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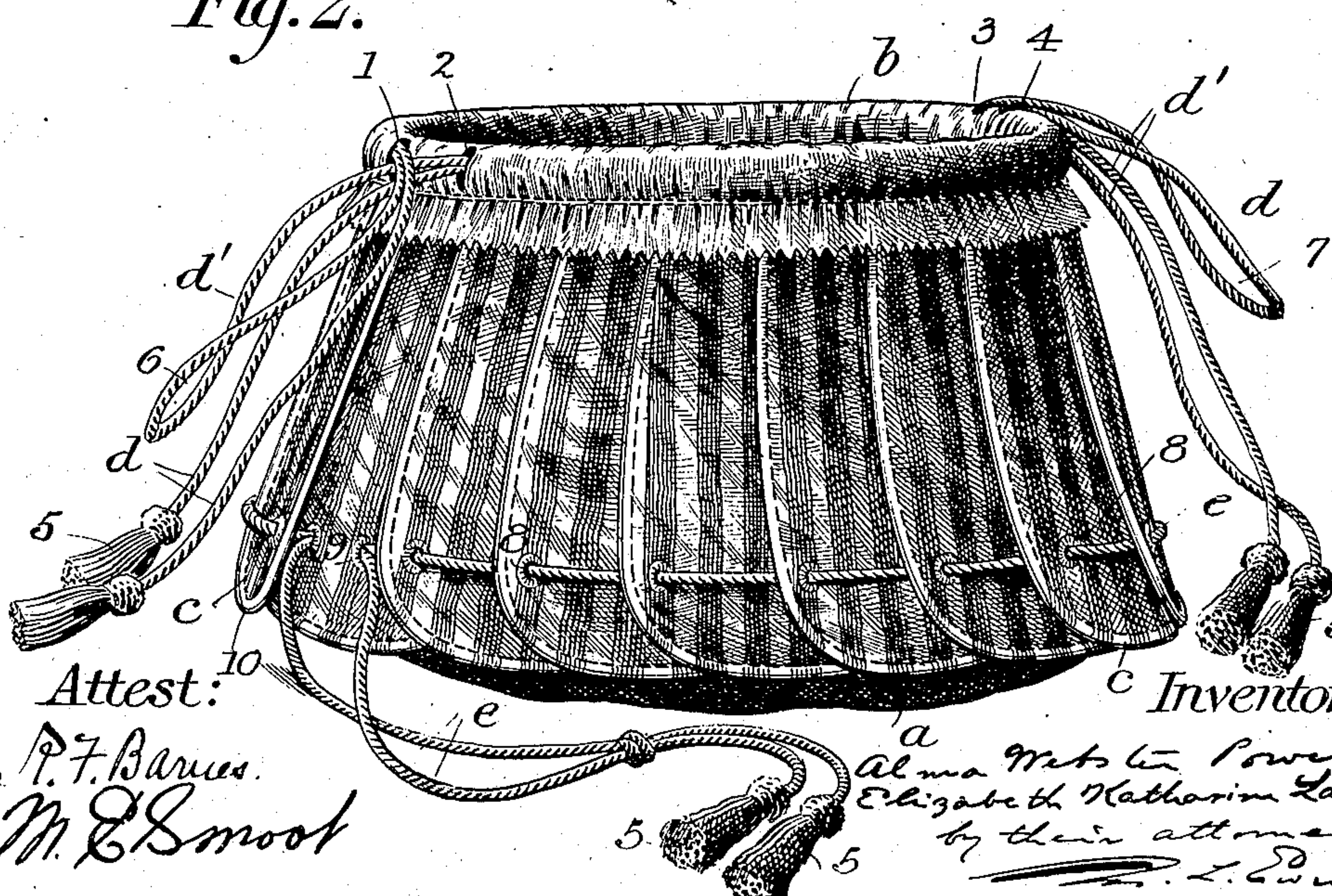
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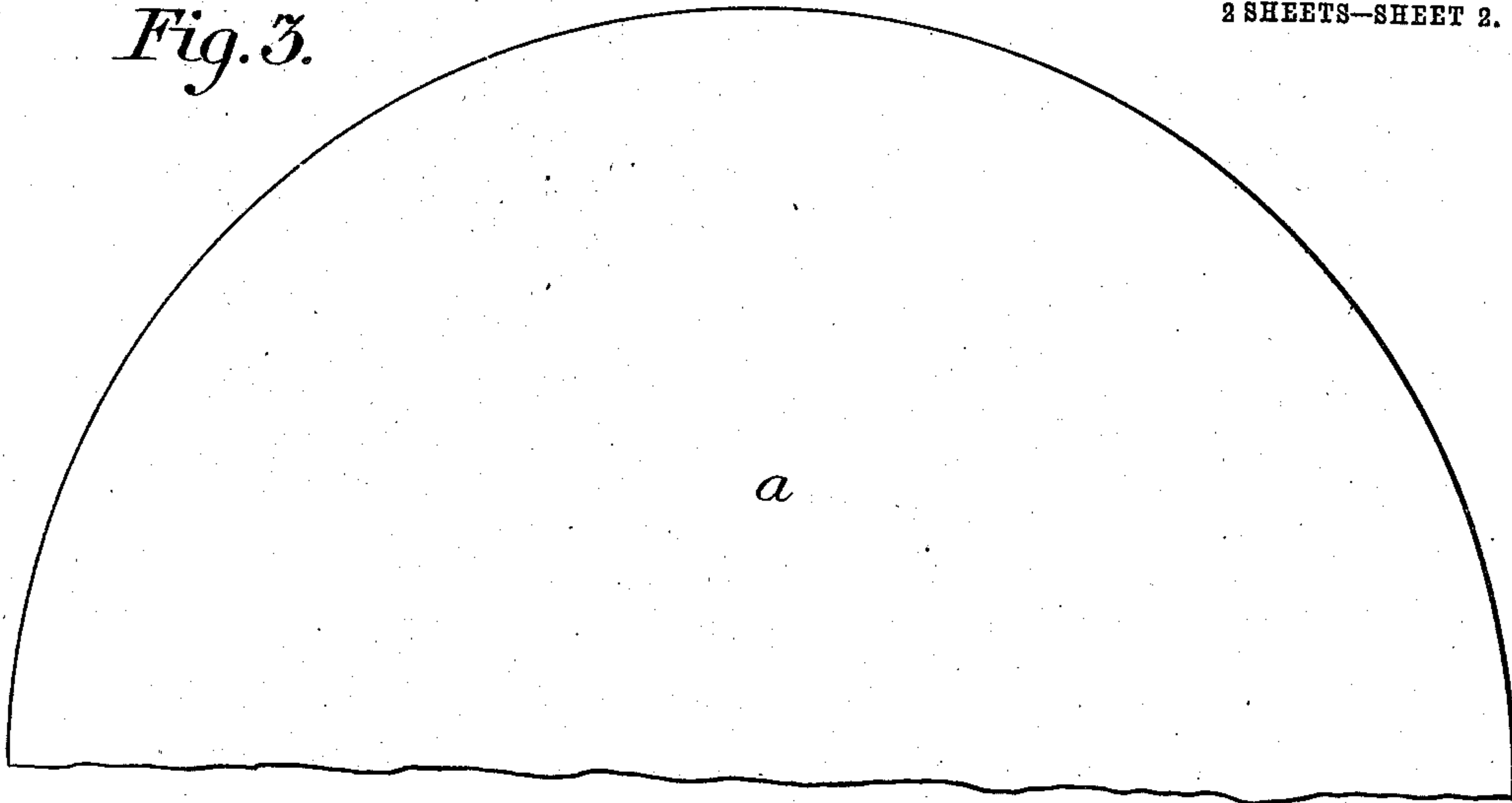


