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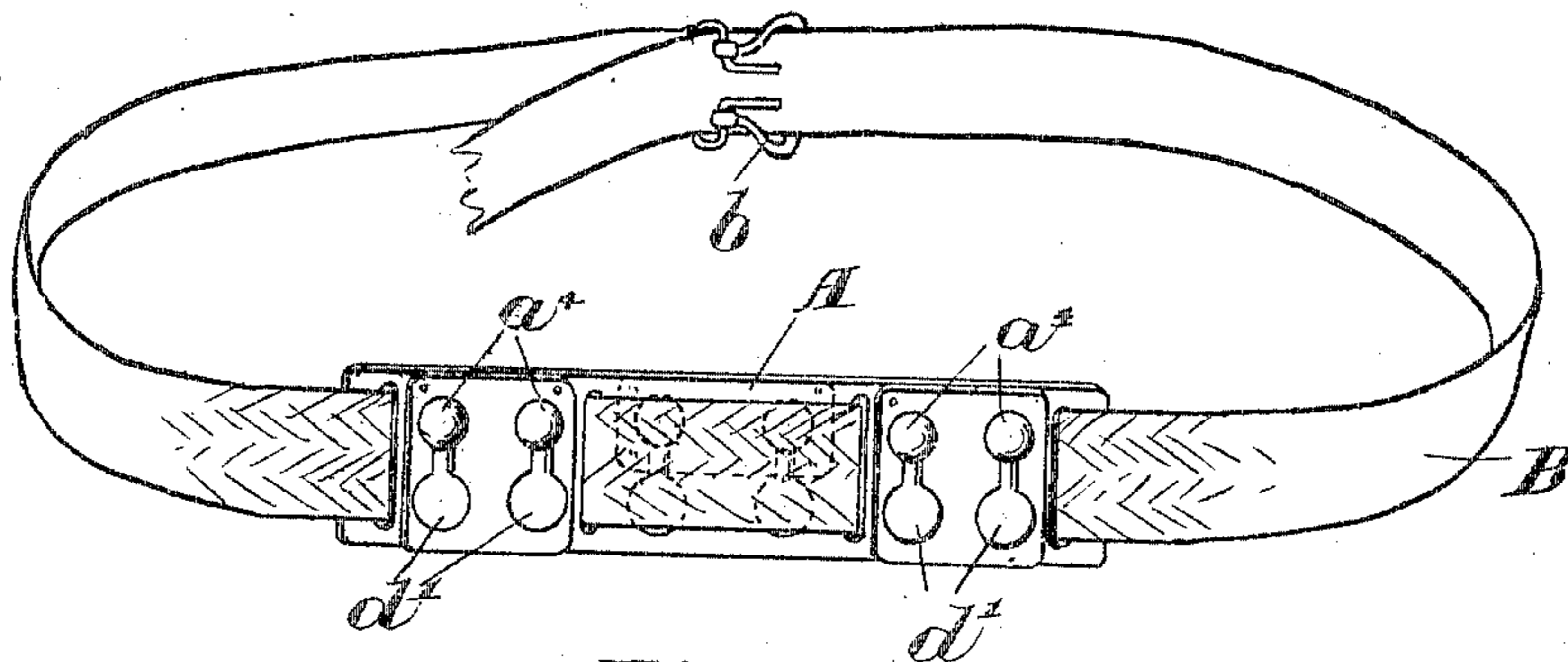


