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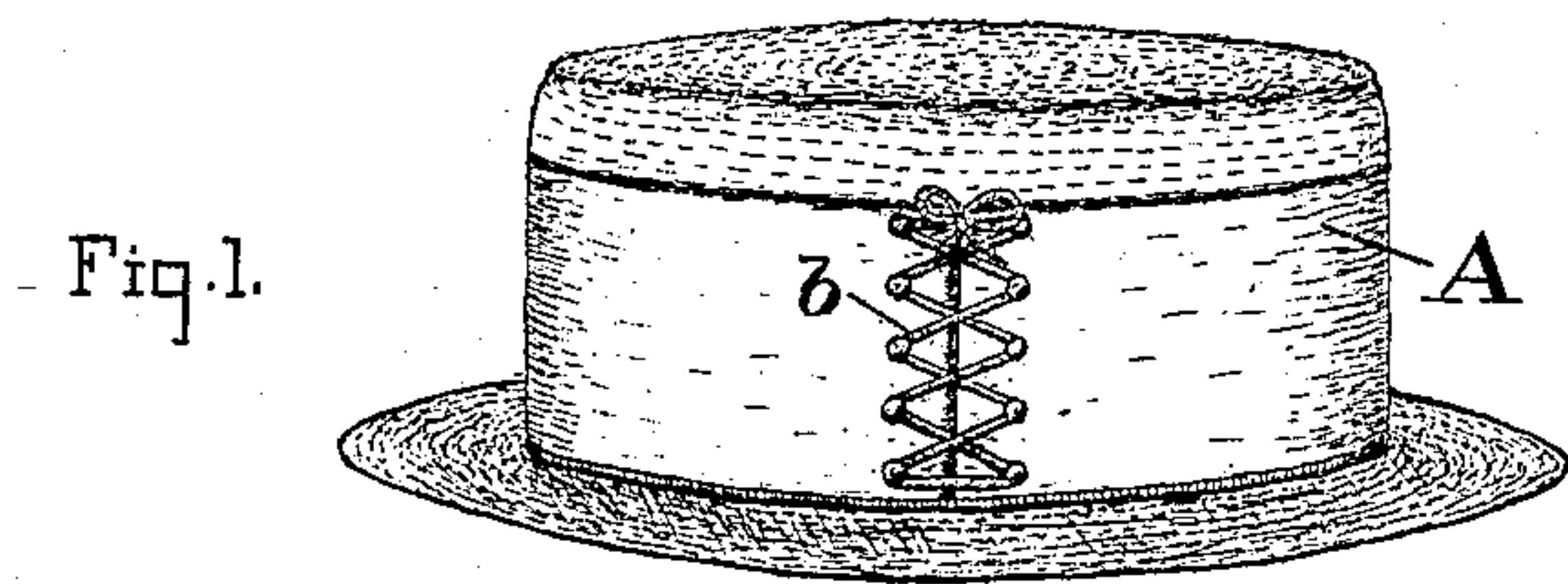


Fig. 2.

