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DRESS OR SKIRT HOLDER.

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FIG. 1.

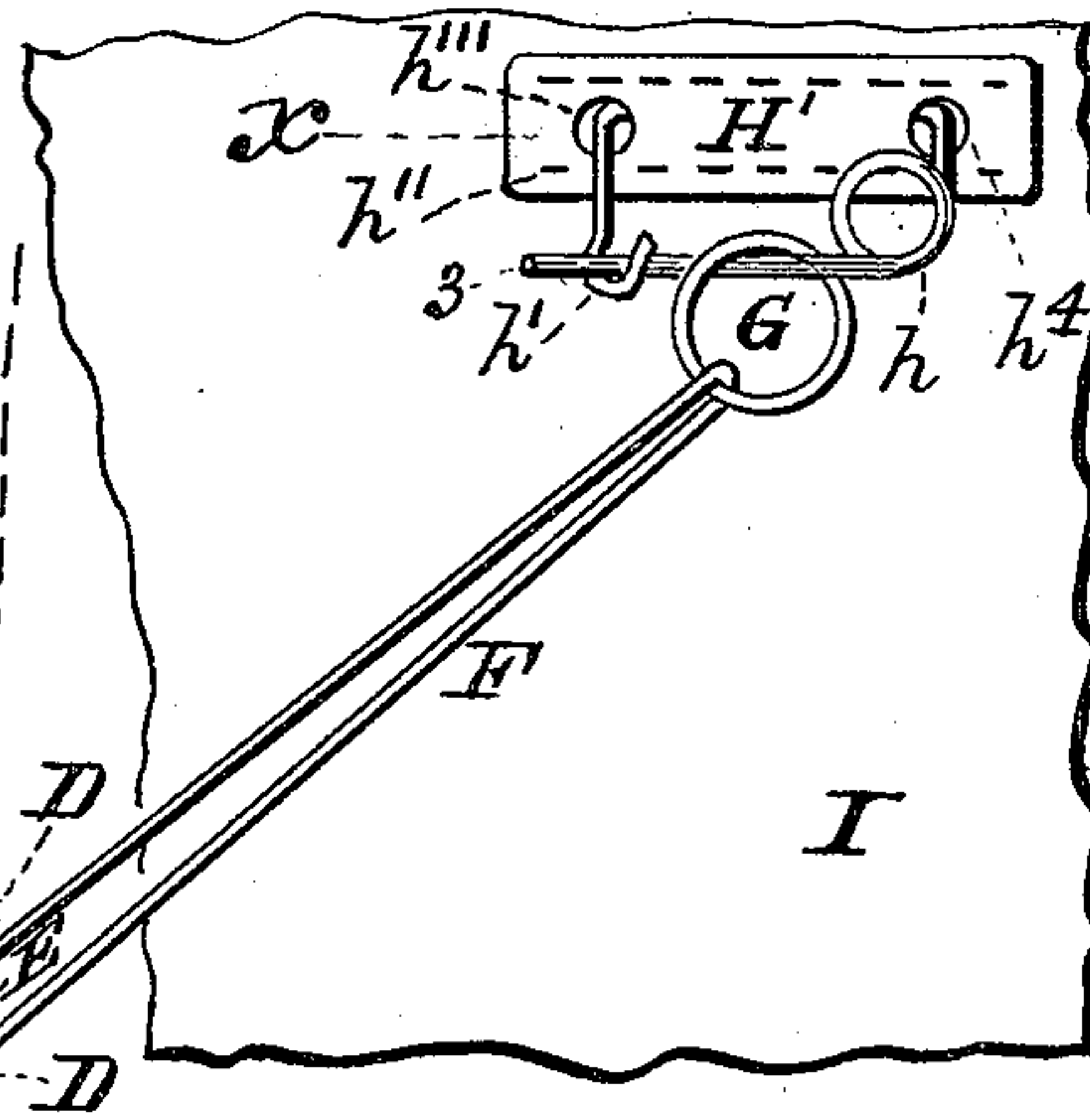
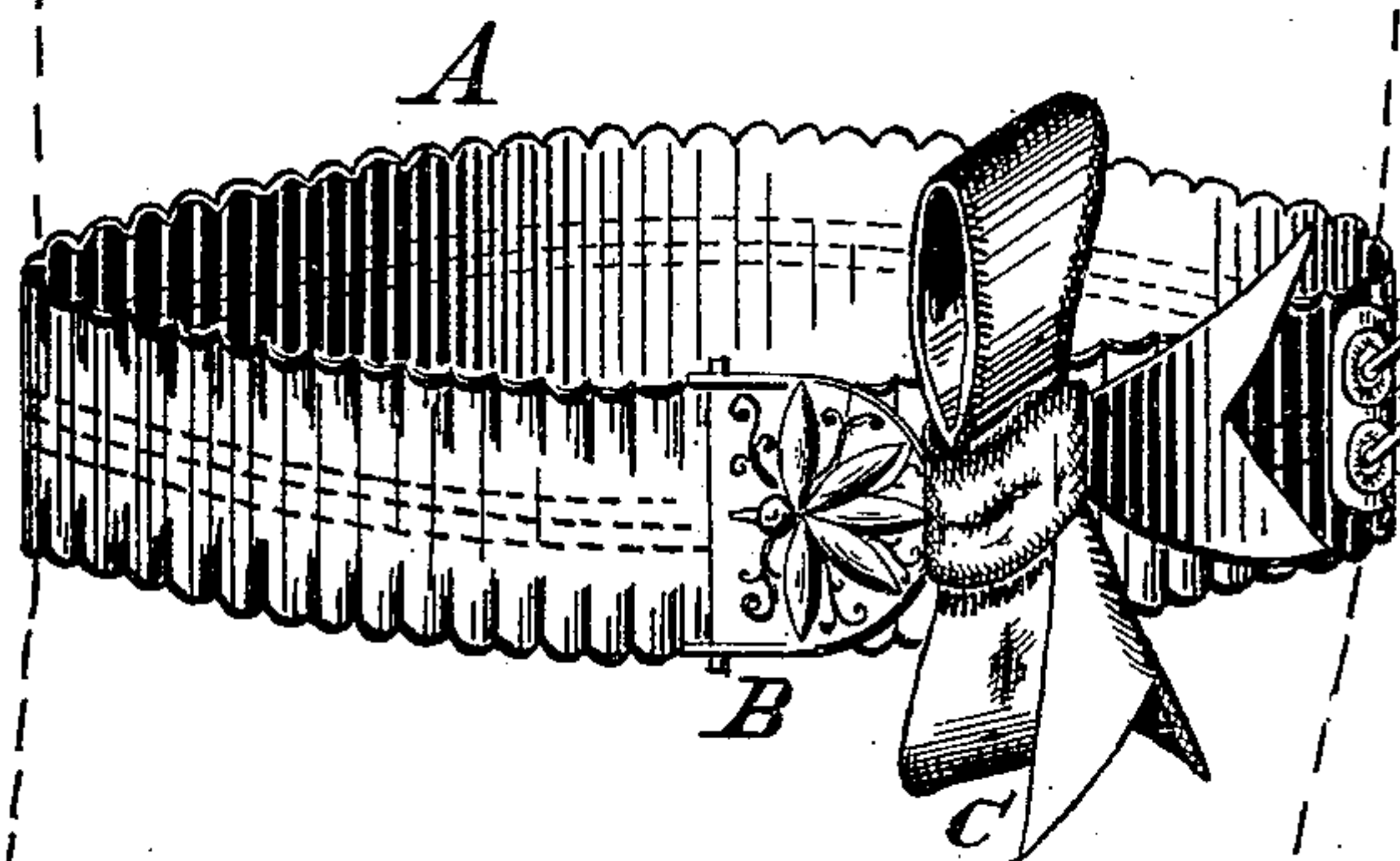


