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SUPPORTING BAND FOR APRONS.

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Fig. 1.

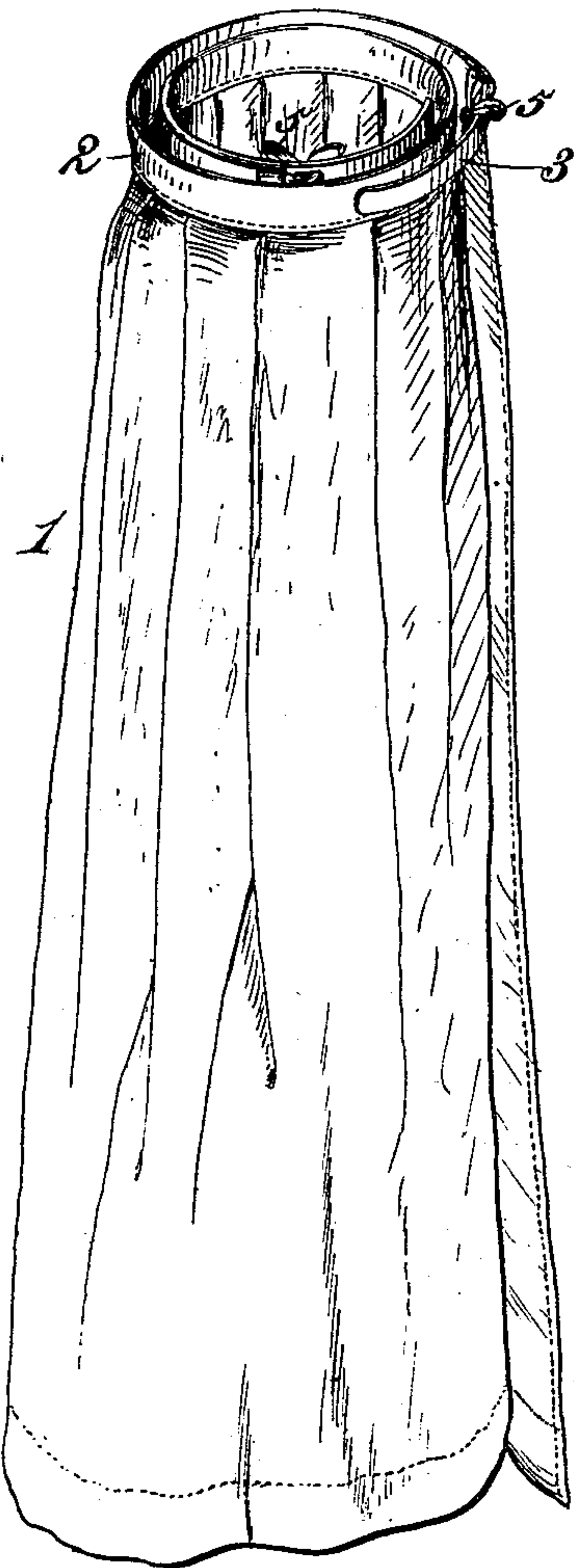


Fig. 2.

