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Fig: 1.

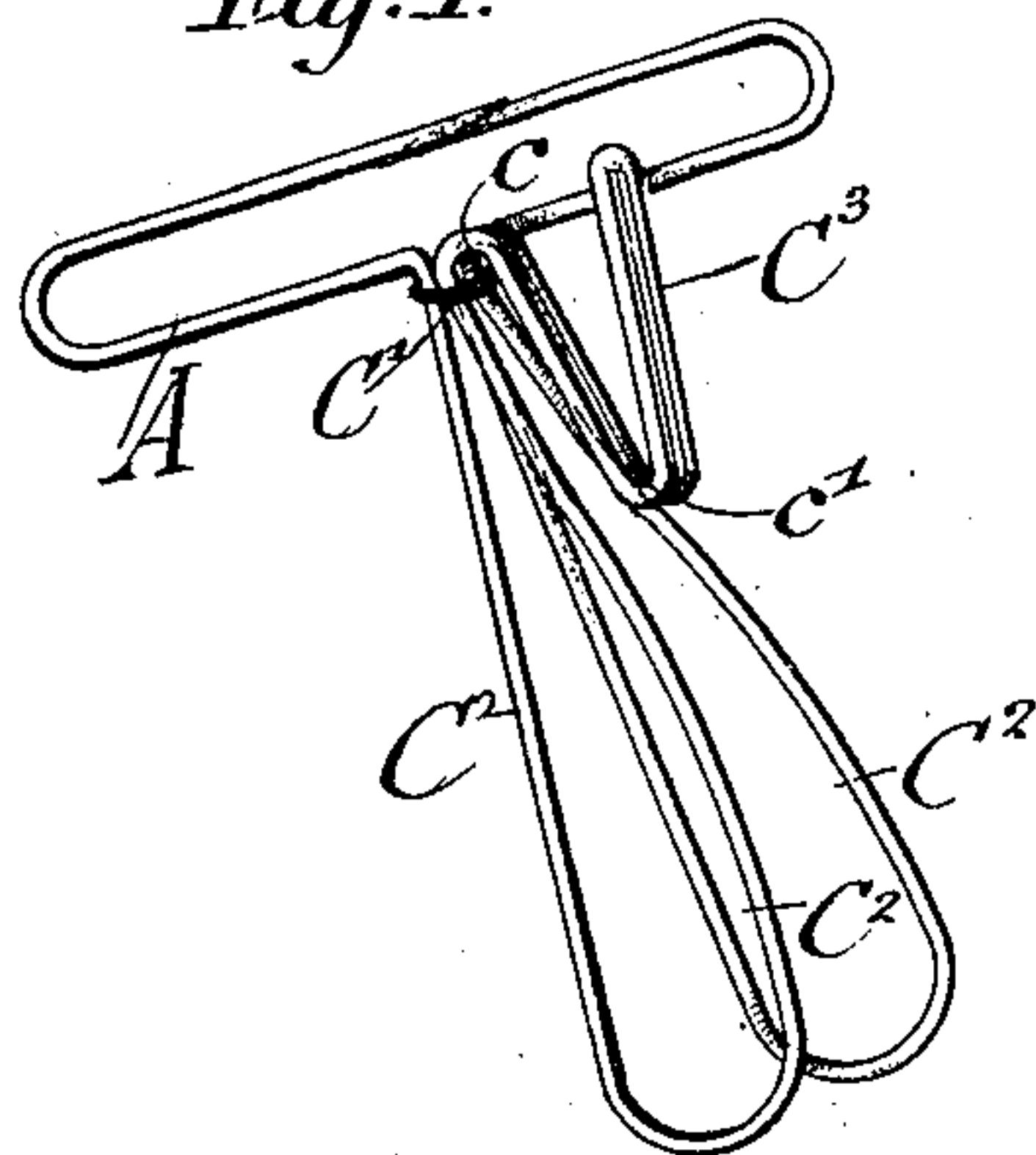


Fig: 2.

