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Fig. 1.

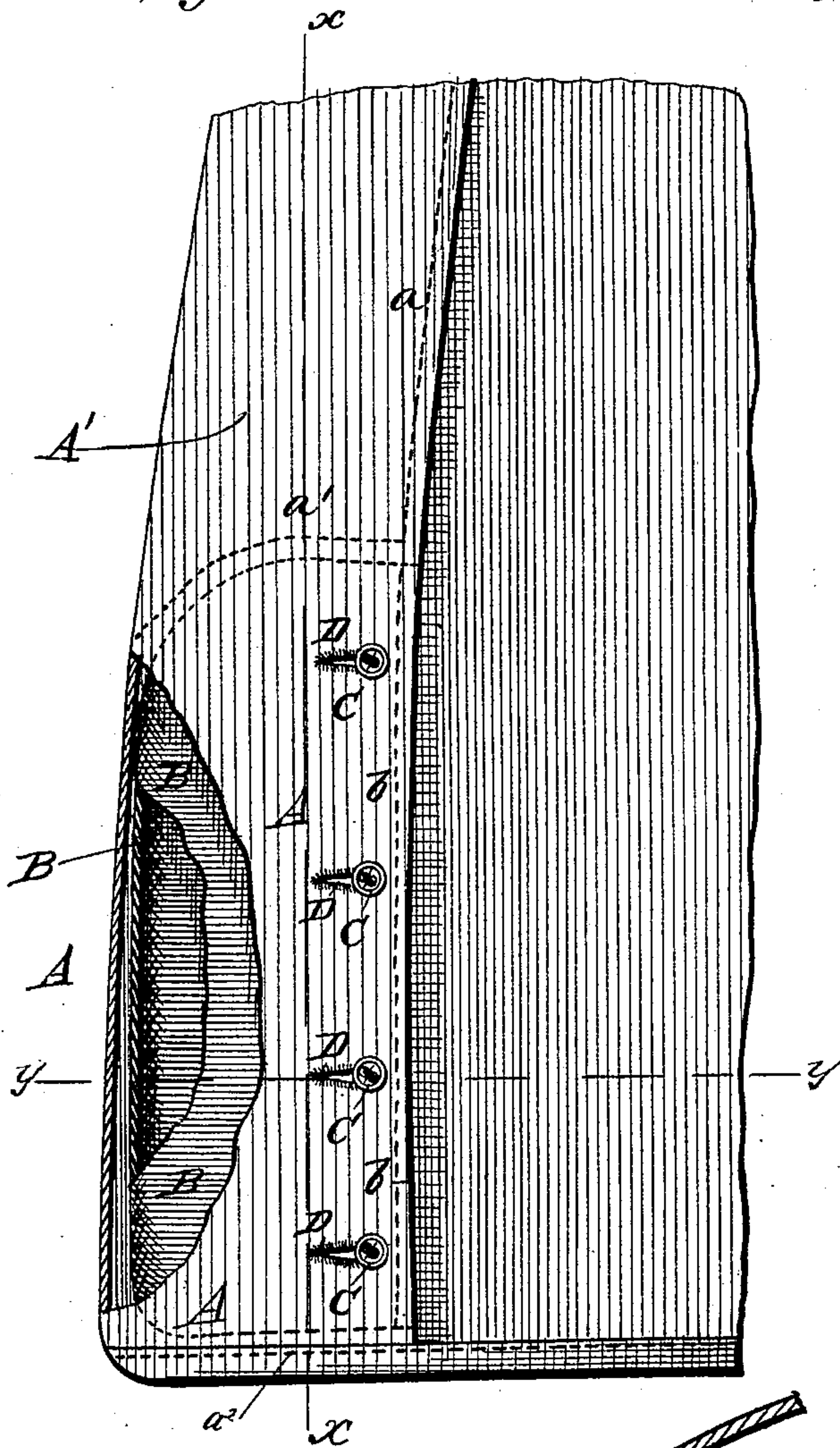


Fig. 2.

