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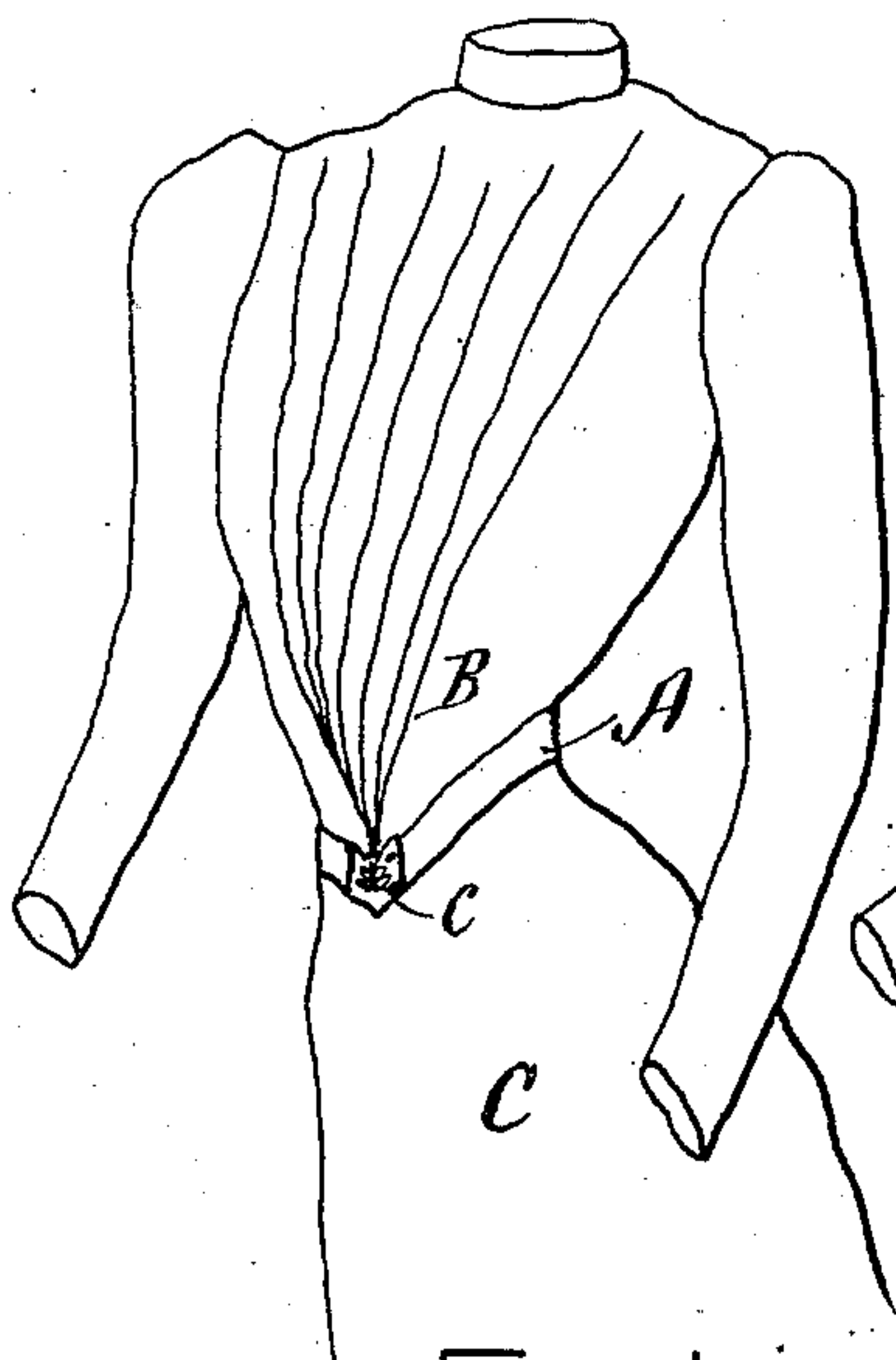


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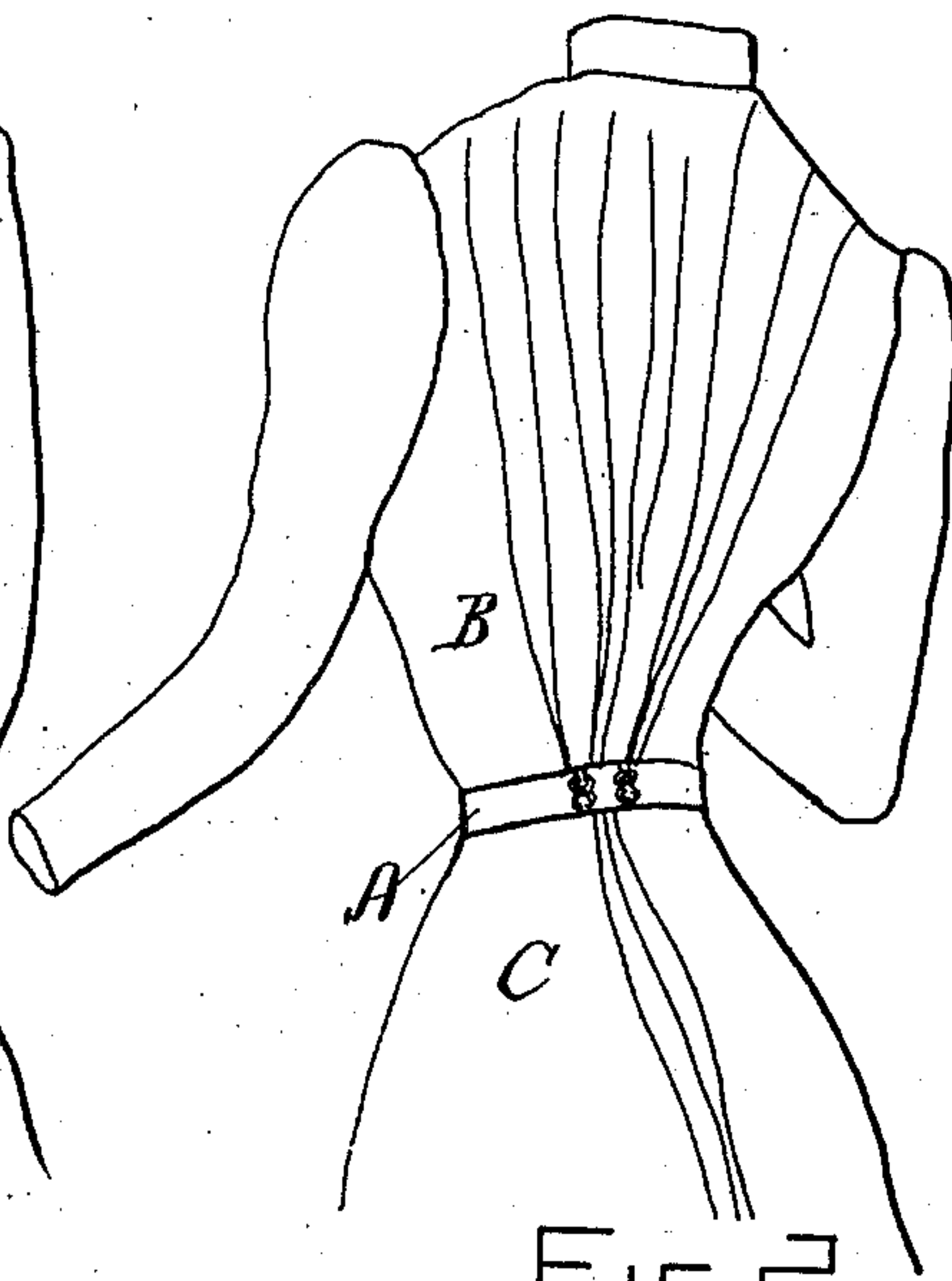


