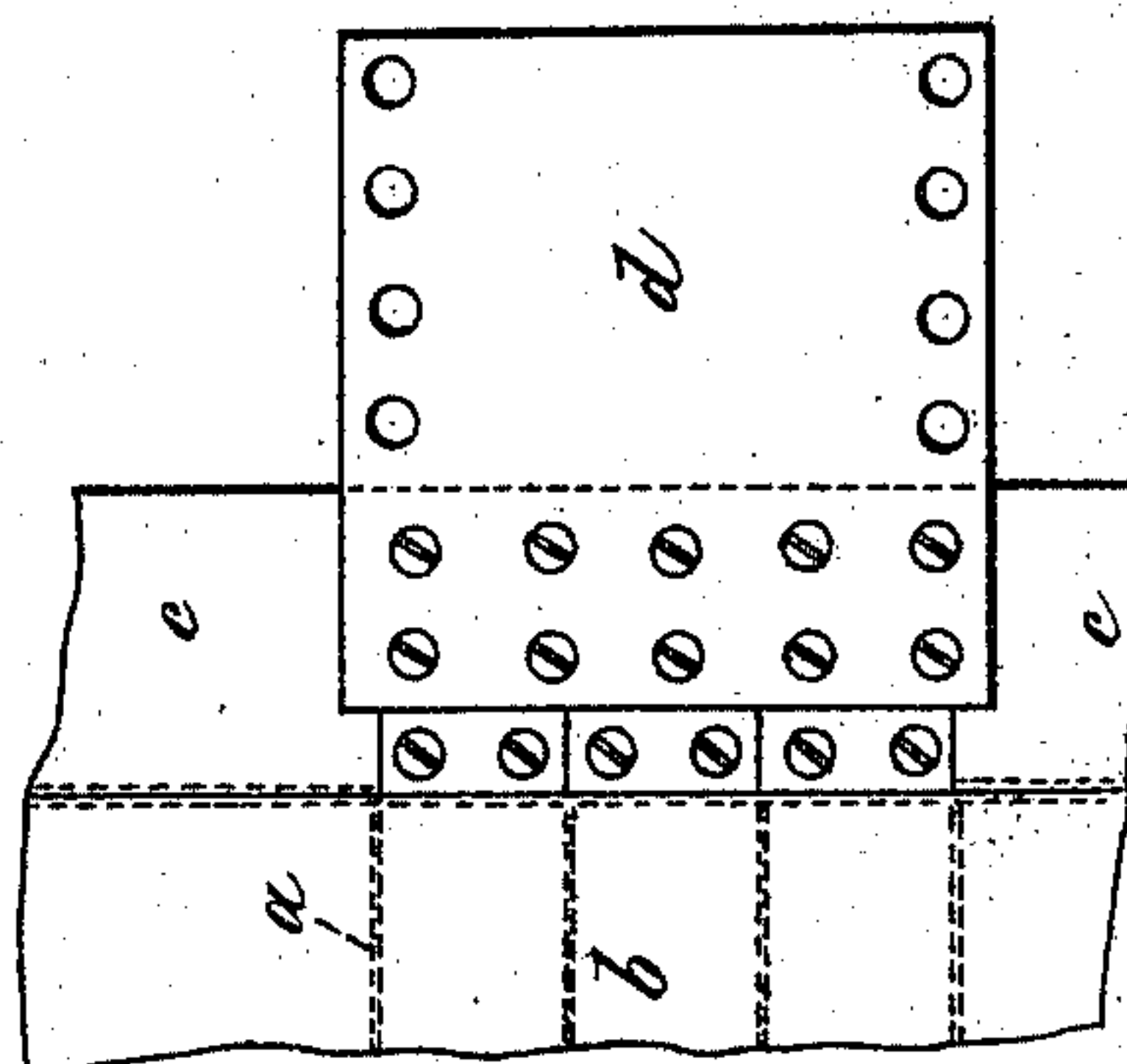
