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Fig. 1.

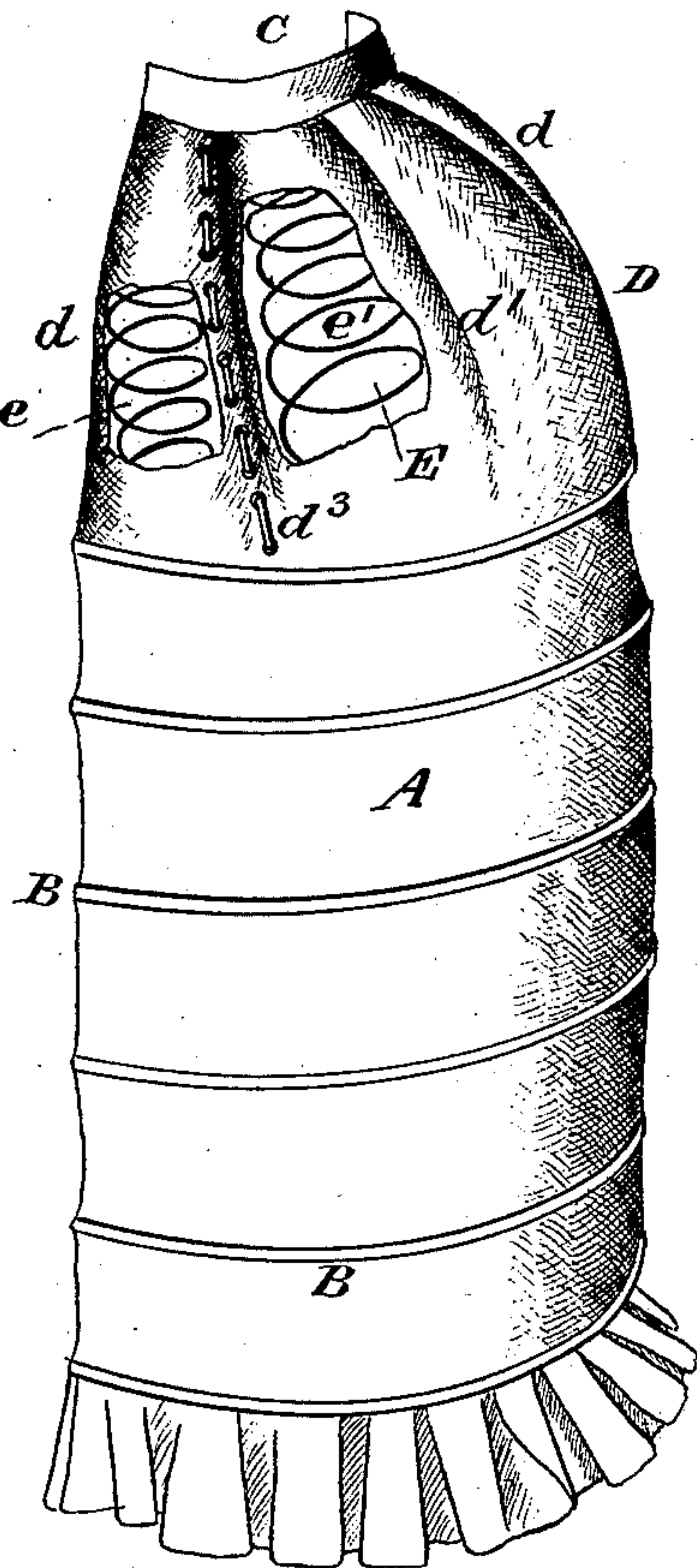


Fig. 2.

