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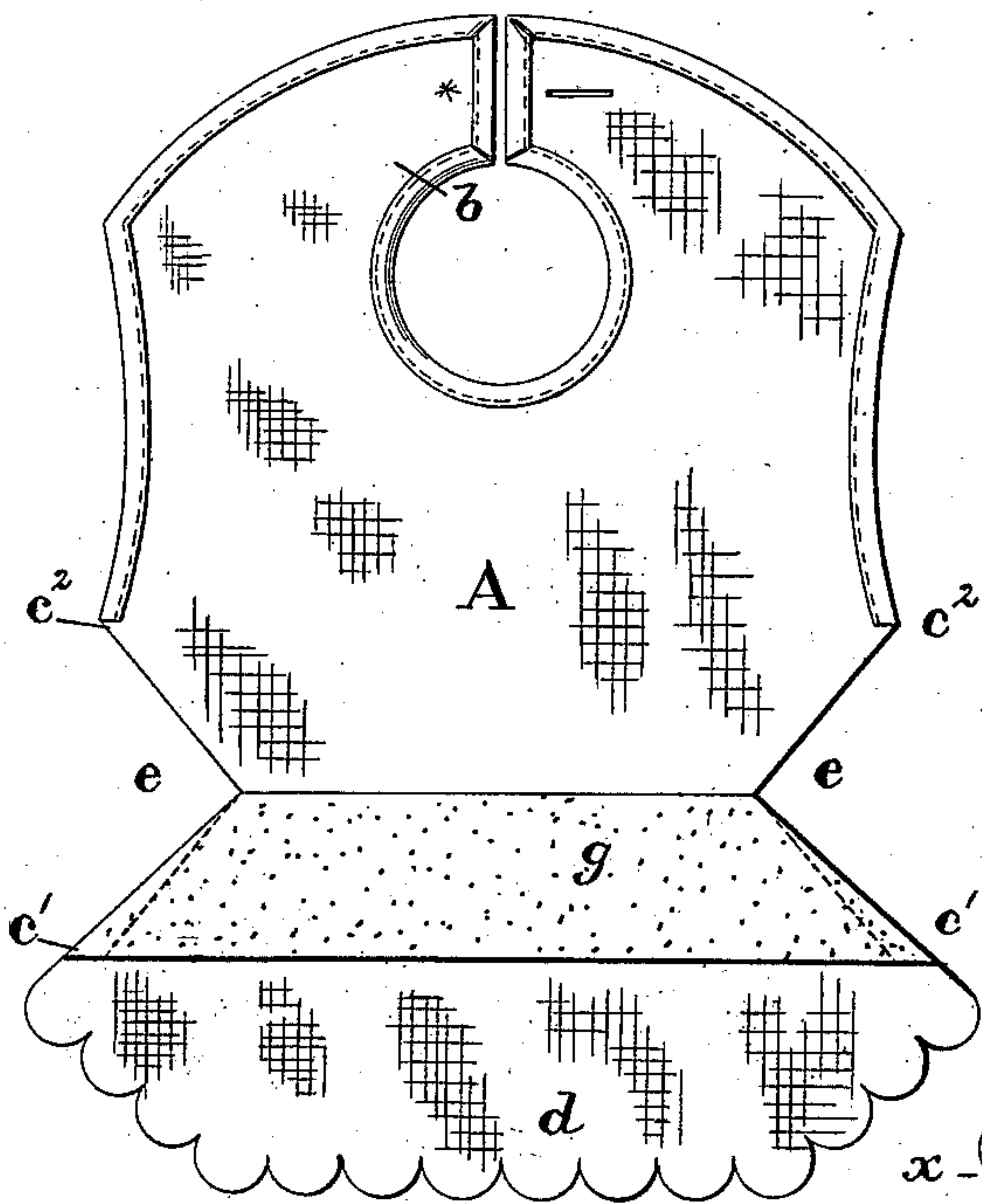


Fig. 1.

