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Fig1.

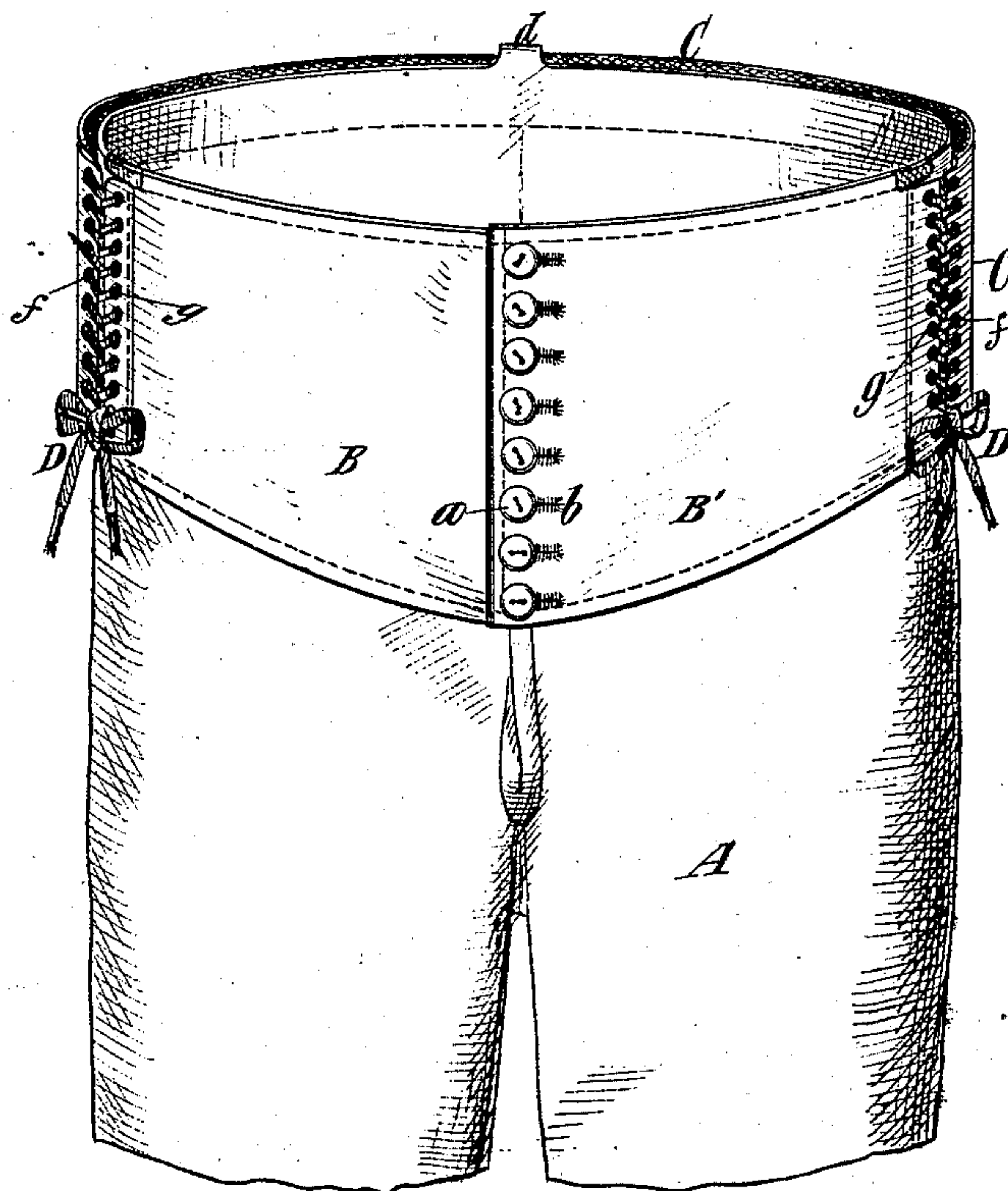


Fig2.

