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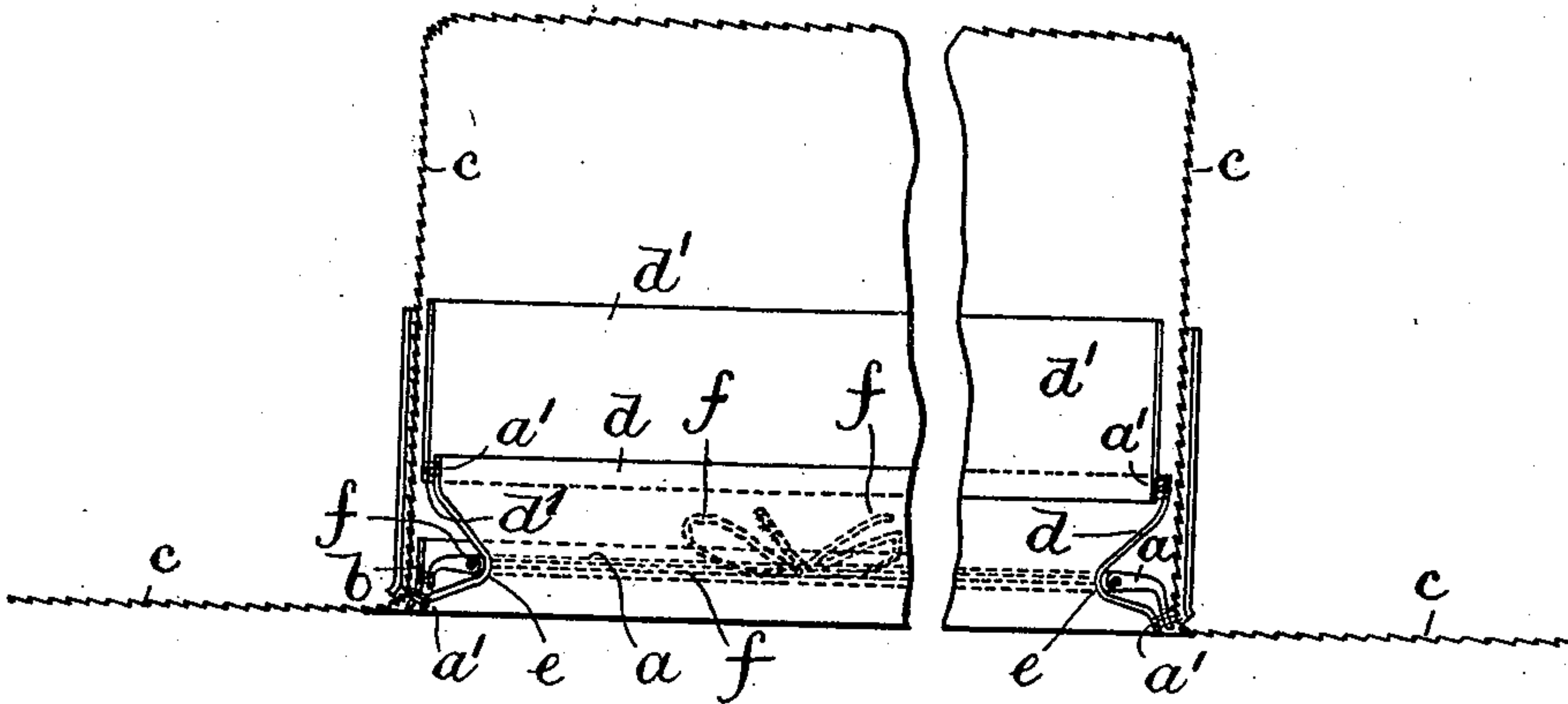
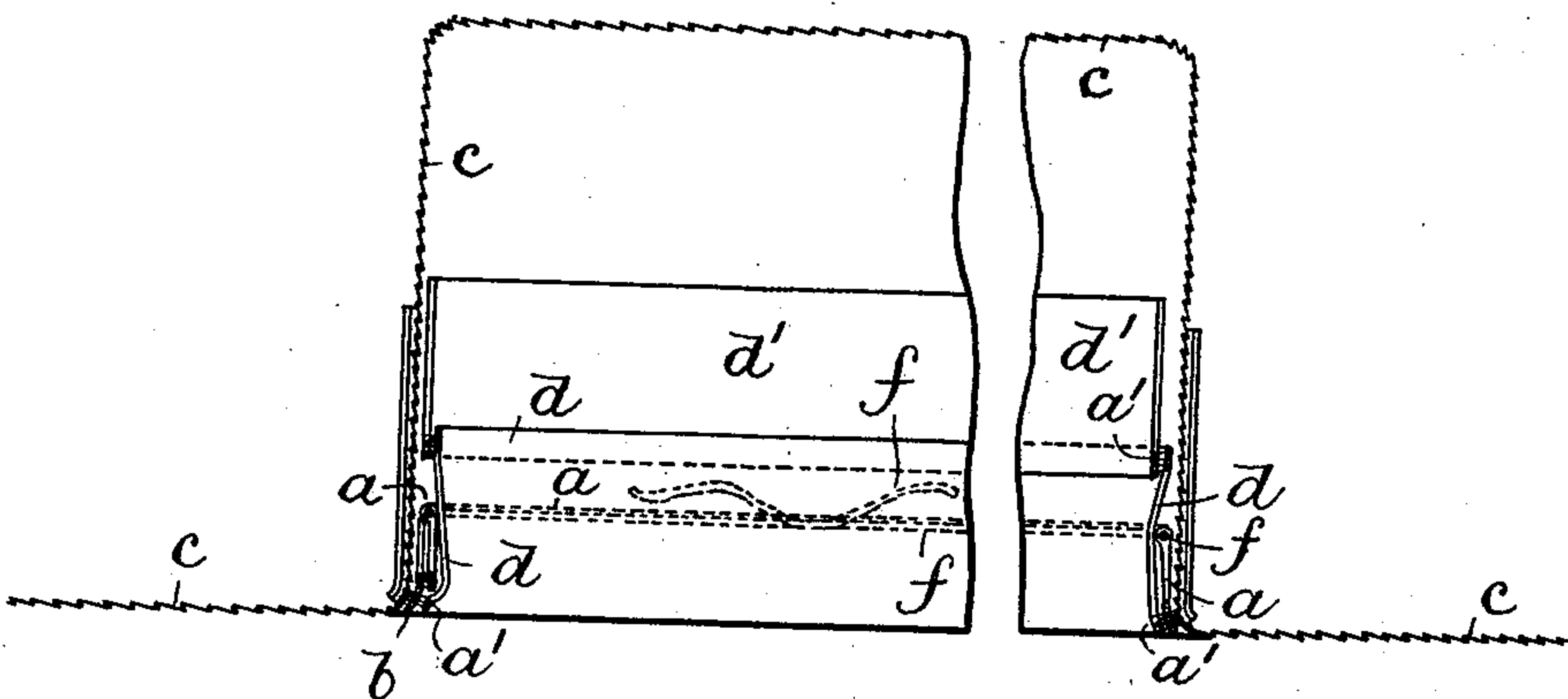


