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Fig. 1.

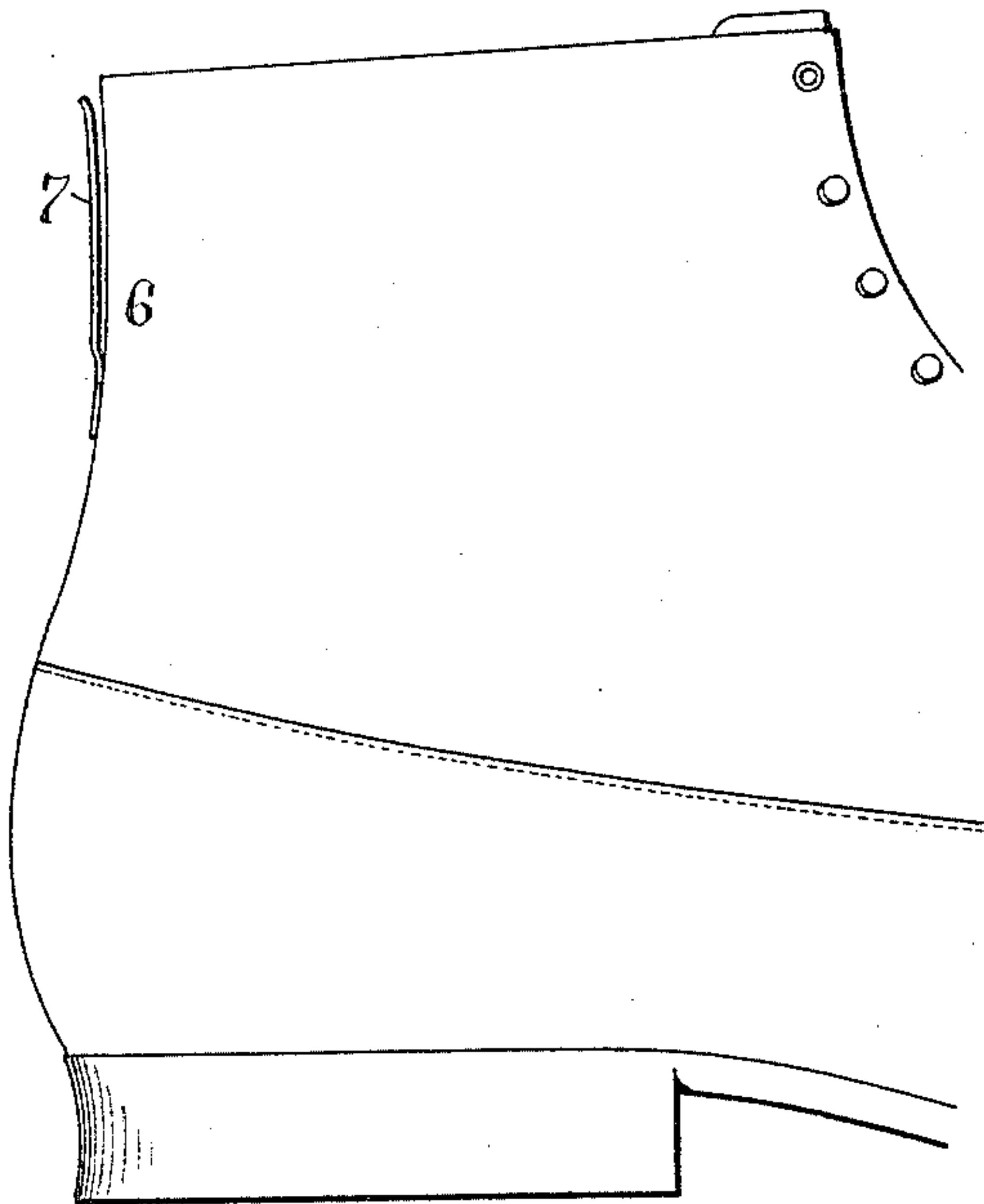


Fig. 2.

