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Fig. 1.

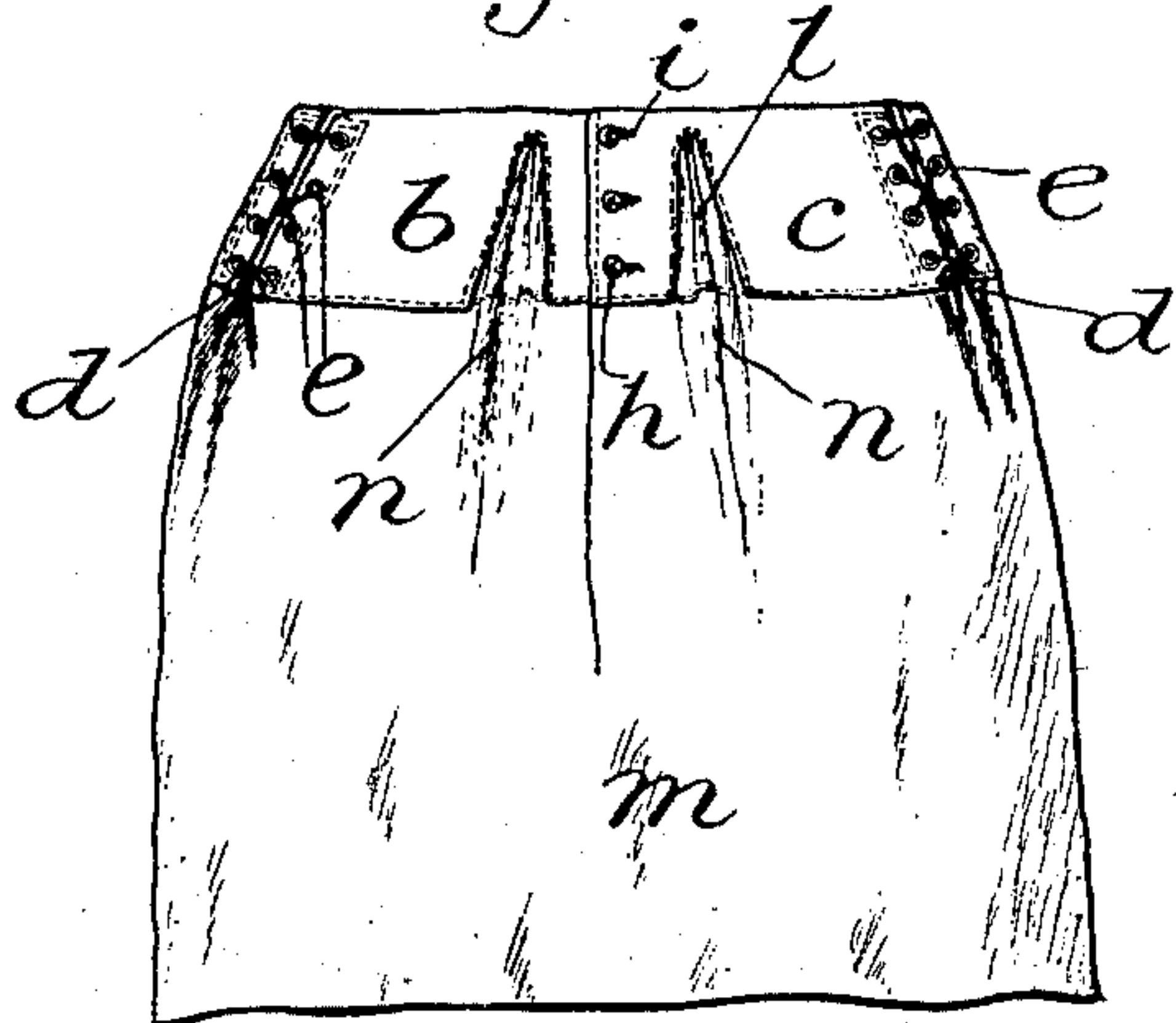


