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Fig. 1.

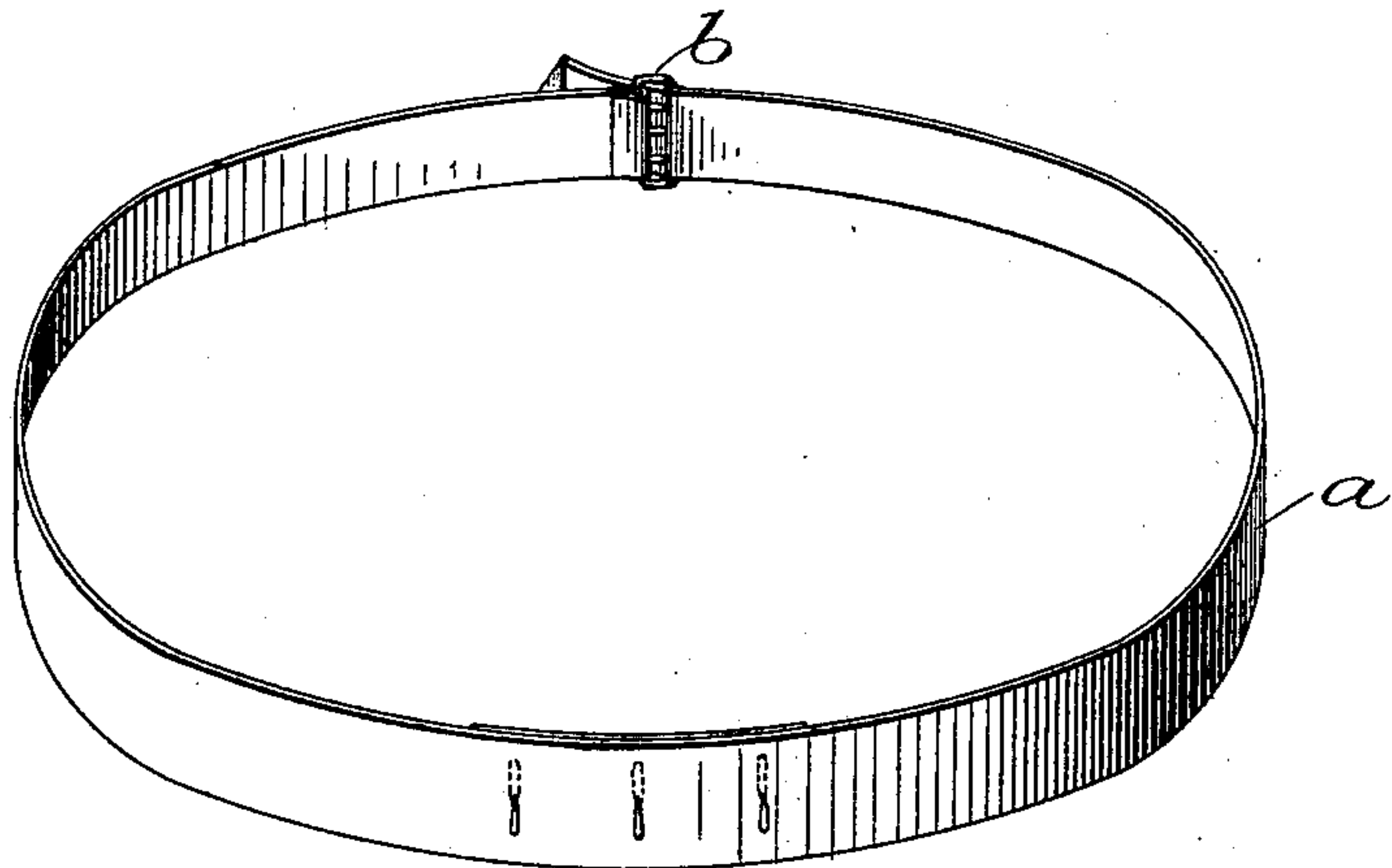


