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SAFETY POCKET FOR GARMENTS.

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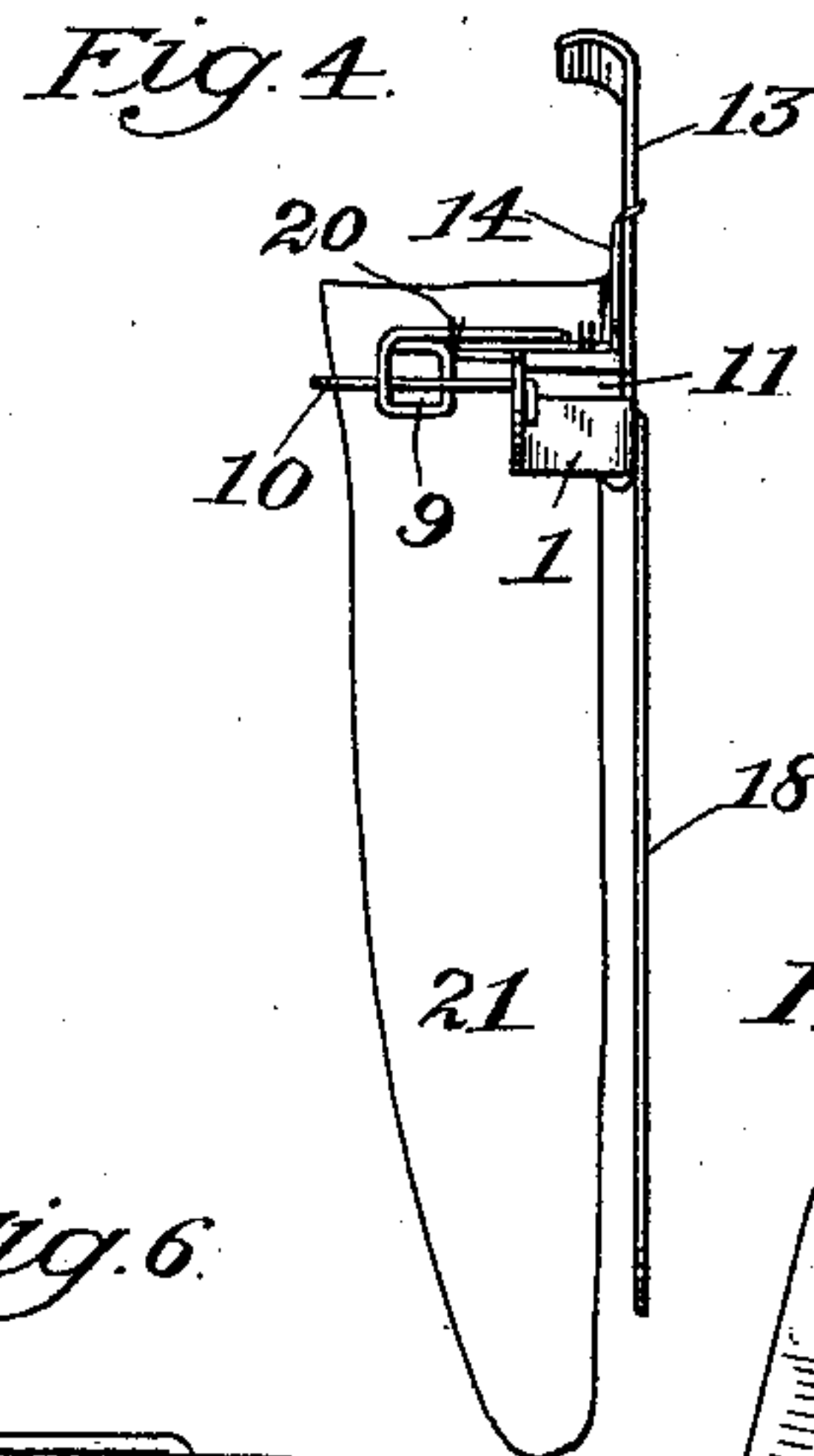
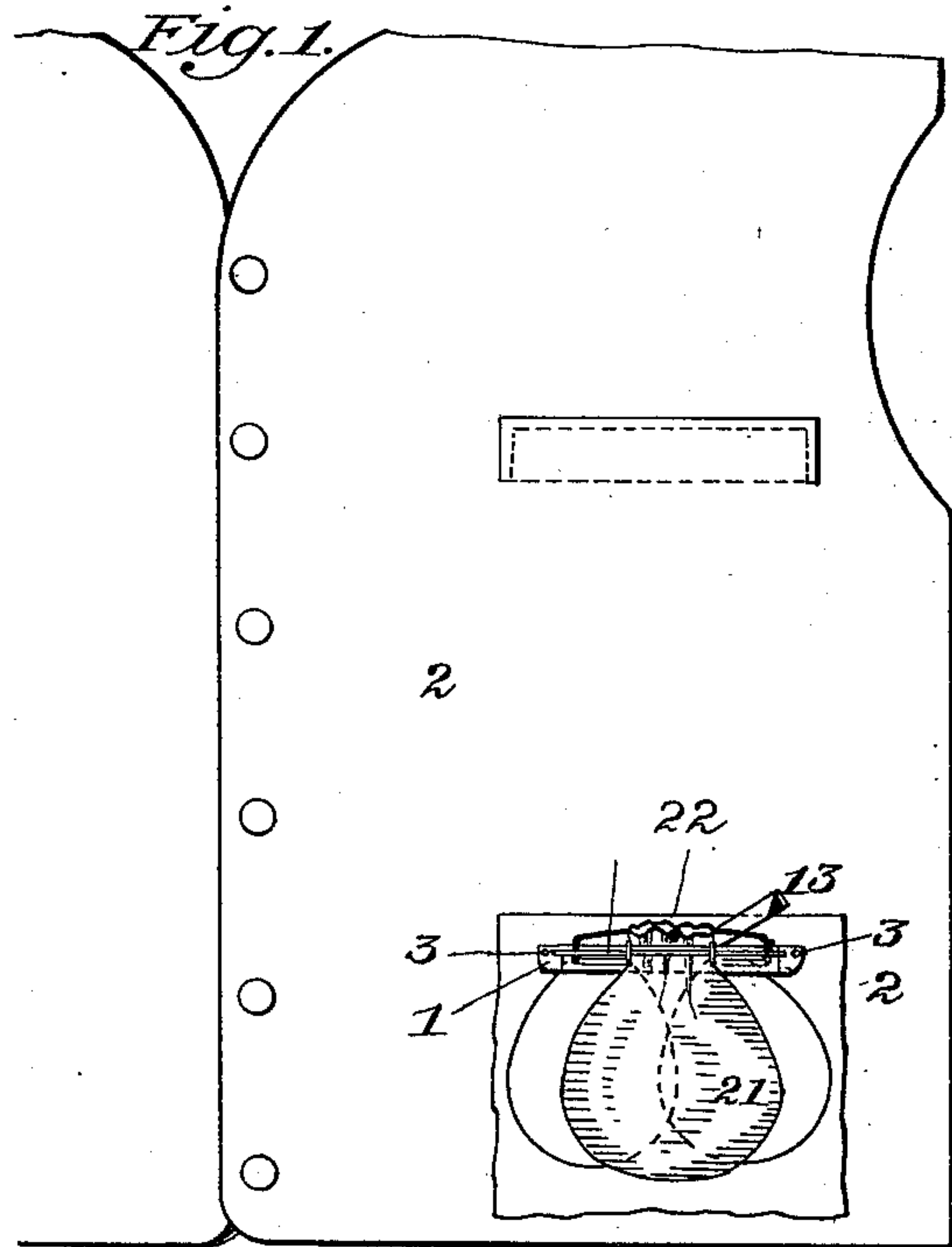