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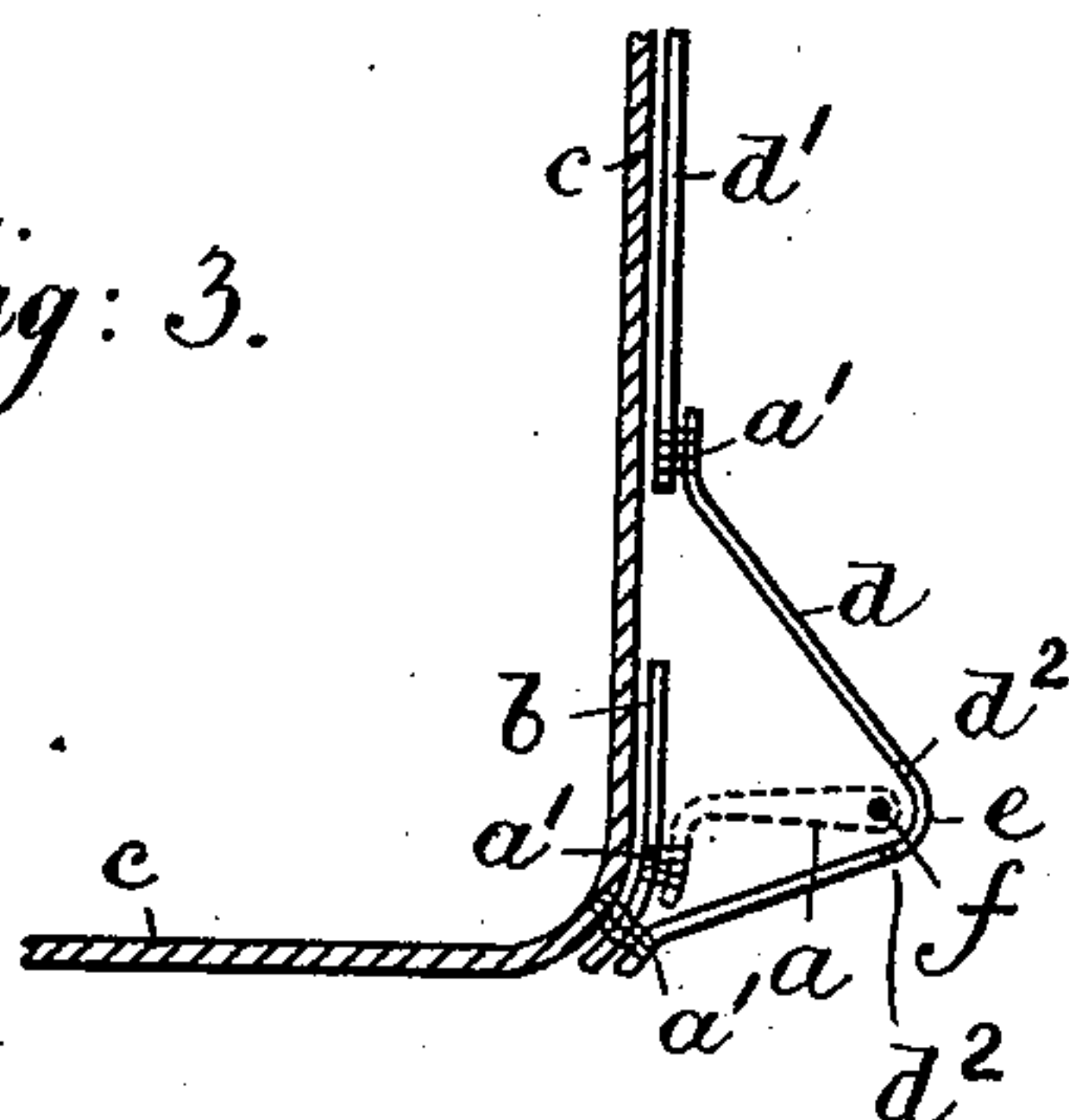