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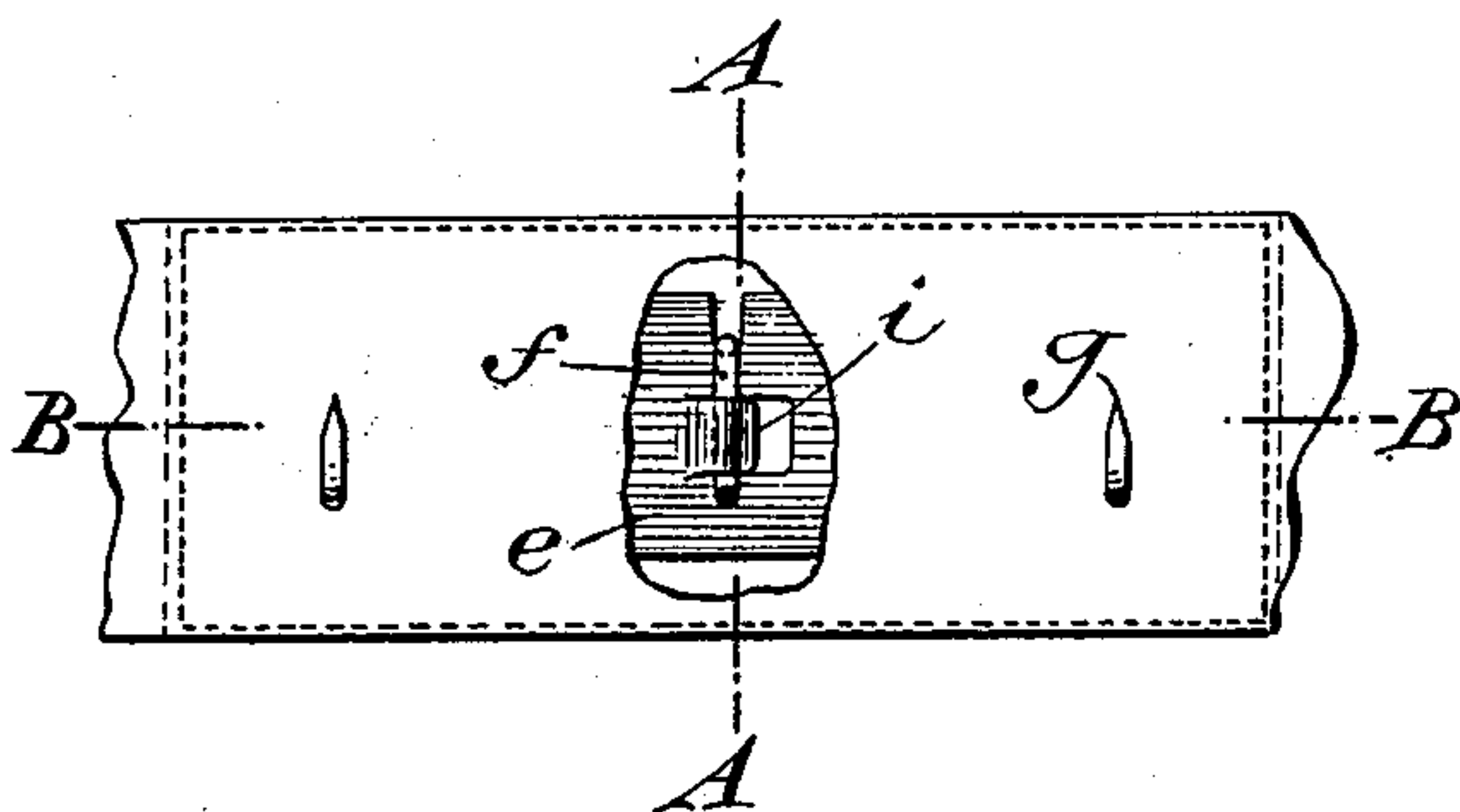


