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LEG PROTECTOR.

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FIG. 1.

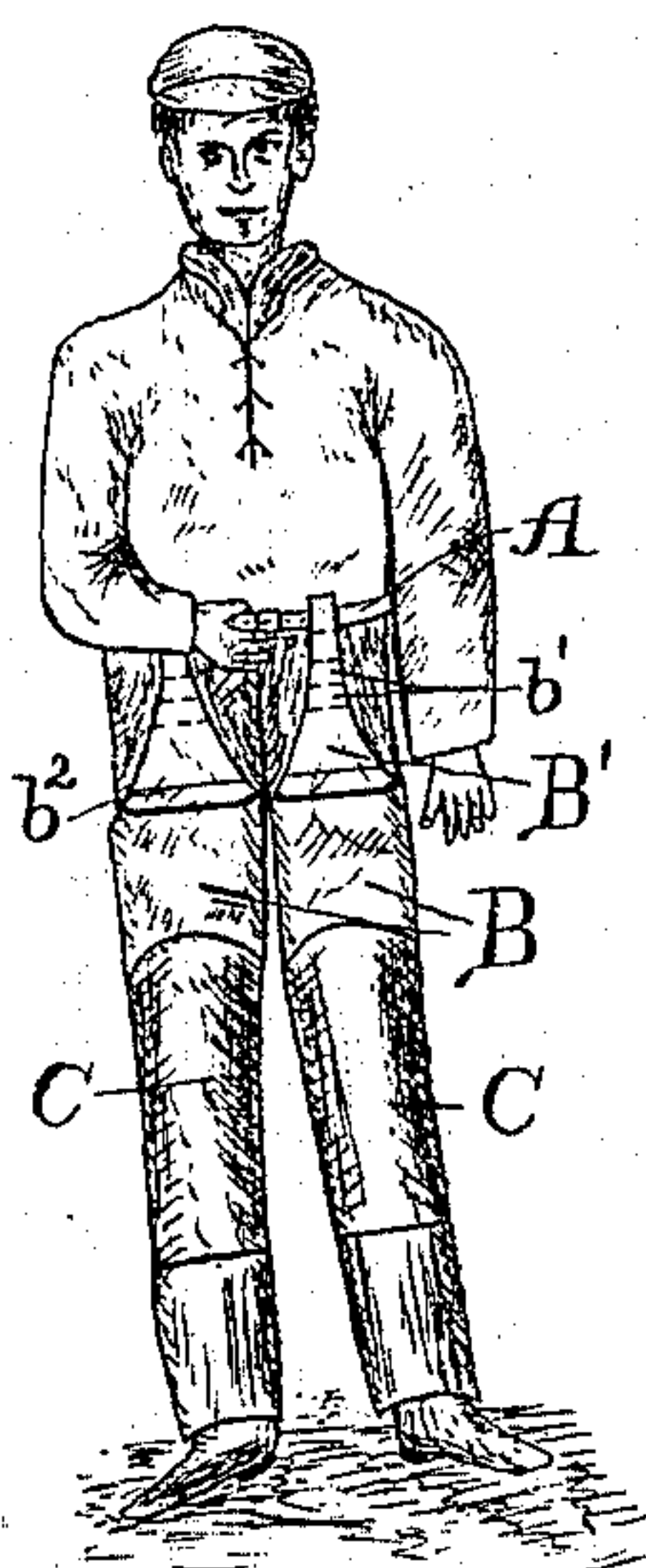


FIG. 2.

