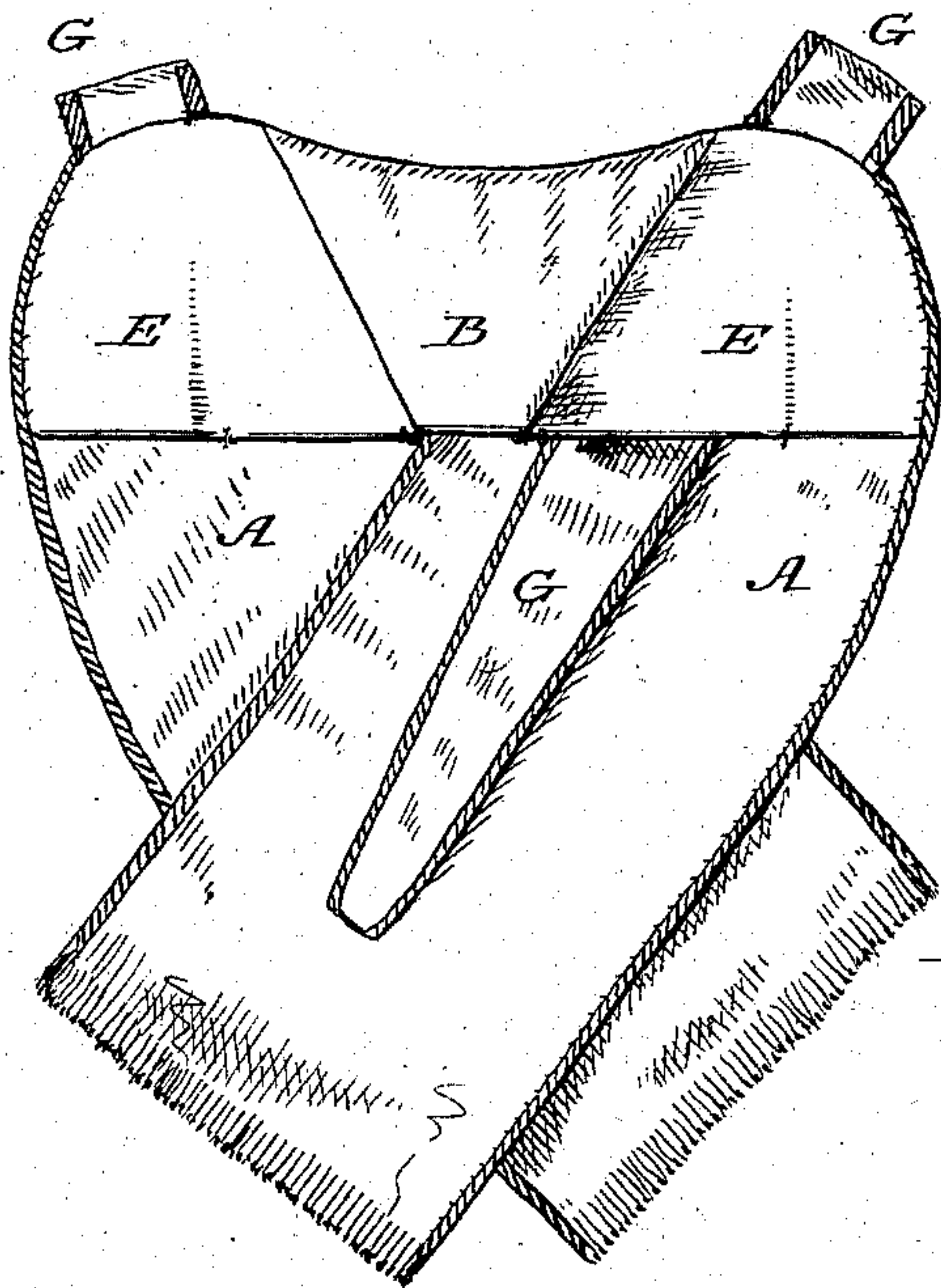


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