

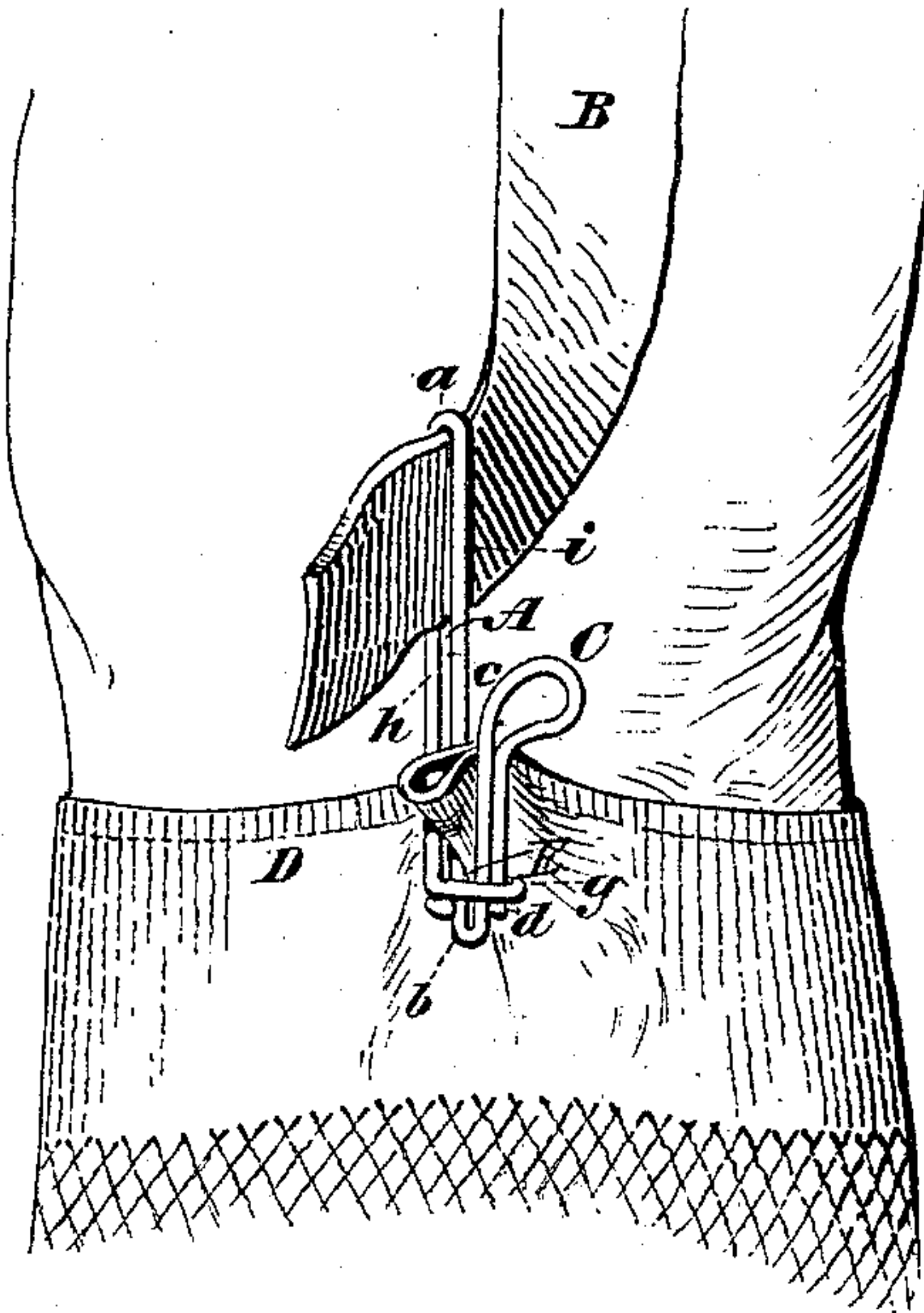
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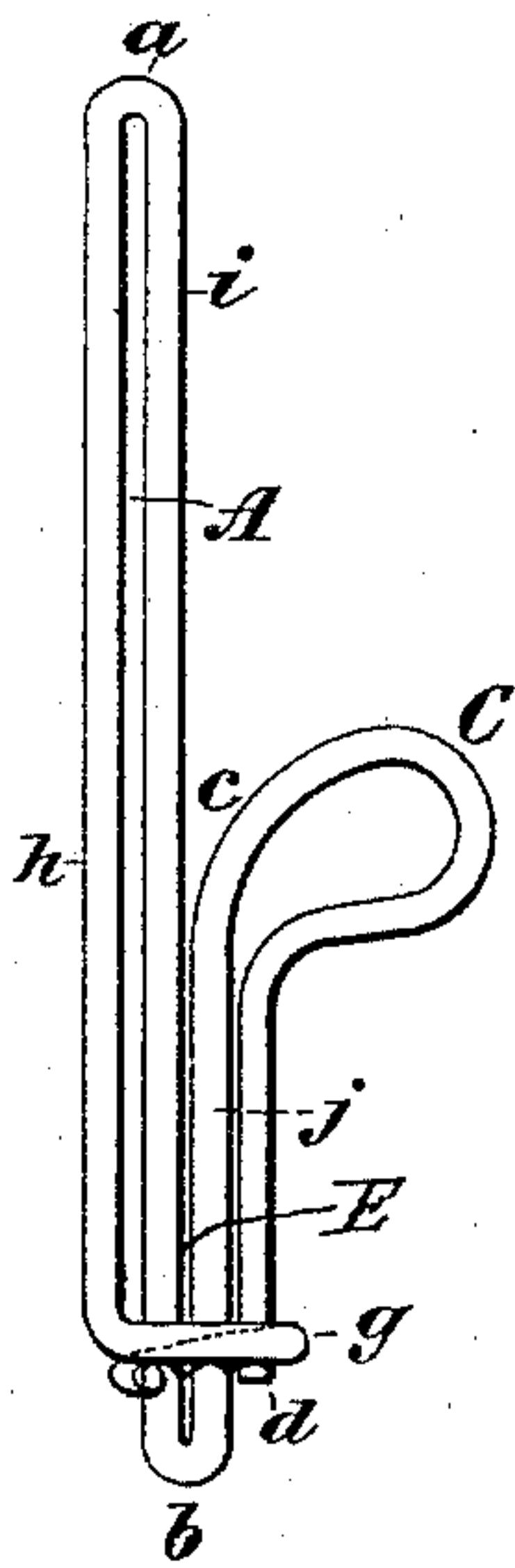
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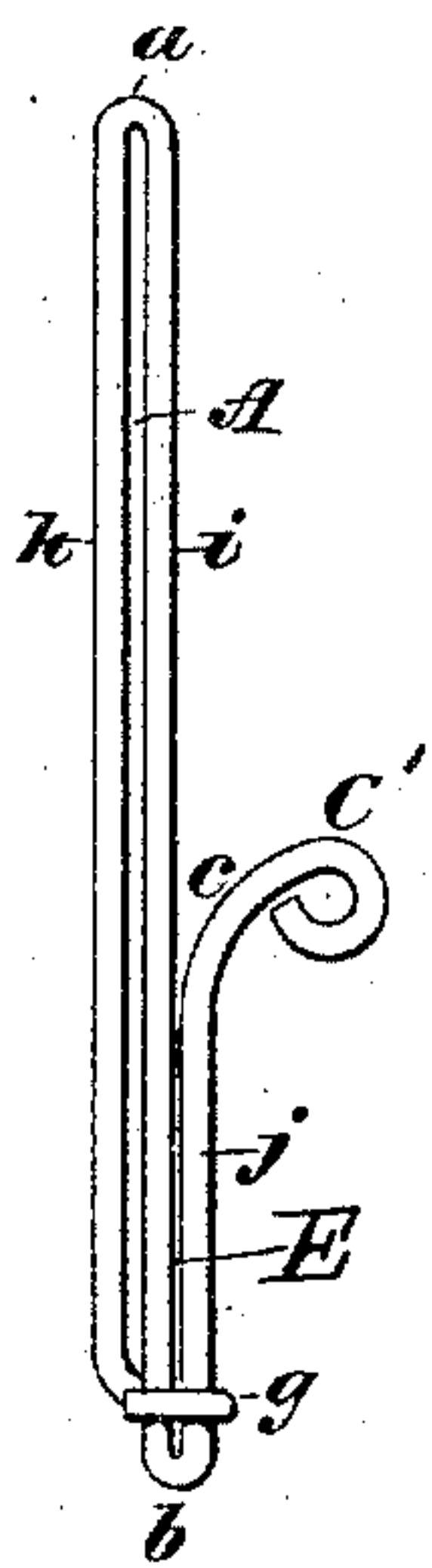
*Fig. 1.*