Fig. 6.

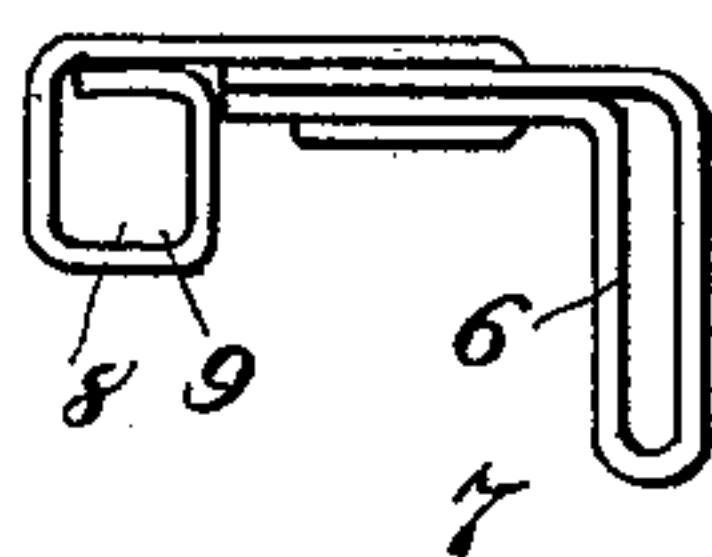
