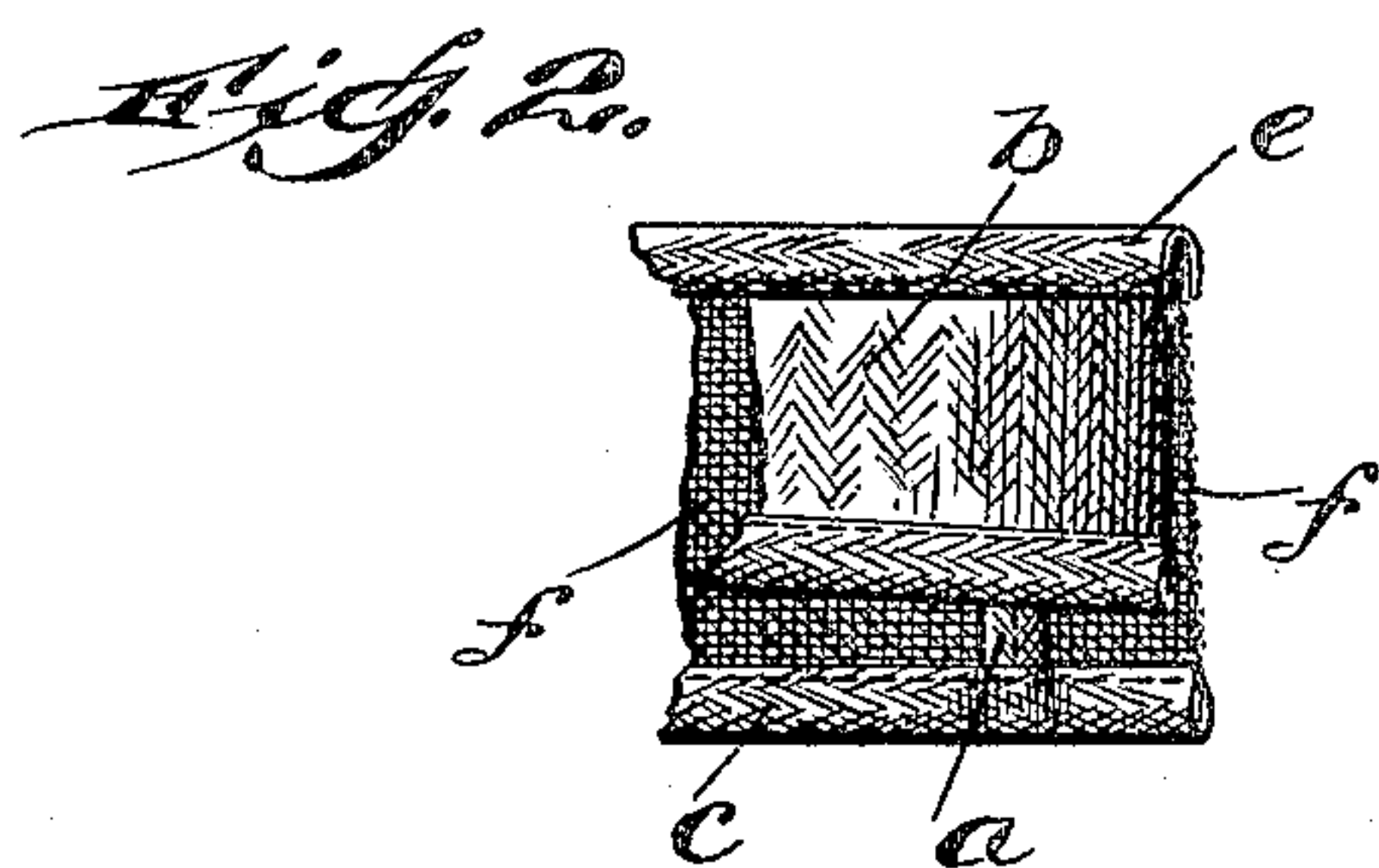
