

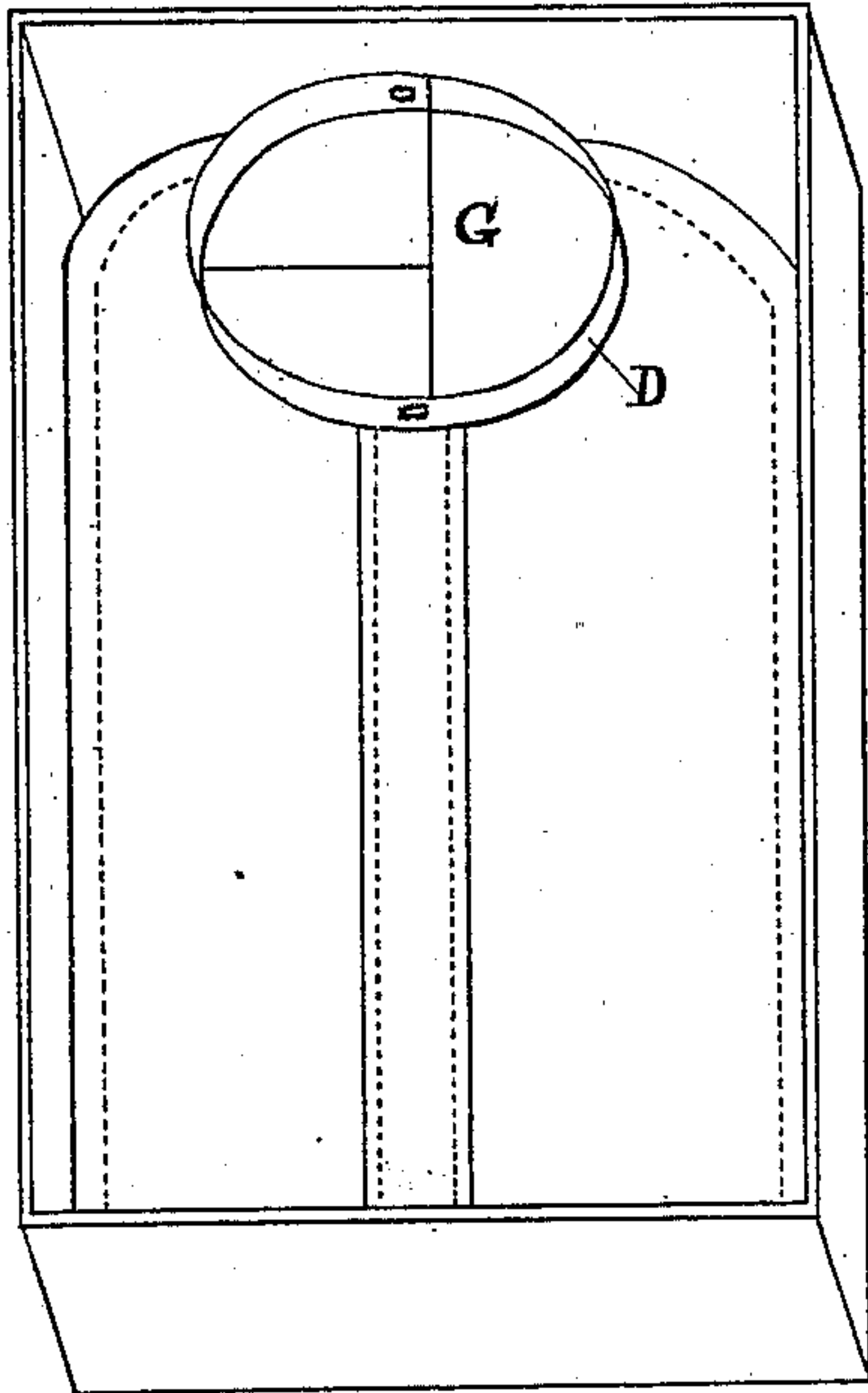
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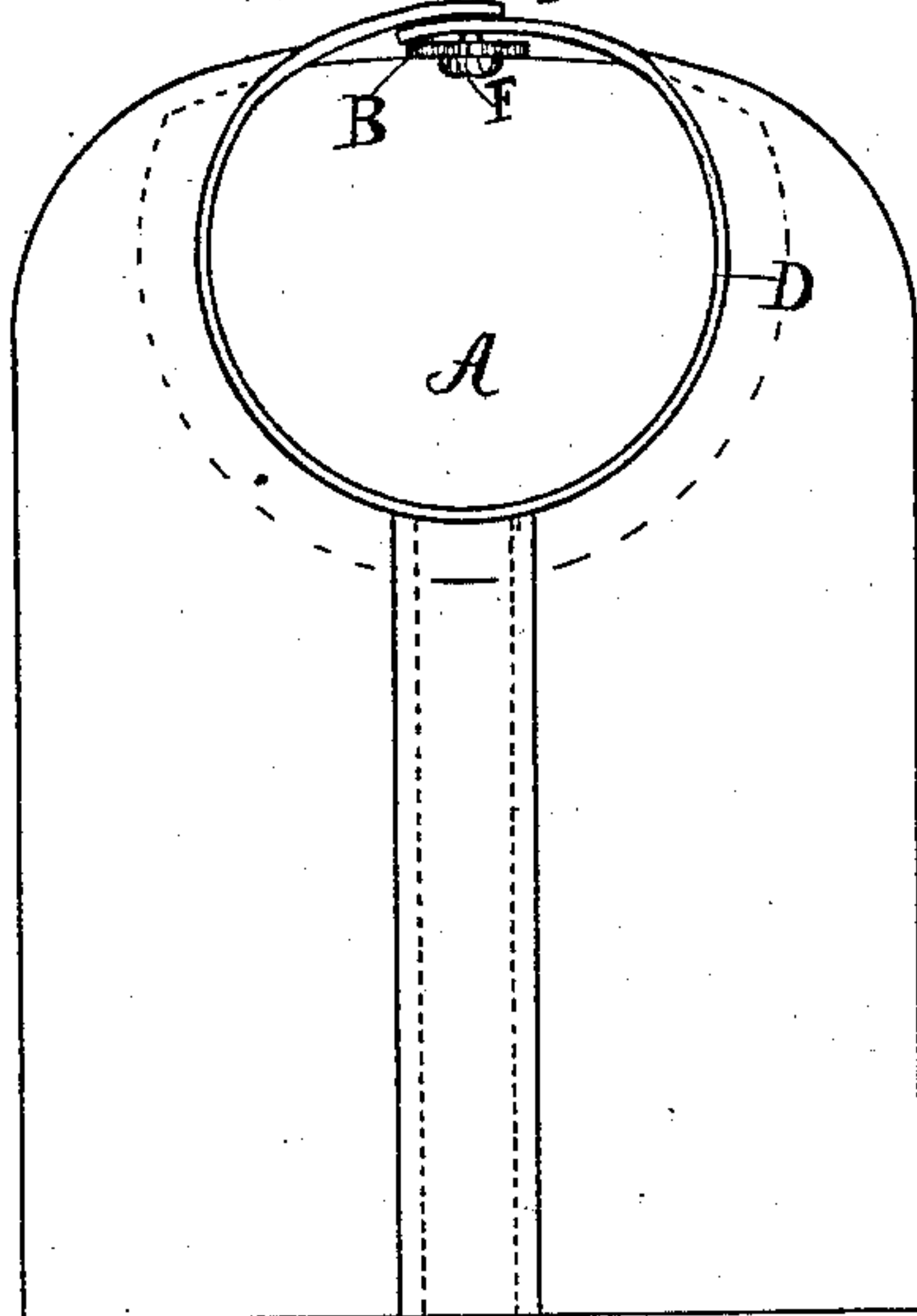
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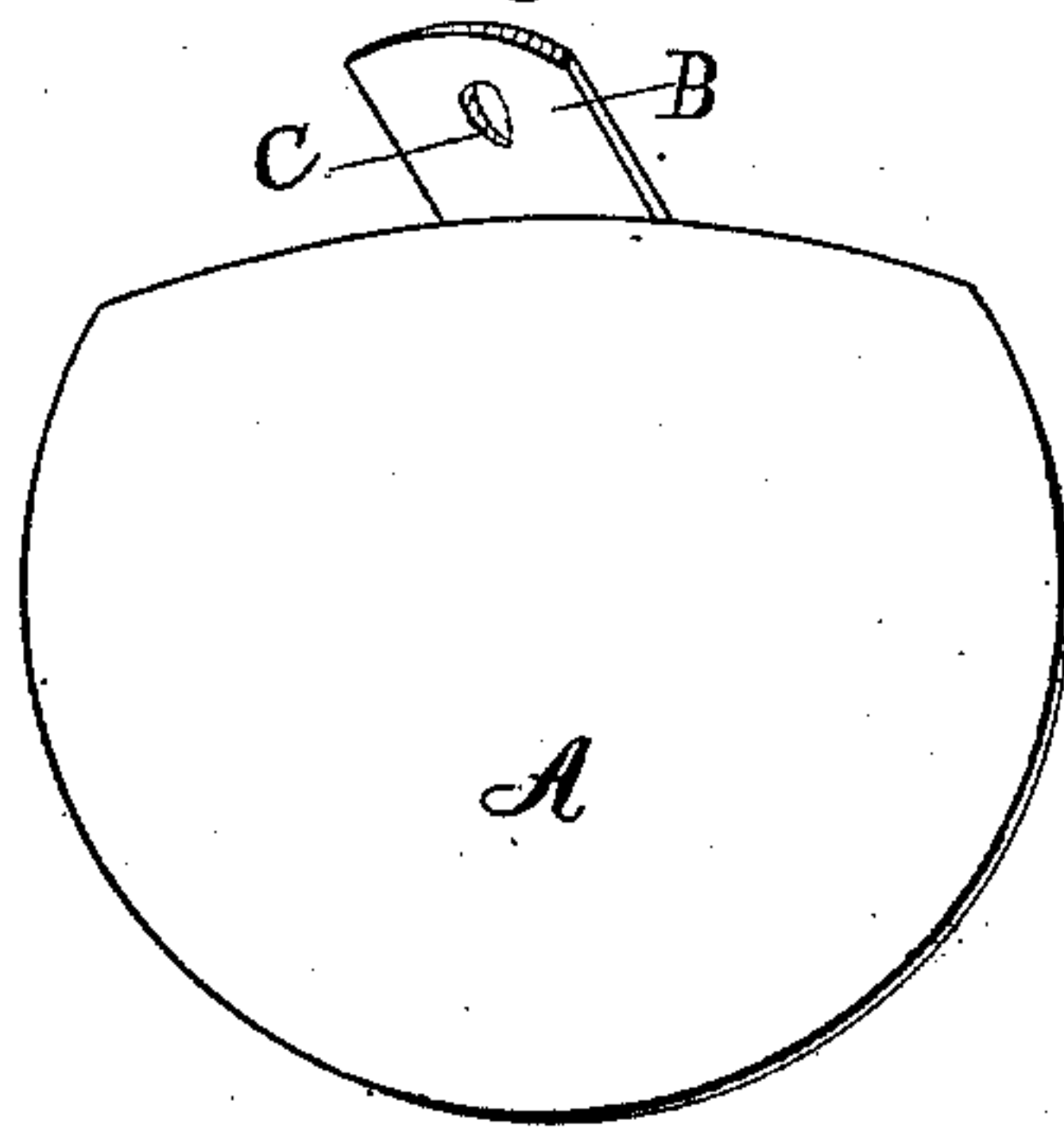
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## SHIRT-YOKE SHIELD.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, DAVID N. BRISTOL, of the village of Lansingburg, in the county of Rensselaer, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shirt-Yoke Shields; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, that will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Similar letters refer to similar parts in the several figures therein.

