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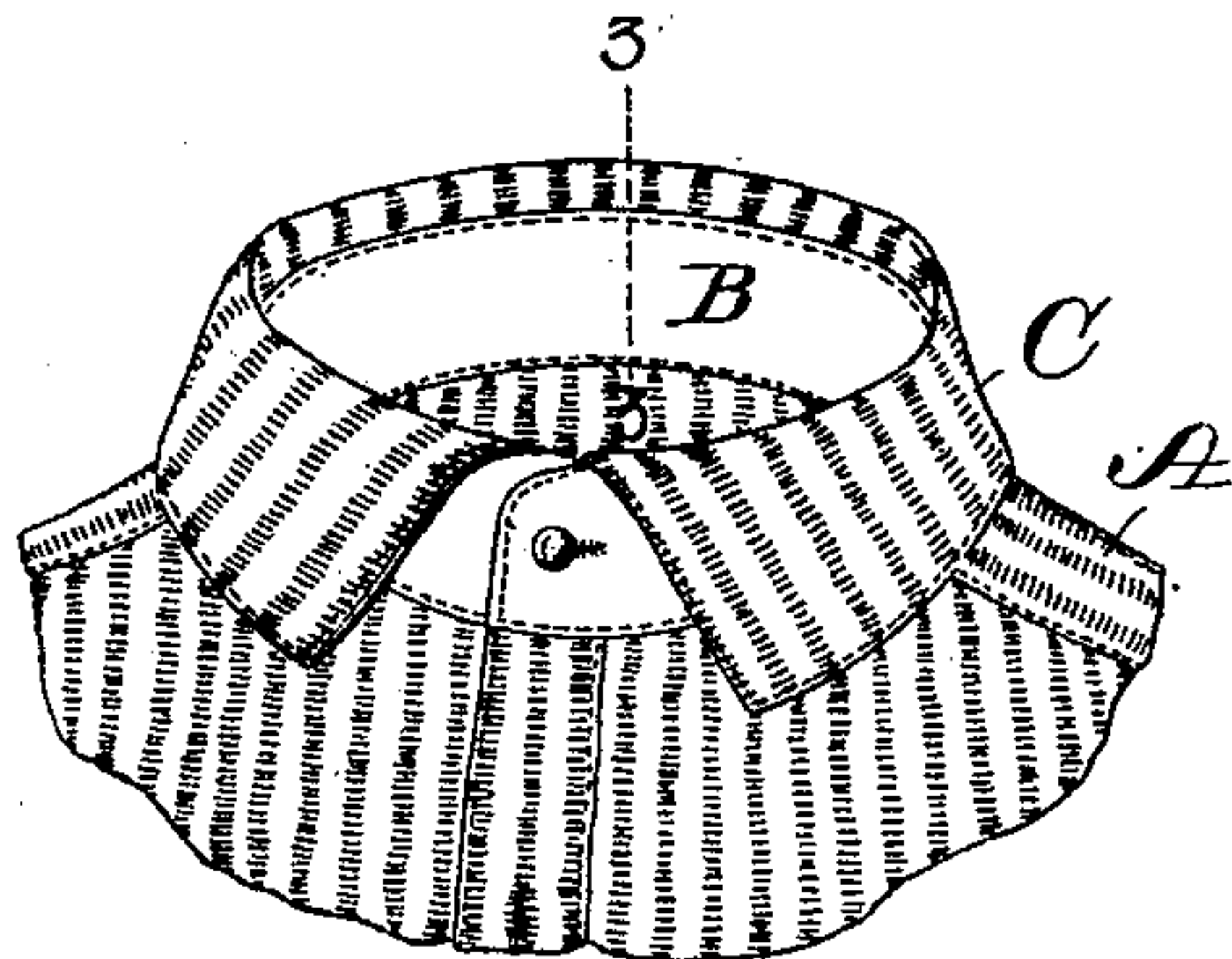


Fig. 1.

