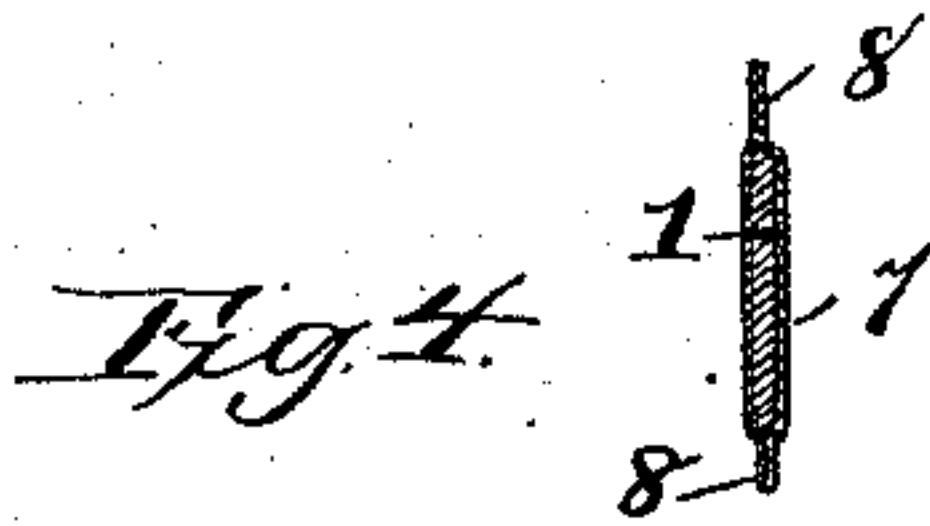
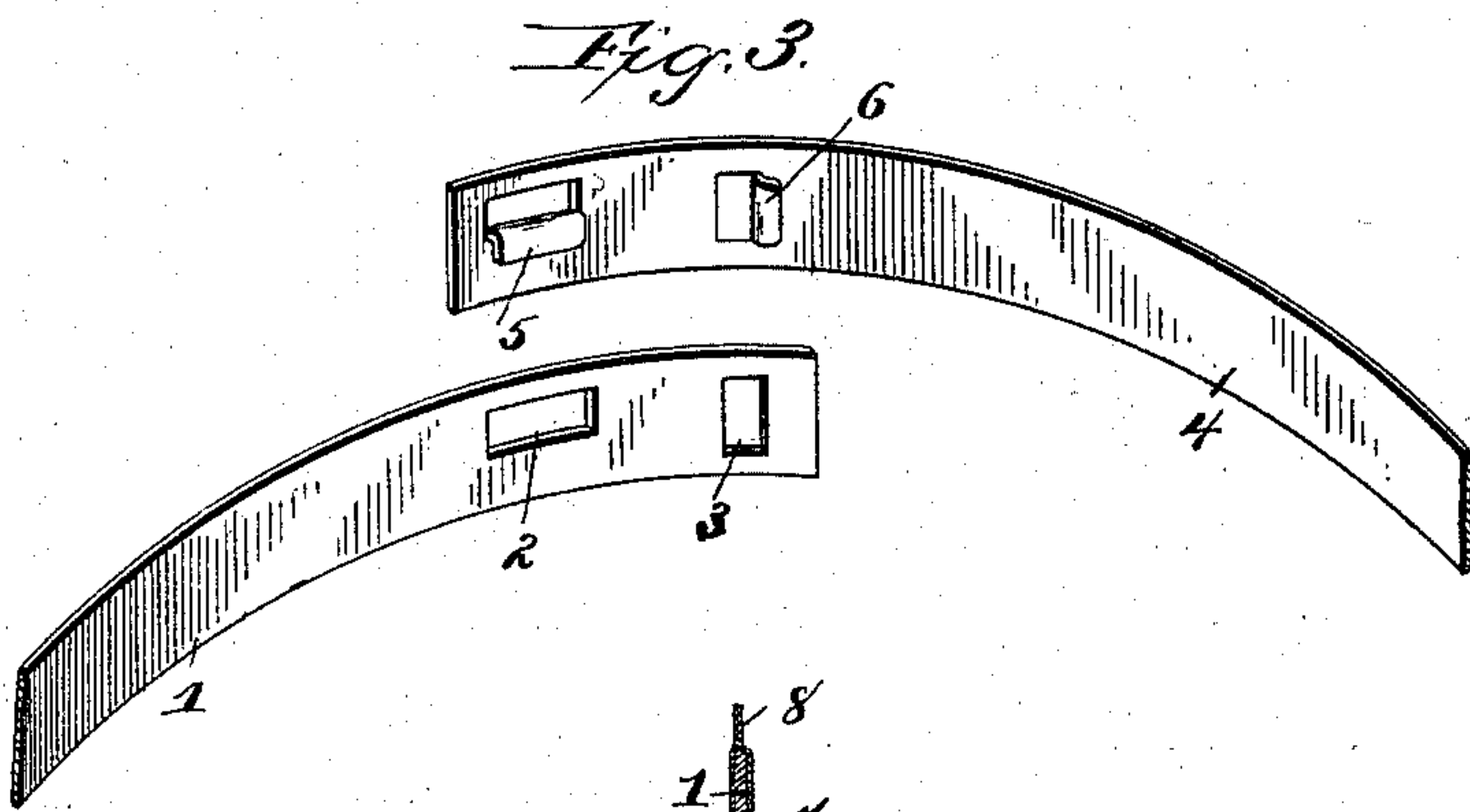