My invention relates to a covering for the open space within the neckband of a laundered shirt; and the objects of my invention are, first, to provide an ornamental covering or yoke-shield, which will conceal from view the rough back seams and unlaundered portions of the shirt, which would otherwise be prominently exposed to view in the space inclosed by the neckband; second, to provide a convenient device for supporting a label, trade-mark, or advertisement without defacing the shirt.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a laundered shirt inclosed within a receptacle for exhibiting the shirt for sale. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the cover or shield in its proper position in a laundered shirt. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the yoke-shield.

Nearly all shirts exposed for sale in the show-windows of shops and stores are laundered in such a manner that the neckband D stands up from the body of the shirt in a circular form, the whole band being exposed to view on the upper side of the shirt, as shown in Fig. 1. This arrangement exposes to view the inner surface, G, of the back side of the shirt, which is not laundered smooth like the front, also the seams in the yoke and the back opening. The contrast between the laundered and unlaundered portions is such as to greatly mar the beauty and general appearance of the shirt.

I am enabled by the use of an ornamental shield or cover to not only overcome this defect, but to increase the general attractiveness of the shirt, and at the same time dis-

play a label, trade-mark, advertising-card, or any other design, or all at once.

I prefer to make the shield of card-board, and of the form shown in Fig. 3, in which A is the shield, and B a tab bent up therefrom or attached thereto, and provided with a button-hole, C, by means of which the shield is fastened to the neckband by a button, as shown in Fig. 2.

I have put on the shield the words "Trade Mark;" but any words, symbols, or designs may be substituted or added, and may be either impressed upon the shield or upon some other substance, which is afterward attached to the shield. This arrangement permits of easily attaching and detaching to and from the shirt any mark, label, or design, as desired, without injury to the form or appearance of the shirt, and avoids the necessity of using paste or glue.

The shield may be of any shape, material, or color adapted to cover the space within the neckband.

I am aware of the manufacture of paper bosoms adapted to be fastened to a shirt neckband, and wholly disclaim the manufacture of shirt-bosoms or of any article of trade which would not be easily distinguished in the market from a shirt-bosom.

I am aware that a shirt with stand-up neckband, a neck-button, and a piece of material provided with a buttonholed tab are all severally old; but I believe that no one has, so far, ever combined these old elements in such a way as to accomplish the useful results hereinbefore described by me; hence

What I claim as new, and desire to protect by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of a laundered shirt having a stand-up neckband, D, a button, F, to connect the ends of said band, and a shield, A, having the apertured tab B, said shield held by the tab to the button and concealing the yoke-seams, back opening, and unlaundered fabric, as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of April, 1883.

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