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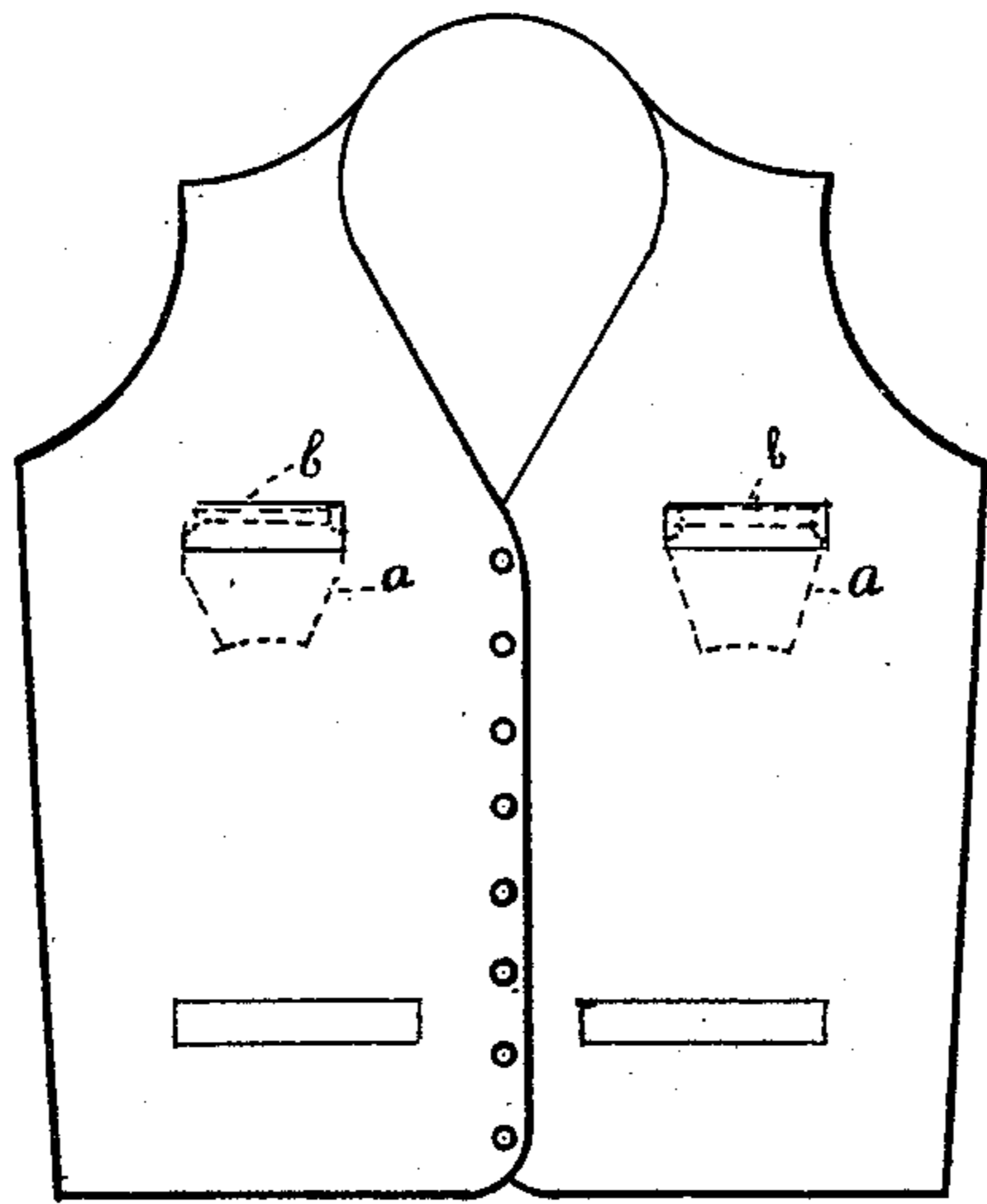