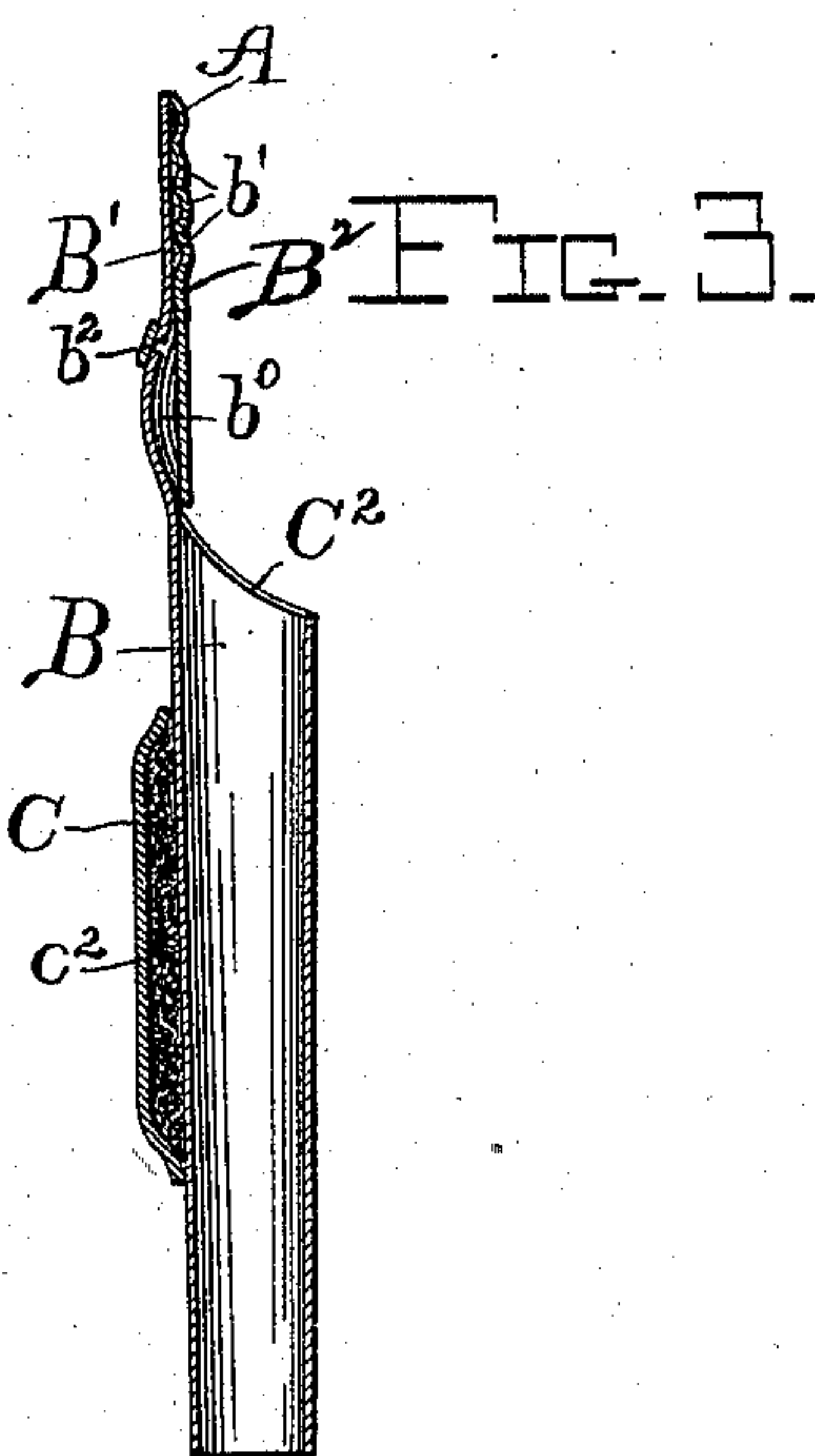
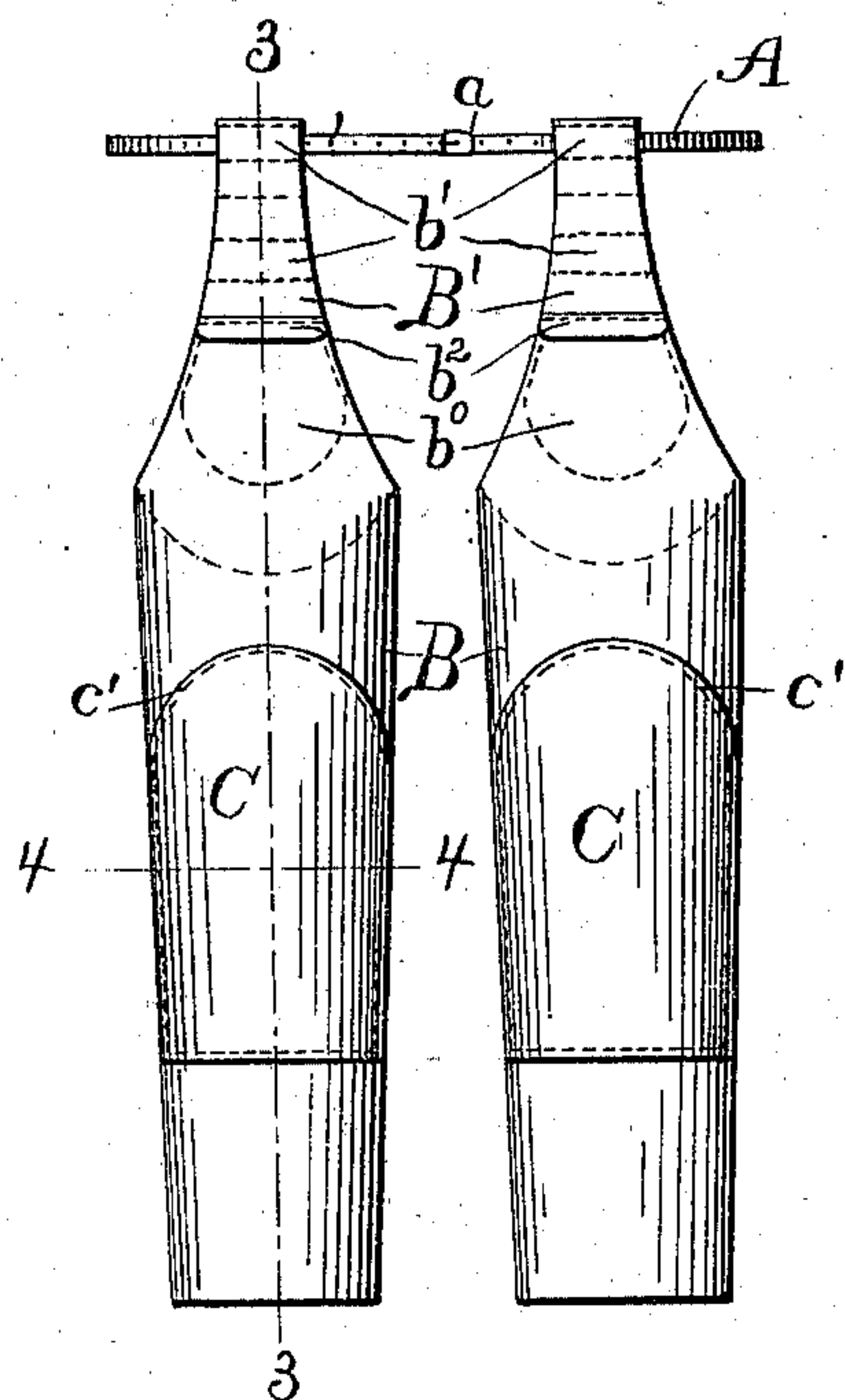
