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Fig. 1.

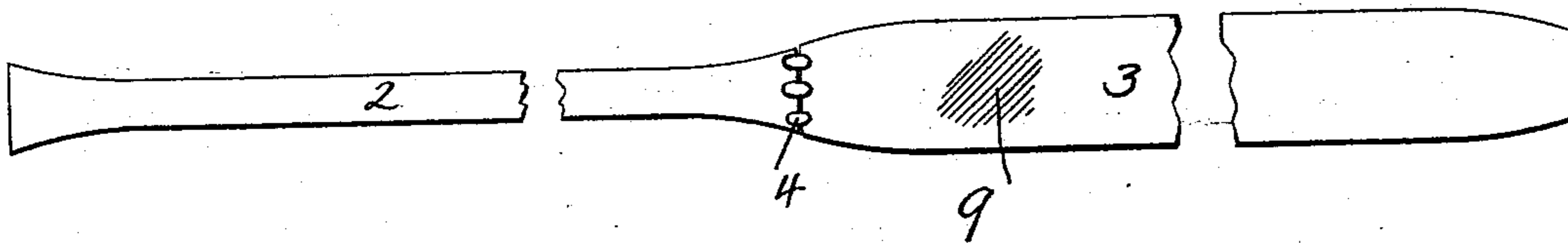


Fig. 2.

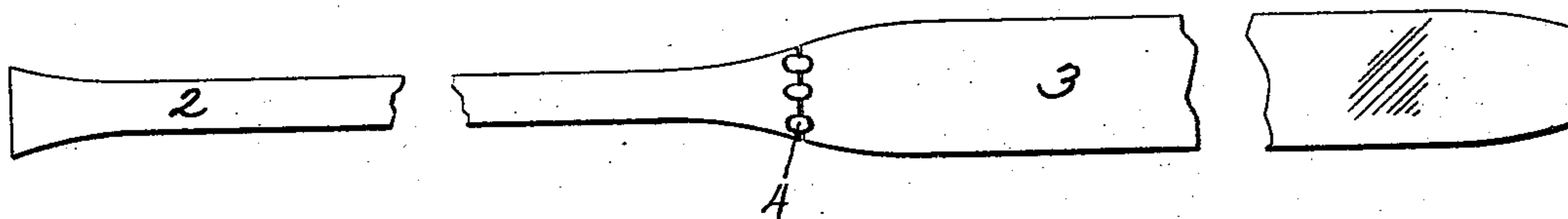


Fig. 3.