FIG. 2.

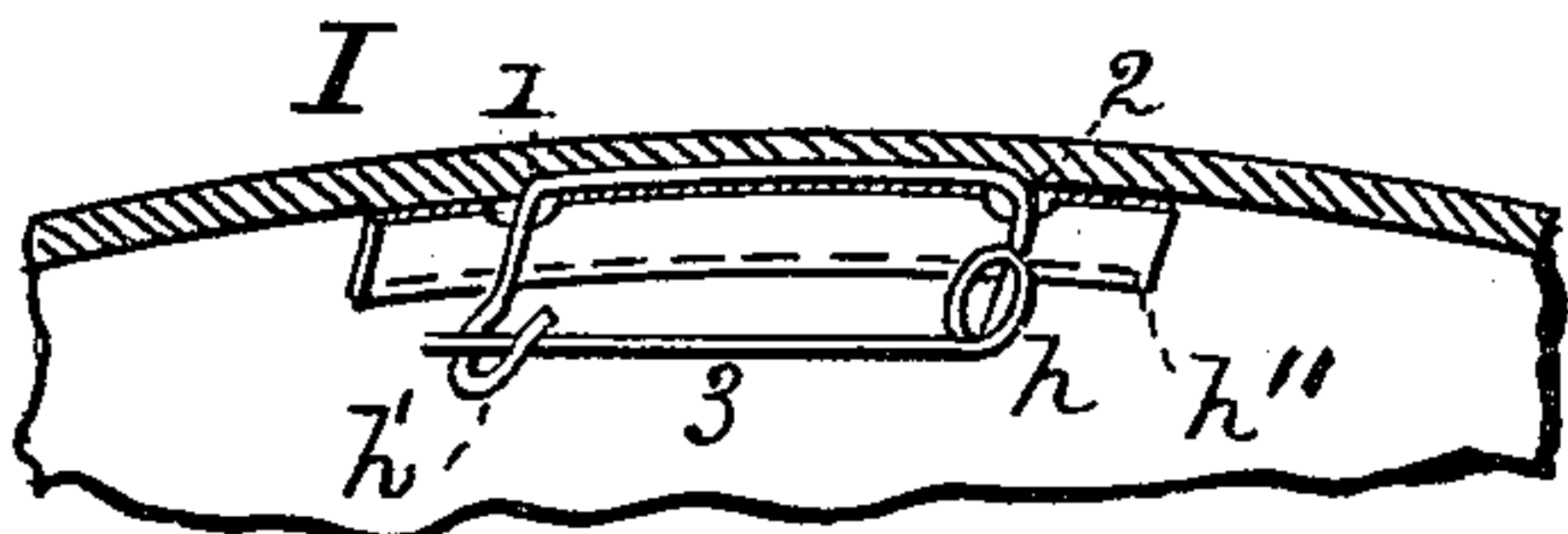


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