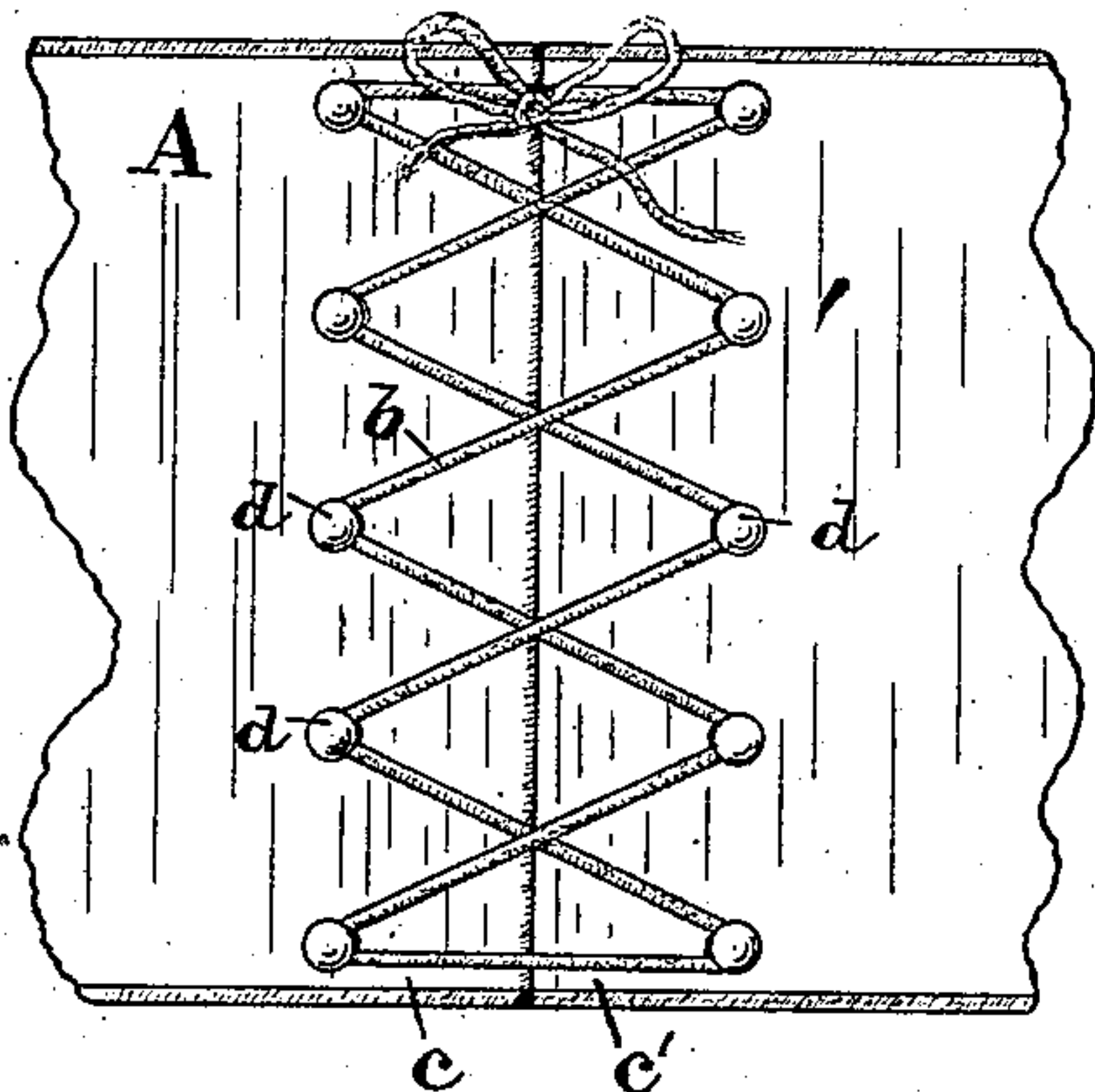


Fig. 3.

