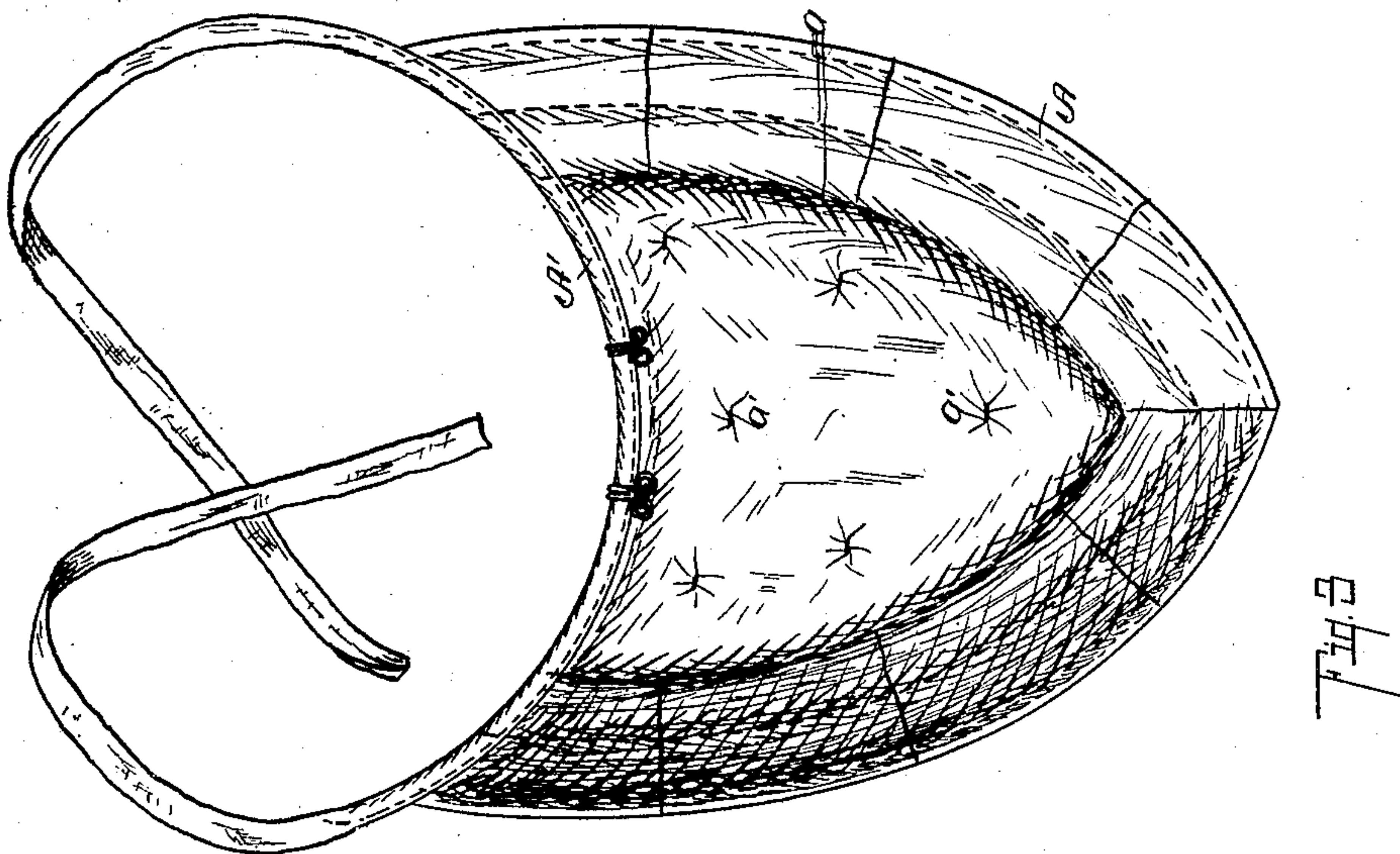
