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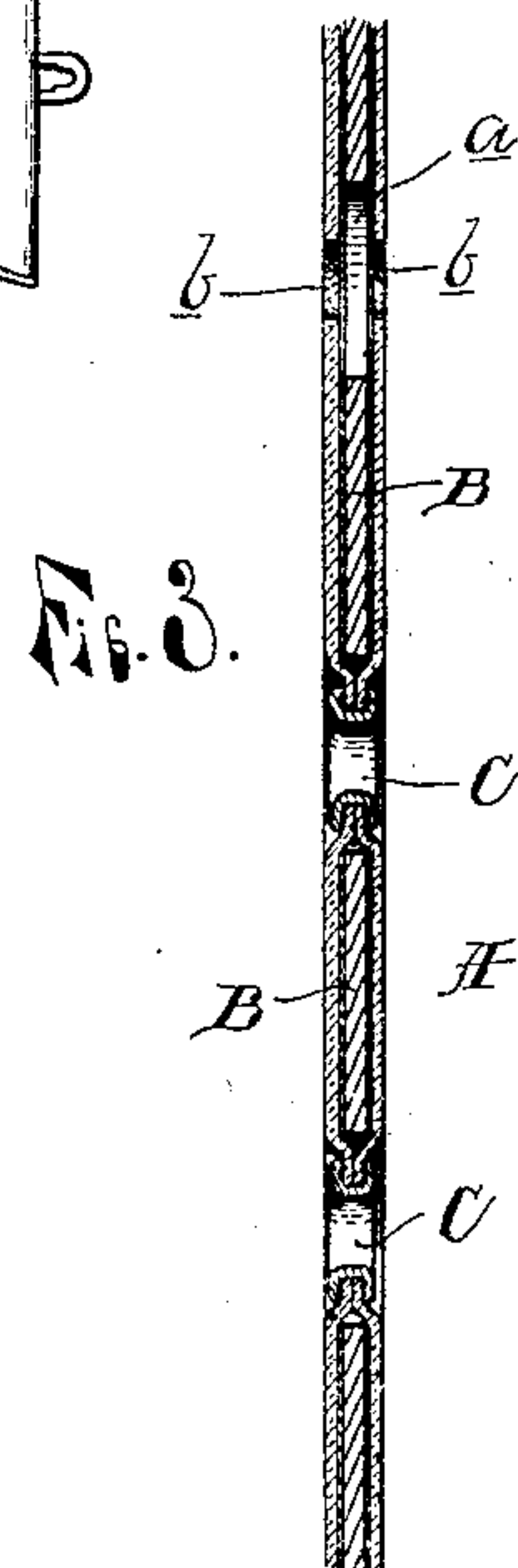
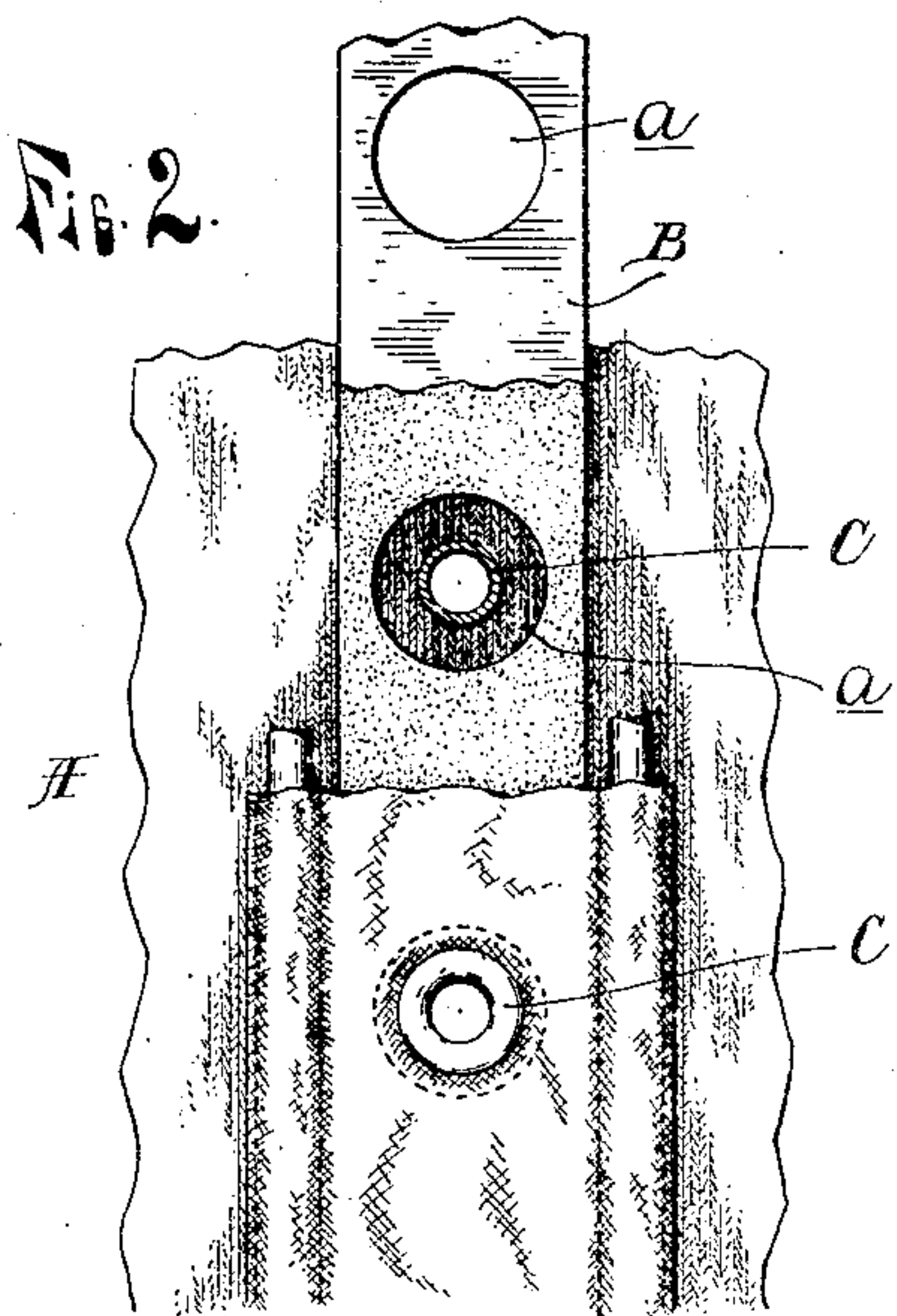
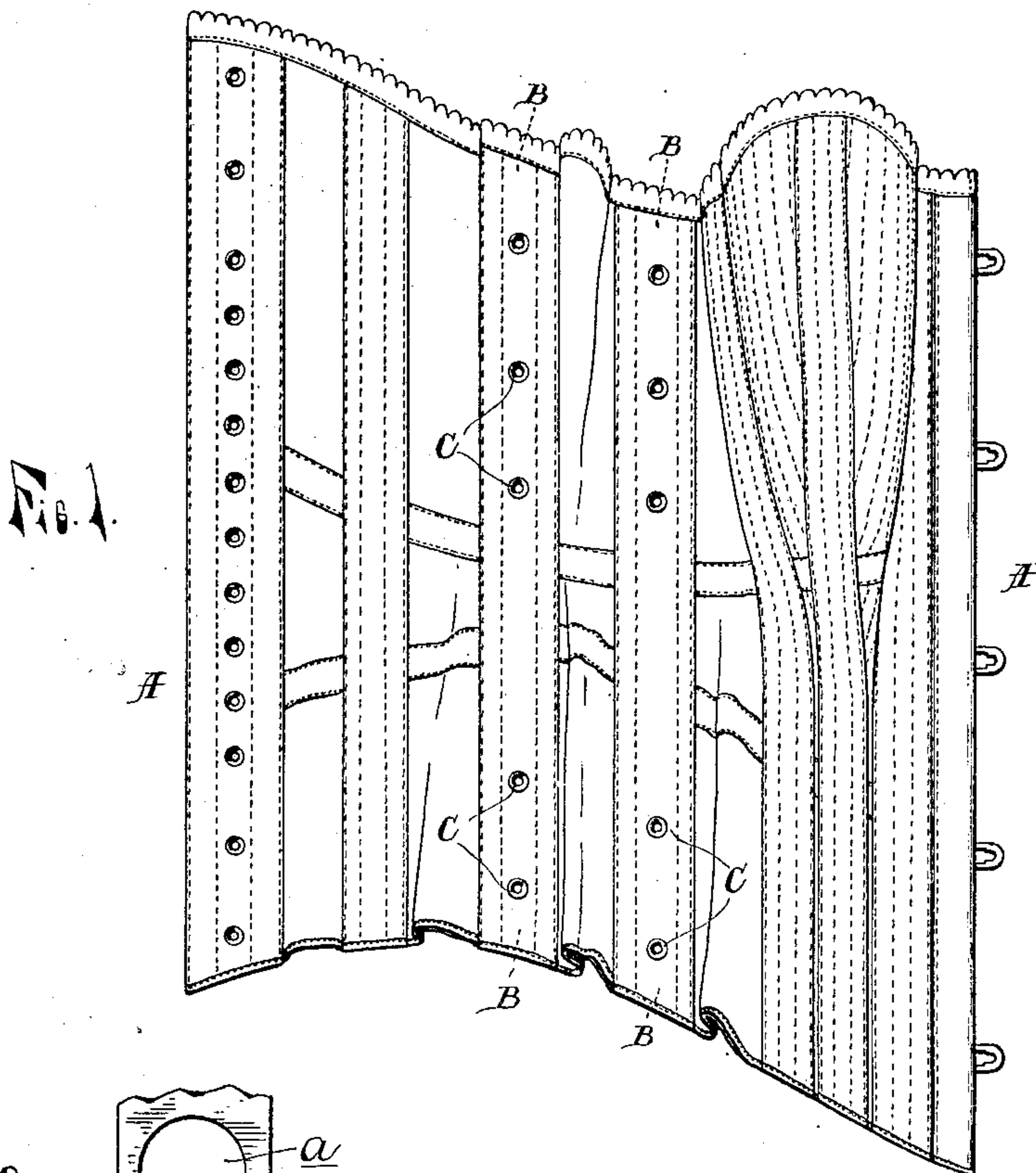
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLOTTE A. O'LOAN, 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 Corsets, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention relates to means for securing dress or corset steels in garments with particular reference to securing them against endwise movement to prevent them from cutting through and working out of the garment to the discomfort of the wearer.