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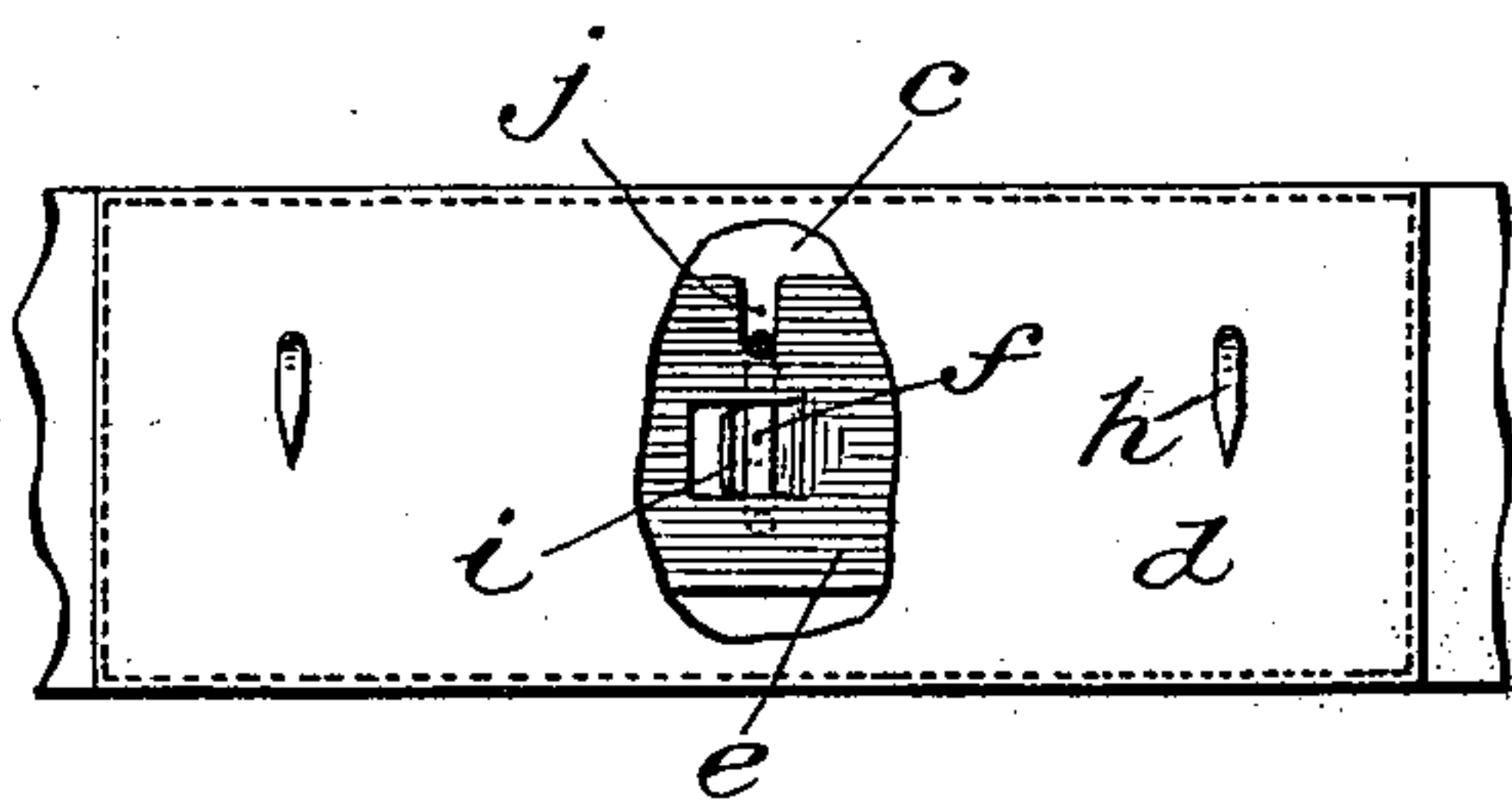


