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Fig. 1.

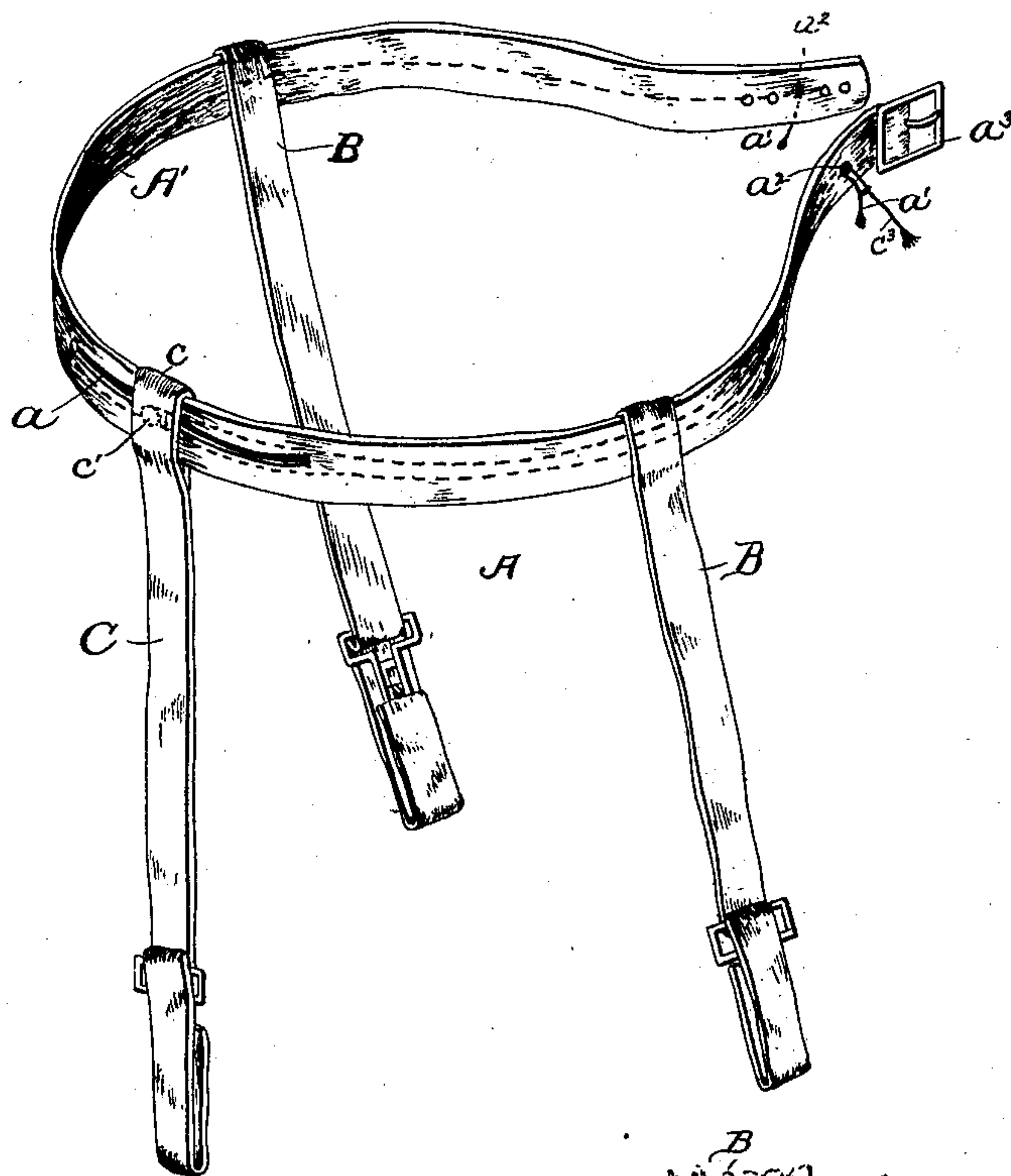
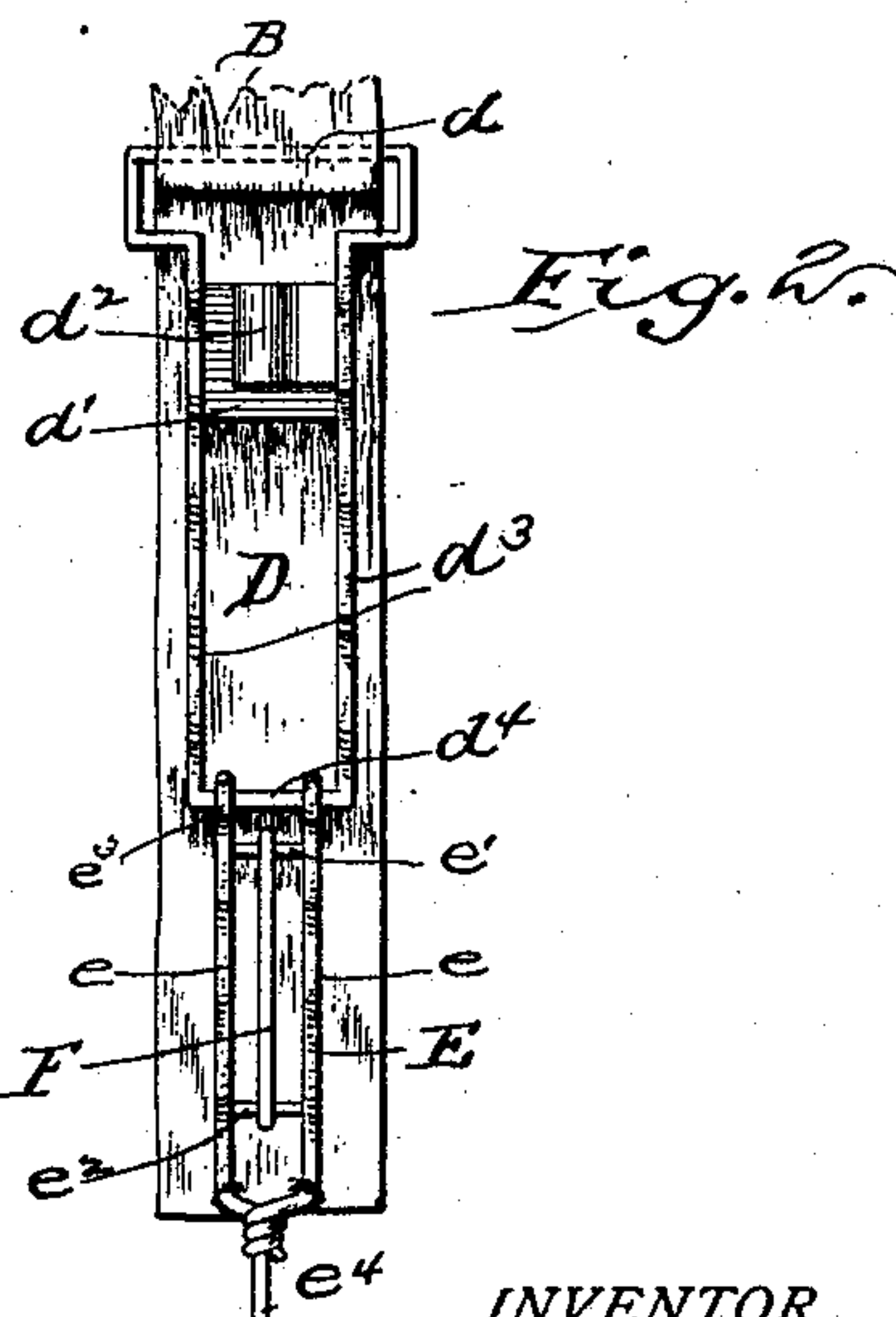