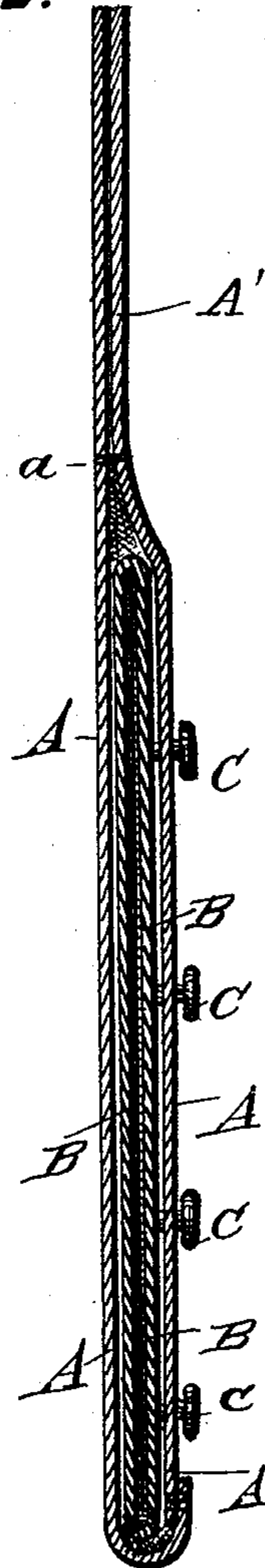
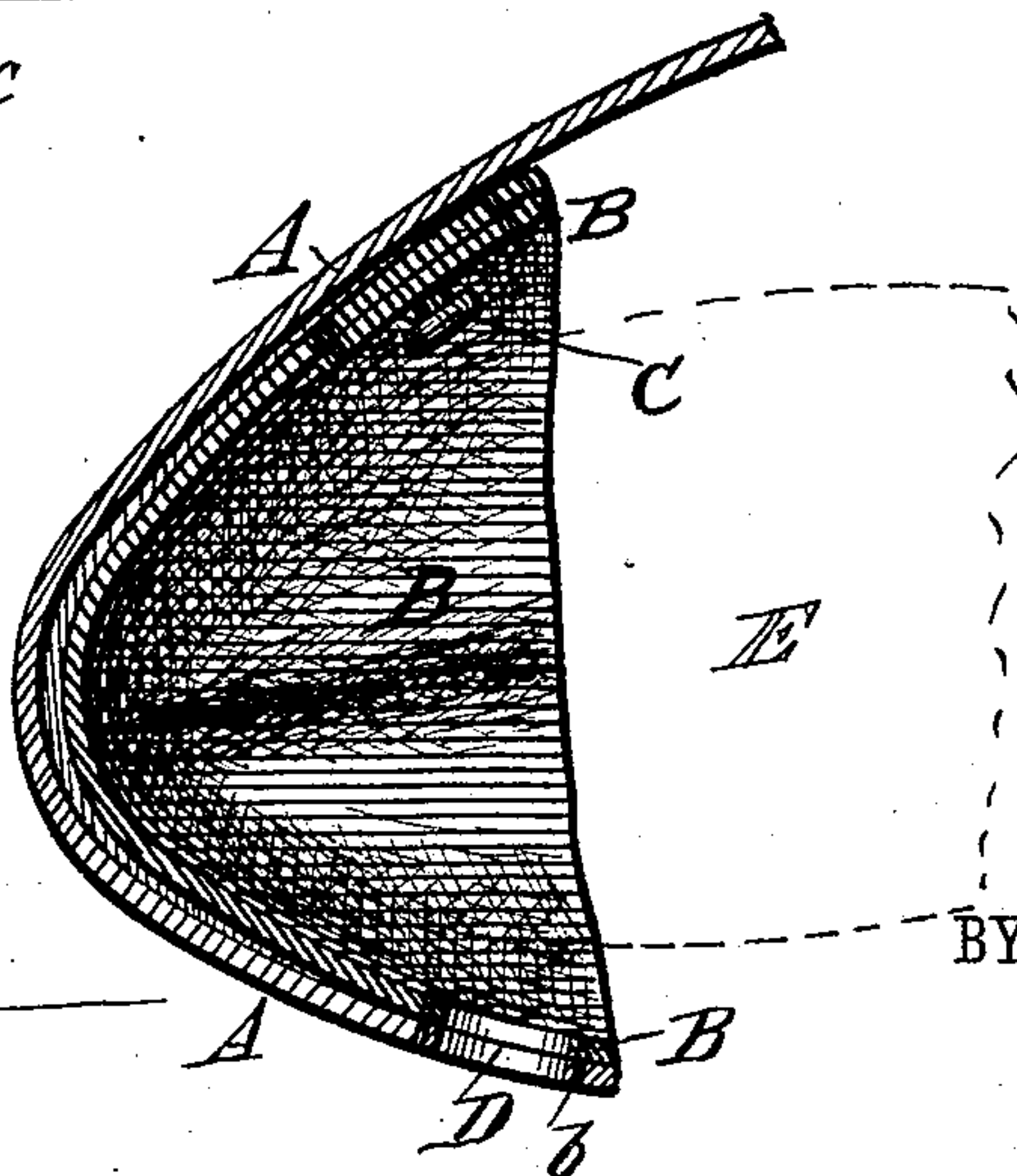


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PAUL THOMAS FORSYTH, of Memphis, in the county of Shelby and State of Tennessee, have invented a new and Improved Garment, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention has for its object to promote the comfort and health of persons exposed to inclement weather when riding or driving by providing a garment provided at each side of the front opening of the skirt portion with pockets which may be slipped over the knees of the wearer of the garment as a protection against cold, winds, or storms.

