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Fig. 1.

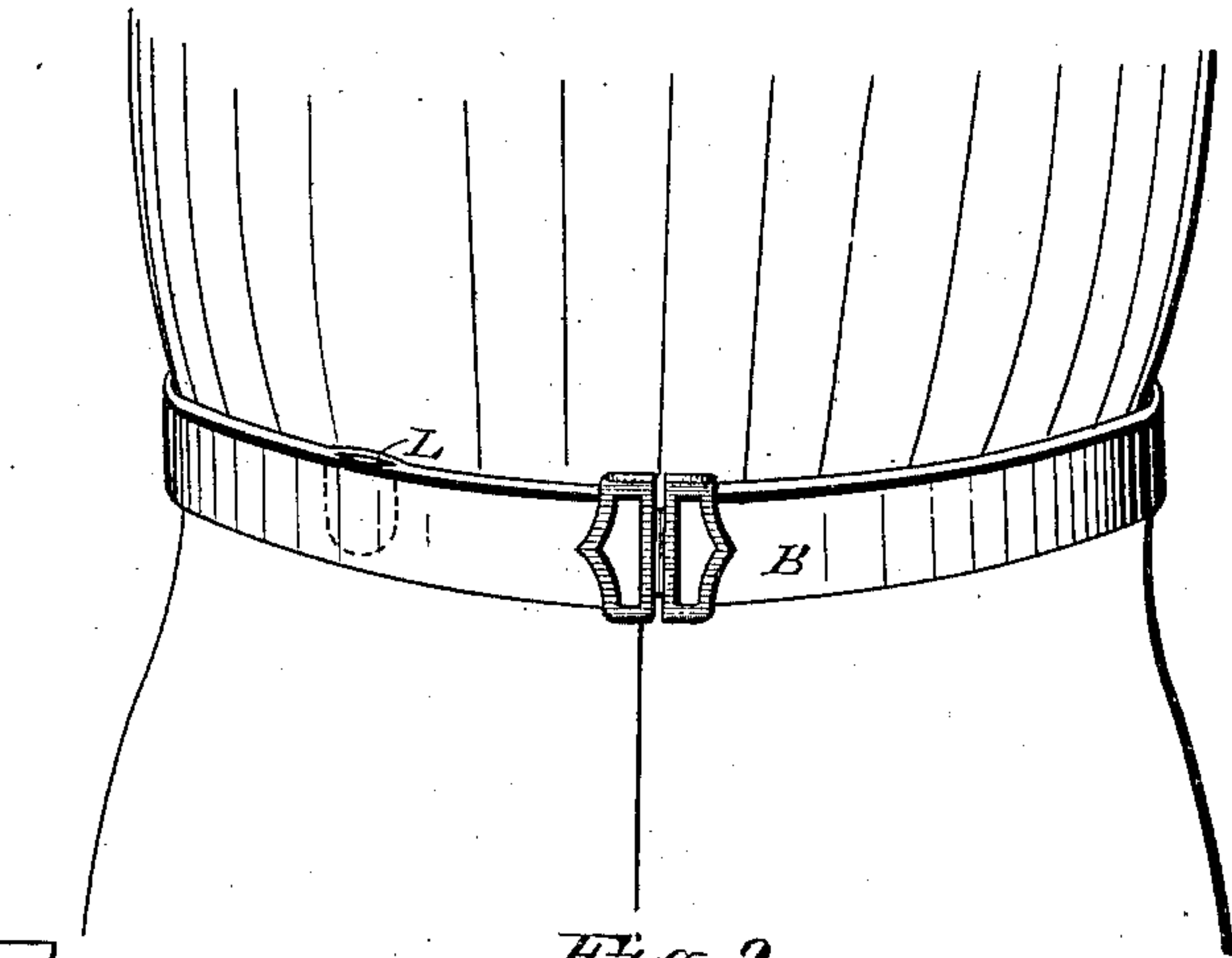


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