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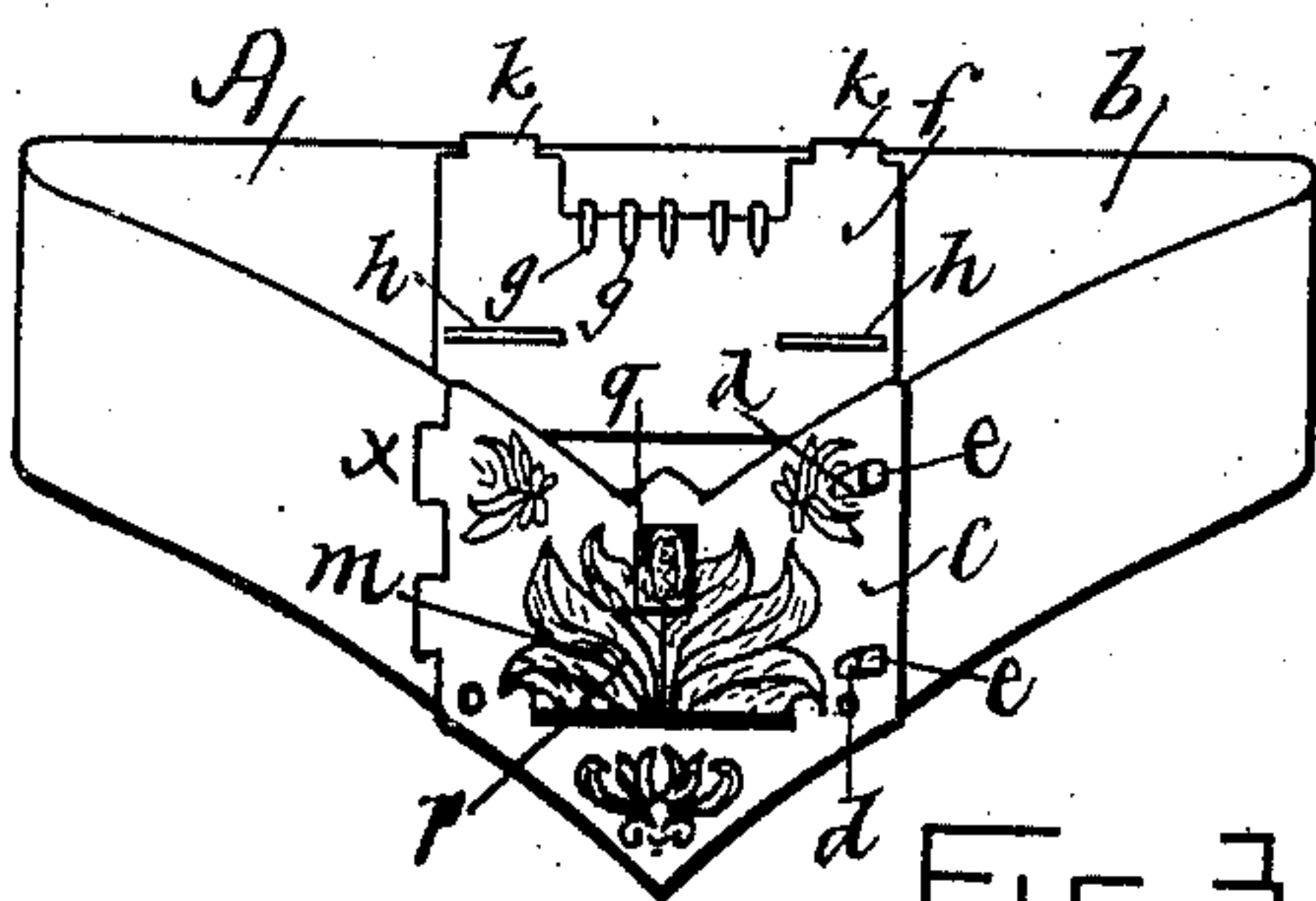