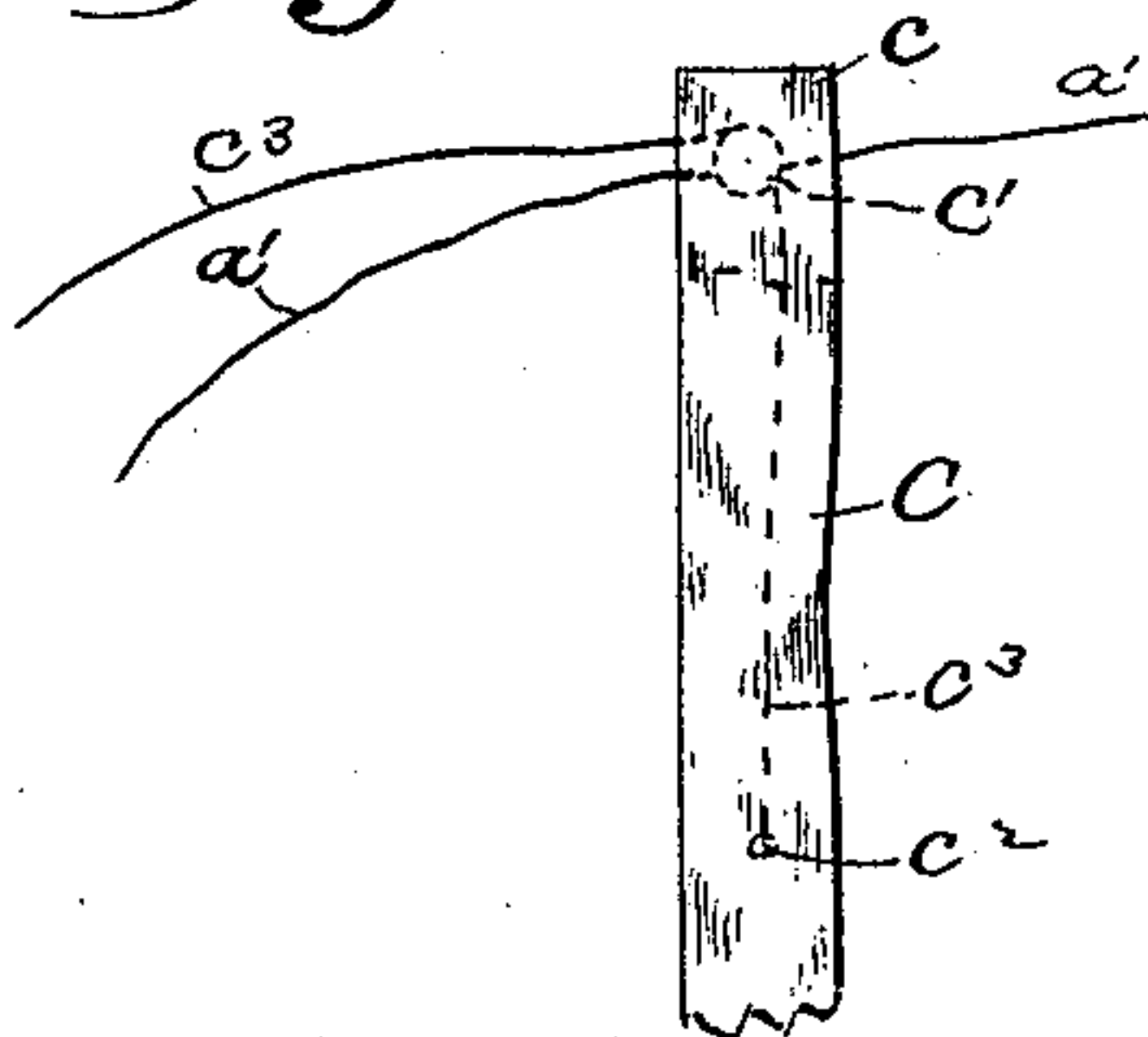