The invention will first be described, and then will be particularly pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is an inside face view of the outer lower portion of the front right-hand skirt of a coat with my improved knee-pocket applied. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section taken on the line *x x*, Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a horizontal section taken on the line *y y* of Fig. 1, and shows the knee-pocket opened, and also shows in dotted lines a person's knee inserted therein.

The drawings represent a portion of the right skirt of a coat provided with my improved pocket; but it will be understood that the left skirt of the coat will be fitted at the inside lower front corner with a like pocket.

In the preferred manner of carrying out this invention as applied to ordinary non-water-proof garments or overcoats, I form an opening or pocket, A, at the inner face and lower outer corner or part of each side skirt of the coat and place within each of these pockets an auxiliary water-proof pocket, B; but for garments which are made of water-proof material this auxiliary pocket may be dispensed with.

Overcoats, particularly of the ulster pattern, are usually provided with an inturned portion of the material forming a facing, A', along the inner face and side margin of the coat-skirt, and in such garments I form the pocket A simply by discontinuing the line of stitching *a* at the inner edge of the facing at or near the bottom of the skirt to provide an opening at

the inner edge of the flap of sufficient length to allow a person's knee to be slipped in between the outer material and inner facing. To complete the knee-pocket in its preferred form, an upper row of stitches, *a'*, and a lower row of stitches, *a''*, are run across the facing and the main body of the material of the garment at the upper and lower ends of the pocket, which thus is left open at its inner edge and lengthwise of the skirt of the garment.

To hold the pocket closed when it is not in use as a knee-protector, I provide a series of buttons, C, on the coat skirt, which may be engaged by button-holes D made in the skirt-flap or outer wall of the pocket; but hook-and-eye fastenings may be used instead of the buttons, if preferred.

When the water-proof pocket B is used in the outer pocket, A, I preferably hold the pocket B within the one A by a row of stitches, *b*, through the outer walls of the pockets A B, along the inner edges of the pockets, and the button-holes D will be worked through the outer walls of both pockets, and the buttons C will be secured to the inner wall of the auxiliary pocket B, which wall may either be left loose or free from the main body of the material of the skirt of the garment, or may be attached thereto by sewing or otherwise. Fig. 1 of the drawings shows the knee-pocket closed and fastened, as when out of use, and Fig. 3 shows the knee-pocket open and indicates in dotted lines a person's knee within the pocket.

It is obvious that it requires but a moment's time, after a person wearing the garment has seated himself in a vehicle or on horseback, to open the flap-pockets at the coat-skirts and slip them over his knees as a protection to them in cold or wet weather and without requiring him to pass his feet through slots or openings at the coat-skirts, as must be done with other forms of knee-pockets heretofore provided in outer garments. This case of adjustment of the pockets of my invention is a manifest advantage, and the application of the pockets to a garment is easily and cheaply effected, and the ordinary appearance of the garment remains practically unchanged at both the outer and inner faces of its skirts. In ordinary cloth garments the auxiliary wa-

ter-proof pocket may be used or not, as desired, and in water-proof garments the auxiliary pockets B will be dispensed with, as a single pocket, A, formed in and of the material of the coat, as above described, will answer every purpose in keeping the knees both warm and dry.

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

1. A garment provided at each side of the front opening of the skirt portion with a knee-pocket closed at its outer edge and open at its inner edge and closed at its lower edge, substantially as described, whereby the knees of the wearer may be inserted in the pockets, as set forth.

2. A garment provided at each side of the front opening of the skirt portion with a knee-pocket closed at its outer edge and open at its inner edge and closed at its lower edge, combined with fastenings at or along the open edges of the pockets, allowing them to be closed when not in use as knee-protectors, substantially as herein set forth.

3. A garment provided at each side of the front opening of its skirt portion with a knee-pocket arranged between the main body of the material of the skirt and inner facing or lap of the skirt, and said pockets closed at the

outer edge, the top, and the bottom, and made to open at their inner edges to receive the knees of the wearer of the garment, substantially as herein set forth.

4. A garment provided at each side of the front opening of its skirt portion with a knee-pocket, which is closed at the outer edge and open at the inner edge, combined with auxiliary water-proof pockets placed within the skirt-pockets and closed at their outer edges and open at their inner edges, to open with the skirt-pockets to receive the knees of the wearer of the garment, substantially as herein set forth.

5. A garment provided at each side of the front opening of its skirt portion with a knee-pocket, which is closed at the outer edge and open at the inner edge, combined with auxiliary water-proof pockets placed within the skirt-pockets and closed at the outer edge and open at the inner edge to open with the skirt-pockets to receive the knees of the wearer of the garment, and button or hook fastenings at or along the open edges of the pockets to allow them to be closed when not in use as knee-protectors, substantially as herein set forth.

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