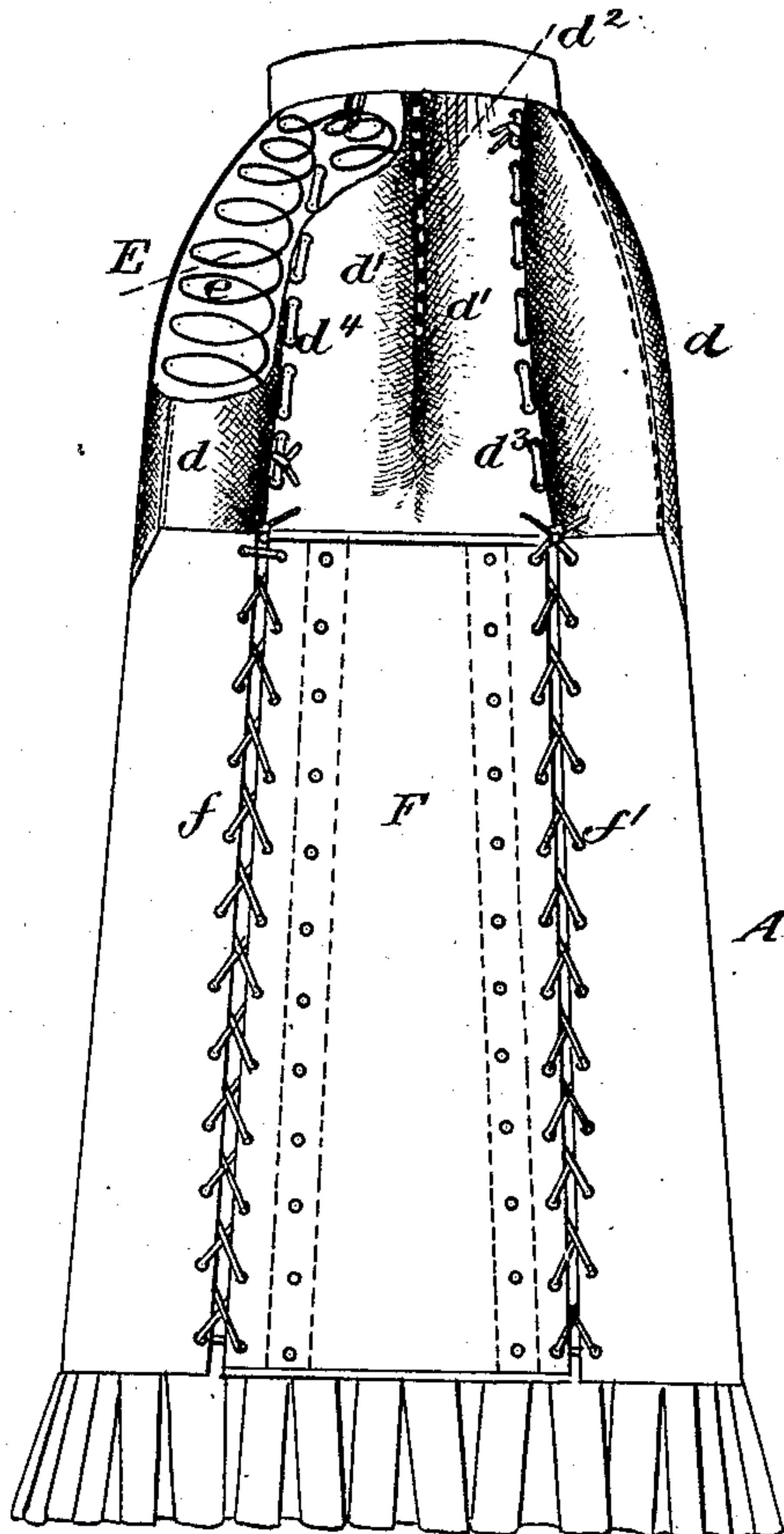
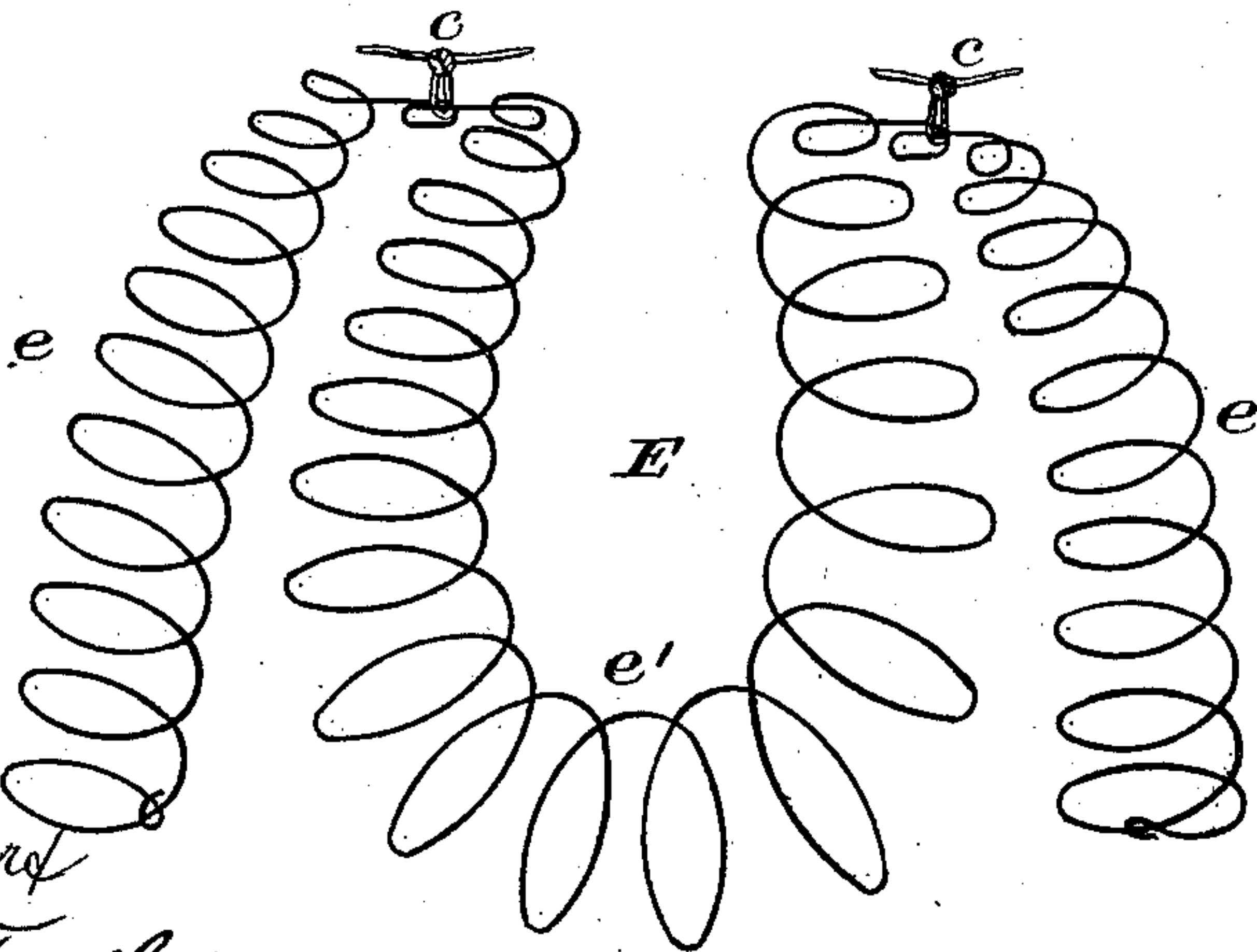