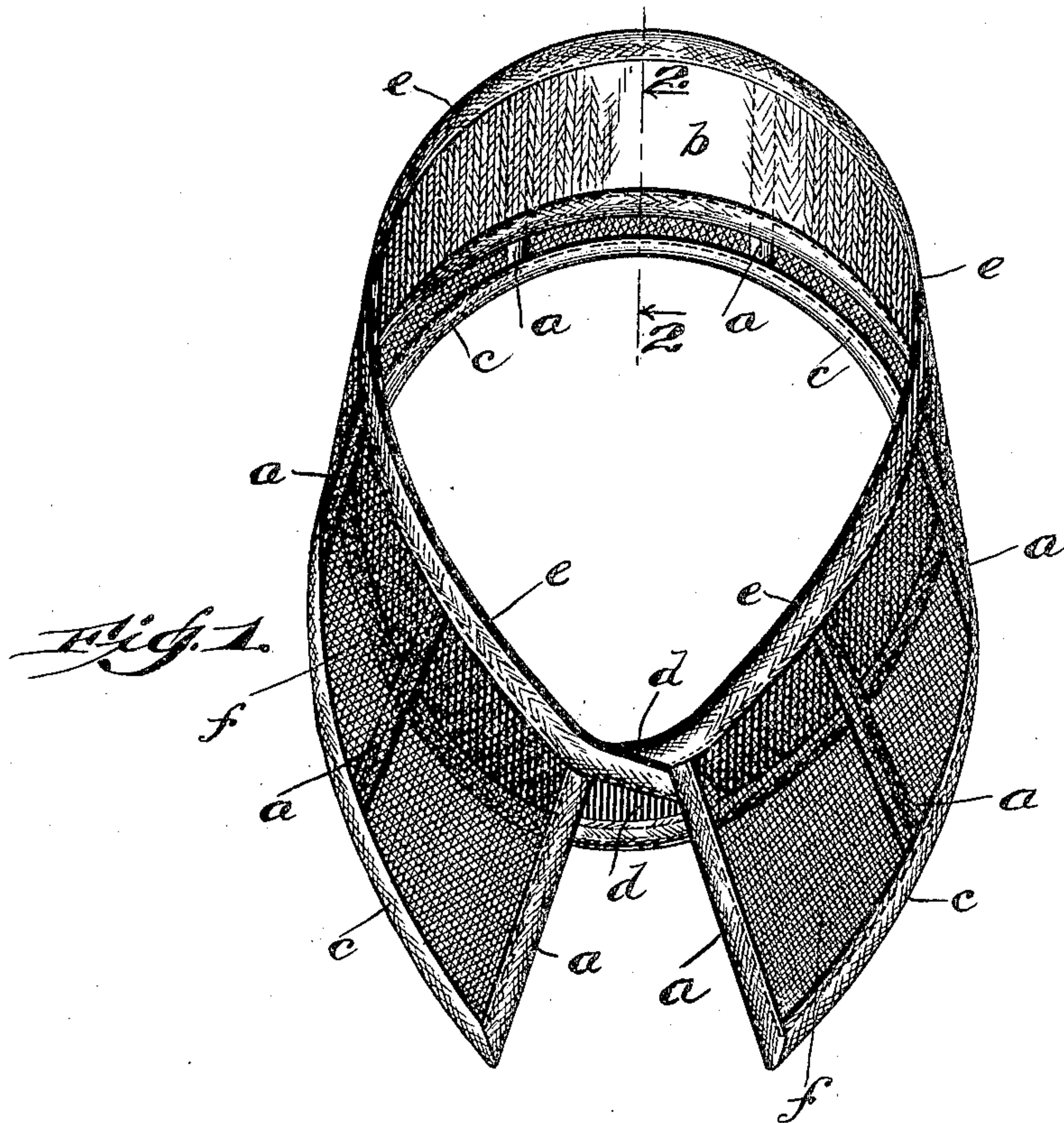