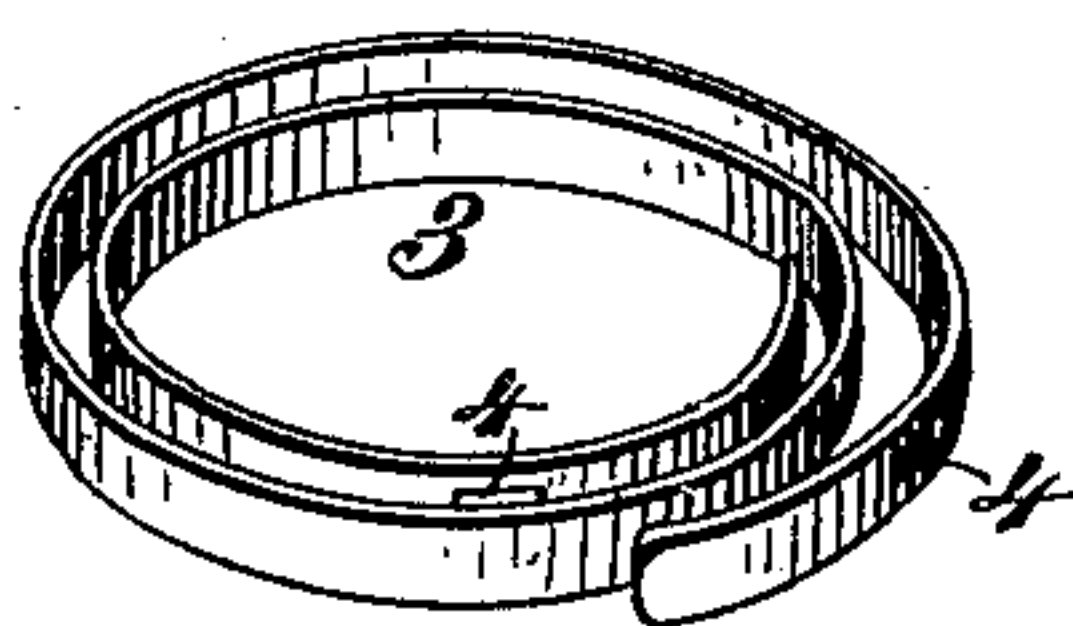


Fig. 3.

