

(No Model.)

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GARMENT SUPPORTER.

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Fig. 1.

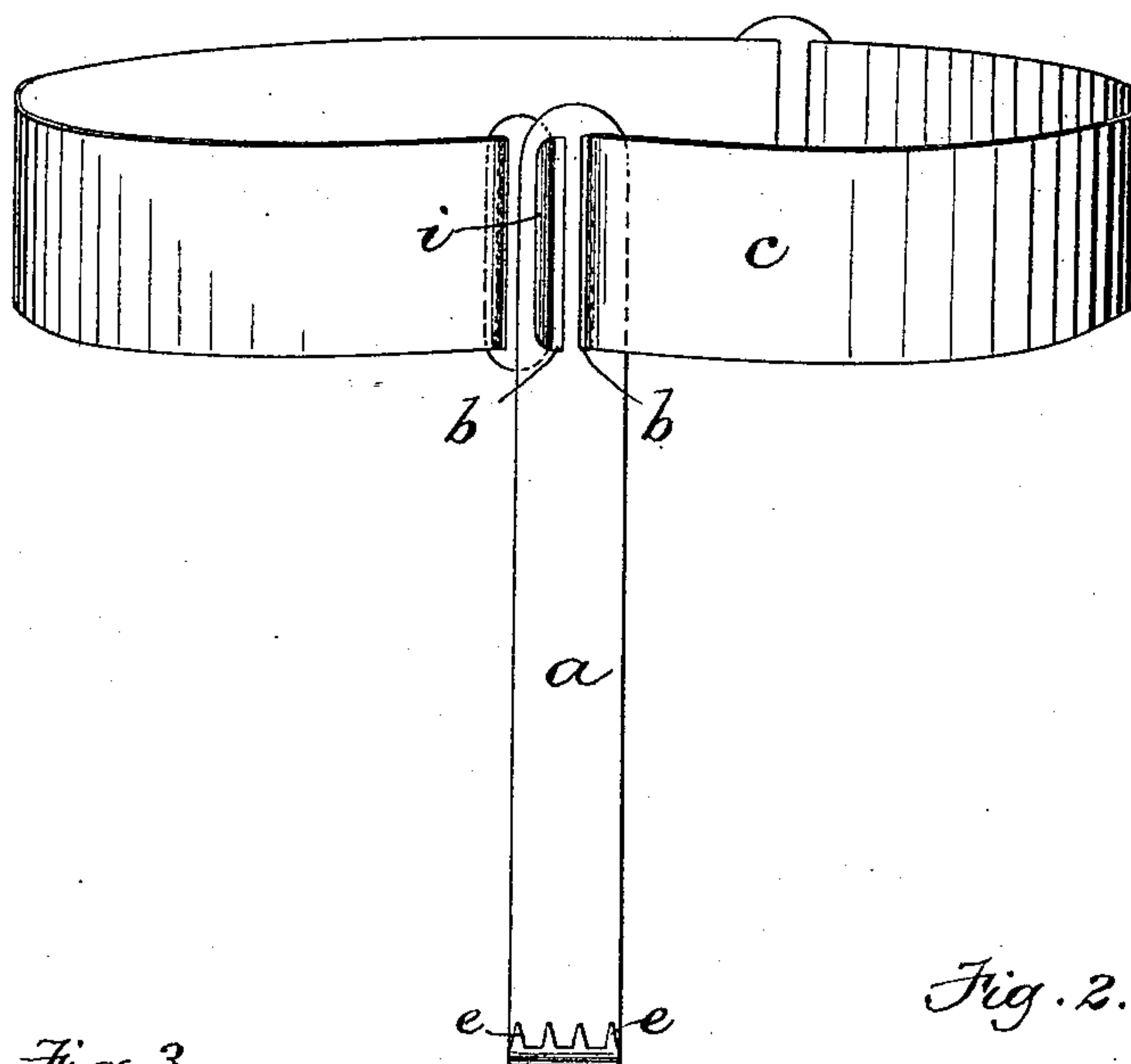


Fig. 2.

