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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.

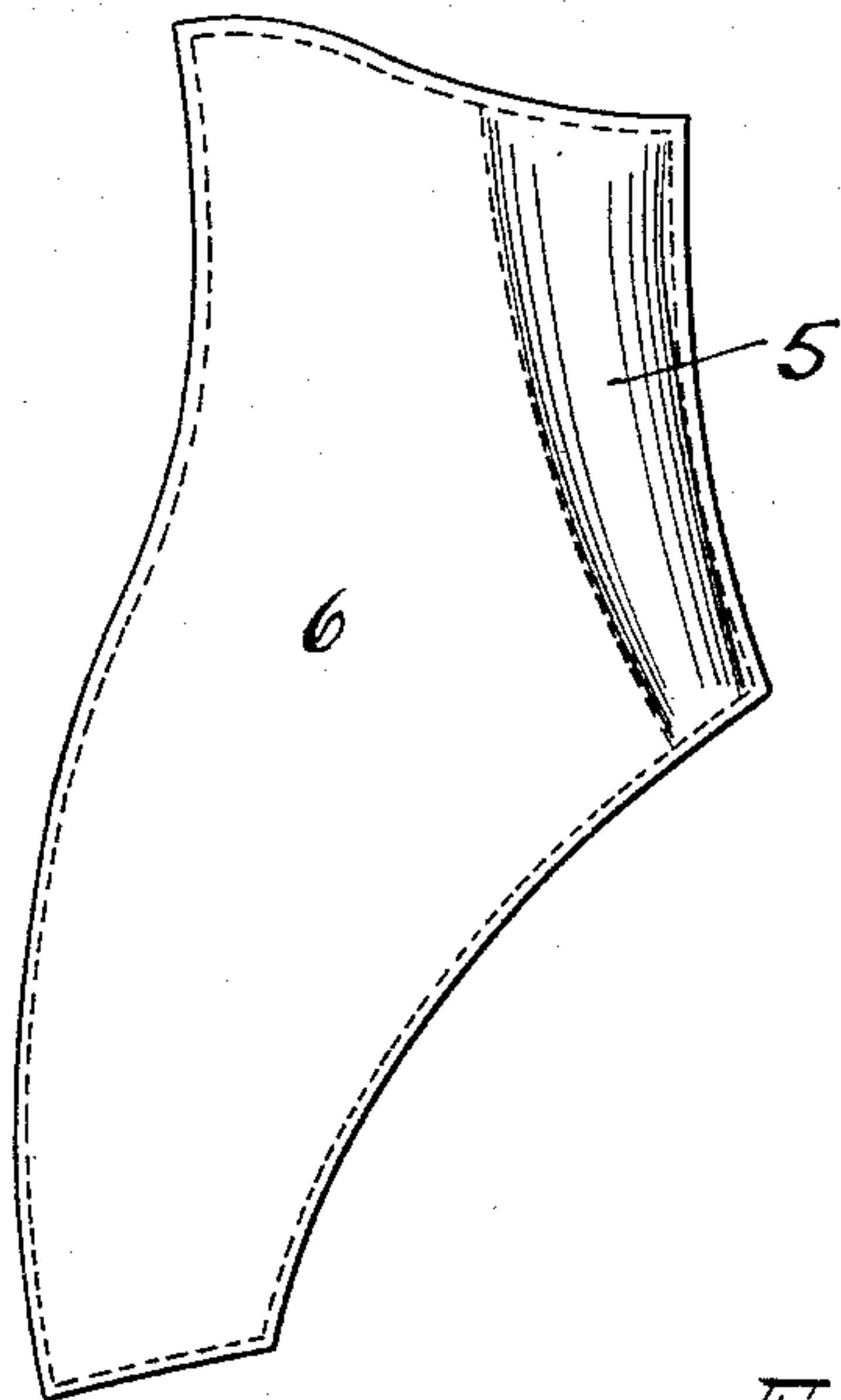


Fig. 3.