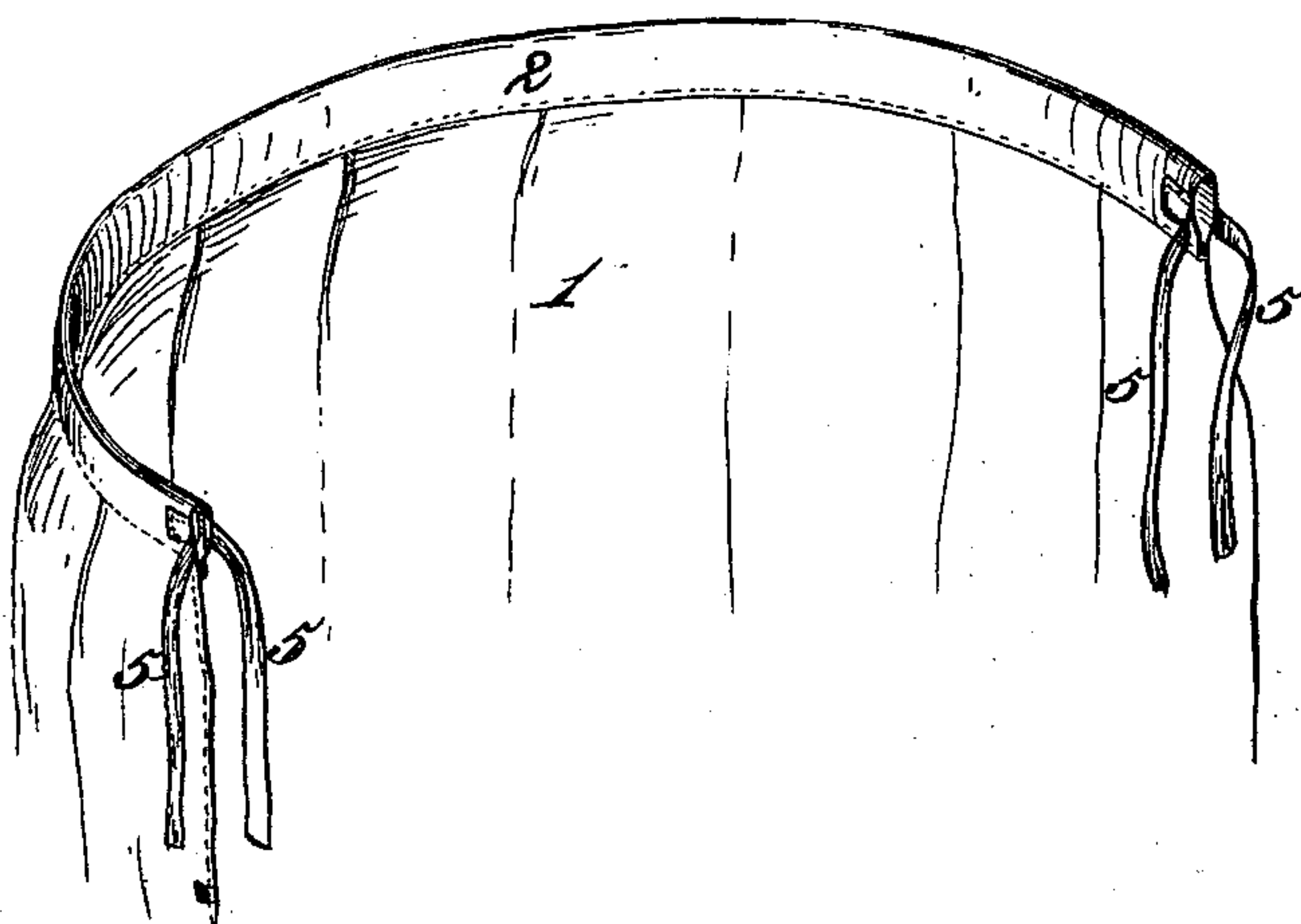
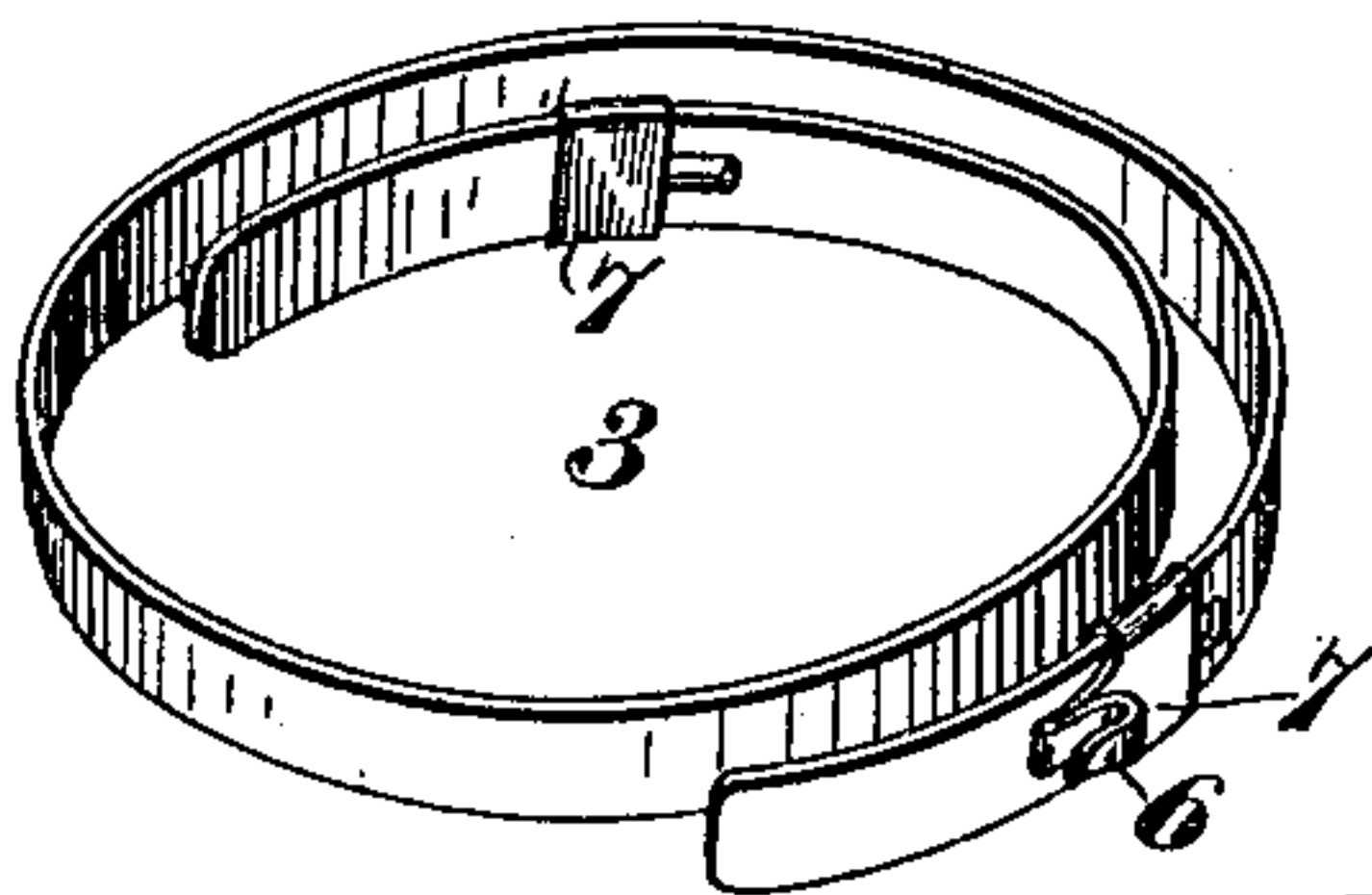


Fig. 4.



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SUPPORTING-BAND FOR APRONS.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 353,575, dated November 30, 1886.