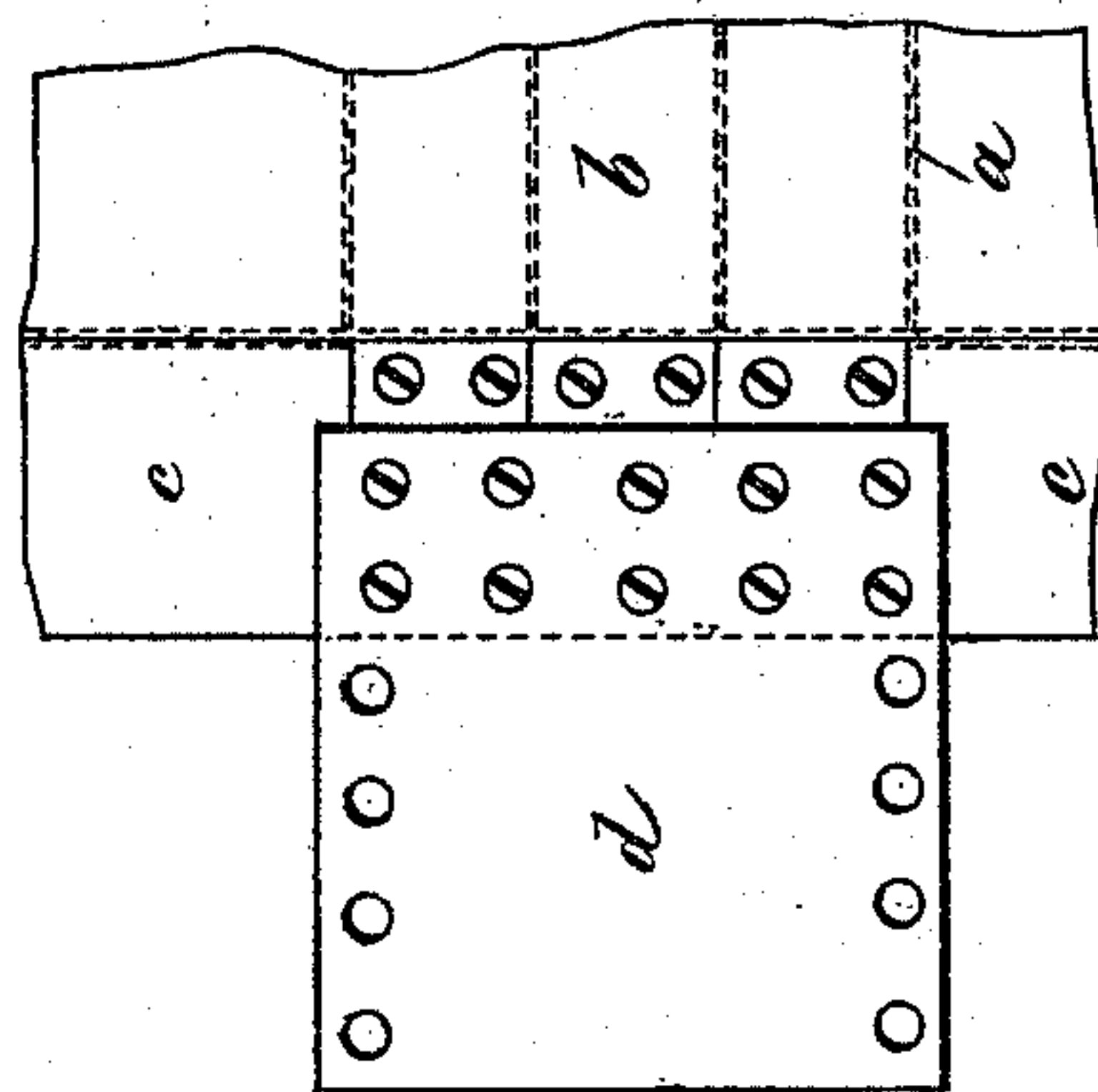
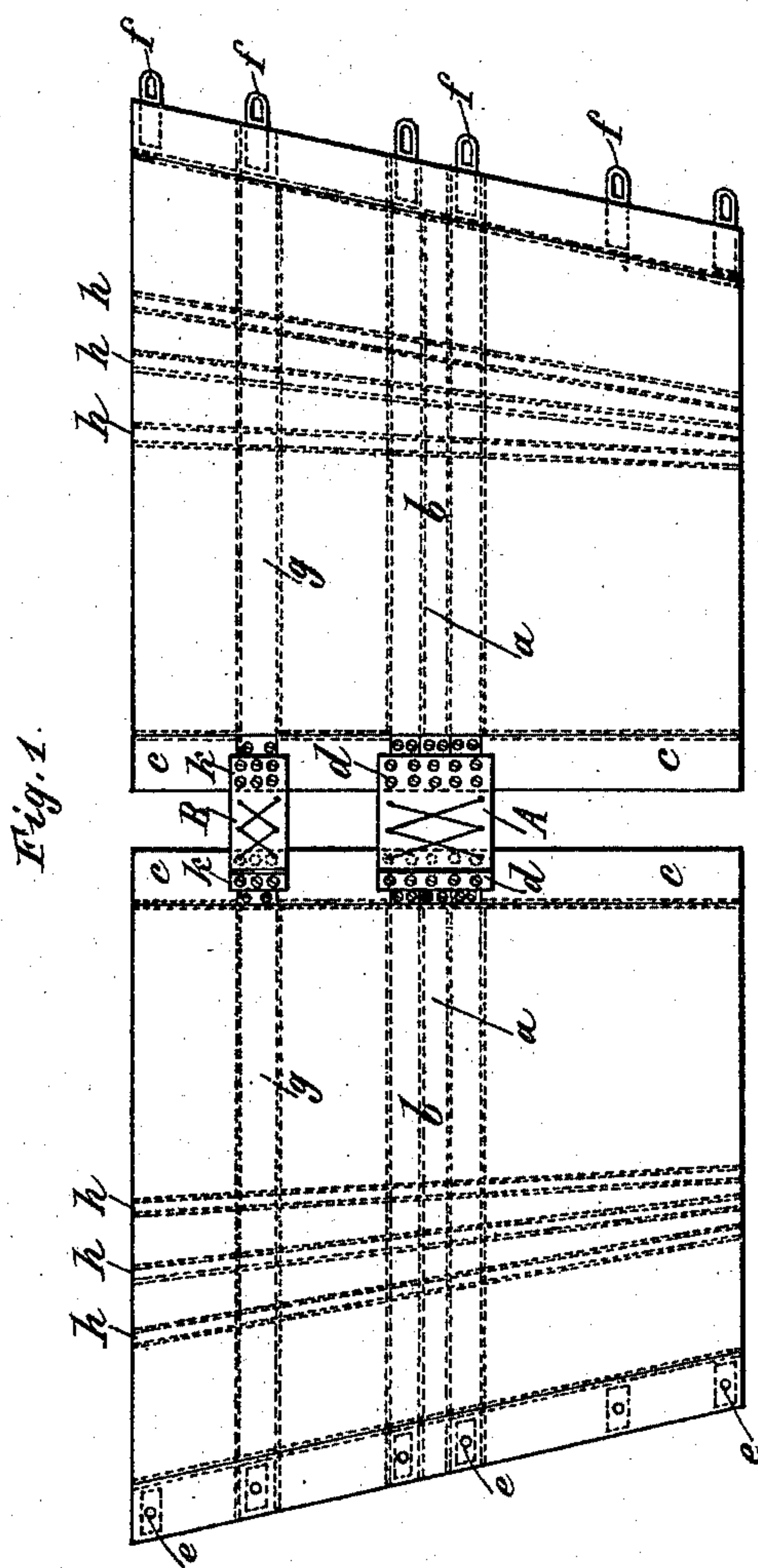