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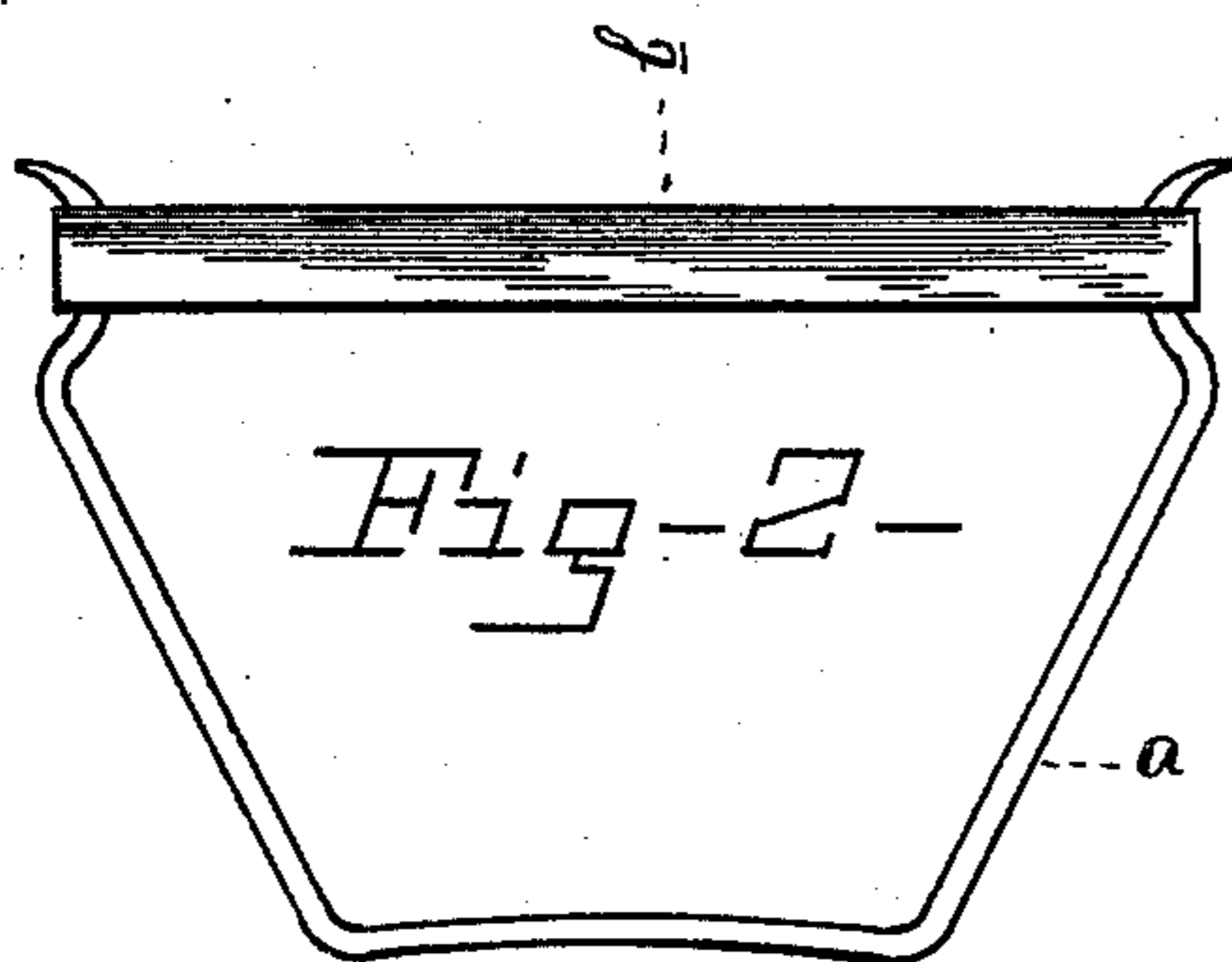