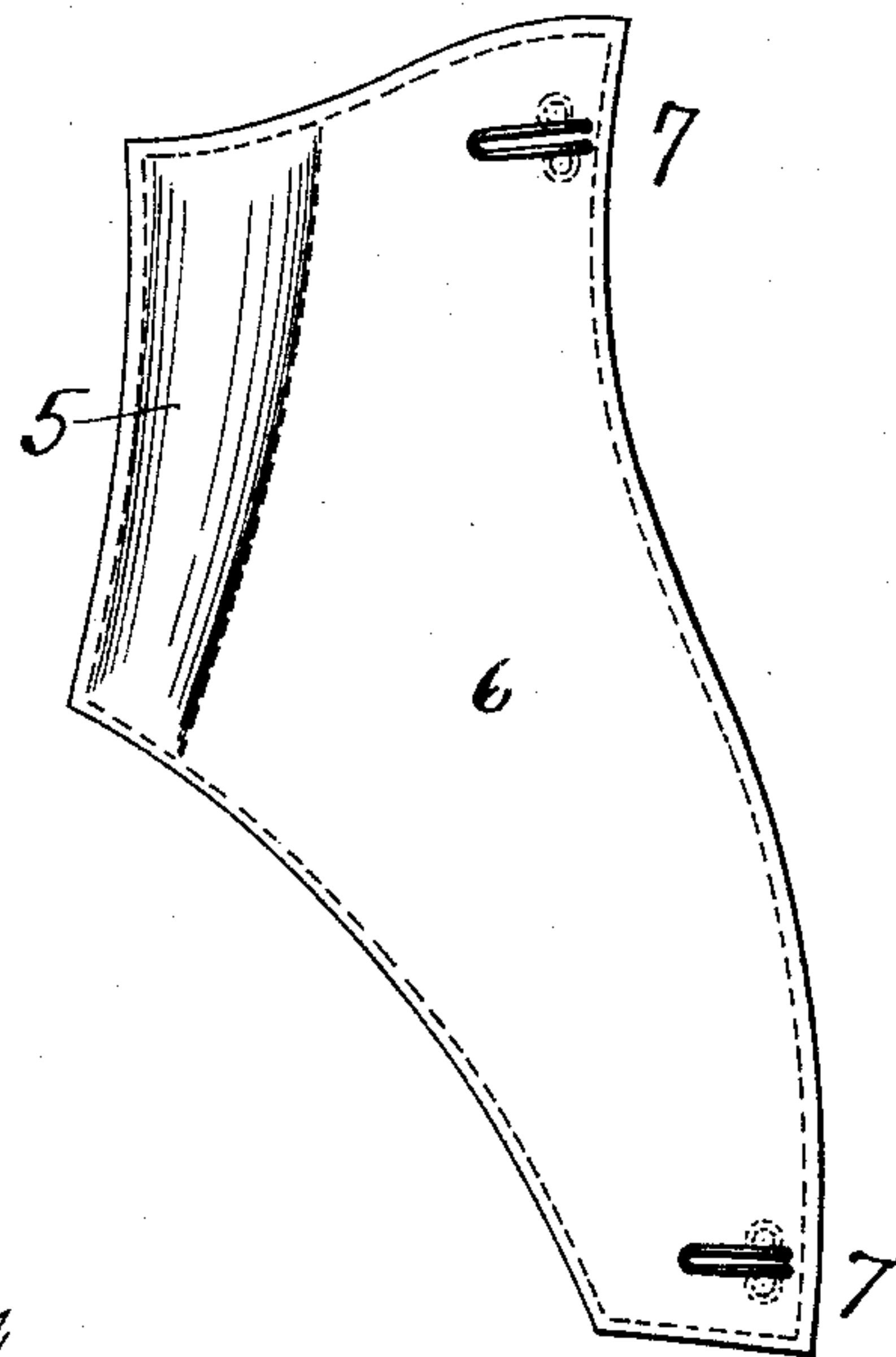
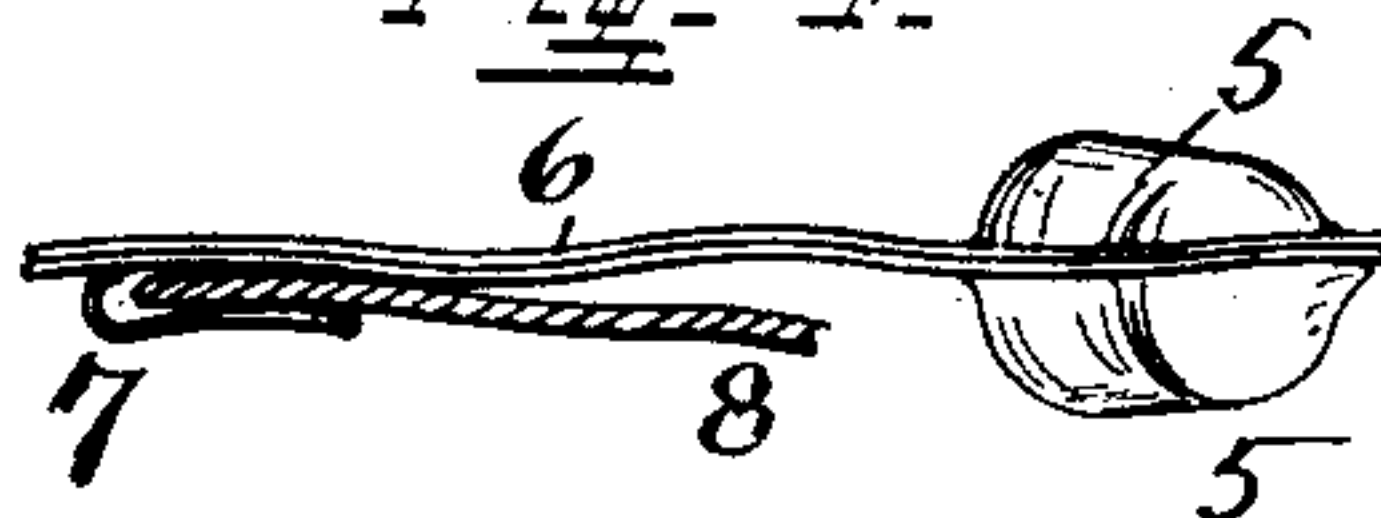