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY R. LUCAS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Omaha, in the county of Douglas and State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt-Lifting Devices; 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.

This invention relates to skirt-lifting devices, and is for improvements upon Patent No. 580,053, granted me April 6, 1897.

The object of the present invention is to greatly simplify inventions of this class, and to produce a practical skirt-lifting device for use in connection with any style of skirt, garment, mackintoshes, &c.; and a further object is to provide an improved clasp or fastening device for securing the skirt-lifter readily to the garment and in such a manner that the clasps will not mutilate or tear the skirt; and the invention consists of further improved adjustments and details which will hereinafter be more fully and clearly pointed out in the specification and claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, in connection with the specification, wherein corresponding letters indicate like parts in the several views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device. Fig. 2 represents a plan view of the improved clasp, the same being shown as attached to the lower end of a suspension-strap and in an open position. Fig. 3 is a detail of the device, showing the rear suspension-strap and cords for adjusting the same either in sidewise or in a vertical direction.

In the drawings, A refers to the skirt-lifting device, which is comprised of a belt A', having a horizontal slot a in its rear middle portion which is suitably stiffened and confined to the outside cover of the belt, said belt being preferably constructed with a recess or aperture throughout its length. a' is a cord which passes through this recess and out of apertures a^2 near the ends of the belt, as shown, having enlarged ends thereon, and a^3 is a suitable buckling device for securing said belt to the waist of the person using the same.

B are skirt-supporting straps of suitable length secured, one on each side of the belt, about midway between its front and rear portions and forwardly inclined, as shown, which positions are found to be better adapted to hold the skirts in a proper position and for the manipulations of the device. The upper ends of these straps may be secured to the belt in any well-known manner. C is a similar depending strap which is secured to the rear middle portion, preferably in a manner to permit side and vertical adjustments, and when so used the upper part of the strap c embraces the belt A' as a sleeve thereon and has a suitable button c' , secured to the interior of the outside portion of said sleeve, which engages in slot a of the belt. Cord a' is secured to this button c' in any well-known manner, and by this means said sleeve and depending strap are adjustable along said belt from right to left, or vice versa, by manipulating the ends of the cord passing through the apertures at the front of the belt.

The depending strap C may be constructed hollow and have a button c^2 sewed or fastened to its interior about midway of its length, to which a cord c^3 may be secured and from that point pass upwardly over button c' and pass toward the right through the belt and through aperture a^2 and be suitably attached to the end a' of the first-mentioned cord. This second cord c^3 is only used for vertically adjusting the rear strap and acts independently of cord a' .

D is the improved clasp, which is constructed of suitable material, preferably steel wire, and is of rectangular shape. At its upper end is formed a suitable head portion d for attachment to the supporting-strap near its lower end by sewing, riveting, or otherwise, and adjacent to this head portion is a strengthening-strip d' , upon which is formed a catch d^2 . The lower sides of this main portion of the clasp are corrugated, as shown, and to its bottom d^4 is secured a folding part E, having its sides e similarly corrugated and so arranged that when this lower portion folds upwardly against the upper or main part D these corrugations will fit closely together, the projections of one falling into the depressions of the other.

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cured to the sides of the lower folding part of the clasp, one near its hinge e^3 and forming part thereof and the other midway of its length, and between these two ribs is suitably
 5 secured a safety-pin f , which may be used in connection with said clasp whenever desired to hold a skirt more securely in place or independently thereof when it is found more convenient. At the lower end of part E of
 10 the clasp is formed a suitable latch e^4 for engagement with catch d^2 when the clasp is closed. The lower ends of the depending or supporting straps may extend to the latch e^4 and be similarly secured to the corrugated
 15 sides of the clasp. This covers up the clasp when it is closed and gives the device a neater appearance.

In the operation of the skirt-lifter the belt is first secured to the waist of a person. The
 20 skirts are then adjusted to the proper height and secured at the sides and back at that height by means of the clasps upon the lower ends of the supporting-straps. The rear supporting-strap C may be adjusted either later-
 25 ally or vertically by means of cords a' and c^3 , as before described, and it is evident that similar adjustments may be similarly applied to the straps B when desired.

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

1. A skirt-lifting device comprising of a hollow belt, having a slot in rear portion, a supporting-strap secured to said belt over the slotted portion, supporting-straps depending from the sides of said belt, securing devices upon the lower ends of said straps, and means to adjust the rear strap laterally from the front of the belt, substantially as described and set forth.

2. The combination in a skirt-supporting device of a belt having a horizontal slot in its rear portion, a supporting-strap secured to said belt over the slotted portion, supporting-straps secured to the sides of said belt, folding clasps secured to the lower ends of the supporting-straps, and means to adjust the rear strap in a vertical and lateral direction from the front of the belt, as and for the purposes set forth.

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

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