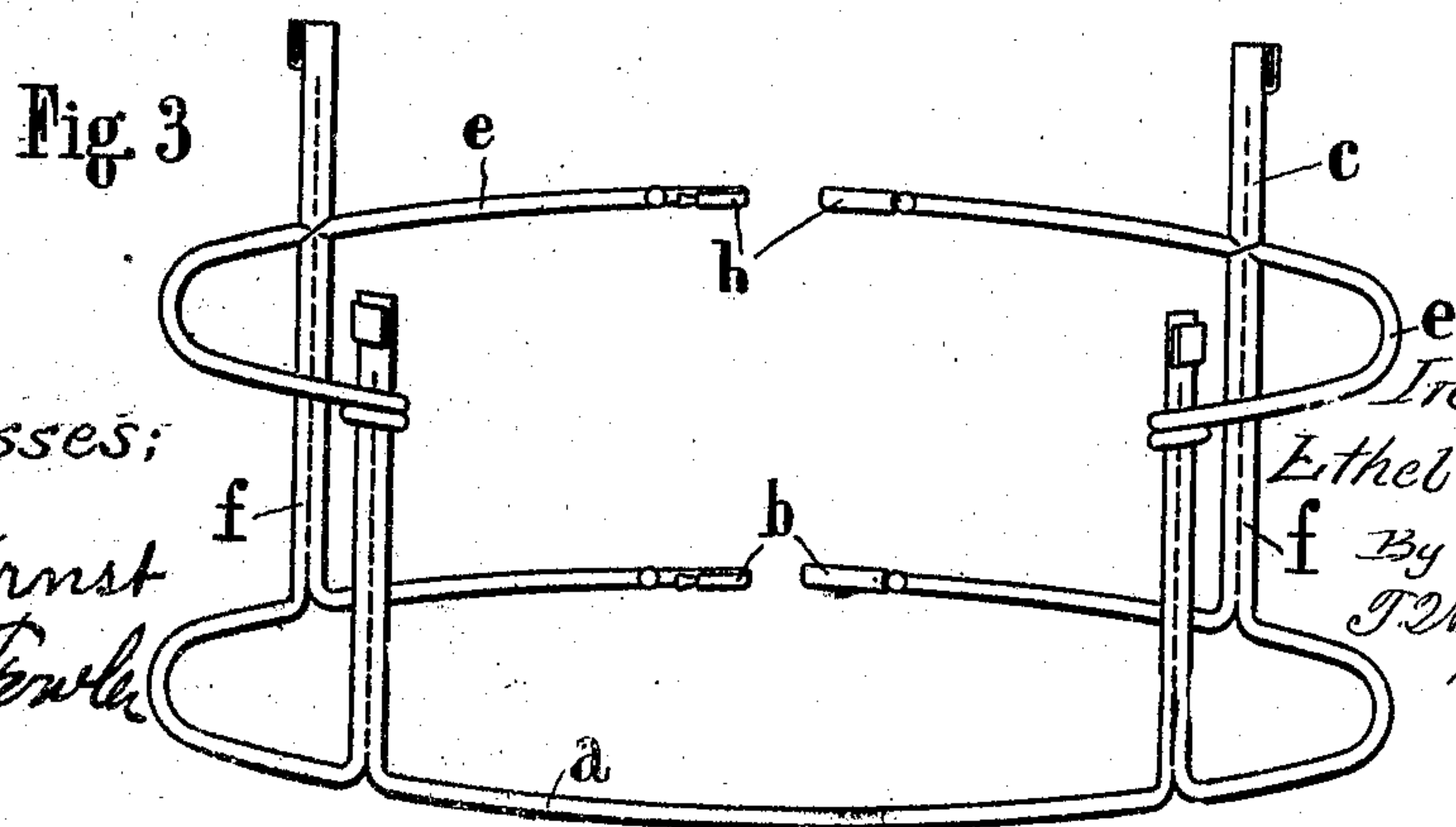