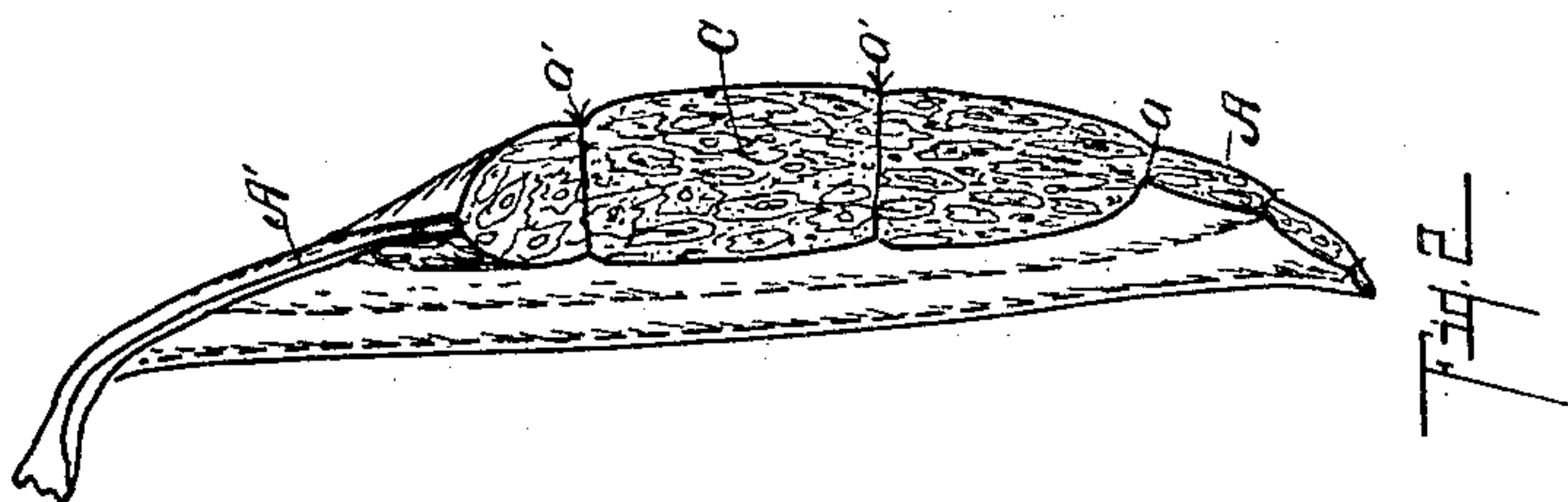
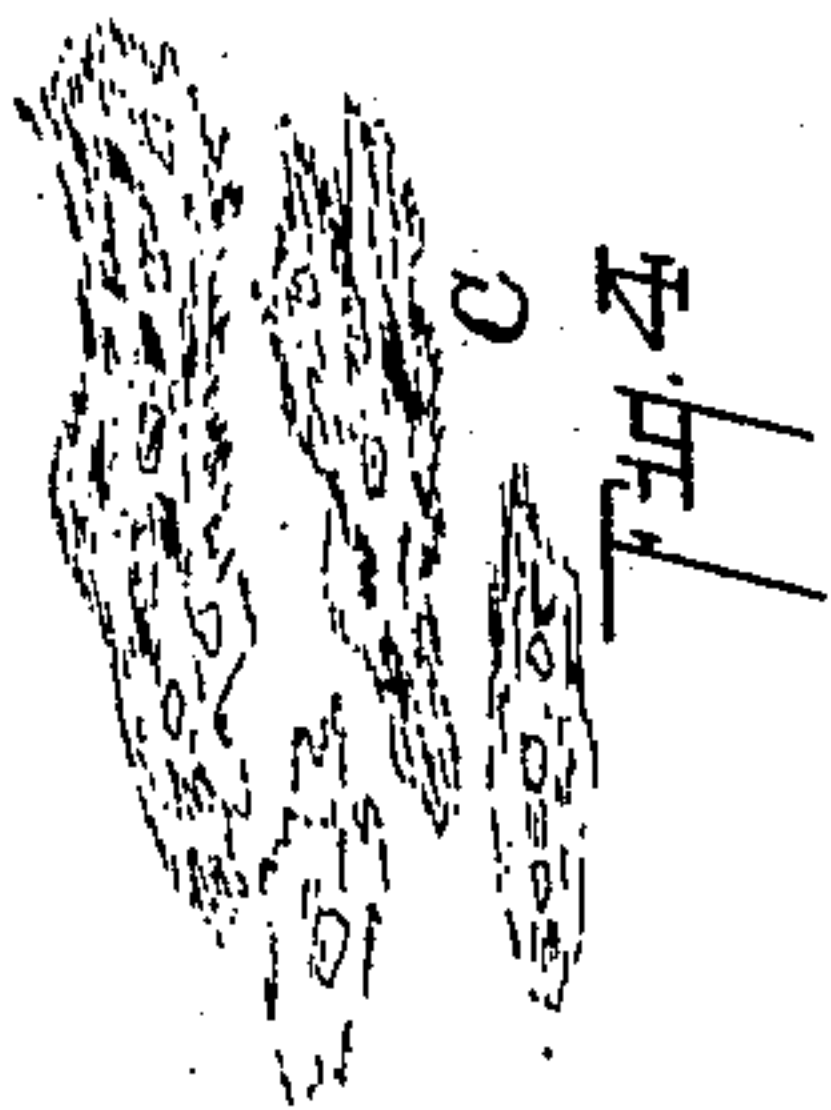
