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Fig. 1.

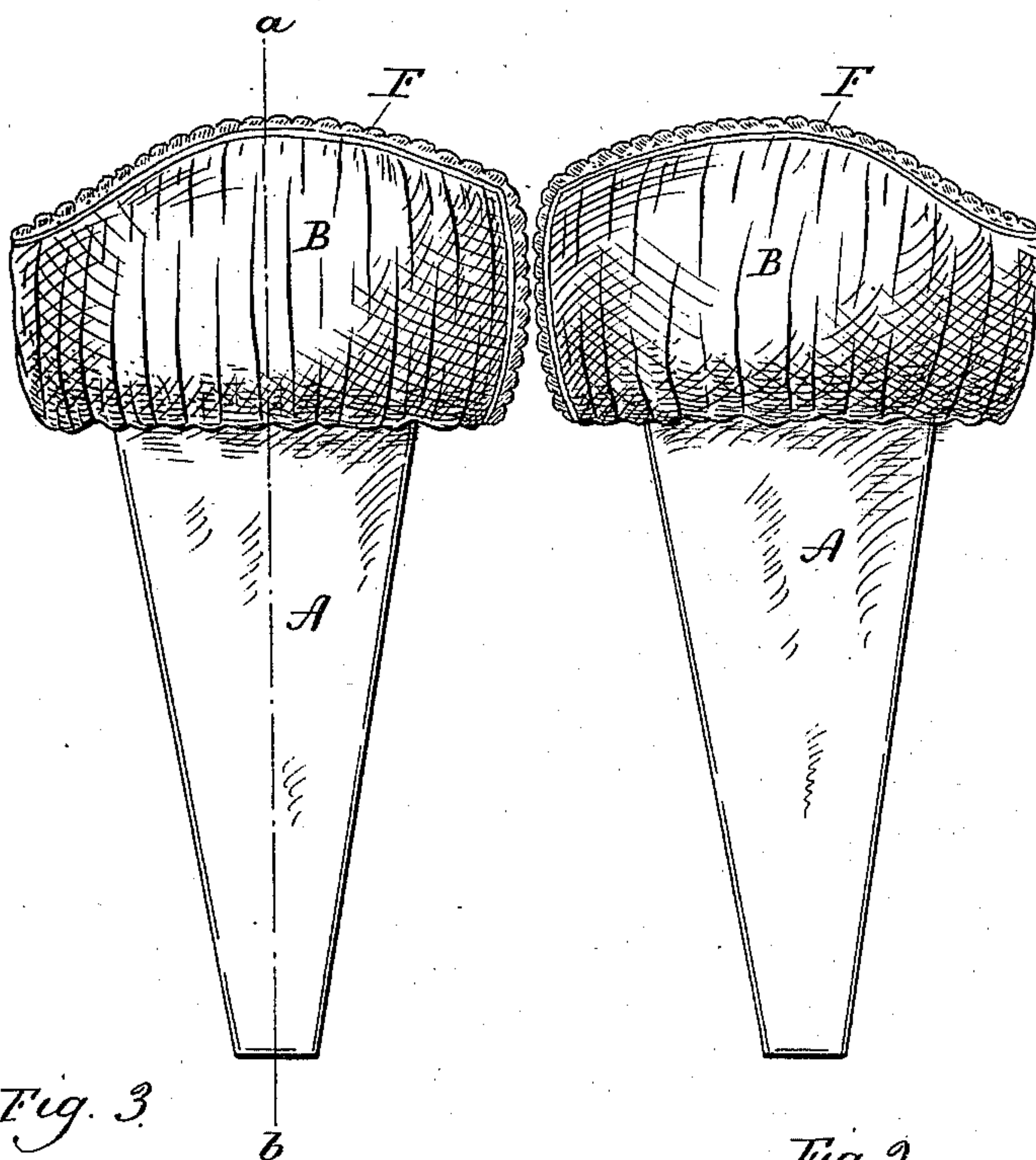


Fig. 3.