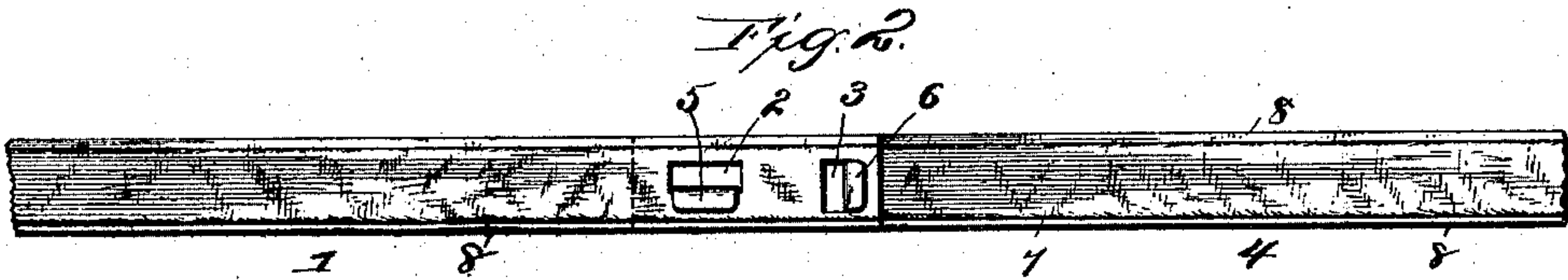
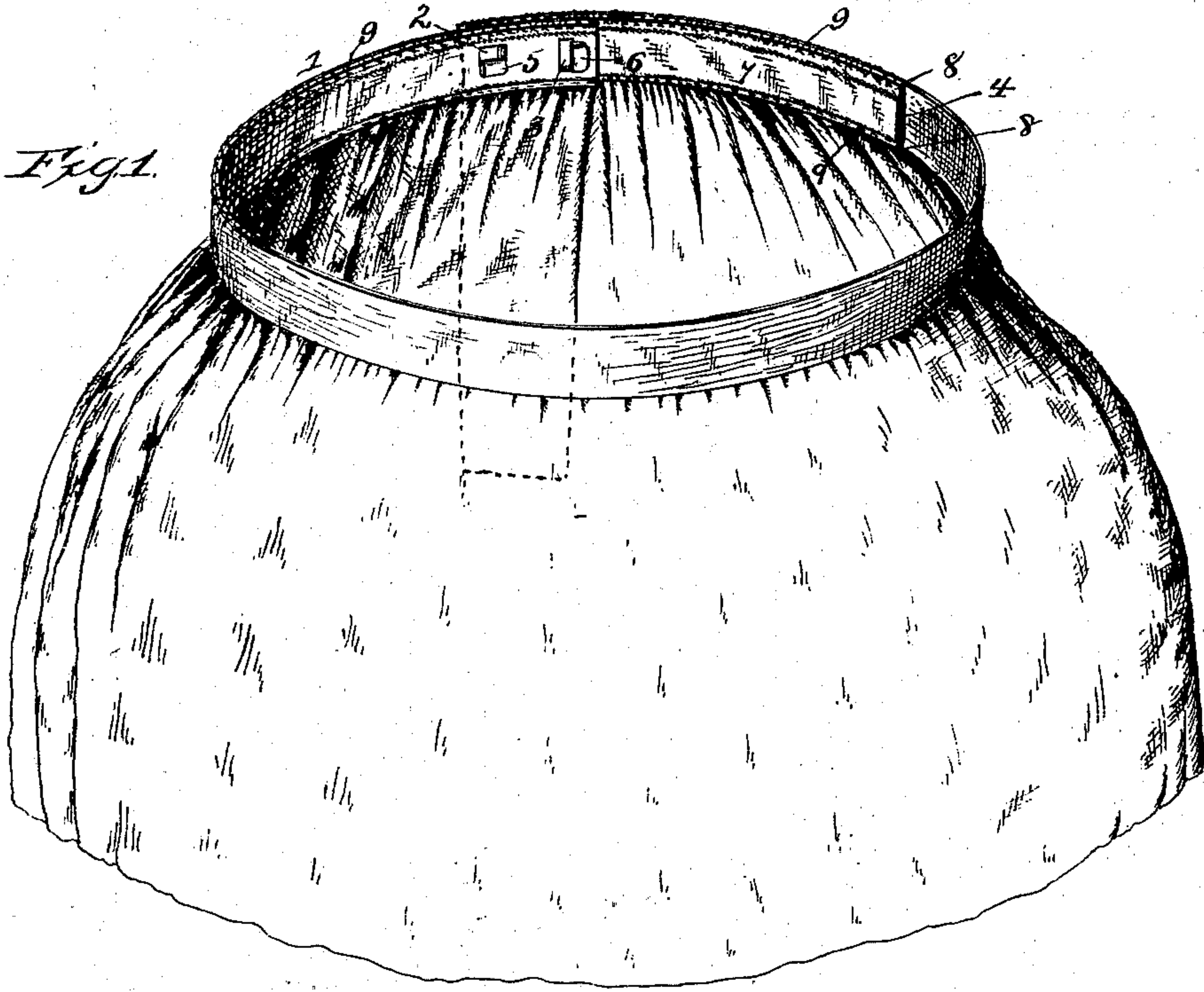