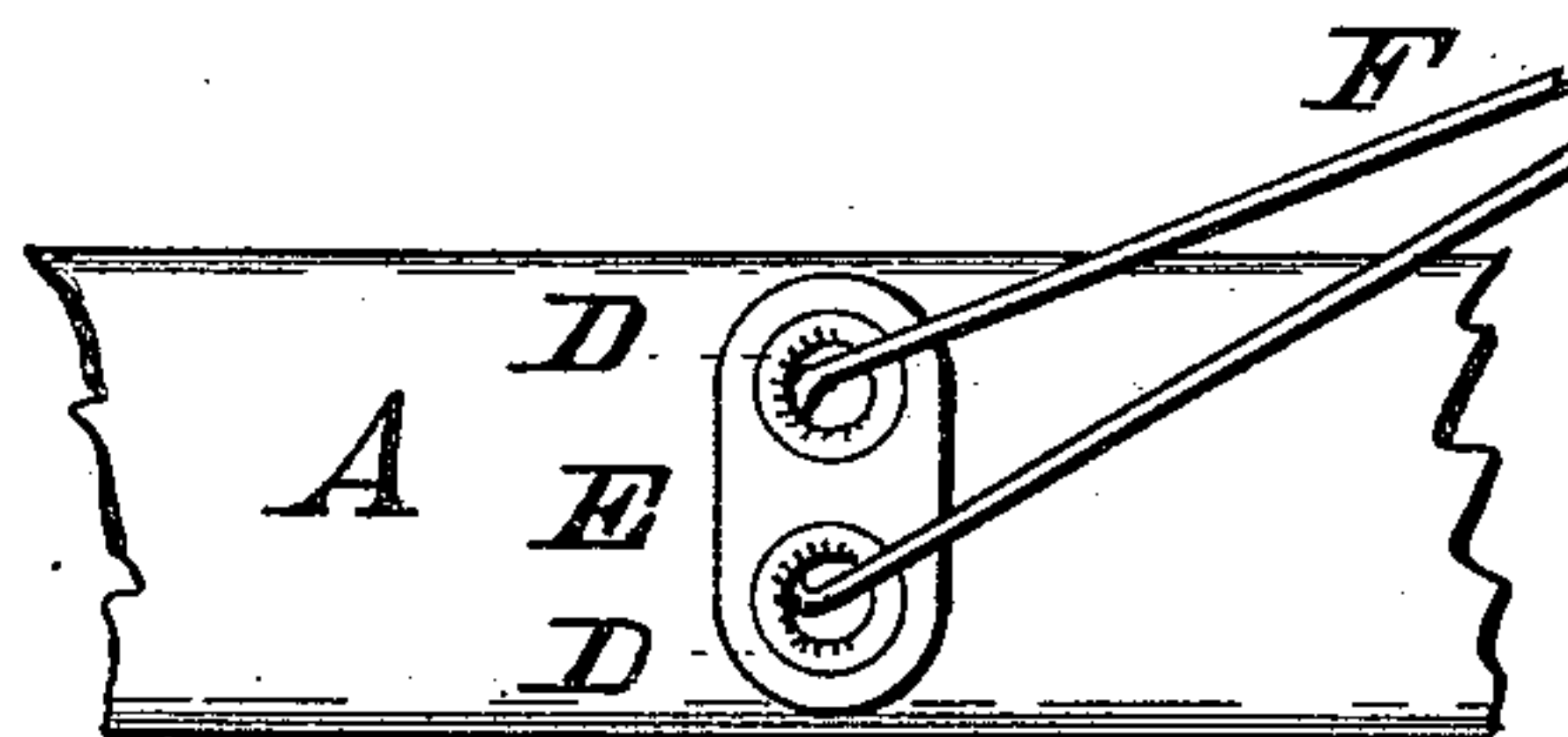


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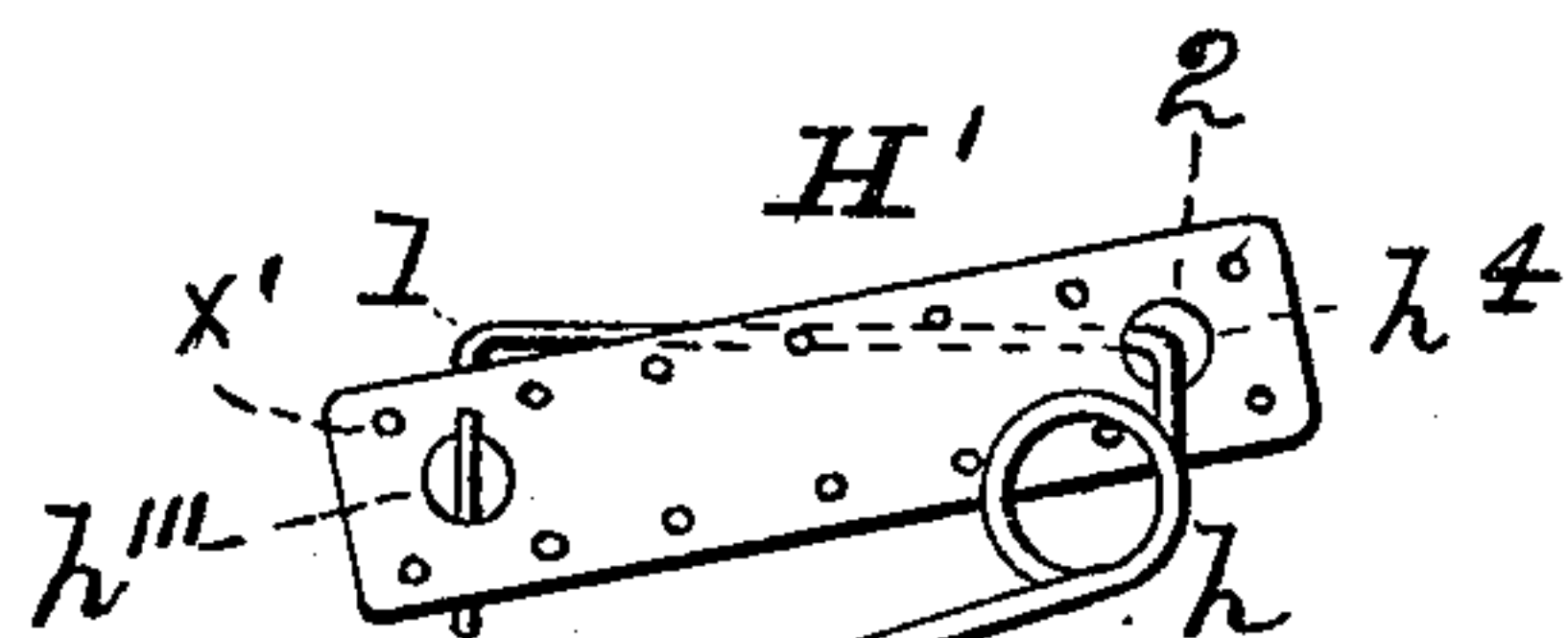


