

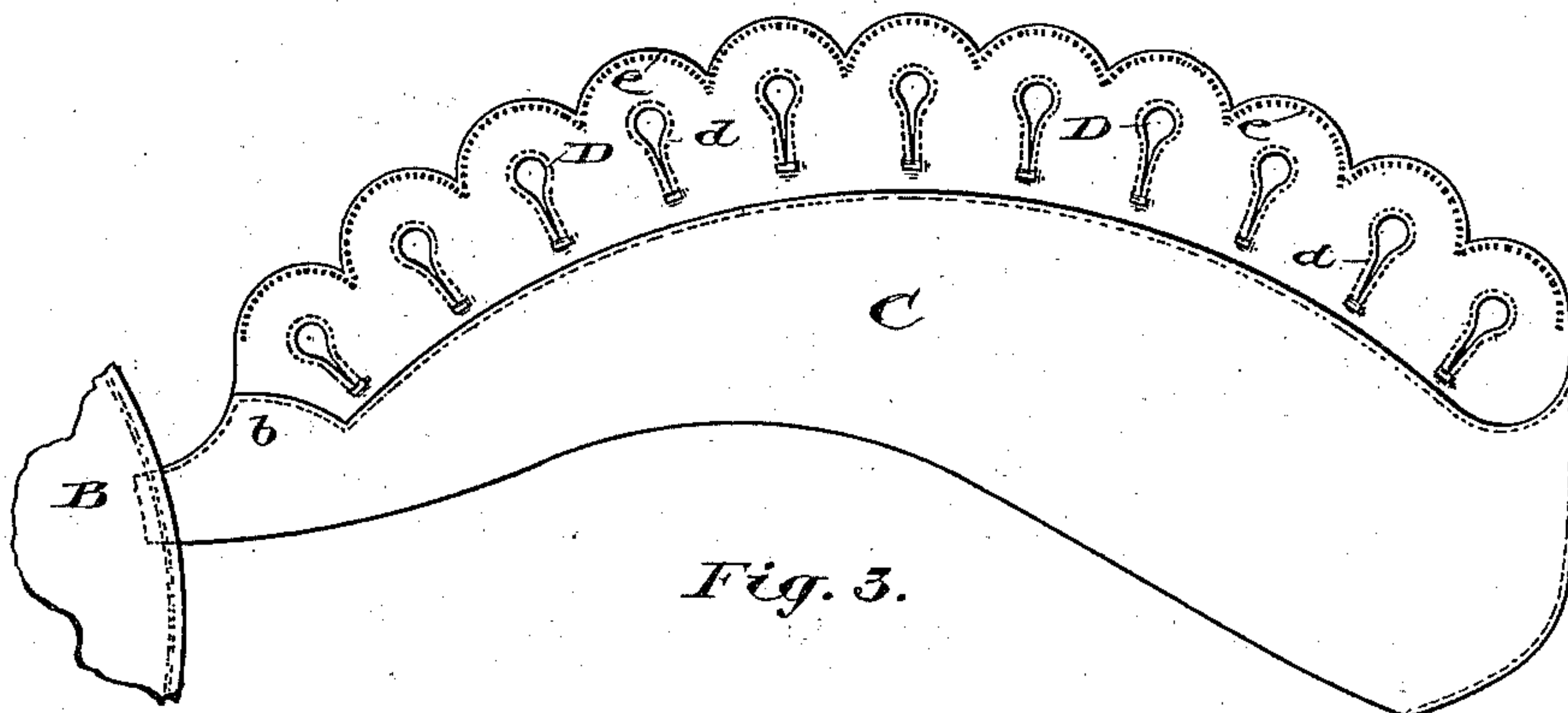
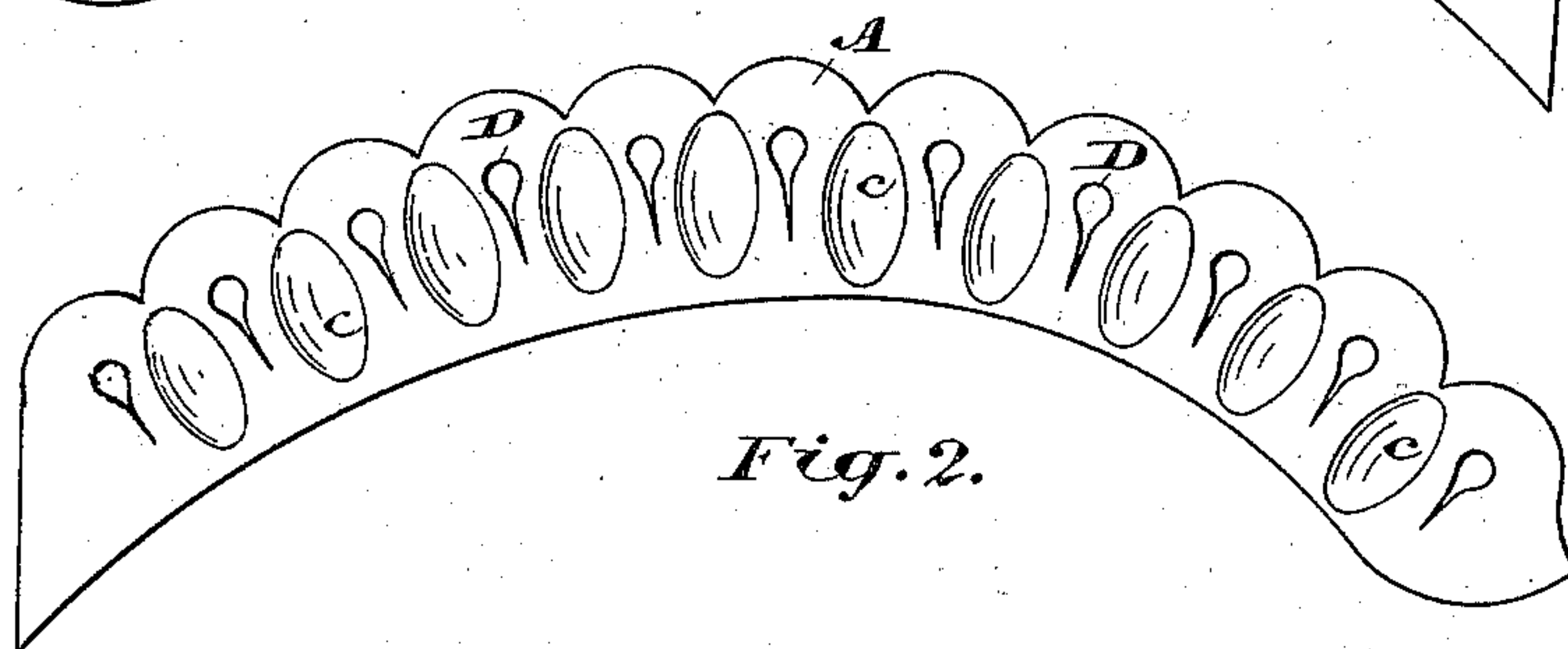
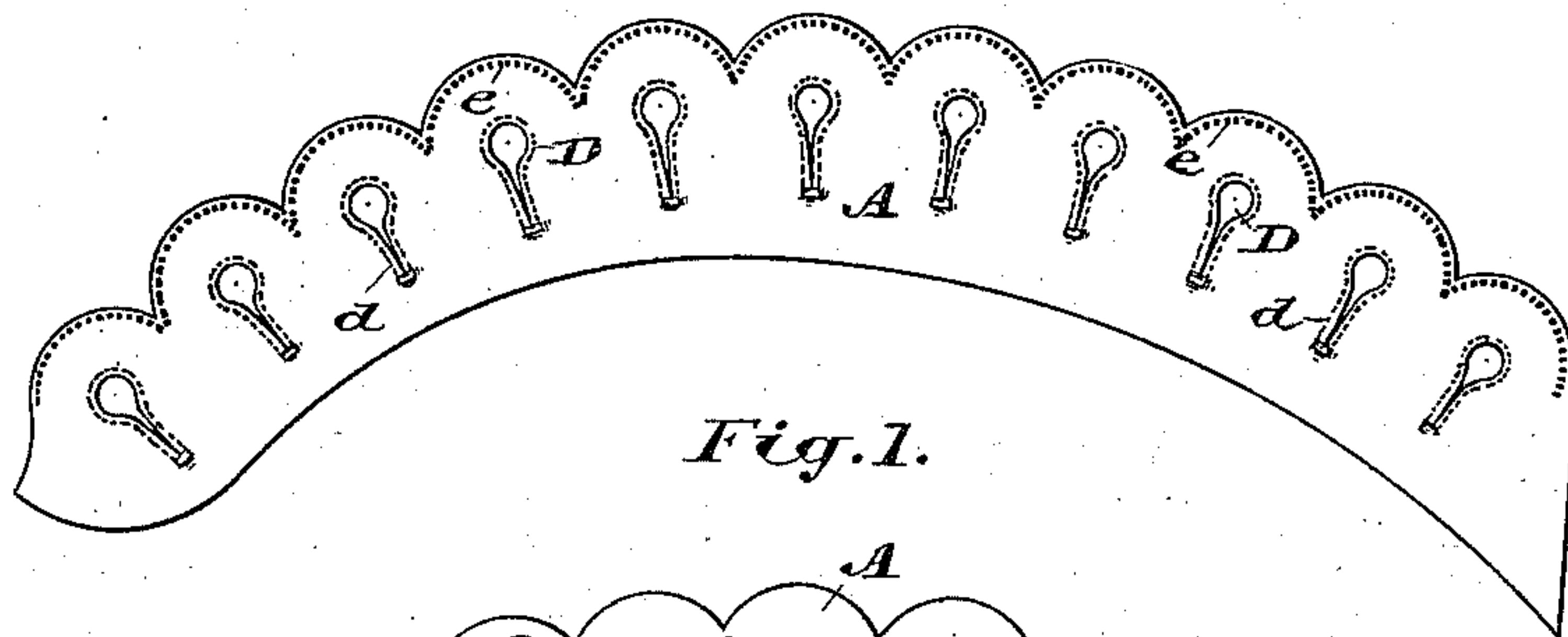
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE VALIANT, of the city of Toronto, in the county of York, in the Province of Ontario, Canada, manufacturer of boots and shoes, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Boots, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement upon a button-hole or eyelet strip patented by me on the 13th day of May, 1884; and the object of the present invention is to facilitate the attachment of the strip to the boot and to make it pliable, and also to impart to the unstitched edges the appearance of finished stitching; and it consists, essentially, first, in cutting the fly or flap of the boot so as to leave a projection or lip extending beyond the vamp when the fly or flap is sewed thereon, so that the button-hole strip may be sewed by a sewing-machine onto the edge of the fly or flap after the same has been sewed to and forms part of the boot; secondly, in reducing the thickness of the strip between each button-hole so as to make the fly pliable; and, thirdly, in having the unstitched edge of the button-hole or eyelet strip and the unstitched edges of the holes in the said strip ornamented by stamping in imitation of stitching.