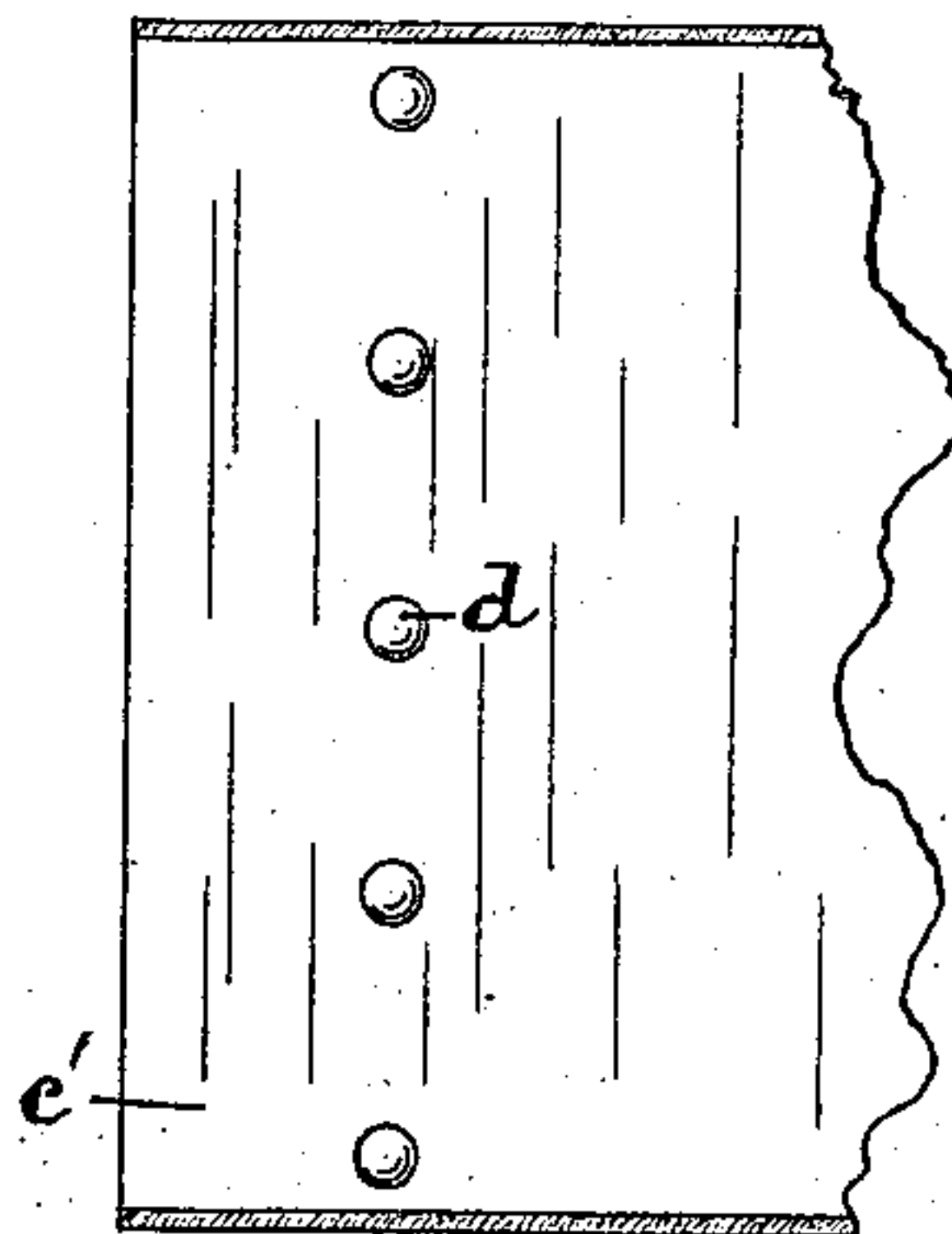


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