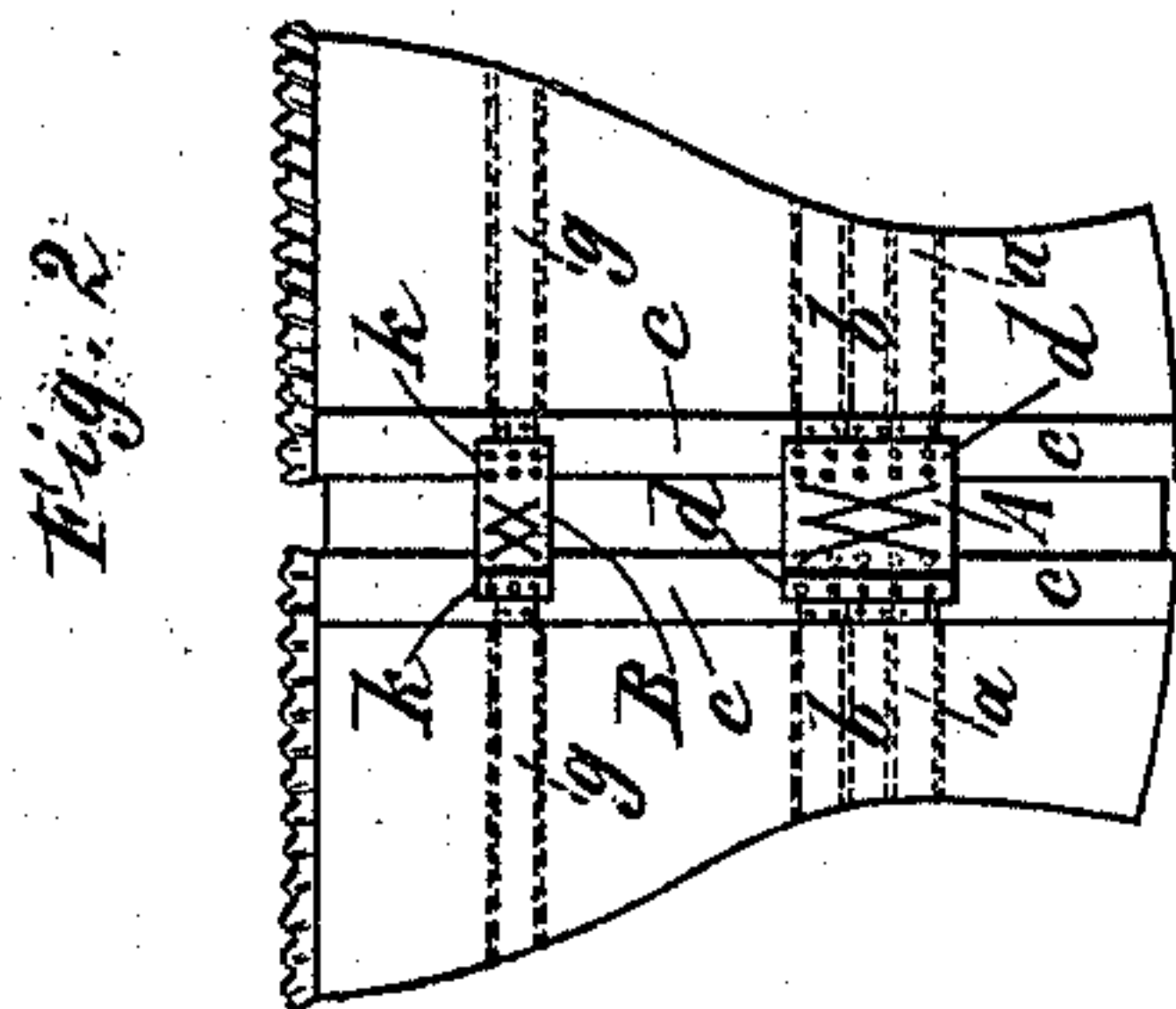