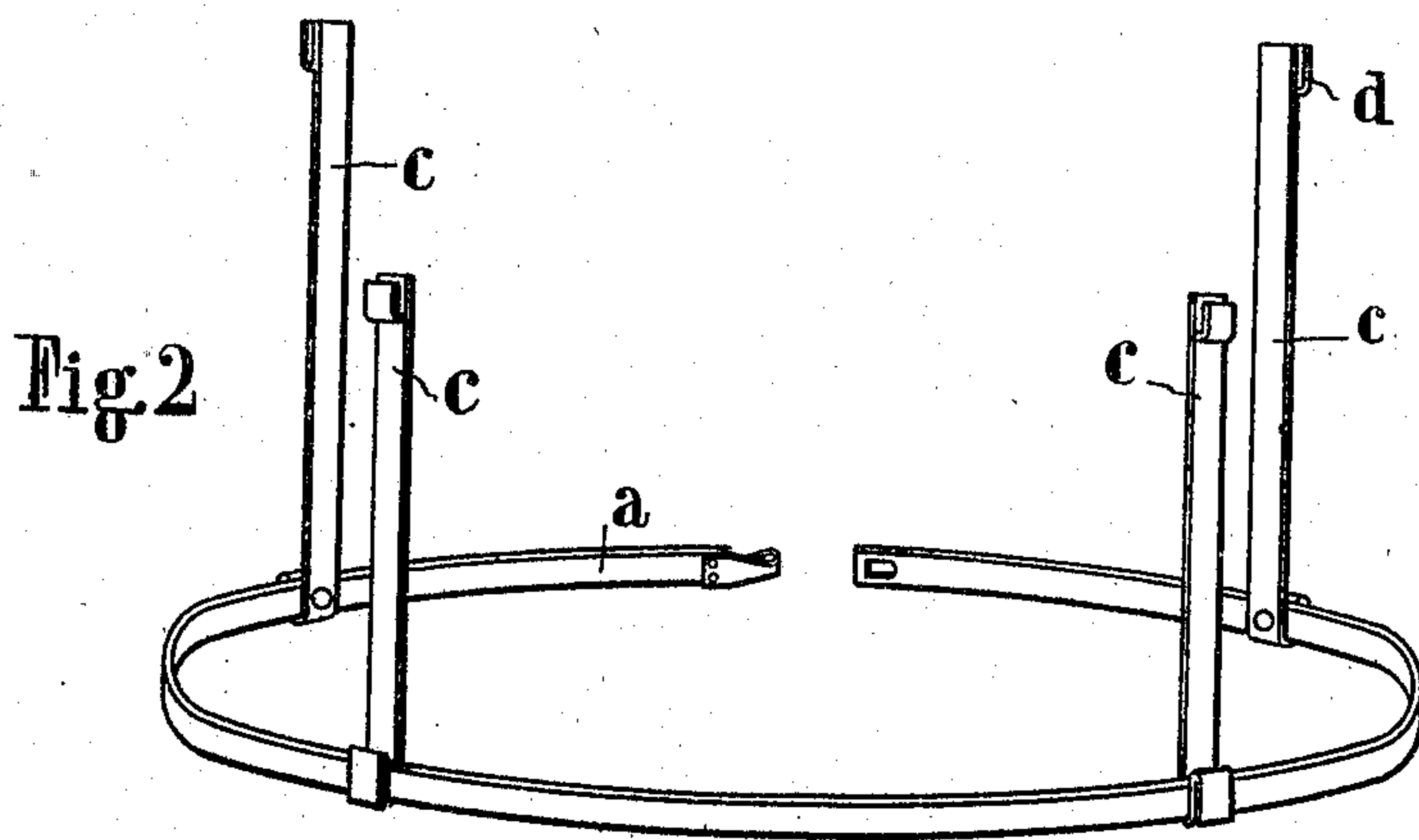
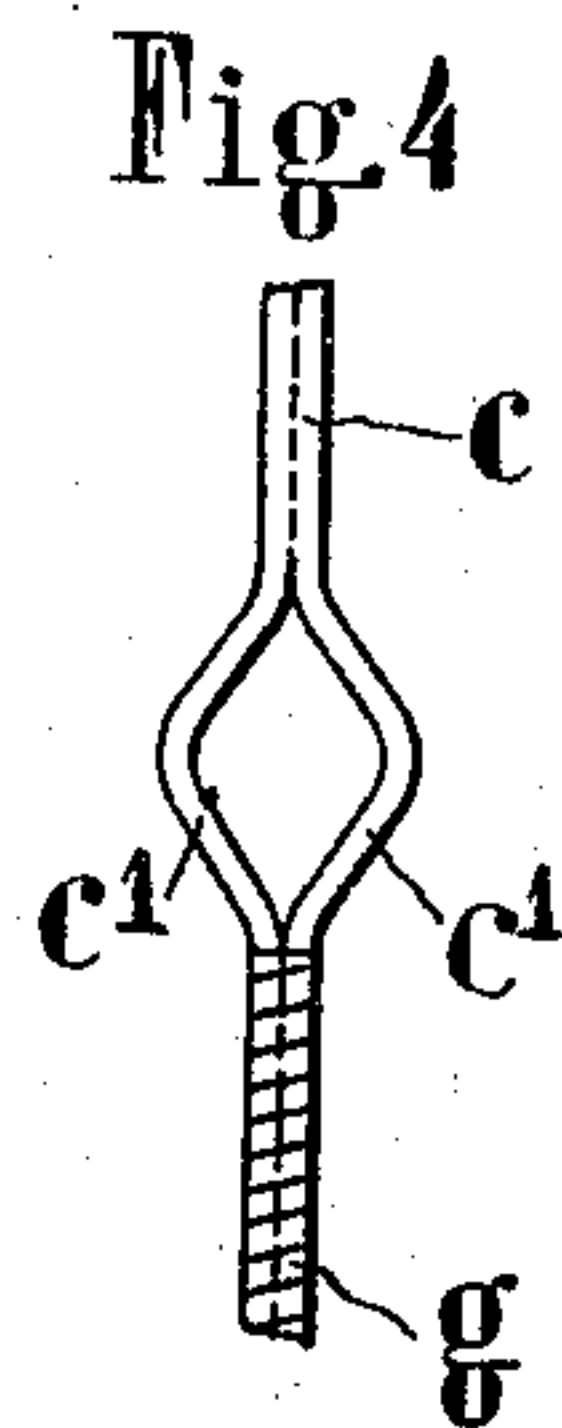
