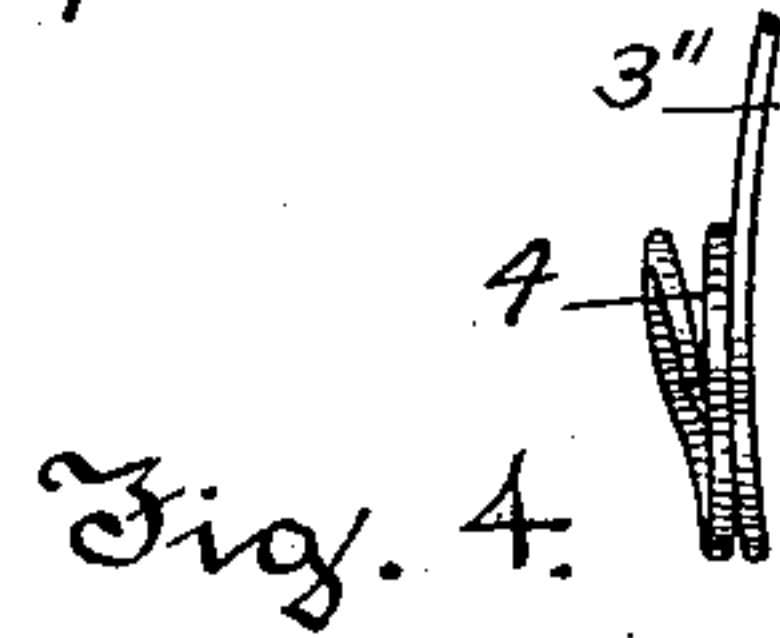