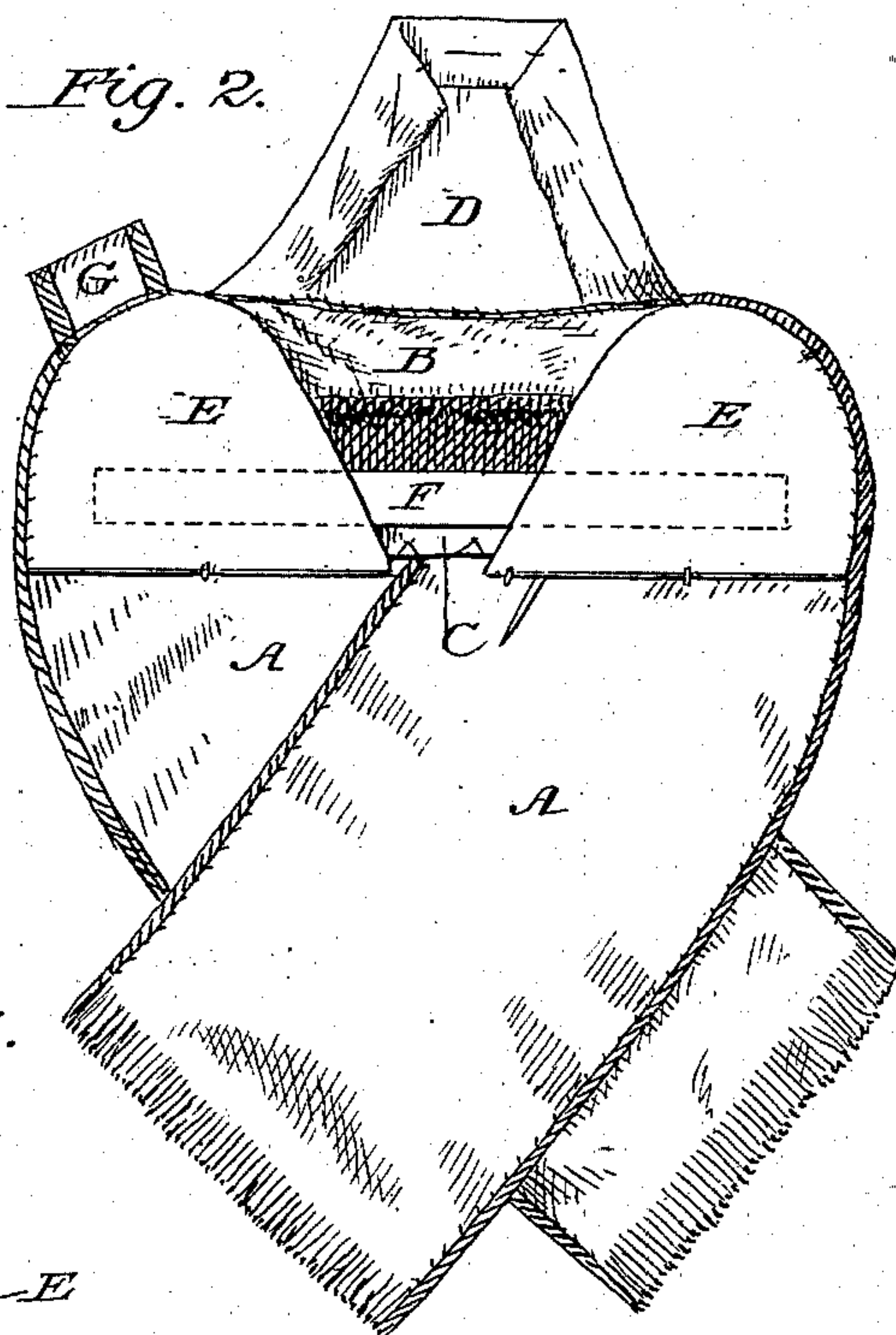