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID POTTS, a citizen
of the United States, residing at Three Oaks,
in the county of Berrien, State of Michigan,
5 have invented a new and useful Collar-Foun-
dation, of which the following is a specifica-
tion.

My invention relates to an improvement in
collars or collar-foundations of that class par-
10 ticularly adapted for women's wear, and has
for its object the providing of an article of the
turn-over type which will be light in weight,
open, cool, and of a character to be unaffected
15 by heat and moisture from the person of
the wearer. I accomplish this object by the
means hereinafter set forth.

In the following I have described, with ref-
erence to the accompanying drawings, a struc-
ture embodying and illustrating one form of
20 my invention, the features thereof being
more particularly pointed out hereinafter in
the claims.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the struc-
ture described; and Fig. 2 is a view, partly in
25 section, along the line 2 2 of Fig. 1 looking in
the direction of the arrows.

Similar letters of reference indicate similar
parts throughout both the views.

The collar-foundation described comprises,
30 primarily, a series of upwardly-extending
stiffening-strips *a*, attached at the top to a
downwardly-extending circumferential flexi-
ble piece or flap *b*. A bottom band *c*, prefer-
ably of stiffening material, may be disposed
35 substantially parallel to the top edge of the
foundation and fastened to the lower ends of
the upwardly-extending strips *a* by any suit-
able means, such as a line of stitching. The
length of the strips *a* and their angle of in-
40 clination is adapted to the height and shape
of the foundation desired. The downwardly-
extending flexible piece or flap *b*, preferably
of textile fabric and provided with lapping
tabs *d d*, is adapted to act as a means for at-
45 taching the foundation to the garment and to
assist in maintaining the shape of the founda-
tion. The flap *b* is attached by its upper
edge to the upper ends of strips *a* by any suit-
able means, such as a line of stitching. A top
50 band *e*, preferably of stiffening material con-
forming in shape to the top of the foundation,
may be provided, to which both the upper
ends of the strips *a* and the upper edge of the

downwardly-extending flexible piece or flap
b may be attached. The upper and lower 55
edges and the ends of the foundation and the
edges of the flap *b* may be bound by any suit-
able material, the same line of stitching
which serves to unite the several parts to-
gether being utilized to fasten the binding on, 60
if desired. The foundation may be covered
with a fabric *f* of any desired texture, as illus-
trated, either to serve as additional means
for fastening a covering of ribbon or lace to
the same or in itself to complete the collar- 65
foundation, as desired. It is obvious that a
ribbon or tie may be inserted between the up-
wardly-extending strips *a* and the down-
wardly-extending flap *b*, the ends of the tie
being brought together and tied in front, thus 70
concealing the flap *b* and making an article of
attractive and ornamental appearance, or
the foundation itself may be covered with
ribbon or lace, according to the fancy of the
wearer. 75

I have shown the downwardly-extending
flap *b* as being wider in the back than in the
front, where it narrows to form the tabs *d d*;
but said form is not necessary in the practice
of the invention. 80

I do not restrict myself to the details as
shown and described, as it is obvious that
they may be considerably varied without de-
parting from the spirit of my invention.

Having described my invention, what I 85
claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent
of the United States, is—

1. A collar-foundation comprising a series of
upwardly-extending stiffening-strips spaced
apart from each other and attached at the 90
top to a downwardly-extending flexible flap,
substantially as described.

2. A collar-foundation comprising a series of
upwardly-extending stiffening-strips spaced
apart from each other and attached at the 95
top to a downwardly-extending flexible flap
of textile fabric, substantially as described.

3. A collar-foundation comprising a bot-
tom band, a series of upwardly-extending
stiffening-strips fastened thereto and attached 100
at the top to a downwardly-extending flexi-
ble flap, substantially as described.

4. A collar-foundation comprising a bot-
tom band of stiffening material, a series of
upwardly-extending stiffening-strips fas- 105
tened thereto and attached at the top to a

downwardly-extending flexible flap, substantially as described.

5 5. A collar-foundation comprising a series of upwardly - extending stiffening - strips, a top band to which the upper ends of the stiffening-strips are fastened and a downwardly-extending flexible flap attached at its top to said top band, substantially as described.

10 6. A collar-foundation comprising a series of upwardly-extending stiffening-strips, a top band of stiffening material to which the upper ends of the stiffening-strips are fastened and a downwardly-extending flexible flap attached at its top to said top band, substantially as described.

15 7. A collar-foundation comprising a bottom band, a series of upwardly - extending stiffening-strips fastened thereto, a top band and a downwardly - extending flexible flap, 20 the flap and the upwardly-extending stiffening - strips being attached to the top band, substantially as described.

8. A collar-foundation comprising a bot-

tom band, a series of upwardly - extending stiffening-strips fastened thereto, a top band 25 of stiffening material and a downwardly-extending flexible flap, the flap and the upwardly-extending stiffening-strips being attached to the top band, substantially as described.

30 9. A collar-foundation comprising a bottom band of stiffening material, upwardly-extending stiffening-strips attached thereto, a top band of stiffening material to which the upper ends of said stiffening-strips are at- 35 tached and a downwardly-extending flexible flap fastened at its top edge to the top band of stiffening material, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed 40 my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

DAVID POTTS.

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