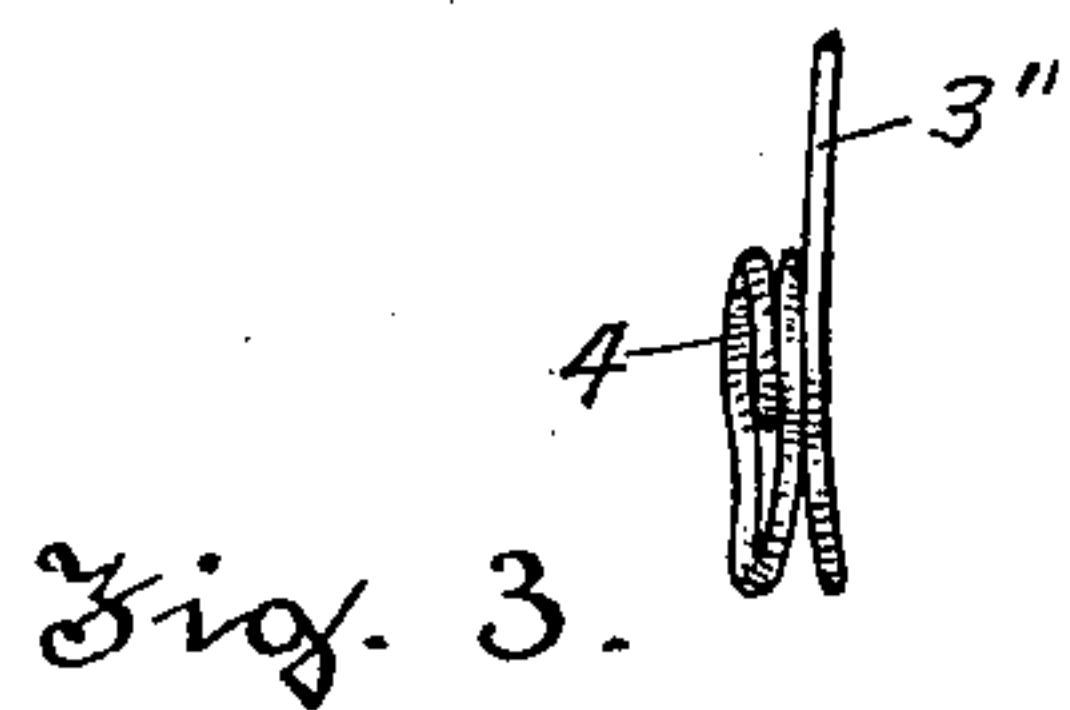
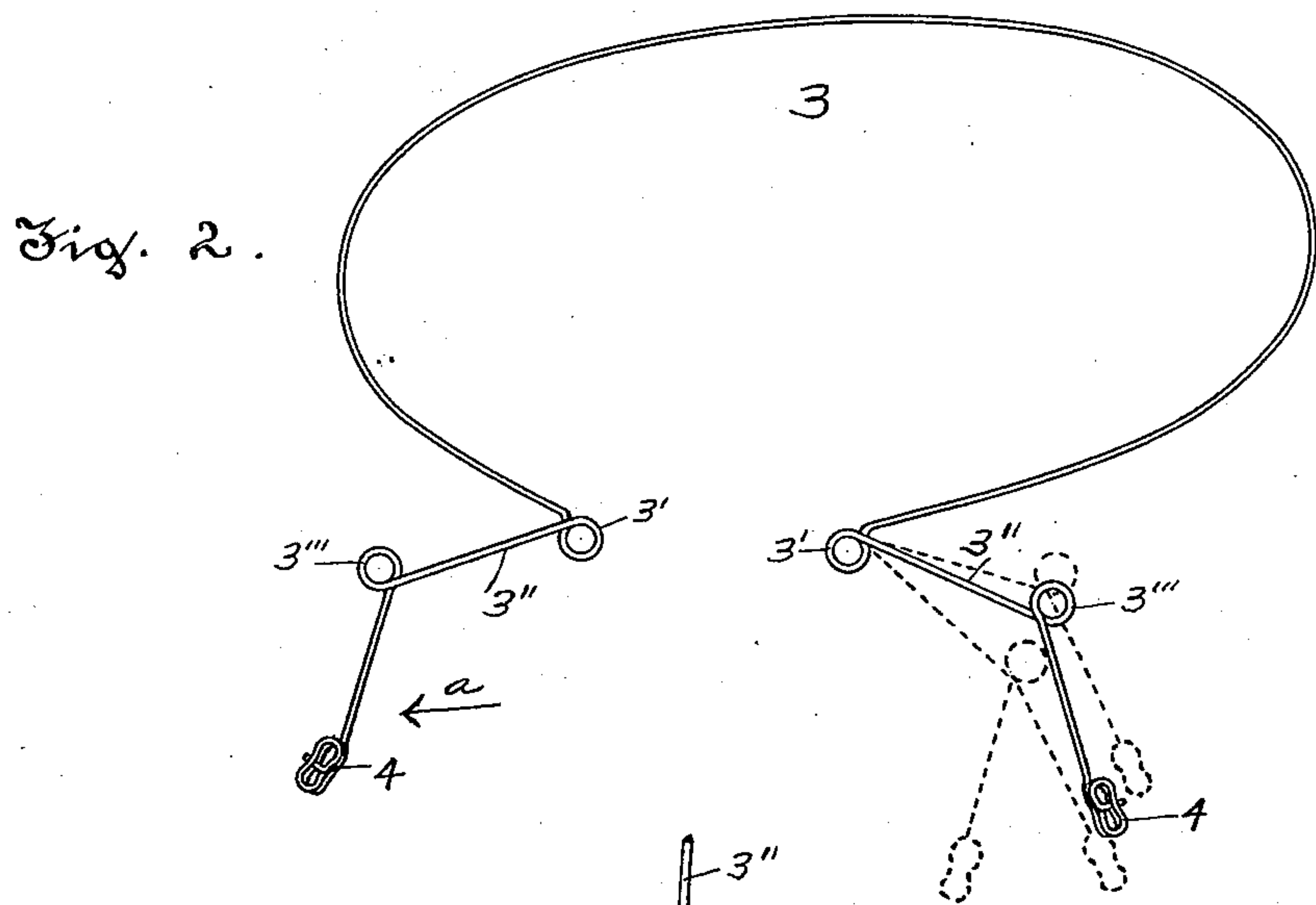