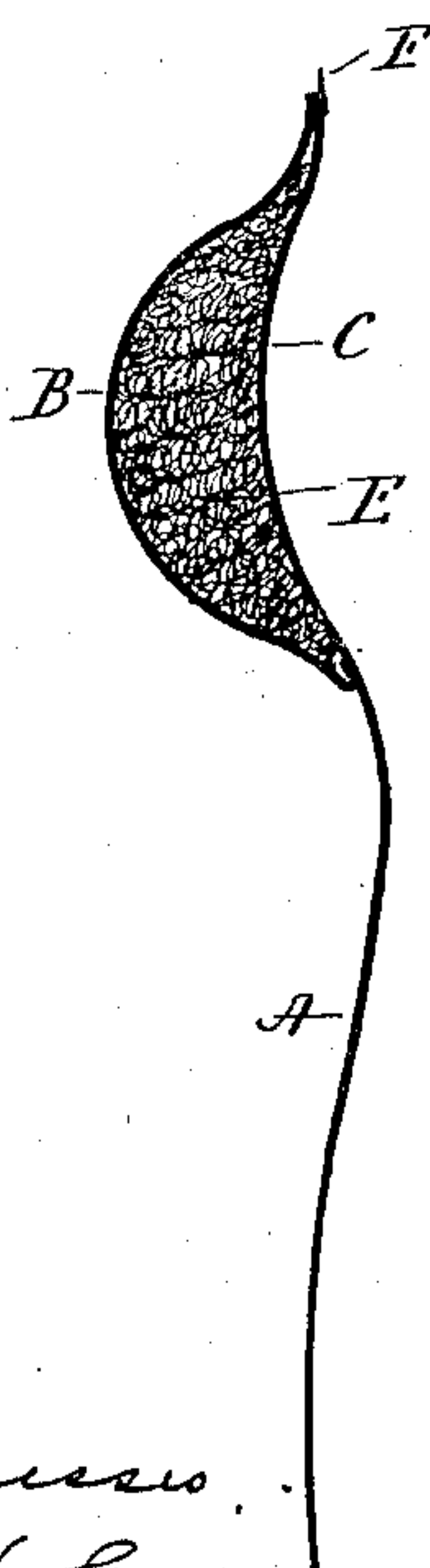
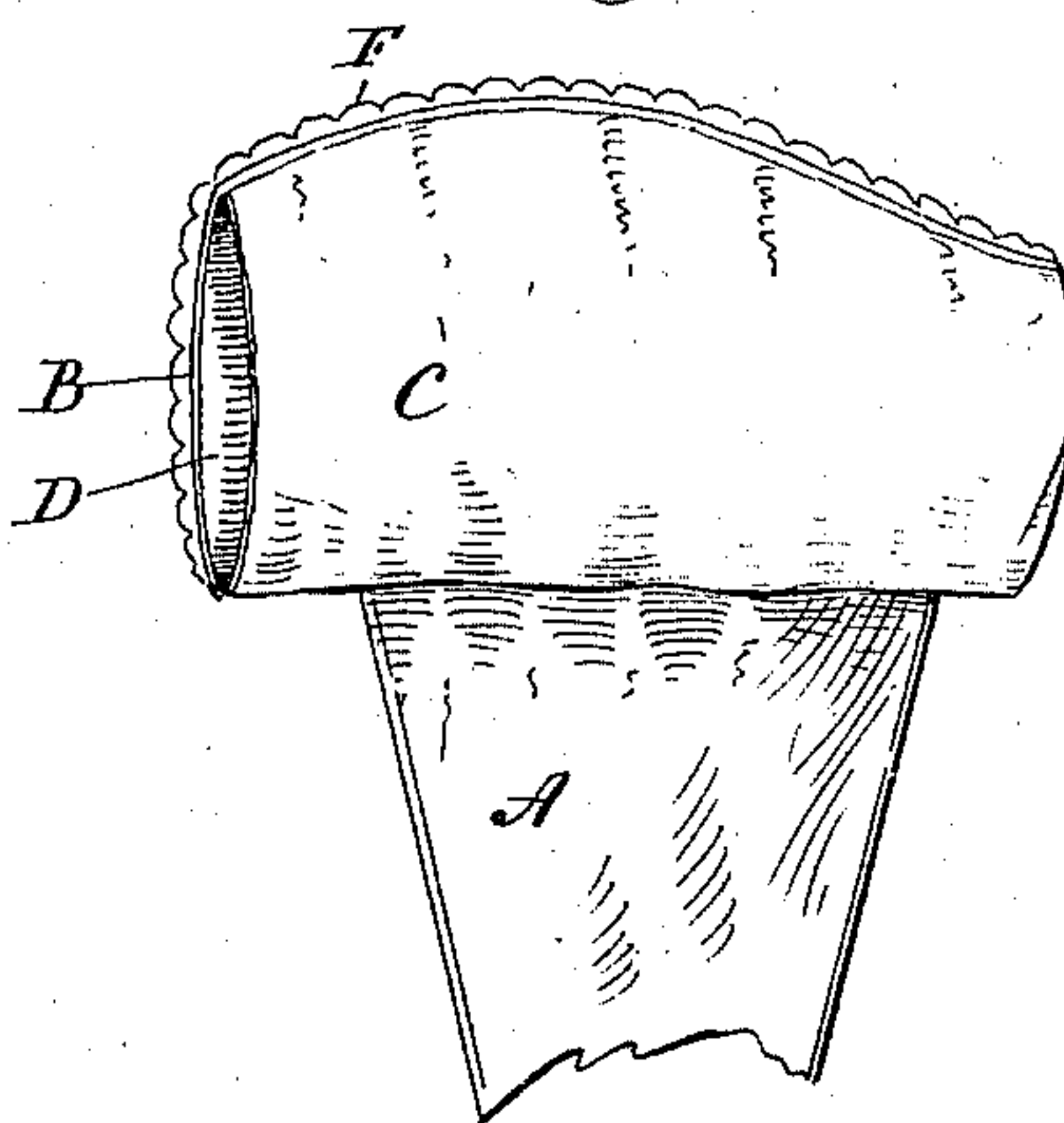