Application filed July 27, 1886. Serial No. 209,256. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANNIE M. MORRISON, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Aprons and Supports and Retainers Therefor, of which the following is a specification.

It is very desirable to provide a lady's apron which can be quickly applied to and removed from the person at will without the necessity of tying and untying strings or tapes. This has heretofore been effected by slipping a pocket along the upper edge of the apron upon a hard-rubber spring-band adapted to clasp the waist of the person and have its ends connected by a slide; but in such no provision has been made for keeping the upper edge of the apron distended along the spring and held against shoving or moving along the length of the spring, in consequence of which the apron when in use becomes displaced and the upper edge thereof must be frequently drawn at its ends to distend it upon the spring to keep it in proper position, which is very objectionable and annoying.

To avoid such objections and provide a novel spring-band and means of attaching the apron thereto, so that it is held in proper place under all circumstances, are the objects of my invention, which I accomplish by providing a steel band, the tendency of which is to assume a convolute form, and attaching the ends of the apron-waistband to said spring by a hook or by slots and tapes, as hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of an apron showing the position of the waistband when not in use; Fig. 2, a detached perspective view of the convoluted steel band in its closed position; Fig. 3, a view of the apron showing the tapes at the ends of the waistband for securing it to the steel band, and Fig. 4 a perspective view of the steel band showing a modification for attaching the ends of the apron-waistband.

In the drawings the numeral 1 indicates an apron having, as here shown, a waistband, 2, in the form of a tubular pocket, in which is inserted the convoluted steel band 3, which

is preferably made of spring-steel that has been cold-rolled, as such will retain its inherent elasticity no matter how frequently it may be sprung open to encircle the waist of the person.

The steel band adjacent to or at each end is provided with a slot or opening, 4, and the waistband of the apron is provided at each end with two tapes or strings, 5, one of which, at each end of the waistband, after the insertion of the steel band, is passed through the slots or openings 4 and then tied to their companion strings or tapes, thereby securely attaching the ends of the apron-waistband to the steel band and holding such waistband against shirring or other movement along the length of the steel band. This attachment of the waistband to the steel spring-band not only prevents movement of the waistband along the steel band, but it also maintains the waistband in a distended position, so that it can never be displaced from proper position on the steel band. The convolute form of the steel band brings it into a small compass when not in use, which is desirable, and it can be quickly opened out and clasped around the waist, where it will support and retain the apron without other fastenings.

Instead of attaching the ends of the waistband to the steel band by strings or tapes in the manner and for the purpose hereinbefore stated, I may provide the steel band near or at each end with a pointed hook, 6, which may be passed through the ends of the apron-waistband after the insertion of the spring. These hooks project in opposite directions and are applied to the spring as part of a piece of metal, 7, clasped around the spring, which part may constitute an adjustable slide, held in position by friction to accommodate apron-waistbands of different lengths, the said spring-band being also provided with slots, as in Figs. 1 and 2, located adjacent to the hooks, so that the waistband can be secured by the hooks as well as by two strings at each end tied through the slots.

The apron-waistband applied to the spring-support according to my invention is always preserved in a neat tightly-drawn shape, thereby producing a very satisfactory article.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A convoluted spring-band for supporting an apron, having adjacent to its ends the laterally-projecting hooks 6, for penetrating and thereby securing the ends of an apron-waistband, substantially as described.

2. A convoluted spring-band for supporting an apron, having adjacent to its ends the adjustable sliding plates 7, having attached hooks 6, for penetrating and thereby securing an apron-waistband, substantially as described.

3. A spring-band for supporting an apron, having adjacent to each end a longitudinal slot and a laterally-projecting hook, 6, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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Correction in Letters Patent No. 353,575.

It is hereby certified that in the papers pertaining to the case upon which Letters Patent No. 353,575 have this day been issued to Annie M. Morrison, for an improvement in "Supporting Bands for Aprons," there is an amendment filed November 20, 1886, in the following words, to wit: "*I do not here broadly claim an apron having a waistband provided at its ends with strings, in combination with a convoluted spring band applied to the apron waistband and having a slot near each end through which the apron-strings are passed and tied, as such constitutes the subject-matter of a separate application for Letters Patent filed by me November 20, 1886,*" which said amendment should have been incorporated in the specification immediately preceding the claims; and that the said Letters Patent should be read with this correction therein that the same may conform to the record of the case in the Patent Office.

Signed, countersigned, and sealed this 30th day of November, A. D. 1886.

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