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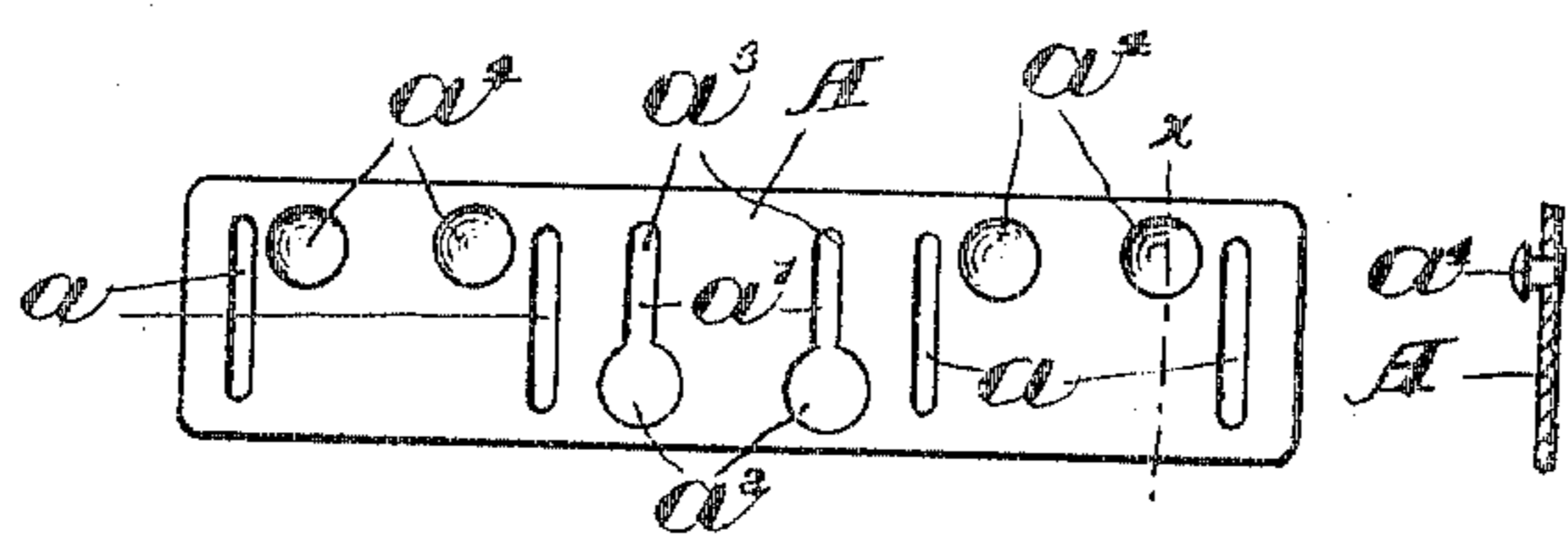


