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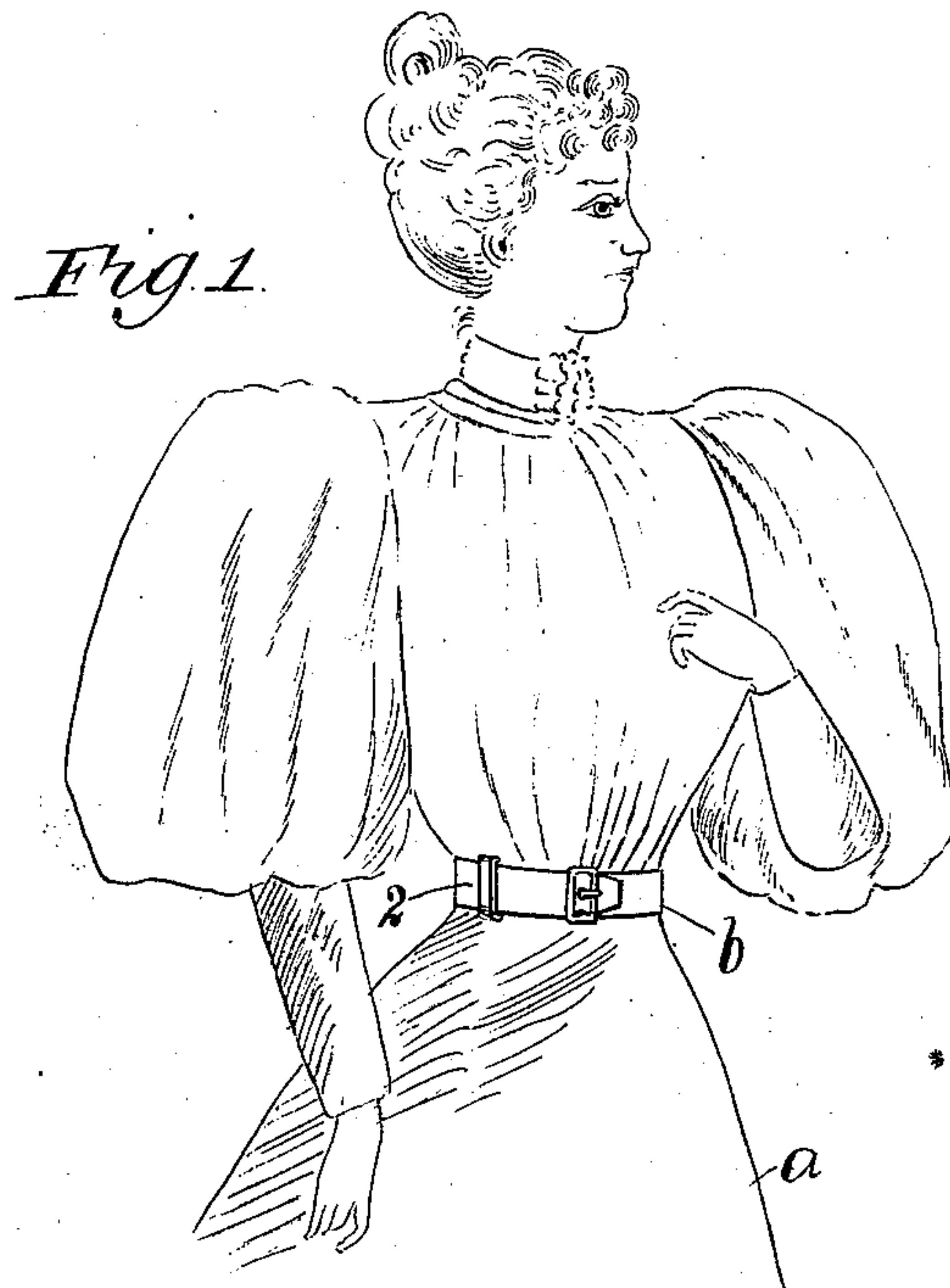


Fig. 2. Fig. 3. Fig. 4.

