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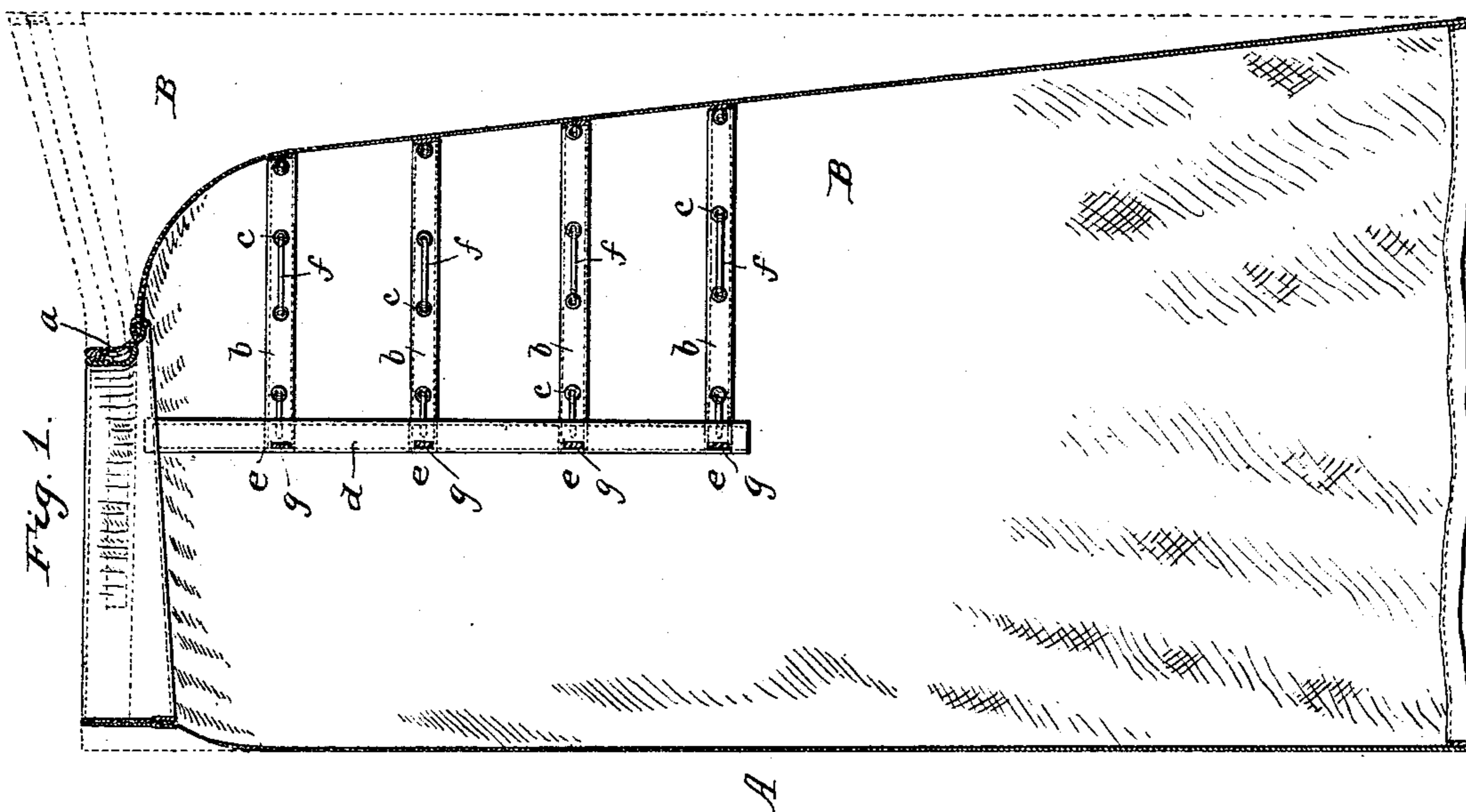
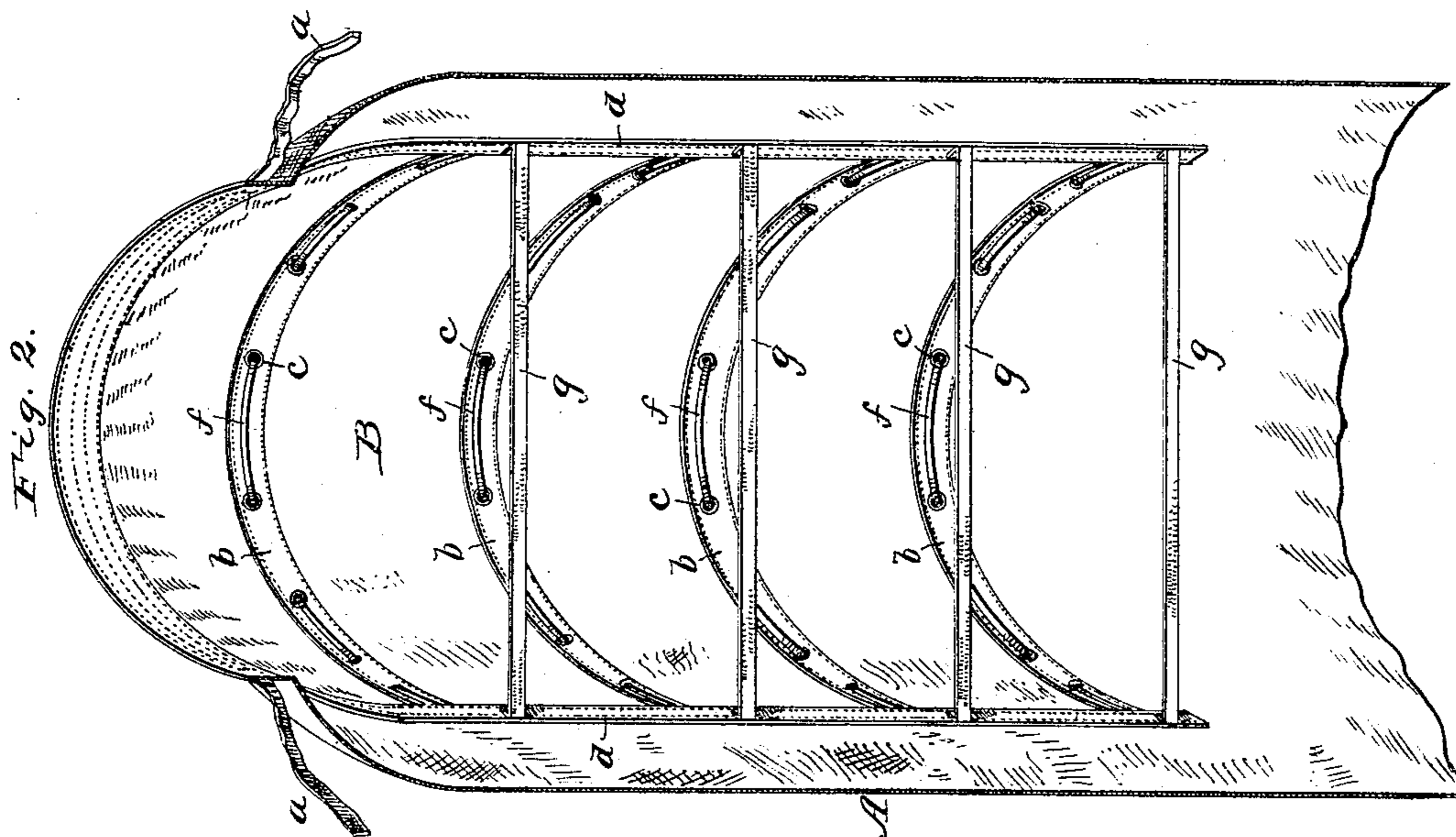
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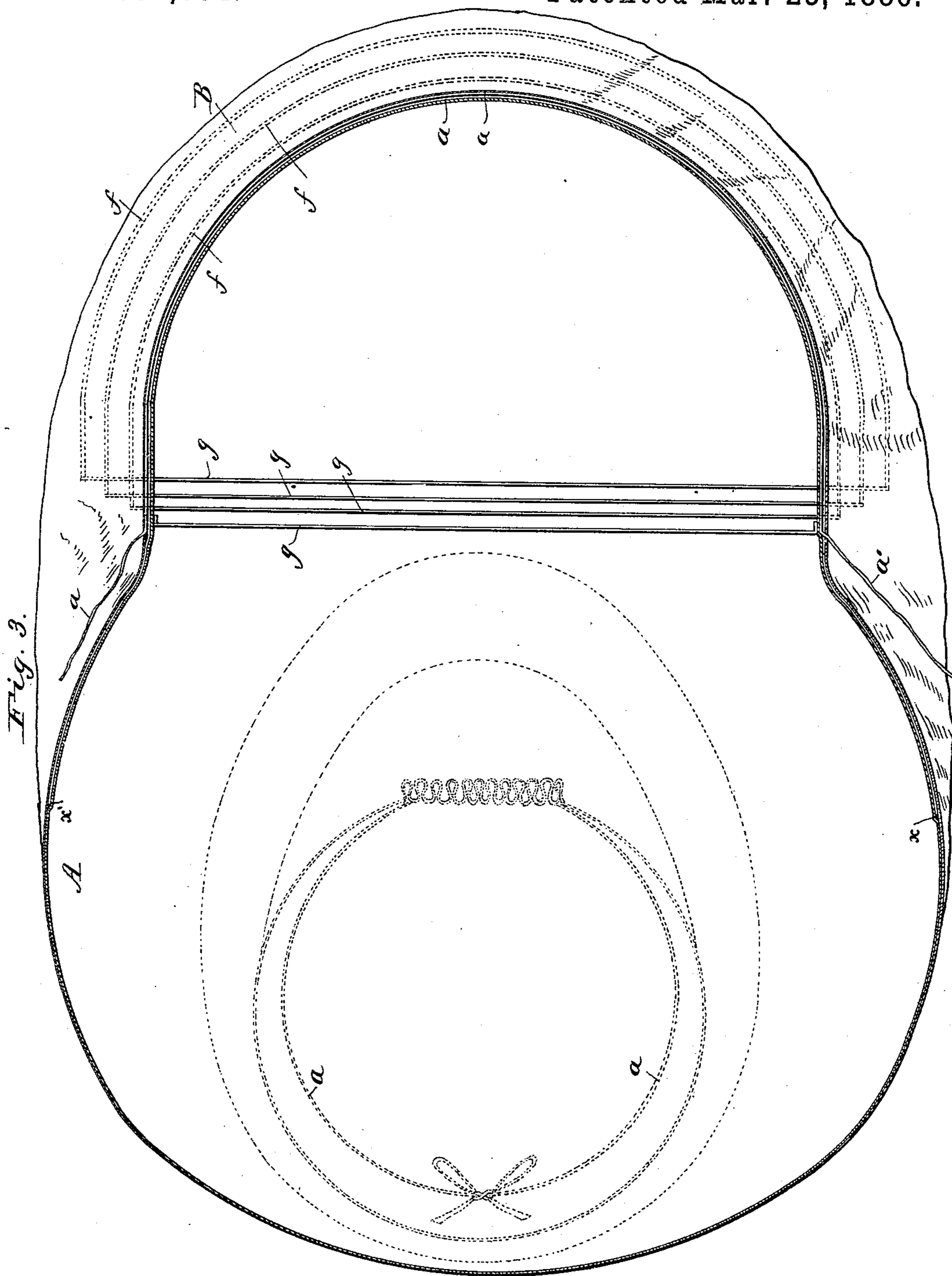
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS DRYFOOS, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a certain new and Improved Combined Skirt and Bustle, of which the following is a specification.