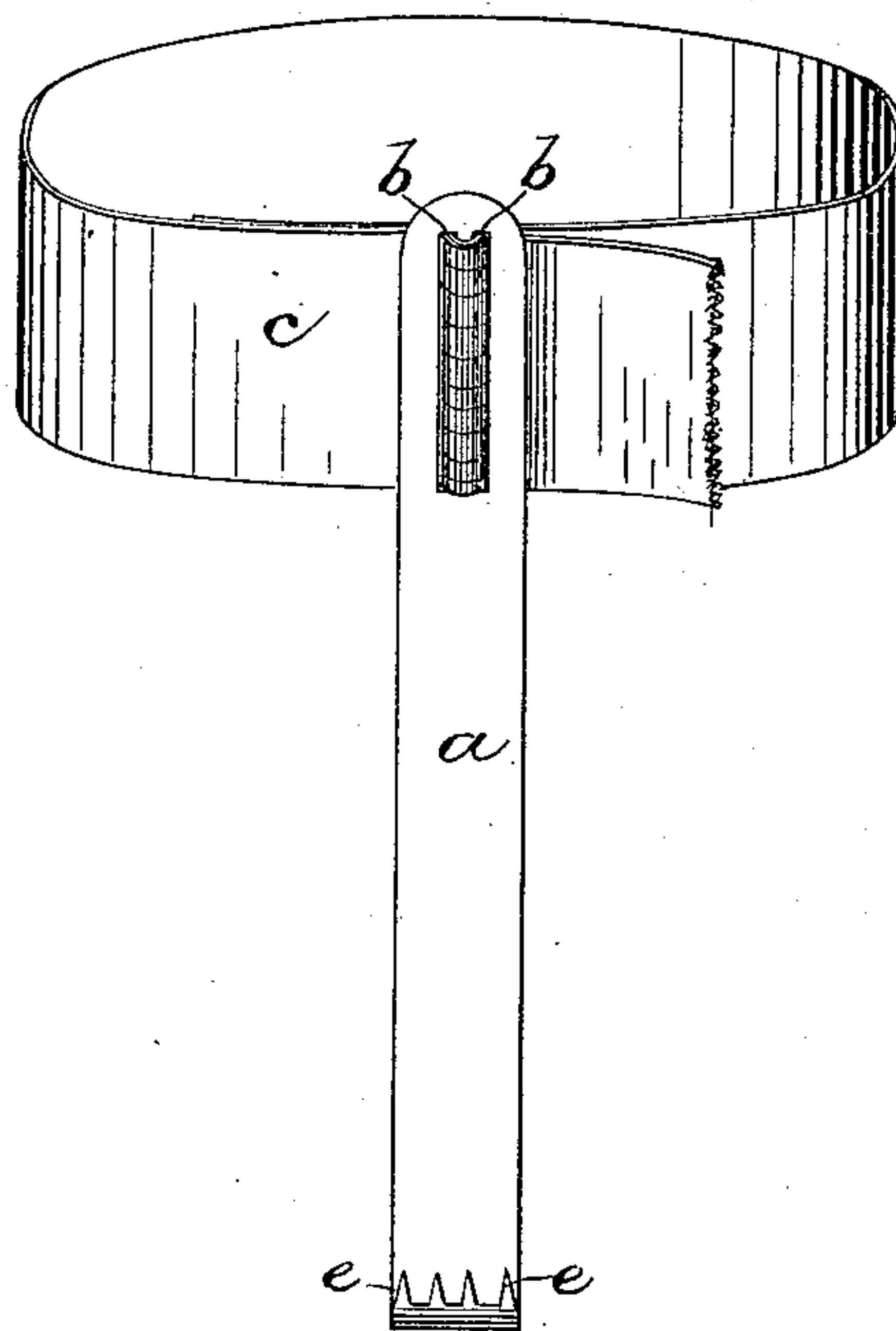
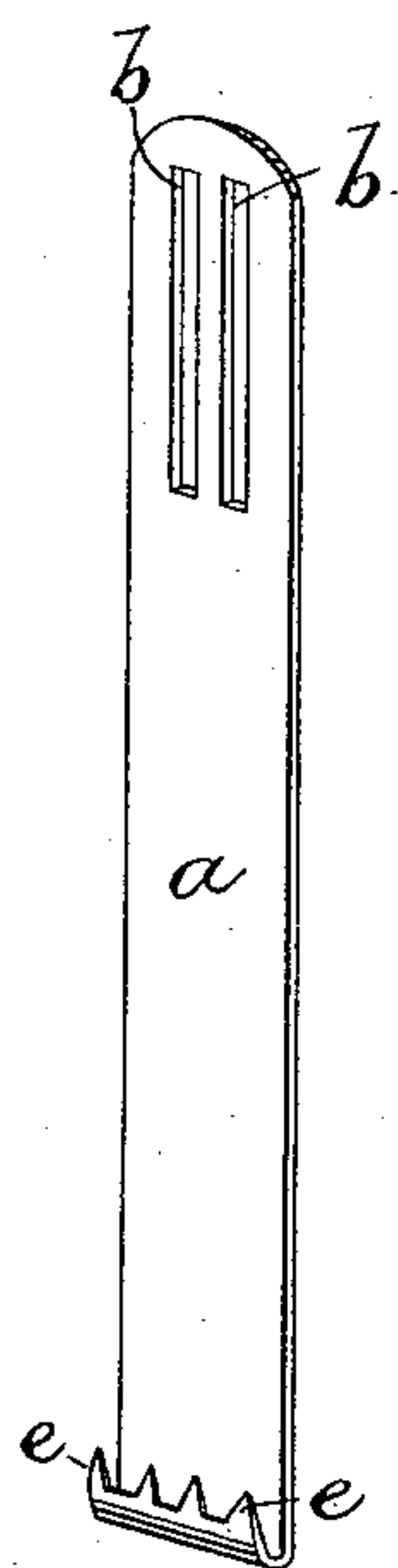


