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LADY'S BELT.

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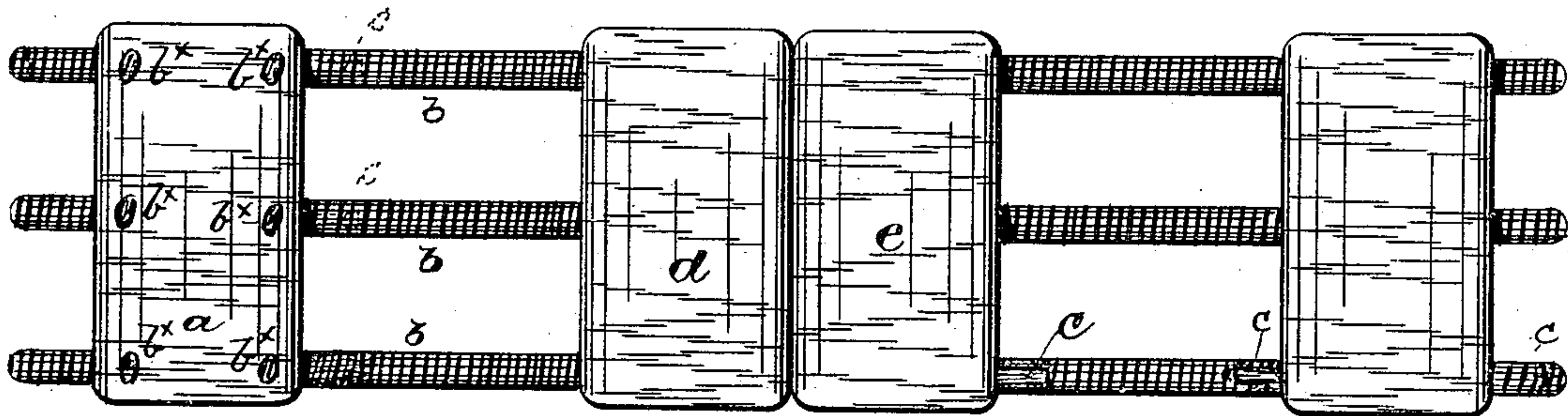