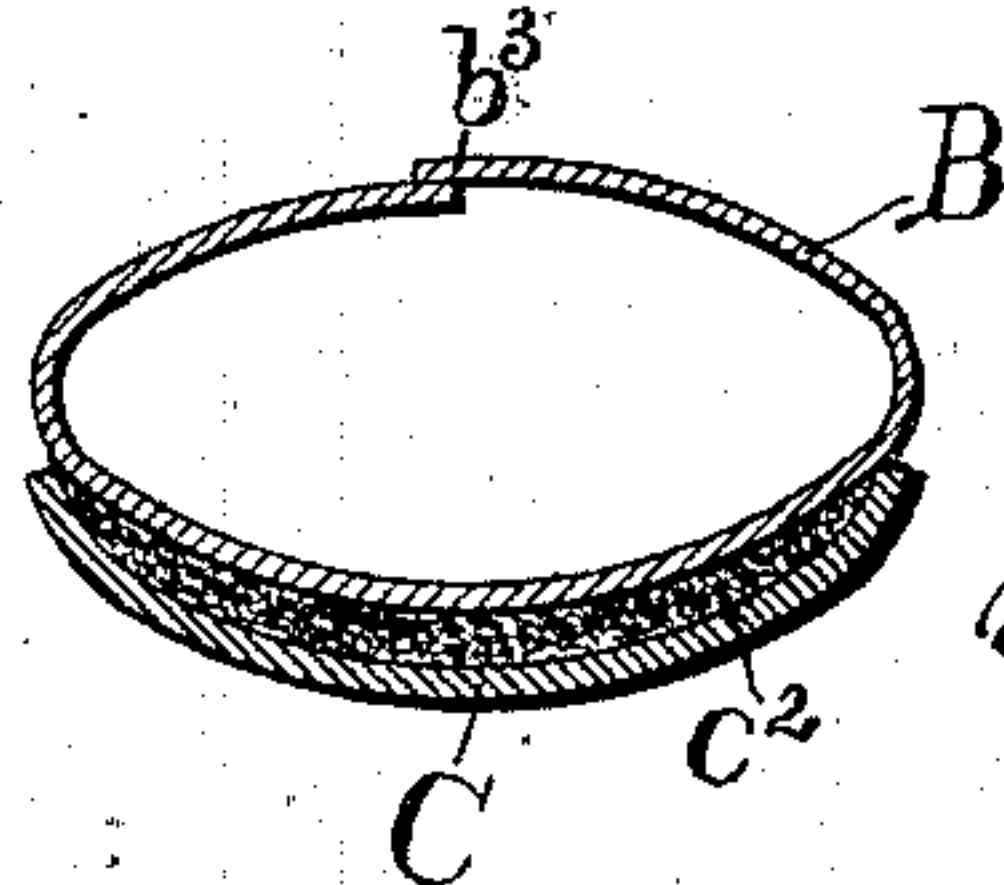