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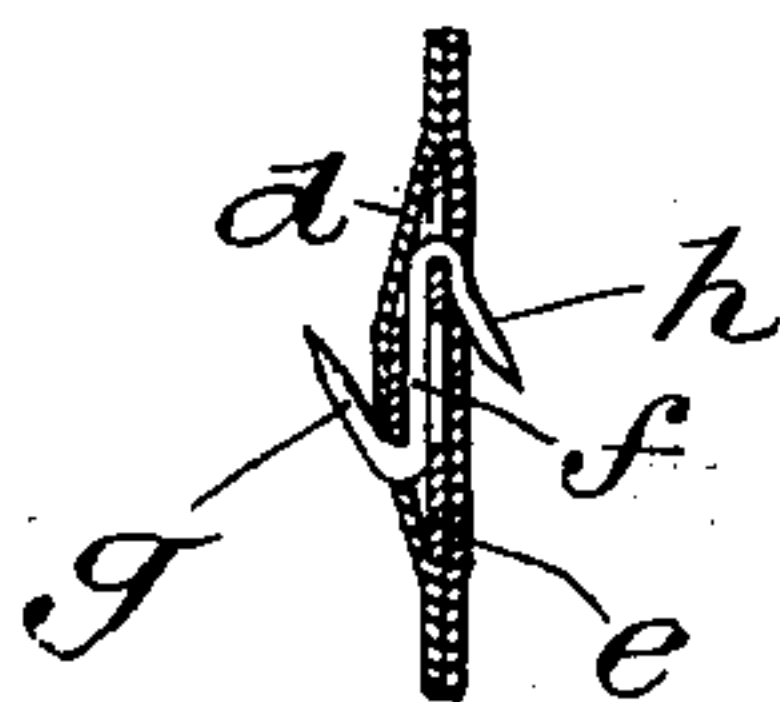
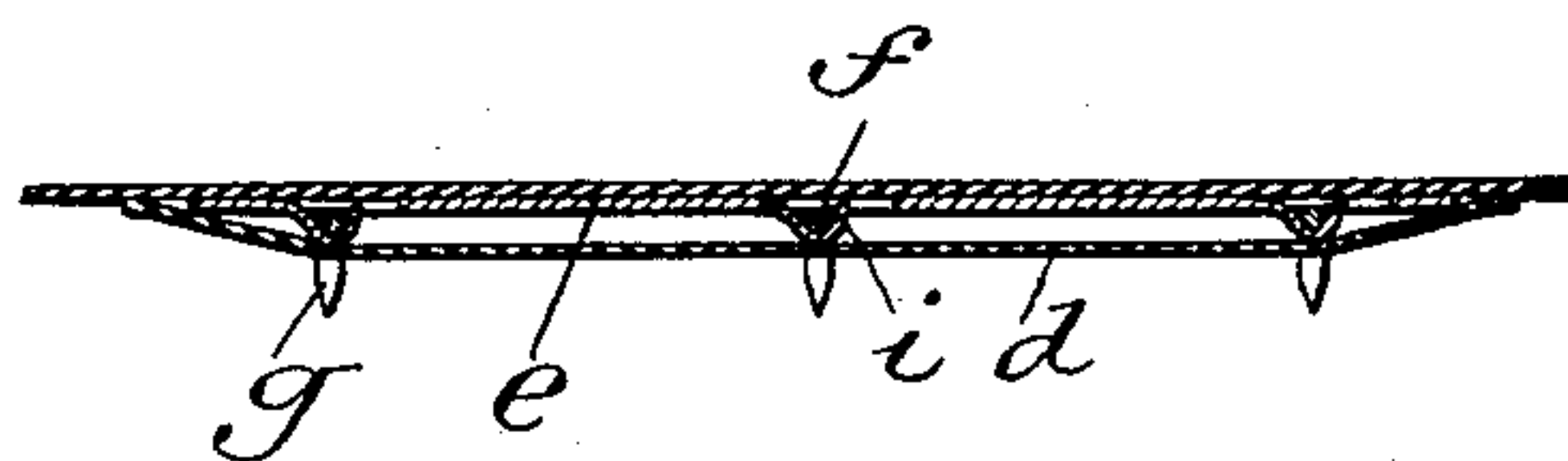


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK W. TUCKER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Milford, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in a Combined Waist-Holder and Skirt-Supporter, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to certain improvements in combined waist-holders and skirt-supporters, the object being to provide a device of the above character which will be very simple in construction, positive in action, and which may be very readily attached and removed.

