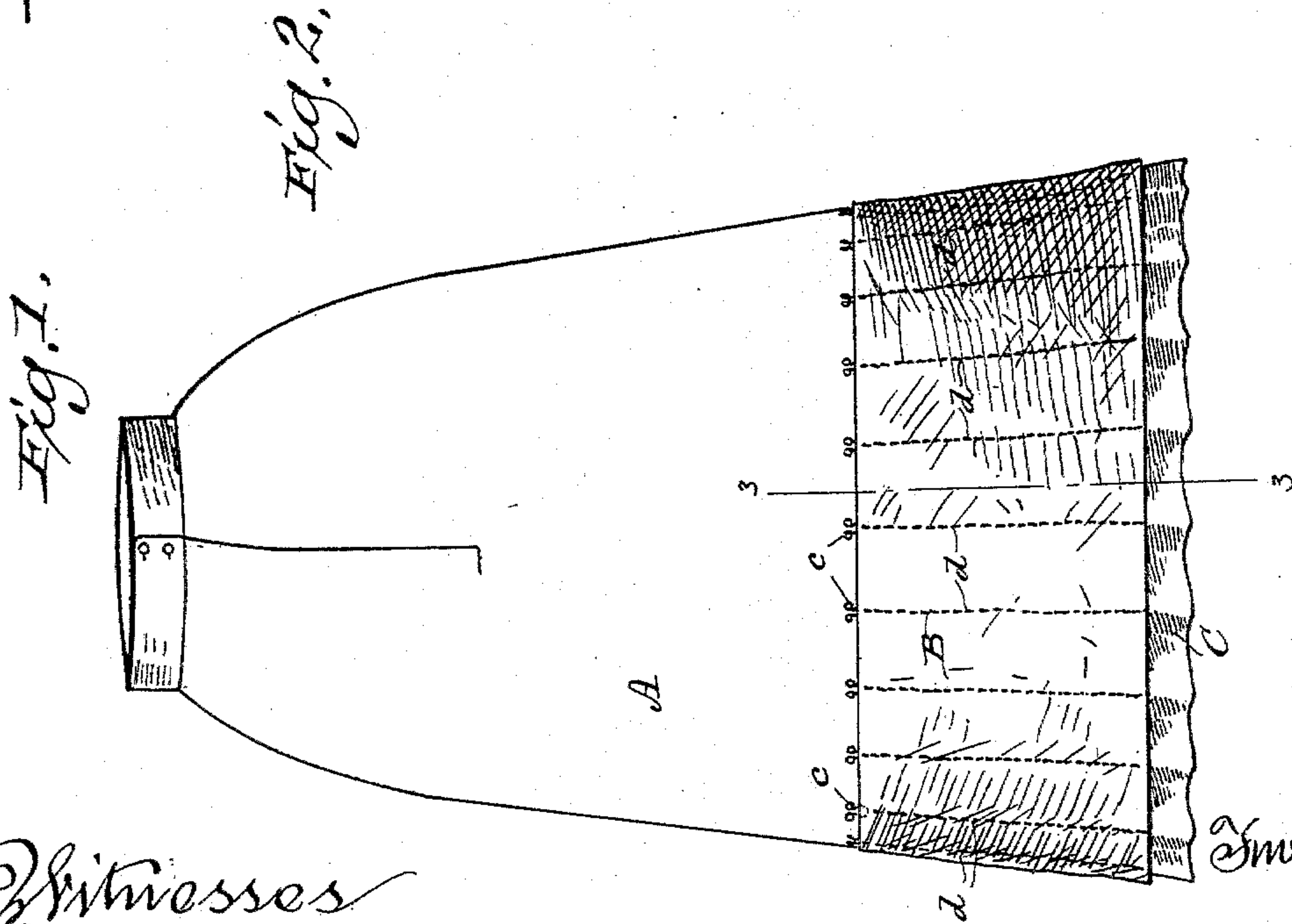
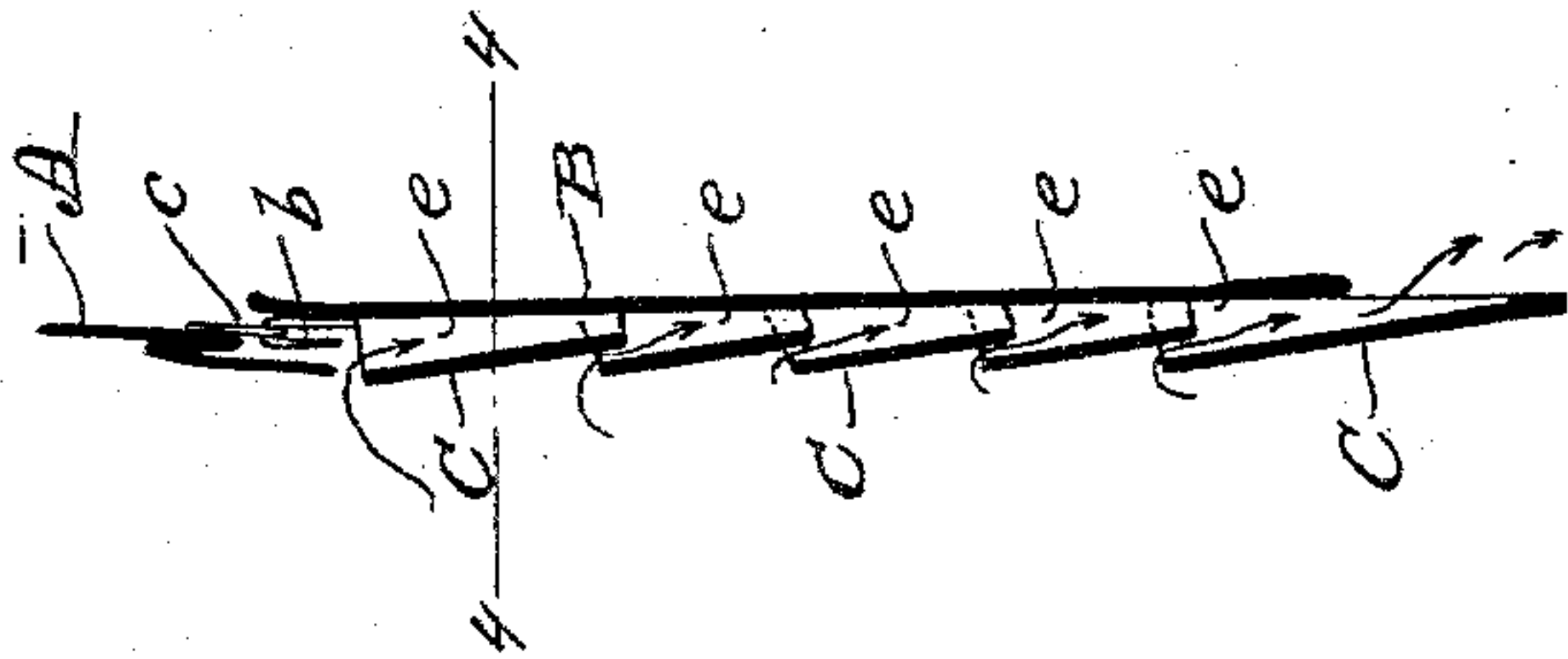
