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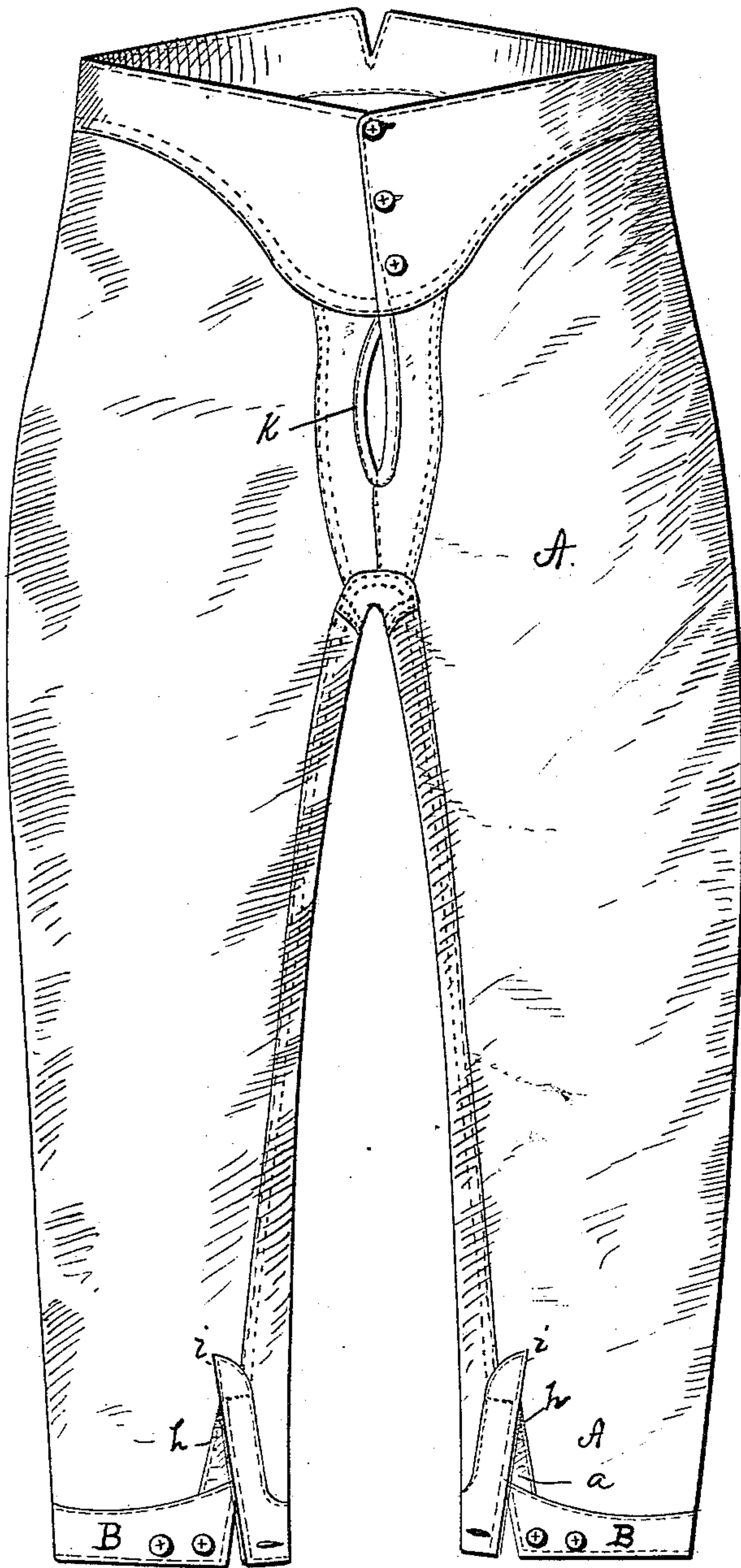
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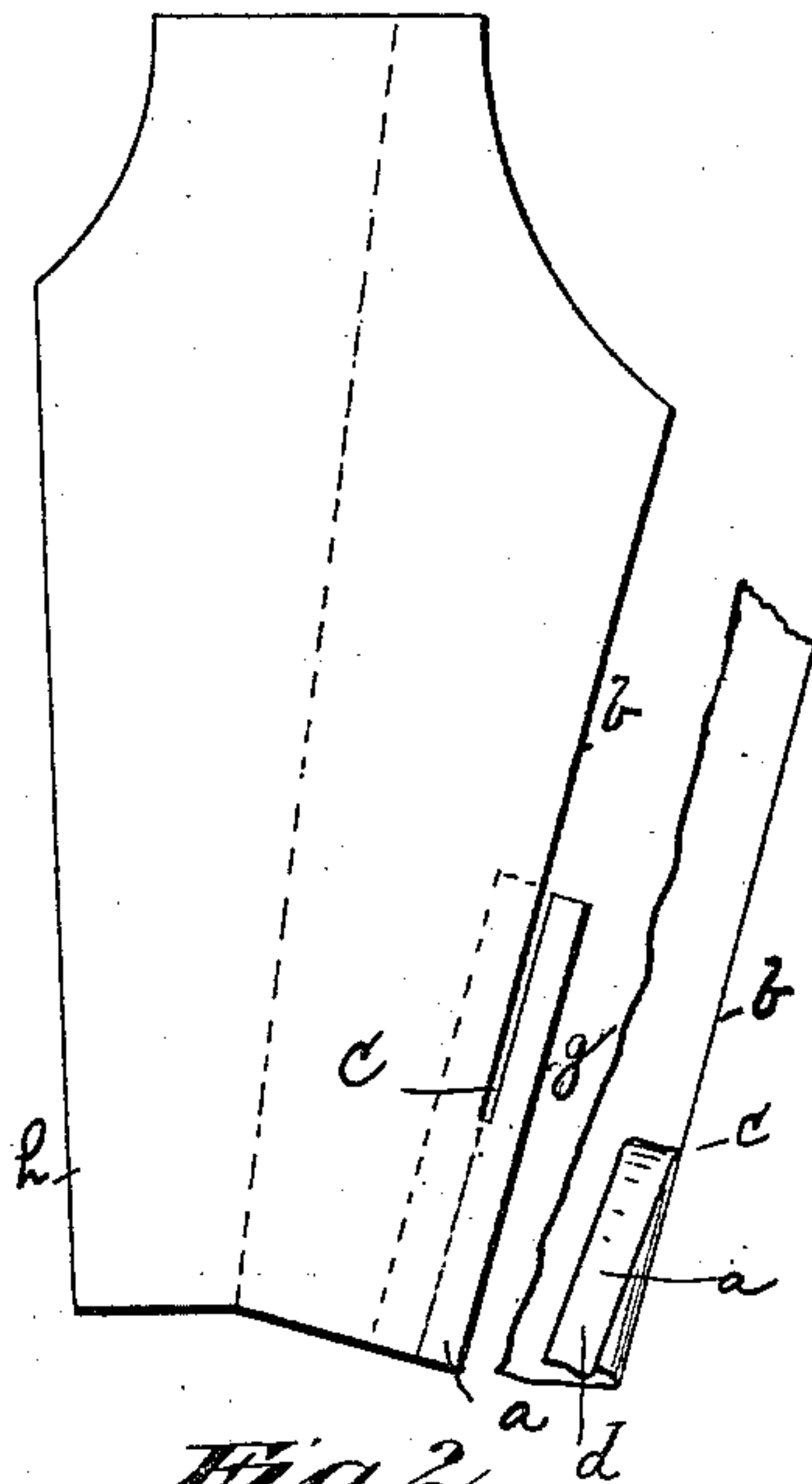
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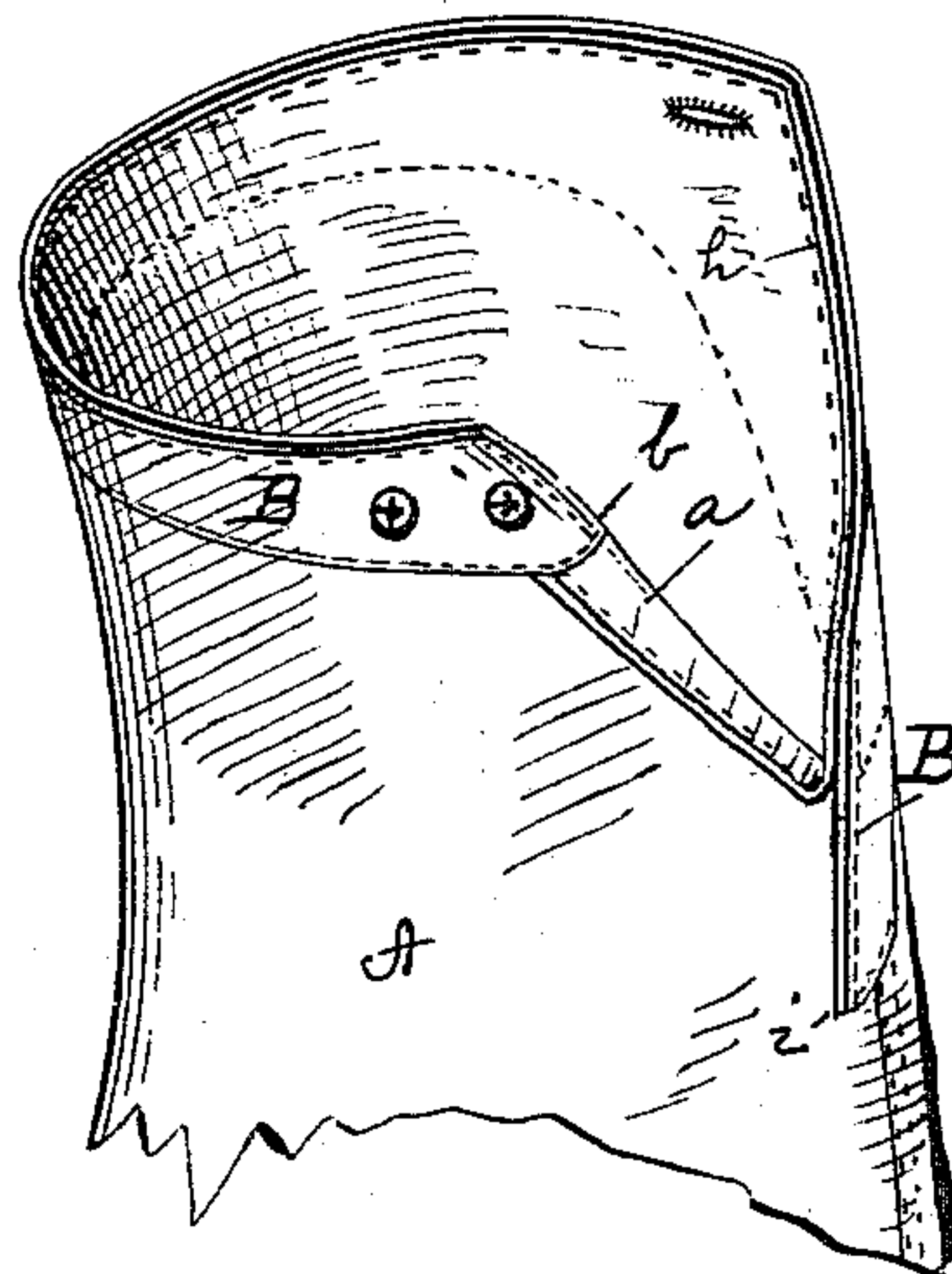
*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## DRAWERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LOUIS LEOVILLE BERTONNEAU, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New Orleans, parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Drawers, of which the following is a full and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain improvements in under-garments of various descriptions; and it has for its objects to strengthen or re enforce the same at the angle of the opening of the ankle or wrist portions of said garments and at other points which have heretofore been re enforced by gussets, so as to lessen the liability to rip or tear at such points, and thus render the garment much more durable. These objects I attain by the means illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a front elevation of a pair of drawers, showing my invention applied thereto. Fig. 2 represents a view of the lower part of one of the legs of the drawers or ankle portion of the same in perspective, showing my invention; and Fig. 3 shows a detached view of one of the leg-patterns before being made up, showing the parts which form the re enforce.