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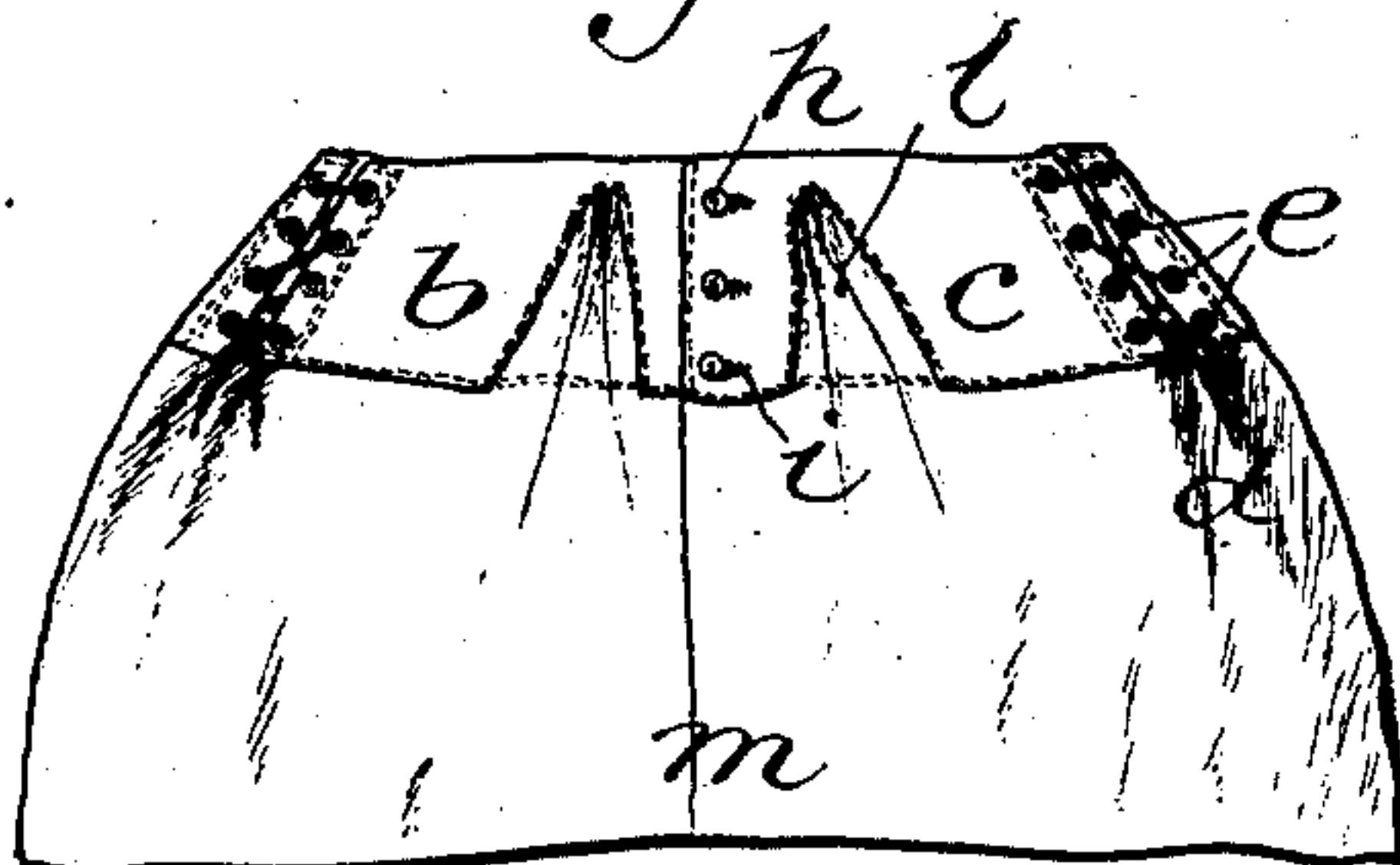