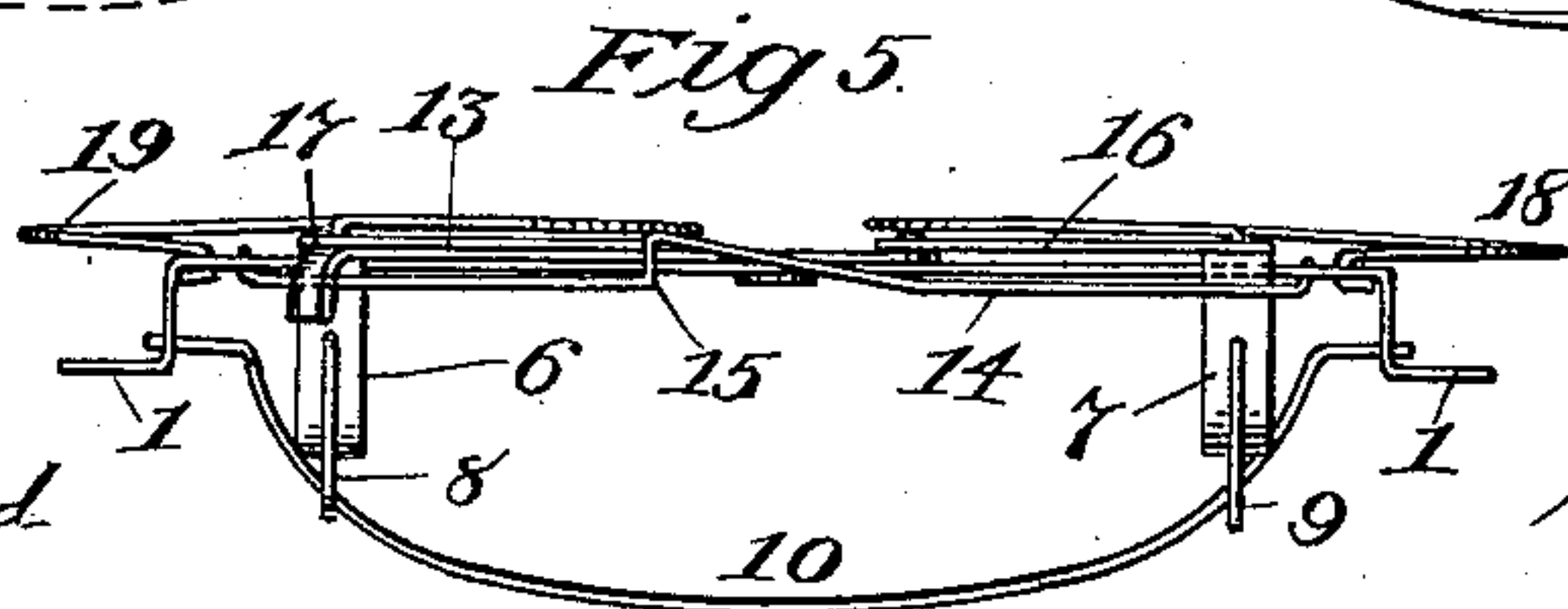