Fig. 4.



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## COMBINED VIOLIN-SUPPORT AND GARMENT-PROTECTOR.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANK P. HOELSCHER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newport, in the county of Campbell and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Violin-Support and Garment-Protector; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to a device intended to support the violin or similar instrument on the shoulder of the player, and having a flap attached to it, which protects the clothing and whereby the whole device is held in position. The object is to raise and support the remote side of the violin in such a manner as to make it easier for the player to hold the same in position with his chin, and forming an abutment for the latter's action, pressing on the near side of the instrument. In this manner the violin is rigidly held in place between chin and support, leaving the player's one hand, which formerly had to help hold the instrument, free to manipulate the strings.

Heretofore players have used their handkerchiefs, laid loosely on their shoulder, which, while giving some relief, is far from being satisfactory.

In the drawings, Figure 1 shows my device in position. Parts of the instrument (violin) are shown in dotted lines. Figs. 2 and 3 are top

and under side views, respectively, of the device detached. Fig. 4 is an edge view of the same, showing how the hooks engage with the garment 8.

5 is a pad secured to a flap 6, preferably of cloth, and is suitably shaped to fit the body at the place where it is to be laid on. The flap is held in position on top of the vest or coat by two hooks 7, secured to its underside, and which engage with the collar and lapel of the respective garments. It serves as a protector to the garments on which it lies by preventing them from getting glossy, caused by the constant rubbing of the violin on them, and at the same time holds the pad in its proper position.

The inclosure of the pad may be formed by the flap itself by making it double and wider where the pad is to be located, stuffing the filling material in it and running a seam around it.

Having described my invention, I claim as new—

The combined violin-support and garment-protector consisting of a pad 5, forming the support, a flap 6, forming the garment-protector and connected to the former, and hooks whereby the whole device is held in position, as shown and described.

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

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