Fig. 1

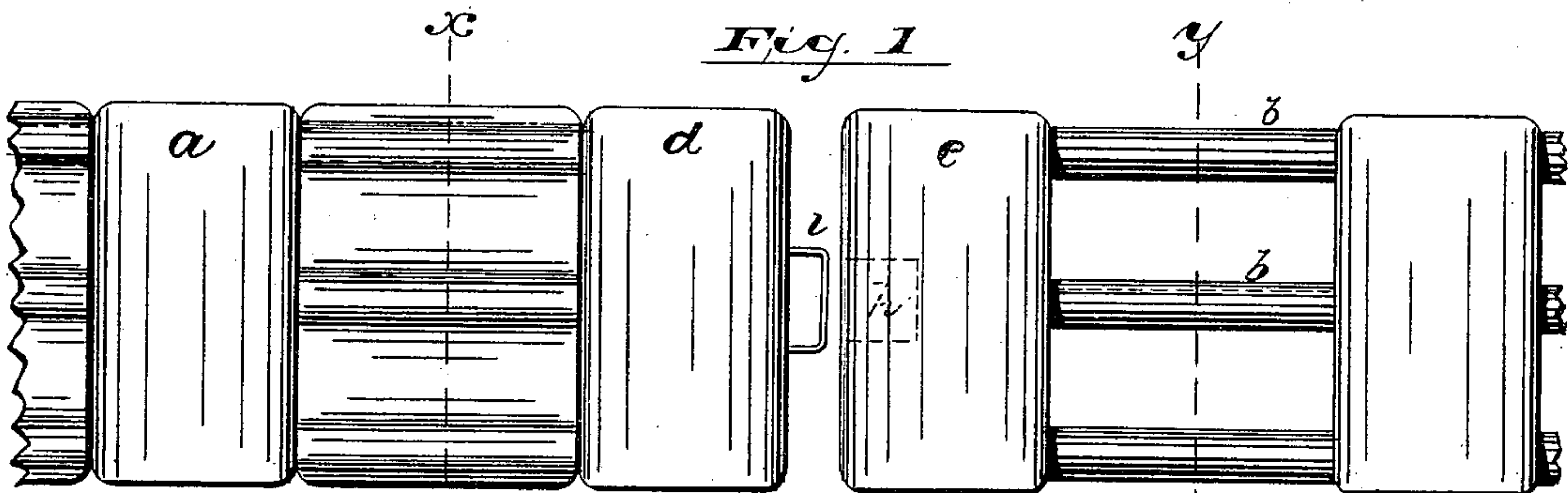


Fig. 2

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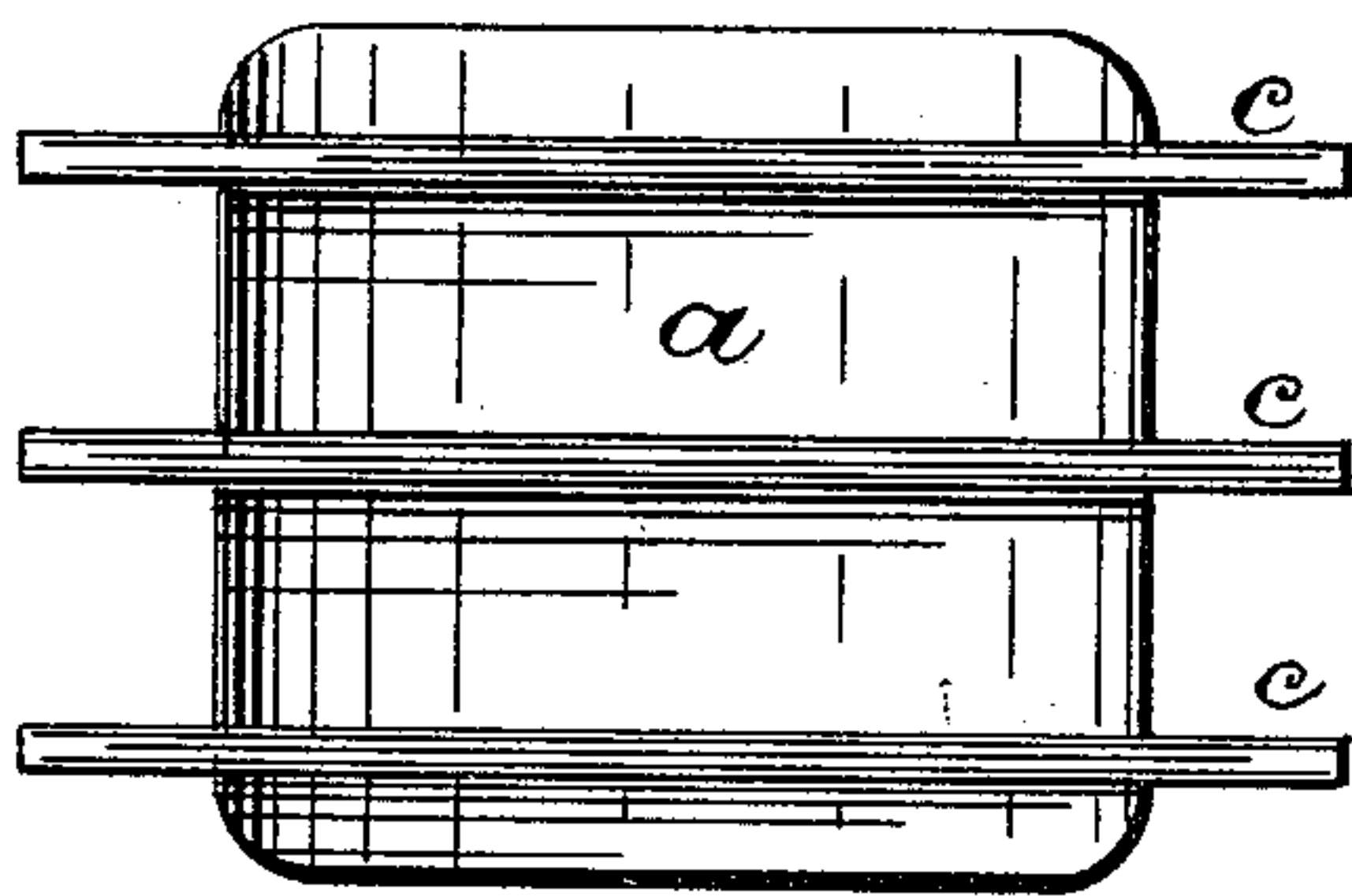