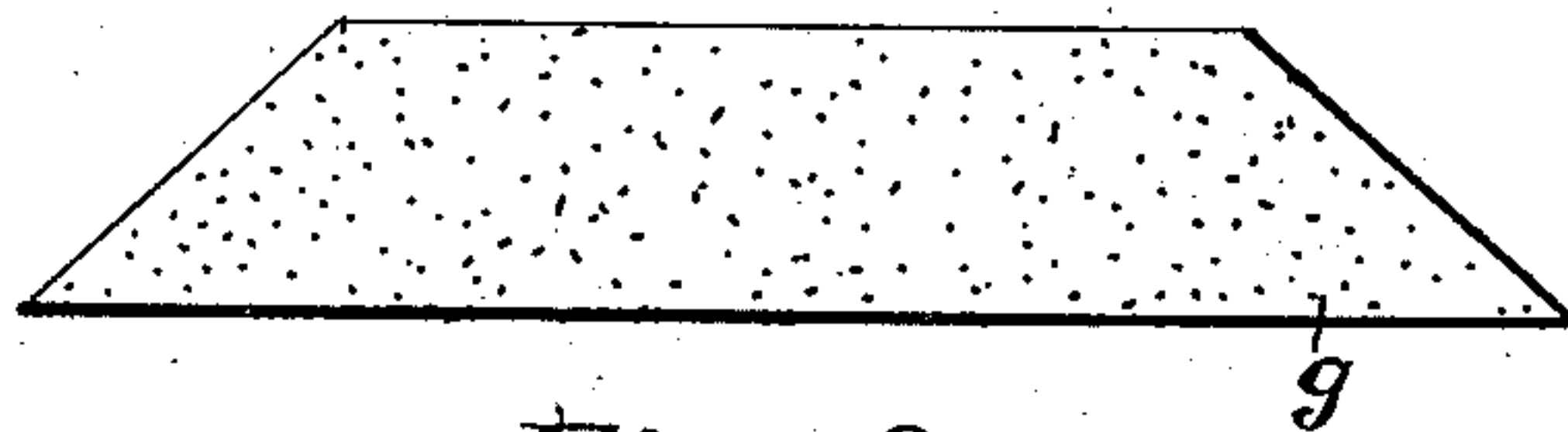


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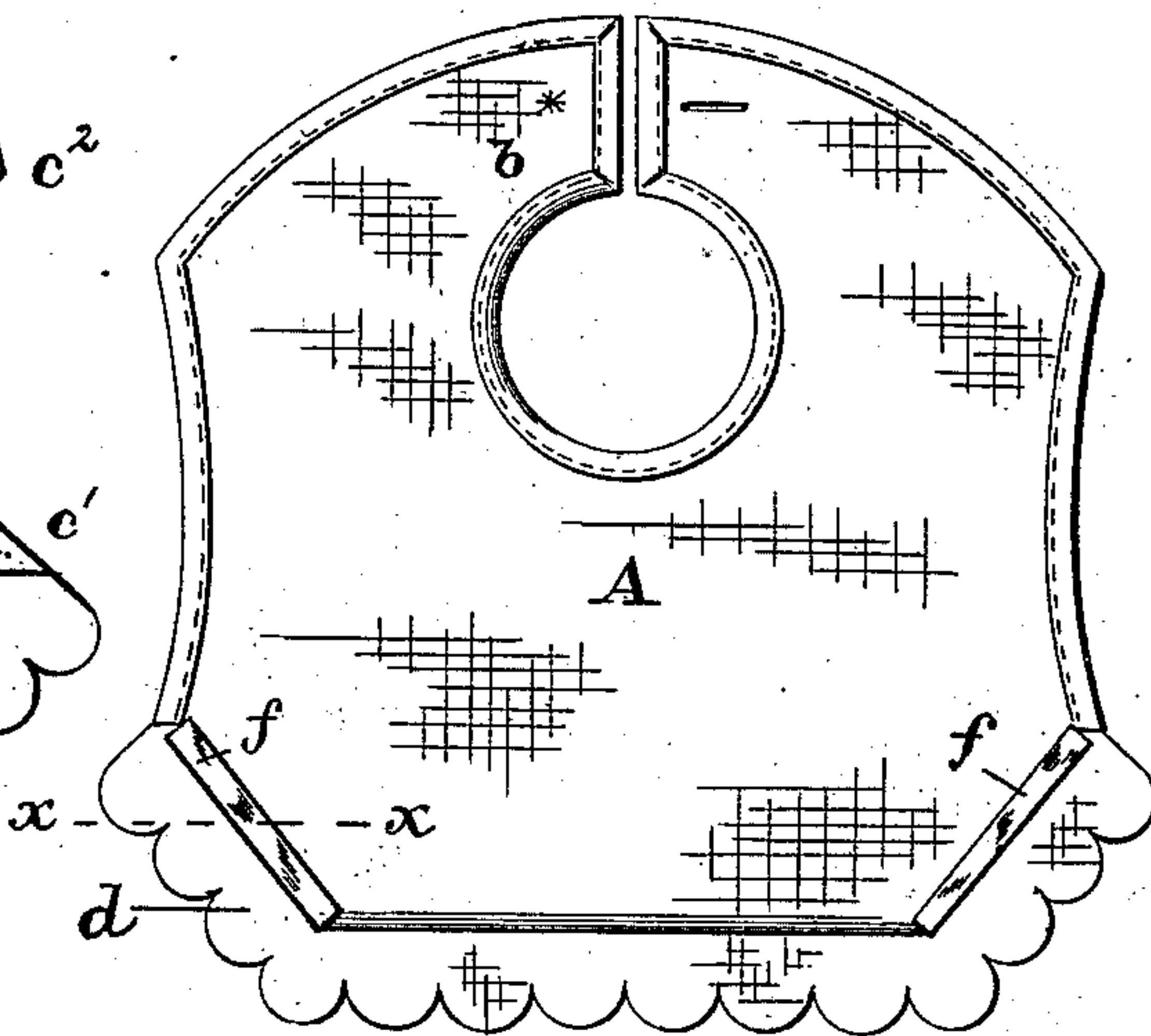