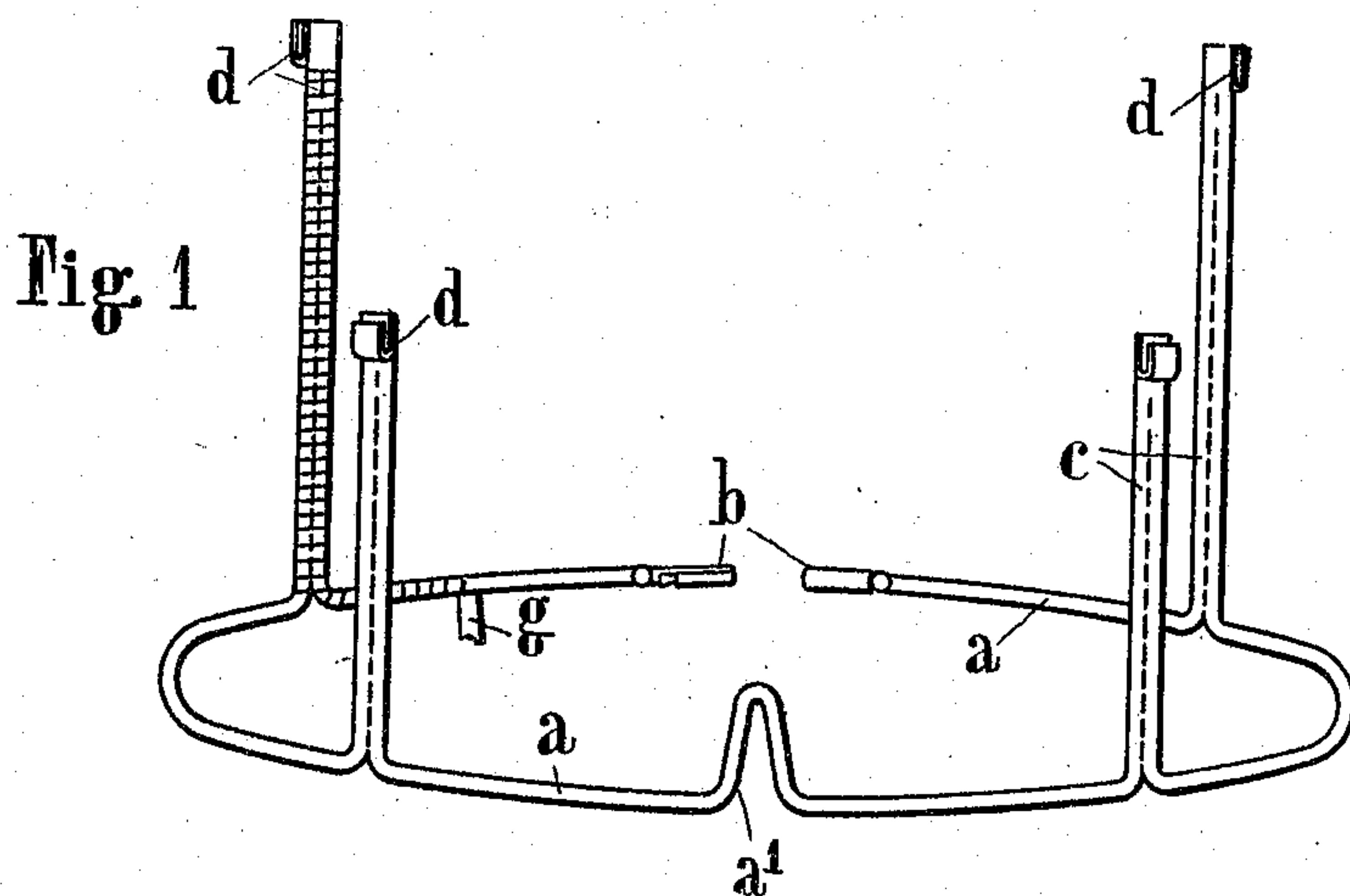