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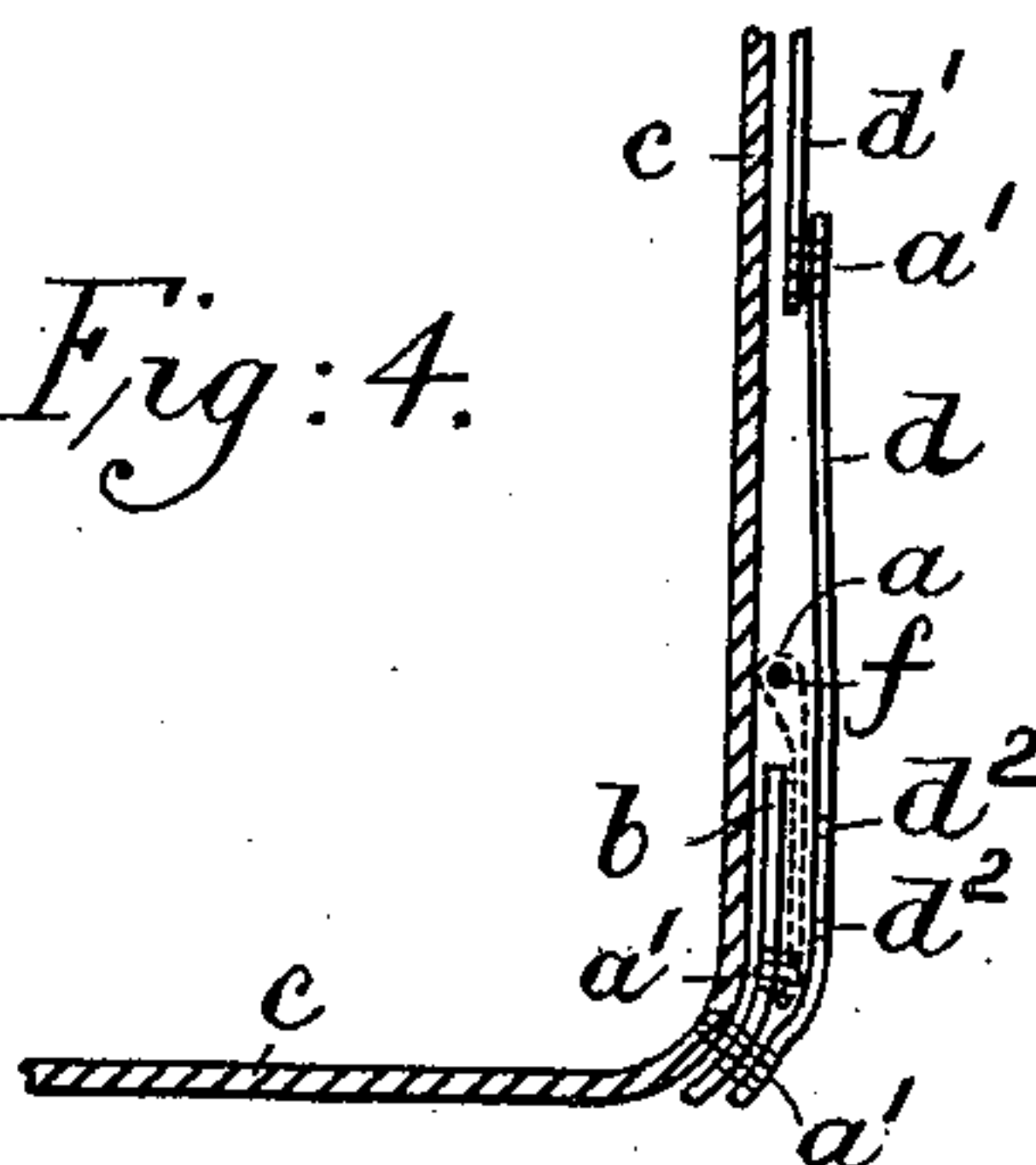