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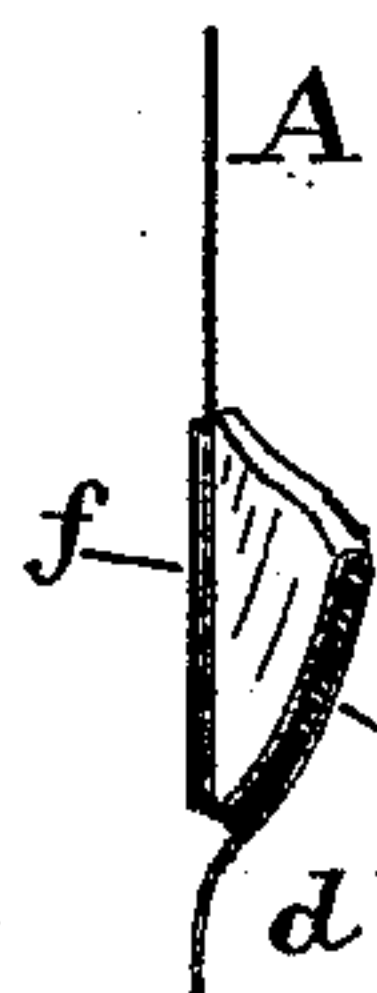


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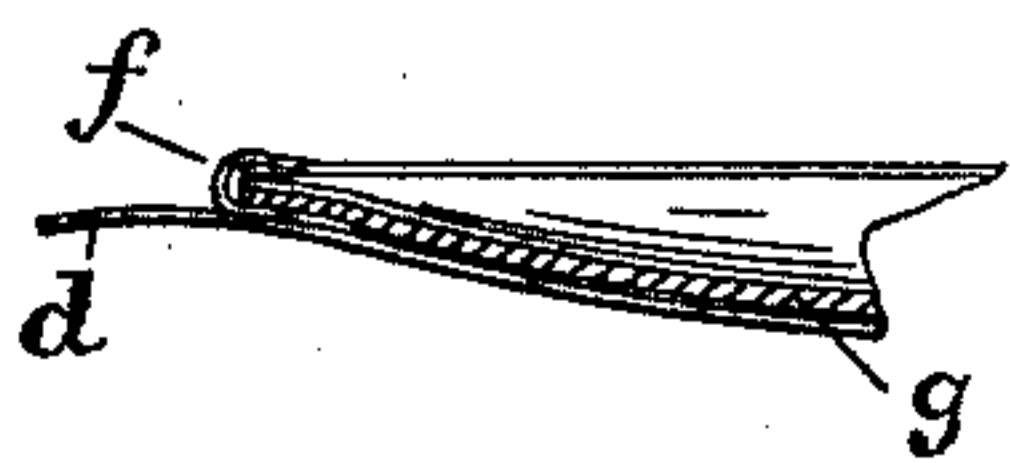