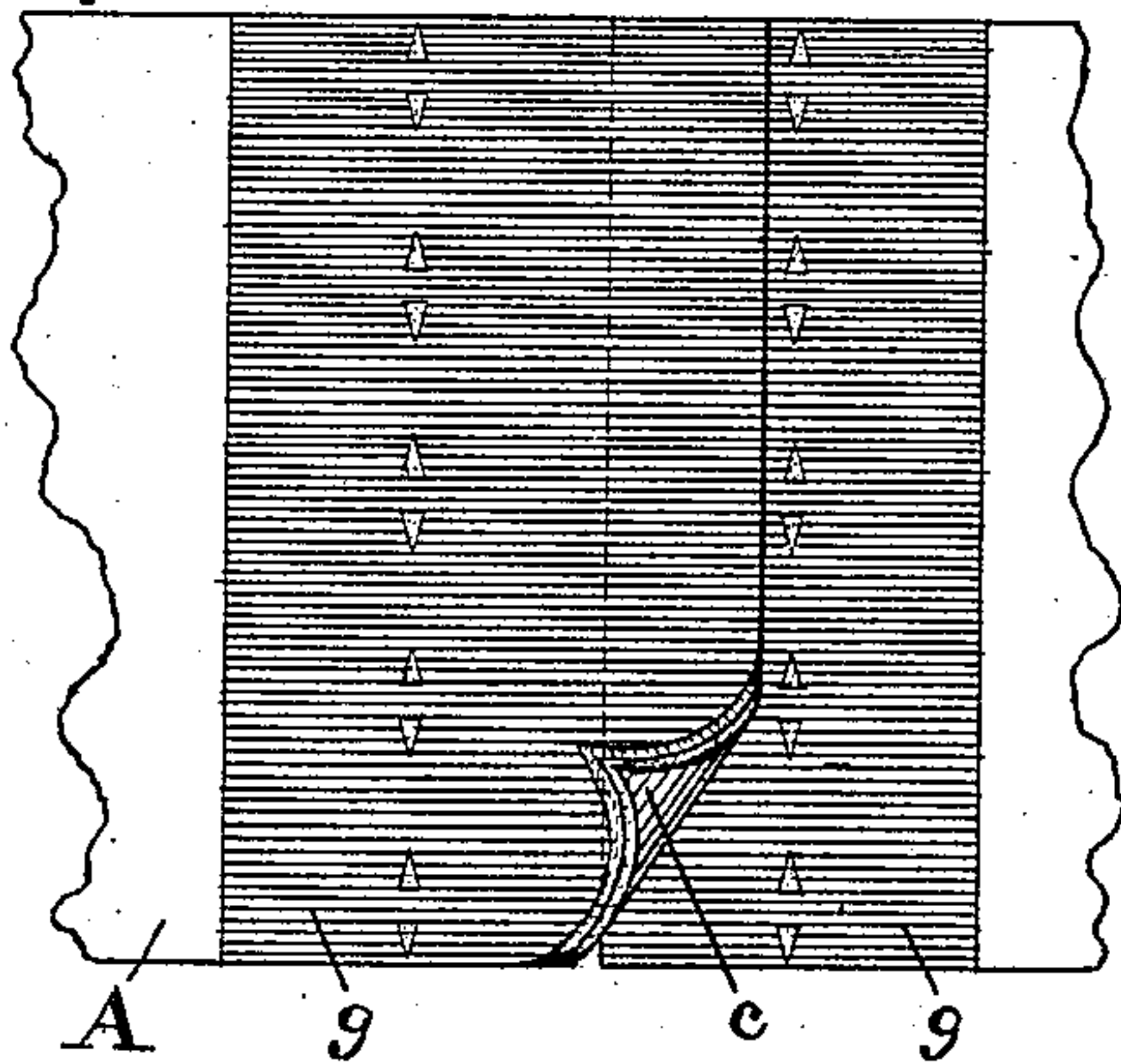