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, **ETHEL CHRISTIE**, a subject of the King of England, and residing at Eaton Mansions, Eaton Square, London, S. W., England, married woman, have invented a certain new and useful Collar-Support, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification, and for which I have applied for Letters Patent in Great Britain, No. 24,958 of 1906, dated November 6, 1906.

This invention relates to improvements in supports for the lace or similar collars of blouses, shirt waists and the like garments.

It consists in hooking or otherwise detachably mounting the collar upon a frame which encircles the neck and from which it may be easily detached, the frame which serves to maintain the collar of the blouse in an extended and uncrushed condition, being attachable to or upon any suitable blouse or the like garment.

The frame comprises one or more wire or other suitable hoops or part rings arranged to encircle the neck of the wearer and fitted at the ends with a fastening device, and where more than one hoop is employed distance pieces or similar connections may be used for maintaining the hoops apart. This frame is adapted to rest upon the lower part of the neck of the wearer or upon the top of the blouse and it is provided with vertical arms or uprights carrying at top suitable connections or devices for detachably engaging and supporting the lace or other collar. The collar of the blouse is thus secured upon the outside of this frame at various points around the latter and the frame is held in position over the neck of the blouse by any suitable means. The support made according to my invention may be put on independently of the blouse and the blouse thereafter attached to the support when the latter is on the neck; thus my improved support is independent of the blouse and does not depend upon the blouse or the collar for its maintenance or upholding.

The invention is hereafter described with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form of the support. Fig. 2 is a similar view of a second form, and Fig. 3 is a view of a third form. Fig. 4 is an elevation of a modified form of upright arm.

The hook or encircling member *a* is provided with a fastening device such as a snap

catch *b*, so that it may be fitted and retained about the user's neck. This member is fitted around its circumference with two or more upright or vertical arms *c c* furnished at or towards the top with connections to which the upper part of the lace collar, or loops or eyes upon the latter, may be secured. In Fig. 1 the arms *c* are shown fitted with hooks *d*. These fastening or anchoring points afforded by the hooked arms *c* may be two or more in number and they are preferably arranged at equal distances apart around the hoop. In Fig. 1 four of these arms *c* are shown.

In another form of the invention the encircling member may be formed of spring wire and so shaped at the ends, see Fig. 2, that a hook from one extremity can be engaged with a corresponding hook or loop and the frame thus be held in the closed position by the expanding tendency of the spring instead of securing the facing ends together by means of a snap-catch.