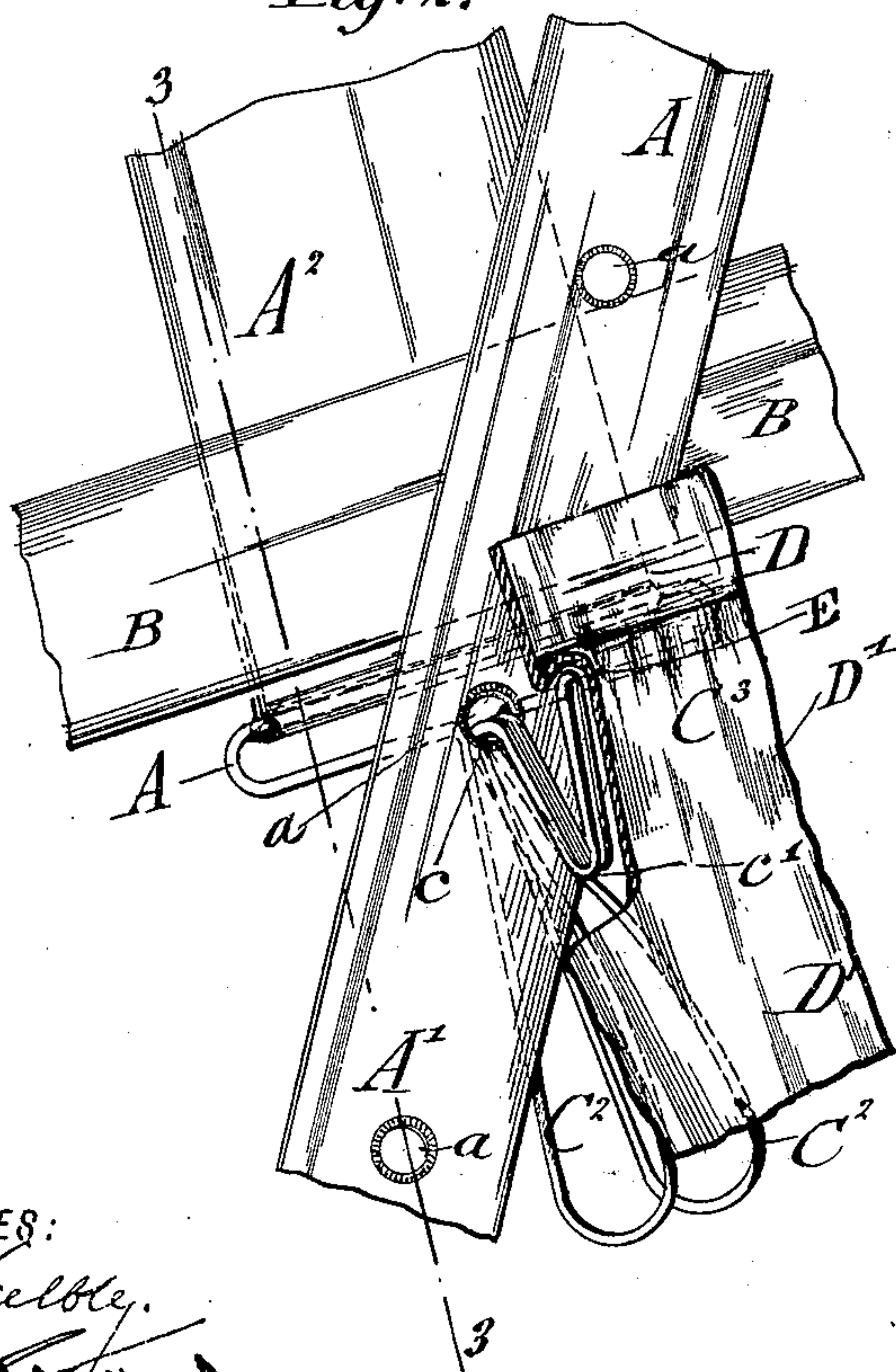
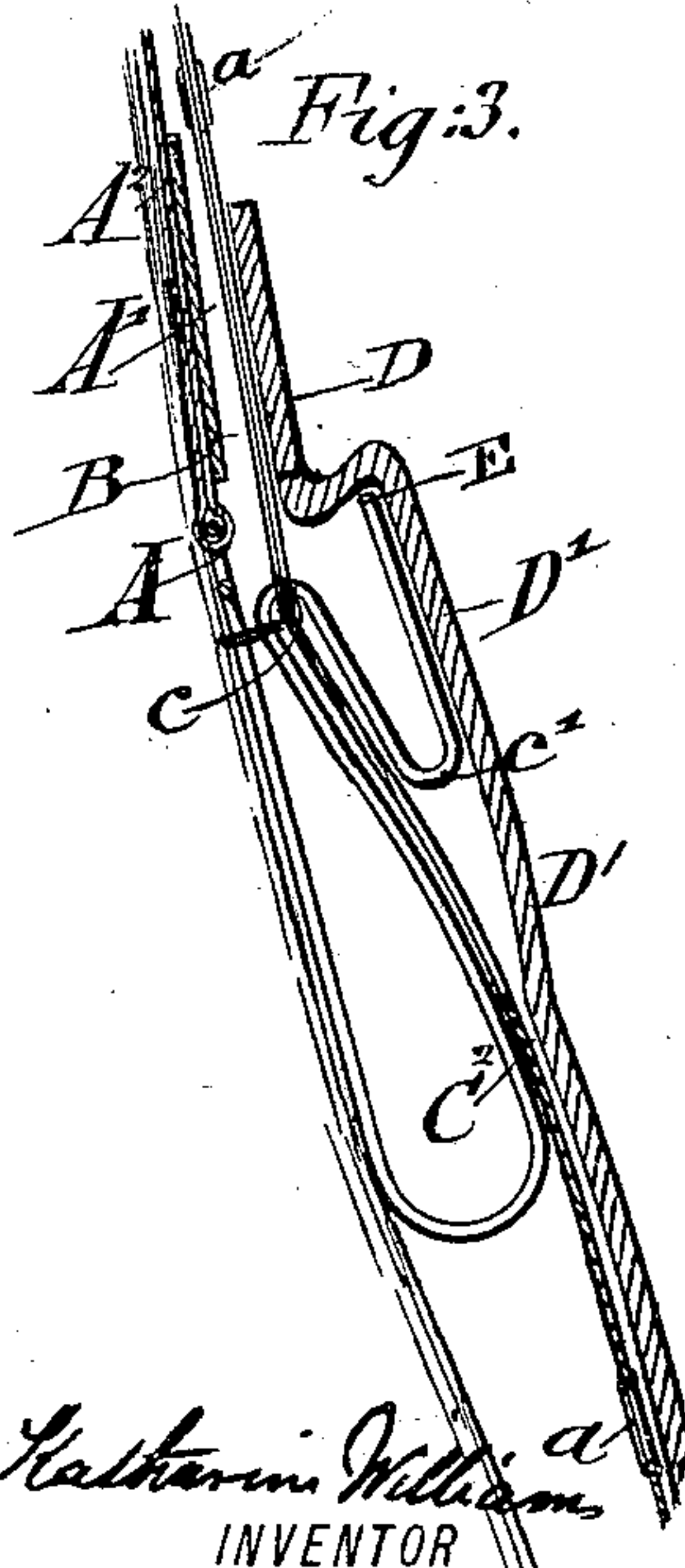