Fig. 2.



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BUST-PAD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FLORENCE M. LAKE, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new
5 Improvement in Bust-Pads; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same,
10 and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a view in front elevation of bust-pads made in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2, a broken view, in inside elevation, of
15 one of the pads with its unattached edges spread apart preparatory to filling it; Fig. 3, a view of one of the pads in vertical section on the line *a b* of Fig. 1, showing the pad and tab as conformed to the shape of the wearer.

20 My invention relates to an improved bust-pad, the object being to provide a simple, cool, attractive, convenient, and effective device constructed with particular reference to simplicity of application and ease of adjustment.

With these ends in view my invention consists in a bust-pad having certain details of construction, as will be hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claim.

30 In carrying out my invention I employ for each pad a long tapering tab A, which may be made from a single thickness of muslin or any other desired material and which may have its edges hemmed or otherwise finished,
35 or it may be made double. This tab, however made, is attached at its wide upper end to the lower edge of the pad proper, which is horizontally arranged at the upper end of the said tab and which may be of any improved construction, but which is preferably
40 composed of a substantially flat back C and a soft fulled front B, by preference composed of muslin or some other light and dressy material. The edges of the said back C and front
45 B of the pad are permanently fastened together, except at one end, which is not so secured, for the purpose of forming an opening D, through which the filling is introduced and removed.

50 The filling E may be of any approved material, such as cotton or curled hair. After the pad has been stuffed the opening D is of course closed by tacking the edges together. As herein shown the inner and top

edges of the pad are ornamented with a band 55 of lace F.

In using my improved bust-pad the long tabs are placed under the corset, which, when laced up, places the tabs under so much frictional restraint that they will hold the pads 60 firmly in position, and also in any desired vertical arrangement. Thus the pads may be lifted after the corset is laced by drawing them upward, or they may be pulled down into the desired position by catching hold of 65 the extreme lower ends of the tabs at a point under the front of the corset.

My improved bust-pad will be found to be extremely convenient in use and desirable in effect, because it is secured in place without 70 the use of pins or lacings of any description and because it may be adjusted after its application.

I am aware that a vertically-adjustable bust-pad tapering in form at its lower end and adapted to be held in place by the friction imposed upon its lower end by the corset of the 75 wearer is old. I am also aware that it is old to form a bust-pad with an opening through which filling may be introduced and removed. 80 I do not, therefore, claim either of these constructions broadly.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is— 85

A bust-pad consisting of a horizontally-arranged pad proper, comprising a flat or substantially flat cloth back and a fulled front of soft material, the edges of the said back and front being connected together except at 90 one end of the pad where they are left unconnected to form an opening for the introduction and removal of the filling, and the said bust-pad also comprising a long tapering retaining-tab made of soft cloth and connected with the lower edge of the horizontally- 95 arranged pad proper and adapted to be placed under frictional restraint for holding the same in any desired position of adjustment by means of the corset under which the pad 100 is placed.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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