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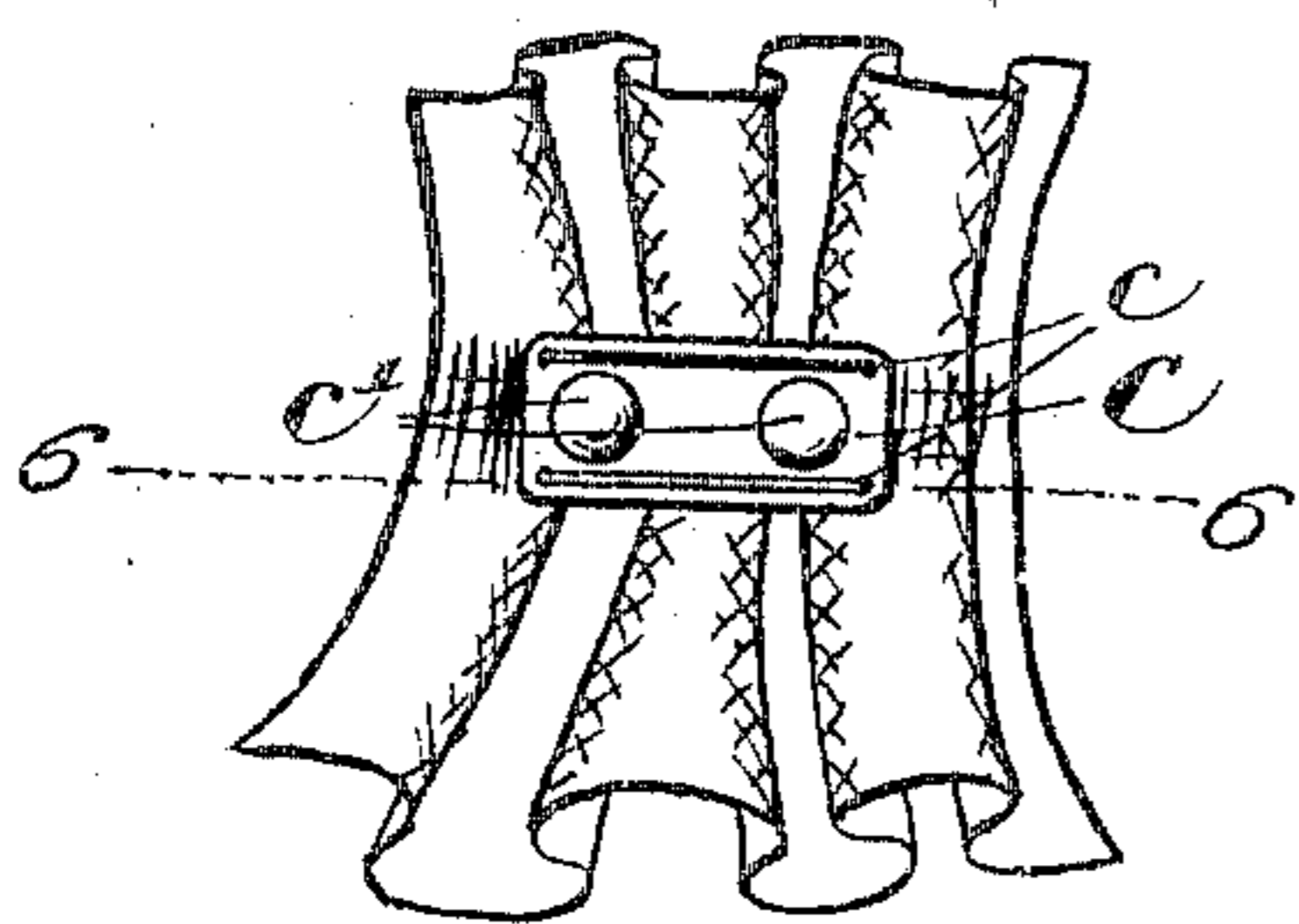