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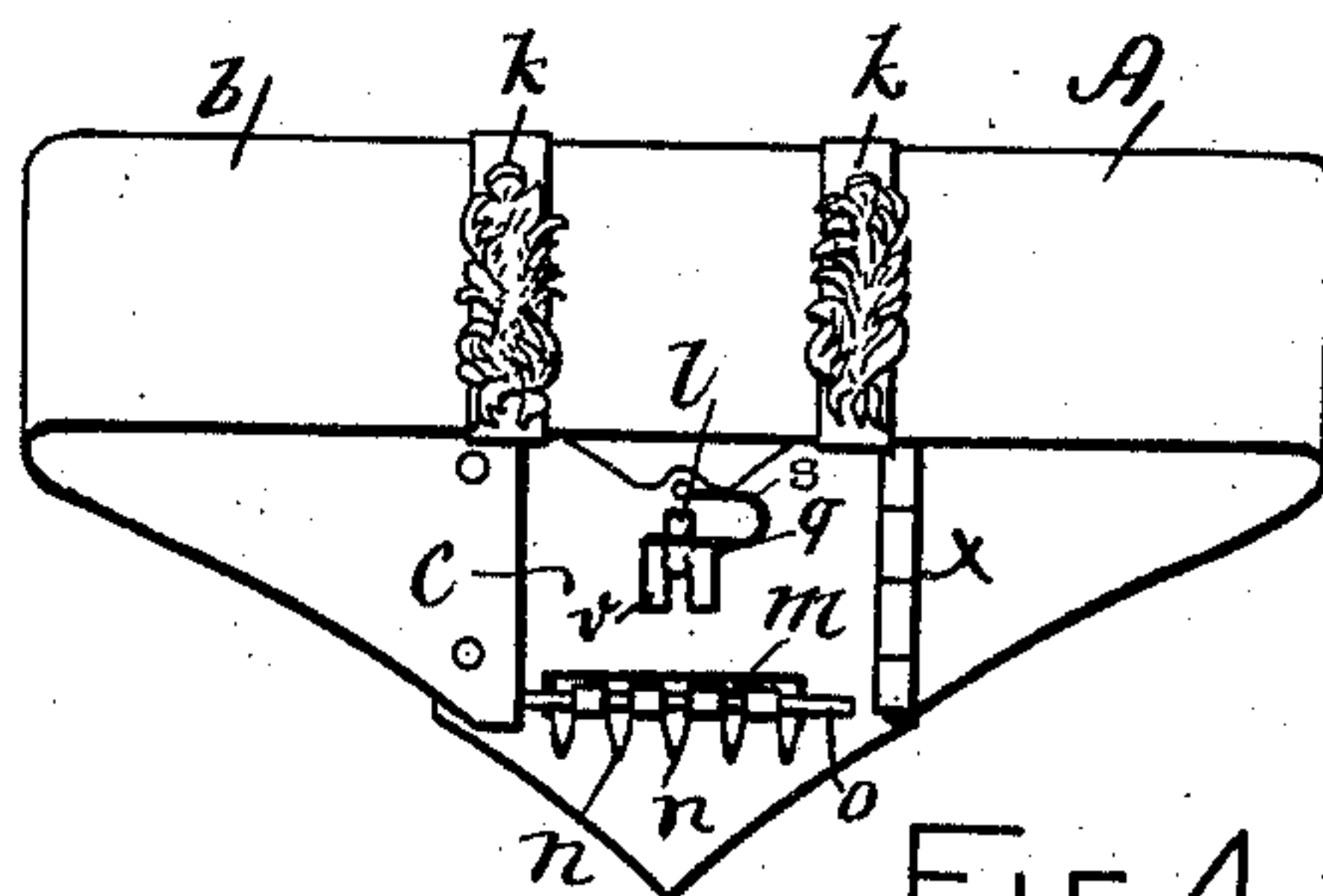


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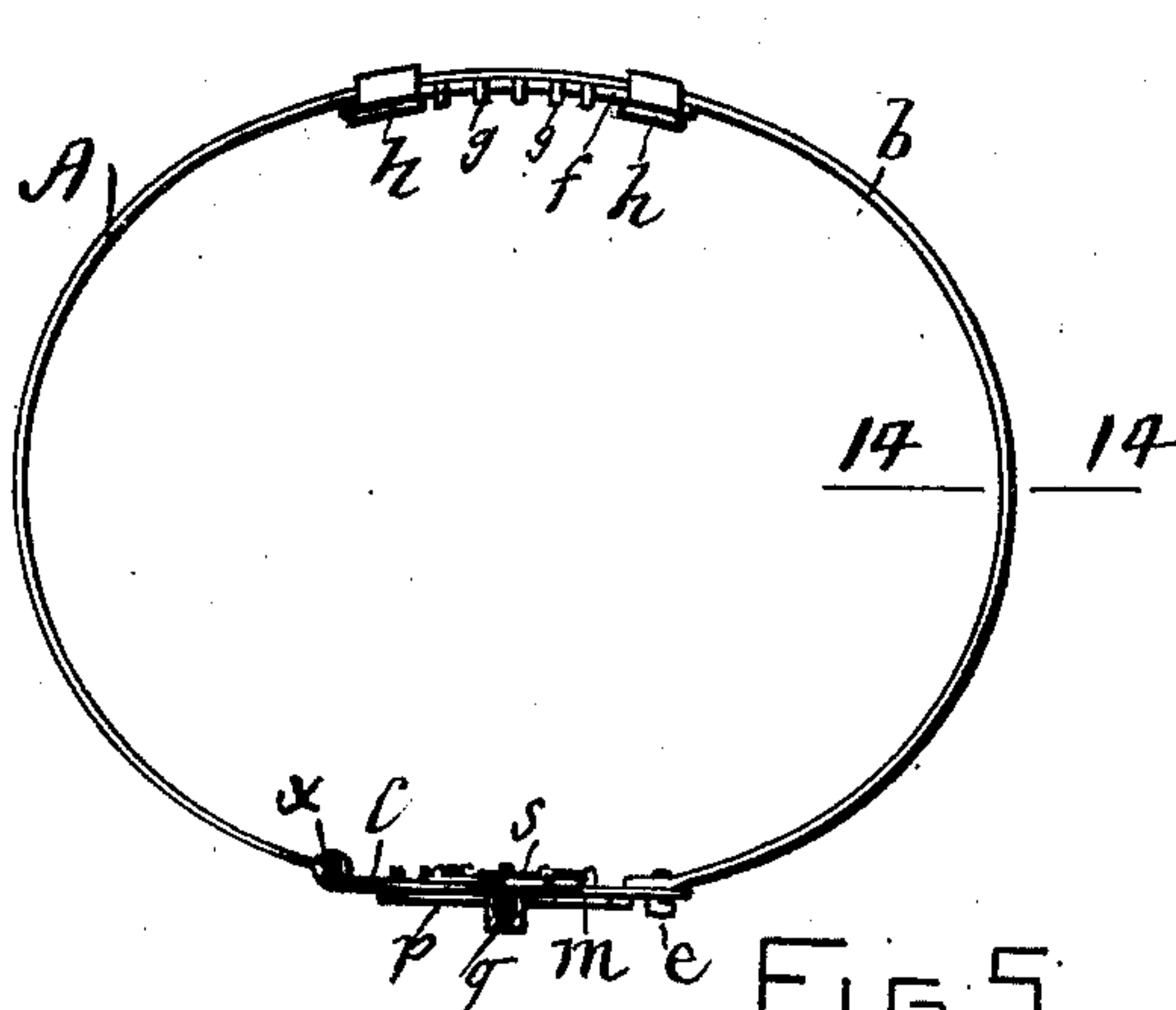