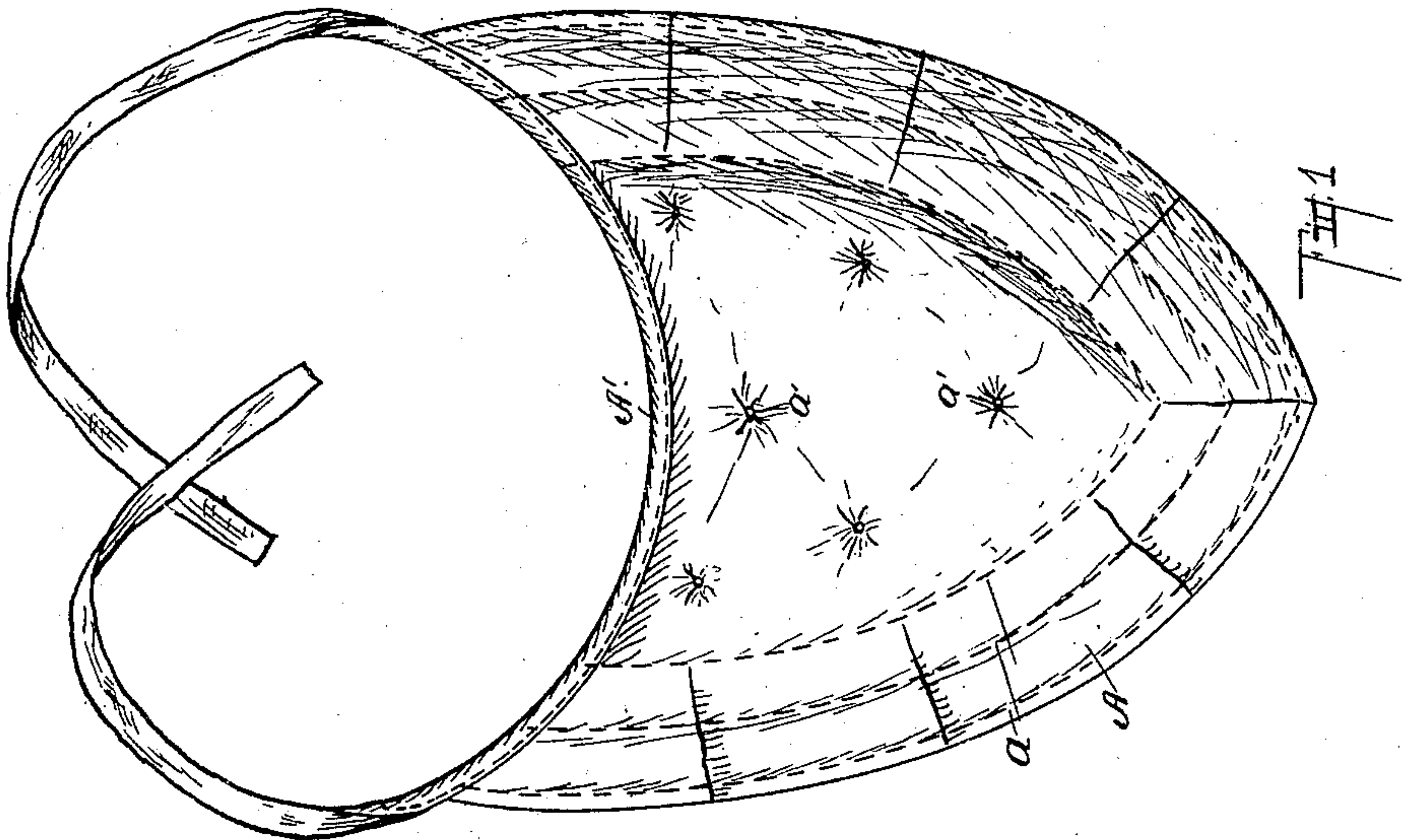