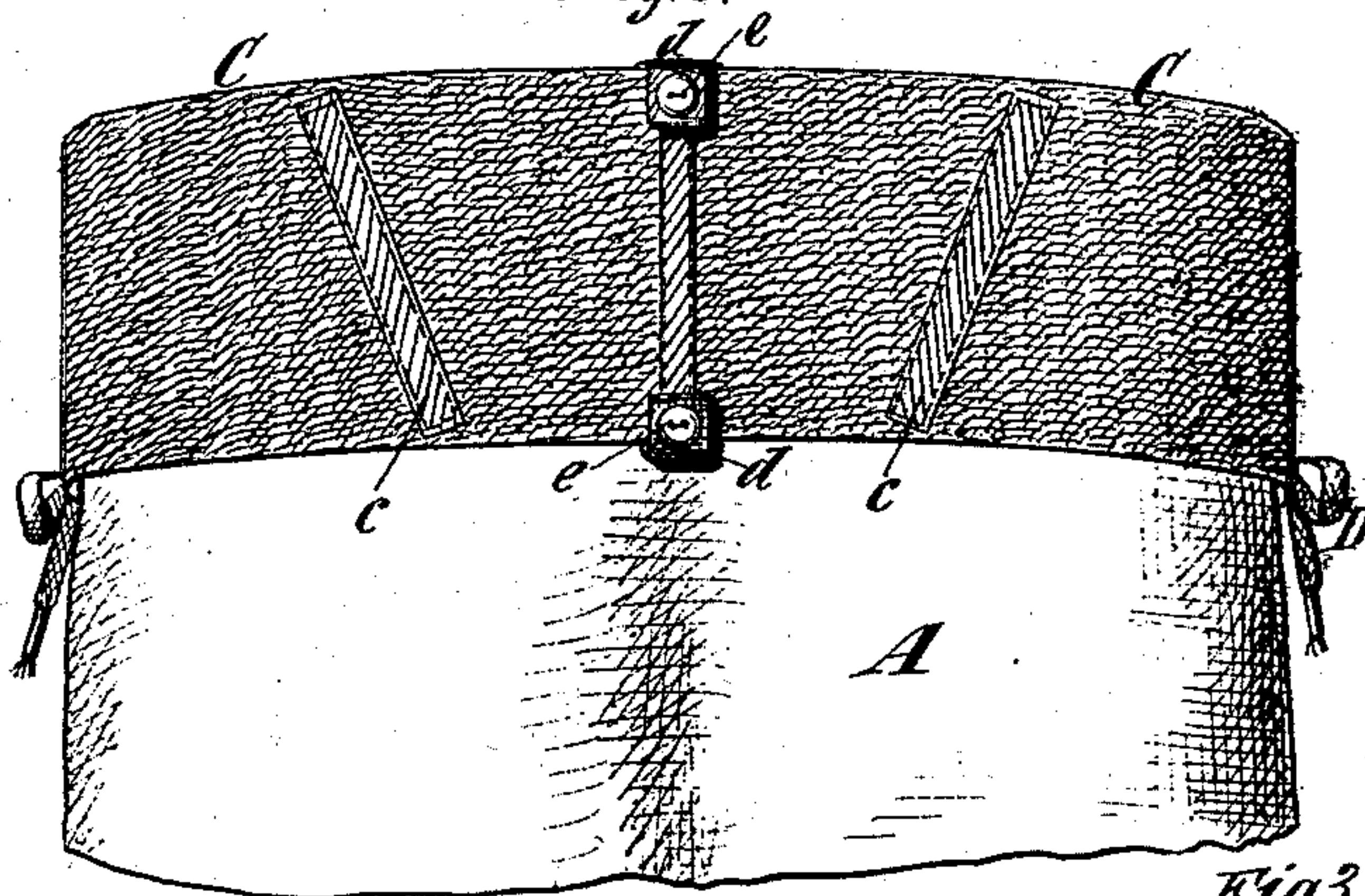
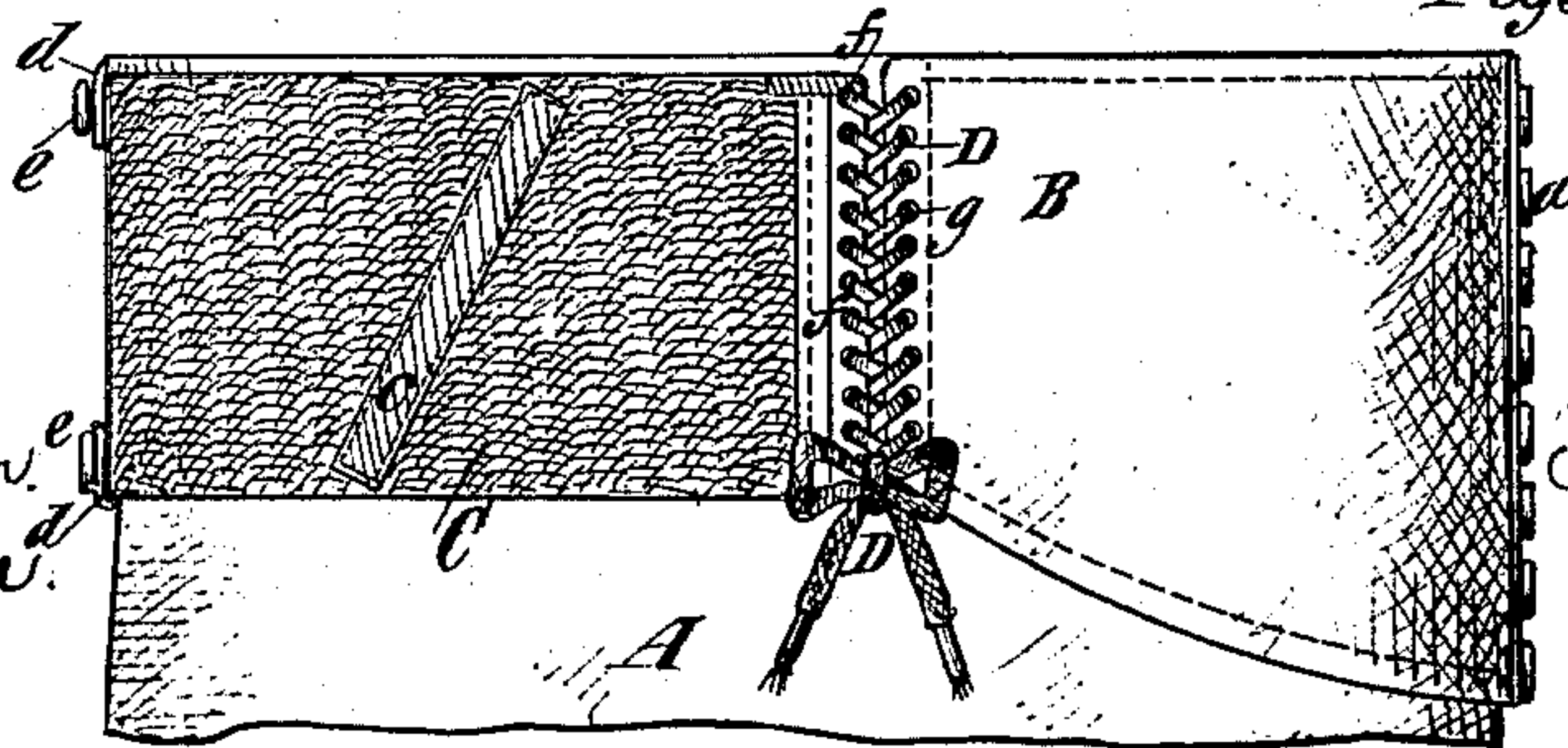


