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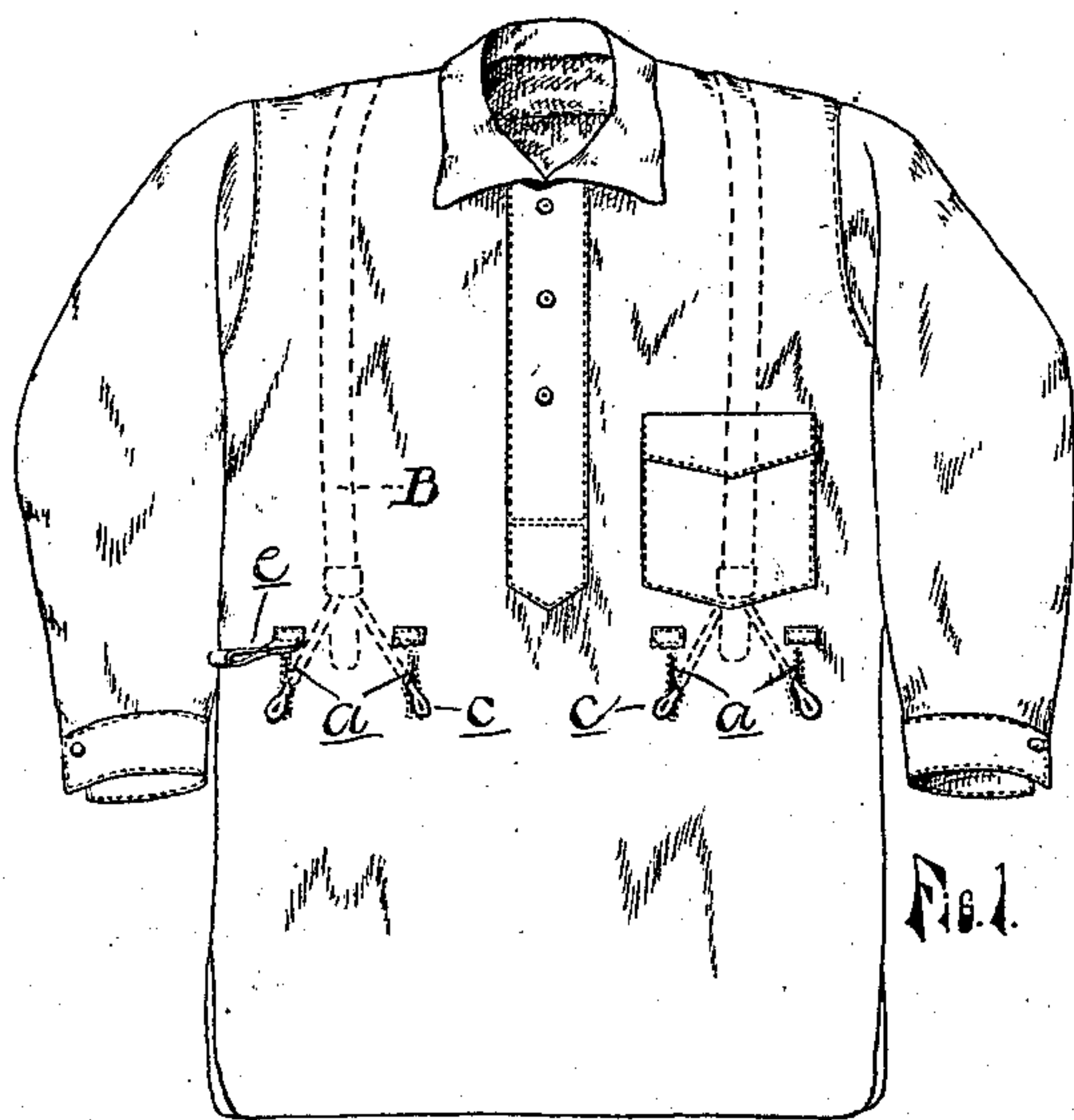


