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Fig. 1.

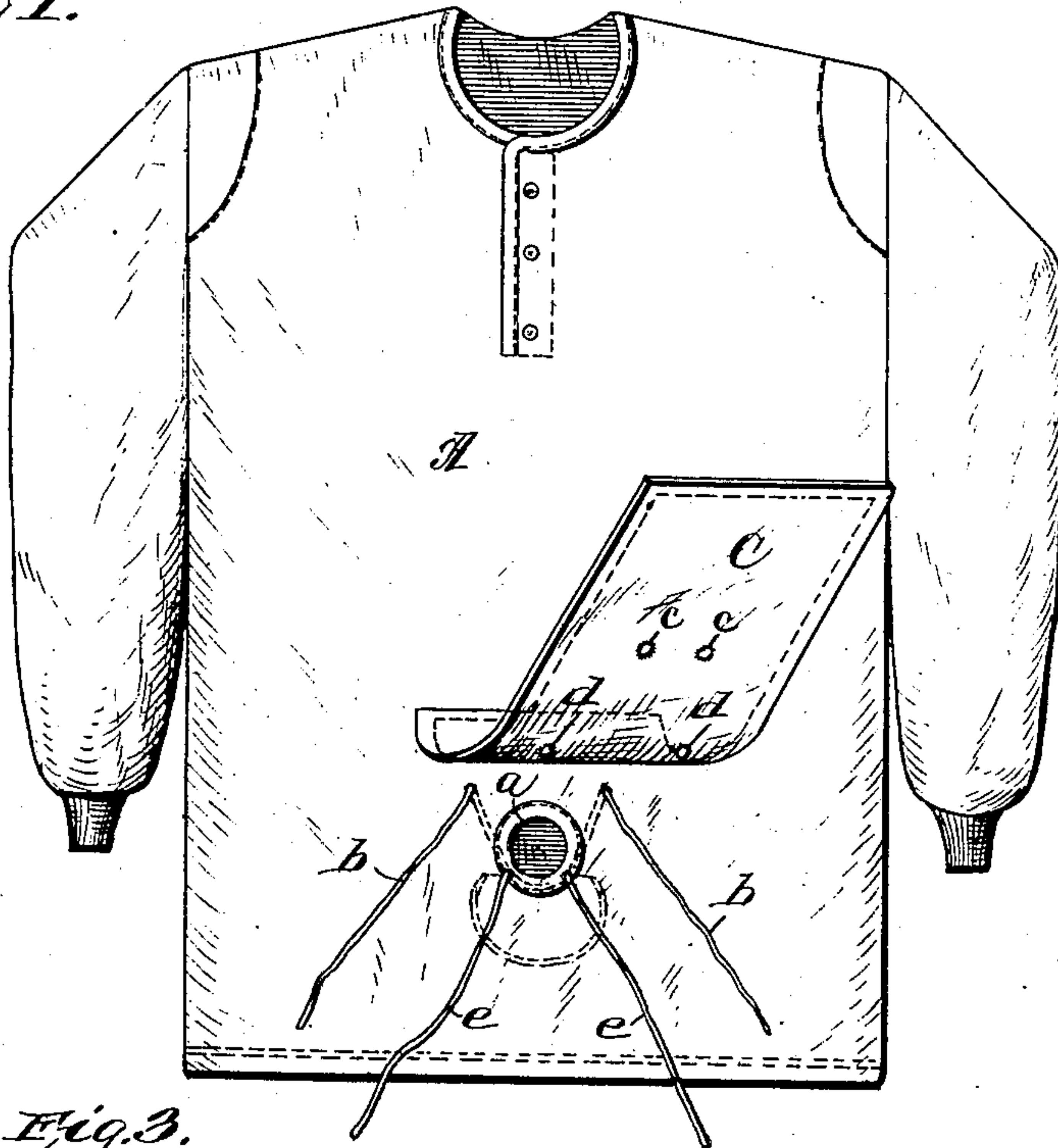


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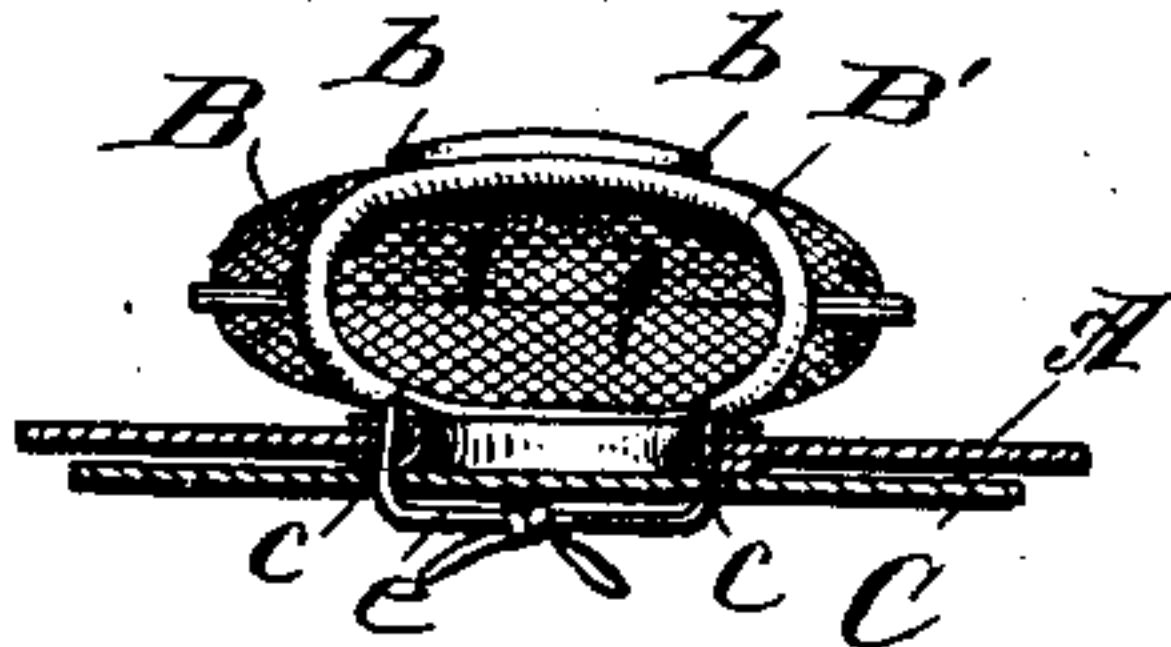


Fig. 2.