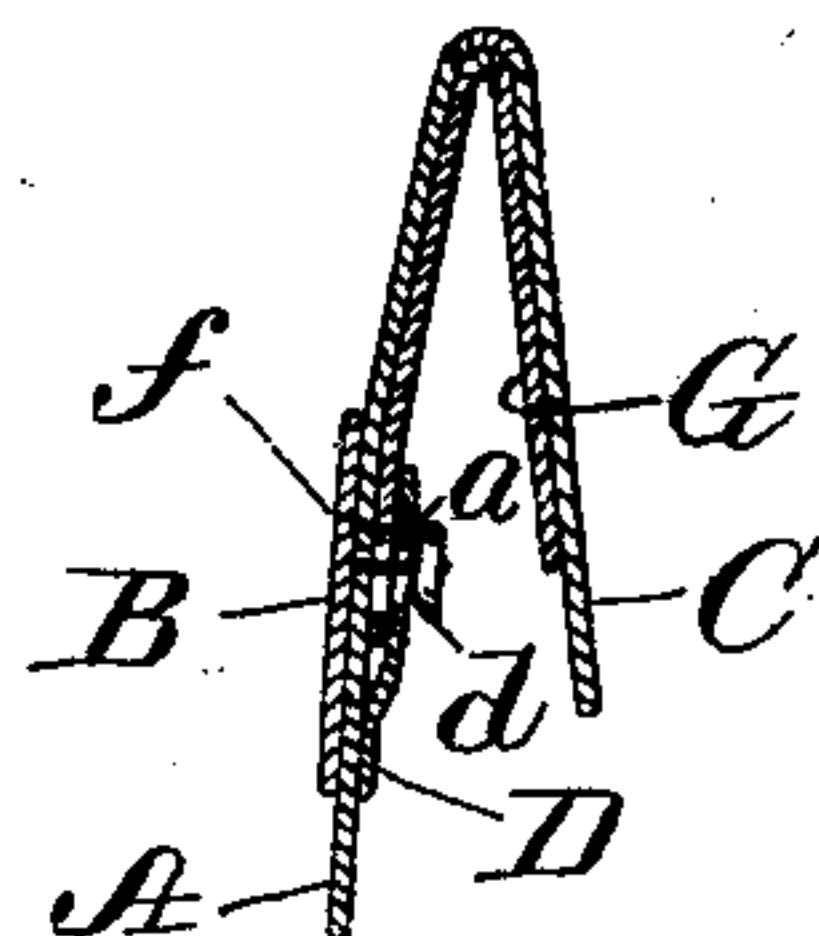


Fig. 3.