Fig: 3.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, KATHARINE WILLIAMS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hooks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in hooks, and has for its object the provision of a hook specially adapted for supporting women's skirts in connection with a shoulder-brace and skirt-supporting suspenders which forms the subject-matter of a separate application for patent filed by me simultaneously herewith.

The invention consists in certain novel features hereinafter described and claimed.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hook constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the hook attached to a portion of the suspender and shoulder-brace, and Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2.

My improved hook is composed of a single piece of stout wire doubled on itself to form the skirt-supporting point E. The doubled wire is bent so as to form the elbows *c c'*, thereby presenting the hook *C*<sup>3</sup>. From the elbow *c* the strands of the wire diverge downward to a point some distance below the elbow *c'*, whence they are returned to the elbow *c*, thereby forming the large loops *C*<sup>2</sup>. At the elbow *c* the strands are secured by the light wire or other fastening *C'*, after which they are spread laterally and the ends brought together to form the loop *A* for attachment to the suspender or a belt on the person.

In the drawings, *B* designates a portion of a belt; *A*<sup>2</sup>, the fixed end of a strap attached thereto and forming a part of the shoulder-brace, the hook being fastened to this fixed strap, and *A'* designates the adjustable strap of the shoulder-brace, having perforations *a*, adapted to engage the elbow *c* of the hook. It will thus be seen that the hook is sup-

ported from the shoulders. The waistband *D* of the skirt *D'* is fastened around the body, over the belt *B*, and the hook *C*<sup>3</sup> *E* projects into the folds or fullness of the skirt, so as to receive its weight, thereby removing the same from the hips of the wearer.

The loops *C*<sup>2</sup> have a cushioning effect to reduce the pressure on the body of the wearer, and they also serve to hold the skirt away from the body, so that instead of dropping abruptly from the hook *C*<sup>3</sup> it will fall gracefully therefrom. Furthermore, owing to the conformation of the human body, if these spring-loops were omitted the hook proper would not have a secure hold on the skirt, but would drop under the weight thereof and fail to support it. This will be very evident upon reference to Fig. 3.

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

1. A skirt-supporter consisting of a hook adapted to engage the skirt and a spring-loop depending below the hook upon which the supported skirt is adapted to rest.

2. A skirt-supporting hook having an elbow on its rear adapted to be engaged by the holding means, and divergent spring-loops depending from the elbow and on which the supported skirt is adapted to rest.

3. A device for the purpose described consisting of a single wire bent to form an upwardly-projecting skirt-engaging hook, an elbow in rear of said hook, a transverse loop in rear of said hook, a transverse loop in rear of said elbow, and divergent spring-loops depending from the said elbow and transverse loop.

Signed at New York, in the county and State of New York, the 19th day of October, 1898.

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