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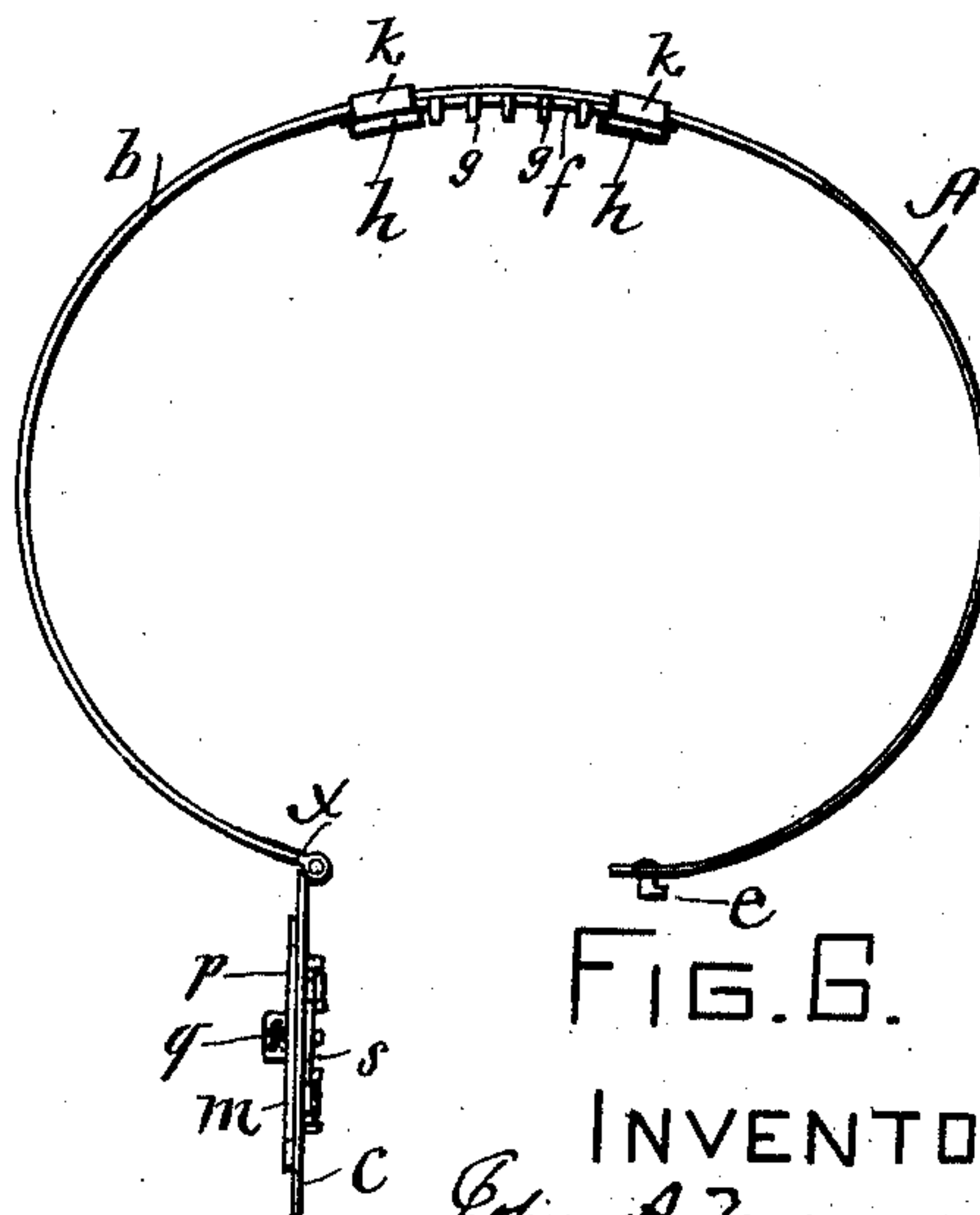