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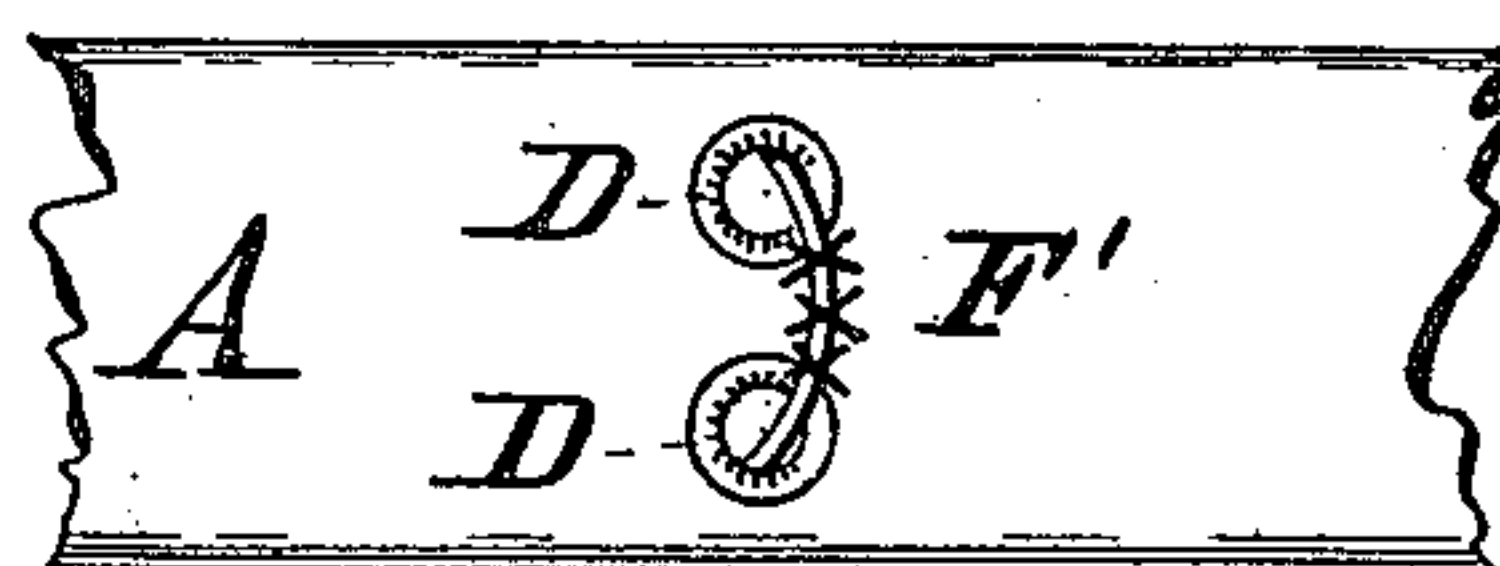