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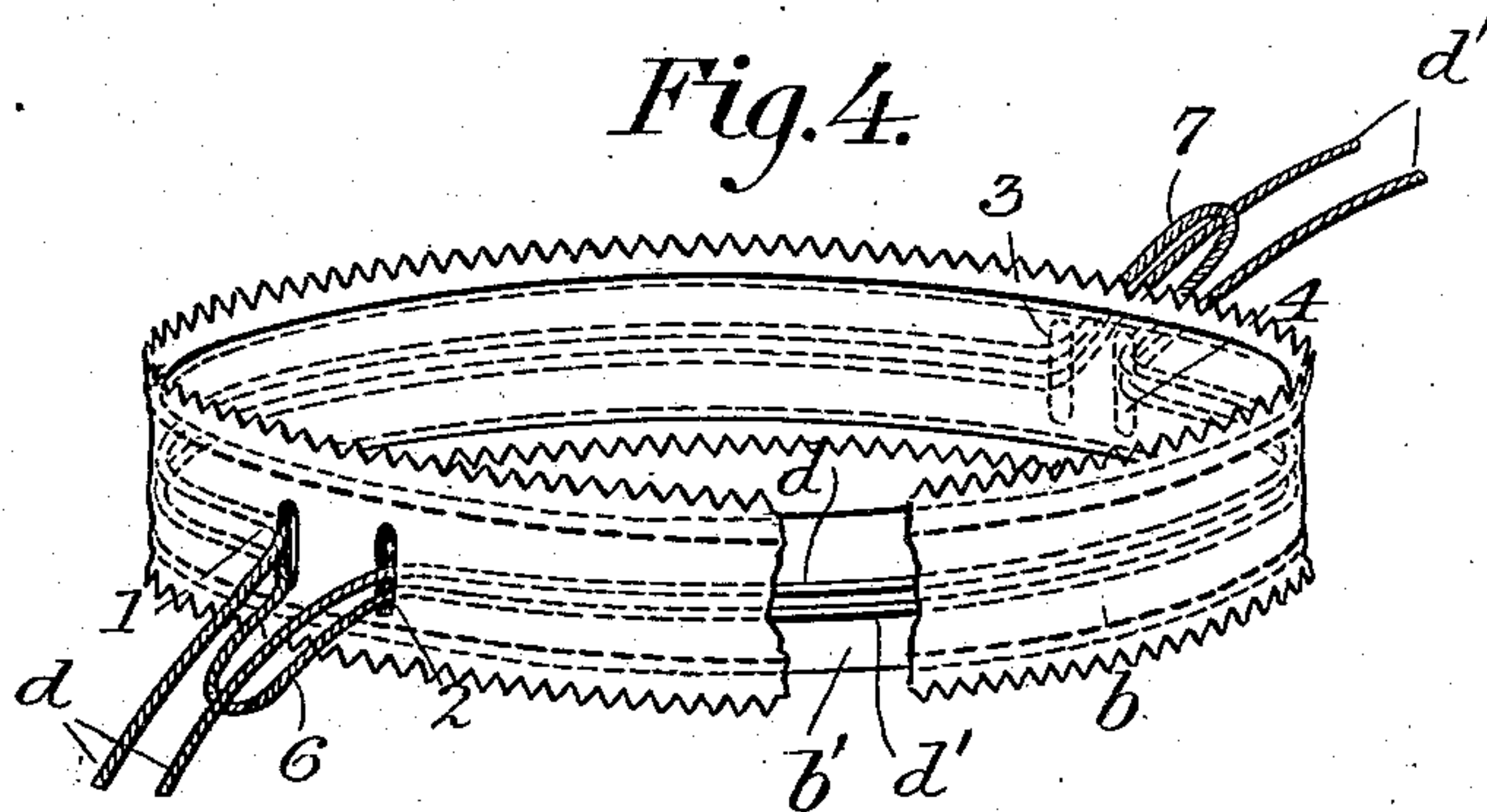


