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Fig. 1.

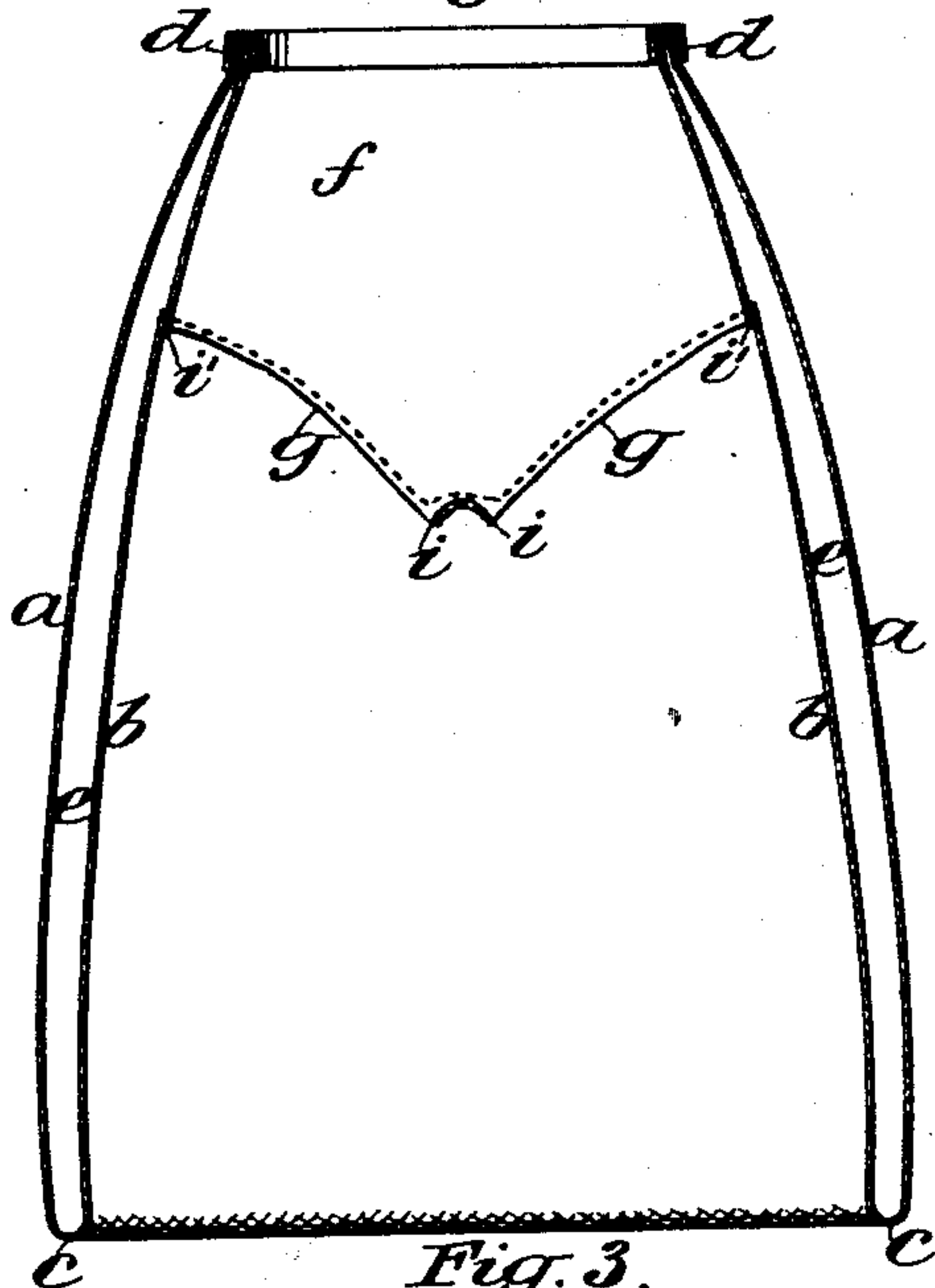


Fig. 3.

