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Fig. 1

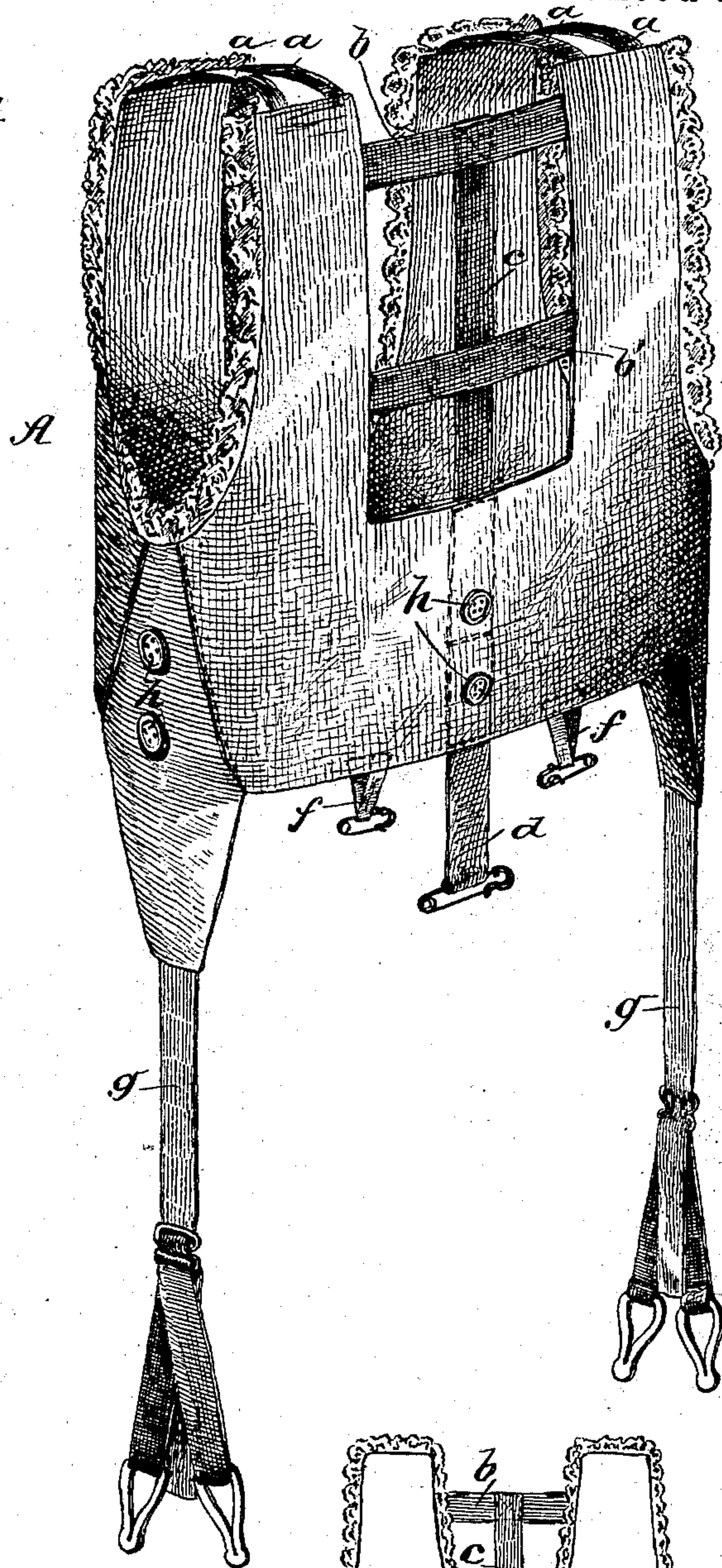
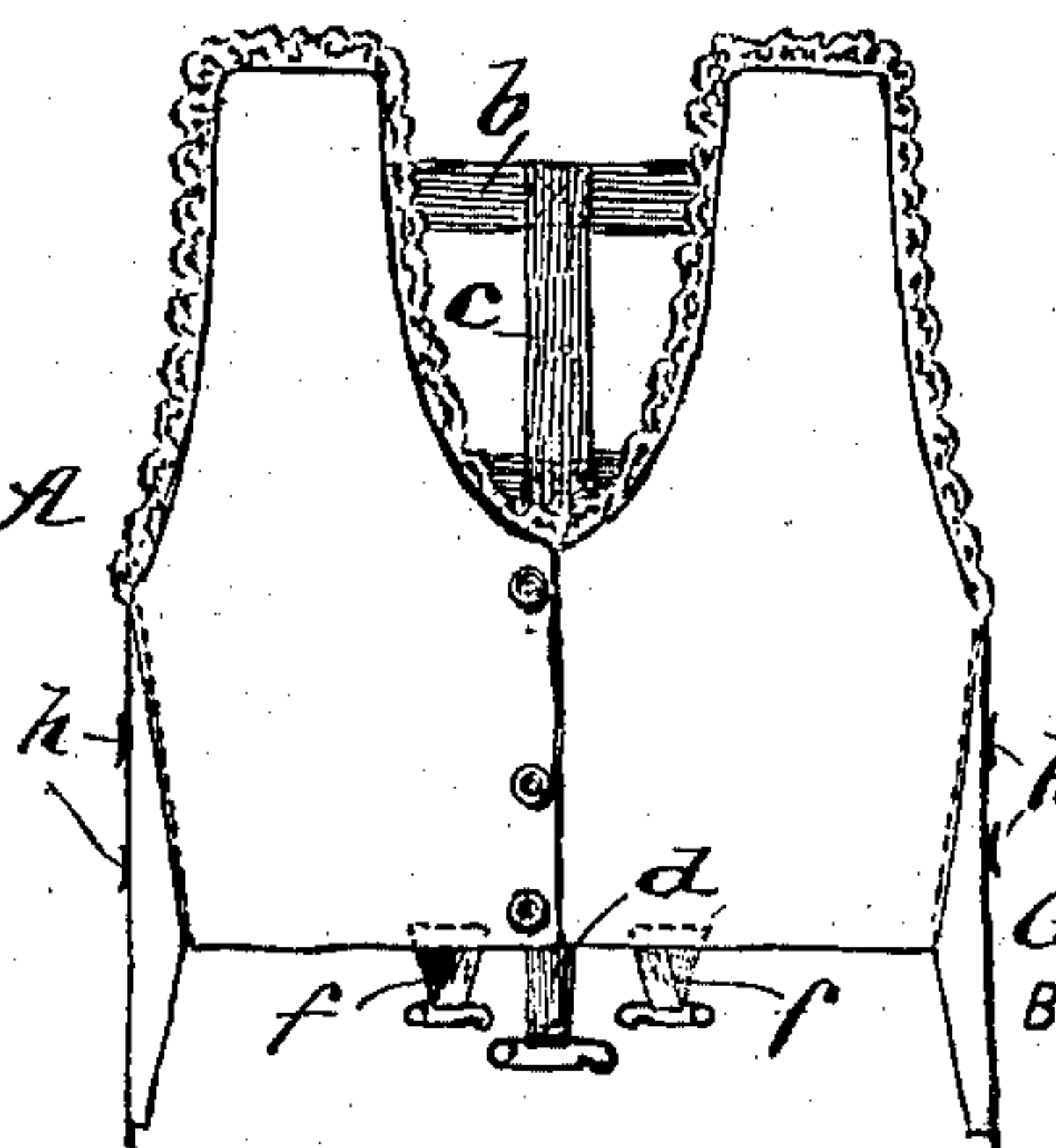


