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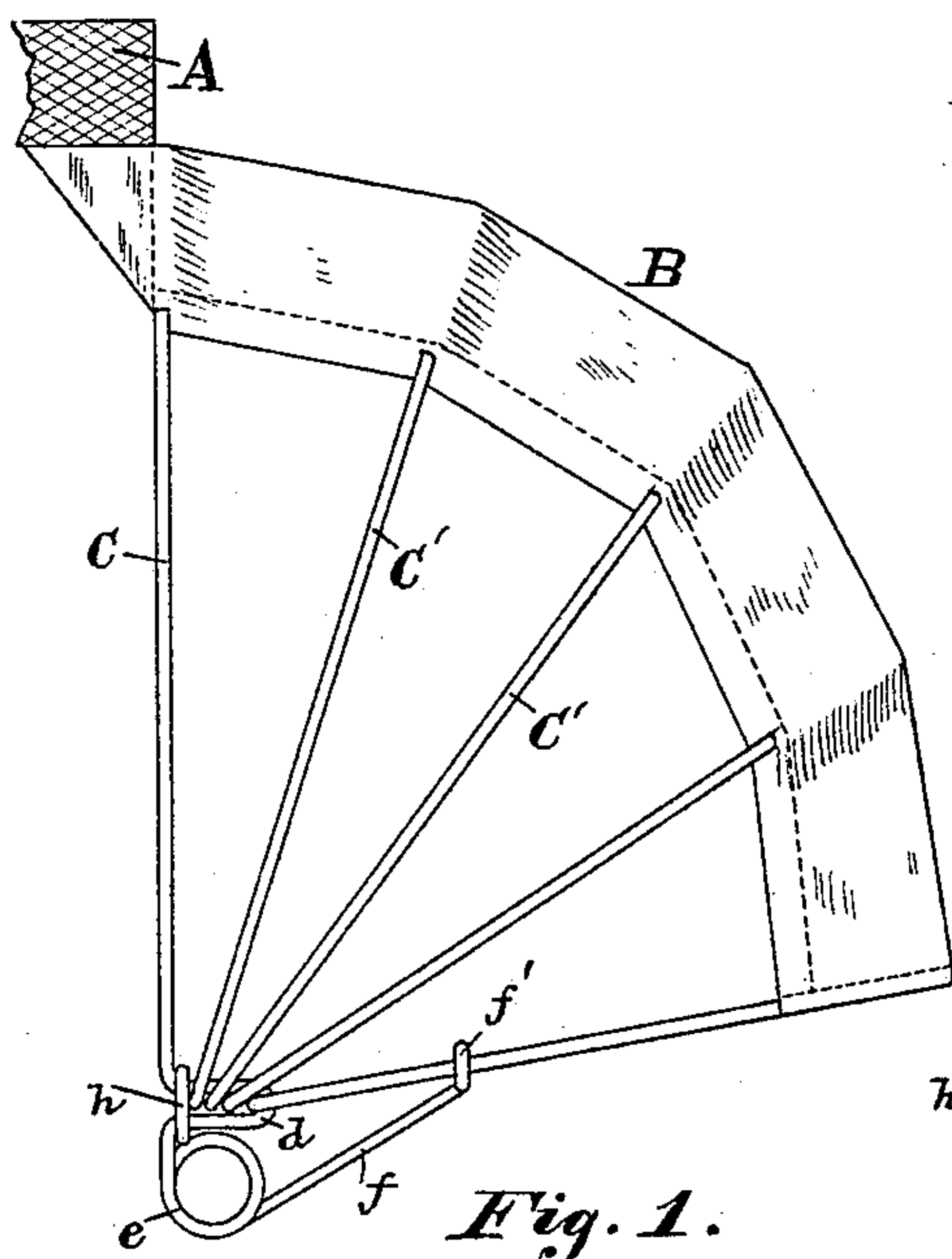


Fig. 1.

