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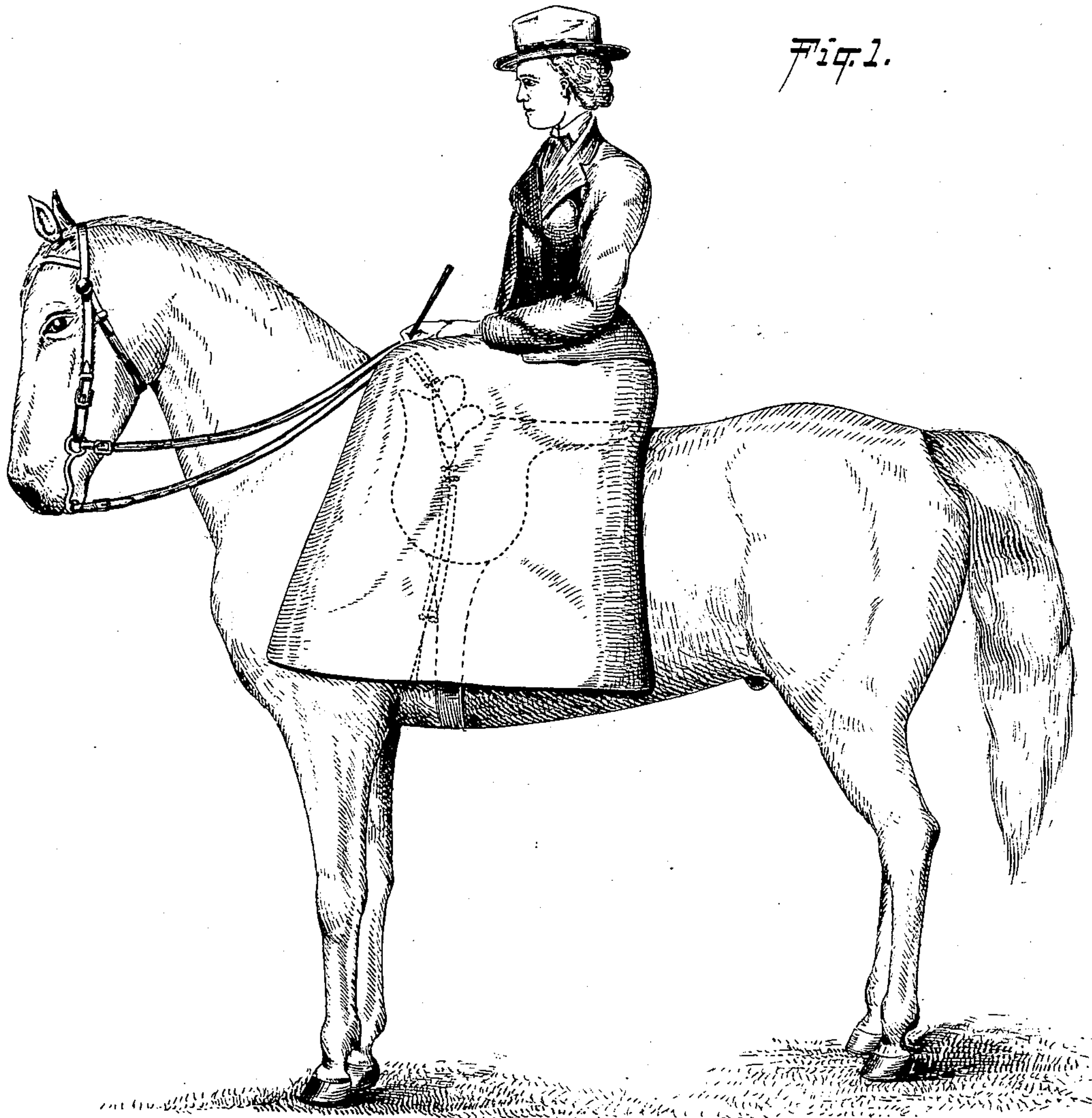