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE D. MCKAY, of Aurora, in the county of Kane and State of Illinois, have invented an Improved Child's Underwaist, of which the following is a specification.

My underwaist is open in the upper portion of the back and provided with elastic bands and straps applied to the back in a peculiar manner, as hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the back of the underwaist, and Fig. 2 is a face view of the front side of the same.

The body A of the underwaist is composed of muslin and opens at the front. It is cut low at front and back so as to leave the chest of the wearer as free of pressure as practicable. The extended side portions of said body are connected on each shoulder by a pair of elastic straps *a a*. Two elastic bands *b b'* extend transversely across the opening in the back and serve to hold the shoulder-straps *a* in place and at the same time permit the garment to yield easily when the body of the wearer is bent forward or the shoulders are moved simultaneously or individually. This arrangement adapts the waist to serve as an efficient shoulder-brace. A third elastic band *c* is attached to the upper cross-band *b* and extends down to and connects with the body of the waist at the lower end of the opening in the back. An elastic strap *d* is attached to the lower edge of the waist in line with said band *c*, and adapted and intended for use for supporting diapers. For this purpose it may be provided with an attachment in the form of a safety-pin or similar device. By this arrangement the support of the diaper is partly transferred to the ver-

tical backband *c*, and thereby to the upper crossband and shoulder-straps, so that the greatest elasticity is obtained.

In addition to the elastic attachments already described I provide the waist in front and rear with two short elastic straps *f*, having safety-pins, which are for use in supporting a lady's napkin. These straps *f f* are so arranged—one on each side of the middle of the waist—as to be as nearly as practicable in vertical alignment with the inner shoulder-straps, so that the downward pull comes mainly on the latter; or, in other words, the pressure is applied to the middle portion of the shoulders of the wearer.

The underwaist has at each side a pendent portion, from which an elastic stocking-supporter *g* is suspended.

I also provide the waist with buttons *h* to adapt it for use in supporting boys' pants. Thus constructed the underwaist is a highly-elastic comfortable garment of great utility.

What I claim is—

The improved child's underwaist having a central longitudinal opening extending down the back, the portions of the garment on the sides of said opening being connected at the shoulder with corresponding front portions, one or more elastic bands crossing said opening transversely, a vertical elastic band *c*, which is attached to one of said cross-bands and connects with the lower portion of the body, and the elastic strap *d*, attached to the latter in alignment with the vertical backband *c*, as shown and described.

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