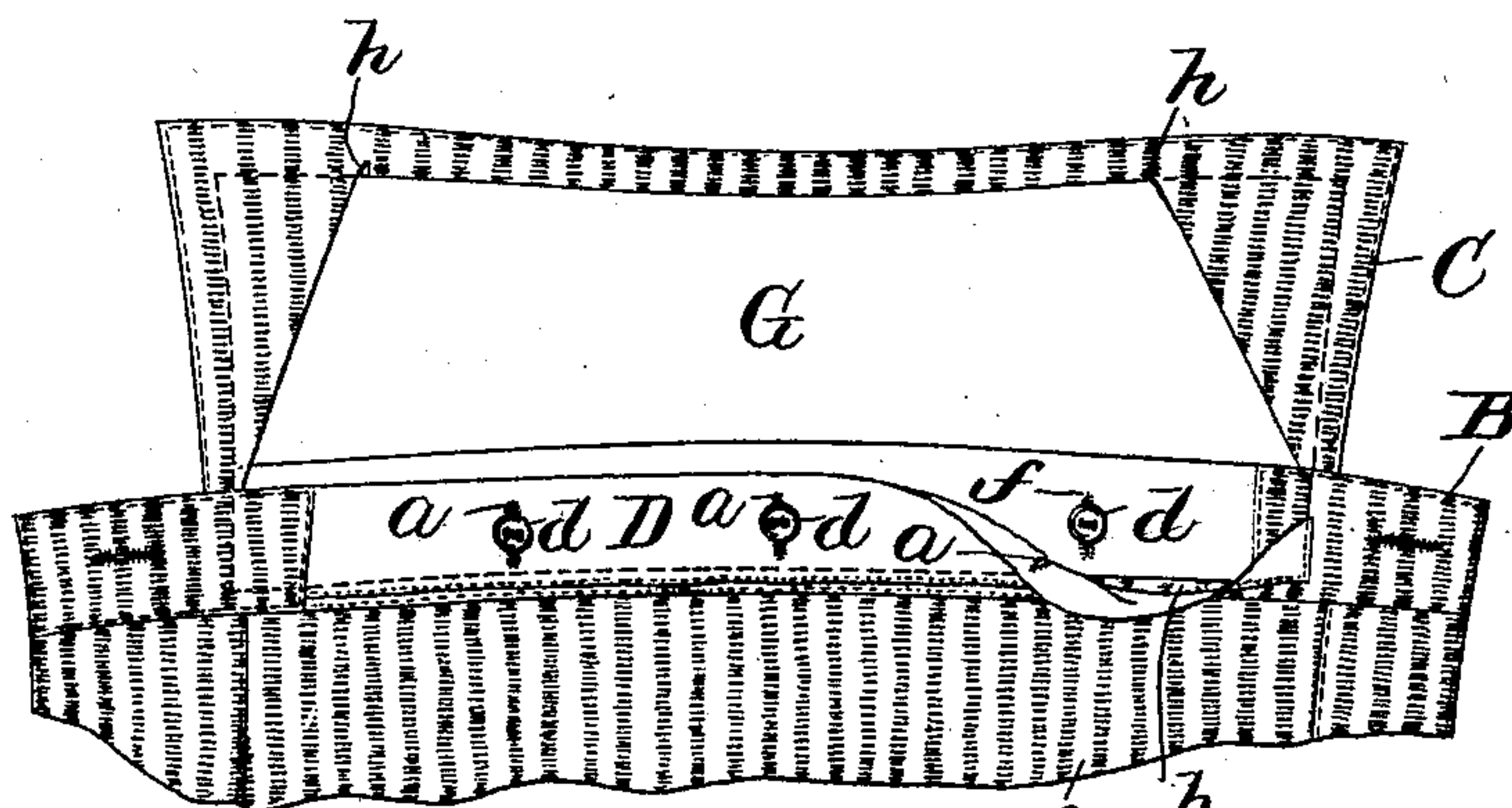


Fig. 2.