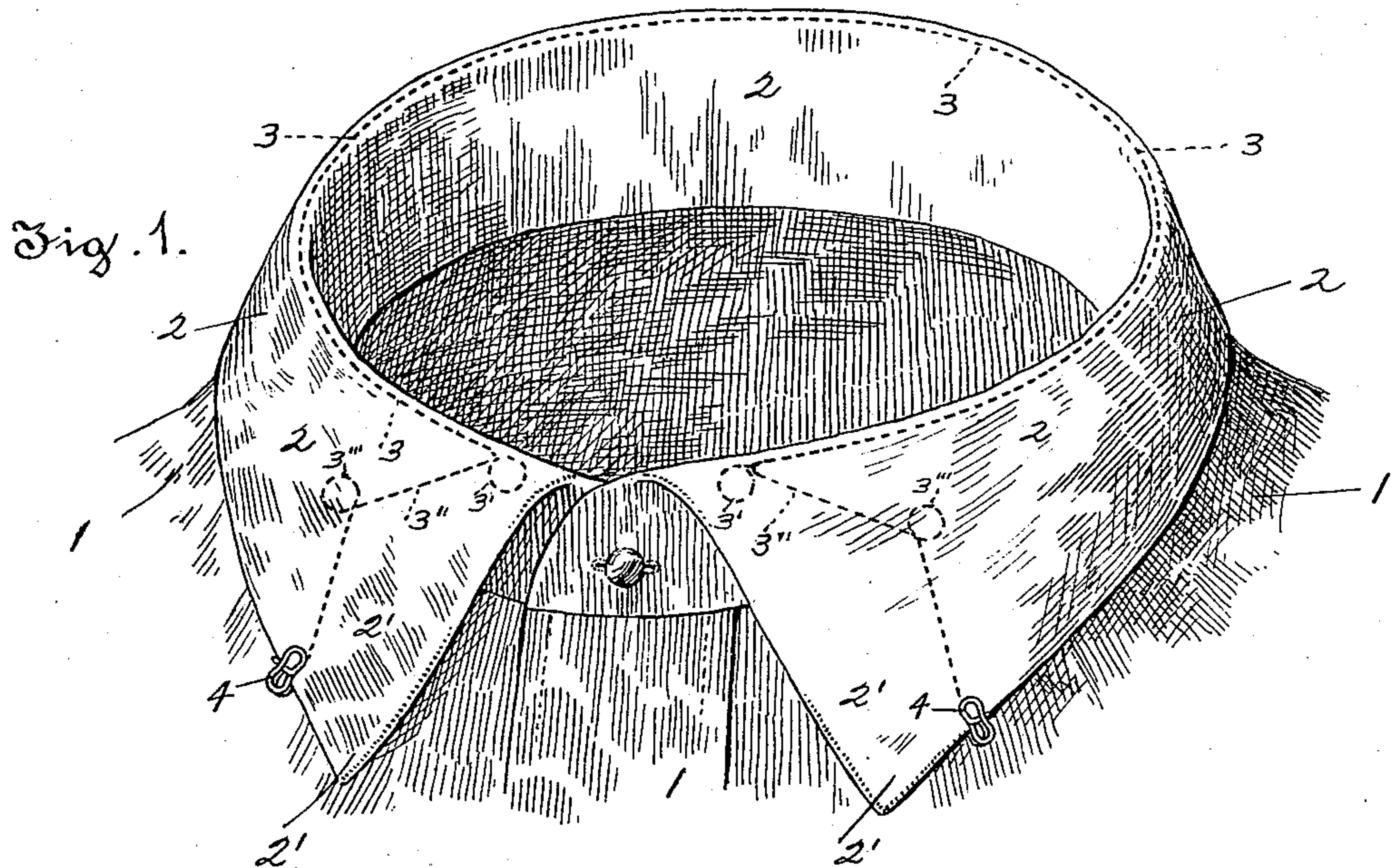