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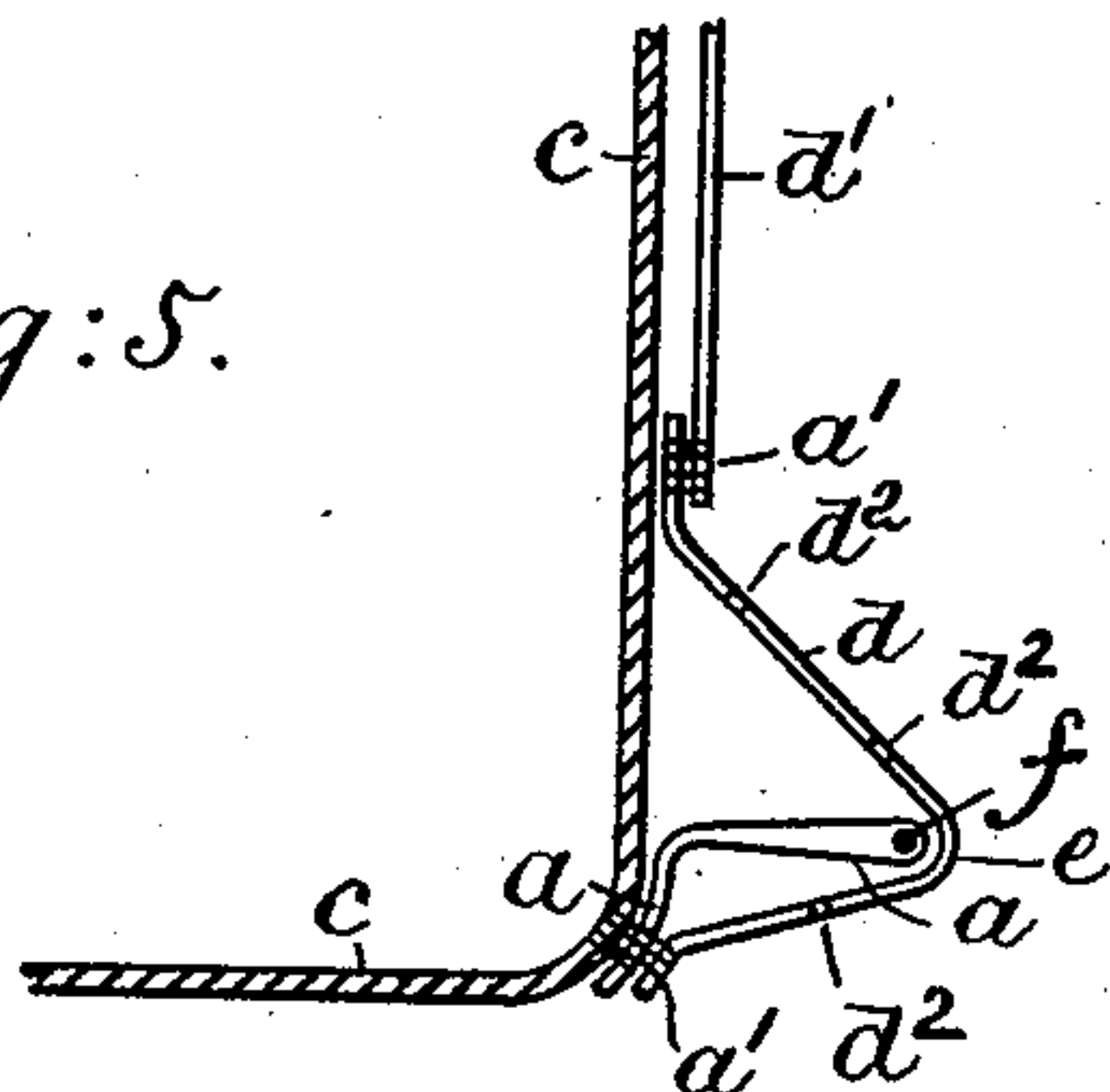