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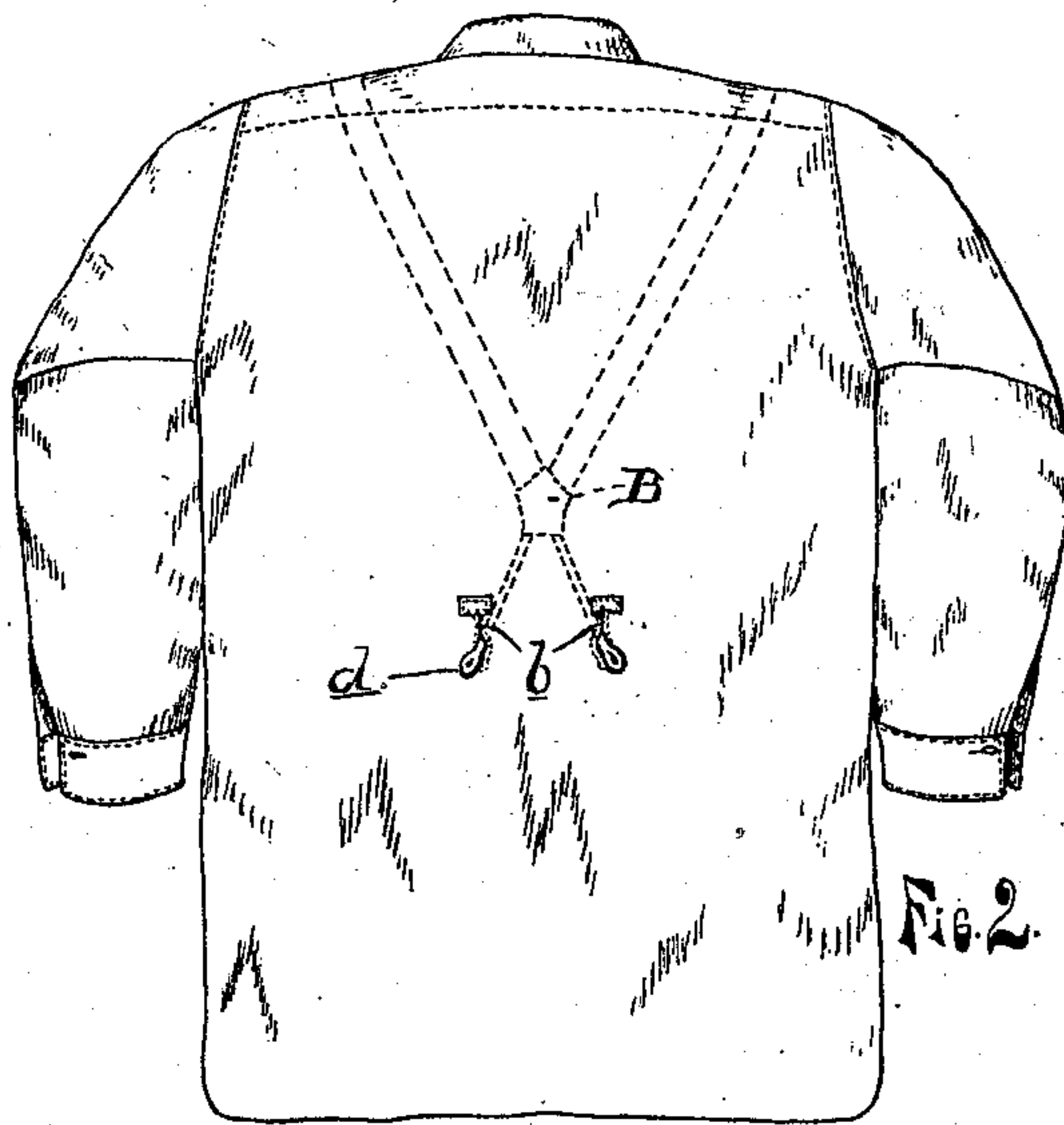