FIG. 4.



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## LEG-PROTECTOR.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALFRED HERBELIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Waco, in the county of McLennan and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Leg-Protectors; and I do hereby 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.

My invention relates to improvements in garment-protectors, and has for its object to provide suitable leg-protectors or overalls to be worn by cotton-pickers when picking cotton while in a kneeling or standing posture, such as will afford a sufficient protection from the moisture of the earth or plants, as well as protection from stones and other hard substances or irregularities on the surface of the ground along the rows of cotton-plants.

My invention will be understood by reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein the same parts are indicated by the same letters throughout the several views.

Figure 1 is a front perspective view of my improved leg-protectors, representing the same as being worn by a man. Fig. 2 is an enlarged front elevation of my improved leg-protectors. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section through one of the leg-protectors, taken on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2; and Fig. 4 is a cross-section taken on the line 4 4 of Fig. 3.

A represents a belt or strap to be buckled around the waist of the wearer, for supporting the two leg-protectors B. These two leg-protectors B are made of oil-canvas, rubber cloth, or some other heavy waterproof material, in order to protect the wearer against moisture. The bodies of these protectors reach only as high up as the crotch of the wearer, as shown at C<sup>2</sup> in Figs. 1 and 2, and have extensions B' in front which extend upward to the waist of the wearer.

A piece B<sup>2</sup> of material similar to that of the protectors is secured to the inner side of this extension by means of stitches, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. These stitches are arranged in parallel lines across the upper portions of the extension a sufficient distance apart to form spaces, as shown at b' in Figs. 2 and 3, wide enough to allow the belt or strap A to

be passed through between any two of the rows of stitches, thus providing a means of adjusting the belt to raise or lower the protectors to suit persons of varying heights.

The lower portion of the reinforcement B<sup>2</sup> is preferably widened and stitched to the inside of the extension B' in such a manner as to form a pocket, as shown at b<sup>0</sup> in Figs. 2 and 3. The opening for the pocket should be made through the extension B', and in order to keep dirt and trash from entering the pocket a flap b<sup>2</sup> should be provided, as shown in the said figures. This pocket will form a convenient receptacle for a knife or any other small article. If preferred, however, one or both of the pockets may be omitted.

Each of these leg-protectors is preferably made of a single piece of waterproof material cut in the desired shape and then having its edges stitched up the back, as shown at b<sup>3</sup> in Fig. 4.

A heavy reinforcement C, preferably of leather, is secured to the front of each leg of the protector. These reinforcements should be large enough to afford a good protection to the region of the knees of the person when kneeling upon the ground and when moving along from plant to plant in this position, and a padding c<sup>2</sup> of hair or other suitable material may be stuffed in between the said reinforcements C and the material of the leg portion proper, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, to form a softer and more yielding rest or cushion for the knees.

If desired, I may use rivets as well as stitches for securing the various parts together, or I may use rivets alone instead of stitches, if preferred.

It will thus be seen that I provide a pair of leg-protectors which will at the same time protect the legs of the wearer as far up as the body from moisture and form a comfortable and durable cushion for the knees; and it will also be seen that the said protectors will be no impediment to the legs of the person in walking.

It will be obvious that my improved leg-protectors may be useful for many other purposes than the one particularly referred to herein, as they might just as well be used by a person engaged in any other sort of work



which necessitates kneeling upon the bare earth, as do workmen in laying paving-stones in streets, gutters, and similar places.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A pair of leg-protectors composed of two similar portions made of waterproof material and adapted to cover the legs only of the wearer, each portion having a leather reinforcement on the outside of the knee thereof, and an extension in front from the top thereof reaching to approximately the waist-line with a reinforcement secured thereto by parallel rows of stitches a short distance apart forming spaces for passage of a belt and allowing of adjustment thereof, and a belt adapted to pass through either one of said spaces and to encircle the waist of the wearer, for supporting said protectors, substantially as described.

2. A pair of leg-protectors composed of two similar portions made of waterproof mate-

rial and adapted to cover the legs only of the wearer, each portion being cut from a single piece in the proper shape and size and having a single connecting-seam up the back thereof, and having an extension in front from the top thereof reaching to approximately the waist-line, with a reinforcement of flexible material secured thereto by a plurality of cross-stitches a short distance apart, forming spaces for the passage of a belt and allowing of adjustment thereof from one space to another to raise or lower said protectors, and having a padded leather reinforcement on the outside of the knee thereof, and a belt for encircling the waist of the wearer and supporting the said protectors, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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