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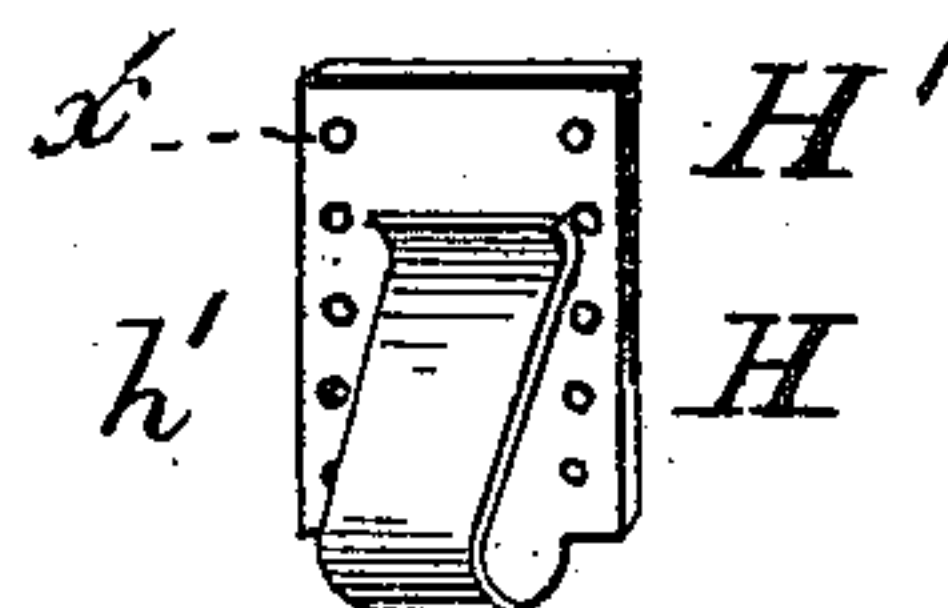
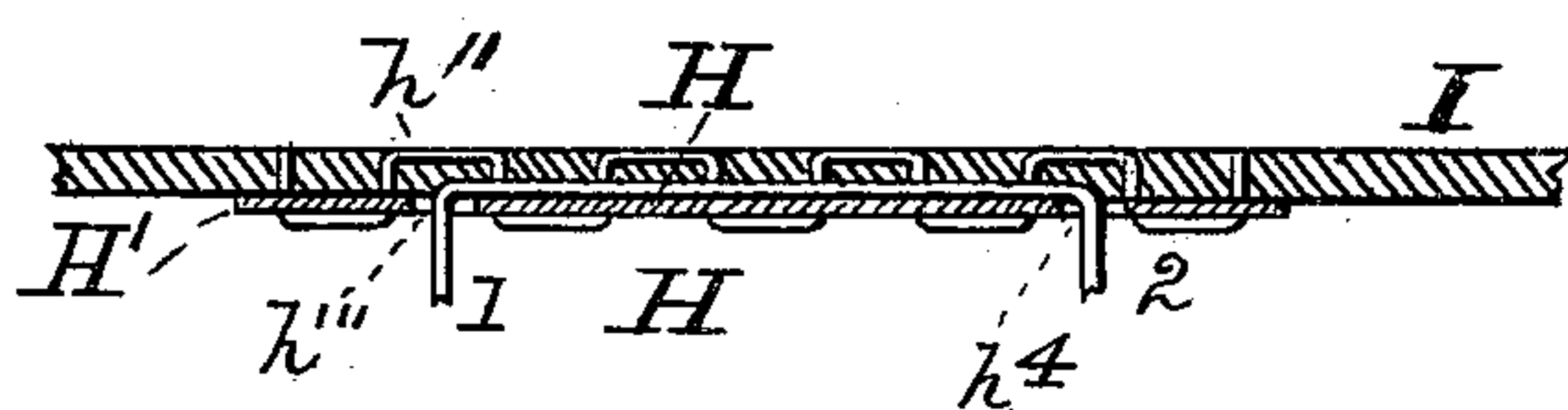


FIG. 6.