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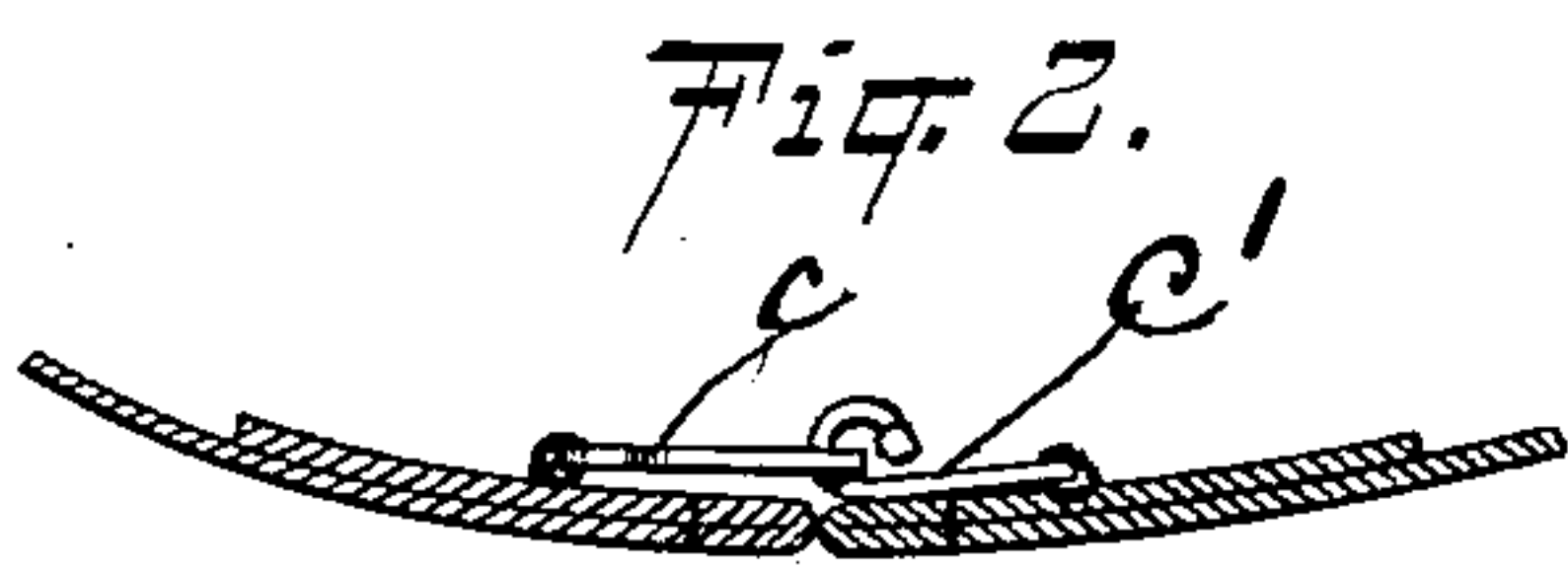