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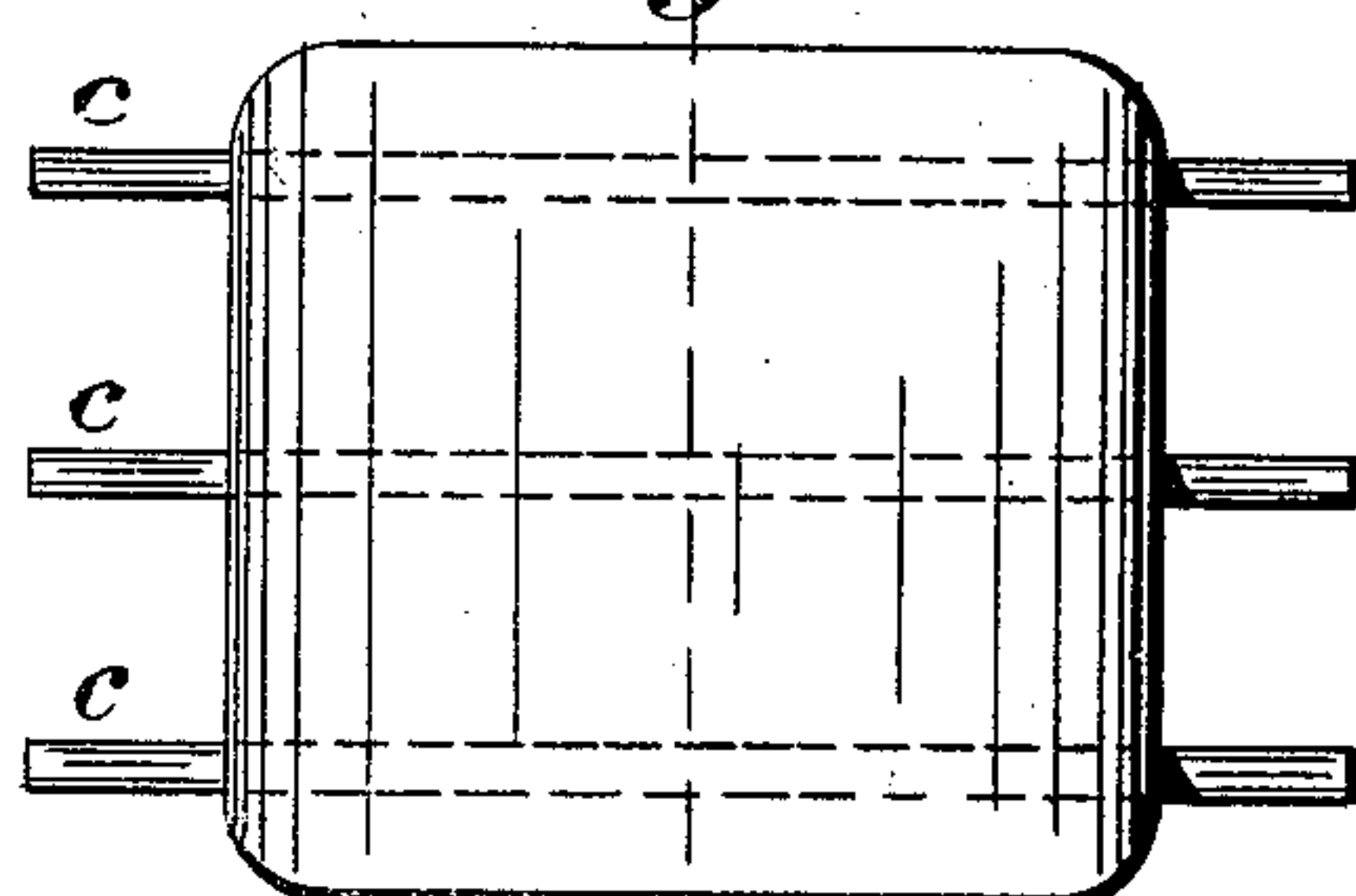