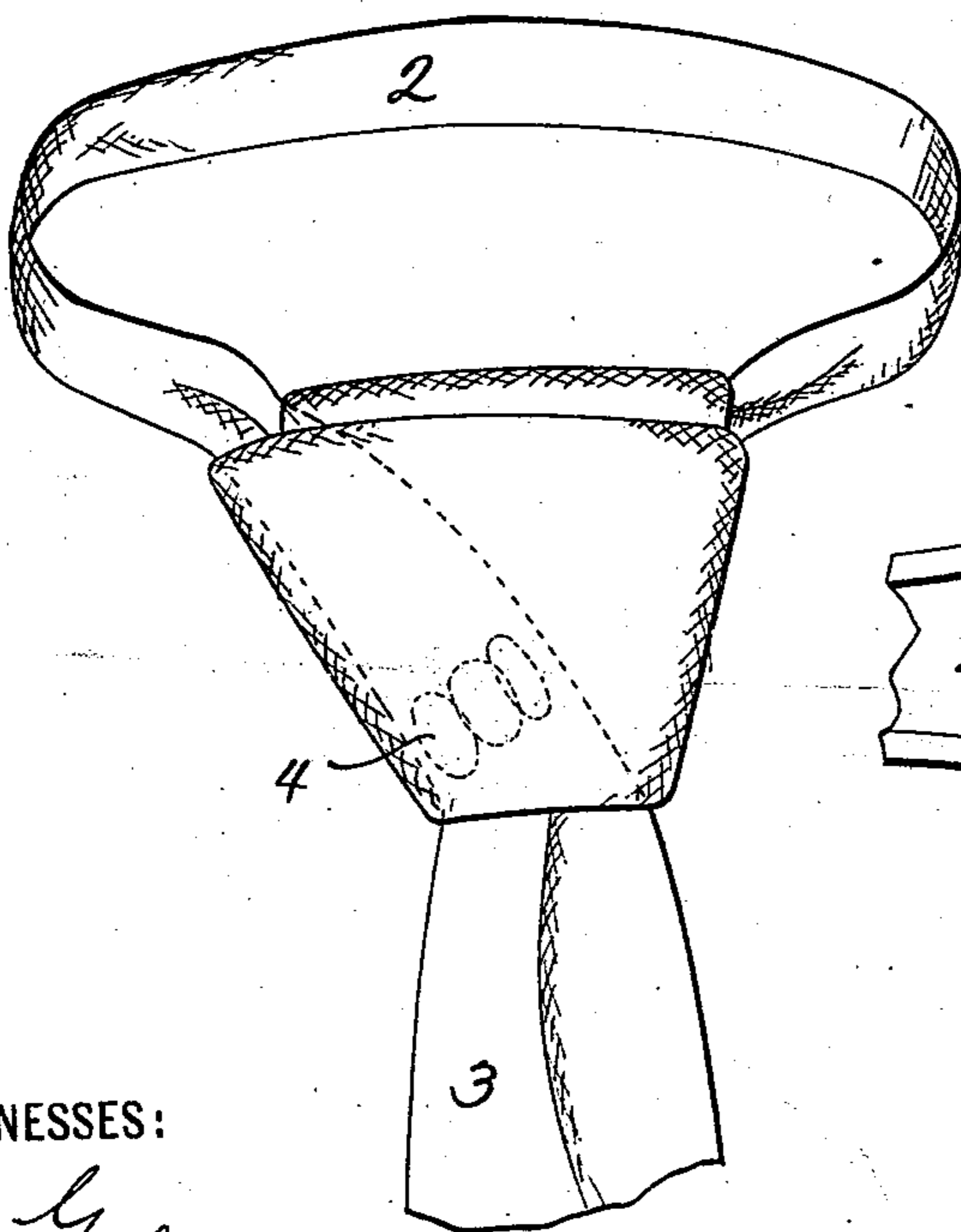
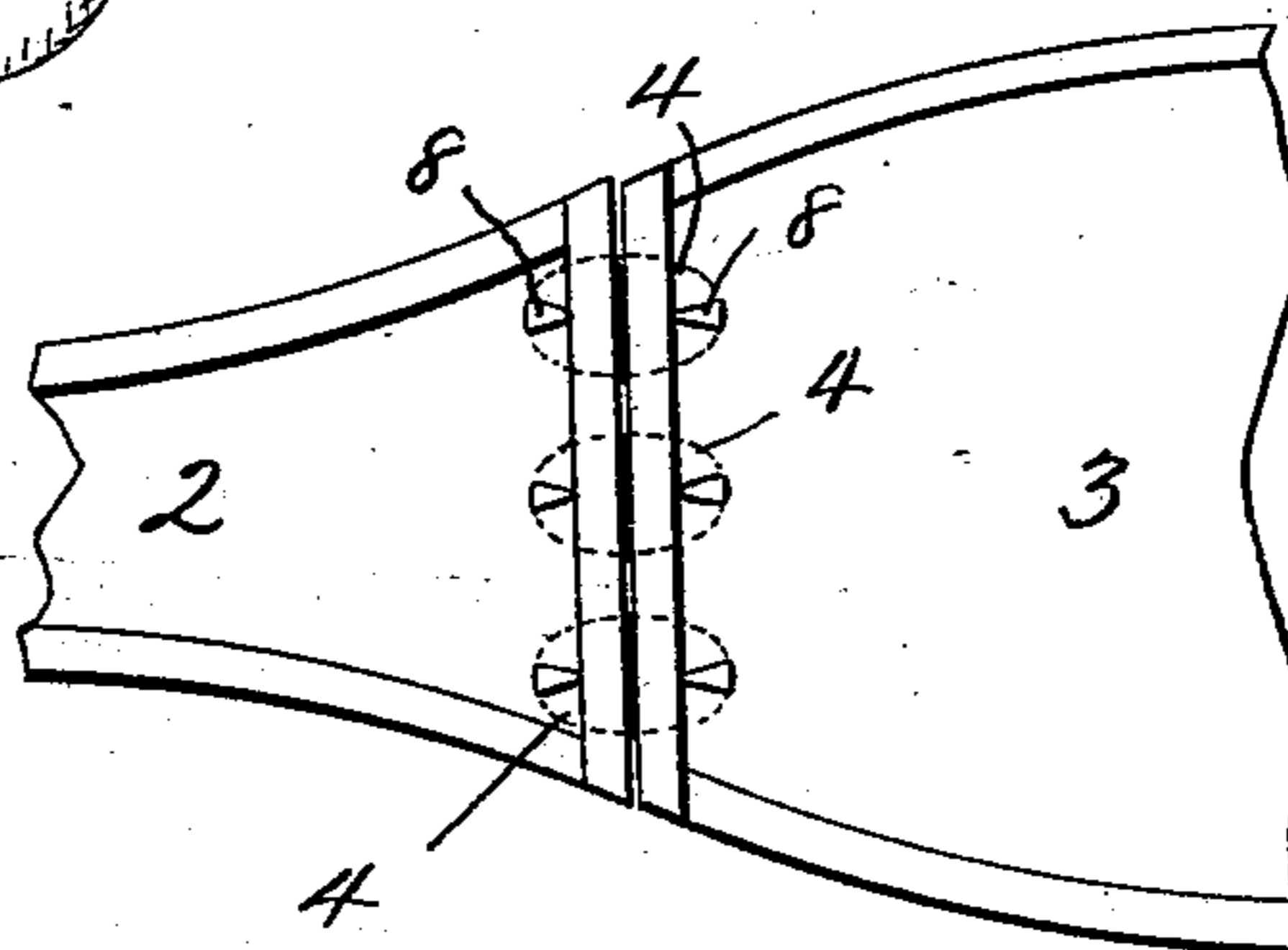