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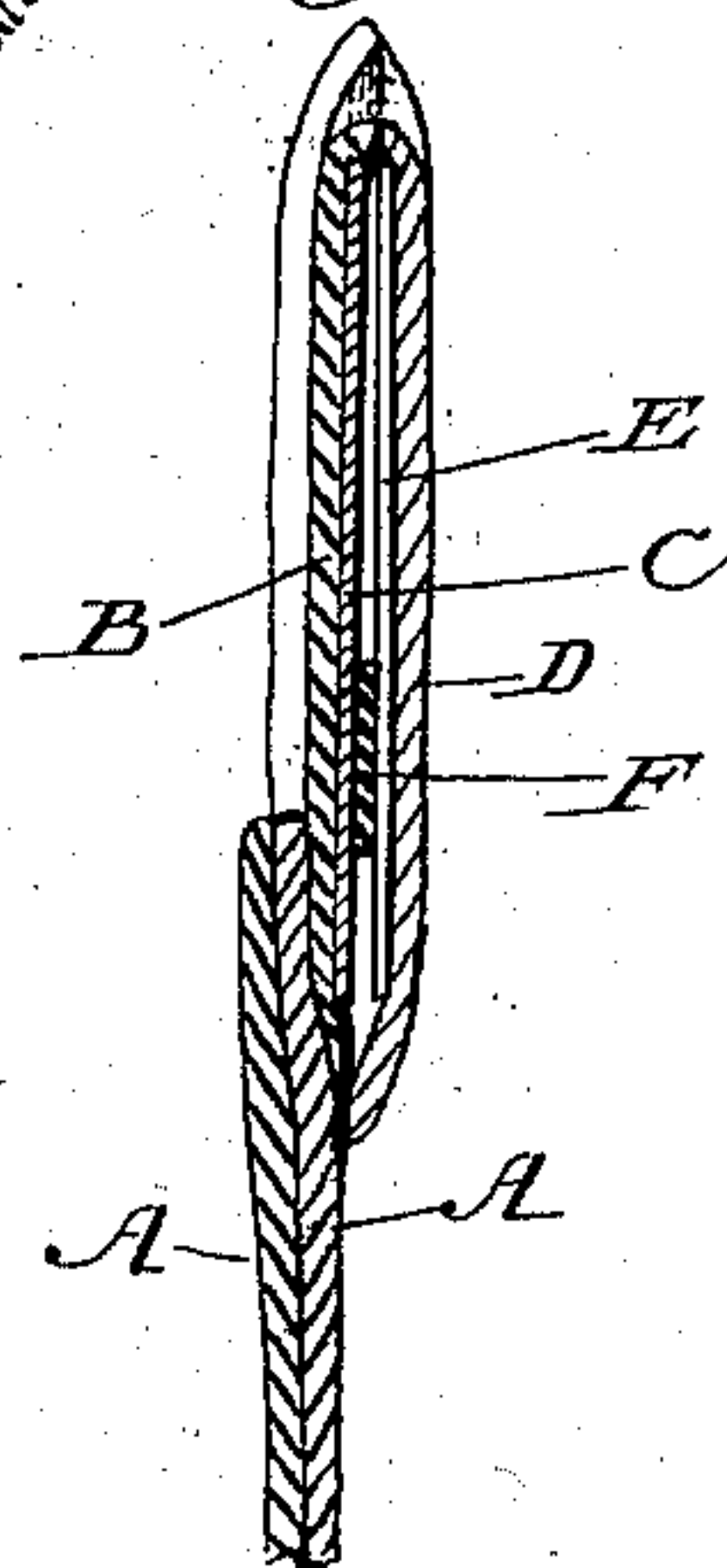
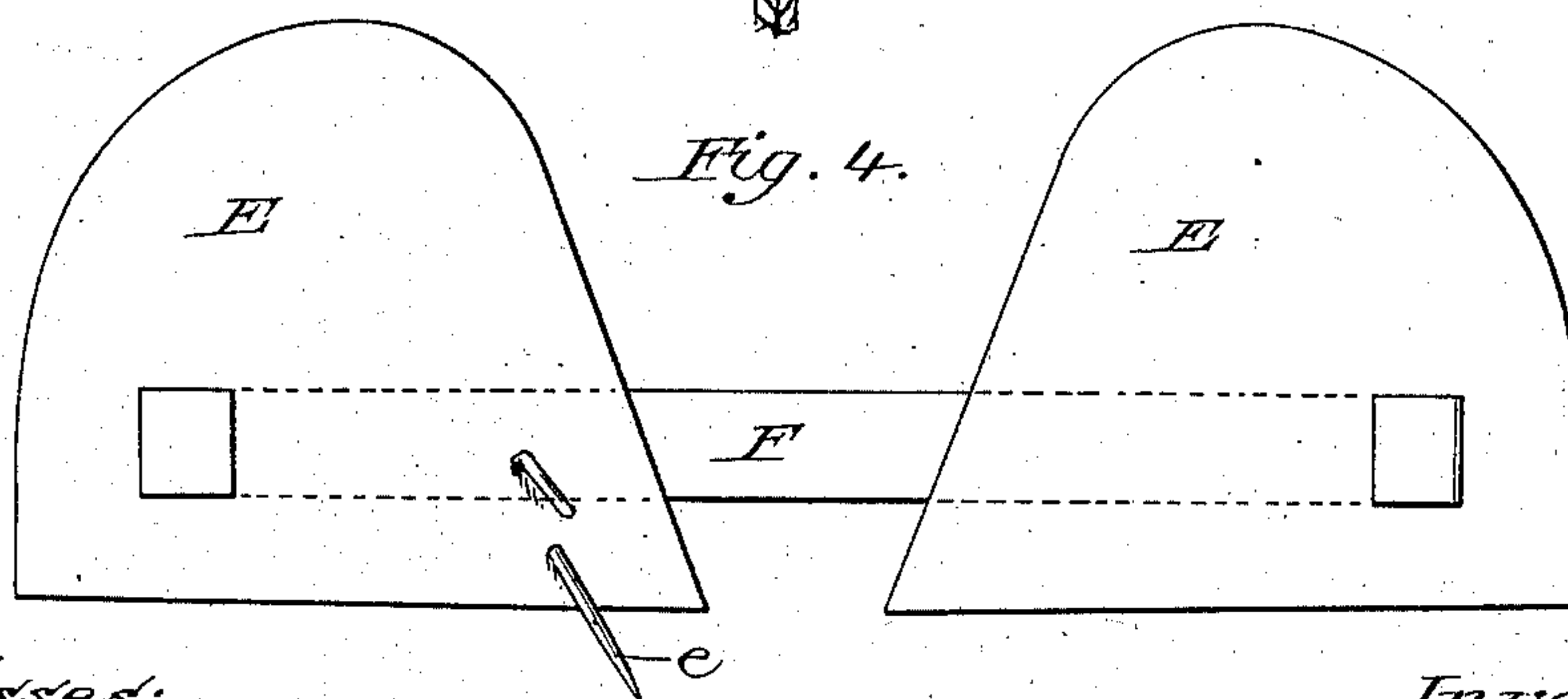