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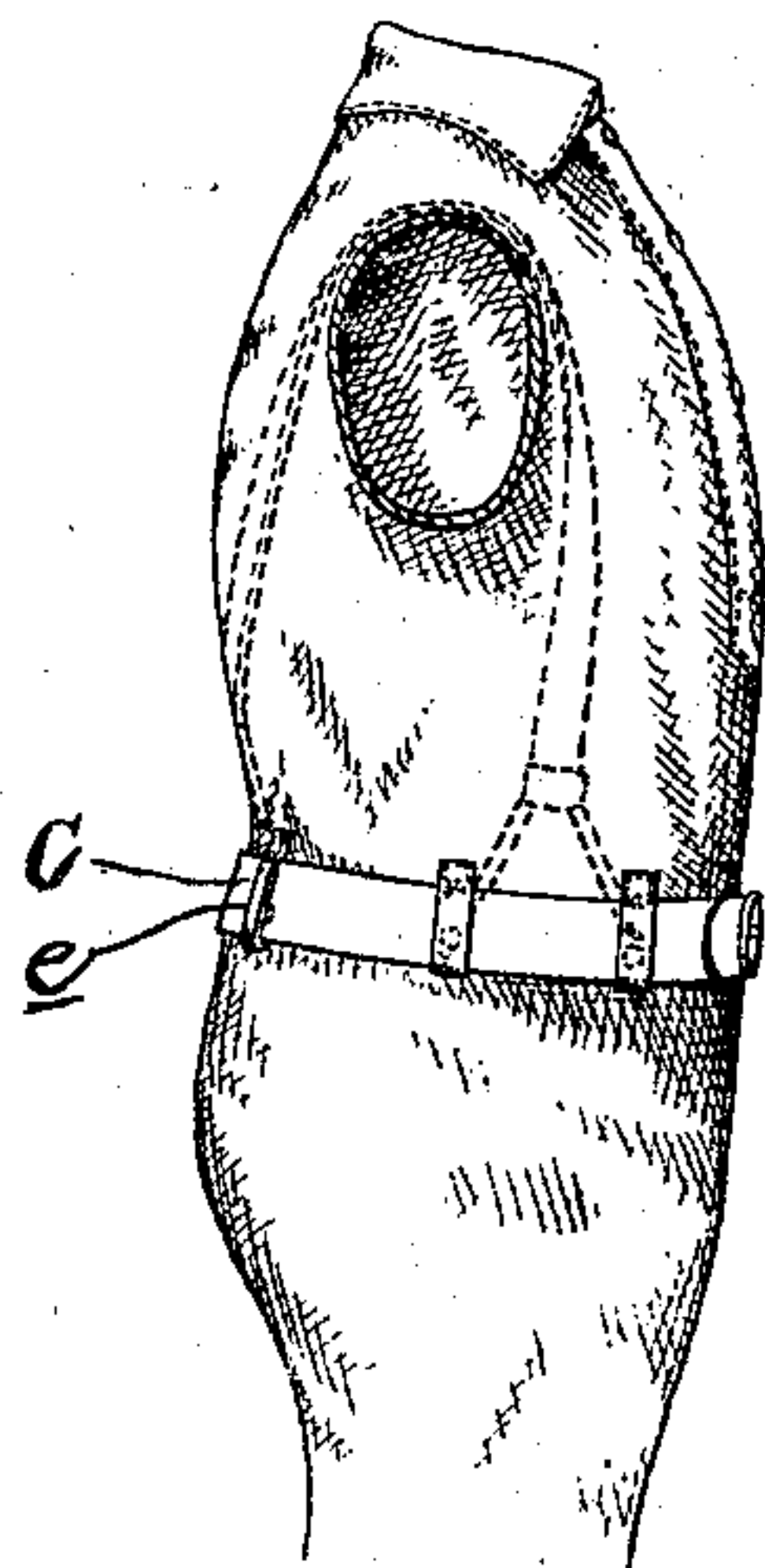


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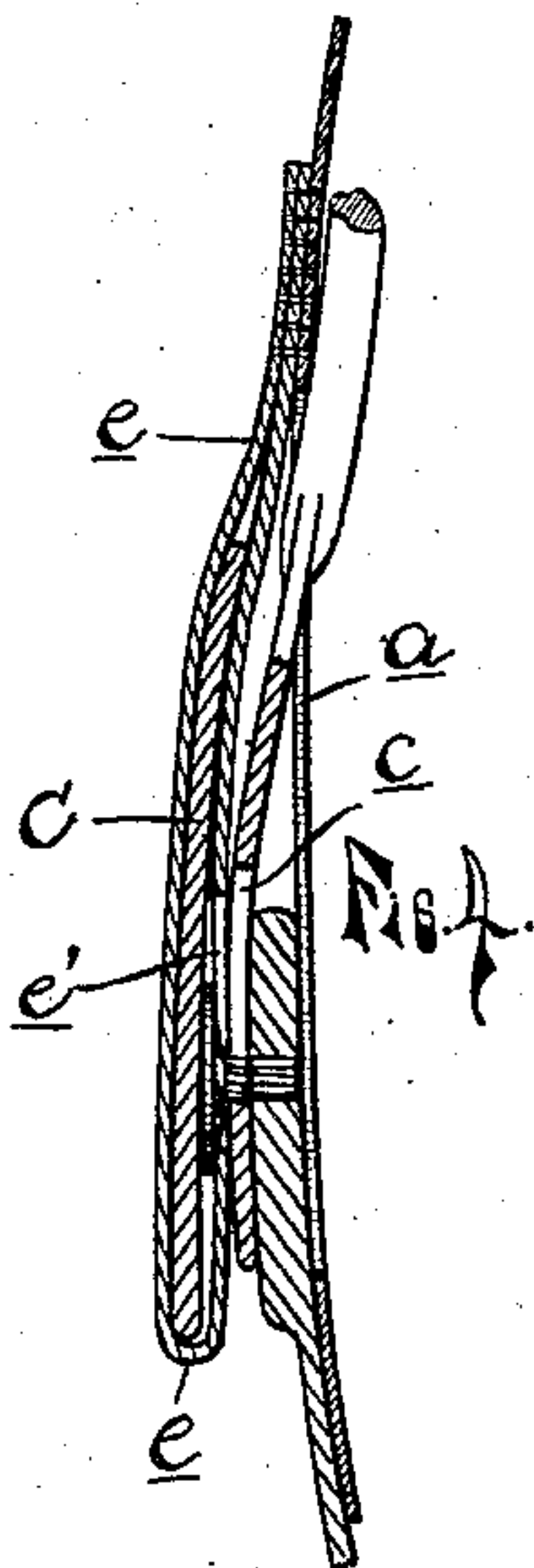