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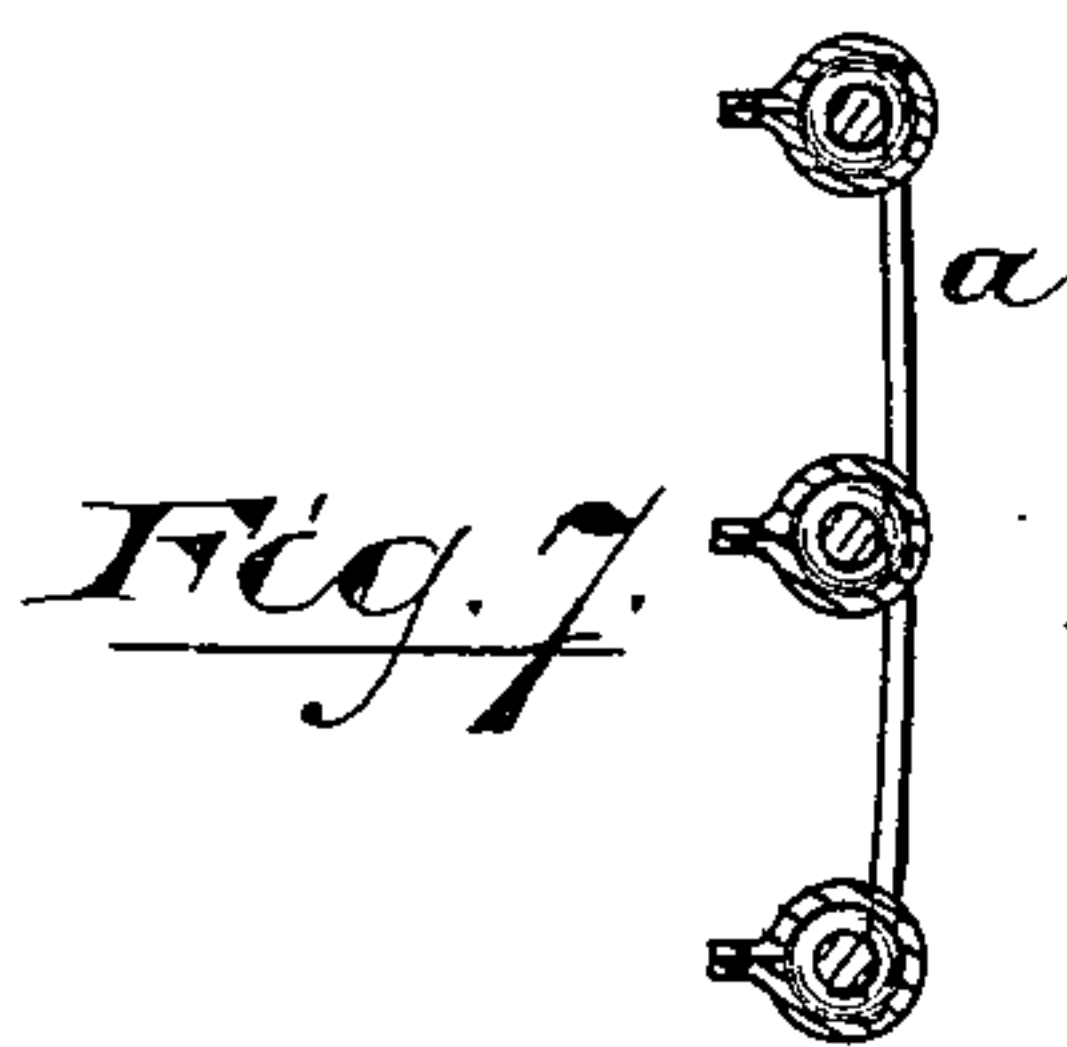