Figure 1 is an outside view of my improved button-hole strip. Fig. 2 is an inside view of the same. Fig. 3 is a view showing it attached to the fly or flap of the boot, exhibiting the shape of the fly or flap.

A is the button-hole strip, made of heavier or stronger material than that of which the fly or flap is made. This strip A should extend from the top of the boot to a point near the vamp B, but not below it, and is sewed to the fly or flap C, which is cut away, substantially as shown in Fig. 3, so that the strip A may be sewed by a sewing-machine onto the edge of the fly or flap C after the same has been sewed to and forms part of the boot. By thus forming the fly or flap C to receive the strip A, the said strip may readily be removed when worn out, and replaced by a new piece without in any way affecting the appearance of the boot. A lip, *b*, left on the fly or flap C, enables the operator to sew the strip A to the fly or flap C in a sewing-ma-

chine, which would not be as easy were it necessary to sew the strip immediately onto the vamp B. As there is no peculiarity in the vamp or in the fly or flap C other than described, it is not necessary to show the entire boot, the portion exhibited in Fig. 3 being sufficient to convey a clear idea of my invention. As the strip A is made of stronger material than the fly or flap C, it will naturally be stiffer than the fly to which it is attached. With the view, therefore, of making the button-hole strip as pliable as its fly or flap, I gouge out, as it were, a channel, *c*, between each button-hole D. In this way the strip A is made pliable, while at the same time its value as a button-hole receiver is not in any way reduced, the material around each button-hole being as thick and strong as ever. When stamping the button-holes D, the die employed to make the holes is cut so as to imprint around the edges of each hole an imitation of stitching, which I have marked in the drawing *d*. The edge of the strip A is also stamped in the same way, so as to have around its edge an imitation of stitching, *e*. As this imitation stitching is merely for the purpose of imparting a finished appearance to the edge of the strip and the button-holes, it will be understood that the ornamentation need not necessarily represent stitching, as anything which will impart a finished appearance to the edges would answer.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. In a boot or shoe, the fly or flap C, provided with a projection or lip, *b*, so that the strip A may be sewed to it without any stitches passing through them, being necessarily carried through the vamp B, as set forth.

2. A button-hole or eyelet strip, A, made of stronger material than the fly or flap C, to which it is attached, and reduced in thickness between the button-holes in order to make it pliable, as specified.

Toronto, March 2, 1885.

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