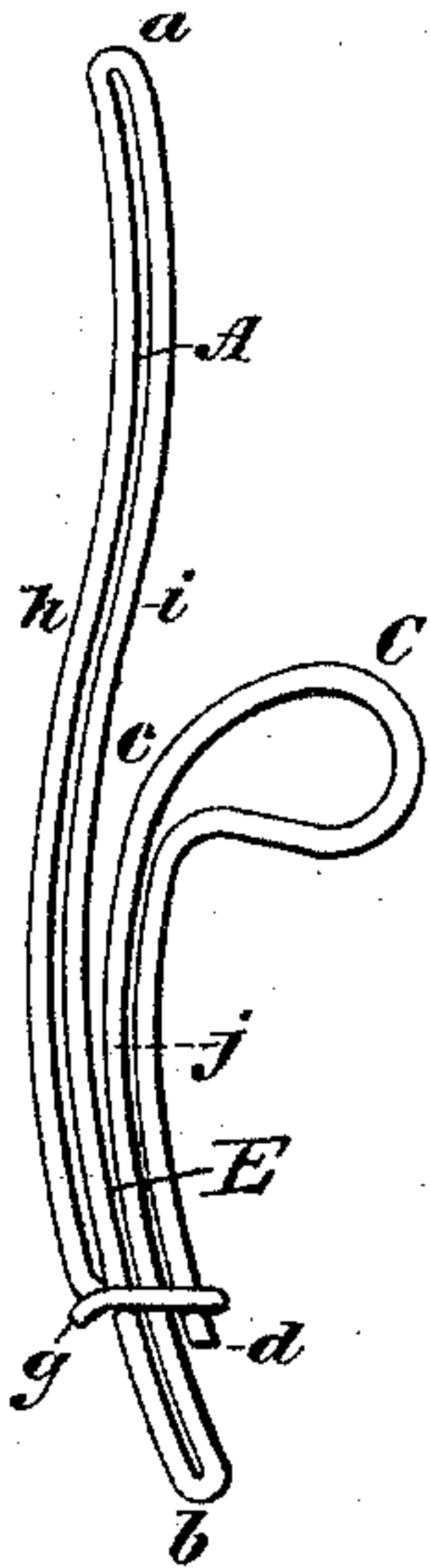
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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## GARMENT-SUPPORTER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SHERWOOD B. FERRIS, a resident of Lakewood, Ocean county, New Jersey, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Garment-Supporters, as the subsequent specification will more fully set forth.