Fig3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY PARKER, of New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Combined Pair of Drawers and Abdominal Belt, of which the following is a specification.

This improvement consists in the combination, with a pair of drawers, of an abdominal belt comprising a portion or portions permanently secured to the drawers, and an elastic portion or elastic portions detachably connected to the other portion or portions and to the drawers. The elastic portion or portions may be detachably connected by lacing to the other portion or portions of the belt, and said elastic portion or portions may be buttoned to the back of the drawers. Bones or splints may be attached to the elastic portion or portions, so that they will extend transversely thereto and prevent rumpling or twisting thereof.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of a pair of drawers and a belt embodying my improvement. Fig. 2 is a back view of the same, and Fig. 3 is a side view thereof.

Similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures.

A designates the pair of drawers. They are either made of material which will so easily stretch that it will adapt itself to the size and movements of the wearer; or if made of more rigid material they will be made sufficiently large in the waist to avoid exerting any material pressure upon the wearer. The front of the upper or body portion of these drawers has applied to it bands or facings B B', of satin, jean, or other material which will not stretch easily. As here shown, the drawers have an opening in the front, and hence two of these bands or facings are applied—one on each side of the opening—instead of a single band or facing extending entirely across the front of the drawers. Buttons *a* and button-holes *b* provide for fastening the drawers at the front. The bands or facings B B' form the front portions of the belt.

C designates the rear portion of the belt. It is made of a loosely woven or knitted fabric comprising strands of india-rubber of the

kind commonly known as "india-rubber cloth." This india-rubber cloth has bones or splints affixed to it, so as to keep it from rumpling or twisting. These bones or splints may be fastened to it by laying them against the india-rubber cloth, and sewing pieces of cloth, *c*, over them to the india-rubber cloth.

The back portion of the drawers is shown as provided with tabs *d*, which extend over the middle of the rear portion, C, of the belt. These tabs are provided with button-holes which engage with buttons *e* on the rear portion, C, of the belt. At the ends of the rear portion, C, of the belt are eyelets *f*. The rear edges of the front portions, B B', of the belt extend from the drawers, like tabs, and are provided with eyelets *g*. Laces D, passed through the eyelets *f g*, secure the front and rear portions of the belt together, and afford provision for enlarging or diminishing the belt to suit the convenience of the wearer. Owing to the laces D and the tabs *d*, the rear portion of the belt is detachably secured to the front portion and to the drawers; hence the drawers may be washed without entailing the washing or wetting of the said rear portion of the belt. The tabs also serve to prevent the wrinkling or twisting of the belt.

Instead of a single portion of elastic material at the rear of the belt, I may use a number of portions of elastic material disposed at intervals around the belt, and detachably secured in place.

If desirable, the drawers may be made of jean or other equally unyielding material, and provided opposite the elastic portion or portions of the belt with gores of knitted or other material capable of stretching. Then the drawers can be made to snugly fit the person of the wearer.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, with a pair of drawers, of an abdominal belt comprising a portion or portions permanently secured to the drawers, and an elastic portion or elastic portions detachably connected to the other portion or portions and to the drawers, substantially as specified.

2. The combination, with a pair of drawers, of an abdominal belt comprising a portion or

portions permanently secured to the drawers across the front, and an elastic portion or elastic portions extending across the back, and detachably secured by lacing to the first-mentioned portion or portions of the belt, and buttoned to the back of the drawers, substantially as specified.

5 3. The combination, with a pair of drawers, of an abdominal belt comprising an elastic por-

tion or elastic portions, and bones or splints 10 attached to said elastic portion or portions, and extending transversely thereof to prevent rumpling or twisting, substantially as specified.

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