

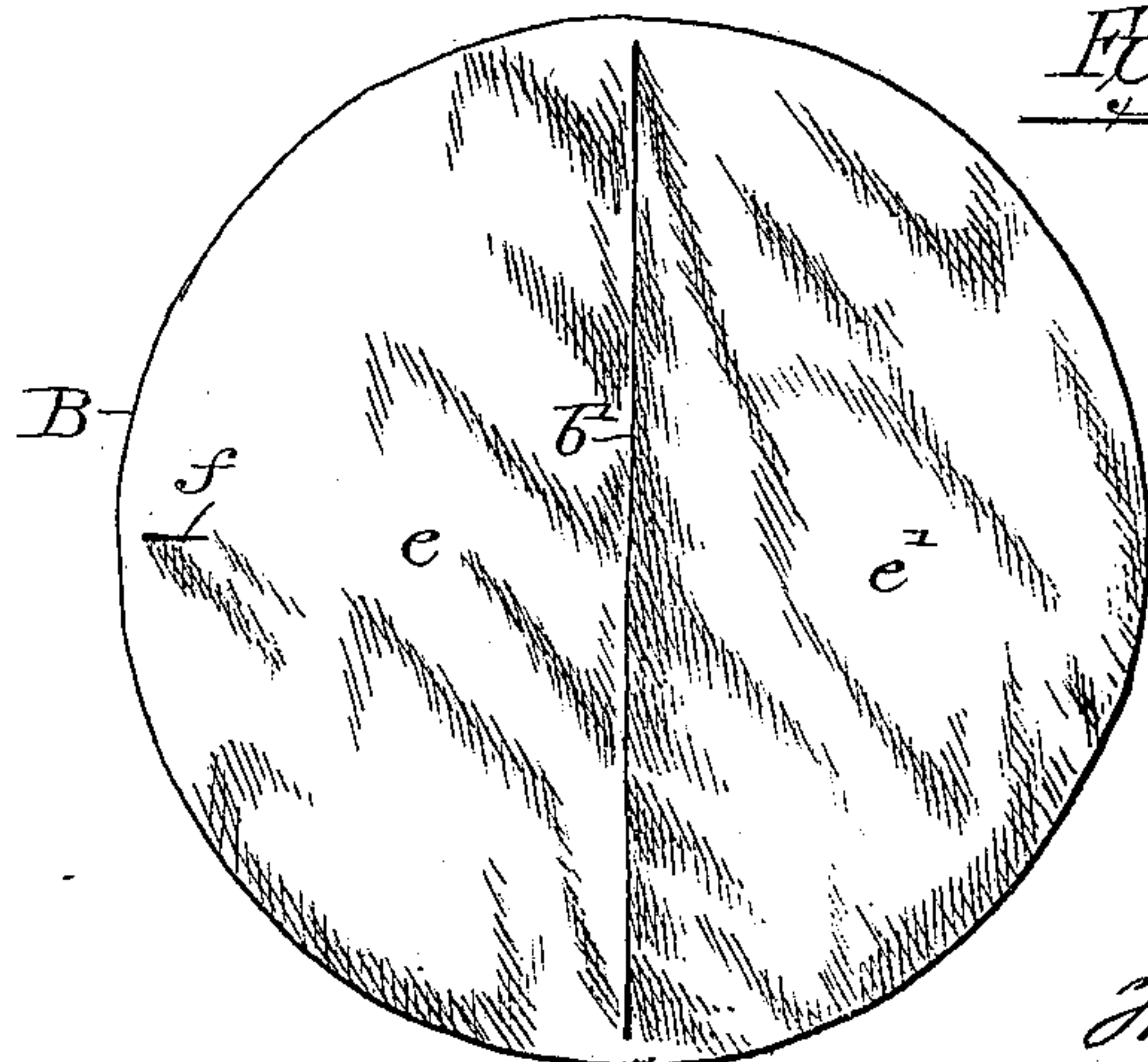
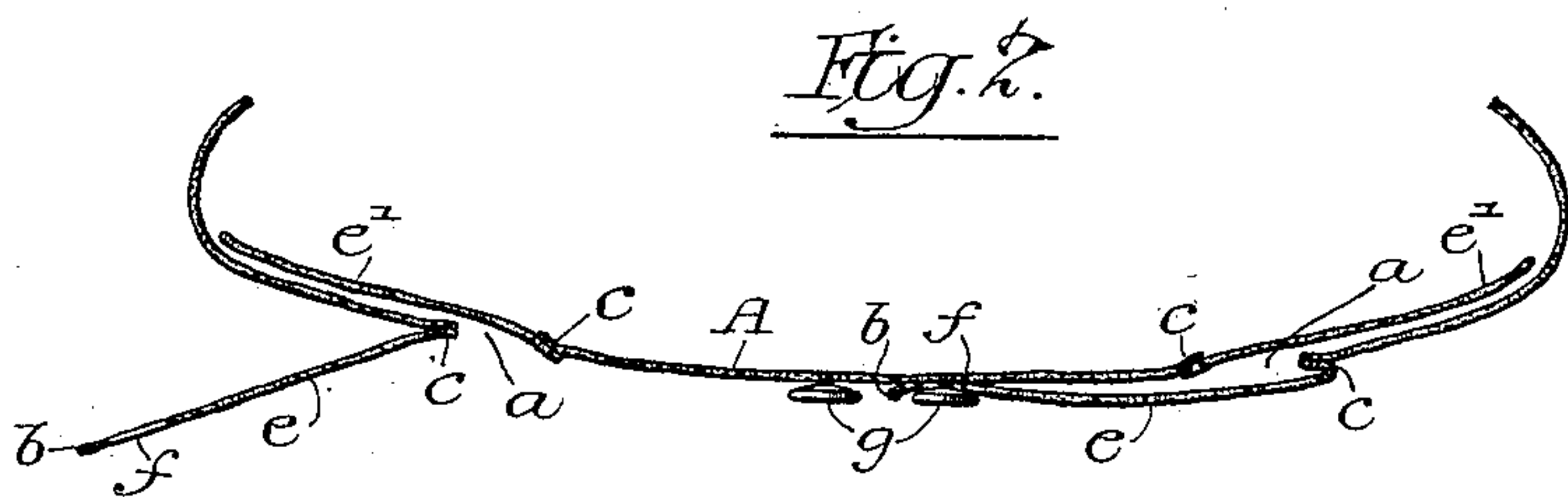
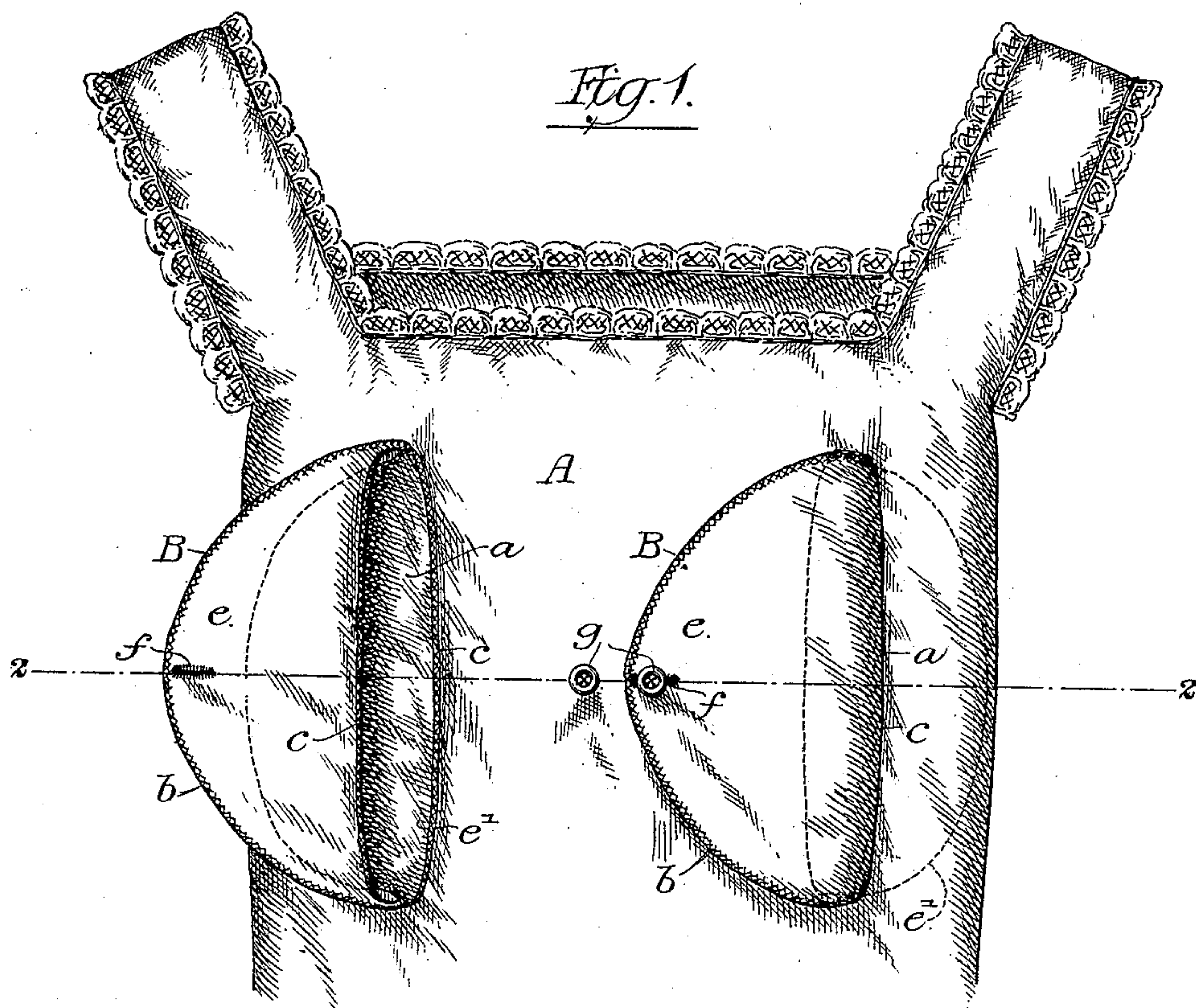
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NURSING-VEST.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER ALLEN, a citizen of the United States, residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented certain
5 Improvements in Nursing-Vests, of which the following is a specification.