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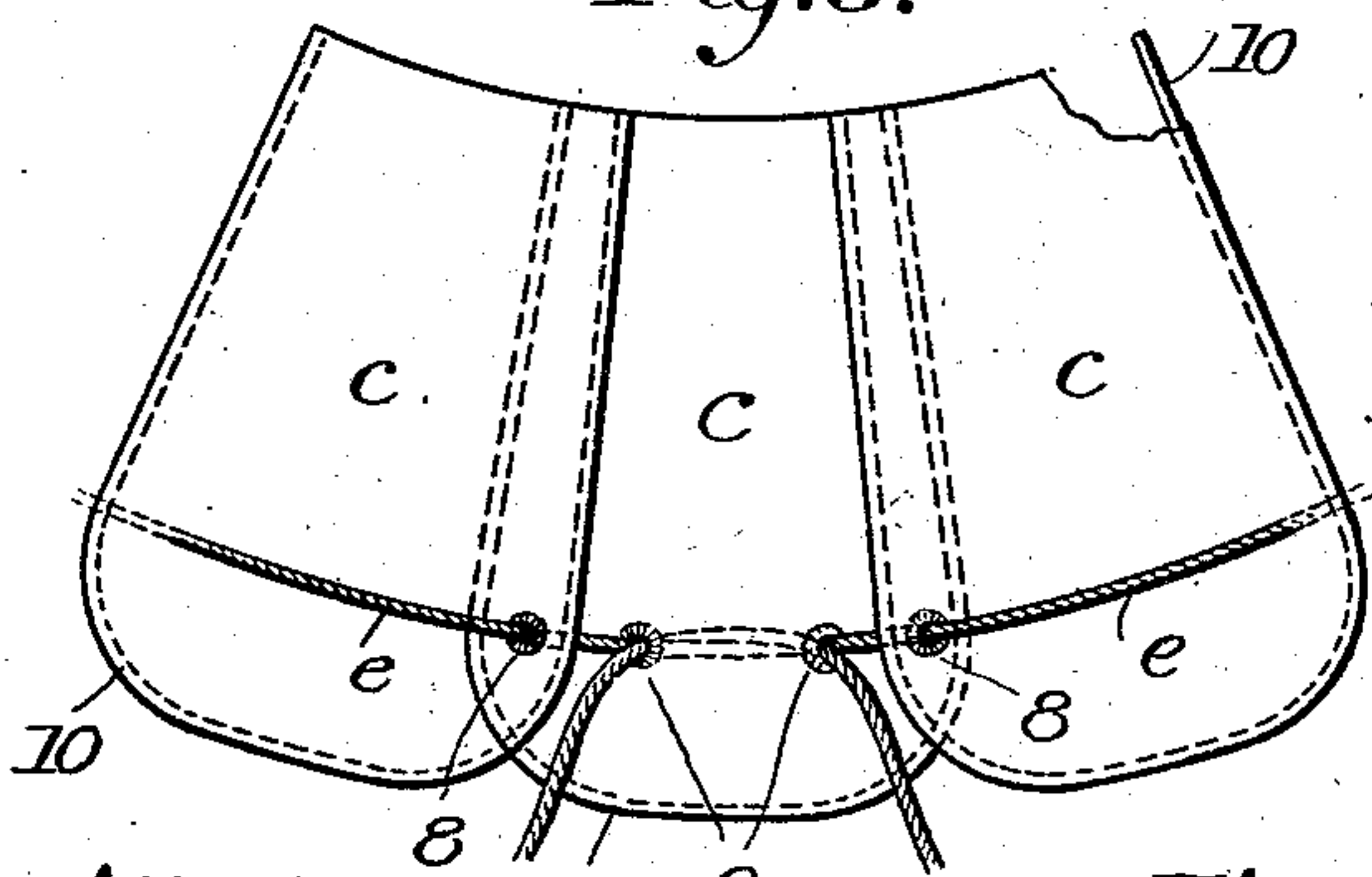
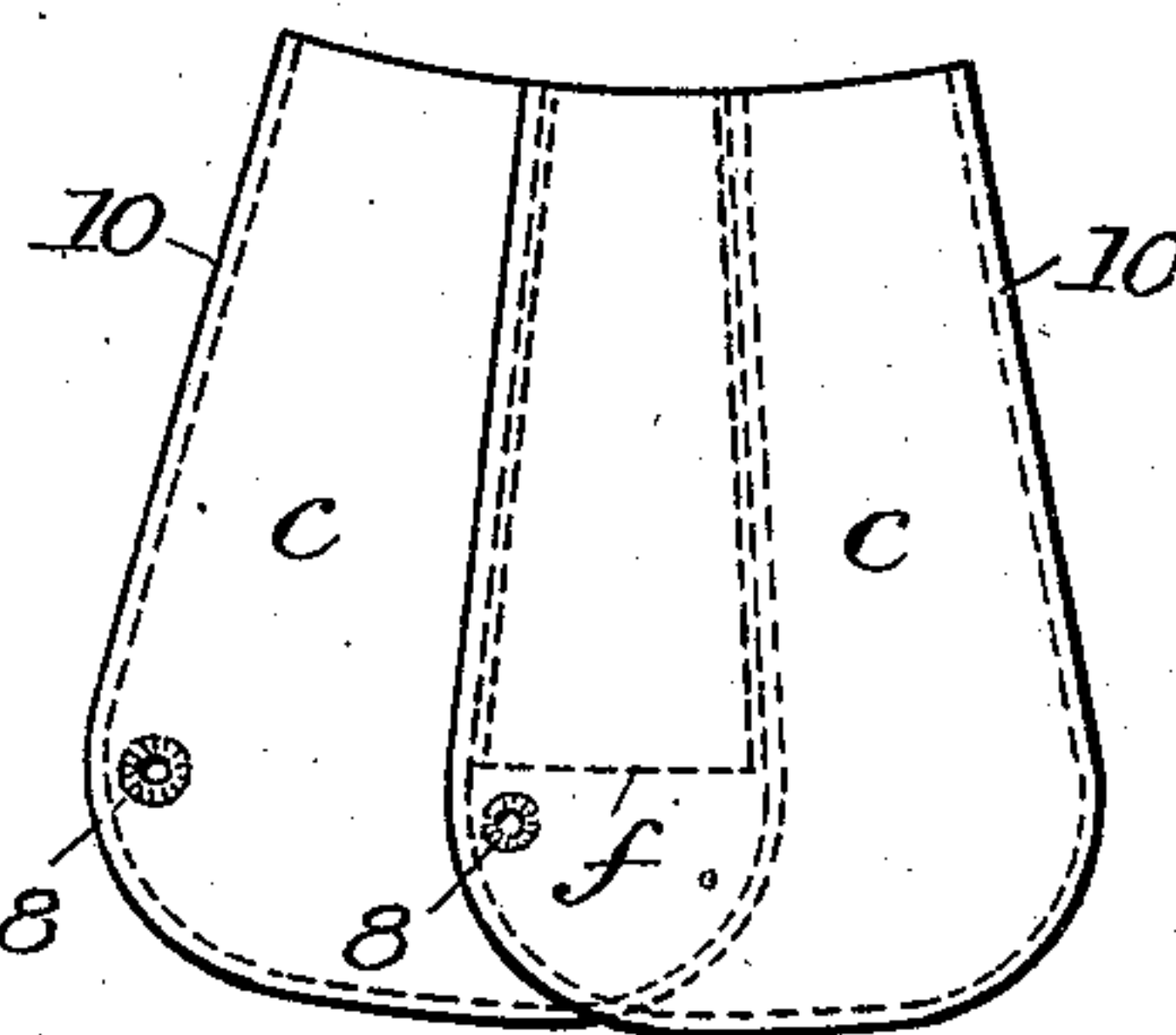