Fig. 5.

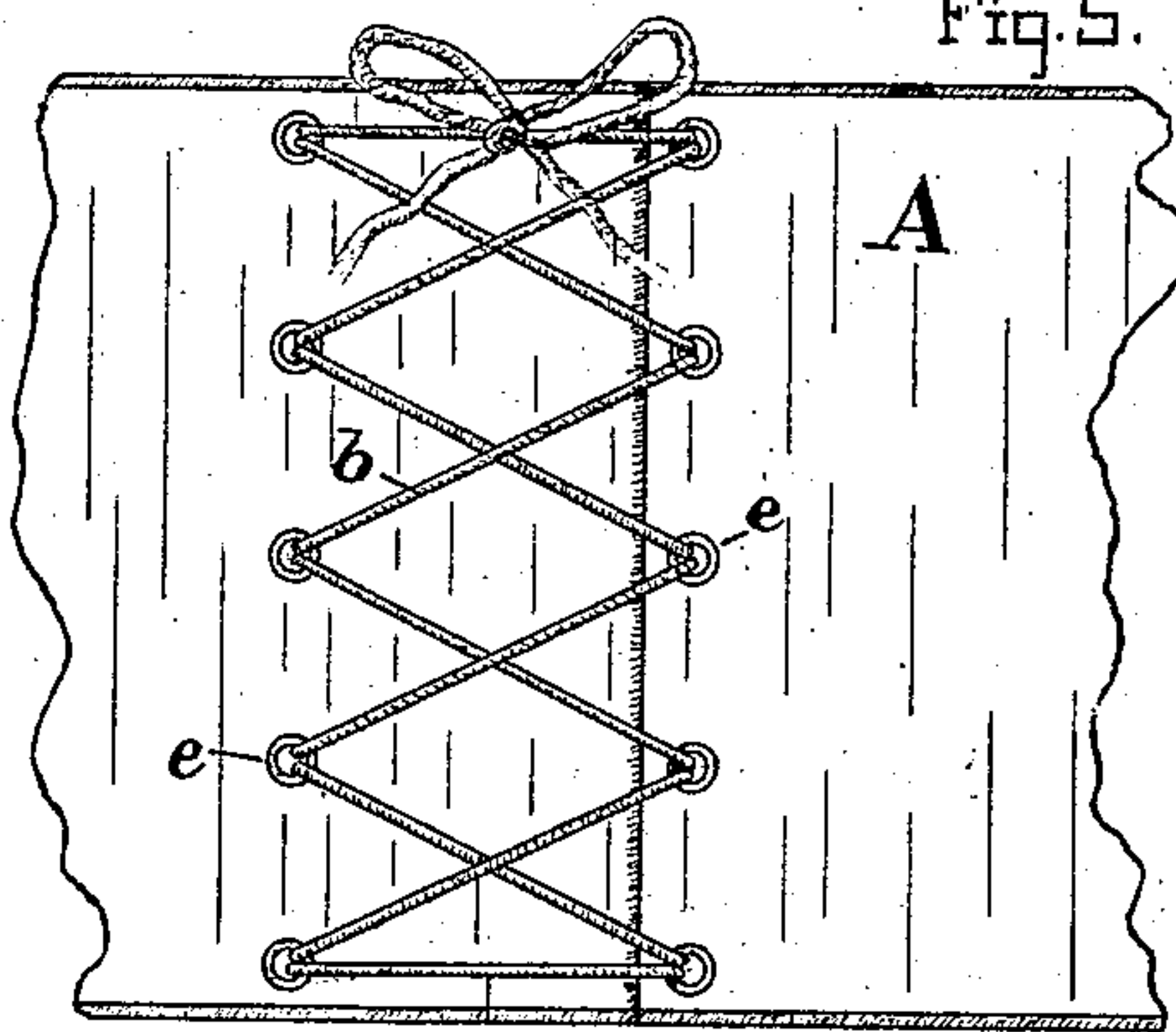


Fig. 6.



Fig. 7.



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## HAT-BAND.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM T. BRIGHAM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Bands, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has relation to improvements in hat-bands; and it consists in the novel construction and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 shows a hat with the improved band. Fig. 2 shows, on a larger scale, an outside view of the two ends of the hat-band secured together by my improvements. Fig. 3 shows one end of the band. Fig. 4 shows an inner side view of the two ends of a hat-band, one corner of one end being turned up. Fig. 5 shows the ends of a hat-band secured together according to my invention, but illustrates a different kind of lacing-fastener from that shown in Figs. 2, 3, and 4. Fig. 6 shows a stud-lacing fastener. Fig. 7 shows a hook-lacing fastener.

The hat-band A consists of a strip of any suitable material, of any width, and any color, its two ends being connected or secured together by a lacing, *b*, which passes zigzag from one end to the other.

The lacing *b* may consist of a cord or braid of silk, worsted, gold, silver, or any other material, and it may be elastic or inelastic. The hat-band is provided with suitable lacing-fasteners—that is, devices to which the lacing-cord may be secured, as shown—said devices being located a short distance back of the ends *c c'*, so that said ends may overlap when drawn together and prevent an unsightly space between said ends, thus adapting the band to fit hats of different sizes.

Hooks *d*, attached to the hat-band, serve very well as a lacing-fastener, as shown in Figs. 2, 3, 4, and 7. Eyelets *e* may also be used, as shown in Fig. 5, and studs *f*—such as shown in Fig. 6—may be used for this purpose.

It is immaterial what particular kind of a fastener is employed to hold the lacing, and it is obvious that other devices besides those shown may be used—such, for instance, as buttons and metal eyes.

The lacing *b* passes alternately from a fastener on one end, *c*, of the hat-band to a fastener on the other end, *c'*, thus producing two zigzag lines which cross, as shown in Figs. 2 and 5. This mode of fastening the ends of a hat-band enables the band to be readily adjusted as to its length by simply overlapping the said ends more or less, and thereby cause the band to fit around the hat sufficiently tight to hold it on. Thus the band may be easily attached to or detached from the hat. Where a broad band is employed, it also enables the band to adjust itself nicely to the shape of the hat. The appearance of the lacing as here shown is neat and ornamental.

A feature of invention is to provide stiffeners *g* for the ends of the band. These stiffeners may consist of any suitable woven material made stiff by an application of starch or glue. Stiffening material of this kind is well known and is employed for various purposes. In this case the stiffener material *g* is cut to correspond to the width of the band, and is attached thereto on the inner side by mucilage or other suitable adhesive, and without showing on the outer side serves to keep the end of the band smooth and prevents the lacing from producing wrinkles in the band. The fastening devices *d* pass through the ends of the strip and through the stiffeners and are secured to both, whereby the said stiffeners are prevented from displacement when the band is connected with a hat.

Having described my invention, I claim—

As an improved article of manufacture, a hat-band consisting of a strip of suitable material having a stiffener at each end and fastening devices secured to said stiffeners and strip, and a lacing connected to said fasteners, the said stiffeners with ends of strip overlapping each other, whereby the ends of the band may be adjusted so as to fit different sizes of hats, substantially as specified.

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

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