15 My invention is designed and applicable to wearing-apparel in general, and particularly to corsets; and it consists in the novel manner of securing the corset-steels in the body by means of eyelets passing through coincident perforations in the corset-steel and in the fabric inclosing the same and secured in said perforations by being struck down upon the edges of the perforations of the fabric only; the perforations in the steel being larger than the eyelets, whereby the eyelets are wholly within the perforations of the corset-steel, all as more fully hereinafter described in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which—

30 Figure 1 is an elevation of one-half of a corset, showing my invention as applied to the side steels of a corset. Fig. 2 is a detached enlarged elevation of one of the side steels with the inclosing fabric partly broken away. Fig. 3 is a vertical central section through Fig. 2.

40 A represents one-half of the body of the corset, and B B represent two corset-steels vertically secured in suitable pockets in the body by means of eyelets C. To this end the steels are provided with perforations *a* and the body with coincident perforations *b*; but while the latter are only of a diameter suitably large to permit the passage of the shanks of the eyelets the perforations in the steel are large enough to admit the whole of the eyelet after it is struck down. The eyelets being secured in the perforations of the fabric and struck down will thus be entirely within the perforations of the steel and only clamp together the edges of the perforations in the fabric. A skilled person will readily see that this manner of fastening is substantially different from the old way of securing

the parts together by eyelets held rigidly in the perforations of the steel and clamping the fabric to the steel and that my improved construction makes not only a superior fastening, requiring fewer eyelets, but does away with the appearance of any frayed edges of the fabric around the eyelets, which are frequently produced where the eyelets are secured in the old way.

There are other advantages besides, one of which is that the heads of the eyelets are brought to a level with the body of the corset instead of projecting, as in the old way of securing them. This is an advantage to the manufacturer in the finishing process and makes a smoother and neater finish, while at the same time the eyelets do not press against the body or rub against the cloth in wearing, as they otherwise do where tight lacing is resorted to.

75 In applying my invention to the construction of supports for corsets or garments generally it may be manufactured and sold as a new article composed of a pocket of suitable fabric with the steel secured therein in the manner described, and when I say "steel" I mean any article in the nature of a corset-steel.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. In a corset, a side support composed of one or more corset-steels lying within a vertical pocket or pockets in the sides of the corset, and eyelets passing through said pocket or pockets and through the steel or steels therein and turned down upon the fabric of the pockets only, the steel or steels being provided with perforations larger than the eyelets and said eyelets wholly contained within said perforations.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a corset-steel inclosed within a pocket and secured therein against displacement by means of eyelets passing through the fabric of the pocket and through perforations in the steel, said perforations being larger than the eyelets and the eyelets being turned down upon the fabric only and wholly within the perforations in the steel.

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

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