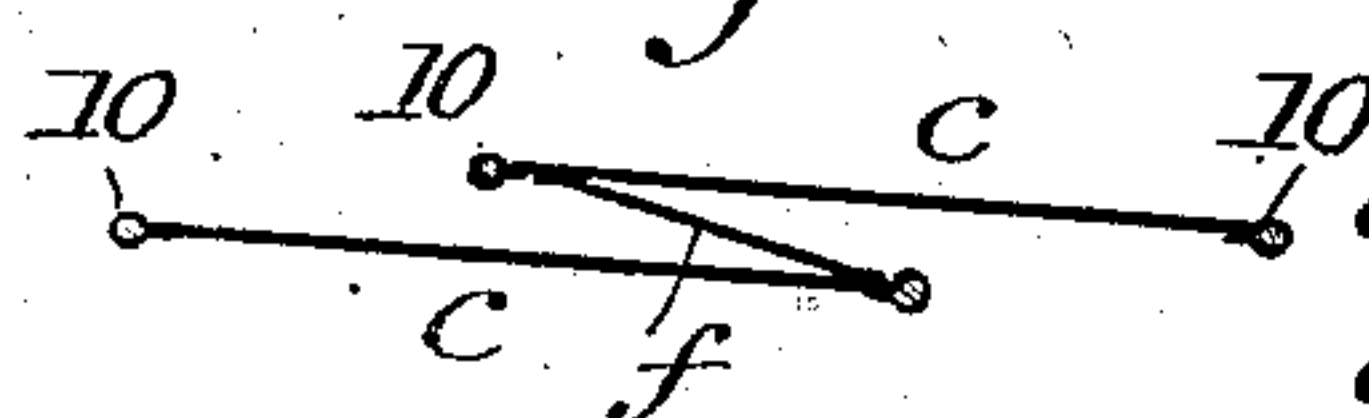
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ALMA WEBSTER POWELL and ELIZABETH KATHARINE LANE, citizens of the United States of America, and residents of the city of New York, borough of Brooklyn, in the State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hat-Savers and Hand-Bags, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to rain proof hat protectors, or "hat savers" as they are herein termed, worn by ladies, and to hand bags such as are usually made of silk and like fabrics with draw-string closures, and which are or may be carried on the arm by ladies when dressed for the street.