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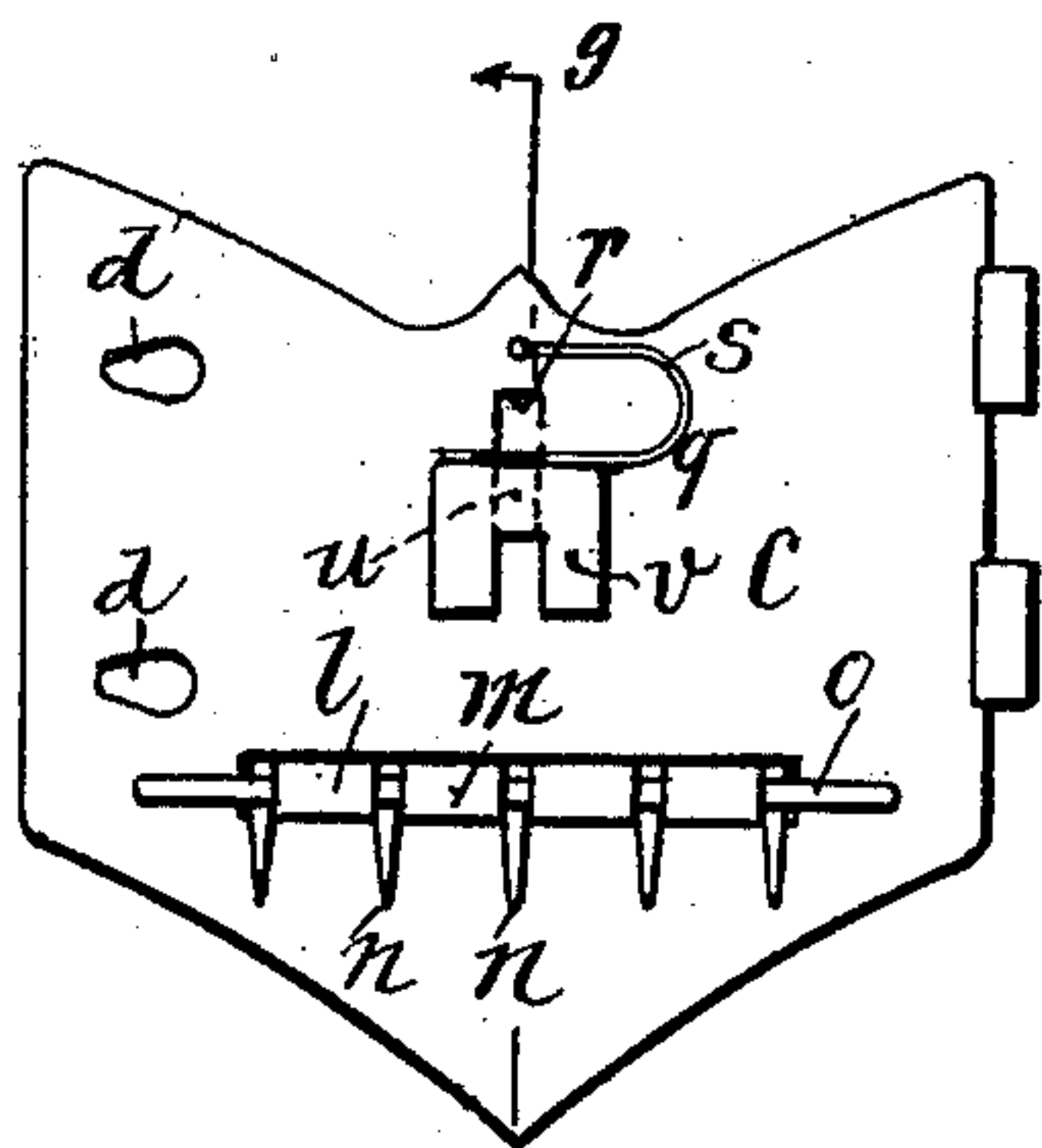


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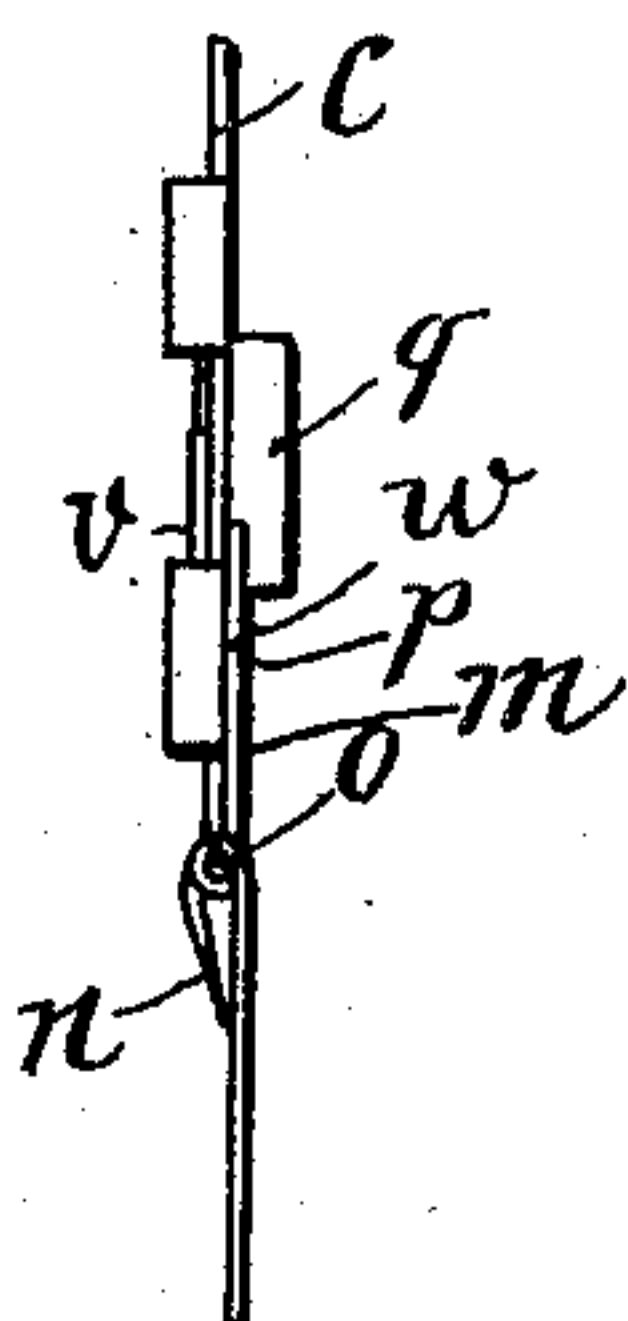


