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TENNIS SASH.

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Fig. I.

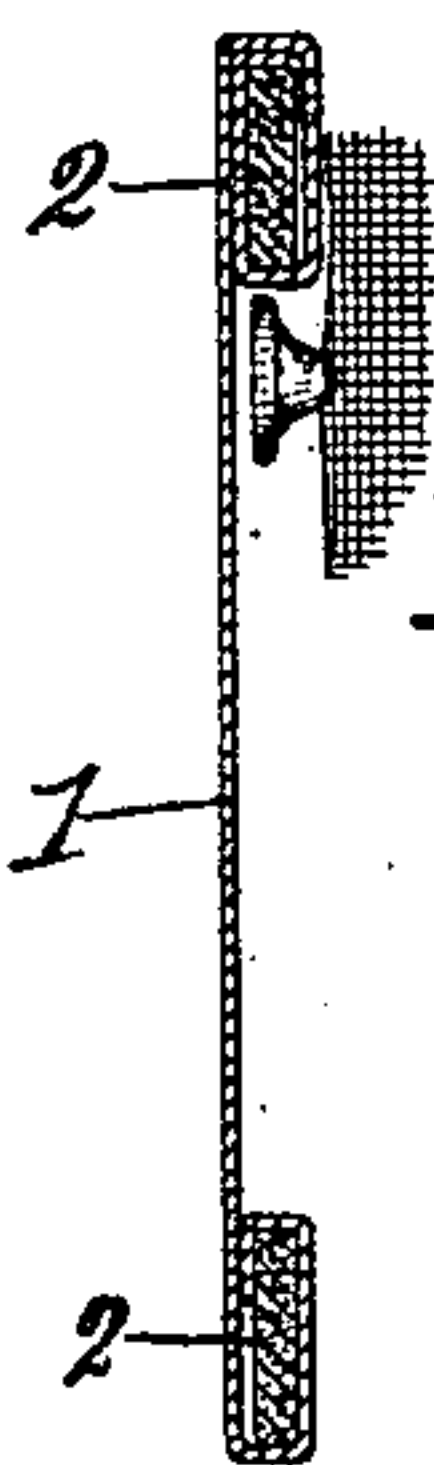
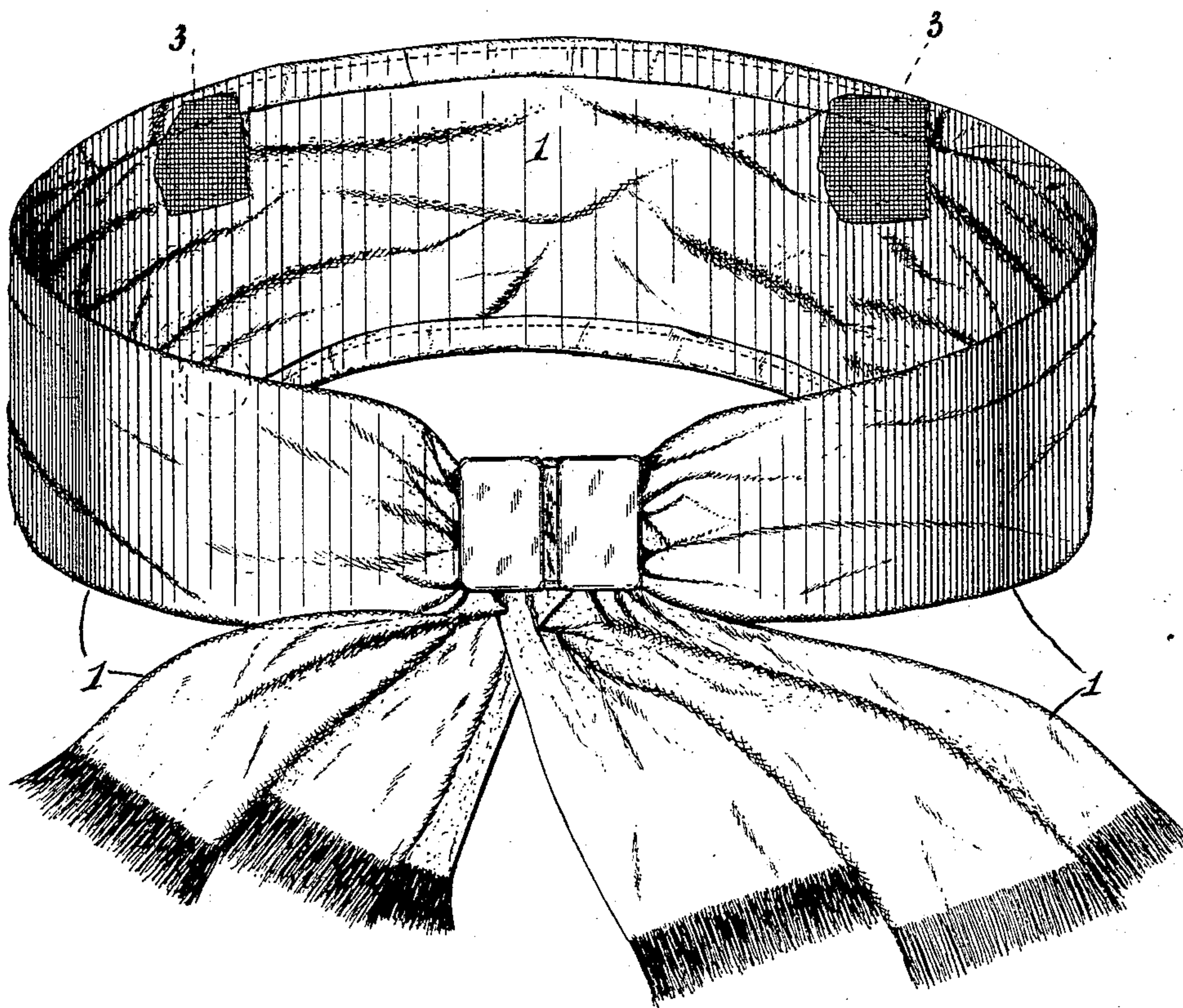


Fig. III.