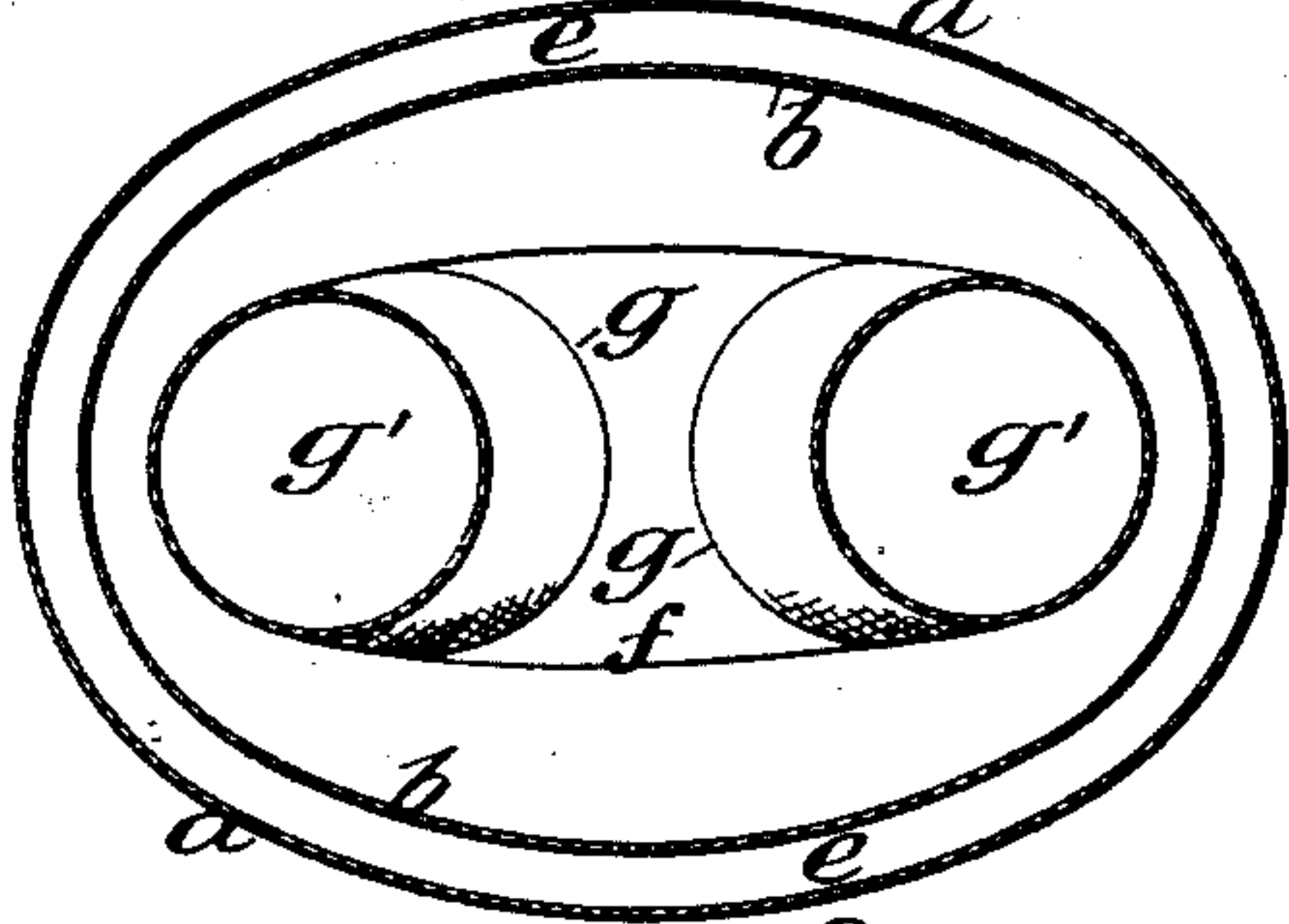
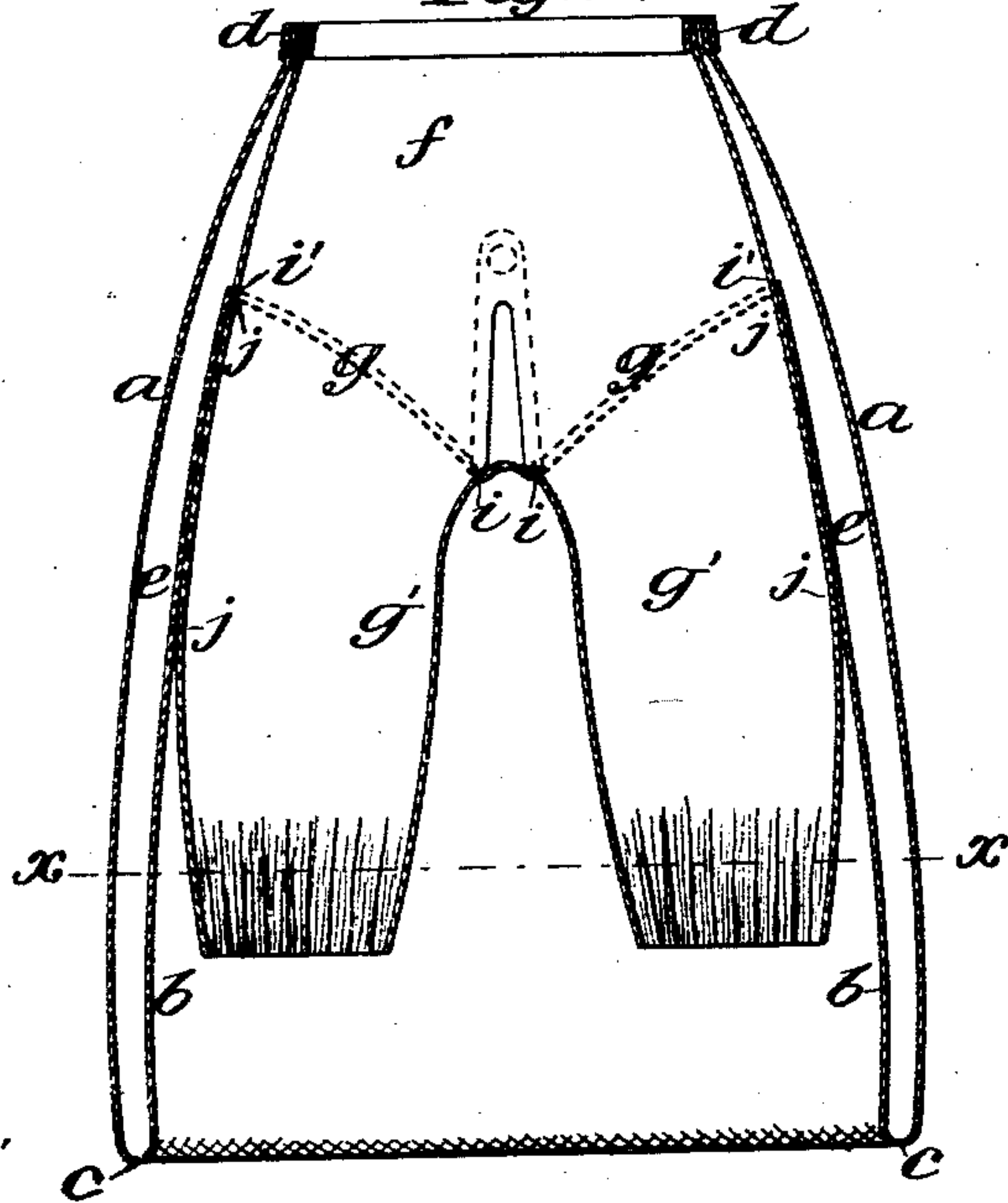