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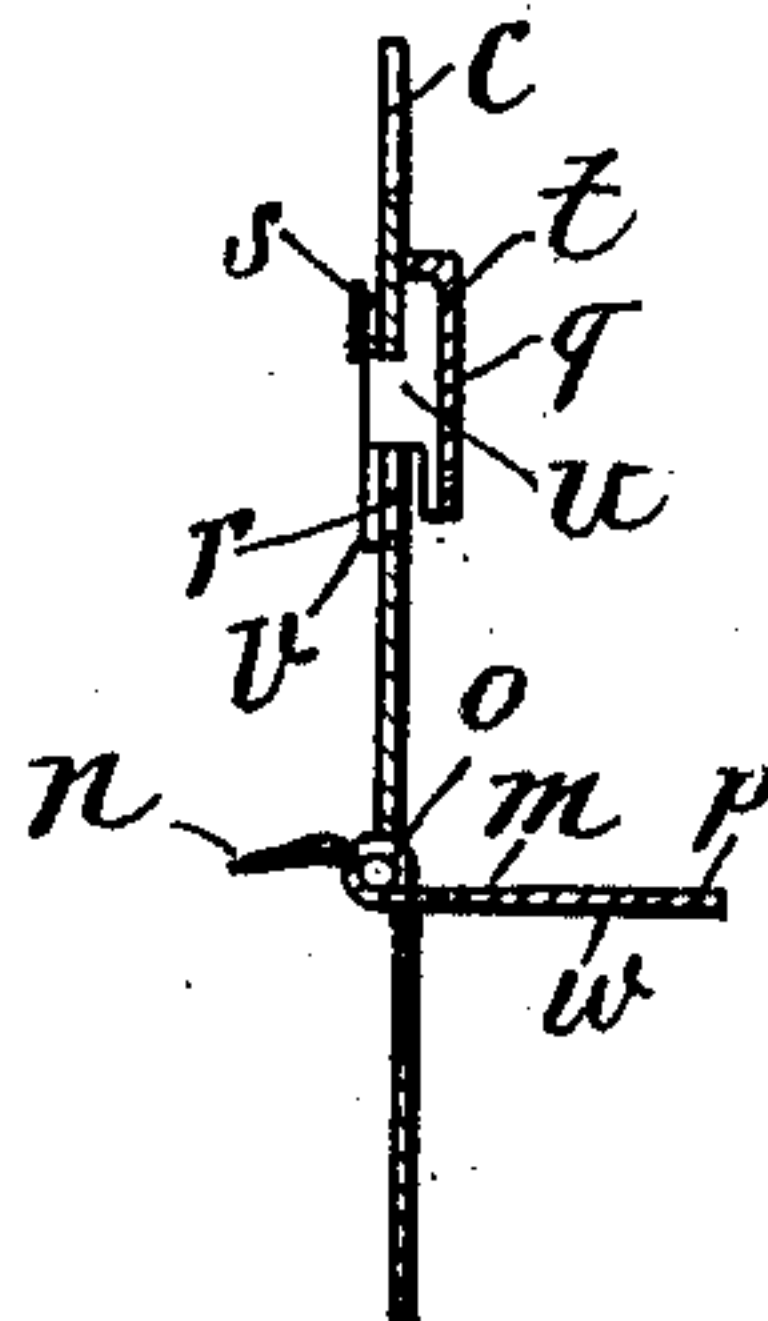


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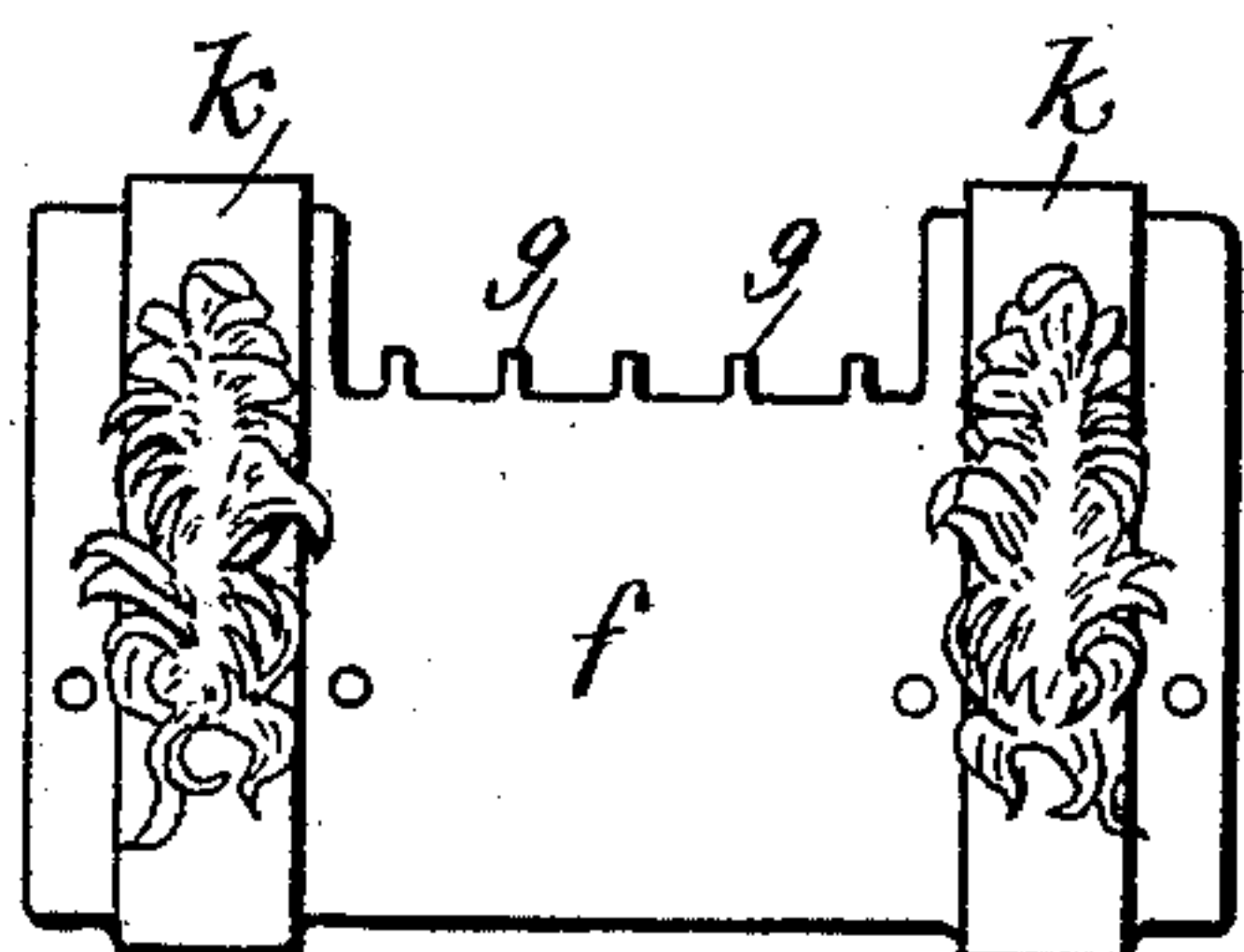