It will be noted that the frame can be applied to any collar which is fitted with a corresponding means of engaging the same and may be employed upon any blouse which is provided with a collar, and that owing to the attachment of the collar to the vertical arms at a number of places around the contour of the collar the latter is held up and prevented from being crushed or depressed by the movements of the wearer.

In order that one size of frame may be adapted to necks of different sizes I may provide the frame with a device whereby its length may be regulated. Thus as represented in Fig. 1, I may form one or more inverted V-shape loops or extensions *a'* in the length of the encircling member. This inverted V may then be closed up or opened out as required and the length or diameter of the loop thereby varied. Similarly I may form one or more of these V bends in each of the vertical arms so that the length of these may be altered in a like manner to suit collars of different heights, (see Fig. 4).

Fig. 3 shows a second frame member *e* parallel to the first *a* and these frame members may be connected by distance pieces *f* if so desired. The second member *e* may be arranged at the top of the arms *c* or at any intermediate point in the height thereof and it is bound, tied or connected to the arms in any suitable way if preferred. The

member *e* may embrace the neck to the same extent as the first member *a* or alternatively it may be dispensed with between some of the arms, as shown in Fig. 3. In this figure the distance pieces *f* are afforded by the lower part of the arms *c* but the pieces *f* may if preferred be distinct from the arms *c*.

Where wire is used it may be cased with cotton, silk or other covering and the latter may even serve to secure the supports for the collar upon the vertical arms.

This improved collar support may be hooked or otherwise attached to the top of the blouse or other garment if so desired. It is intended, however, to be merely fastened about the neck of the wearer and the collar of the blouse to be then hooked to the arms *c*. The hooks *d* may be engaged with either the lacework of the collar itself or with loops secured upon the latter.

One of these supports will serve the wearer for any one of a number of blouses and since the support is not permanently attached to the collar, the blouse may be folded and packed away without inconvenience.

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

1. A support for the collars of blouses and like garments, said support comprising a member which is adapted to be fastened about the neck of the wearer independently of the blouse or collar, and said support provided with upwardly presented substantially hook-shaped devices for detachably engaging and holding up a collar applied to such support.

2. A support for the collars of blouses and like garments, comprising a frame member adapted to embrace the neck of the wearer, a fastening device for the ends of said frame member, upright arms secured upon said frame member and upwardly presented substantially hook-shaped devices fitted to said arms whereby the collar may be detachably secured to said support.

3. A support for the collars of blouses and like garments, comprising a frame member, interengaging connections at the ends of said frame member, upright arms secured upon said member and hooks upon said arms adapted to hold said collar in a detachable manner.

4. A collar-support comprising a frame member adapted to embrace the neck of the wearer, arms mounted on said frame member and extending upwardly thereof, connections upon said arms to engage and hold said col-

lar in a detachable manner, means for adjusting the length of said frame member, and a wrapping of binding material for said frame and said arms.

5. A support for the collars of blouses and like garments, comprising a frame member adapted to encircle the neck of the wearer, inter-engaging connections at the facing ends of said frame member, arms arranged upon said member, connections upon said arms adapted to hold said collar in a detachable manner and an inverted V-extension in the length of the frame member.

6. A support for the collars of blouses and like garments, comprising a frame member adapted to encircle the neck of the wearer, inter-engaging connections at the meeting ends of said frame member, arms arranged upon said member, connections upon said arms adapted to engage and hold said collar in a detachable manner and a V-shaped loop or extension in the length of said members.

7. A support for the collars of blouses and like garments, comprising a frame member adapted to encircle the neck of the wearer, inter-engaging connections at the meeting ends of said frame member, arms arranged upon said member, connections upon said arms to engage and hold said collar, and a covering for said frame and arms.

8. A support for the collars of blouses and like garments, comprising a member adapted to encircle the neck of the wearer and having inter-engaging connections at the meeting ends of said member, a second member above and parallel to said first member, distance pieces between and secured to said parallel members, and connections carried by said upper member to engage and hold said collar in a detachable manner.

9. A support for the collars of blouses and like garments, comprising a member adapted to encircle the neck of the wearer and having inter-engaging connections at the meeting ends of said member, upright arms arranged upon said member, said arms having connections to engage and hold said collar in a detachable manner, and a second member parallel to said first member and secured to said arms intermediate of their length.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two witnesses.

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