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Fig. 1.

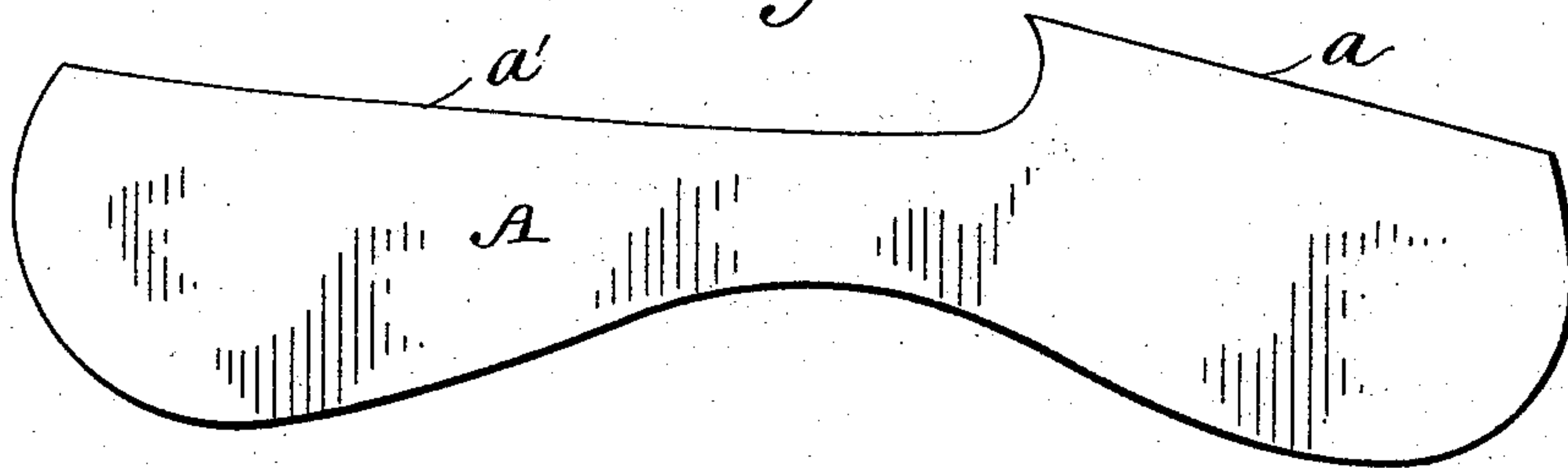


Fig. 2.