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. CLARK, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Bayonne, county of Hudson, and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Neckties, of which the following is a specification.

In the use of neckties of various kinds there is much waste, due to the fact that the comparatively small exposed portion of the tie is soon discolored or is worn by contact with the chin or by the repeated insertion of the scarf-pin. These ties commonly consist of a narrow band adapted to be passed around the collar and formed in one piece with the band and another portion with which the knot is formed and which constitutes the exposed and ornamental portion of the tie. The part of this tie portion upon which the wear comes is that immediately contiguous to the band, leaving the other end of the tie portion in a perfectly new condition at a time when the necktie as a whole becomes useless and must be thrown away. The tie being also often of considerable length it must be cut from large pieces of material.

It is the object of my invention to double the period of usefulness of neckties by enabling different ends of the tie portion to be utilized, and I accomplish this by making the band and tie proper separate and readily detachable and by adapting either end of the tie portion to be connected with the band and thus brought into such position that it may serve to form the knot without impairing the transverse flexibility and knotting capacity of the tie.

Such being the general nature of my invention, it consists in the parts and combinations thereof hereinafter set forth and claimed.

In order to make the invention more clearly understood, I have shown in the accompanying drawings means for carrying it into practical effect without limiting my improvements in their useful applications to the particular construction which for the sake of illustration I have delineated.

In said drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of a four-in-hand necktie embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view with the body or tie portion reversed. Fig. 3 is a front view of a tie knotted to conceal the fastening clasp or hooks. Fig. 4 is a view showing, on a larger scale, the fastening means.

Referring to the drawings, 2 and 3 are respectively the band and the tie or body portion of the four-in-hand necktie, the parts 2 being widened and the parts 3 narrowed toward their ends, and the ends of both parts being made of equal width, so as to be adapted to be united with each other. These parts are lined and finished in the usual manner, the tie portion being finished at both ends. The band portion 2 may also be finished at each end, so that both ends of it may be successively utilized in the middle portion of the necktie.

Various forms of fastening devices 4 may be employed to connect the parts 2 and 3 of the necktie.

The parts of the clasp or other fastening means may be of brass, nickel-plated, or other material, and fixed on the parts of the necktie by impaling points or hooks 8.

I employ a plurality of separate fastening devices, as seen on a larger scale in Fig. 4, so as to give to the necktie a lateral flexibility.

When one end of the part 3 is worn, as shown at 9 in Fig. 1, it may be unhooked from the band and turned end for end, Fig. 2, and reattached to the band, after which the tie will continue to present a new appearance, the worn portion 9 being concealed in the vest of the wearer.

When the four-in-hand tie is knotted to conceal the joint, the fasteners being in a series and spaced apart will close up against or over each other, as seen in Fig. 3, thus giving to the tie transverse flexibility at the joint and enabling it to be knotted to conceal the joint and present a natural appearance.

I claim—

A four-in-hand necktie consisting of a band, a separate tie or body portion, and a series of fasteners joining the two parts end to end whereby the parts of the tie may be reversed, the said fasteners being spaced apart, whereby the tie is transversely flexible at the joint, and may be knotted to conceal the joint, substantially as set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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