Figure 1 represents my improved garment-supporter in use. Figs. 2, 3, and 4 represent several forms of the same.

This invention relates to garment-supporters; and it consists of a wire holder having its parts brought into the characteristic forms hereinafter described.

My supporter is formed of wires, as follows: A piece of wire is doubled or bent at a point *a*, so as to form a loop A, having substantially parallel limbs *h* and *i*. Near the lower end of the limb *h* the limb *i* is again bent double at *b*, thus forming a third limb *j*. The limb *j* is continued upward substantially parallel to and at a slight distance from the limb *i*, and then flared outward at *c*, which forms an open loop B with a flaring mouth. The flaring portion may be turned into a finishing-loop C and the free end *d* brought down nearly to the bend *b*, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 4, or the finishing-turn may be simply a ring C', such as shown in Fig. 3. To strengthen the whole structure, and especially the bends *a* and *b*, upon which the greatest strain would otherwise fall, I connect the limbs *h*, *i*, and *j*, near the bend *b*, in some suitable manner. This might be done by a drop of solder or by a separate band; but I prefer to coil the free end of the limb *h* tightly about the limbs *i* and *j*, thus forming the tie *g*, the end *d* being also included in the tie when it is brought down to the bend *b*.

When it is desired to use the supporter, an elastic or other band B is inserted into the narrow closed clasping-loop A and pulled up until its upper edge comes into contact with the upper end of the loop. The crowding of the fabric between the sides of the loop will cause the latter to clamp and hold it tightly.

The piece of garment D to be supported is slipped through the flaring mouth of the open clasping-loop E, and is similarly held by being clamped between the limbs *i* and *j*.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A garment-supporter consisting of a piece of wire doubled or bent upon itself at two points *a* and *b*, thus forming three substantially parallel limbs *h i j*, the limbs *h i* forming a clasping-loop A and the limbs *i j* forming a clasping-loop E, all of said limbs being connected together near the bend *b*, whereby the loop A is closed and the loop E strengthened, and the limb *j* being bent outwardly at *c* to form an open mouth for the loop E, substantially as described.

2. A garment-supporter consisting of a piece of wire doubled or bent at *a* and *b* to form three substantially parallel limbs *h i j*, the end of the limb *j* being flared outwardly at *c* and bent into a loop C and the end of the limb *h* being bent or tied about the limbs *i* and *j* near the bend *b*, thus forming a closed clasping-loop at one end and an open clasping-loop at the other end of the supporter, substantially as described.

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