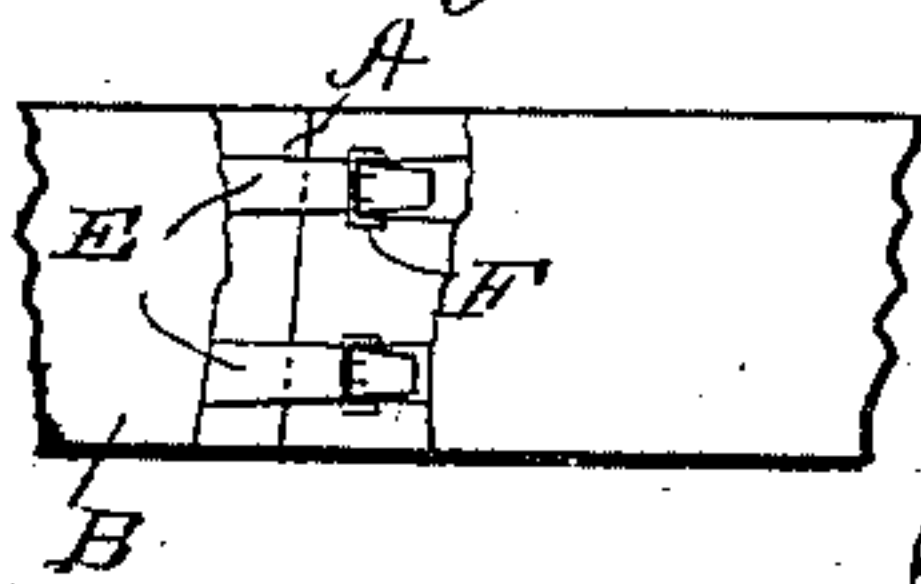


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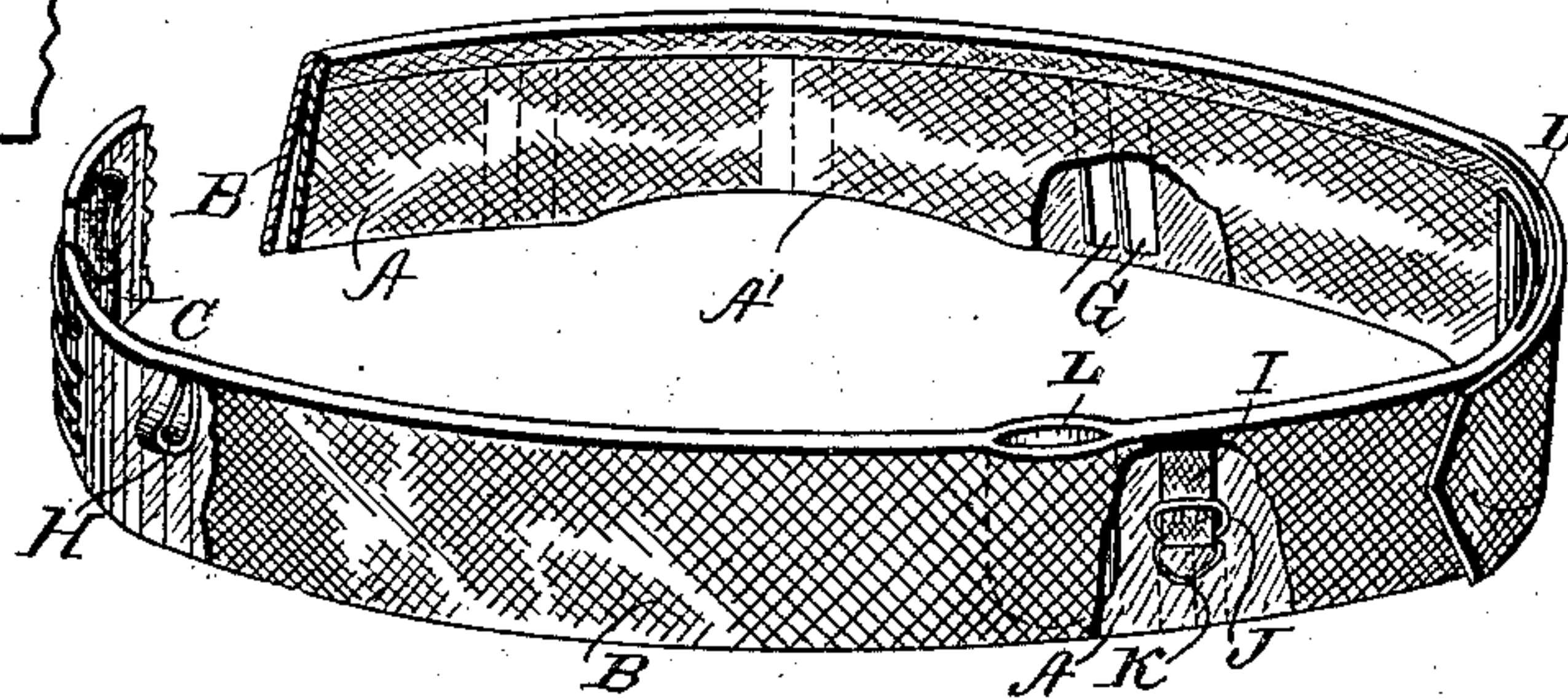