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. CROSSETTE, a citizen of the United States, residing in Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Neckscarf, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in neckscarfs known in the trade as "flat" scarfs, in which two crossed aprons and the center piece forming the body of the scarf are stiffened by pasteboard to give the desired curvature and maintain the scarf in shape; and the object of my invention is to stiffen and retain in shape the upper portion of the scarf, but at the same time to have the center piece sufficiently flexible to adapt itself to the neckband or collar of a shirt and lie close thereto when in use. I attain this object by devices illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a rear elevation of a scarf embodying my invention; Fig. 2, a similar view with the lining of the center piece lifted up to show the metal strip connecting the stiffening-boards; Fig. 3, a longitudinal section through the center of the scarf; and Fig. 4, a view of the metal strip and stiffening-boards detached from the scarf, showing the manner of connecting the metal strip and neck-band needle to the stiffening-boards.

Similar letters of reference indicate the same parts in the several figures of the drawings.

A A represent crossed aprons, provided with elliptical curves, beginning with their upper edges and terminating in their straight outer edges.

B is the center piece, which has a thin but flexible card-board or metal stiffening, C, to prevent wrinkling, and a lining, D, to cover the same.

Conforming to the upper and side edges of the aprons, and secured thereto by stitching, are stiff boards E E, suitably covered and connected together by a flexible metal strip, F, having its ends passing through and bent down upon the respective boards to secure it thereto, as shown in Fig. 4. One of these boards has the needle *e* for the neckband G, secured by passing it through the board and bending its

butt-end upon the same to clinch it. Metal strip F is sufficiently stiff to keep the boards E E apart, and by reason of this stiffness and a slight curvature given it aids in maintaining the scarf in shape; but as this strip crosses the lower portion of, and is not attached to, the center piece, the latter is left free and sufficiently flexible to adapt itself to whatever curvature a neckband or collar may have at the point of contact of the center piece.

Flat scarfs not having their upper portions stiffened across their width will not hold their shape for any reasonable time, while those having a stiffening of a single piece of stiff-board covering and joined to both the aprons and center piece cannot be made to lie close to the collar neckband, by reason of the stiffness of the center piece. Both of these objections are overcome by my construction, and, furthermore, the metal strip, which may be bent to any desired curvature while in the scarf, serves the purpose of enabling me to give the scarf any desired curvature in use, as well as when not in use.

While it is true that a metal strip is preferable, for the reason that it may after its insertion in the scarf be bent to give the scarf the desired shape, it is obvious that a strip of any other material having a sufficient degree of rigidity, and the shape of which before its insertion would do equally as well, will keep the scarf in shape without modifying the flexibility of the center piece.

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

1. The combination, in a flat scarf, of the stiffening-boards with the stiffening connecting-strip, substantially as described.

2. In a flat scarf, the combination, with the two aprons and with independent stiffening-boards attached to the upper ends of said aprons, of a metal strip connecting said boards, said scarf having a flexible center piece, substantially as described.

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