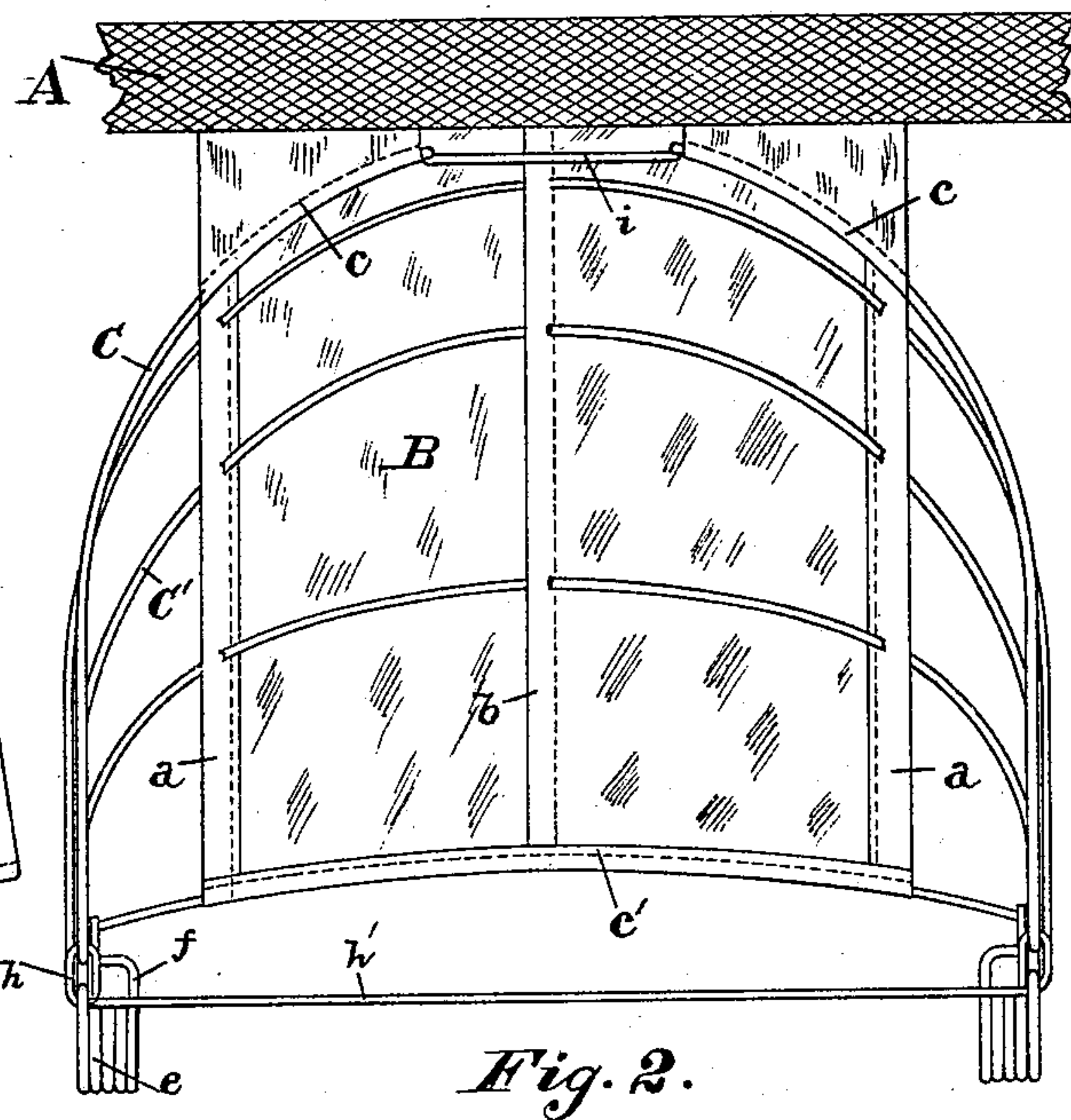


Fig. 2.