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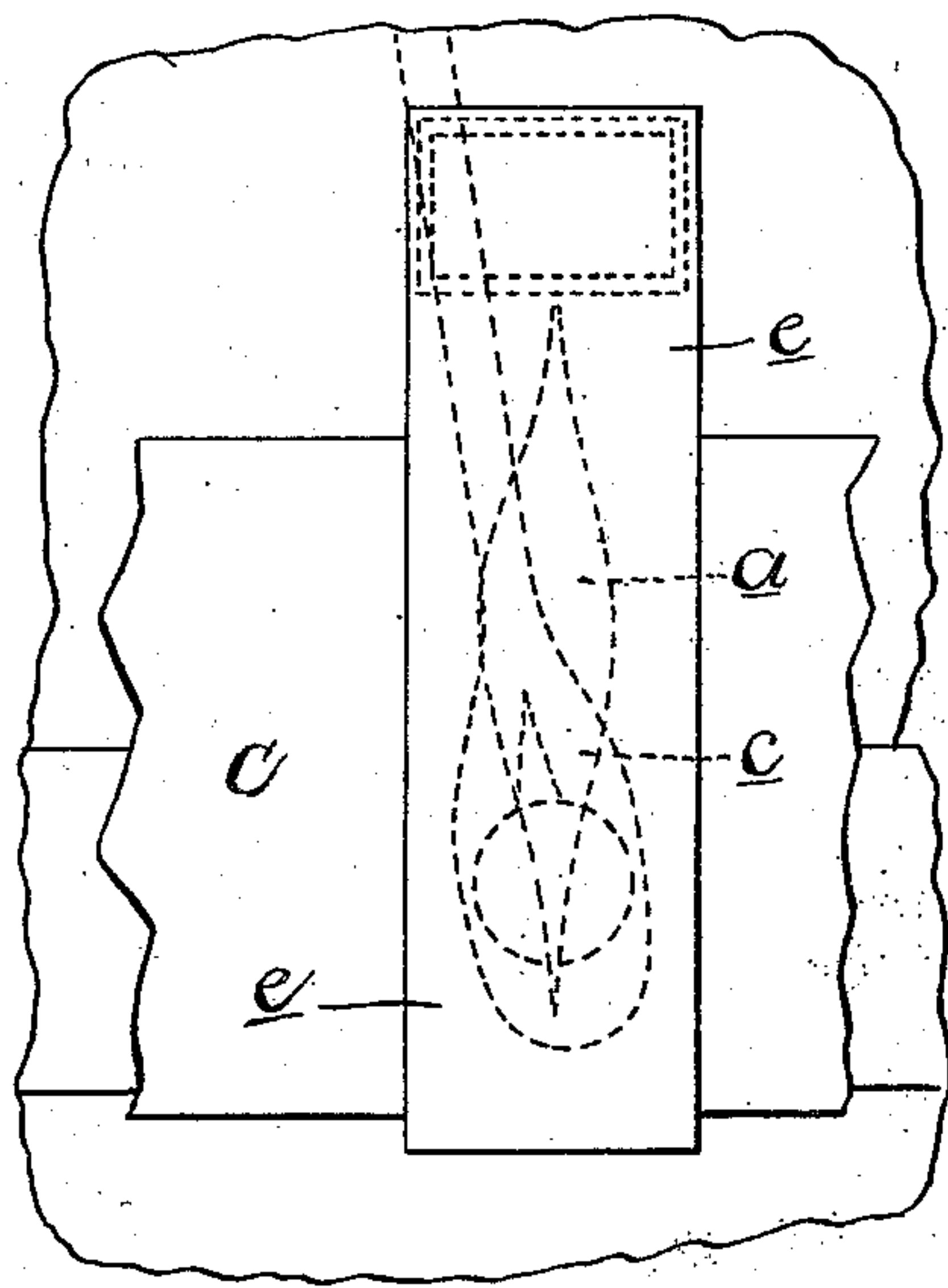