The present improvement consists in a combined hat saver and hand bag, and in each of certain novel combinations of parts thereof, all as hereinafter more particularly described and claimed.

The leading object of the invention is to adapt the new article of manufacture to be adjustable as to size and to present an attractive appearance when worn as a hat saver, and to be readily convertible at will into a useful and graceful hand bag of above description, sufficiently large to contain a pair of overshoes or small parcels.

Another object is to adapt the article when worn as a hat saver for effective use even in a driving rain storm.

Other objects will be set forth in the general description which follows.

Two sheets of drawings accompany this specification as part thereof.

Figures 1 and 2 are perspective views showing one and the same combined hat saver and hand bag as it appears when worn as a hat saver and as it appears when used as a hand bag; Fig. 3 represents one-half of the central portion or "middle part" of the article; Fig. 4 is a fragmentary perspective view of the band or "annular part" and its draw-strings, forming part of the article; Fig. 5 is a fragmentary detail view of three of the "petal-shaped sections" of the outer portion of the article illustrating the manner of threading a draw-string therethrough; and Figs. 6 and 7 are respectively top and edge views of two of the petal-shaped sections, showing the means by which rain is prevented from creeping between the sections, as hereinafter set forth.

Like reference characters refer to like parts in all the figures.

The combined hat saver and hand bag is composed of a circular or substantially circular middle part, *a*, an annular part, *b*, to one edge of which the circumferential edge of the middle part is attached, a number of petal-shaped sections, *c*, attached at their inner ends to the other edge of said annular part, and draw-strings, *d-d'* and *e*, which interact respectively with said annular part and with the outer ends of the petal-shaped sections. Said middle part *a*, annular part *b*, and petal-shaped sections *c*, may be and preferably are cut in common from suitable thin rubber cloth having a silk finish, or the like, on one side, which in the petal-shaped sections, at least, would be the side exposed to view both when the article is used as a hat saver (Fig. 1) and when it is used as a hand bag (Fig. 2). The middle part *a*, Figs. 1, 2 and 3, is preferably and conveniently composed of a single thickness of the thin fabric so as to be soft to the touch and adapted to conform itself to the shape of the crown of a lady's hat and its trimmings, as in Fig. 1, and to form the lining of the hand bag, as in Fig. 2.

The annular part *b*, Figs. 1, 2 and 4, is composed of two thicknesses of fabric or of one thickness of the fabric and a suitable lining, *b'*, Fig. 4, so as to render it pocketed, as shown in Fig. 4, and is provided with openings 1, 2, 3 and 4, Fig. 4, in diametrically opposite pairs, through which the pair of draw-strings *d-d'* protrude, both draw-strings terminating in tassels, 5, or the like, and forming loops, 6 and 7, Figs. 2 and 4, which loops form the handles of the hand bag.

The petal-shaped sections *c*, Figs. 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7, are sufficiently numerous or sufficiently wide to overlap each other, both in the hat-saver form of the article, Fig. 1, and in the hand bag form, Fig. 2; and are provided near their outer ends with embroidered eyelets, 8 and 9, through which said draw-cord *e* is threaded, as in Figs. 1, 2 and 5; most of the sections having a single eyelet, 8, near one edge, while two sections diametrically opposite each other have each a pair of eyelets as represented at 9. The lateral and outer edges of each of the petal-shaped sections *c* are furthermore wired, as represented at 10, for the purpose of preserving the shape of the sections without interfering with the contraction of the unwired inner end of each section where it is attached to the annular part *b*, and is contractible therewith.