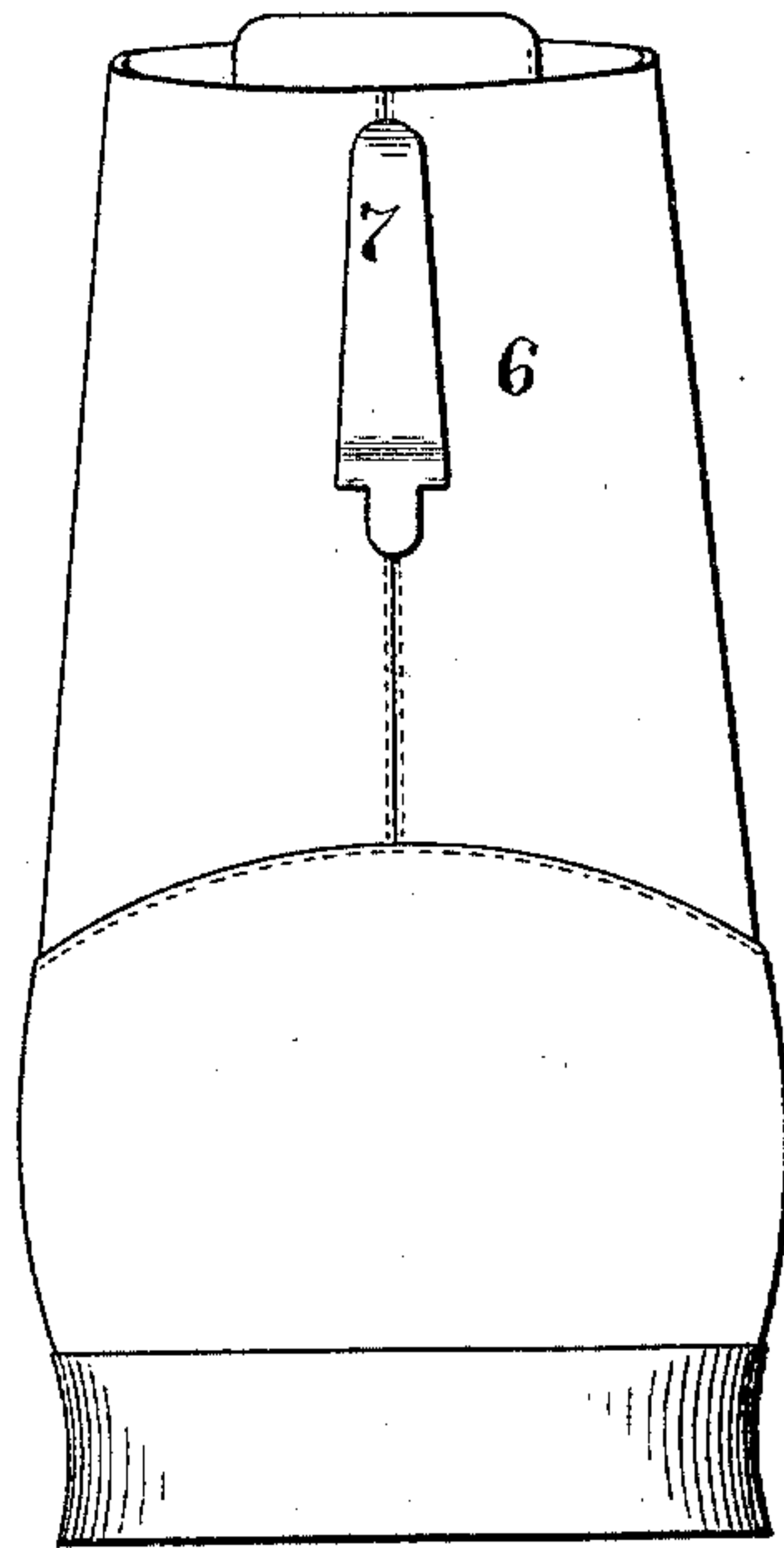


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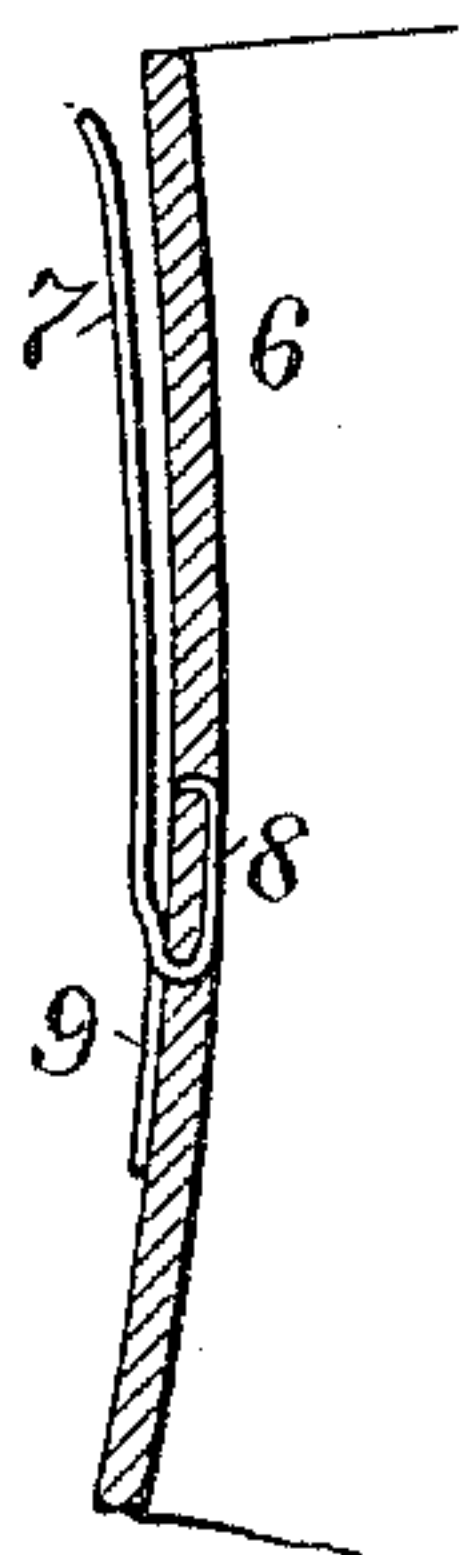