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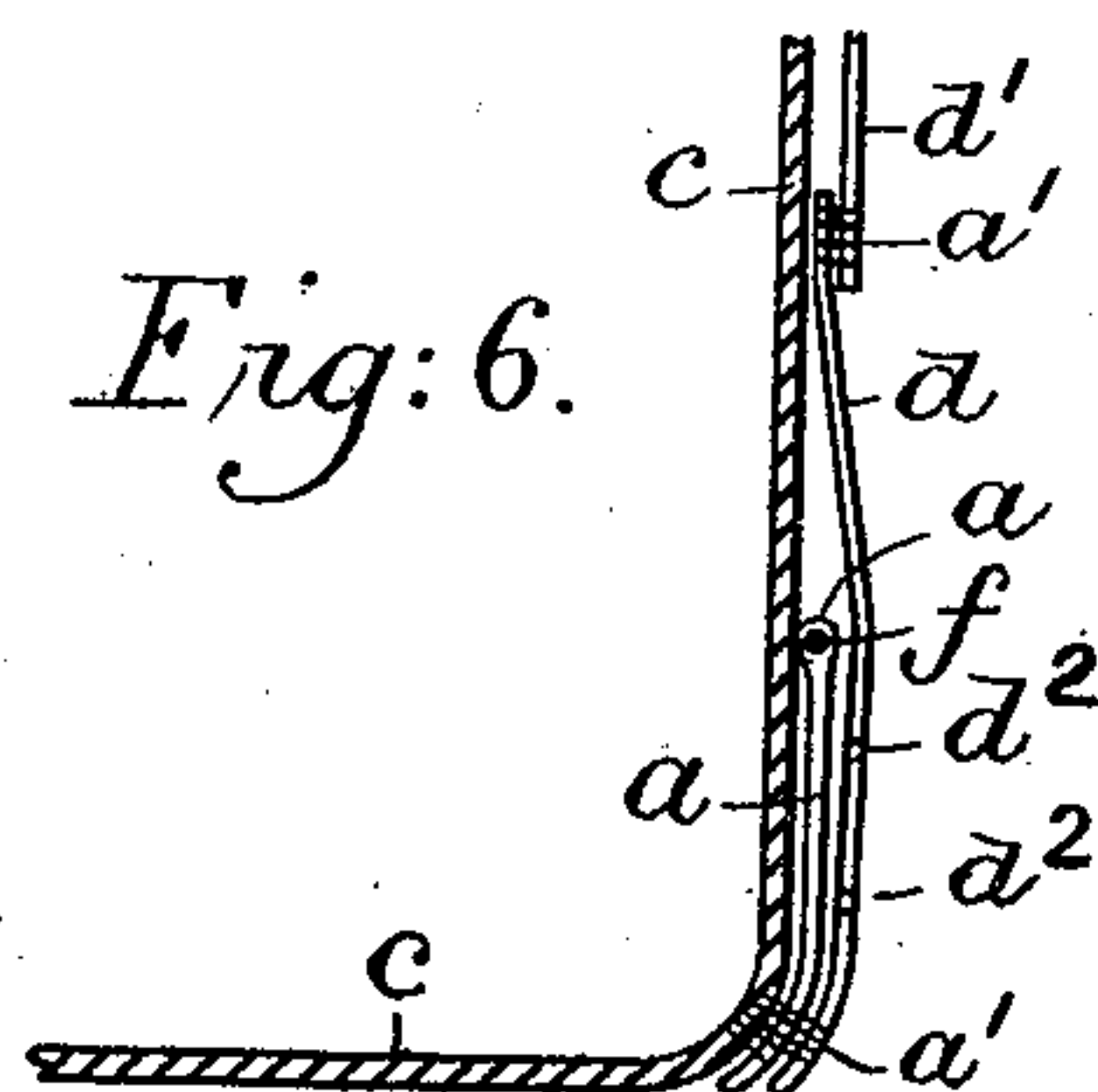
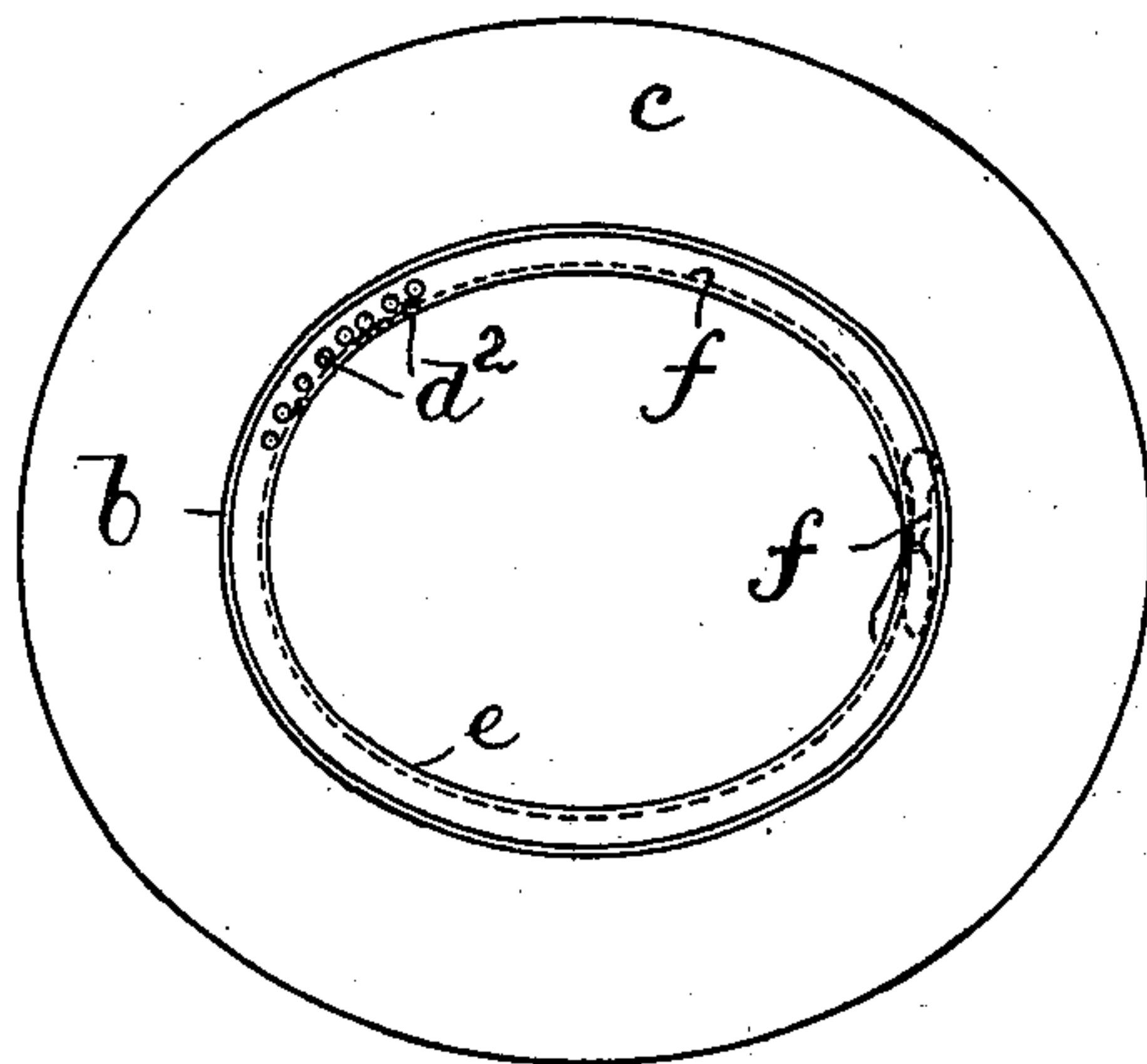