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARIA J. HODGKIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jerseyville, in the county of Jersey and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tilting Skirts and Bustles; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as 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 and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The special object of the invention is to produce a lady's panner or bustle combined with a tilting skirt, so as to give a graceful outline to the rear portion of the dress, to be susceptible of a nice adjustment, and to be automatically brought into its true position after an accidental displacement.

The invention will first be described in connection with the drawings, and then pointed out in the claims.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a perspective view partly broken away; Fig. 2, a front elevation, also partly broken away, and Fig. 3 a detail view in perspective of my peculiar form and arrangement of spring.

In the drawings, A represents a tilting skirt, and B the horizontally-placed reeds, the latter extending from the bottom to within about twelve inches of the belt or waistband C.

D is the bustle, bishop, or panner, which extends on a gradual curve from the topmost reed to the waistband, and is provided with three pockets, $d\ d'\ d$, the middle one being partially separated by a short line of stitching, d^2 , while it is divided off from the end pockets, d d' , by the lacing and eyelets $d^3\ d^4$.

E represents my bustle spring, which may be and is preferably made integral, but in three divisions, $e\ e'\ e$. The latter may be separate and connected at the upper ends. The end divisions are spiral cones, while the middle one is a double cone tapering toward each end. The upper ends of the cones are connected with the band or belt C by the loops e , while the band itself is secured to the corset by safety-pins.

The tilter-skirt is cut out in front and provided with a gore, F, which is adjustably attached to the edges of the skirt by the lacing and eyelets $f\ f'$, so that the skirt may be made to fit snugly on ladies of different size.

By my arrangement of the springs in pockets separated by lacing they, as well as the reeds, may be easily removed, so as to allow the whole to be properly laundered.

My arrangement of the reeds and springs renders the whole device self-adjusting, so that it will contract under pressure and expand into its normal shape as soon as the pressure is removed.

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

1. The herein-described bustle or panner, comprising the inclosing fabric divided into vertical pockets, a central and two side pockets, the central pocket being partially divided and each of said pockets containing a coiled spring, the springs being connected to each other at their upper ends, and the division between the said pockets being composed of lacing, which extends from just below the connections between said springs to the bottom thereof, whereby the springs may be removed, for the purpose specified.

2. The herein-described bustle or panner, comprising the inclosing fabric divided into vertical pockets, a central and two side pockets, the central pocket being partially divided and each of said pockets containing a coiled spring, the springs being connected to each other at their upper ends, and the division between said pockets being composed of lacing, which extends from just below the connections between said springs to the bottom thereof, and stiffening-ribs extending horizontally of the bustle below said springs, as shown and described.

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

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