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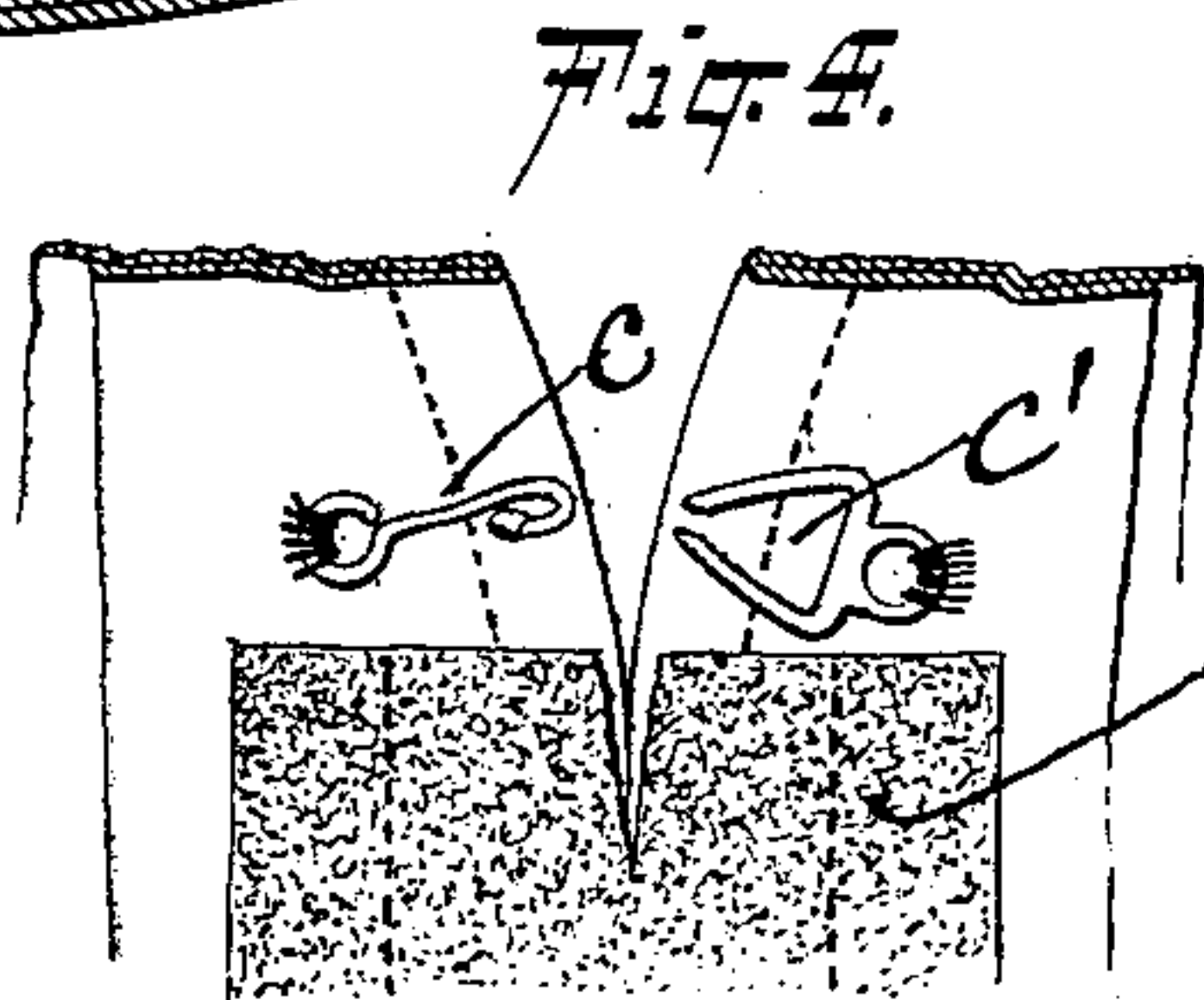