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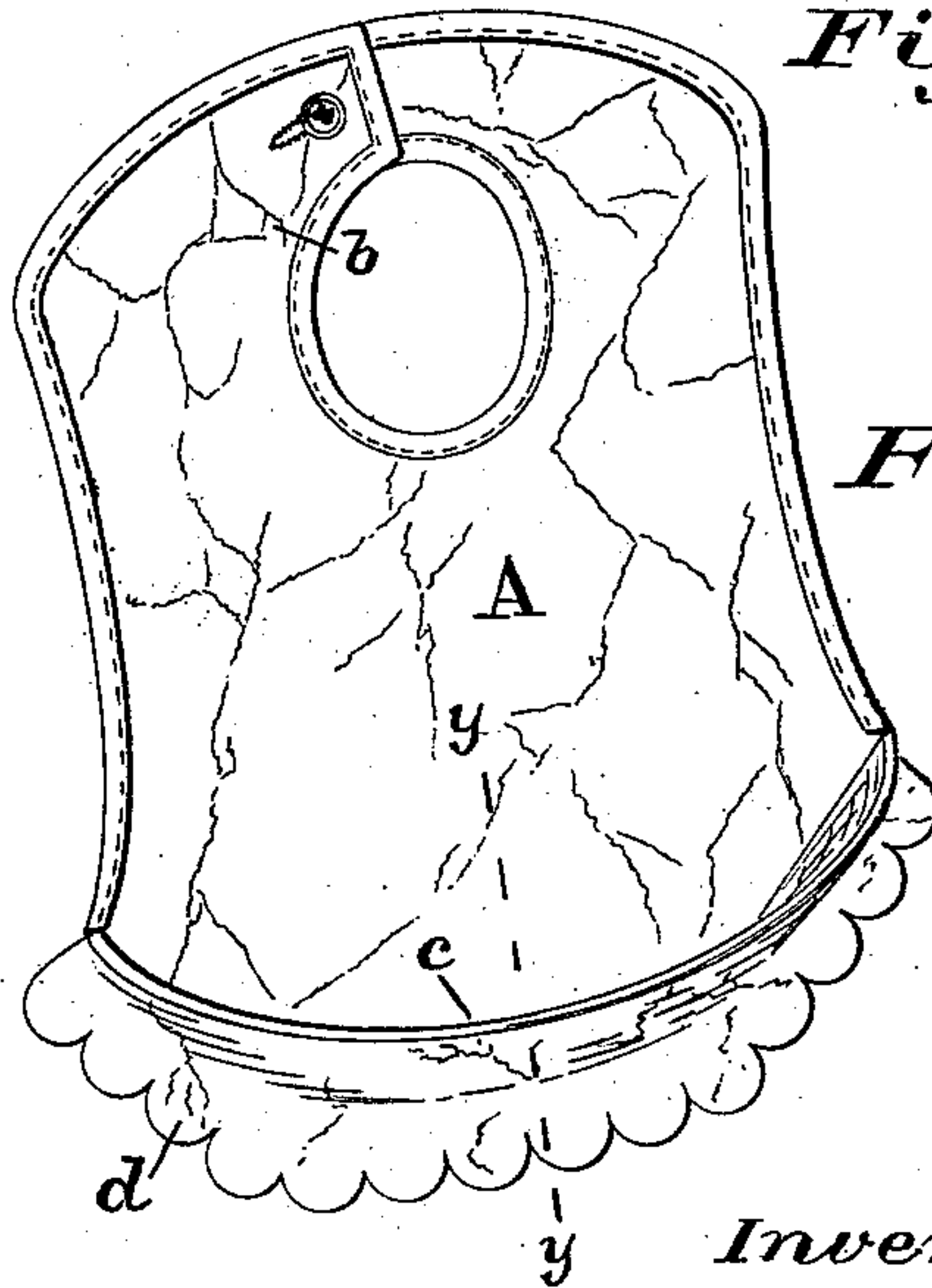


Fig. 6.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDGAR F. M. SPIES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Children's Bibs, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in bibs for children.