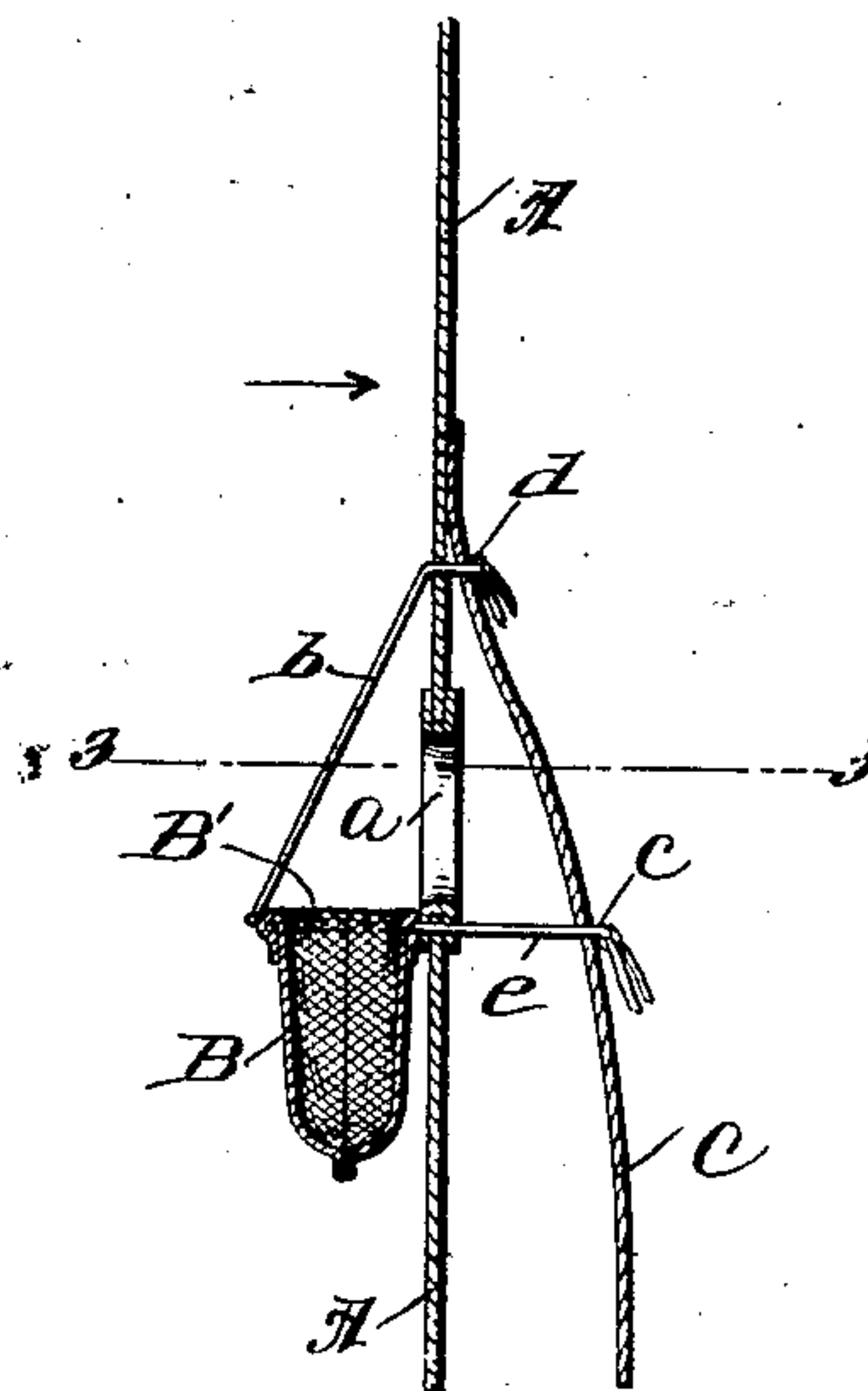