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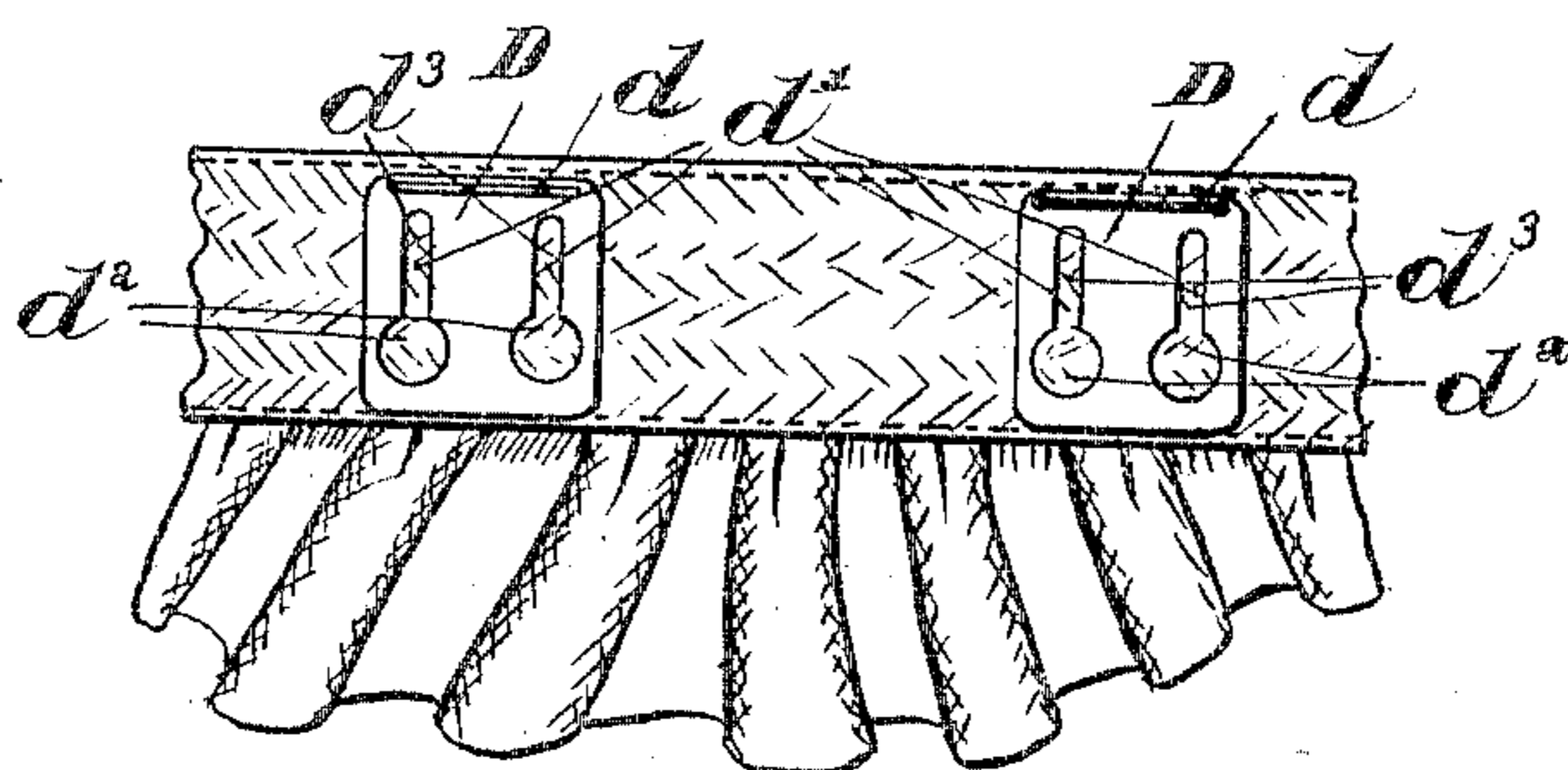
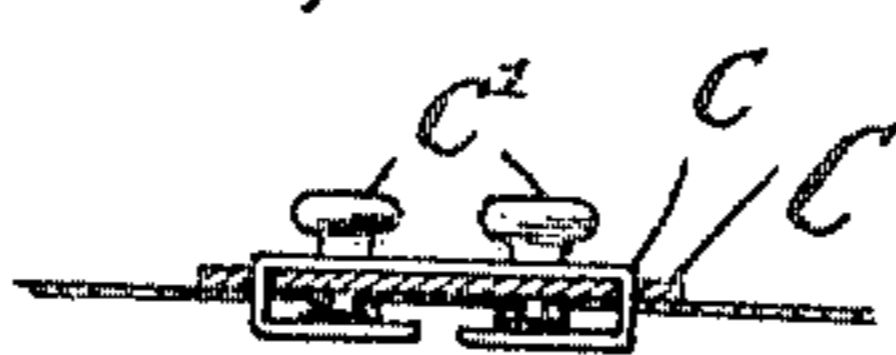