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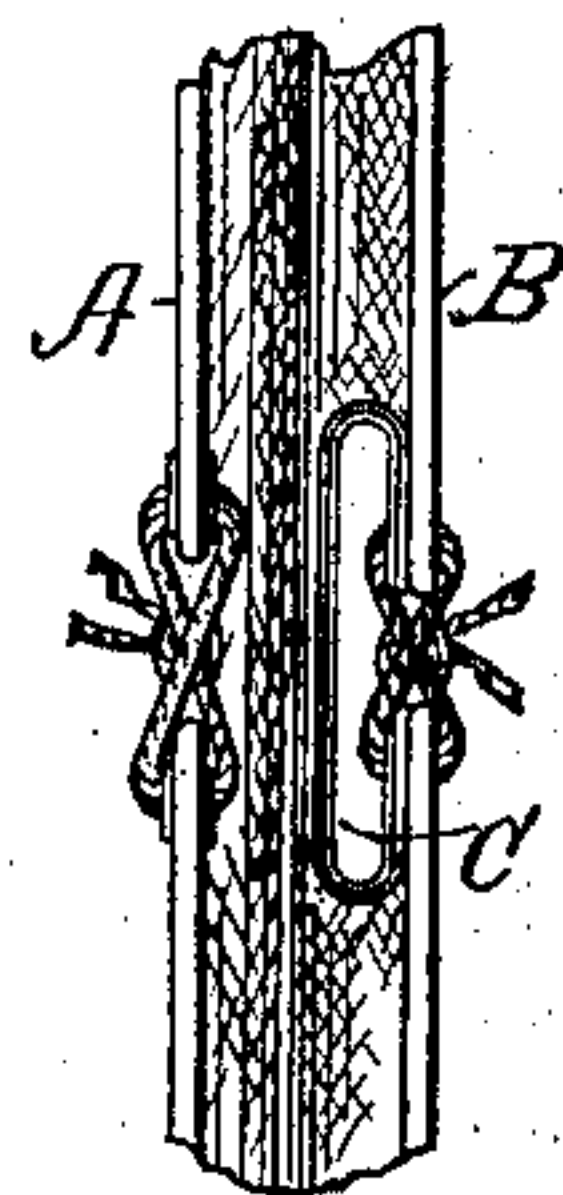