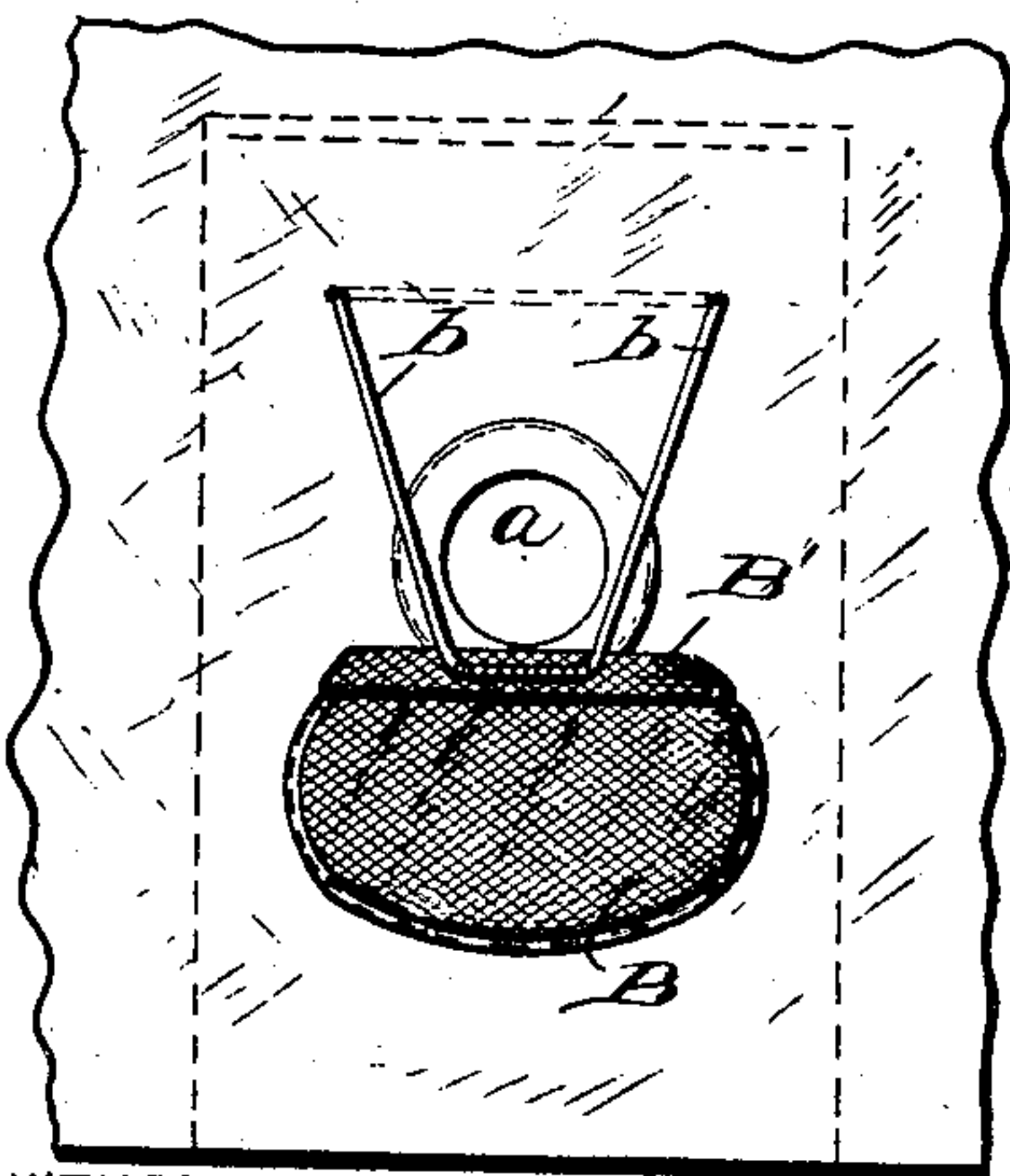