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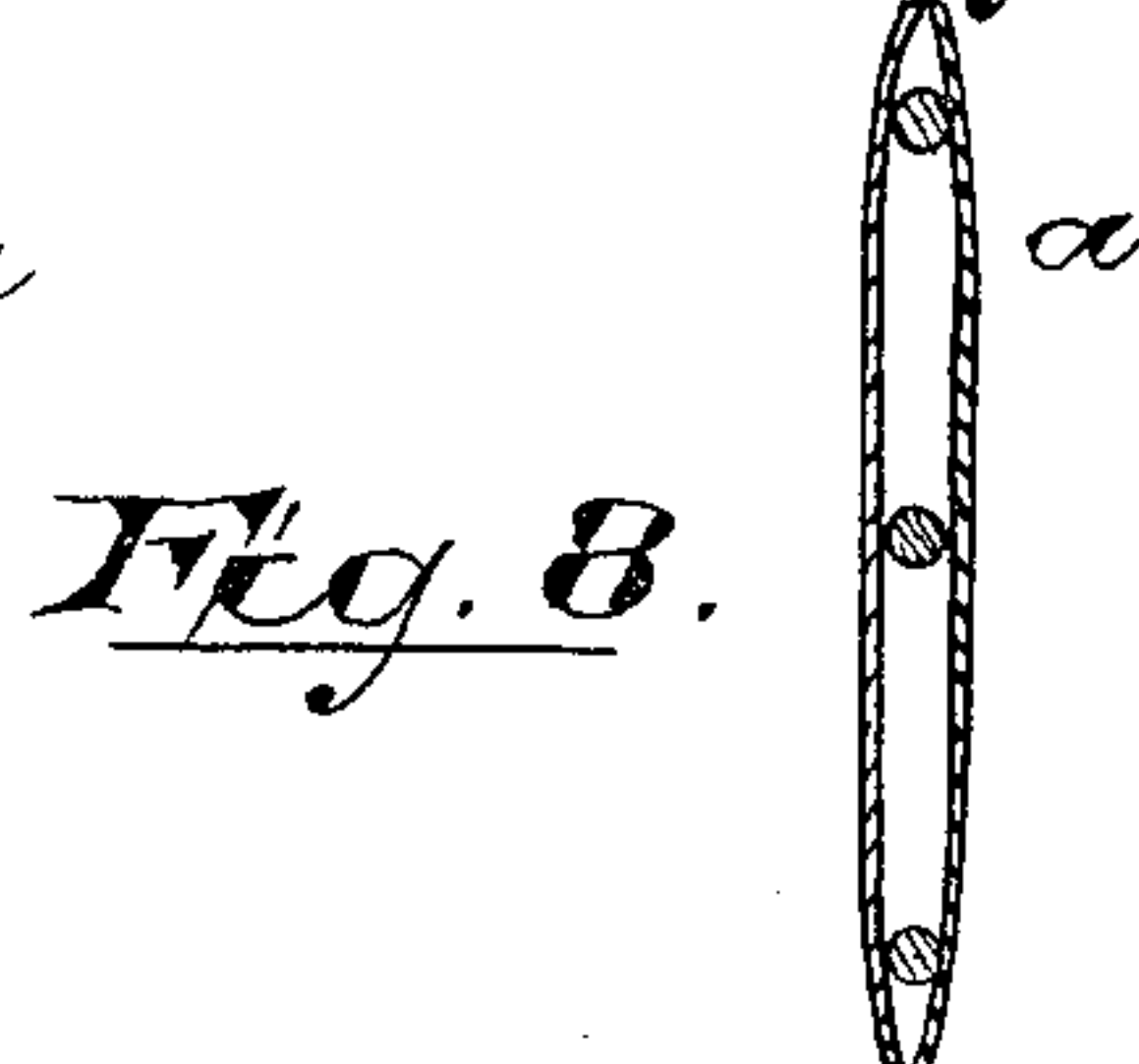


