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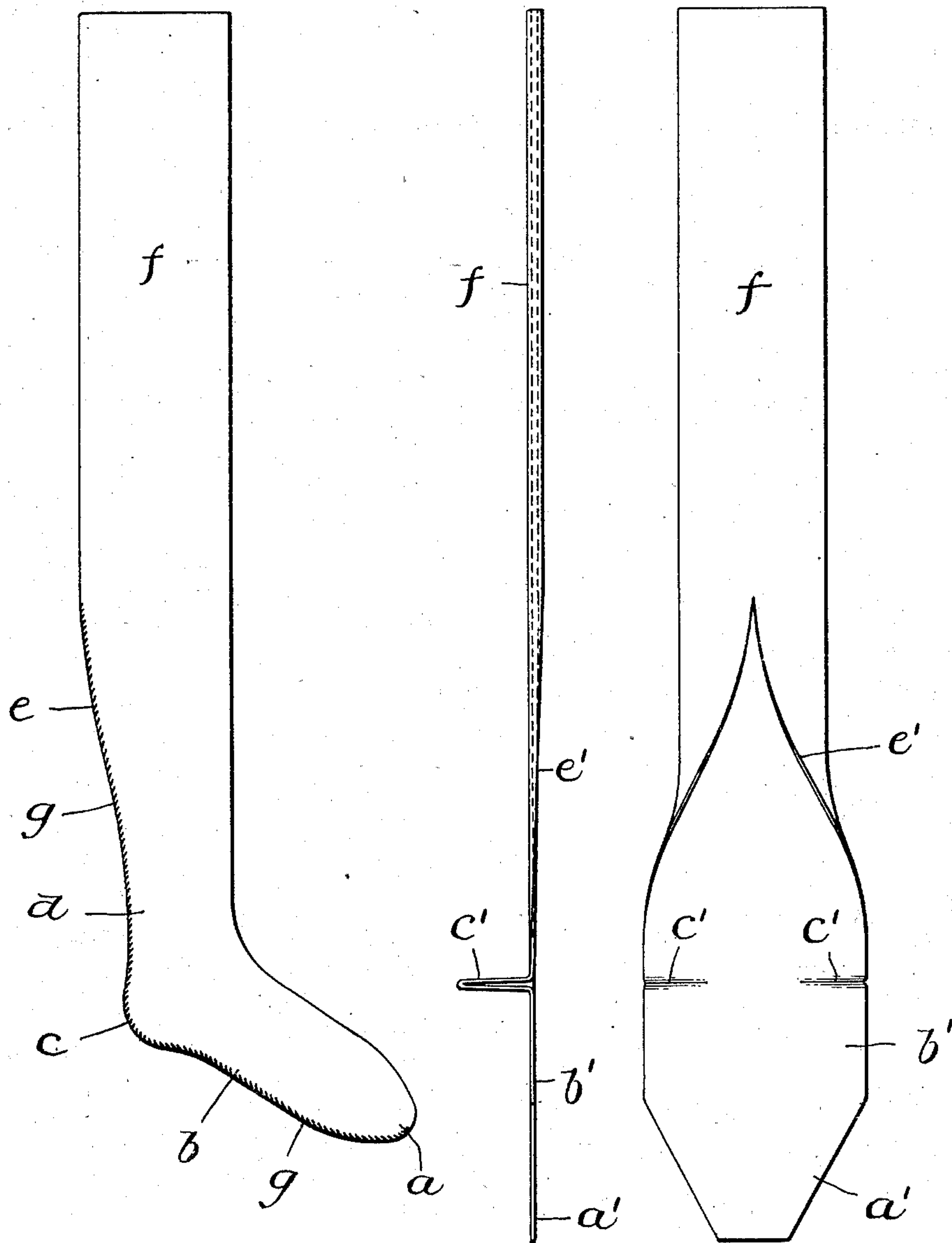
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Fig. 1.

Fig. 3.

Fig. 2.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, KARL PALME, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stockings; of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

10 This invention relates to fashioned stockings, and more especially to the class of goods produced upon circular-knitting machines.

The invention comprises a fashioned stocking the upper portion of the leg of which is seamless, while the fashioned or calf portion, together with the ankle, heel, foot, and toe parts, are seamed longitudinally of the stocking.

20 The invention also embraces the blank from which the said stocking is produced, as will be hereinafter particularly described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of my improved stocking. Fig. 2 is a plan of the knitted blank therefor. Fig. 3 is an edge view of the same.

Referring to Fig. 1, *a* is the toe of the stocking; *b*, the foot; *c*, the heel; *d*, the ankle or lower portion of the leg; *e*, the fashioned portion of the leg, and *f* the upper portion thereof. The portion *f* is seamless, while the remainder of the stocking from the beginning of the upper part of the fashioned or calf portion to the extremity of the toe is seamed along the back of the stocking, as indicated at *g*.

In the production of this stocking a blank of the character shown in Fig. 2 is employed,

the same comprising the upper tubular part *f* and the lower flat portion *a'*, *b'*, *c'*, *d'*, and *e'*, 40 the latter part being so shaped that when it is folded and its edges seamed or connected the fashioned and lower parts of the complete stocking will be produced. This blank is made upon a circular-knitting machine. At 45 the outset of the operation the toe portion of the blank is fashioned. Then the foot portion *b'* is knit. Then the heel parts *c'* are formed. Then the ankle part *d'* is produced. Then the gradually-widened leg portion *e'* is 50 fashioned until the entire circle of needles are in action. Then the seamless part *f* of the leg is produced by continuous rotation of the cam-cylinder.

I claim—

1. A fashioned stocking the upper part of the leg of which is seamless, while the fashioned or calf portion, together with the ankle, heel, foot and toe parts, are seamed longitudinally of the stocking, substantially as 60 described.

2. A blank for fashioned hosiery, comprising a seamless tubular part and a lower flat part, the latter being so shaped that when it is folded and its edges seamed or connected, 65 the fashioned portion of a stocking-leg, together with the ankle, heel, foot and toe portions, will be formed, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature in the presence of two 70 subscribing witnesses.

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