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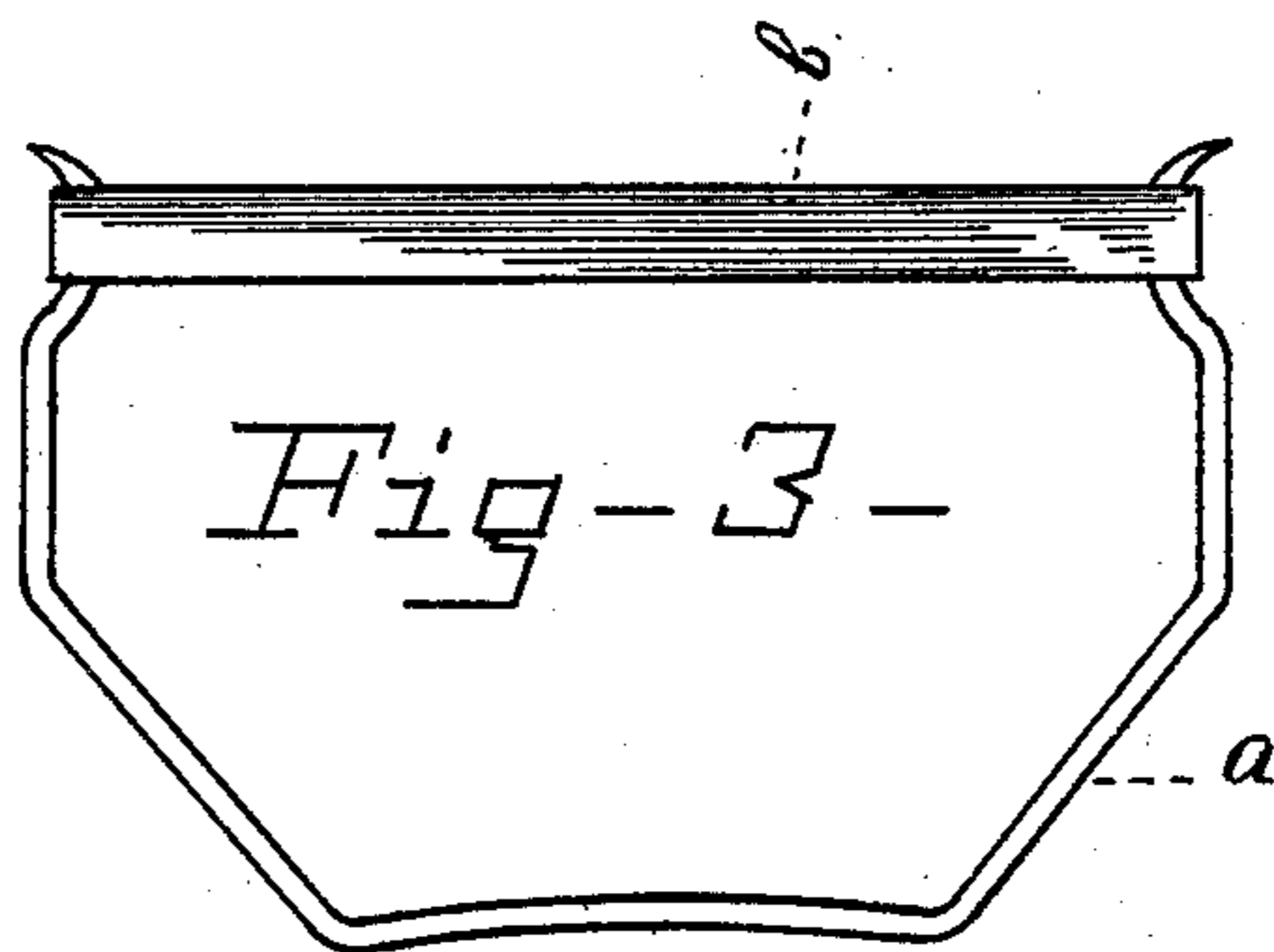