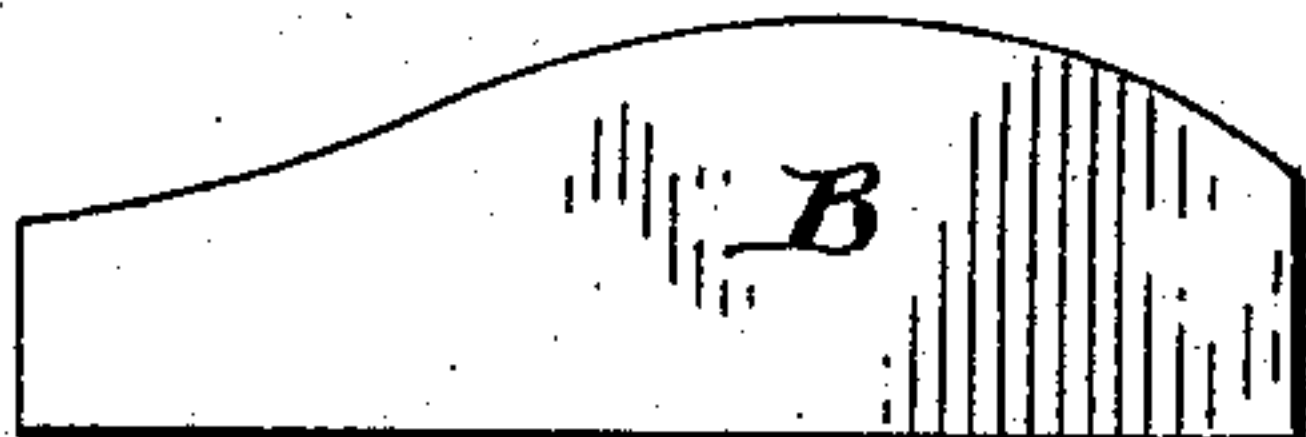


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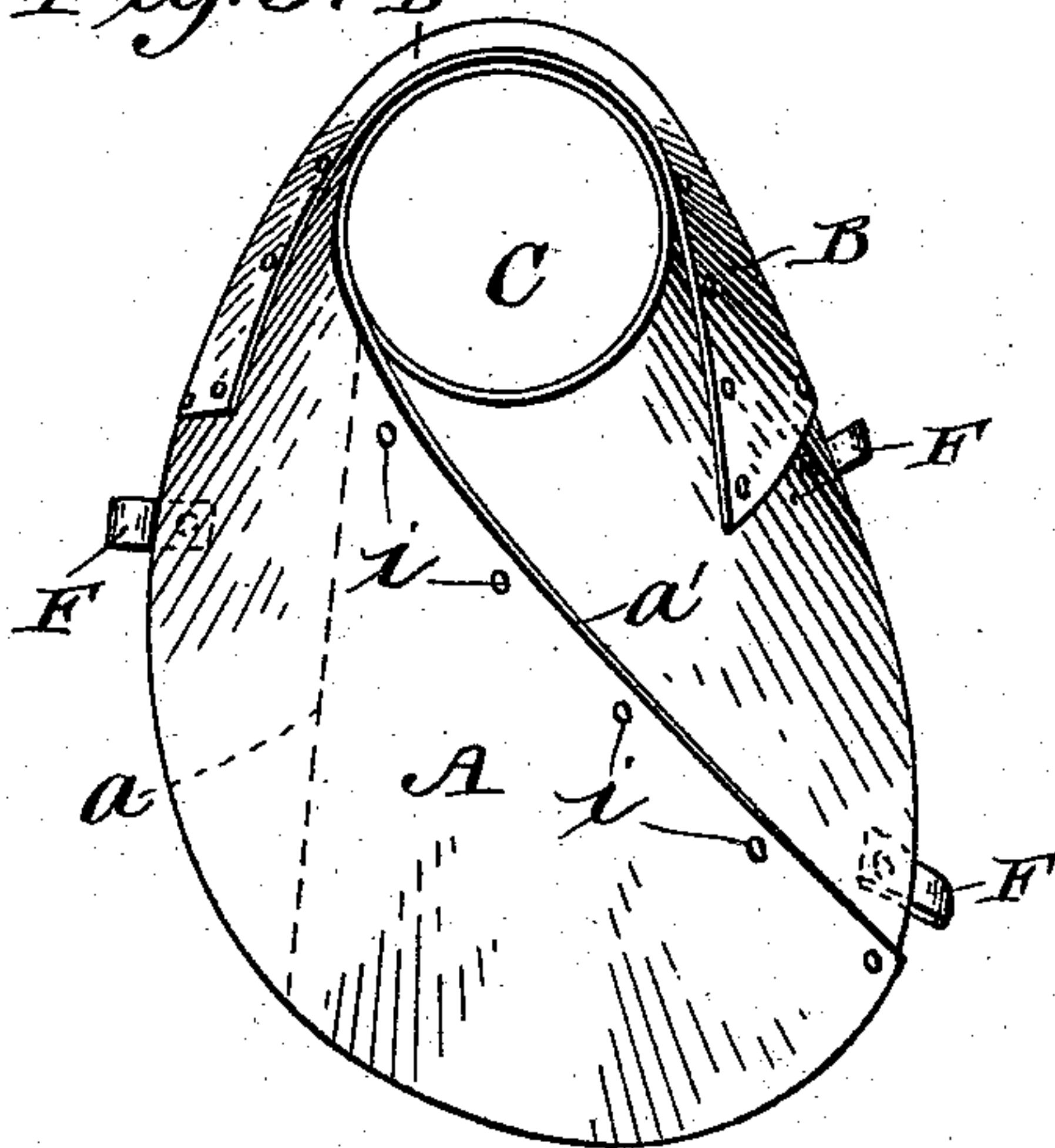