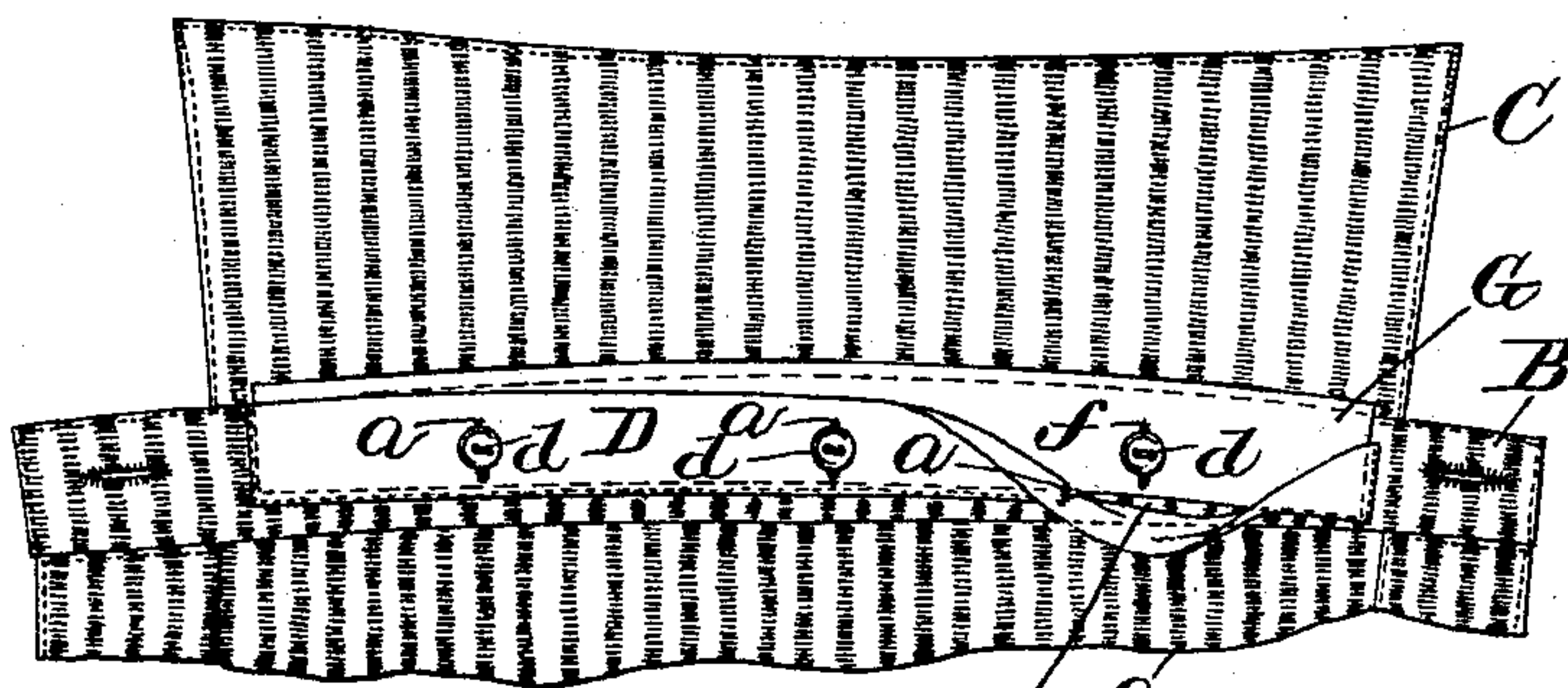


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD ROLLIN GOULD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Spokane, in the county of Spokane and State of Washington, have invented an Improvement in Negligée Shirts, of which the following is a specification.

The ordinary negligée shirt is objectionable for the reason that the collar on account of its soft and flexible nature soon loses its proper shape by becoming crushed and wrinkled, thereby giving it an untidy appearance and detracting from the general usefulness of the shirt. To overcome this difficulty by imparting the required stiffness to the collar to enable it to retain its shape and give it a neat and dressy appearance is the object of my invention, which consists in the novel construction and combination of parts hereinafter described, and specifically pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of the upper portion of a negligée shirt having my improvement applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a view of the back of the same, the collar being turned up to show the manner in which the detachable stiffening-piece is applied to the same. Fig. 3 is an enlarged vertical section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a view showing a modified form of the stiffening-piece.

In the drawings, A represents the upper portion of a negligée shirt; B the neckband, and C the turn-over collar of the same. To the outer side of the neckband B is stitched at the bottom edge and ends a narrow fly-piece D, provided at suitable intervals with buttonholes *a* and forming between it and the neckband a long shallow pocket *b*, parallel with the edge of the collar. Within this pocket *b* is placed the lower portion of a stiffening-piece G, composed of stiffened linen or other suitable material and held in place by means of buttons *d*, secured to the neckband B and engaging buttonholes *f* in said stiffening-piece and the buttonholes *a* of the fly-piece D, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

The upper corners of the stiffening-piece G are detachably secured to the corners of the collars C to keep them in place, preferably by slipping them into corner-pockets *h h*, formed on the inner side of said collar C; but the same result may be attained by means of buttons and buttonholes, if desired. The stiffening-piece G may be of sufficient width to cover the greater portion of the under side of the collar C and be turned down therewith, as shown in Fig. 3, or it may be of a width corresponding to that of the neckband only, as shown in Fig. 4, in which latter case it will merely stiffen the neckband, leaving the turned-over portion of the shirt-collar C free and without extra stiffening.

The above-described stiffening device is exceedingly simple, adds very little to the cost of the shirt, and gives the collar at all times a neat, tidy, and dressy appearance, enabling the shirt to be worn on many occasions where it would otherwise be unsuitable.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, a shirt having a turn-over collar provided on its under side with corner-pockets, a neckband having a longitudinal flypiece secured to its outer side forming a long shallow pocket, said fly-piece being provided with buttonholes, a detachable stiffening-piece placed under the collar and extending lengthwise of the same with its outer corners placed within the corner-pockets of the turn-over collar and its lower portion placed within the pocket of the neckband and provided with buttonholes, and buttons secured to the neckband and adapted to engage the buttonholes in the stiffening-piece and flypiece, substantially as described.

Witness my hand this 26th day of September, A. D. 1899.

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