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARGARET A. WILSON, of the city of Toronto, in the county of York, in the Province of Ontario, Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Shirt-Waist Holder and Skirt-Supporter, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in combined shirt-waist holders and skirt-supporters; and the objects of the invention are to devise a simple, cheap, and convenient device whereby the lower portion of the waist may be held down and the upper portion of the back of the skirt may be supported, further objects being to make the device neat and readily adjusted; and it consists, essentially, of a main plate and a subsidiary plate or plates adapted to be secured to the waist and a plate or plates adapted to be secured to the skirt, means provided on the waist-plate and on the skirt-plate, as also on the central or main plate for securing the plates together, said means consisting of slots and corresponding studs arranged as hereinafter more particularly explained.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the main plate. Fig. 3 is a section through Fig. 2 on the line $x-x$. Fig. 4 is a view of the plate secured to the lower portion of the waist. Fig. 5 is a view of the plates secured to the band or upper portion of the skirt. Fig. 6 is a section on line 6-6 of Fig. 4.

In the drawings like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in each figure.

A represents the main or central plate. This plate is preferably provided with slots a , through which a band or belt B is passed in and out, the ends of the band extending around the waist of the wearer and being suitably secured together by a buckle b or any other suitable device. In the central portion of the plate A slots a' are formed, having enlarged lower portions $a^2 a^2$ and narrow upper portions $a^3 a^3$.

C is the waist-plate. This plate consists of a small piece of sheet metal, which is secured by any suitable means to the lower portion of the shirt-waist or similar garment, the

preferable means consisting of wire fasteners $c c$, which pass through holes in the plate and through the material of which the waist is made, the ends being bent together so as to securely fasten the plate in place.

$c' c'$ are two studs with enlarged heads, which extend outwardly from the plate C and are adapted to be inserted in the enlarged holes $a^2 a^2$ in the central plate A, and when the central plate is pulled down, as herein- after described, the shanks of these studs will slip up the narrow portions $a^3 a^3$ of the slots, thereby securely fastening the waist to the plate A.

D D are plates secured to the waistband or upper portion of the skirt by suitable means, such as the securing-wires d , similar to the wires c ; but the plates D are preferably only secured at their upper ends, so that their lower ends are free to move outwardly. Slots d' are formed in these plates with enlarged lower ends d^2 and narrow upper portions d^3 .

On the central plate A studs a^4 are provided extending outwardly, and these studs are adapted to be inserted in the enlarged lower portions of the slots d' and are then slipped up the narrow portions of the slots, and in this manner the skirt is supported.

The manner of attaching the device is substantially as follows: The plates C and D having been sewed or secured in suitable position on the waist and skirt, respectively, the belt B is placed around the waist with the studs a^4 on the central plate extending outwardly. The studs on the waist-plate are then inserted in the holes $a^2 a^2$, and the studs $a^4 a^4$ are inserted in the slots d^2 . It will thus be seen that the weight of the skirt will pull the central plate A downwardly; but at the same time it will be supported by the waist, and in consequence the waist will be held down and the skirt will be supported in a simple and convenient manner. It may also be pointed out that when the various plates have been secured in place on their respective garments they need not be removed, and consequently when once adjusted they are always adjusted, and there will not be the inconvenience of adjusting the skirt and waist every time they are put on, as is necessary when pins, buckles,

or such devices are used which are not secured to a definite and proper part of the waist or skirt, as the case may be.

It is to be understood that certain changes
5 in the details of this device might be made without departing from the spirit of my invention.

What I claim as my invention is—

In a shirt-waist holder and skirt-supporter,
10 the combination with the central long plate having two pairs of alined outwardly-extending end studs located toward the top of the plate, two pairs of end slots for threading the belt through the plate and a central pair of
15 fastening-slots, of an inner central plate designed to be fastened at the back of the blouse

and lie close to the inside and within the edge of the long plate and provided with a pair of outwardly-projecting studs designed to be brought through the fastening-slots of the
20 long plate on a line with the studs therein and two skirt-plates fastened at the top to the band of the skirt, one at each side of the opening and provided with pairs of fastening-slots whereby the skirt is hung on the studs of the
25 long plate, all parts being arranged so that the projecting portions are located on the outside thereof as specified.

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