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMERI BRODEUR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Southbridge, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shirt-Collar Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in shirt-collar holders; and the object of my invention is to provide a holder of very simple and inexpensive construction made in one piece and which is adapted to be used on flannel or other shirts having turn-down non-stiff or unlaundered collars to keep the points of said collars in proper place and preserve the shape of the collar.

My invention consists in certain novel features of construction of my shirt-collar holder, as will be hereinafter fully described.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a shirt-collar, showing by broken and full lines my holder applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the holder detached. The broken lines at the right show different positions of the fastener end. Fig. 3 shows, on an enlarged scale, an edge view of one of the fastener ends, looking in the direction of arrow *a*, Fig. 2. The fastener is shown closed; and Fig. 4 corresponds to Fig. 3, but shows the fastener open.

In the accompanying drawings, 1 is a shirt made of flannel or other suitable material and having thereon a soft or non-stiff turn-over collar 2, the points 2' of which are liable to and will turn up and crease and get out of shape.

3 is my holder, which is preferably made out of one piece or length of round wire sufficiently tempered and stiff to keep its shape. The main portion of the holder 3 is of circular shape and is adapted to fit close up under the collar at the point where it turns over on the shirt.

The ends of the circular part do not come together, but a space is left between them, the width of which when the holder is in use will vary with the size of the collar.

An eye or single coil 3'' is preferably formed in the wire at each end of the circular part.

The ends 3'' are bent back upon the body of the holder 3 to form a V-shaped loop, and

an eye or single coil 3''' is preferably formed therein, as shown, and the ends are then bent downwardly or outwardly at substantially right angles, and the extreme ends are bent around to form double-loop fasteners 4, the upper two loops of which act as fasteners and clamp and hold the lower edge of the collar near the points.

The fasteners 4 are opened to insert the edge of the collar by pressing together the lower ends of the loops. (See Fig. 4.)

In case the width of the collars with which my holder is used varies it is only necessary to bend the ends of the holder, as shown by broken lines at the right, Fig. 2, to bring the fasteners 4 into the desired position to fit over and clamp the edge of the collar near the point.

In case a vest is worn with the shirt it will cover and conceal the fasteners 4 of the holder.

The advantages of my shirt-collar holder will be readily appreciated by those skilled in the art. It is of very simple construction and can be quickly and readily applied to the collar before or after the shirt is put on and can be adjusted to collars of different widths and sizes and will serve to keep the points of the collar in position and preserve their proper shape.

It will be understood that the details of construction of the fastener 4 of the holder 3 may be varied, if desired.

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

1. A shirt-collar holder, made out of one piece or length of wire, and having the main portion of circular shape to fit under the collar, and the ends bent back to form a V-shaped loop, and then bent downwardly or outwardly, and the extreme ends bent to form loop-fasteners, to clamp and hold the lower edge of the collar, substantially as set forth.

2. A shirt-collar holder, made out of one piece or length of wire, and having the main portion of circular shape to fit under the collar, and the ends bent back to form a V-shaped loop, an eye or coil being formed in the wire at each end of the circular portion, and the ends then bent downwardly or out-

wardly, and the extreme ends bent to form double-loop fasteners, the upper loops to clamp and hold the lower edge of the collar, substantially as set forth.

5. 3. A shirt-collar holder, made out of one piece or length of wire, and having the main portion of circular shape to fit under the collar, and the ends bent back to form a V-shaped loop, an eye or coil being formed in
10 the wire at each end of the circular portion, and the ends then bent downwardly or out-

wardly, an eye or coil being formed in the ends at the point where they extend downwardly or outwardly, and the extreme ends bent to form double-loop fasteners, the upper loops to clamp and hold the lower edge
15 of the collar, substantially as set forth.

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