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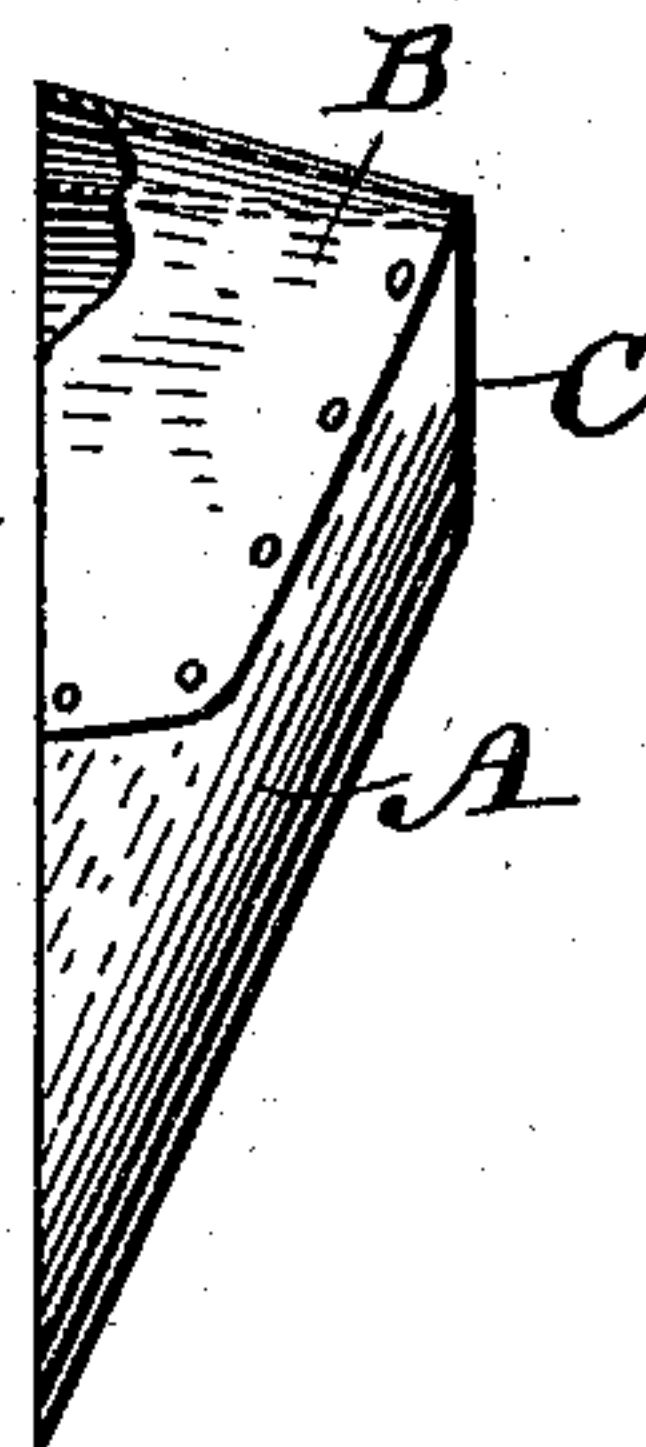
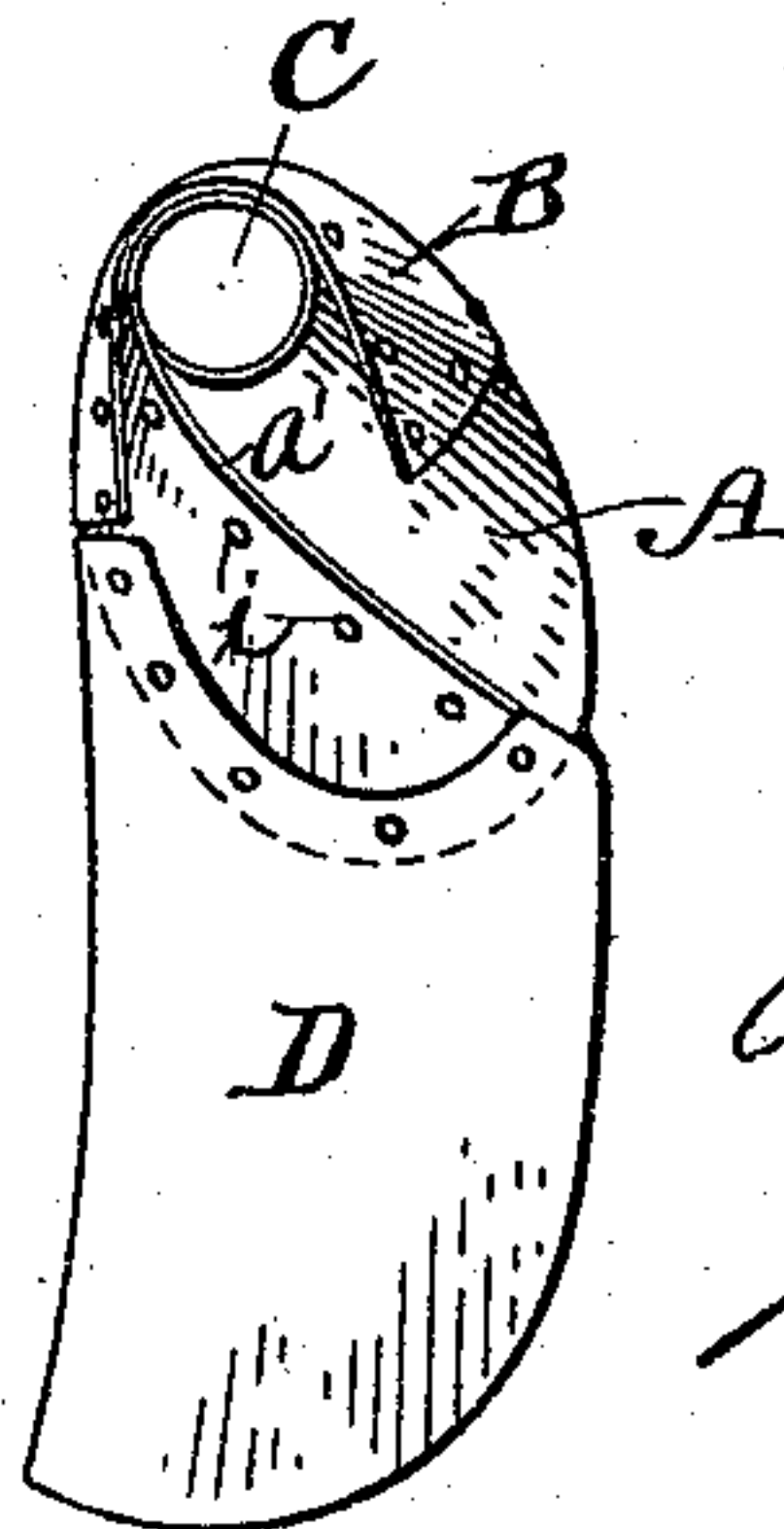