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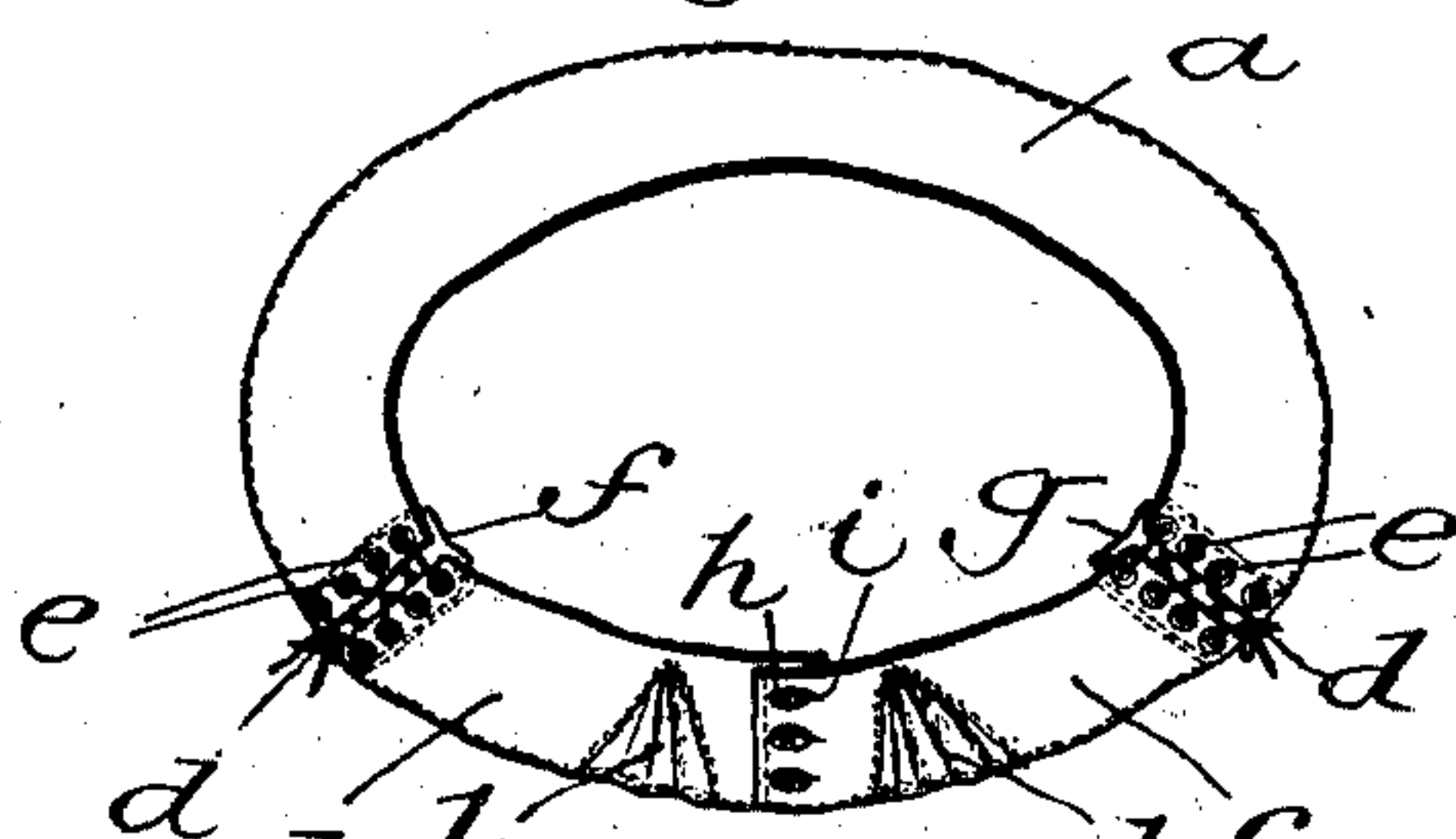
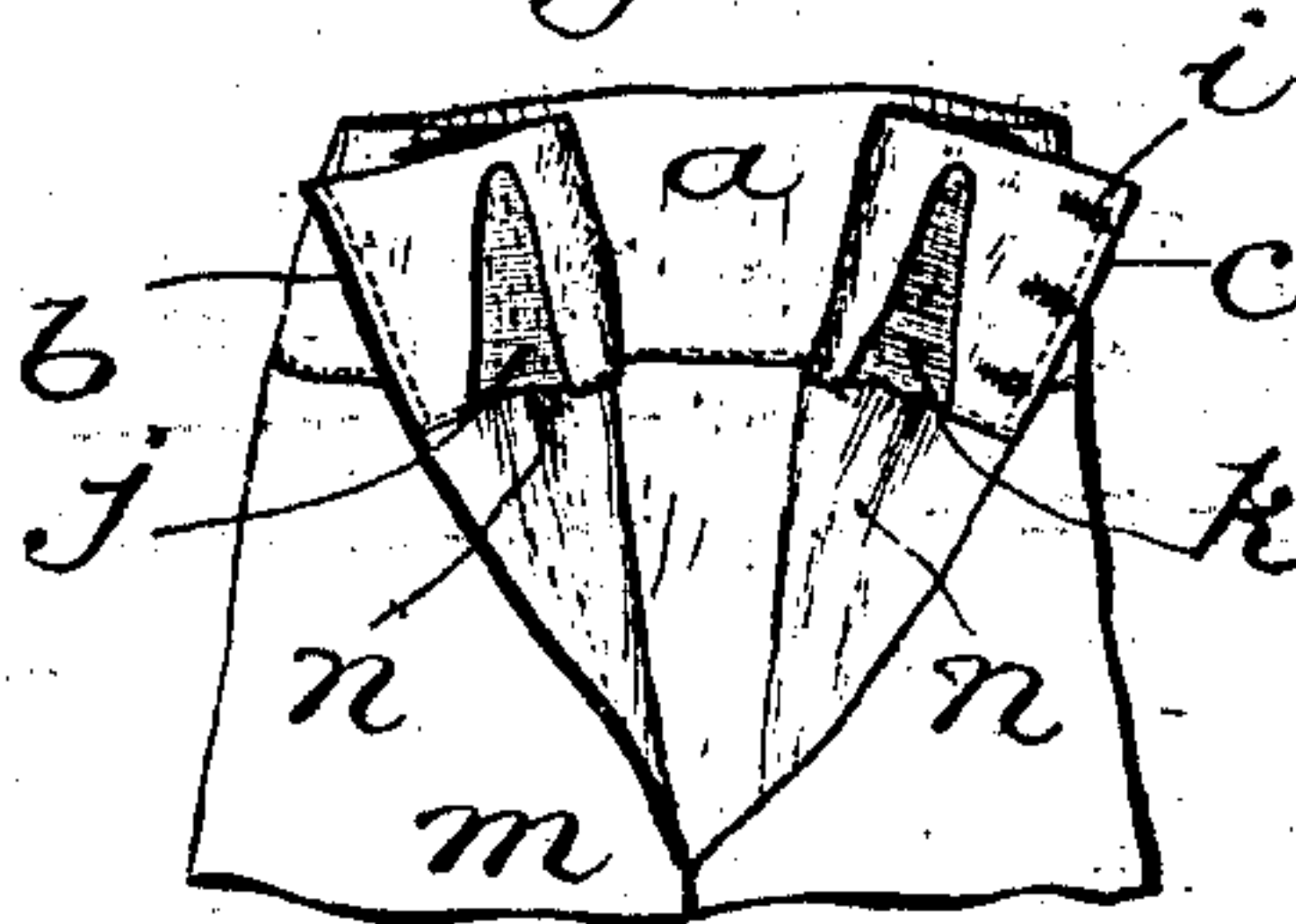