Fig. 2.



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## SKIRT-PROTECTING GARMENT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LENA SITTIG, of the city of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Skirts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates more especially to skirts for wheel women to be worn with or without other skirts according to the weather or season, serving when made of waterproof material to inclose the other skirts and protect them from dirt and serving, either when worn alone or with other skirts, to obviate the incumbrance involved in riding a cycle with ordinary skirts.

Figure 1 represents a vertical section of one example of a skirt embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a vertical section of another example of skirt embodying my invention. Fig. 3 represents a horizontal section corresponding with Fig. 2, taken in the line *xx* of that figure, and viewed from below.

Similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures.

In both examples illustrated by the drawings there is represented a duplex skirt consisting of an outer skirt *a* having a waistband *d* and an inner skirt *b* united with the outer one *a* at the bottom as shown at *c c*, so that there is formed between and all around them a pocket-like space *e* forming a receptacle for other skirts when it is desired to be so used. In both examples the inner skirt is shown connected at its upper edges with and suspended from a pair of drawers *f g g*. In the example shown in Fig. 1 the drawers consist simply of a trunk *f* with two openings *g* in the lower part for the legs of the wearer. In the other example Figs. 2 and 3, the drawers consist of a trunk *f* and legs *g' g'*, the latter consisting of prolongations downward from and around its leg openings *g g*. These legs may be of any length. The upper edge of the inner skirt is closed in around the leg openings of the drawers and united with the drawers at these openings on lines sloping upward and outward from points between the said openings at the crotch to the highest

points of the hips as indicated between *i* and *i'* in Figs. 1 and 2. The inner skirt is thus suspended from the drawers around the leg openings close to the trunk thereof and on the hip line.

The connection between the inner skirt and the trunk or drawers may be made permanent by sewing or by buttons on the trunk or drawers and button-holes around the upper edges of the skirt. In the latter case the outer skirt and trunk *f* may be permanently united at the waist and then when other skirts are also worn they may be inserted into the pocket *e* by unbuttoning the upper edges of the inner skirt from the trunk or drawers. This combination of duplex skirt and drawers while serving as a protection to other skirts and confining all the skirts to the person, sufficiently affords perfect freedom for the necessary action of the legs in cycling.

In case of the drawers having leg extensions *g'* as shown in Fig. 2, I prefer to connect the inner skirt with each leg from the hip points *i'* downward for some distance as indicated at *j j* in Fig. 2, by a line of sewing running lengthwise along the leg extensions.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. The combination of a trunk having separate openings for the legs of the wearer, an inner skirt the upper edge of which is united with said trunk around each of the said openings on lines sloping upward and outward from points between said openings, and an outer skirt united at the bottom with the said inner skirt, substantially as herein set forth.

2. The combination of a trunk having attached leg extensions, an inner skirt the upper edge of which is connected separately with said leg extensions both in lines surrounding them and in lines extending lengthwise down the outer sides thereof, and an outer skirt united at the bottom with said inner skirt, substantially as herein described.

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