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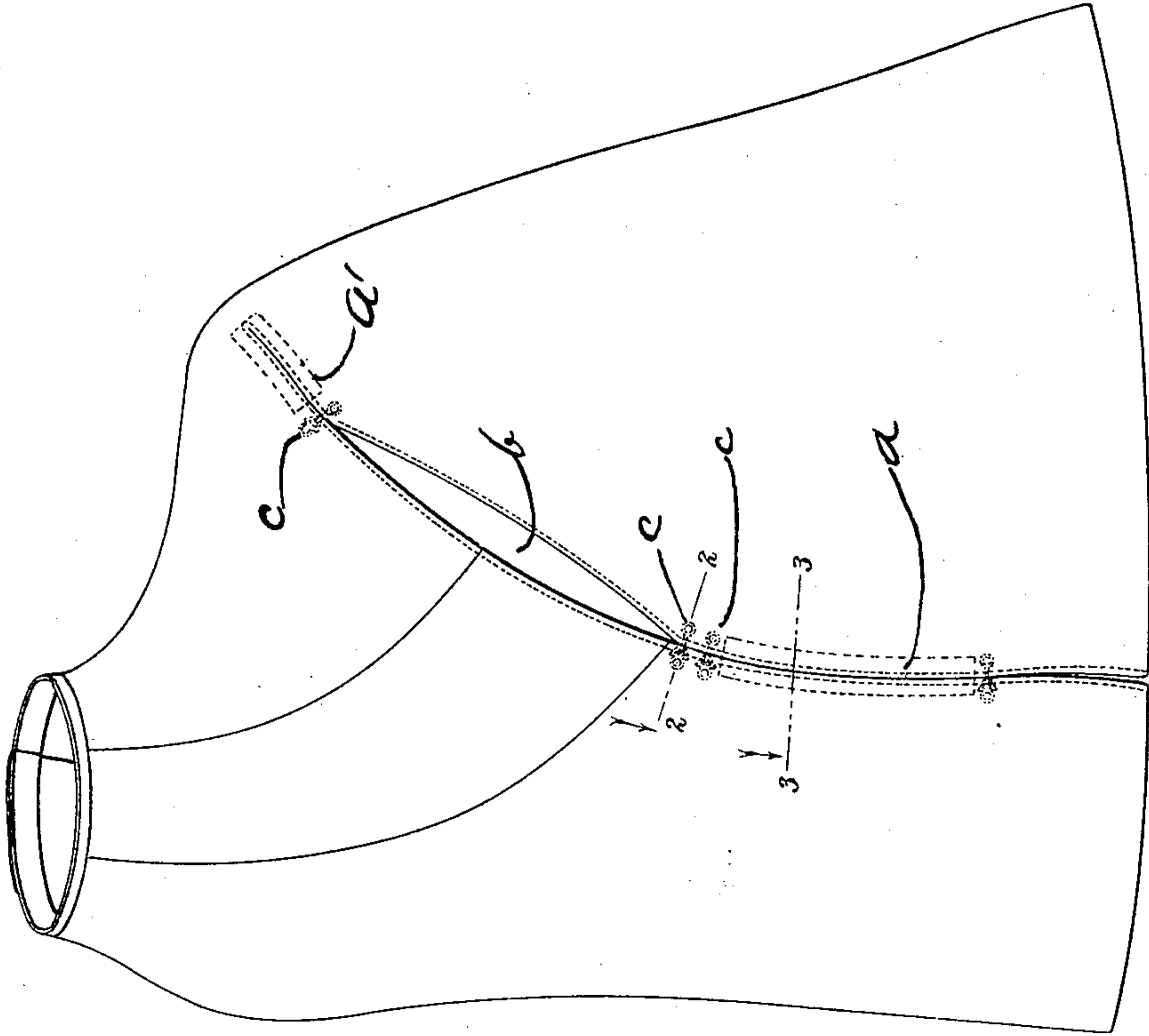
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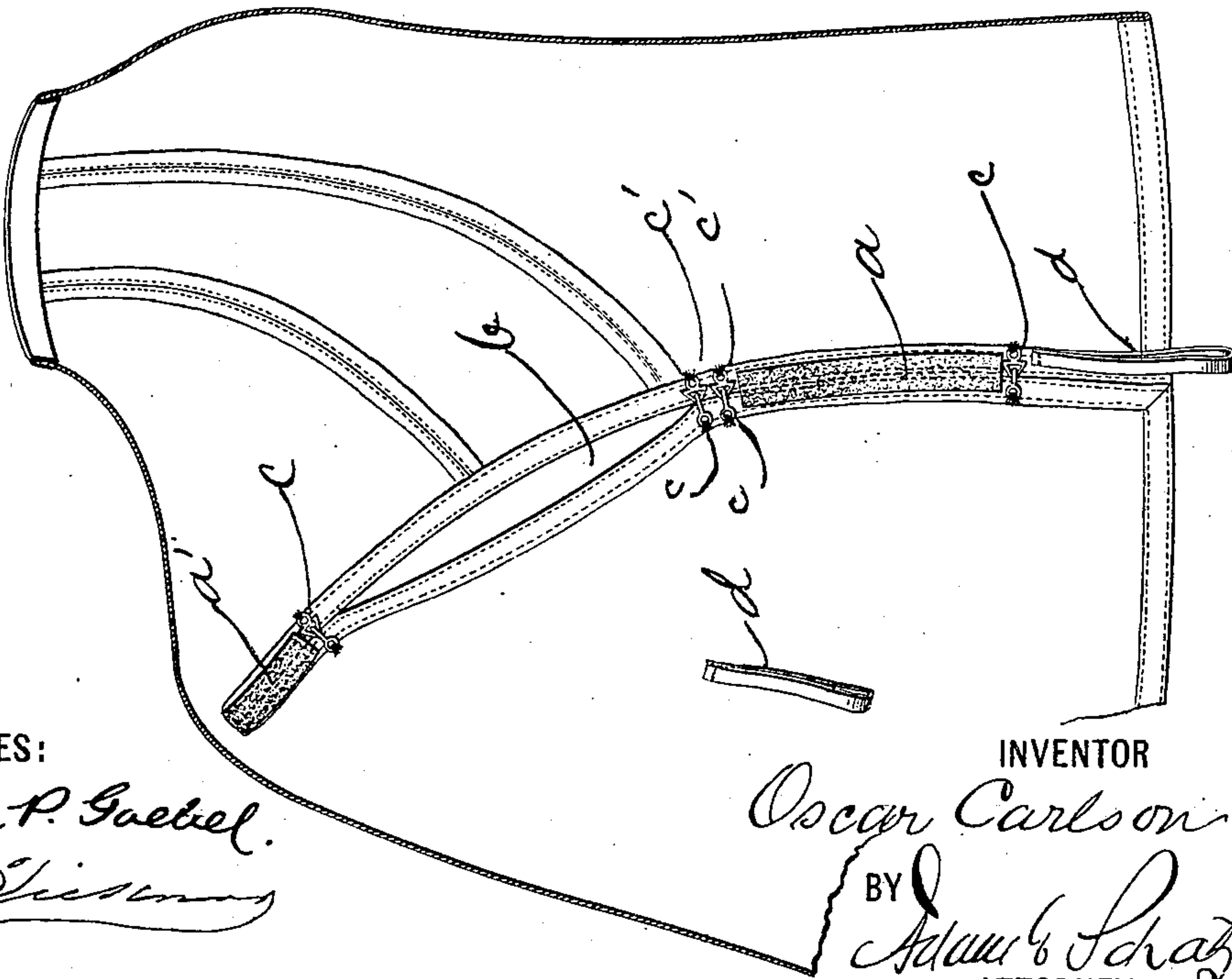