I am aware that combination skirts and bustles are not new, broadly considered. In my improved article the bustle is formed in the back breadth of the skirt, which is made sufficiently large for the purpose, and is also of sufficiently greater length than the front breadth to allow its upper portion to be drawn in over the bustle snugly around the waist of the wearer. In the back breadth are formed pockets to contain the hoop-skirt wire or other elastic strips, which, together with that part of the back breadth of the skirt where they are placed, form the body of the bustle; and these wires or strips are bent, so as to distend the bustle, by cross-tapes or their equivalent, which are attached at their ends to opposite sides of the bustle portion of the skirt. The pockets for the reception of the wires are preferably provided with eyelets, through which the wires are threaded, and the ends of the wires are received in end pockets in the skirt, the arrangement being such that the wires—any or all of them—can readily be removed and replaced. The pockets, indeed, may consist simply of eyelets attached directly to the skirt fabric itself in suitable position to allow the wires to be threaded through them; but I prefer to form said pockets of separate strips of material attached to the inside of the skirt and to insert the eyelets in the strips. The cross-tapes are made, preferably, of elastic webbing or other elastic material which will stretch and yield to the person of the wearer.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a vertical central section of a skirt made in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a view of the inside of that portion of the skirt in which the bustle is located. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section through the waistband of the skirt and the pocket containing the draw-strings.