My invention consists in a combined waist-holder and skirt-supporter comprising a flexible belt, which is fitted to be inserted between the waist and skirt and provided with a concealed metallic plate, which plate has secured thereto a plurality of double hooks so arranged that their opposite ends project through the front and back of the belt in opposite directions for engaging the skirt and the waist.

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

Figure 1 represents in perspective my improved waist-holder and skirt-supporter. Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail view of the outer face of the belt, a portion of the same being broken away to show the means for securing one of the double retaining-hooks to the plate. Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail view of the inner face of the belt, a portion of the belt being broken away to show a reversed view of one of the double hooks and the means for retaining it in position, the upper point of the hook being also broken away. Fig. 4 is a vertical section taken in the plane of the line A A of Fig. 2, and Fig. 5 is a horizontal section taken in the plane of the line B B of Fig. 2.

The belt portion of the waist-holder and skirt-supporter is denoted by *a*, and it may be provided with a suitable buckle *b* at one end arranged to removably engage the other end of the belt for securing the belt around the waist of the wearer. A pocket *c* is formed at the back of the belt, preferably by stitching an additional strip of fabric *d* around its mar-

ginal edges thereto. A metallic plate *e* is embedded within the pocket *c*, which plate is provided with a plurality of double hooks. In the present instance three of these double hooks are shown, each hook comprising a body portion *f*, having a point *g* extended upwardly from the lower end of the body portion through the outer face of the belt for engaging the skirt and another point *h* extending downwardly from the upper end of the body portion through the inner face of the belt for engaging the waist. Each of these hooks is secured against movement to the plate *e* in the following manner: A tongue *i* is struck from the plate, which tongue is caused to engage the body portion *f* of the hook intermediate its points. A recess *j* is formed in one edge of the plate adjacent to the tongue *i*, in the present instance through the upper edge of the plate. The upper point *h* is passed through the recess *j* and is bent snugly into engagement with the plate at the base of the point, so as to prevent the double hook from turning. The double hook is prevented from shifting longitudinally, for the reason that the tongue *i* engages the body portion *f* of the hook down to a point adjacent to the base of the upwardly-extended point *g*.

In operation the belt is fastened around the wearer between the material of the waist and the material of the skirt, and the downwardly-extended points *h* of the double hooks are caused to engage the waist, while the upwardly-extended points *g* are caused to engage the skirt, thus holding the waist and skirt together and also concealing the belt.

It will be seen that in my improvement the waist and skirt are engaged by the opposite points of the same hook, thus insuring a secure connection between the two in a single line. It will furthermore be seen that the plate is entirely protected from contact with the material either of the waist or the skirt, thus obviating any tendency on the part of the plate to wear or tear the said material.

It is evident that changes might be resorted to in the construction, form, and arrangement of the several parts without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention. Hence I do not wish to limit myself strictly to the structure herein set forth; but

What I claim as my invention is—

A combined waist-holder and skirt-supporter comprising a belt having a pocket formed therein, a plate embedded within the
5 pocket and provided with a plurality of double hooks, each double hook comprising a body portion having a point extended upwardly from the lower end of the body portion through the outer face of the belt for en-
10 gaging the skirt and another point extended downwardly from the upper end of the body portion through the inner face of the belt for engaging the waist, one of the points of the hook being bent snugly into engagement with

the plate at the base of the point to prevent 15 the hook from turning and a tongue struck from the plate engaging the body portion of the hook to a point adjacent to the base of the other point to prevent the hook from shifting longitudinally, substantially as set forth. 20

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 3d day of May, 1901.

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