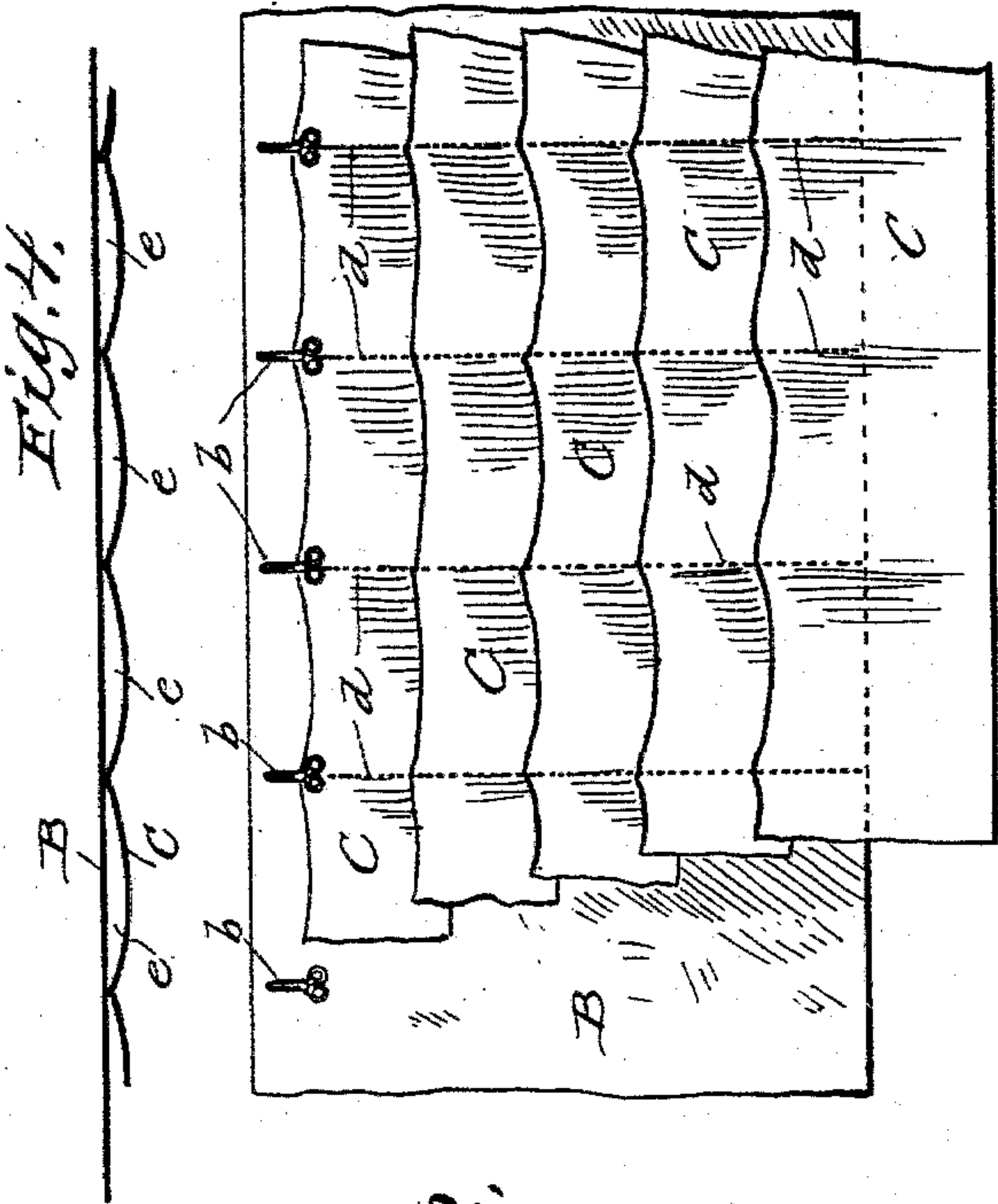