No. 836,790.

PATENTED NOV. 27, 1906.

F. M. WHITNEY.
PAD OR BUSTLE.

APPLICATION FILED APR. 1, 1904.



Witnesses:

Ethel A. Teller
Otis A. Earl

Inventor,

Frances M. Whitney
By *Fred L. Chappell*
Att'y.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

FRANCES M. WHITNEY, OF HASTINGS, MICHIGAN.

PAD OR BUSTLE.

No. 836,790.

Specification of Letters Patent.

Patented Nov. 27, 1906.

Application filed April 1, 1904. Serial No. 201,052.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCES M. WHITNEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of Hastings, county of Barry, State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pads or Bustles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in pads, bustles, and the like.

The objects of this invention are, first, to provide an improved pad or bustle which is comfortable for the wearer and adapted to produce a natural appearance; second, to provide an improved pad or bustle which is very light in weight and at the same time very resilient and durable.

Further objects and objects relating to structural details will definitely appear from the detailed description to follow.

I accomplish the objects of my invention by the devices and means described in the following specification.

The invention is clearly defined, and pointed out in the claims.

A structure embodying the features of my invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved pad or bustle. Fig. 2 is a central vertical sectional view therethrough, showing the structural details. Fig. 3 is an inverted plan view of the structure appearing in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a plan view of shreds of the filling material C.

In the drawings, similar letters of reference refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the drawings, I provide a casing A of suitable fabric. This casing is preferably somewhat heart-shaped in outline. A suitable securing tape or band A' is secured to the upper edge of the pad.

A filling material C, consisting of shredded sponge, is provided. This material is made by shredding natural sponge, care being taken to shred it with the grain. The filling is arranged with the greatest depth or quantity at the central part of the pad, the depth or quantity gradually diminishing toward the edges, as clearly appears in the drawings. The filling material is held in position about the outer parts of the pad by rows of stitches *a* through the casing and filling, which securely binds it in place. At the central por-

tion of the pad the filling is retained in place by single stitches *a'* therethrough taken at intervals, somewhat in the manner of tufting stitches in upholstering. These stitches *a'*, while they do not greatly compress the filling, hold the same firmly in place. A pad thus formed fits closely to the figure of the wearer and blends therewith, giving a very natural appearance. The filling material is very resilient and may be subjected to repeated compression and the pad still retain its form. Should the same become compressed, the original resiliency is returned thereto by washing and drying. Bustles or pads thus constructed are very light and are comparatively cool, and as they are entirely flexible they readily adjust themselves to the person of the wearer and are very comfortable.

The filling material C is, as above remarked, very durable in use. By shredding the sponge with the grain, as stated, the filling is very resilient, and a greater quantity of suitable filling material is produced from a given quantity of sponge than as is otherwise possible. If the sponge is left in its natural state or cut into shreds, the filling soon becomes matted.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a pad or bustle, the combination of a heart-shaped casing A; a filling therefor consisting of sponge shredded with the grain, said filling being arranged with the greatest quantity or depth at the center and gradually diminishing toward the edges of the casing; rows of stitching *a* through said casing and filling toward its edges; stitches *a'* at intervals through the central parts of said casing and filling; and a securing tape or band secured to the upper edge of said casing, all coacting for the purpose specified.

2. In a pad or bustle, the combination of a suitable casing; a filling therefor consisting of sponge shredded with the grain, said filling being arranged with the greatest quantity or depth at the center and gradually diminishing toward the edges; and stitches *a'* at intervals through the central parts of said casing and filling, all coacting for the purpose specified.

3. In a pad or bustle, the combination of a suitable casing; a filling therefor consisting of sponge shredded with the grain; and

stitches through said casing and filling, for the purpose specified.

4. In a pad or bustle, the combination of a suitable casing; and a filling therefor consisting of sponge shredded with the grain, for the purpose specified.
- 5

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my

hand and seal in the presence of two witnesses.

FRANCES M. WHITNEY. [L. s.]

Witnesses:

ETHEL A. TELLER,
OTIS A. EARL.