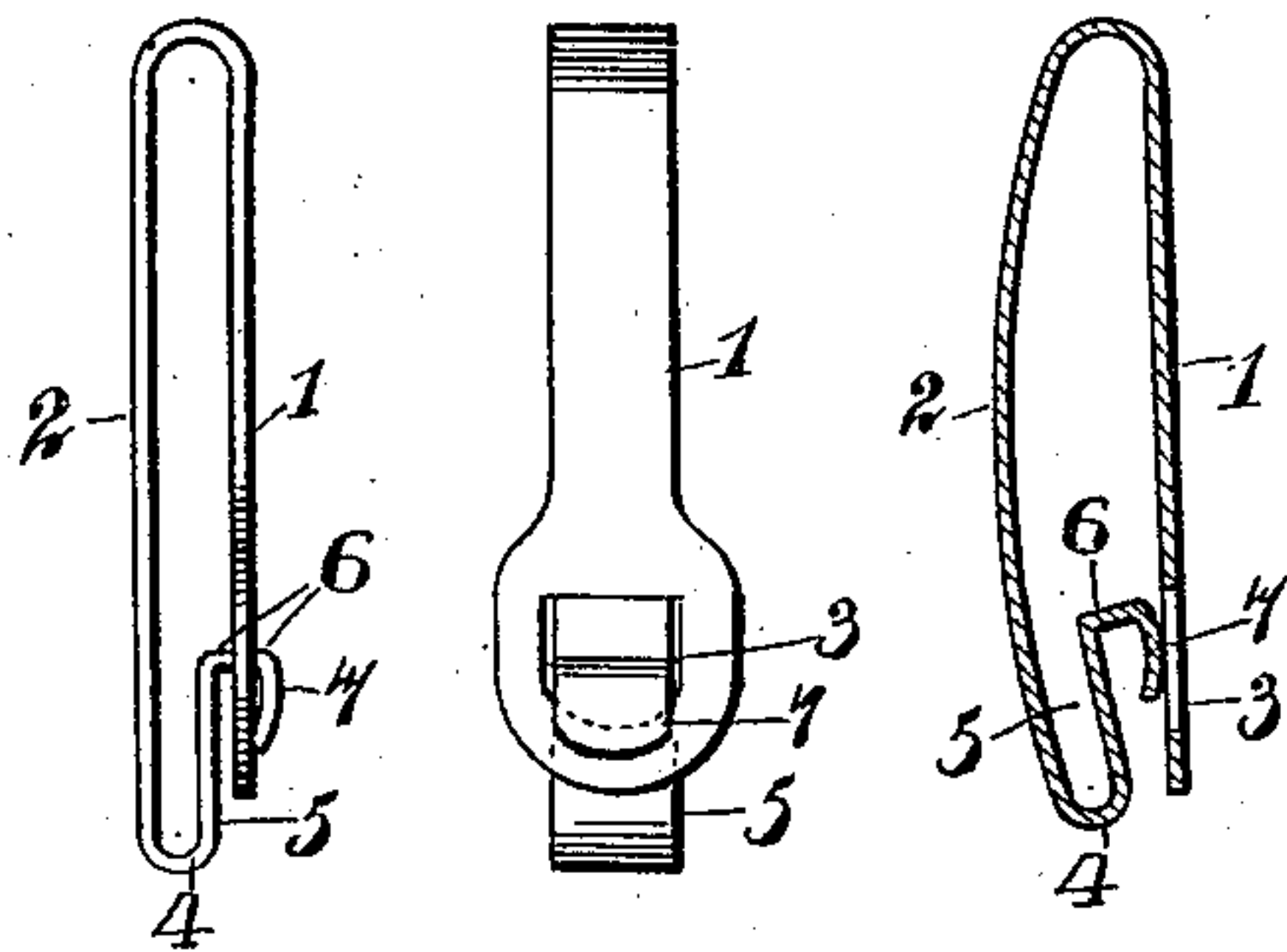
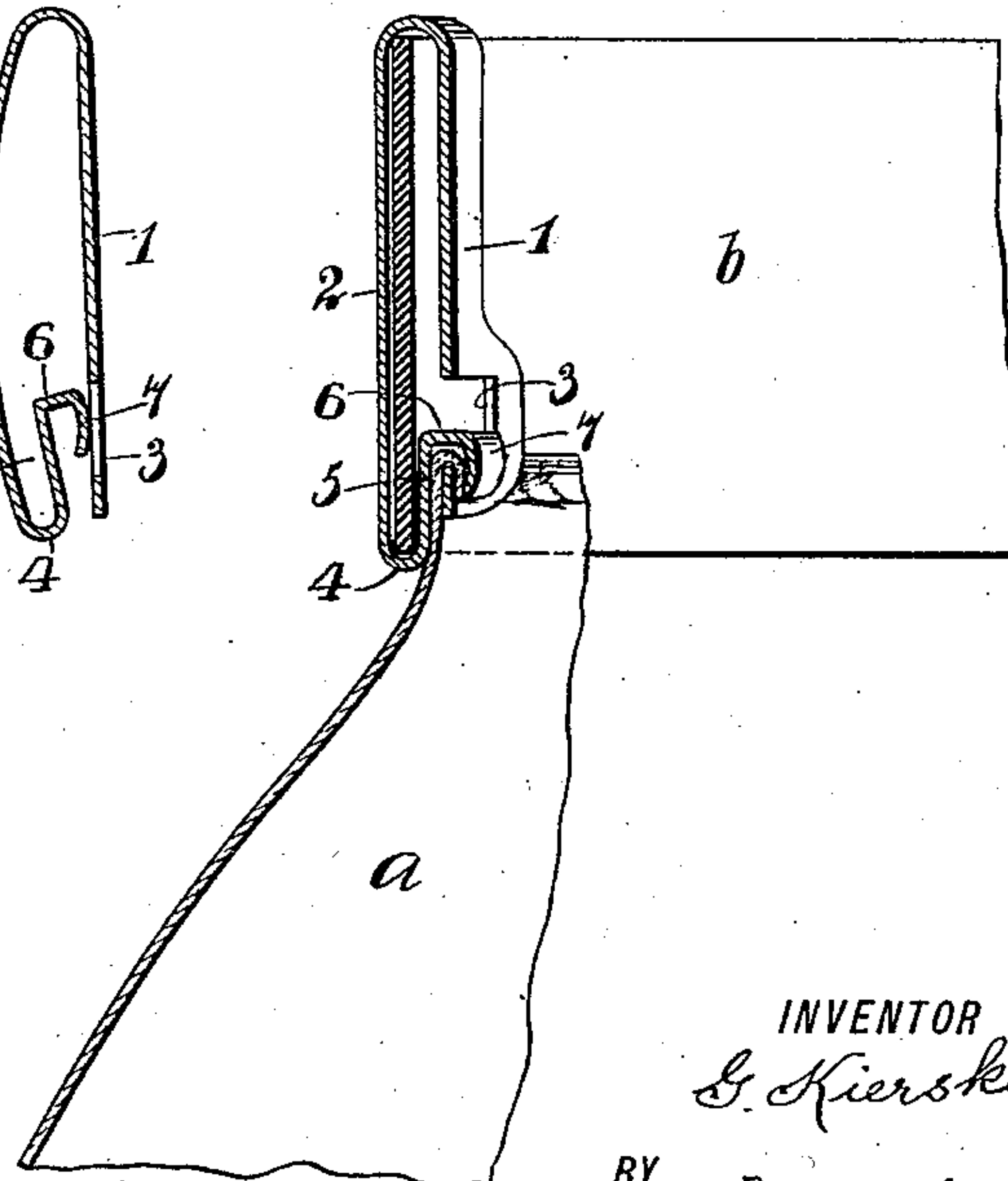