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD E. ELLIOTT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Underskirts, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in underskirts, with the object in view of providing a skirt which may be adjusted to fit varying sizes of waists and which will at all times, whatever its adjustments, fit smoothly over the body of the wearer and permit a free movement of the body when in use.

Experience has proved that it is eminently desirable to have a skirt fitted to the waist without elastic pressure, the latter tending to interfere with free circulation and becoming exceedingly annoying to the wearer, because of its constant hugging pressure. At the same time it is desirable that the body of the wearer should not be positively confined throughout any considerable extent by a deep non-yielding waistband. The object of my present invention is to combine these desirable features of a waistband which may be adjusted to the form of the wearer with the greatest nicety and yet without a constant hugging pressure and which will yield throughout a considerable extent to accommodate the movements of the body when in use.

A practical embodiment of my invention is represented in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the upper portion of the skirt in rear elevation with the sections of the waistband in their normal positions. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the waistband and upper portion of the skirt, showing the positions of the waistband-sections when for any cause strain is exerted upon the lower part of the waistband or yoke. Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the waistband or yoke; and Fig. 4 is an inside view of the waistband and upper portion of the skirt, the said waistband being opened at the back and its ends separated a considerable distance.

My invention consists, briefly stated, in a skirt provided with a waistband having elastic gores inserted in its lower edge extending toward the upper edge of the waistband, but

not entirely across it, the said openings in the waistband for receiving the elastic gores being bridged by fulled portions of the upper edge of the skirt to permit the elastic gores to become distended when strain is applied thereto; and more specifically my invention consists in a sectional waistband or yoke provided with means at the adjacent ends of the several sections for positively adjusting the waistband or yoke to different sizes, the said waistband or yoke being further provided with one or more elastic gores inserted in its lower edge and bridged by fulled portions of the skirt attached to and depending from the said yoke or waistband.

In the form in which I have illustrated my invention the waistband or yoke is formed in three sections, a front section, (denoted by *a*,) extending from hip to hip around the front and two back sections (denoted, respectively, by *b* and *c*) each extending from the hip portion to the center of the back. The opposite ends of the back sections *b c* are connected with the opposite ends of the front section *a* by some suitable fastening device for adjusting the ends of the front and back sections nearer to or farther away from each other, in the present instance by means of lacings *d*, extending back and forth through eyelets *e*, placed on the meeting ends of the front and back sections, and the said sections are further connected loosely by means of soft interposed pieces of fabric *f* and *g*, having sufficient fullness to permit the sections *a*, *b*, and *c* to be adjusted the desired distance apart to extend the size of the waistband or yoke. The adjacent ends of the back sections *b* and *c* are provided with some suitable fastening—as, for example, buttons and buttonholes *h i*, as is usual. The back sections *b* and *c* are in the present instance each provided with an elastic gore, (denoted, respectively, by *j k*,) which extends in the present instance from the lower edge of the yoke or waistband to a point near the upper edge, but leaving a sufficient amount of the waistband or yoke intact to adjust it positively to the size required. The space exterior to the gores is filled by a fulled soft fabric *l*, and the skirt, depending from the bottom of the waistband or yoke, is fulled, as shown at *n*, to cor-

respond to the fullness of the soft interposed pieces connecting the ends of the front sections with the ends of the back sections.

The skirt with its waistband or yoke constructed as above may be adjusted to different sizes within reasonable limits and positively held at the determined size so far as the upper edge of the waistband or yoke is concerned, while a deep flaring waistband or yoke may be employed to cause a smooth set of the skirt over the hips of the wearer, and at the same time the said deep waistband or yoke will be permitted to yield along its upper and central portions to the varying movements of the body of the wearer, the skirt itself depending from the waistband or yoke, being free to accommodate itself to the extended or contracted conditions of the lower portions of the said waistband or yoke.

What I claim is—

1. An underskirt provided with a waistband having its upper portion non-elastic and its lower portion elastic, the said skirt being attached to the waistband in fulled form at the point where the elastic is inserted, substantially as set forth.

2. A skirt provided with a sectional waistband or yoke having its upper portion non-elastic and its lower portion elastic, means for adjusting the ends of the sections toward

and away from each other to diminish or increase the fixed size of the upper portion of the waistband or yoke, the skirt depending from the waistband or yoke being fulled intermediate of the sections and at the points where the elastic is inserted to accommodate itself to the adjustments and yielding of the waistband or yoke, substantially as set forth.

3. A skirt provided with a sectional waistband or yoke, means for adjusting the sections toward and away from each other to diminish or increase the size of the waistband or yoke, the said waistband or yoke being provided with elastic gores inserted in its lower edge while the upper portion of the waistband remains non-elastic and the body of the skirt depending from the waistband or yoke being fulled opposite the elastic gores and, at the meeting ends of the sections to accommodate itself to the varying adjustments of the waistband or yoke, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 14th day of December, 1900.

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