Fig. 3.



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EBENS METHOT, OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, ASSIGNOR OF ONE-HALF
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GARMENT-SUPPORTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EBENS METHOT, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain Improvements in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention consists in an improved garment-supporter adapted to be inserted between a stocking and the leg of the wearer, and provided with teeth adapted to enter the stocking, the plate and teeth having certain peculiarities of form, as I will now proceed to describe.

Of the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figures 1 and 2 represent side views of my improved support applied to garters. Fig. 3 represents a perspective view of the same detached.

The same letters of reference indicate the same parts in all the figures.

In the drawings, *a* represents my improved supporter, which is composed of an elongated plate, preferably of metal, having at one end two longitudinal slots, *b b*, placed side by side, and adapted to receive the webbing or material composing a garter or band, *c*, the arrangement of the slots lengthwise of the plate causing said plate to extend substantially at right angles with the garter or band, while the location of the slots near one end causes the plate to project below the garter or band, as shown. The lower end of the plate is provided with teeth *e*, which are preferably integral with the plate, and are bent upwardly, so that they are substantially parallel with the body of the plate. Said teeth are adapted to be engaged with a stocking or other garment to be supported, the body of the plate passing between the stocking and the leg of the wearer, while the teeth are outside of the body of the plate and project upwardly into the stocking. The flat rear surface of the plate bears against the wearer's leg or under-garment, so that no discomfort can be caused by the supporter. The elongation of the plate enables it to grasp stocking-legs of various lengths, the top of the leg being enabled to project as far as may be desired above the toothed lower end of the plate. The elongation of the plate also enables its upper end to serve as a handle, whereby the teeth may be engaged with or withdrawn from the stock-

ing. The teeth entering the stocking do not gather it into a fold and thus tighten it around the leg, as in stocking-supporters in which a fold of the stocking is grasped by the edges of a tapering slot. The arrangement of the teeth, whereby they are caused to stand substantially parallel with the body of the plate enables them to be easily engaged with the stocking and prevents them from projecting outwardly.

The construction of the device in a single piece, slotted, as shown, at one end, enables it to be used with a garter or band formed to extend continuously around the leg, and obviates the necessity of a strap to connect the stocking-grasping portion with the garter, such connecting being afforded by the plate itself. The garter may pass through only one of the slots of the plate and engage with the other slot by means of a hook, *i*, as shown in Fig. 1; or it may pass through both slots, as shown in Fig. 2.

I prefer to make the plate *a* of metal, but may use other suitable material—such as hard rubber, if preferred—in which case the toothed and bent end might be made in a separate piece of metal riveted to the body of the plate.

I claim—

1. In a garment-supporter, a plate flat or devoid of projections on its back side, and provided at one end with teeth or points which are bent upwardly and extend substantially parallel with the front of the plate, whereby the plate is adapted to be placed between the stocking and the limb of the wearer with the teeth engaged with the stocking, and provided with means for attaching a strap, substantially as described.

2. A garment-supporter composed of the elongated plate *a*, having longitudinal slots *b b* at one end, adapted to receive a garter, and teeth *e e* at its other end, bent upwardly and standing substantially parallel with the body of the plate, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, this 9th day of April, 1884.

EBENS METHOT.

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