The object of the invention is to provide a bib having a waste receptacle or pocket extending entirely across its front, and so arranged that said pocket will catch and retain any food or drink that may be dropped in feeding the child.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the blank or a pattern of the fabric from which the bib is made. Fig. 2 is a view of the pocket-stiffener. Fig. 3 is a back view of the bib. Fig. 4 is a vertical section on line *x x*. Fig. 5 is a section taken on the line *y y*. Fig. 6 is a perspective front view of the bib.

The bib may be made of any suitable material adapted to resist water—such as oil-cloth, enamel-cloth, or rubber cloth. The front or chest part, *A*, and the neck part *b* or fastening may have any usual or desired form. At the bottom of the usual front part and continuous therewith (see Fig. 1) is the front side, *c*, of the receptacle or pocket, and a flap, *d*, is below said front side. In the present instance the blank or pattern on the opposite edges, where the sides of the receptacle or pocket come, is cut *V* shape, as at *e*, and the front side, *c*, of the pocket folds up against the chest part on a line at the narrowest point between the two *V*-shaped cuts. The line of this fold thereby constitutes the bottom of the pocket. The front side of the pocket, measured across at its widest point, *c'*, is broader than the widest part, *c''*, of the chest-front. This greater breadth is indicated by the broken line near each end of the pocket-front side. When the pocket-front side *c*, having a greater breadth, as stated, is folded up against the chest part *A*, and the points *c'* are brought exactly coincident with the points *c''*, the effect will be to spring or bow outward the top of

said front side of the pocket, as shown in Figs. 4, 5, and 6. The two sides of the pocket (or, in other words, the edges where the *V*-shaped cut is made) are each seamed or united by a sheet-metal clamp, *f*, hereinafter to be described.

A stiffener, *g*, of pasteboard, sheet metal, or any suitable material, is cut exactly the size of the front side of the pocket, and is cemented thereto on the back surface, so that when the pocket-front side is folded up against the chest part said stiffener will be outermost, and the stiffener is covered and hidden from view by the flap *d*, which may be cemented against the stiffener. This flap may be scalloped or bound on the edge, or otherwise ornamented in any desired way. The clamps *f* each consist of a strip of sheet metal folded lengthwise. (See Figs. 3 and 5.) One of these bind and securely hold each side of the pocket, including the ends of the stiffener. It will thus be seen [that when the pocket-front is sprung or bowed outward from the chest part it has sufficient stiffness to retain its shape, and the top of the pocket is thus sufficiently spread open to catch any food or drink that may drop from the child's mouth.

From the foregoing description, and by reference to the drawings, it will be understood the pocket extends entirely across the front, and that the only seams in its construction occur at the sides, and these are each secured by a metal binding-clamp extending all along the seam. By this means the pocket is both strong and water-tight.

The advantages of a bib of this kind in protecting a child's clothing and the carpet on the floor are obvious.

Bib-pockets as heretofore made have not been provided on the front side with means to insure them to bow or spring outward from the chest part of the bib, and an improvement in this respect constitutes one feature of my invention.

Having described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

A child's bib having a *V*-shaped section at the lower part of the body portion upon each side thereof, forming the part *c*, and a flap, *d*,

below and continuous with said part *c*, the corners *c'* *c''* of the cut portion brought together and the edges of the V-shaped parts secured together to form the pocket of the bib, 5 and a stiffener, *g*, secured to the part *c*, said part and stiffener being wider than the cut part of the body portion, whereby the pocket is bowed or flaring, as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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