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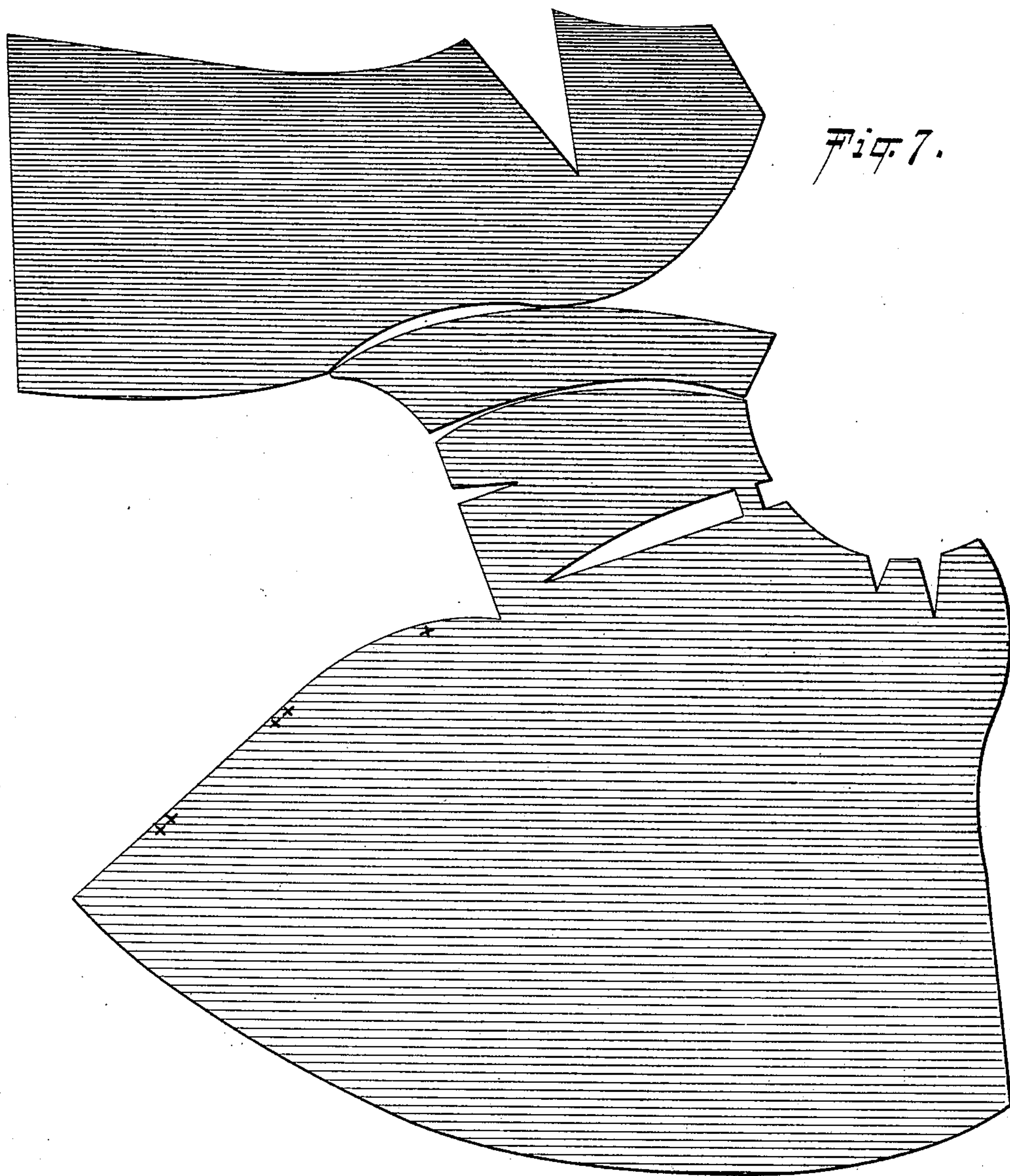
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OSCAR CARLSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Mount Vernon, in the county of Westchester and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improved Safety Hunting-Skirt, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in riding-skirts which are used by ladies while hunting.