Referring to the drawings, the letter A indicates a pair of drawers, the upper portions of which are cut in the usual manner and the parts of which are sewed together, as usual. The lower or ankle portion, however, of each leg pattern or part is so cut as to leave a flap, *a*, at one side and integral therewith, and the material on a line with the edge *b* of said part is slit to a point midway between the upper and lower ends of said flap, as indicated by the letter *c*, Fig. 3, of the drawings. The portion of the flap above the slit is then turned down, as indicated by the letter *d*, Fig. 3, and its outer edge, *g*, turned under and stitched to the

edge *h* of the leg, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings. The lower portion of the flap is also turned under at its edge and stitched to the leg just inside the edge *b*, as plainly shown in Fig. 2.

The letter B indicates the ankle-band of the drawers, which extends around the lower edge of the leg and up along the edge *h* to a point, *i*, above the re-enforced point, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the edges of said band being turned under prior to stitching, as usual, to prevent said edges from fraying and pulling away from the stitches.

To further re-enforce the drawers, a binding, *k*, of tape or other suitable material, is stitched continuously around the edges of the crotch, as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings.

While my invention is mainly designed to be applied to drawers, it is evident that it is applicable to those portions of garments which have heretofore been re-enforced by gussets or other devices to prevent tearing when subjected to strain.

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

The improved drawers herein described, having legs provided with slits re-enforced with integral flaps that are partially separated from the main part of the legs, the said flaps folded, as described, and the folded portions stitched to opposite edges of the legs, so as to re-enforce the slit, as set forth, in combination with the bands stitched around the bottom of the legs and along one edge of the slit to a point above the angle thereof, substantially as set forth.

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

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