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## DISPLAY-FORM FOR CLOTHING.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ARMIN OSCAR KUEHMSTED, a citizen of the United States, residing at Oshkosh, in the county of Winnebago and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Forms for Clothing; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the 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, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in display-forms for clothing; and it consists primarily of the combination of two pieces of flexible material cut in proper shape and permanently united, as hereinafter shown.

The invention is designed to apply to display-forms for showing a garment folded double and placed on it in that way, the form itself approximating in form one-half of the chest, &c., of a human body, but being so designed as to take up most of the extra cloth or fullness of the garment and obviate the wrinkles and folds that occur when a garment is folded double and placed on a form built on the lines of the average human form. My form is a half form—i. e., it represents but one-half of the upper half of a human form—or by the addition of a skirt-piece can be made to represent in addition the hip. My forms can be made to display the right or left sides of a garment by simply reversing the pieces forming it before putting together. It is especially valuable for displaying garments in a window, the form fitting close to the wall and enabling a person to display a maximum of clothing in a minimum of space.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a plan view of the blank as cut for the primary form to which the other piece or pieces are attached. Fig. 2 represents a plan view of the blank as cut for the additional shoulder-piece. Fig. 3 represents a side elevation of the finished form. Fig. 4 represents an end elevation, partly in section, of the finished form; and Fig. 5 represents a side elevation of the finished form with a skirt attachment.

A in the drawings represents the blank for

the primary form. This is made preferably from a piece of strawboard or similar material. This blank is bent around so that its edge *a* is overlapped by its edge *a'*, as shown in Fig. 3, and said edge *a'* is permanently secured to the portion it overlaps, preferably by rivets *i*, thus leaving an armhole C. The shape of the blank when bent and riveted in this manner conforms approximately to one-half the shoulder and the side and a portion of the back and chest, but with the shoulder sloping in the wrong direction. To overcome this defect I provide piece B. This is of the form shown in Fig. 2, and is attached directly above the armhole C by rivets, so as to form an arched surface extending from the end of the shoulder to what would be the center of the back in such a manner as to take up most of the surplus cloth, which always shows on forms made after the human shape. Tab-loops F of any suitable flexible material are secured to the edge of the form, preferably by rivets, and said form is supported on any suitable support by means of said tab-loops. A skirt-piece D can be attached to said form A by rivets or in any other suitable manner, as shown in Fig. 5. The blank A is bent either to the right or the left, according to which side of the garment it is intended to support.

The coat or garment is folded together longitudinally, one shoulder within the other, and placed upon the form so as to display only one side of the garment, including the sleeve. This can either be the right or left side, as preferred, but a corresponding form must be used.

I am well aware that there are display-forms now in use that are nearer to the human shape than mine; but the purpose of my invention is to enable anyone using these forms to display garments to better advantage, these being nearer the shape of the garment folded double and laid upon it, avoiding folds and wrinkles that occur when a form is used made like a human body.

Having now described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As an improved article of manufacture, a window or counter display form for coats which are laid upon the upper surface of the form in a longitudinally folded or doubled

manner, said form comprising in its construction a piece of flexible material cut to a suitable shape and bent around and permanently secured in shape to conform approximately to  
5 the shape of one of the shoulders, one side and a portion of the back and chest of a person, and having a flat rear surface; and a flexible shoulder piece cut in suitable form and secured to the top of the body portion of  
10 the form in an arching manner and extended

directly over the entire shoulder portion and within the outline of the depth of the form to form an approximately square shoulder, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature 15  
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