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SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 611,983, dated October 4, 1898.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE WILDMAN, warehouseman, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at 13 Rebecca Terrace, 5 Gomm road, Rotherhithe, London, in the county of Surrey, England, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hats and other Articles of Wearing-Apparel, of which the following is a specification.

10 This invention relates to the character of fittings for hats and other articles of wearing-apparel described in the specification of patent granted to me, dated January 5, 1897, No. 574,697.

15 According to the present improvements the form of the lining or fitting is somewhat modified, as will hereinafter be fully described, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

20 In the drawings, Figure 1 shows a sectional view of a straw hat having the present improvements applied by way of example. The right-hand part of the figure shows the improvement in a modified form. The thick- 25 nesses of some of the parts are shown somewhat exaggerated for the sake of clearness. Fig. 2 is a like view to Fig. 1 but showing the device out of use. Figs. 3 and 4 are part sectional views to a larger scale, showing the 30 device when in use and out of use, respectively, as shown at the left hand of Figs. 1 and 2. Figs. 5 and 6 are like views to Figs. 3 and 4 of the modification shown at the right hand of Figs. 1 and 2. Fig. 7 is an under 35 side view of the hat.

The strip or flange *a* referred to in the said specification (and as therein also now referring particularly to a hat-lining) is connected by suitable stitching *a'* or other avail- 40 able means of connection, either to a stitching-foundation *b* (called a "pad") or to the hat *c* itself, but preferably to a pad or other lining of the hat, and instead of the strip or flange presenting a free or abrupt edge to the 45 head of the wearer the strip constitutes one kind of means to form or shape by contraction a composite or other ordinary lining *d* along a medial longitudinal region thereof, near its lower edge or part, in the instance 50 illustrated, and thus a rounded rim or projec-

tion *e* in use is presented to the head of the wearer.

The entire device may, out of use, lie flat against the inner wall of the hat or article, as shown in Figs. 2, 4, and 6, and in use upon 55 the tightening of the string, elastic, or band *f* the projection *e* is formed by the felt, net, leather, or other suitable pliant material *a* containing the elastic, while the lining *d*, at its upper part *d'*, whether of the same stuff 60 or a mixture of materials—say of xylonite or celluloid stitched into felt—may lie back against the hat-wall.

A valuable feature of my invention resides in the opportunity it affords for ventilation, ac- 65 complished conveniently by providing apertures in the device, preferably adjacent its region of union to the crown, in position to be maintained out of contact with the hat-walls by the contracting means when in op- 70 erative position, and as one form of such ventilating construction I have shown the lining *d* as perforated by holes *d<sup>2</sup>*, while use may be made of gauze, where the contracting means *f* is carried by a flange *a* to facilitate the 75 passage of air around the contracting means.

The adaptation of the device to other articles other than hats will be obvious.

Having now particularly described and as- 80 certain the nature of my said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, I declare that what I claim is—

1. The combination with a head-covering, as a hat, of a flexible flange attached at one edge to the interior of the hat, a band of elas- 85 tic material contained within said flange to permit the adjustment of the elastic band and a soft-fabric lining-strip overlying the flexible flange, as a cover, attached at one edge to the interior of the hat and at the other 90 edge within the hat to a loose stiffer lining, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination with a head-covering, as a hat, of a flexible flange attached at one edge to the interior of the hat, a band of elas- 95 tic material contained within said flange to permit the adjustment of the elastic band and a soft-fabric lining-strip overlying the flexible flange, as a cover, attached at one edge to the interior of the hat and at the other 100

edge within the hat to a loose stiffer lining  
and provided with holes at short distances  
apart to afford ingress and egress for air to  
ventilate the interior of the hat, substantially  
5 as set forth.

3. The combination with a head-covering,  
as a hat, of a band, strip or lining of limp  
flexible material secured at and around the  
mouth of the crown being attached directly  
10 to the material thereof and provided with  
apertures adjacent its region of union with  
said crown, and an elastic band confined to  
the free portion of said strip and tending con-

stantly when in operative position to draw  
the free portion of said band away from the 15  
walls of said crown to maintain said aper-  
tures in position for the free passage of air,  
substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set  
my hand in presence of two subscribing wit- 20  
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