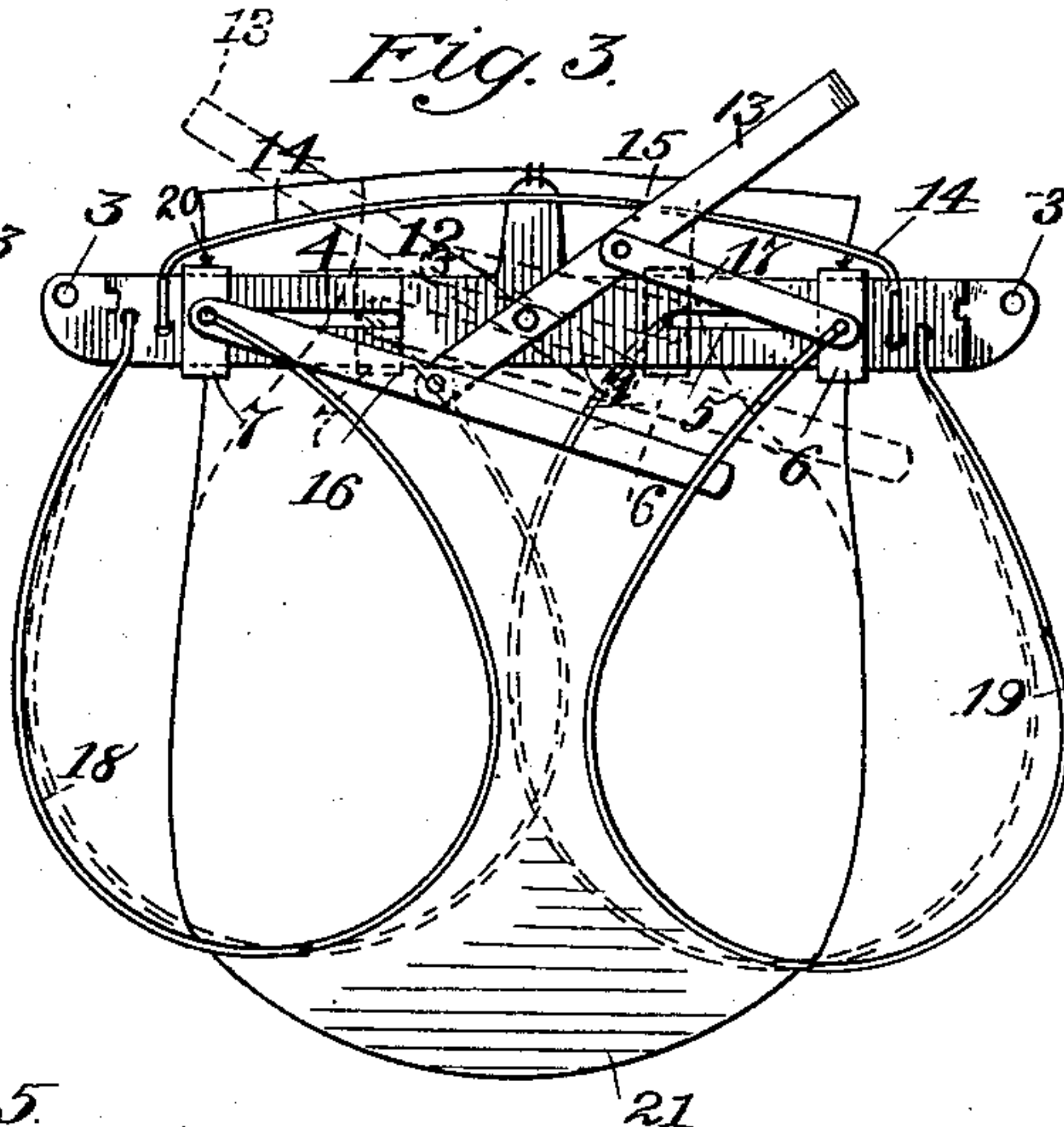
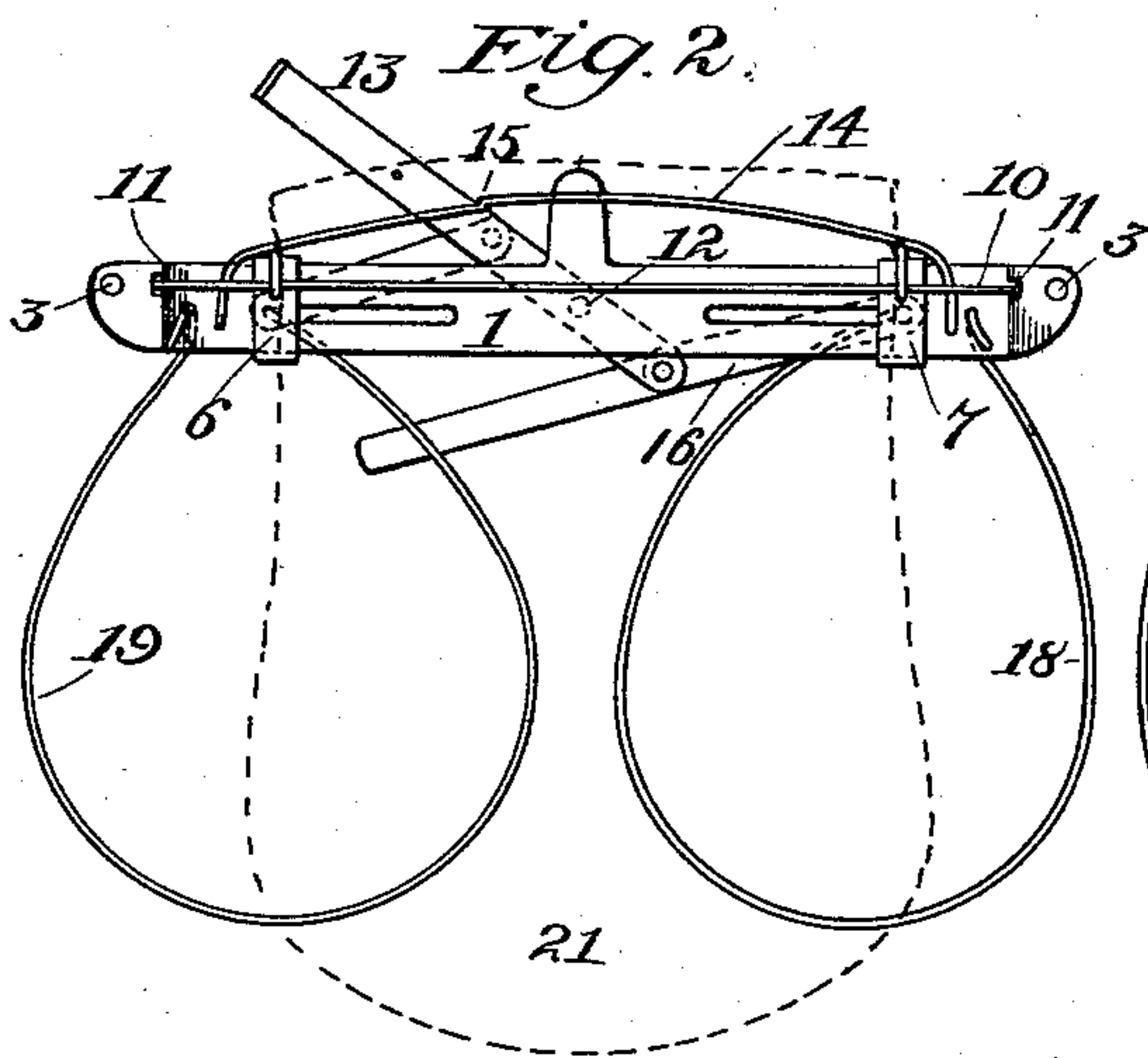