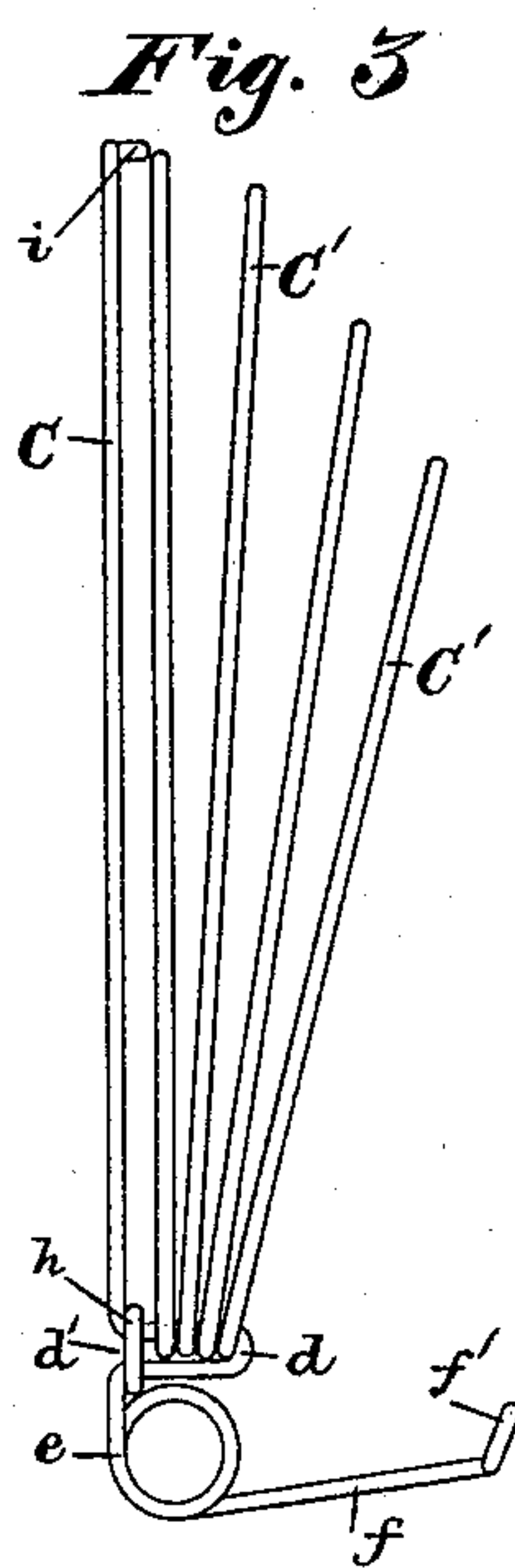
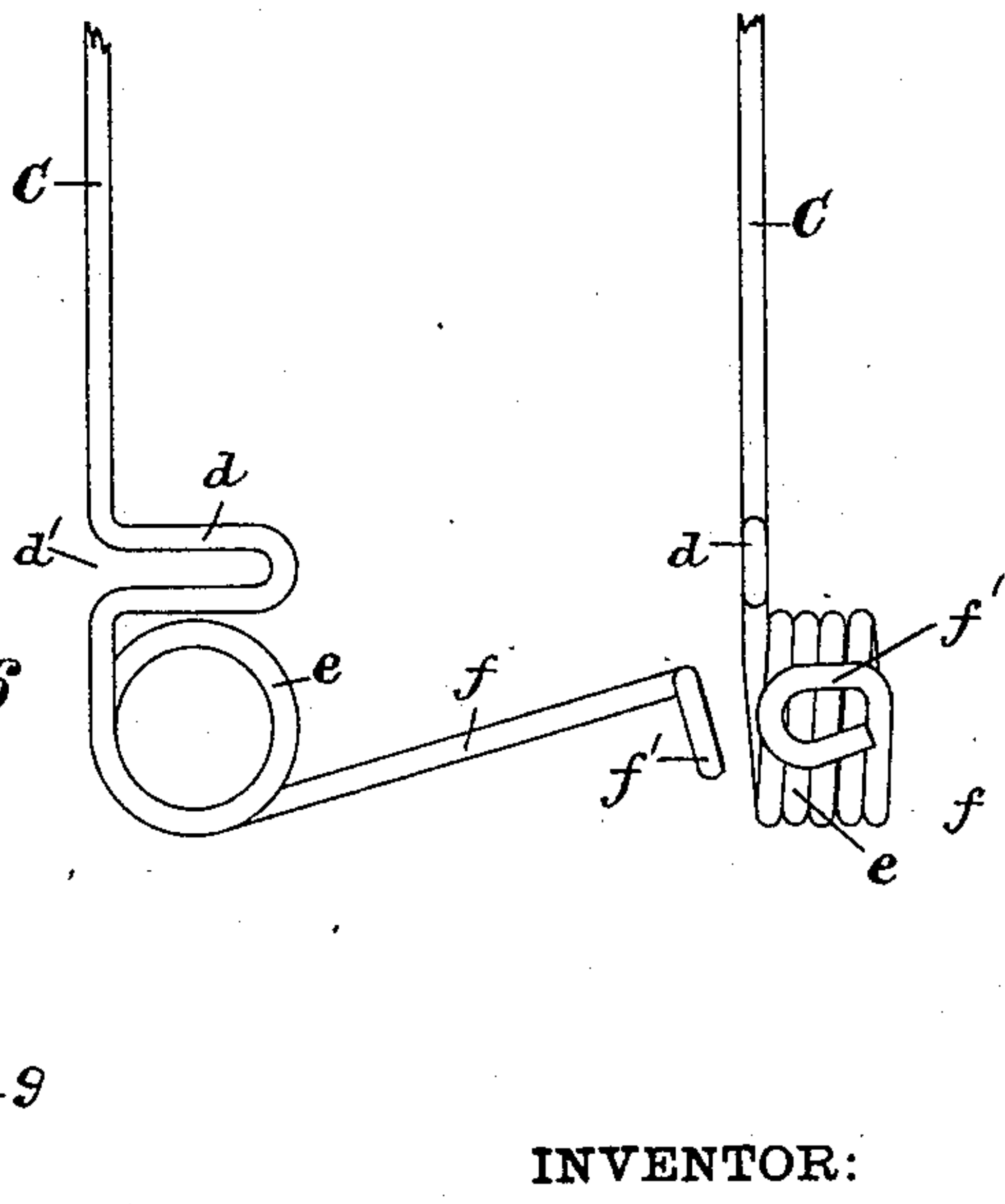