The objection to the skirts heretofore used is that in case of an accident or the throwing of the rider from the animal the skirt caught in the pommel of the saddle and held the rider to the horse and in many instances has been the cause of the death of the rider.

The object of my invention is to provide a skirt which will be so arranged that should the rider be thrown from the horse and the skirt be caught in the pommel of the saddle the same will give way and all possible injury to the rider by being held to the saddle be prevented. In ordinary skirts the inner or saddle side of the skirt was closed, and in the falling of the rider the skirt became entangled with the pommel, and being of one piece it did not give way, and consequently the rider was held in a position with head down and could not release herself from the entanglement of the skirt to the pommel, often with serious results. The construction of my skirt will positively and absolutely prevent such an accident, as has been proven by a number of persons who have worn this skirt in an experimental way and who have found that the arrangement of this skirt is such that while it is sufficient to keep the two parts in their proper positions, yet in case of a fall of the animal or the rider being thrown the two parts held together by the hook and eye (a description of which is shown in Fig. 4) will be easily torn apart and the skirt cannot positively retain a hold on the pommel, since the hooks or the parts are so arranged that the skirt will separate and release the rider.

Figure 1 in the drawings shows a lady wearing the safety hunting-skirt of my construction, the dotted lines showing the saddle and pommel and also the slit *b* in the skirt (shown in the skirt of Fig. 6) into which the pommel fits when the rider is in position. Fig. 2

is a cross-section showing the edges of the skirt held together by the hook and eye *c c'*. Fig. 3 is a cross-section showing the strip of cloth *a*. Fig. 4 is a plan view showing the hook and eye *c c'* and the strip *a*. Fig. 5 is a plan view of the skirt (outside) and shows how the same is cut and the slit *b* the hooks and eyes *c c'*, and the strips *a a'*. Fig. 6 is an inside view of the skirt, showing the arrangement and cut of the various parts of the skirt. Fig. 7 is a pattern showing the form of the various sections of the skirt before the same are assembled.

a represents a strip of material to which both sides of the skirt are affixed, and this material is of a nature to be easily torn and is placed there for the purpose of keeping the skirt in its uniform shape. The hook and eye *c c'* are of a peculiar construction and are intended to hold the parts more firmly together than the strip *a* would. As will be seen in Fig. 4, the hook part is arranged in a loop at one end by means of which it is sewed to the garment and the other is drawn over, forming a one-half *S*. The under end of this part is flattened out for the purpose of allowing the two jaws of the eye *c'* of the hook to meet. This eye *c'* is of a peculiar construction. It is preferably stamped out of metal and is separated at its extreme end, forming a shackle, the object of that being to let the hook pass in between the two prongs of the eye, which are just far enough apart to pass it over the flattened part of the hook, but being smaller than the neck portion of the hook it is held in place and is sufficiently strong to keep the parts of the skirt in their normal positions.

d d are ordinary elastic straps for the feet.

In practice the skirt is worn as an ordinary skirt. The rider on taking the seat passes the pommels of the saddle into the slit or opening *b*. In the ordinary way where the dress is made as heretofore the rider passes her right limb over the saddle and the pommels catch the cloth up with it. It is this cloth which becomes in case of a fall entangled with the pommels and prevents the rider from clearing the same in case of a runaway.

I find in the construction that the form laid out and shown in the drawings and specifications is one which meets approval, although

I do not confine myself strictly to the peculiar lines shown, nor do I confine myself to the hooks which have a peculiar construction, nor the use of a strip, since methods not shown here may be used for the same purposes, the chief object of my invention being to provide a safety hunting-skirt which prevents the rider from being dragged in case of a runaway, the skirt being so constructed that the same cannot catch in the pommel of the saddle and will give way when sufficient force is brought to bear on the parts held together and yet will not open in ordinary riding. It will also be noticed that in skirts constructed in conformity herewith the tearing or parting line is run close to the bend in the skirt which conforms to the outline of the limb when the rider is in the saddle, as shown in Figs. 5 and 6. The obvious object of this arrangement is that no material on the saddle side of the skirt shall afford a hold for the pommel should the rider be dislodged. This

part of the skirt is held together in the same manner that the lower parts are fastened together—that is, by a tearable strip a' and hooks and eyes c' .

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

A riding-habit having the right or saddle side of the skirt arranged in two parts from about the knee to the end of the skirt and having a section cut away to form a slit, said two parts being held together by the strips a and a' at the extremities of said slit respectively, and the hooks c and eyes c' , substantially as and for the purposes disclosed.

Signed at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, this 14th day of July, A. D. 1898.

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