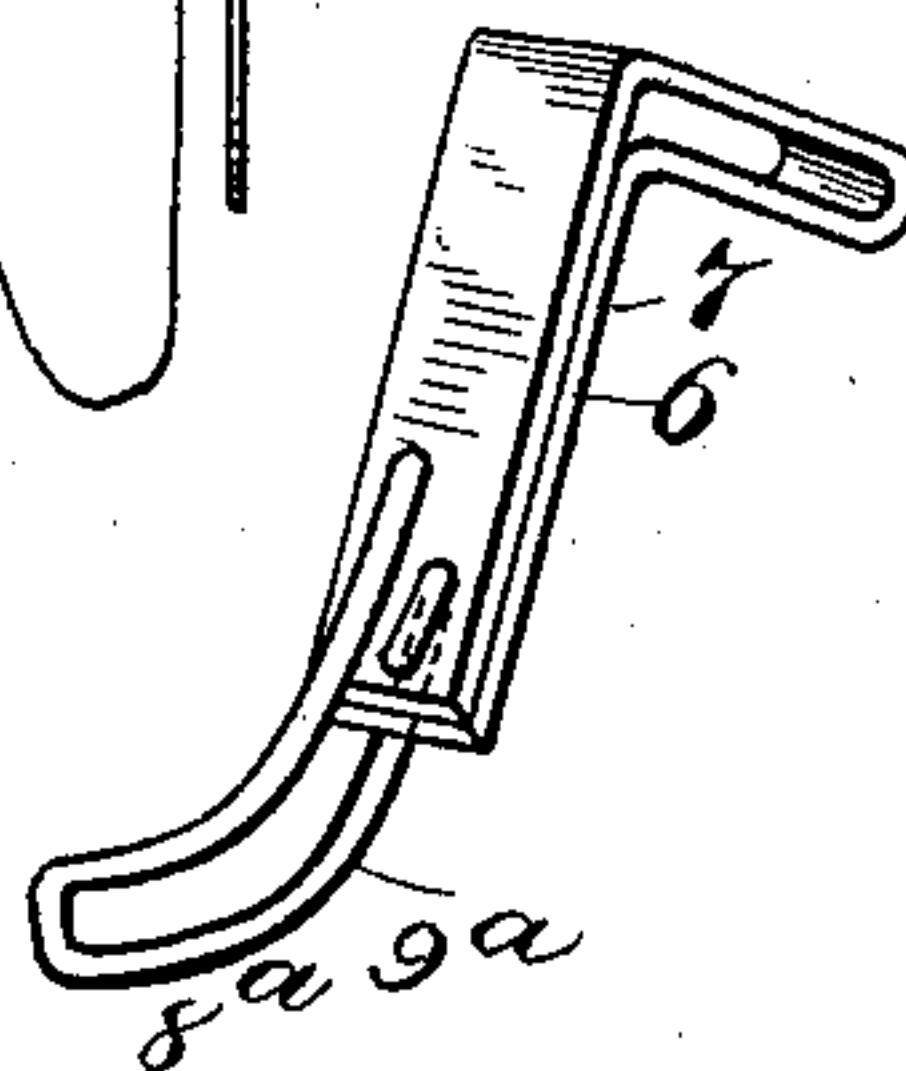