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, VICTOR H. BUSCHMANN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bustles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved bustle; and it consists in certain novel features of construction and combination of parts, which are hereinafter described, and particularly set forth in the claim.

The invention is illustrated in the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of the bustle extended or open as when worn. Fig. 2 is a front view of the bustle. Fig. 3 shows the collapsed position the bows of the bustle take when it is packed for shipment. Figs. 4 and 5 show the end of the main supporting-bow. Fig. 6 shows the end of one of the bows which pivot to the main bow.

The letter A designates the waistband; B, the cloth cover, which is attached to the waistband and to which the bows are attached. This cloth cover has a hem, *a*, at each vertical edge and at the center a vertical tuck, *b*. The bows *C C'* are attached to the cloth cover by the main and bottom bow being hemmed or stitched in at *c c'* and the intermediate bows by passing through each of the two vertical hems *a*, and also through the central tuck, *b*. The main bow *C* normally has a vertical position, and at its center has an offset, *i*, and near each lower end has a lateral U-shaped bend, *d*, which forms a bearing for the end of each of the other bows, *C'*, to loosely hook into. Below this bend *d* the wire of the main bow is coiled, as at *e*, and from the coil projects a spring-arm, *f*, whose extremity engages with the bottom bow, as shown in Fig. 1, and thereby serves to keep all the bows in a distended position. The spring-arm has a hook, *f'*, at its extremity to facilitate engagement with the bow.

Each of the bows *C'* has at its ends a hook, *g*, which take into the U-shaped bends *d* of the main bow *C*. Thereby all of these bows are pivoted in the same bearing to the main bow, and the bustle may be distended in shape for wear, as in Fig. 1, or may be collapsed in shape for close packing for shipment. The U-shaped bend has a hook or ring, *h*, uniting its two sides at its open part *d'*, and serves to confine or keep the hook ends *g* of the bows in position, and also serves to prevent the U-bend from spreading. In the present instance these hooks *h* are at the end of a cross-wire, *h'*, which binds the two sides of the bustle.

When the bustle is applied to the person, the spring-arms *f* keep the bows and cloth cover normally stretched or distended, but permits them to be turned or pressed up toward the main bow *C* when the wearer sits down.

It will be seen that the bustle is convenient both for wear or shipment, and is strong, self-adjusting, and cheap.

The center offset, *i*, in the main bow *C* prevents the cloth cover *B* from shifting laterally.

Having described my invention, I claim—

The bustle having, in combination, a main bow, *C*, provided near each end with a lateral U-shaped bend, *d*, a coil, *e*, below the said U-shaped bend, and a spring-arm, *f*, projecting from the coil, the bows *C'*, each having hook ends *g*, all of which on one side pivot in one of said U-shaped bends of the main bow, and a hook, *h*, uniting the two sides of the U-bend and confining the hook ends of the bows, as set forth.

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

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