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DRESS OR SKIRT HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUST URTEL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Dress or Skirt Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following description of my said invention, taken in connection with the accompanying sheet of drawings, forms a full, clear, and exact specification, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention has general reference to dress and skirt holders; and it consists, essentially, in the novel and peculiar combination of parts and details of construction, as hereinafter first fully set forth and described, and then pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings already referred to, which serve to illustrate my said invention more fully, Figure 1 is a perspective view of one of the skirt-holders and its fastening. Fig. 2 is a sectional plan in perspective of the fastener as attached to a skirt. Fig. 3 is a front elevation of a portion of the holder. Fig. 4 is a rear elevation of the same. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the fastener, showing its plate in position for removal from and attachment to the wire frame. Fig. 6 is a sectional plan in line *x* of Fig. 1, and Fig. 7 is a perspective view of a modified form of fastener.

Like parts are designated by corresponding letters and figures of reference in all the various views.

The object of this invention is the production of an efficient and serviceable device for preventing a lady's dress or skirt from flying up beyond a certain predetermined limit, especially when a lady is mounted upon a bicycle, and which will not hinder her in walking or otherwise interfere with proper locomotion. To attain this result, I construct this skirt and dress holder, a pair of which are to be worn upon the person to be protected, substantially of an elastic band A, which is provided with a suitable buckle B for attachment to and removal from the wearer's limb and which may be ornamentally provided with a bow C. This elastic band A is provided with two eyelets D D, passed through the band and through a reinforcing-strip E, of leather or other suit-

able material, which latter reinforce will prevent the eyelets from tearing through the elastic band A. Through these eyelets D D is passed a cord or braid F, the ends of which are sewed to the inner side of the band, as shown at F', Fig. 4, there being placed upon this cord or braid a ring G, of suitable metal, to prevent abrasion of the said cord.

To the inner side of the dress or skirt is secured a fastener H, consisting of a plate H', having perforations *x'*, through which it is sewed to the skirt I, and two other larger perforations *h'''* *h⁴*, through which is passed a wire frame consisting of a spring-wire rod having right-angled bends 1 and 2, one of which terminates in a hook *h'* and the other on a blunt bar 3, there being a coil *h* in said bar to render the same more flexible, so that the bar 3 may be snapped into the hook *h'* after the ring G has been placed upon the same, whereby the skirt or dress is securely attached to the elastic band A by the cord or braid F, and thereby prevented from flying upward beyond the limit of the length of said cord or braid F.

To detach the skirt from the fastener, the bar 3 is simply disengaged from the hook *h'* and the ring G slipped off the bar 3, which is made blunt at its extremity to prevent injury to the limb of the person wearing the skirt-holder and also prevent its engaging or catching in the dress or skirt.

The fastener-frame is best made from spring-wire in either brass, steel, or other suitable metal, and to enable its manufacture being carried on cheaply it is produced independently of the plate H', which may be separately stamped out or punched, and then placed upon the wire frame by first entering the hook *h'* through the perforation *h⁴* and moving the plate along the frame until it has passed the bend 2, after which the hook *h'* is passed through the perforation *h'''*, as shown in Fig. 5, and the plate H' moved along until it reaches its normal position. (Shown in Fig. 1.) After the plate H' is sewed to the skirt the frame of the fastener is retained in position by the stitches *h''*, Fig. 6, along both edges of the said plate H'.

I prefer the fastener described as being the most reliable one, it securely holding the ring of the cord F; but other fasteners may be em-

ployed in conjunction with the band A and its accessories, and in Fig. 7 I have shown a modified form of such fastener in which the ring G is assumed to be hooked onto the spring-
5 hook h'.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure to me by Letters Patent of the United States—

As an improved article of manufacture, a
10 dress and skirt holder consisting, essentially, of an elastic band adapted to be worn on the limb, a reinforce thereon, eyelets passed through said band and the reinforce, a cord

passed through the eyelets and having its ends sewed to the elastic band on its inner side, a ring on said cord, and a suitable fastener secured to the inner side of the skirt and adapted to removably engage the ring, as and for the object set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as
20 my invention I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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