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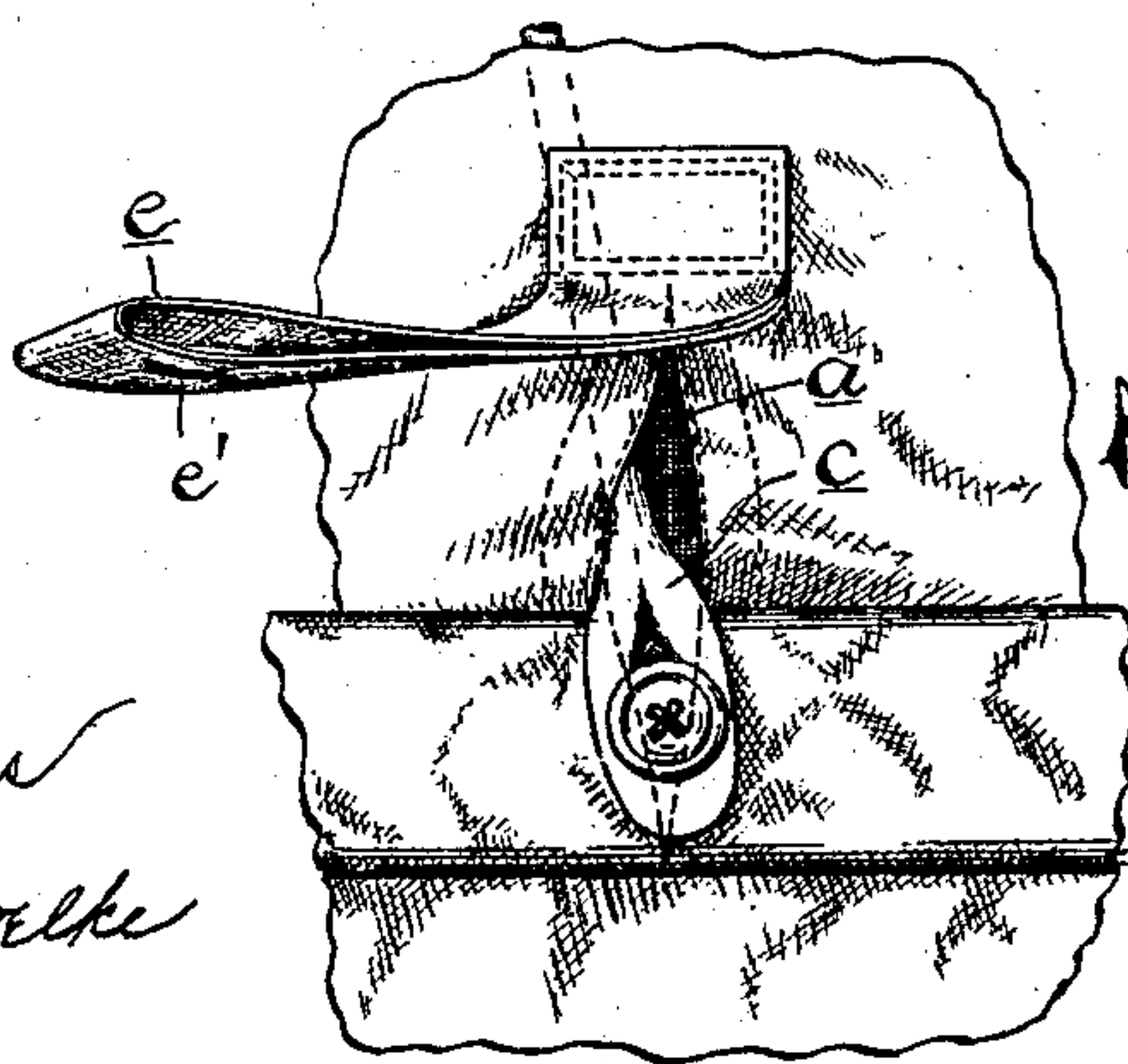