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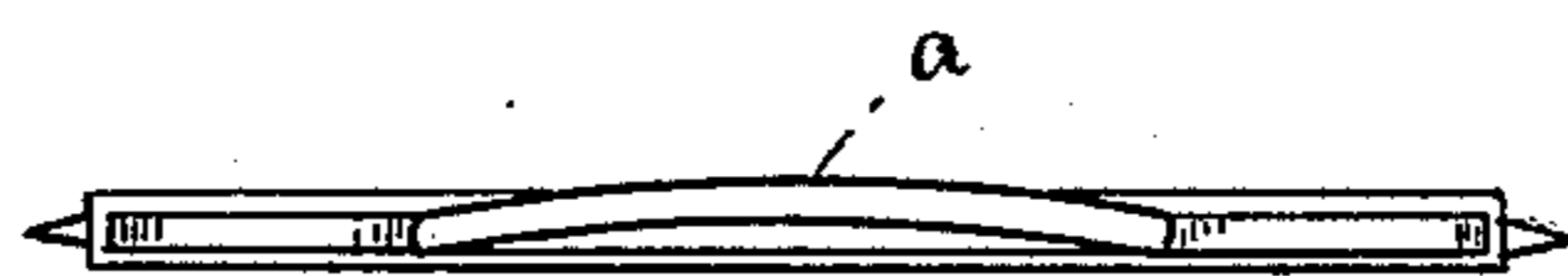


Fig -4 -

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES T. GAITHER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Youngstown, in the county of Mahoning and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket-Guards; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of my 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, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to devices for securing the contents of garment-pockets, particularly vest-pockets therein; and its object is to produce an appliance for that purpose of such construction that it may be at any time attached to and worn in any ordinary garment-pocket without injury to appearance, and that will in all positions prevent the contents of the pocket from slipping or falling out by accident, whether wholly concealed within it or not, while such contents may be instantly and conveniently placed therein or removed therefrom. I accomplish this object by the mechanism hereinafter described, and illustrated in the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a vest with my pocket-guard shown by dotted lines in place in the upper pockets. Fig. 2 is a side view of my pocket-guard detached from the pocket. Fig. 3 is a similar view of a variation thereof, and Fig. 4 is a lower edge or side view of my pocket-guard for the purpose of showing the slight horizontal or outward curvature of such lower edge or side.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout.

It will be seen by an inspection of the drawings that my pocket-guard consists of two parts—the wire *a* and the band *b*. The wire *a* is a wire of suitable size and material, a small size of spring steel wire being preferable.

The main portion or body of the guard is U shape in general outline—that is, it has a horizontal or base portion and two arms rising therefrom. In constructing the body

portion, a wire is bent at equal distances from each end in the same direction, forming arms at obtuse angles with the horizontal part of the wire and divergent from each other, which arms at the extreme ends are again bent inwardly and then curved outwardly, so as to present upon the outer ends of the arms and at their ends inward depressions or grooves suitable to hold the band *b* when in place to prevent it from moving either upward or downward. The horizontal part of the wire *a* is slightly curved upward to give greater elasticity, and it is also slightly curved outward to conform to the lay of the garment when on the body of the wearer. The object of the directions in which the arms extend is to permit the fitting of the guard into pockets of different sizes and to apply the elasticity of the wire to the use of closing the mouth of the pocket by horizontal stretch. The band *b* is a rubber band having its two ends attached together similar to or the same as the common rubber band used to secure small packages. This, as already indicated, passes around the ends of the arms in the grooves or depressions and connects them, as shown in the drawings.

The variation shown in Fig. 3 consists only in that the upper part of the arms extend upon a vertical line, and it is intended to be used in pockets of unusual depth, for which it is better, because of the form of the space within the pocket, than the other form of pocket-guard described.

Having now described my invention, what I claim is—

The pocket-guard described, consisting of the wire *a*, bent to form a horizontal arm, and two similar arms at obtuse angles to the horizontal arm, and provided near their ends with inwardly-curved portions, and an elastic band carried by and between the curved ends of the arms, substantially as described.

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

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