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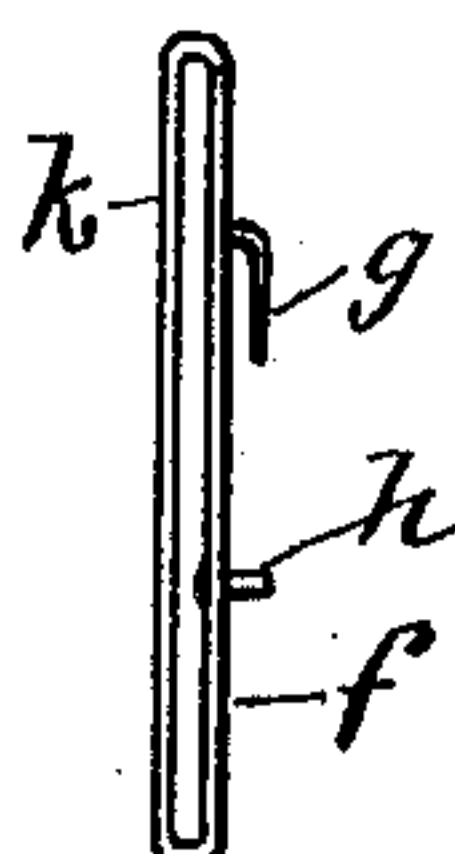


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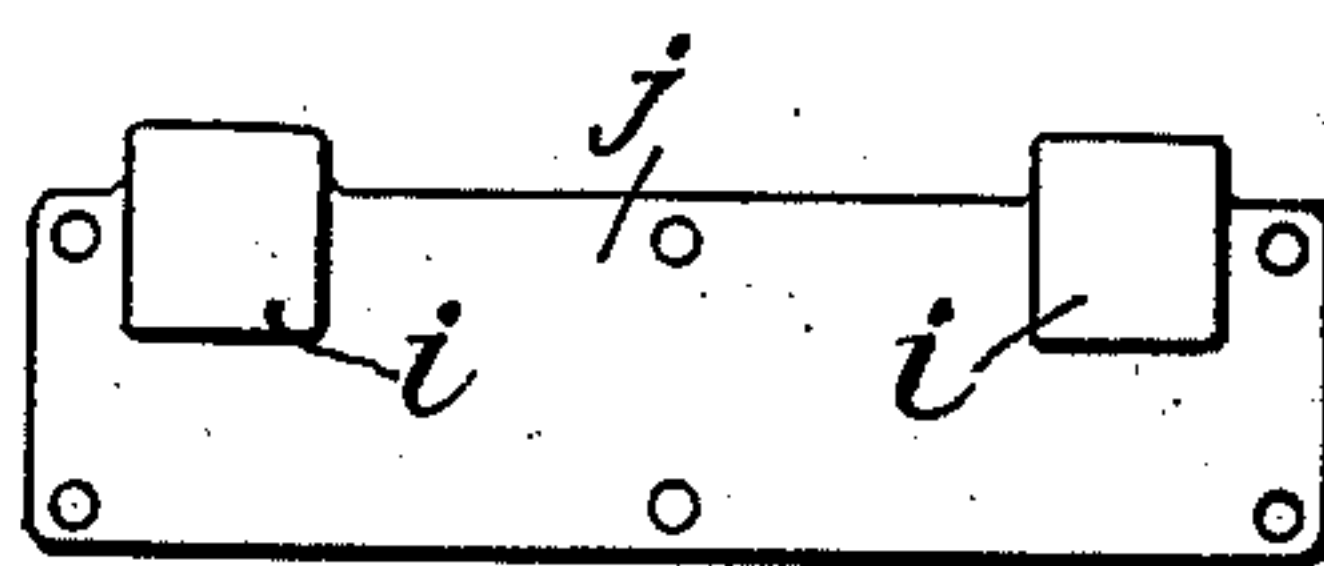