To prevent the water from creeping in between the overlapping petal-shaped sections *c* when the article is used as a hat saver in a driving rain, the sections are preferably and conveniently connected with each other by interposed folds, *f*, Figs. 6 and 7, of the waterproof fabric or of still thinner waterproof material, which are concealed from view at all times, and accommodate themselves to the extent to which the petal-shaped sections overlap each other, which differs, of course, on different hats, and when the hand bag is open and closed.

In applying the article to a hat, as in Fig. 1, the draw-strings *d-d'* and *e* being unfastened, and the annular part *b* stretched to its limit or to a sufficient extent, this part is slipped downward over the hat crown and its trimmings to a position where it can be conveniently contracted by the draw-strings *d-d'*, the soft middle part *a* conforming itself loosely to the surfaces beneath it. At the same time the petal-shaped sections *c* are arranged or arrange themselves around the brim of the hat as in Fig. 1, resting thereon or on its trimmings, and either in a flat position as in Fig. 1 or at any angle made necessary by the trimming on the hat brim. The outer draw-string *e* is finally tightened to a sufficient extent to retain the overlapping sections against displacement by the wind, and all the draw-strings may be looped, if necessary, to shorten their ends, as in Fig. 1.

In converting the article into its hand bag form, Fig. 2, it is only necessary to invert the middle part *a* and contract the petal-shaped sections *c* around the same by means of their draw-string *e*, as in Fig. 2; the other draw-strings *d-d'* being then available to close the mouth of the bag by contracting the annular part *b*, while their loops 6 and 7 form the bag handles as aforesaid.

The shape and proportions of the petal-shaped sections may obviously vary, in common with the fabric or fabrics of which the main parts of the article are composed; metallic eyelets or attached rings may take the place of the embroidered eyelets; the draw-strings may be either of cord as shown in the drawings or of narrow ribbon; and other like modifications will suggest themselves to those skilled in the art.

Having thus described said improvement, I claim as my invention and desire to patent under this specification:

1. A combined hat saver and hand bag, convertible from one form into the other and constructed of waterproof fabric with a soft middle part adapted to conform itself to the crown of the hat and its trimmings and to form the lining of the hand bag, petal-shaped sections adapted collectively to overlap and cover the rim of the hat and to form the

outer sides of the hand bag, and a pair of draw strings protruding at diametrically opposite points and adapted to serve as handles in the hand-bag form of the article.

2. The combination, in a hat saver, of a soft middle part adapted to conform itself to the crown of a hat and its trimmings, a contractible annular part surrounding said middle part and attached thereto, draw-strings interacting with said annular part, and petal-shaped rim protecting sections attached at their inner ends to said annular part and radiating therefrom.

3. The combination, in a hat saver, of a soft middle part adapted to conform itself to the crown of a hat and its trimmings, a contractible annular part surrounding said middle part and attached thereto, draw-strings interacting with said annular part, petal-shaped rim protecting sections attached to said annular part and radiating therefrom, and a draw string interacting with said petal-shaped sections.

4. The combination, in a hat saver, of a soft middle part adapted to conform itself to the crown of a hat and its trimmings, a contractible annular part surrounding said middle part and attached thereto, draw-strings interacting with said annular part, petal-shaped rim protecting sections attached to said annular part and radiating therefrom, said sections being provided with draw-string eyelets near their outer ends, and a draw string threaded through said eyelets of the several sections.

5. The combination, in a hat saver, of a soft middle part adapted to conform itself to the crown of a hat and its trimmings, a contractible annular part surrounding said middle part and attached thereto, draw-strings interacting with said annular part, and petal-shaped rim protecting sections having their lateral edges and outer ends wired to preserve their shape and having contractible inner ends attached to said annular part.

6. The combination, in a hat saver, of a soft middle part adapted to conform itself to the crown of a hat and its trimmings, a contractible annular part surrounding said middle part and attached thereto, draw-strings interacting with said annular part, and petal-shaped rim protecting sections attached to said annular part and radiating therefrom, said sections overlapping each other and connected with each other by thin folds of waterproof fabric, substantially as hereinbefore specified.

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