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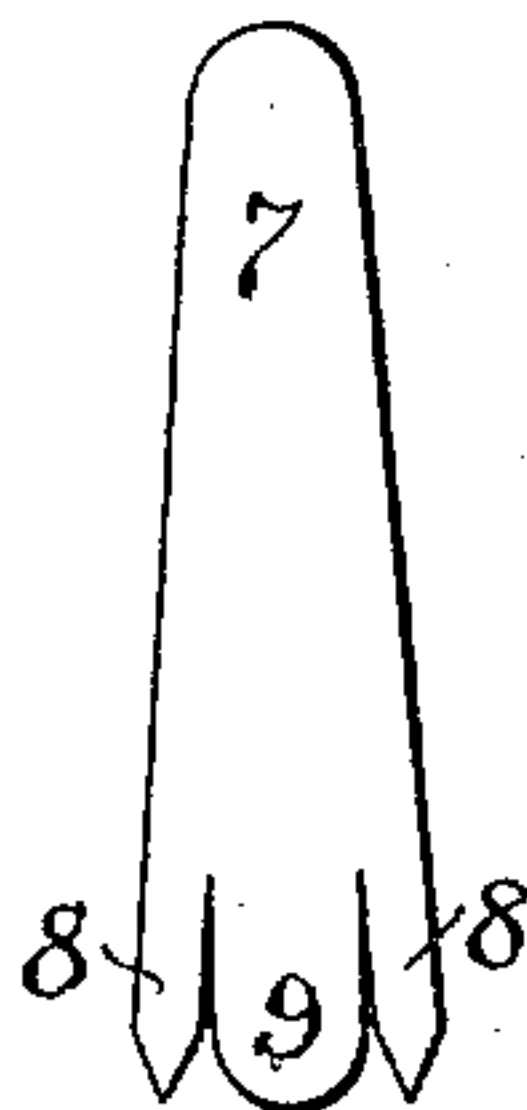
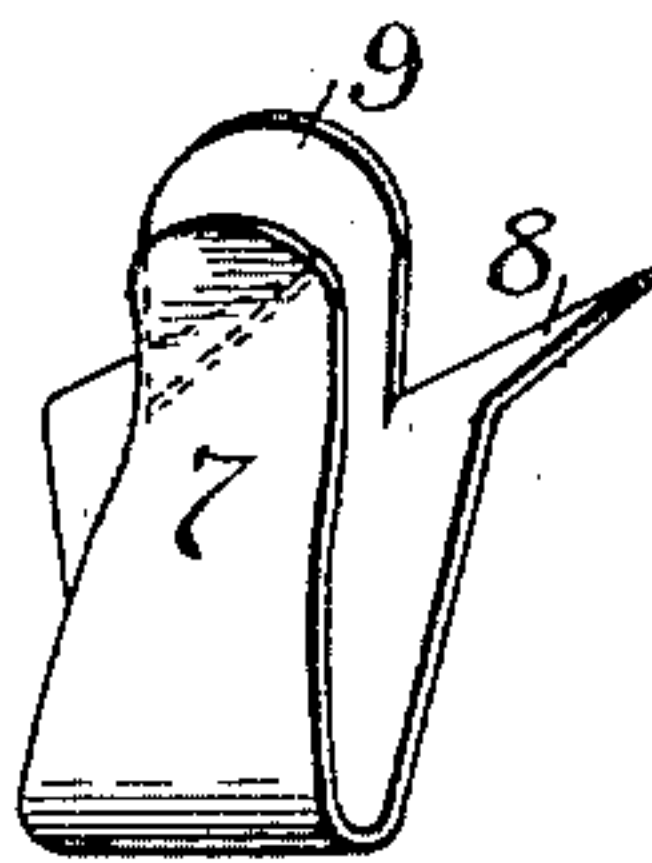