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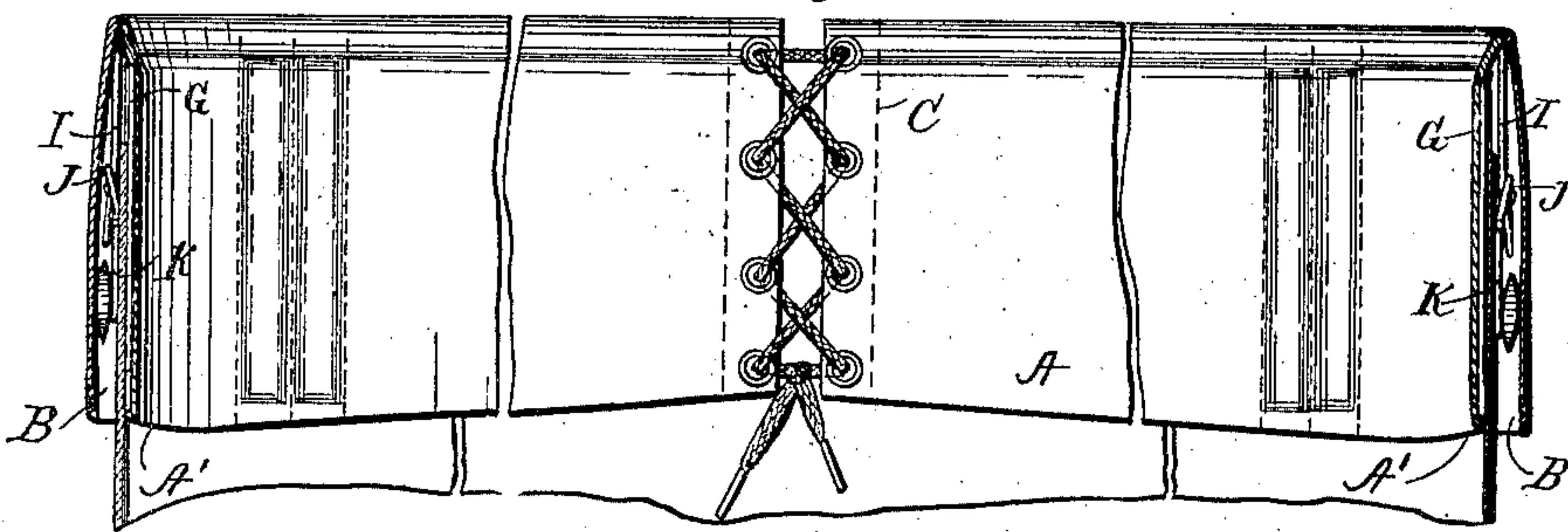
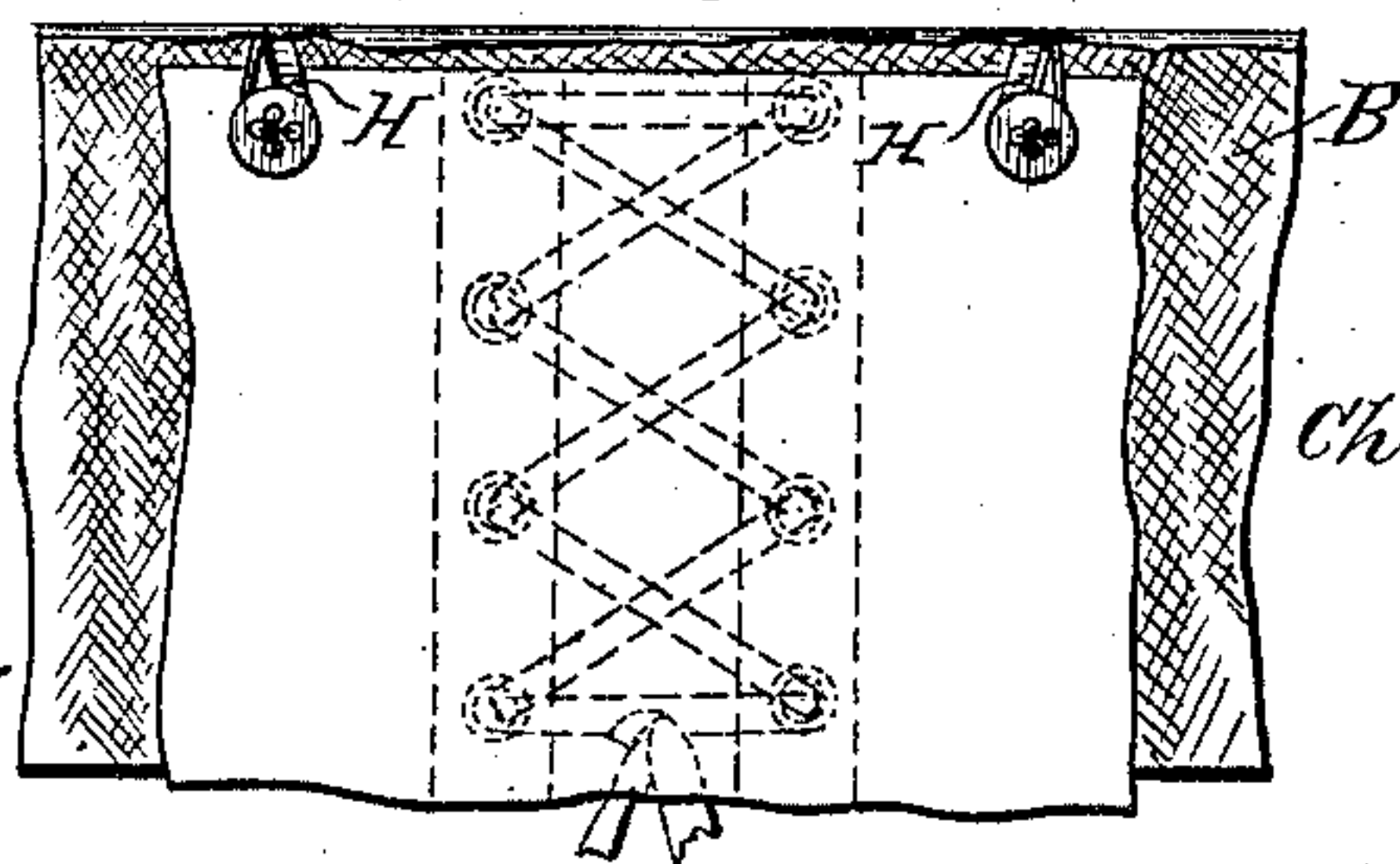


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES MORGAN BUTLER, a citizen of the United States, residing in Wonewoc, in the county of Juneau and State of Wisconsin, have made certain new and useful Improvements in Belts, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improvement in belts designed especially for use by men and adapted to be worn upon the trousers and to receive the waistband thereof; and the invention consists in certain novel constructions and combinations of parts, as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the invention as in use. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of the belt, parts being broken away. Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view of the belt as in use, showing the stays in the inner section and the strap for connection with the trousers; and Fig. 4 is a detail view illustrating the means for connecting the belt with the buttons on the rear of the trousers. Fig. 5 is a detail view showing the devices for connecting the front ends of the inner sections, and Fig. 6 is a detail bottom plan view of the rear portion of the belt.