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAX COHN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee, and in the State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Underskirts; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention has for its object to improve that class of underskirts designed to protect the other skirts of a woman's apparel from being soiled by contact with her shoes or by splashing therefrom, as well as to serve as a shield against exposure of her limbs when the outer skirts are elevated; and the said invention consists in certain peculiarities of construction and combination of parts to be hereinafter described with reference to the accompanying drawings and subsequently claimed.

In the drawings: Figure 1 represents an elevation of an underskirt constructed according to my invention, as it appears from the outside, Fig. 2, a like view of a portion of the same as viewed from the inside, Fig. 3, a section taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 4, a section taken on line 4—4 of the preceding figure.

Referring by letter to the drawings A represents the foundation or main portion of an underskirt, and in practice this portion of said skirt may be made from cotton-goods, woolen-goods, chamois-skin or any of the various non-water-proof materials commonly employed in the art to which my invention belongs. Detachably or otherwise connected to the main portion of the skirt is another portion made wholly of water-proof material this latter portion being of any suitable width and adjacent to the feet of the wearer.

While the water-proof portion of the skirt may form a lining for the main or non-water proof portion of the same, it is preferable, as herein shown, to have said water proof portion removably attached to the hem of the other or non-water proof portion of said skirt in direct opposition to the feet of the wearer.

For detachable connection of the two portions of the skirt I prefer to employ hooks *b* on one and eyes *c* on the other, as herein shown, but said portions of the skirt may be buttoned or otherwise detachably connected.

In my present invention the water proof portion of the skirt consists of a base-piece B and a series of overlapping flounces C united thereto upon the inner side by vertical lines of stitching *d* at suitable intervals apart, these overlapping flounces between each two lines of stitches being sufficiently full, as to stand in from the base-piece and form successive channels *e* as best shown in Fig. 3, and the lower one of said flounces extends a suitable distance below said base piece.

From the foregoing it will be understood that only the water proof portion of the skirt will come in contact with the feet of the wearer, while at the same time incidental splashings will be kept from soiling the outer skirts of said wearer, and mud or dust accumulating on said water proof portion of the underskirt may be readily removed.

A particular advantage of the skirt herein described lies in the fact that the splashings striking the flounces C will trickle down the channels *e* and pass off on the outside of the lower flounce as shown by arrows in Fig. 3, and consequently there is no dripping of said splashings into low shoes worn by occupant of the skirt. It is also to be observed that the amount and arrangement of material in the lower water proof portion of the skirt stiffens the latter and thereby improves the hang of the outer skirts, while from the fact that it is immaterial how much the lower water proof portion of the skirt is splashed or otherwise soiled, it may be left hanging if the outer skirts of the wearer be elevated, and thus there need be no exposure of the limbs of said wearer, as is the case when the underskirt of the ordinary construction is held up with the outer skirt.

By having the water proof portion of the skirt detachable it may be used or not according to the state of the weather and condition of pavements &c, over which the wearer may be obliged to travel.

Having thus fully described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. An underskirt comprising a main or body portion of non-waterproof material, and a lower waterproof portion consisting of a base-piece having a series of overlapping flounces

5 united thereto upon the inner side by vertically disposed lines of stitches, the flounces being separate from the base-piece between the lines of stitches, whereby channels are formed, substantially as set forth.

10 2. An underskirt comprising a main or body portion of non-waterproof material, and a lower waterproof portion consisting of a base having a series of overlapping flounces united thereto upon the inner side by vertically disposed lines of stitches, the lower flounce being extended below the base-piece and all of the flounces separate from the base-piece between the lines of stitches, whereby channels
15 are formed, substantially as set forth.

3. An underskirt comprising a main or body portion of non-waterproof material, and a de-

tachable lower waterproof portion consisting of a base-piece having a series of overlapping flounces united thereto upon the inner side
20 by vertically disposed lines of stitches, the flounces between each two lines of stitches being separate from the base-piece between the lines of stitches, whereby channels are formed, substantially as set forth. 25

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand, at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, in the presence of witnesses.

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