Fig. 7.



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SAFETY-POCKET FOR GARMENTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY MASON, residing at Plymouth, in the county of Litchfield and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and
5 useful Improvement in Pockets for Garments and other Articles, which invention is fully set forth and illustrated in the following specification and accompanying drawings.

The object of this invention is to make a
10 safety-pocket for garments and other purposes, the contents of which cannot be removed until the pocket is opened by a lever or similar attachment.

The invention, which is an improvement
15 upon the invention described and claimed in Patent No. 501,229, issued to me July 11, 1893, will first be described in detail and then set forth in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1
20 shows in front elevation my garment-pocket, in a closed position, attached to a waistcoat-pocket, part of the waistcoat being broken away to show the location of the device. Fig. 2 shows the pocket in front elevation, detached and opened, the bag being shown in
25 dotted lines. Fig. 3 is a back view of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a side view of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a view in plan of Fig. 2. Fig. 6 illustrates a detail of construction hereinafter described. Fig.
30 7 shows a modification in construction hereinafter described.

In said figures the several parts are respectively indicated by reference-numbers as follows:

35 The number 1 indicates a plate which may be fastened to the waistcoat 2, or other garment, by clasps, wire, or thread, passing through holes 3 in said plate. Said plate is provided with two slots 4, 5, and with two slid-
40 ing bars 6, 7, which are bent, as shown in Fig. 6, to surround said plate. The slots 4, 5, may be omitted, if desired. Said bars 6, 7, are provided with eyes 8, 9, formed of wire, through which is passed a curved wire 10, whose ends
45 are inserted in slots 11 in the plate 1. The wire 10 may be dispensed with, if desired, and the equivalent construction shown in Fig. 7 substituted therefor. In this latter figure the
50 eyes 8, 9, on the sliding bars 6, 7, are made

ward each other as clearly shown at the points 8^a, 9^a, in said figure.

Pivoted to the plate 1, at the point 12, is a lever 13, the long arm of which passes up-
ward at the back of said plate under a spring-
55 rod or bar 14 secured to said plate and provided with a notch or offset-catch 15, as shown in plan in Fig. 5. To the lever 13 is secured a link 16, and also one end of a link 17. A
60 curved wire 18 has one of its ends secured to the plate 1 and its other end passes through one end of the link 16 and through the sliding-bar 6 and slot 4, and is secured to said
sliding bar. Another curved wire 19 has one
65 of its ends secured to the plate 1 and its other end passes through one end of the link 17 and through the sliding-bar 7 and slot 5, and is secured to said sliding-bar.

Attached by wire or thread 20 to the sliding-
bars 6, 7, and suspended between the curved
70 wire 10 and the plate 1, is a bag or pocket 21 of kid or chamois leather, or other material, into which the articles desired to be kept in the pocket are deposited. Said bag may also
75 be secured, if desired, to the vest or other garment, at the point 22. The curved wires 18, 19, act as springs for the sliding bars 6, 7, to close the mouth of the bag 21.

The operation of the device is as follows:
The plate 1, with its attached parts, having
80 been secured to the garment, the mouth of the bag 21 is opened by moving over the lever 13 until it is retained by the catch 15 on the spring-rod 14, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The
desired article, such as a watch, is then de-
85 posited in the bag 21 and the lever 13 released from the catch 15. Said lever will immediately spring back to the position shown in full lines in Fig. 1 and in dotted lines in Fig. 3,
90 and the sliding bars 6, 7 to which the spring-jaws 18, 19, are secured will fly toward each other, thus automatically closing the mouth of the bag 21 as shown in Fig. 1. This closing
95 of the mouth of said bag, will render impossible the removal of the watch or other article deposited therein until after the jaws 18, 19, have been re-opened. The auxiliary wire-attachment 10, or 8^a, 9^a, whichever may be used,
will assist in preventing such removal. When
100 the wearer of this pocket desires to remove

the article he moves the lever 13 into engagement with the stop 15, thus opening the spring jaws 18, 19, and permitting the removal of the articles. The auxiliary wire-attachment 10
5 will assist the spring jaws 18, 19 and the sliding bars 6, 7, in opening the mouth of the bag 21.

This attachment may be applied to the pocket already formed in a garment, or may
10 be substituted for the pocket-lining, by attachment to the garment, so that the bag 21 will take the place of a pocket within the usual opening in the garment made for the purpose of forming the mouth of the pocket.
15 The attachment is applicable to a bag as well as to a garment-pocket.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim—

1. In a safety pocket for garments or other
20 articles, the combination of a metal plate; sliding bars adapted to slide on said plate; a flexible bag secured to said bars; springs, for closing the mouth of said bag, secured to said plate and to said bars; and a lever for operating
25 said bars and opening the mouth of said bag.

2. In a safety-pocket for garments or other articles, the combination of a metal plate provided with slots; sliding bars adapted to slide
30 in said slots; a flexible bag secured to said bars; springs for closing the mouth of said bag, secured to said plate and to said bars; and a lever for operating said bars.