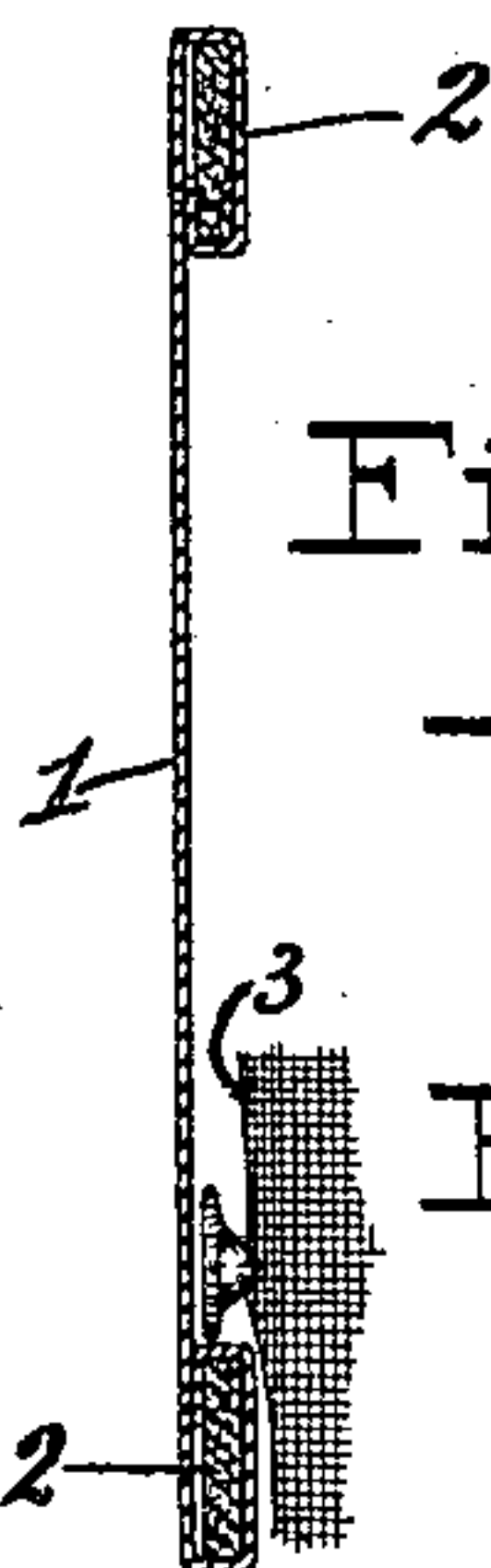


Fig. II.



Fig. IV.

Fig. V.



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## TENNIS-SASH.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWARD W. WHITTAKER, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tennis-Sashes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to loose flowing tennis-sashes which are usually made of only one thickness of silk. It has been found that such sashes are apt to ride up or down, so as to expose the tops of the trousers of the wearer. My invention is designed to prevent this inconvenience, and, further, to provide a sash with means which will enable it to be changed in width and appearance when desired.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure I shows in perspective my improved sash. Figs. II, III, and IV are sectional views through the front portion thereof. Fig. V is a detail view of one end of the stiffening-strip, showing the rounding thereof.

My invention consists in providing the upper and lower edges of the front portion of a loose flowing sash 1 with stiff strips of leather or other suitable material 2 2, which preferably extend only sufficiently from side to side to pass half-way around the wearer's waist.

In Fig. I I have dotted in the position which the buttons of the wearer's trousers (portions of which are shown at 3 3) will assume when the sash tends to ride down over the top of the trousers. The tops of the trousers themselves also act to detain the stiff strips and so prevent the uncovering of the waistband.

While the sash may be worn as shown in Fig. I, it is usual to turn in the edges of the sash over the strips 2 2, as shown in Figs. II and III, or even to the extent shown in Fig. IV, altering the shape and width of the sash without at all impairing, but rather assisting, the action of the buttons and tops of the trousers, as described.

The strips are preferably rounded, as shown in Fig. V, so that there will be no danger of cutting the material owing to sharp projecting edges. The stiffening strip or strips herein described are preferably, as shown, at both the top and bottom edges of the sash and are always arranged longitudinally thereof; but I may in practice use a strip only on one edge.

Having thus described my invention, the following is what I claim as new therein and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A tennis-sash having a longitudinal stiffening-strip secured along an edge thereof and adapted to be folded within the sash, substantially as described.

2. A tennis-sash having longitudinal stiffening-strips secured along the edges thereof and adapted to be folded within the sash, substantially as described.

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