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE A. HICKS, of the city and county of Providence, and State of Rhode Island, have invented a new and
5 useful Improvement in Trousers-Supporters; and I hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

10 This invention has reference to an improvement in the construction of trousers-supporters secured to boots or shoes; and it consists in a metal tongue secured to the boot or shoe and adapted to support the lower end
15 of trousers and hold the same, as will be more fully set forth hereinafter.

The object of this invention is to provide boots or shoes with a sheet-metal tongue by which the rear lower ends of trousers can be
20 conveniently held in a raised position, so that on wet or muddy roads the trousers will not be injured and will not raise the mud up onto the boot or shoe.

Figure 1 is a side view of the rear part of
25 a shoe provided with my improved trousers-support. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the shoe showing the trousers-support. Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional view showing the manner of securing the metal trousers-support to a
30 boot or shoe. Fig. 4 is a view of the sheet-metal blank out of which the trousers-support is made. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a bent-up modified form of my trousers-support.

Similar numbers of reference indicate corresponding parts in the drawings.

35 In the drawings, the number 6 indicates the rear portion of a boot or shoe; 7, the sheet-metal tongue; 8, the prongs formed integral with the tongue 7, by which the same is secured to the boot or shoe, as is clearly shown in Fig. 3. The number 9 indicates a lip forming a bearing on the outside of the boot or shoe.

The blank can be readily stamped from

sheet metal and the prongs bent at right angles to the blank. These prongs can be quickly forced through the boot or shoe and clinched by a metal clinching-plate, thereby firmly securing the trousers-support to the boot or shoe. The modified form is made by bending the tongue 7 into the form of a hook. In wet or muddy weather the lower edge of the trousers is inserted behind the tongue 7, which, by reason of the bearing formed by the lip 9, forms a spring-clamp at the lower part of the tongue, by which the lower edge of the trousers is firmly held in walking. In the modified form the end of the tongue 7 bears with a spring-pressure against the lip 9, and thus forms a clip by which the trousers are
45 50 55 60 firmly held.

In wet or muddy weather the rear ends of trousers are liable to drag in the wet or mud and are drawn up at each step, thus carrying the mud up over the rear part of the boot or shoe, soiling both the trousers and shoes.

By the use of my trousers-support the rear end of the trousers is held in the raised position and is not allowed to drag in the mud. The use of my improved trousers-support also renders unnecessary the unsightly turning up of the lower parts of the trousers.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

75 The herein-described trousers-support, consisting of the tongue 7, bent to receive the lower edge of a trousers-leg, the lip 9, forming a bearing on the shoe, and the prongs 8, bent at right angles to the lip 9 and adapted to enter the material of the shoe and secure the device to the same, formed of one piece of sheet metal, as described.

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