3. In a safety pocket for garments or other articles, the combination of a metal plate; sliding bars adapted to slide on said plate; a
35 flexible bag secured to said bars; springs, for closing the mouth of said bag, secured to said plate and to said bars; a lever for operating said bars and opening the mouth of said bag;
40 and a catch for said lever.

4. In a safety-pocket for garments or other articles, the combination of a metal plate provided with slots; sliding-bars adapted to slide
45 in said slots; a flexible bag secured to said bars; springs for closing the mouth of said bag, secured to said plate and to said bars; a lever for operating said bars; and a catch for said lever.

5. In a safety pocket for garments or other
50 articles, the combination of a metal plate; sliding bars adapted to slide on said plate; a flexible bag secured to said bars; springs, for closing the mouth of said bag, secured to said plate and to said bars; a lever pivoted to said
55 plate; and links connecting said lever with said sliding bars.

6. In a safety pocket for garments or other articles, the combination of a metal plate provided with slots; sliding bars adapted to slide
60 in said slots; a flexible bag secured to said bars; springs, for closing the mouth of said bag, secured to said plate and to said bars; a lever pivoted to said plate; and links connecting said lever with said sliding bars.

7. In a safety pocket for garments or other
65 articles, the combination of a metal plate; sliding-bars adapted to slide on said plate; a flexible bag secured to said bars; springs, for closing the mouth of said bag, secured to said plate and to said bars; a lever pivoted to said
70 plate; links connecting said lever with said sliding bars; and a catch for said lever.

8. In a safety pocket for garments or other articles, the combination of a metal plate provided with slots; sliding bars adapted to slide
75 in said slots; a flexible bag secured to said bars; springs, for closing the mouth of said bag, secured to said plate and to said bars; a lever pivoted to said plate; links connecting said lever with said sliding bars; and a catch
80 for said lever.

9. In a safety pocket for garments or other articles, the combination of a metal plate; a flexible bag; springs secured to said plate for closing the mouth of said bag; a lever for
85 opening the mouth of said bag; and an auxiliary wire-attachment, substantially as described in front of said plate for the purposes set forth.

10. In a safety pocket for garments or other
90 articles, the combination of a metal plate; sliding bars adapted to slide on said plate; a flexible bag secured to said bars; springs, for closing the mouth of said bag, secured to said plate and to said bars; a lever for opening the
95 mouth of said bag; and an auxiliary wire-attachment in front of said plate for the purposes set forth.

11. In a safety pocket for garments or other articles, the combination of a metal plate; sliding bars adapted to slide on said plate; a
100 flexible bag secured to said bars; springs secured to said plate and to said bars for closing the mouth of said bag; a lever for opening the mouth of said bag; and bent wires
105 as 8^a, 9^a, secured to said sliding bars in front of said plate for the purposes set forth.

12. In a safety pocket for garments or other articles; the combination of a metal plate; sliding bars adapted to slide on said plate; a
110 flexible bag secured to said bars; springs secured to said plate and to said bars for closing the mouth of said bag; a lever pivoted to said plate; links connecting said lever with said sliding bars; and an auxiliary wire-attachment in front of said plate for the purposes set forth.
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13. In a safety pocket for garments or other articles, the combination of a metal plate; sliding-bars adapted to slide on said plate; a
120 flexible bag secured to said bars; springs secured to said plate and to said bars for closing the mouth of said bag; a lever pivoted to said plate; links connecting said lever with said sliding bars; and bent wires as 8^a, 9^a, secured to said sliding bars in front of said plate for the purposes set forth.
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14. In a safety pocket for garments or other

articles, the combination of a metal plate; sliding bars adapted to slide on said plate; a flexible bag secured to said bars; springs secured to said plate and to said bars for closing the mouth of said bag; a lever pivoted to said plate; links connecting said lever with said sliding bars; a catch for said lever; and bent wires as 8^a, 9^a, secured to said sliding bars in front of said plate for the purposes set forth.

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