Fig. 5.



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SKIRT-SUPPORTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE KIERSKI, of New York city, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Skirt-Supporter, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to devices for supporting dress-skirts, the object being to provide a convenient means for supporting a comparatively heavy skirt without attaching it to the band of a waist, which may be of light material.

The invention consists in the construction and novel arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter specified, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 shows a device embodying my invention as applied to a skirt and belt. Fig. 2 is an edge view of the supporter. Fig. 3 is a side view thereof. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal section illustrating the manner of loosening the clasp, and Fig. 5 is a sectional view of a portion of a belt and skirt and the supporter attached thereto.

The supporter, as here shown, consists of a single strip of resilient metal bent to form two clasp and slide members 1 and 2. The free end of the member 1 is provided with an opening 3, which is here shown as rectangular, but such shape is not necessarily essential to the invention, neither is it essential that the end of the member 1 be widened, as shown.

The free end of the member 2 is turned inward, as at 4, then upward, as at 5, then outward, as at 6, and then downward, as at 7. The portion 7 is shown as curved slightly inward, and is designed to engage over the lower wall of the opening 3, as clearly shown in the drawings, and clasp a portion of the dress

material *a* between it and the end of the section 1, as shown in Fig. 5.

The distance between the junction of the sections 1 2 and the portion 4 is sufficient to embrace a belt *b*, so that the device may be easily slid along the belt to a desired position.

In the operation of clasping the goods pressure applied by means of the thumb and fingers to the ends of the member 2 will bow the same, as indicated in Fig. 4. Then after the dress material is inserted the hook portion must be pushed through the opening 3 with a small portion of the dress material, when, upon releasing the pressure on the member 2, the portion 7 will move into place, as indicated in Fig. 5.

It is obvious that the device may be made very ornamental, or covered with material to correspond with the material of a belt.

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

1. A skirt-supporter comprising a strip of resilient metal bent to form two substantially parallel members, one of said members having an opening in its free end, and the other member having at its free end an outwardly-turned portion and a downwardly-turned portion curved inward to engage over the lower walls of the opening in the first-named member, substantially as specified.

2. A skirt-supporter, consisting of a single strip of metal bent to form two members adapted to slide on a belt, one of said members having an opening in its free end, and the other member having its free end bent inward, upward, outward and downward to form a clamping-hook, substantially as specified.

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