The main object of my invention is to provide a nursing-vest or like garment with protected openings at the bosom, so that the vest
10 at the bosom is double the thickness.

A further object is to make the flaps from a single piece of material secured to the body of the vest in such a manner as to avoid any unnecessary hard seams, the flaps being so
15 arranged that very little of the breast is exposed during nursing.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view of the upper portion of a nursing-vest, illustrating my invention. Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line 2 2, Fig. 1; and Fig.
20 3 is a view of the piece of material forming the flaps adapted to be secured to the breast-openings of the vest.

A is the body of the vest, having vertical
25 slots *a* cut therein, one opposite each breast.

B, Fig. 3, is a circular piece, preferably of knitted material cross-stitched at *b* around the outer edge to prevent fraying. This piece is cut at the center *b'*, and the cut edges are
30 united to the cut edges of the vest by cross-stitching *c c*. The section *e* of the piece B has buttonholes *f*, and secured to the vest at each side of the center is a button *g*. The section *e'* of the piece B is tucked through the
35 opening *a* in the vest, while the section *e* is lapped over onto the body of the vest and the button *g* passed through the buttonhole *f*, thus securing the flap in its closed position. By this arrangement I do away entirely with
40 heavy bindings at the breast and make a soft and pliable cover which will completely close the opening. The slot *b'* in the piece B terminates short of each edge of the piece, so that when the piece is secured in position on
45 the vest it tends to strengthen the vest at the edges, preventing fraying or tearing.

By providing the flaps the nipple is not exposed to any great extent during nursing.

It will be understood that my improvement can be applied to any form of undergarment, 50 such as a shirt or combination-suit, without departing from my invention.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination of a body of a nursing-vest or like garment, having a breast-opening 55 in the form of a slit, with a piece of fabric also having a slit corresponding with the opening in the garment and forming two flaps and united to the garment by sewing the edges of the slits together, the fabric forming shields 60 for the breast, substantially as described.

2. The combination of a body of a nursing-vest or like garment, having a breast-opening in the form of a slit, a piece of fabric also having a slit corresponding to the slit in the gar- 65 ment, said fabric being secured to the outer side of the garment by stitching and forming a double flap, one flap adapted to be tucked through the breast-opening and the other adapted to be passed over the same, substan- 70 tially as described.

3. The combination of a body of a nursing-vest or like garment, having a breast-opening formed by cutting a slot therein, with a circular piece of fabric forming two flaps and 75 having a slit cut therein corresponding to the slit in the garment, said slit terminating short of each edge of the piece, the cut edges of the piece of fabric being secured to the cut edges of the garment by cross-stitching 80 and the outer edge of the fabric being cross-stitched to prevent fraying, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of 85 two subscribing witnesses.

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