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT D. PETERS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Knox, in the county of Starke and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Suspensory Undershirts, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to that class of undergarments in which an undershirt is formed on its front side with a sack or bag for supporting the scrotum after the manner of a suspensory bandage, and it consists in the novel construction and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described with reference to the drawing, in which

Figure 1 is a front view with the apron or covering flap raised. Fig. 2 is a vertical section through the front part of the undershirt. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2 and Fig. 4 is an inside view of the undershirt looking in the direction of the arrow in Fig. 2.

In the drawing, A represents an undershirt having in the lower front portion of the same a hole *a* suitably bound around the edges with some soft tape or binding.

B is a sack of soft elastic material having a collapsible mouth B' attached to the undershirt just below the hole *a* and on the inner side of the shirt. A hem is formed around the collapsible mouth of the sack, in which hem is inserted a draw string *e* preferably of soft elastic material.

C is a flap or apron, preferably of the same material as the undershirt, which flap is stretched to the outer face of the undershirt just above the hole *a* and is of a size sufficient to drop down in front and cover said hole and extend to about the lower edge of the shirt, being free at its lower end. Through the flap are formed two upper eyelets *d d* and two lower eyelets *c c* worked like button holes.

To the rear side of the sack B is attached a supporting tape or cord *b* whose two ends are extended through holes in the shirt and also through the eyelets *d d* in the flap. In the hem of the mouth B' of the sack is arranged a draw cord or tape *e* whose two ends extend through the two eyelets *c c* of the flap.

In making use of my invention the scrotum is inserted in the sack B while the penis is allowed to protrude through the hole *a*, but is

overlapped and concealed by the flap or apron C. The cords *b* and *e* being tied on the outside of the flap cause the weight of the scrotum to be borne exclusively by the shirt in an easy pendent position which gives perfect freedom from strains in the various movements and positions of the body, while the double thickness of the flap and shirt at their seam or point of union forms a horizontal reinforce that distributes the strain of the weight along a horizontal line and avoids dragging the shirt down in wrinkling in front and causes the weight to be carried evenly from the neck. The apron or flap C not only secures privacy but also acts as a protection from cold. The sack being suspended by cords or tapes both from the rear and front renders the supporting effect more perfect and comfortable. By drawing the lower cord or tape *e* the mouth of the sack may be made smaller to accommodate different sizes of scrotums. In voiding urine, it is only necessary to untie the cord *e* and lift the flap.

I claim—

1. An undershirt having a hole in the lower front part of the same with a sack attached thereto on the inner side below the hole and a horizontal reinforce above the hole made in the form of an attached and pendent apron free at its lower edge.

2. An undershirt having a hole in the lower front part of the same with a sack attached thereto on the inner side below the hole and a horizontal reinforce above the hole made in the form of an attached and pendent apron free at its lower edge and with eyelets through the same and a supporting cord attached to the sack and extended through said eyelets.

3. An undershirt having a hole in the lower front part of the same with a sack attached thereto on the inner side below the hole and a horizontal reinforce above the hole made in the form of an attached and pendent apron free at its lower edge having two sets of eyelets in the same, a suspensory cord attached to the sack and extended through one set of eyelets and a draw cord attached to the sack and extended through the other set of eyelets.

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