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRIEDRICH AUGUST HIEKEL, manufacturer, of 170 Friebergerstrasse, Olbernhau, Saxony, Germany, have
5 invented an Improved Corset, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

The present invention relates to a corset or stays in which the lacing extending right up
10 the back as hitherto ordinarily employed is dispensed with.

This invention is illustrated by the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows the corset together with the
15 fastening in the open state. Fig. 2 shows the same in the closed state and on a smaller scale. Fig. 3 illustrates details of the corset.

According to my present invention the corset is provided with a belt *b*, which is com-
20 posed of two or three or more insertions *a*, made of metal or other suitable strong material. These are sewed or woven in or loosely or otherwise suitably inserted and inclose the waist and allow perfect freedom of move-
25 ment of the body of the wearer.

To the rear longitudinal busks *c* of the corset there are secured (for instance, sewed or riveted) two short steel or other suitable bars or plates *d*, which are provided with
30 holes for the reception of the laces and which overlap each other to a greater or less extent, according to the stoutness of the wearer, and are locked together at A. In this corset the ordinary lacing, which extends right up and
35 down the back in ordinary corsets, is dispensed with.

In front the corset is fastened together in the usual or any suitable manner—for instance, by means of hooks *e* and eyes *f*.

40 At the level of the breast there may be employed, if desired, another device *g*, (of the

kind shown at *a*,) which may be sewed in the material and which shall take up the pressure of the vertical steels or whalebones *h*,
(that are sewed in the material,) and thus ob- 45 viate the pressure acting directly upon the body of the wearer.

Connected to the horizontal steels *g* there are also arranged at the back of the corset two steel plates *k k*, which overlap each
50 other and are laced together, as shown at B, in the manner hereinafter described with reference to *d*, so as to produce a non-elastic band, which, nevertheless, is adjustable, but when adjusted by lacing through the plates 55 is rigid.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A corset comprising two complementary sections each having a non-elastic band se- 60 cured across or around it at the waist-line thereof, and perforated plates secured to the opposite ends of each band at the rear opening, said plates being overlapped for the purpose set forth. 65

2. A corset comprising two complementary sections having a non-elastic band secured across and around each section at the waist-line thereof, and perforated plates secured to the opposite ends of said bands at the rear
70 opening of the corset, said plates being overlapped for the purpose set forth and non-elastic bands of similar nature above the non-elastic bands at the waist-line, each provided with perforated plates which overlap, 75 as and for the purpose set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two witnesses.

FRIEDRICH AUGUST HIEKEL.

Witnesses:

KARL FRIEDRICH MÜLLER,
CARL FRIEDRICH HIEKEL.