Fig. 8.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK SCHOLL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ladies' Belts; and I do hereby 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 letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

In said drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of a portion of my improved belt. Fig. 2 is an elevation of an end portion of one side, showing the links covered in one common piece. Fig. 3 is an elevation of an end portion of the opposite end of a belt, showing the links separately covered. Fig. 4 is a rear elevation of one of the plates. Fig. 5 is a view of the same, showing a rear covering therefor. Fig. 6 is a section on line *x* of Fig. 2. Fig. 7 is a section on line *y* of Fig. 3, and Fig. 8 is a section on line *z* of Fig. 5.

The object of the invention is to provide a belt which will be more elastic, and to impart increased efficiency and durability to the same.

Referring to said drawings, *a* represents plates composed of metal or other appropriate material, *b* spring-wire links, and *c* ribs or wires at the end of said links, whereby they may be soldered or otherwise secured to the plates to connect the plates with said links.

d and *e* are end plates of a series of plates, to which are secured a fastening device, *l* and *h*, to securely fasten said belt when adjusted about the waist.

The invention consists in a series of plates, *a*, composed of metal or other appropriate material, connected by links *b*, made of coiled spring-wire. In this case there are three links between each plate. There are various ways in which these links may be connected to the plates. For example, in the present case at the end of the links are found projecting ribs or wires *c*, which run a short distance into the links and are soldered therein and to the metal plates, thereby connecting the wire links with said plates, as indicated in Figs. 1, 2, and 3.

It will be noticed that the ribs extend entirely across the plates, so that should the plates or either of them become disconnected or detached therefrom the belt will not in consequence thereof be lost. These ribs, however, may be dispensed with and the end wire links may be hooked into the plates through suitable perforations therein, and then soldered or otherwise secured, as shown at *b^x* on the left-hand side of Fig. 1, or they may be hooked in from the outside and riveted upon the inside of the plate, or in any other appropriate manner, as will be readily understood from the illustration of the last-described construction. These plates, when the wire ribs are used, if desired, may be lined upon the inside with a thin metal lining or with leather, or any other appropriate material of a contrasting color or appearance, as indicated in Figs. 5 and 8, thereby giving a neat appearance to the inside of the belt.

The spiral links may also be covered with leather or any other suitable or desirable material, either separately or with a covering broad enough to inclose the three spring-wire links, as indicated in Figs. 2, 3, 6, and 7, thereby concealing the same from view, or the plates may be cut away by dies, so as to form an open design, and the lining of contrasting color and material, visible through the open-work, gives to the belt a pretty effect.

In any of the instances referred to above the covering should not be attached to the plates, but be disconnected therefrom, to allow for the expansion and contraction of the spring-links, as will be understood.

The plates may be provided with suitable ornaments, or they may be embossed or otherwise embellished, as taste and fancy may suggest.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new is—

1. A lady's belt consisting of a series of plates, *a*, having wire ribs *c* on one side thereof, and spiral wire links secured to the wires *c*, and a fastening device, as set forth.

2. A lady's belt consisting of a series of plates having wire ribs *c* on one side thereof, having a covering over the said wire ribs, and a series of interposed links of spiral wire laid

lengthwise and connected to the links, in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

3. A lady's belt consisting of the plates, as described, having covers on their reverse faces,
5 and the connecting-links of spiral wire covered, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I

have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of June, 1887.

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