A is the skirt, the back breadth, B, of which is of sufficiently greater length than the front to permit that portion of the skirt above the bustle to be gathered or taken in around the

waist, this being effected by draw-strings a a' , extending in a pocket in the upper edge or waistband from the back to the sides only of the skirt, terminating at the points x x' , so that the gathering shall be at the back. Draw-string a' extends from the point x' , and draw-string a from the point x . It will be noted that, as shown in Fig. 1, the skirt is higher in the back than in the front, the increased length at this point permitting the skirt to be drawn in around the waist without interfering with the bustle.

In Fig. 1 the skirt is represented by dotted lines in distended condition and by full lines in gathered-in condition. In Fig. 3 it is represented distended by full lines, and contracted by dotted lines.

On the inside of the back breadth of the skirt are strips b , of suitable length, stitched at each edge to the skirt, so as to form pockets, which are open, however, at their ends. These strips are horizontal, and are parallel with one another and at suitable intervals apart. In them are inserted metallic or other eyelets, c . Covering the ends of the pockets are vertical strips d , sewed to the skirt at points e , so as to form at those points pockets to receive the ends of the wires. These wires are shown at f . They are inserted in the pockets and are threaded through the eyelets, their ends being received in the end pocket, e . The eyelets furnish a most convenient and efficient means of holding the wires in place and of compelling them to bend evenly and uniformly.

To distend the bustle, the side edges of the same are drawn together to the desired extent by cross-tapes g , which are preferably elastic and extensible, so that they will yield and give to that portion of the person of the wearer against which they come.

It will be noted that while the wires are held securely in position the arrangement is such that they can at any time be removed with entire ease. It will also be noted that the back breadth of the skirt is cut long and wide enough to receive the bustle-wires, and also to be drawn in over and above the same without destroying the proper proportions of the skirt.

In adjusting the skirt to the person when the waistband is straight on the front of the

waist, the bustle is adjusted to its proper place, and all that is needed is to pull on the draw-strings, so as to gather in and secure the skirt upon the person.

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

10 The skirt formed with a back breadth made broad and long, as described, to receive bustle-wires, and having a fullness of material above the topmost wire, to permit it to be drawn in over and above said wires, and provided with waist draw-strings, bustle-wires

secured in pockets in or on the back breadth, and cross tapes or strips secured on the inside 15 to opposite sides of the bustle portion of the skirt, for distending the bustle, as hereinbefore shown and described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 12th day of December, A. D. 20 1885.

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