By my invention I provide a belt composed of an inner section A and an outer section B, connected together at their upper edges, forming a pocket to receive the waistband of the trousers. By preference I form the belt of two members, adjustably connected with each other at the rear of the belt and each composed of an inner and an outer section, forming the pockets for the waistband. In the construction shown the connection between the two longitudinal members is effected by means of lacings, suitable eyelets being provided at the adjacent ends of the members, a flexible fold C connecting the outer sections of the adjoining members beneath the lacing, as shown. At their free ends the inner and outer sections A and B are detached for a short distance, as shown at D, and the inner section is joined at its ends by adjustable fastening devices, preferably straps E and buckles F, as shown. The outer section B laps at its ends over the fastenings E and F and may be connected by any suitable clasp. It will be understood that the outer section

may be of any suitable material and in any desired design and serves its purpose of hiding the waistband of the trousers and the devices for supporting the latter, which are arranged within the pocket between the sections A and B and are preferably carried by the inner section A, which is stayed transversely or in a vertical direction, as shown, so it can furnish a strong support for the trousers, as desired. The section A has the upright stays G, which may be held in casings, as shown, and by preference the said section A is curved inwardly at A' to properly fit the hips of the wearer and form a support thereon for the belt.

The devices for supporting the trousers are supported on the inner section A and are arranged in line with the upright stays. These supporting devices may consist of loops H, as shown, for application to the rear buttons of the trousers, or they may preferably be adjustable and consist of elastic straps I, secured to the section A at the upper end of the stays thereof and carrying the buckles J, bearing the loops K to receive the buttons on the trousers. This construction is simple, durable, easily adjusted and operated, and serves to efficiently support the trousers.

The belt will be found very comfortable, as it is supported by the hips when adjusted and is stayed with whalebone, so that it will not break down with the weight of the pants. From the construction of the belt it need not be drawn as tightly as other belts and includes the outside section, which covers all buckles, straps, buttons, &c., leaving the outside perfectly smooth. The elastic straps permit the trousers to yield slightly without tearing or ripping, and the connection of the trousers with the belt can be adjusted, enabling the raising and lowering of the trousers, as may be desired.

Manifestly the fastening or clasp on the outside section may be ornamented in any suitable way, as there is very little strain on the said section.

It will be noticed that the cut-out portions to fit over the hip may be adjusted properly to different persons by means of the adjustable fastening at the back of the belt in connection with the adjustable fastenings at the

front, these coacting in securing a proper fit of the belt as desired.

The belt-sections A and B may in practice be formed of suitable textile material, as shown, or of other suitable material, as may be desired.

As shown, the belt is provided with a watch-pocket L, arranged between the inner and outer sections of the belt.

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

1. A belt comprising an inner and an outer section connected at their upper edges, tabs of elastic material secured to the inner side of the belt at the juncture of the sections and buckles adjustable on said tabs and provided with means for engaging with the buttons on the pants substantially as set forth.

20 2. A belt comprising inner and outer sections connected at their upper edges except at the ends of the sections, the inner section being arranged to fit within the pants at the waistband and to be supported by the hips when adjusted, the said inner section being provided with stays, devices arranged between the sections for connecting the belt with the waistband of the pants, adjusting devices for the belt at the free end of the inner section,

and an independent fastening device for connecting the ends of the outer section substantially as set forth. 30

3. A belt having a portion to fit within the pants at the waistband and a portion to fit over the waistband, and provided with independent fastening devices for the inner and outer portions substantially as set forth. 35

4. A belt substantially as described consisting of an inner and an outer section connected at their upper edges, and elastic straps secured at their upper ends within the belt at the juncture of its sections, and provided on said straps with devices for engagement with the buttons on trousers inclosed within said belt substantially as set forth. 40

5. The belt herein described comprising the inner and outer sections and divided at the rear and having adjustable connections for the sections at such point, fastening means for the front of the belt, and devices including elastic straps connected with the belt for supporting the trousers substantially as set forth. 45

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