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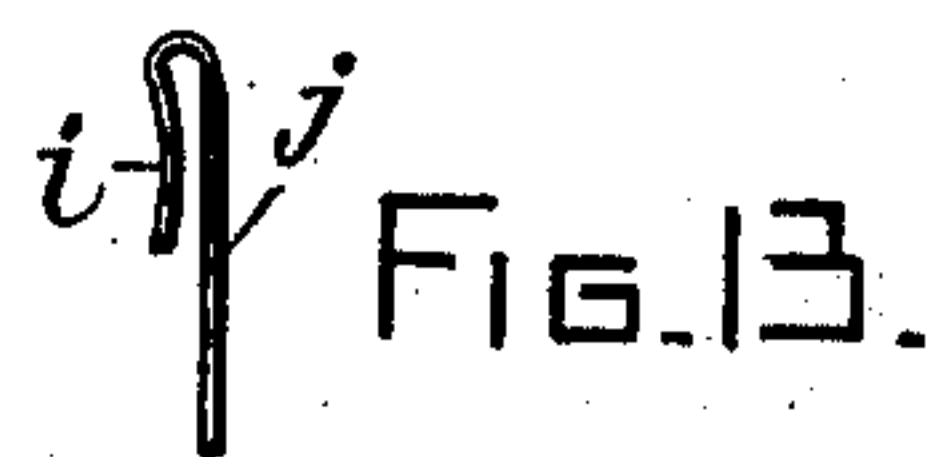


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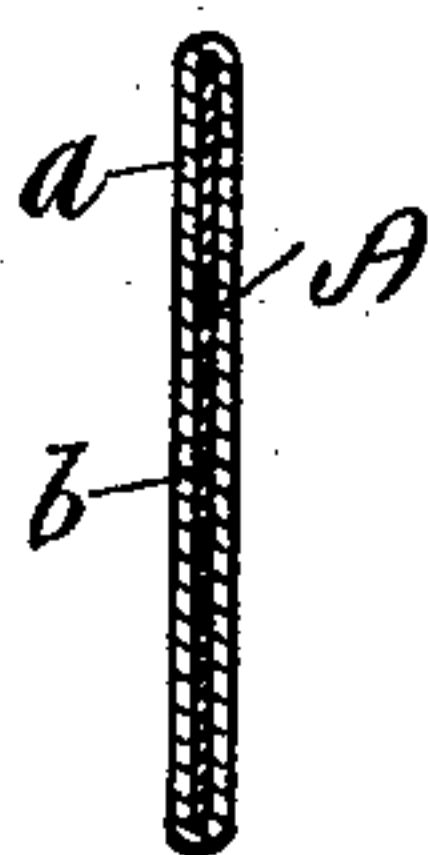


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## APPAREL-BELT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN A. TESSMER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Ladies' Belts, of which the following is a specification.

The nature of my invention consists in a lady's belt made of covered sheet metal provided at its front with a hinged clasp having a hook-lever connected therewith for engaging the shirt-waist of the wearer and provided at its rear with both skirt and shirt-waist engaging means, as hereinafter fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a front view of the belt applied to the body of the wearer. Fig. 2 represents a rear view of the same. Fig. 3 represents a front view of the belt in its closed condition. Fig. 4 represents a rear view of the same. Fig. 5 represents a top view of the belt in its closed condition. Fig. 6 represents a top view of the same in its opened condition. Fig. 7 represents an enlarged view of the inner side of the hinged clasp-plate removed from the belt. Fig. 8 represents an edge view of the same with the hook-lever in its closed condition. Fig. 9 represents a section taken in the line 9 9 of Fig. 7, showing the hook-lever in its opened condition. Fig. 10 represents the outside view of the hook-plate for the back portion of the belt. Fig. 11 represents an end view of the same. Fig. 12 represents the inner side view of a hook-plate to be attached to the band of the skirt for the proper connection of the skirt with the hook-plate of the belt. Fig. 13 represents an edge view of the same. Fig. 14 represents an enlarged section taken in the line 14 14 of Fig. 5, showing a covering upon the metallic band.

In the drawings, A represents the belt, which is formed of a band of sheet metal *b*, the ends of which are connected with each other by means of the clasp-plate *c*, hinged to one of the ends *x* of the band and engaging with the hooks *e e* upon the other end by means of the perforations *d d*, and at the rear of the belt is placed the hook-carrying plate *f*, the said plate being provided at its upper edge with the inwardly-turned hooks

*g g*, which are adapted for engagement with the shirt-waist B of the wearer and also provided with the wire eyes *h h*, adapted to receive the hooks *i i* of the metal piece *j*, which is to be secured to the band of the skirt C, and by means of the wire eyes *h h* and the hooks *i i* the band of the skirt C is to be attached to the belt, the bands *k k* at the back of the plate *f* constituting a metallic ornament for the back of the belt, which latter may be provided with a covering *a*, of cloth, leather, or other suitable material, as shown in Fig. 14. The hinged clasp-plate *c* is provided with the slot-opening *l*, through which is passed the hook-lever *m*, adapted for holding down the shirt-waist C, the said lever being provided with the engaging teeth *n* and pivoted to the plate *c* upon the pivot-wire *o*, and when the lever *m* is turned to the closed position, as shown in Figs. 7 and 8, the arm *p* of the lever is to be engaged and held in position by means of the sliding catch *q*, which is held in the slot *r* in the clasp-plate *c* and forced downward to proper engagement with the arm *p* of the hook-lever by means of the spring *s*. The sliding catch *q* is formed of a hollow ornamented cap *t*, a web portion *u*, which extends through the slot *p*, and a flange portion *v*, by means of which the sliding catch is retained in the slot, and the engaging arm *q* of the hook-lever is formed of the ornamented plate *w*, with which the sliding catch engages.

I claim as my invention—

1. In a lady's belt, the combination of the downwardly-turned metallic band and the hinged downwardly-pointed clasp-plate, with the hook-lever adapted for engagement with the shirt-waist of the wearer, substantially as described.

2. In a lady's belt, the combination of the metallic band, with the hinged clasp-plate provided with the hook-lever adapted for engagement with the shirt-waist of the wearer, and the locking means for the lever, substantially as described.

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