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHARD S. ASAY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cramer Hill, in the county of Camden and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt-Supporters, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in devices for supporting skirts and closing the placket-hole thereof, and has for its object to provide such a device which shall be readily attached to the waistband of a skirt, and when in place adapted to so close the placket as to cause the edges thereof to overlap, giving a neat and finished appearance to the skirt.

With these ends in view the invention consists in the details of construction and combination of elements hereinafter set forth and then specifically designated by the claim.

To enable those skilled in the art to which this improvement appertains to understand how to make and use the same, I will describe its construction and operation, referring by numbers to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective of my improved device attached to the waistband of a skirt, showing it in its closed position; Fig. 2, a side elevation of the device with its ends locked together; Fig. 3, a detailed perspective of the two meeting ends of the device unlocked, and Fig. 4 a section showing the preferred method of covering the steels with cloth.

Similar numbers denote like parts in the several views of the drawings.

1 represents a strip of flexible metal, preferably steel, having the slots 2 and 3 cut in one end thereof, the former being elongated longitudinally and the latter crosswise of the steel, for the purpose presently explained.

4 is a strip similar to the strip 1, but having formed upon its inner side near one end thereof the hooks 5 and 6, the former adapted to pass through and engage the lower edge of the slot 2 and the latter to pass through and engage the outer edge of the slot 3, so that by inserting the hook 6 within the slot 3 and drawing the strips longitudinally outward said hook will engage the outer edge

of said slot, when by passing the hook 5 through the slot 2 and depressing the former its engagement with the lower edge of said slot will firmly hold the strips together in the position shown in Figs. 1 and 2 against any forward or backward strain; but to separate the strips it is only necessary to disengage the hook 5 from the edge of the slot 2 by moving said hook upward, when the hook 6 may be disengaged from the slot 3 by backward pressure. Furthermore, the sections 1 and 4 so rest upon the person of the wearer, not only supporting the skirt, but rendering the joints perfectly rigid and keeping the sections in line.

To facilitate the securing of the strips upon the waistband of a skirt, I cover the former with cloth 7, somewhat wider than said strips, so as to leave unfilled edges or flaps 8, and these flaps may be secured to the waistband by stitching 9, as clearly shown in Fig. 1.

In adapting a skirt for use in connection with my improvement the flaps of the placket are preferably made wider than usual and overlapped to the extent shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, in order that when the strips are secured thereto and interlocked said flaps will not gap, which in use is very annoying to the wearer.

A great advantage gained by the use of my improvement is that the waist of the skirt is made more pronounced, giving the figure of the wearer a symmetrical appearance and at the same time facilitating the support of the skirt, so as not to bring undue strain upon said wearer.

While the removal of a skirt having my improvement applied thereto is readily effected by the disengagement of the hooks from their slots, it is not possible for said skirt to become accidentally loosened, as is often the case when hooks and eyes or pins are used.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and useful is—

A new article of manufacture, a skirt-support consisting of metallic strips provided with casings or covers having edges 8, one of said strips having slots 2 and 3 at right angles to each other and the opposite strip having hooks 5 and 6 at right angles to each other to engage the walls of the slots 2 and 3 where-

by the sections are joined, the opposite ends
extending part way around the waistband
and resting on the person of the wearer to
retain the strips in alinement and the hooks
5 in positive engagement, as and for the pur-
pose described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto af-

fixed my signature in the presence of two
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