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES T. SHIPLEY, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shirts, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to new and useful improvements in shirts, and has for its object to provide an invisible means for retaining in position trousers, whereby the ordinary negligée shirts as worn to-day are adapted to be worn as an outside garment or what is popularly called a "shirt-waist;" and to this end my invention consists in certain slits made in the front and back of the shirt at or near the waist-line for passing the lower ends of the suspenders through to the outside to enable the wearer to wear the suspenders beneath the shirt, and thus avoid the unsightly appearance of the same, in combination with a series of loops attached to the shirt above said slits, and a belt adapted to be applied around the waist of the wearer in a manner to cover up the suspender-ends and slits in the shirt and prevent the shirt from drawing out at the waist in stooping and disclosing said slits, all as more fully hereinafter described, and shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a shirt, showing my improvement, the suspenders being beneath and indicated in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation thereof. Fig. 3 is a side view of my improved shirt and belt in use, showing the loops for holding the belt in place. Fig. 4 is a vertical section through the meeting ends of the trousers and shirt, also showing the loops and belt in section. Fig. 5 is a diagrammatic front elevation thereof. Fig. 6 is a front elevation of Fig. 4 with the loop thrown back.

The shirt I have shown in the drawings is the ordinary outing-shirt used for summer wear, and in carrying out my invention I provide the shirt with vertical slits *a a* and *b b* at or near the waist or body portion of the shirt, and before the shirt is put on the suspenders *B* are thrown over the shoulders and the shirt put on over the same, all in the usual manner. The fingers are then inserted

through these slits and the buttoning-straps *c c* and *d d* of the suspenders drawn there-through and the projecting ends buttoned to the trousers in the usual manner. I preferably have each of said slits reinforced, as indicated by the lines of stitching, so as to avoid all danger of tearing. The suspenders not being attached to the shirt can be easily removed and allow the same ease and freedom of movement, as when worn in the ordinary manner.

Directly above the slits *a a* and *b b* in the shirt, and preferably sewed thereto, are loops *e* of a width to cover said slits, and on the inside of said loops is formed a buttonhole *e'*, adapted to be buttoned over the buttoning-straps of the suspenders and on the same button. I may secure these loops detachably to the shirt and deem it within the spirit of my invention to use any of the well-known wire clips on the market at the present time for detachably securing the loops to the trousers in place of buttoning them thereon.

C is a belt, preferably made of the same material as the shirt and adapted to be passed through said loops and effectually cover up the buttoned part, so that there will be a harmonious union between the trousers and the shirt, besides giving to the wearer a dressy and natty appearance, and as these loops are attached to the trousers it avoids all danger of the shirt from being drawn out of the trousers in bending and exposing said slits, thus allowing the wearer a freedom of motion with perfect safety.

Should it be desired to have the shirt pucker and the folds loosely fall from the waist-line or trousers tops, the slits are then cut a slight distance below the waist-line, so as to give the necessary slack cloth to the upper portion of the shirt.

I may dispense with the use of the belt altogether and simply use flaps instead of loops to cover the slits and suspender-ends, said flaps being made fast to the trousers in the usual manner.

It will thus be seen that my invention can be attached to any of the many styles of shirts now in use, and it is applicable to shirts with the lower portion cut off, as in the ordinary shirt-waist.

Having thus fully described my invention,

what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A shirt provided with vertical slits arranged in pairs in front and back and of a
5 length adapted to receive the fingers and through which the buttoning-straps of a pair of suspenders are adapted to pass, loops attached to said shirt above the slits, one for each slit and adapted to cover the same, and
10 means for detachably securing said loops to the upper portion of the trousers, said loops being adapted to receive a belt to encircle the body of the wearer.

2. In combination with a shirt having a series of vertical slits formed in front and back
15 of the shirt, a series of loops attached to said shirt above the slits and adapted to cover the same, buttonholes formed in the inner mem-

ber of said loops near their lower edge and adapted to be buttoned to the trousers, said
20 loops being adapted to receive a belt to encircle the body of the wearer, substantially as and for the purpose described.

3. In a shirt or waist, a series of slits formed in front and back of the shirt, a series of loops
25 attached to said shirt above the slits and adapted to reach down over the trousers top, said loops being adapted to receive a belt to encircle the body of the wearer.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
30 in presence of two witnesses.

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