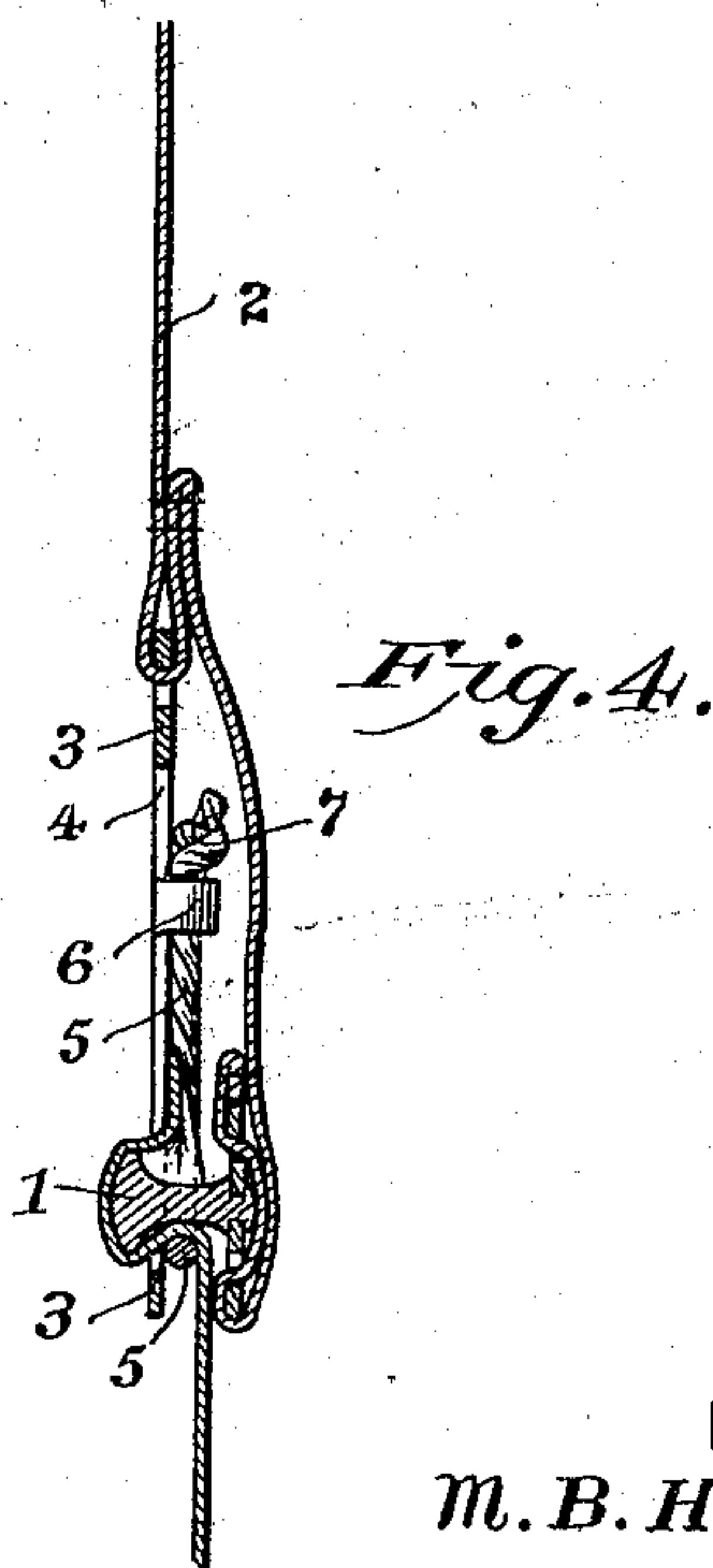
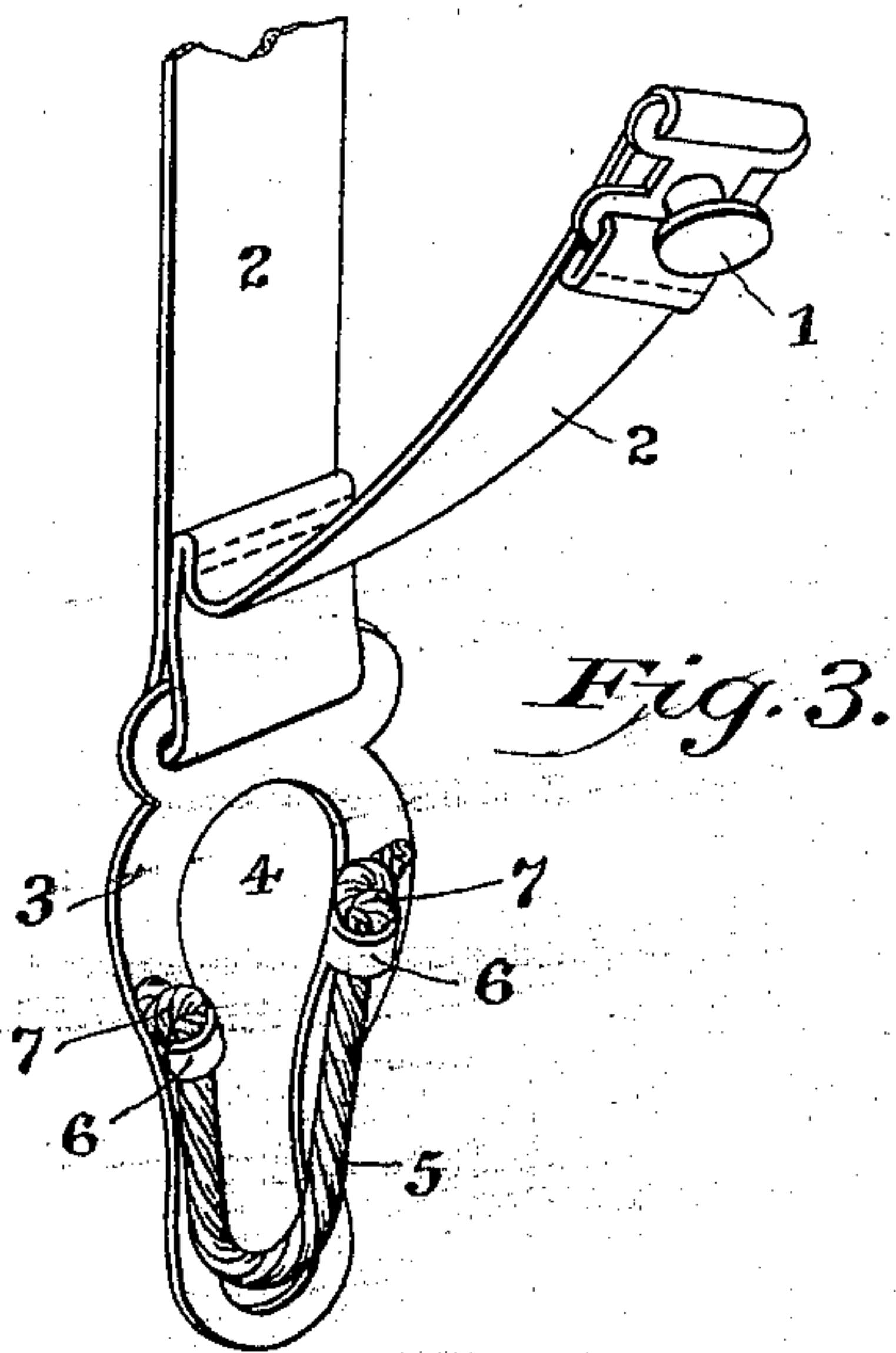
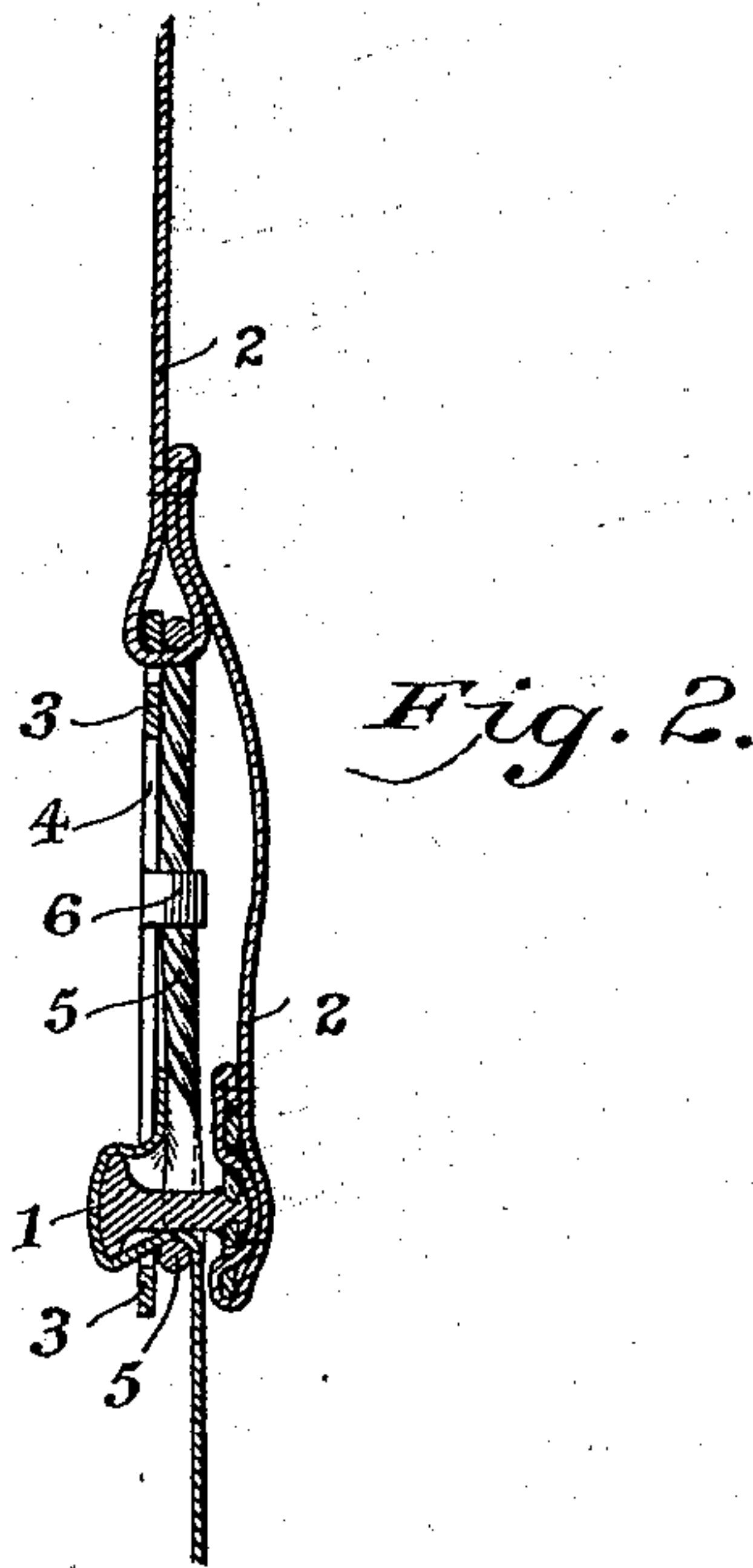
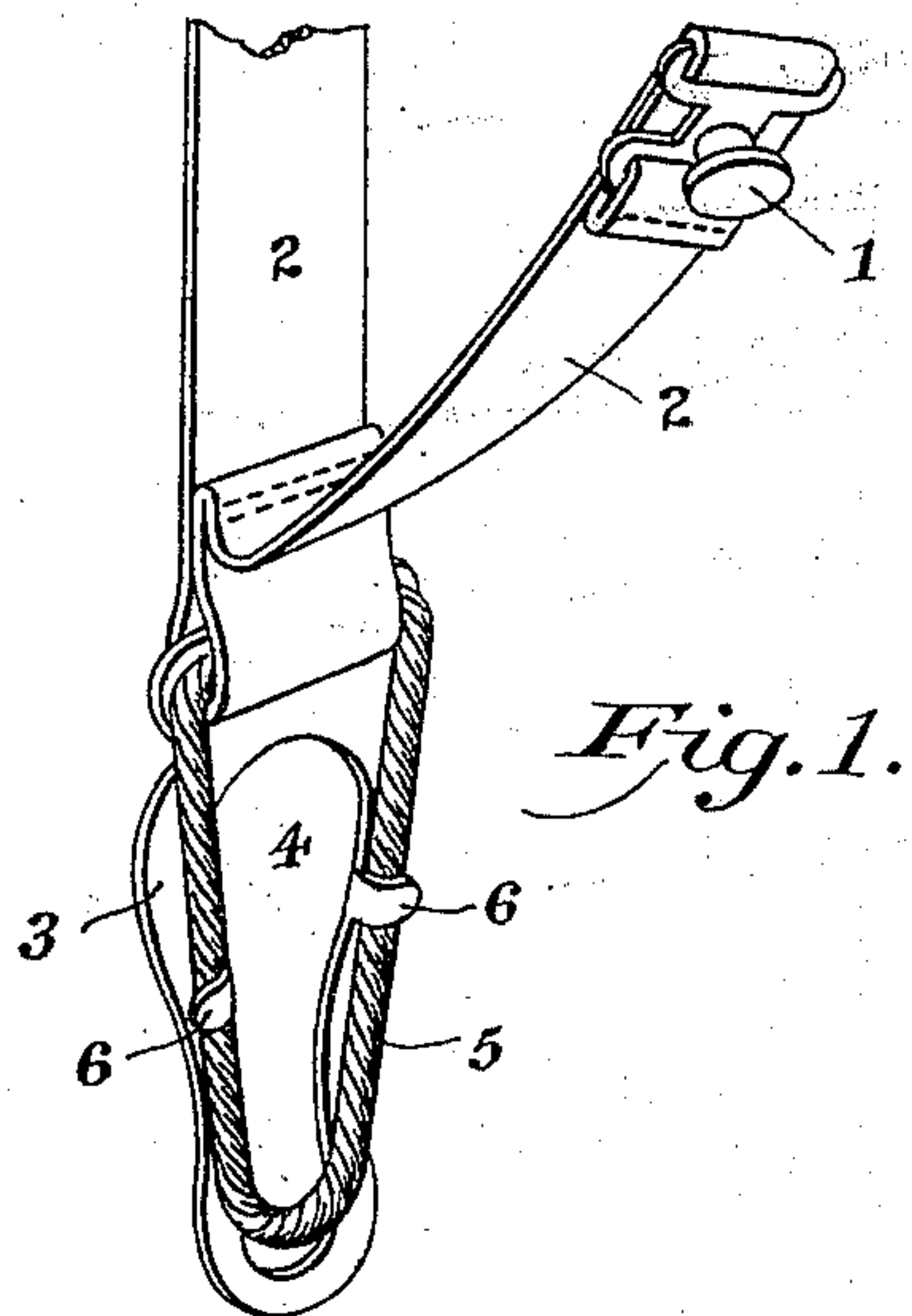


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MYRON B. HAMMOND, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supports; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to devices which are used to support stockings and other articles of personal wear, but has especial reference to the garment-support which has been commonly used for many years, which comprises a stud and a slotted metal plate, the stud, with the garment over the same, being forced through the slot in the plate, the latter being then drawn upward, so that the stud will be secured within a contracted portion of the slot. This popular garment-support has one serious defect in that the garment frequently becomes torn by being ground or wedged between the stud and the extreme lower end wall of the slot in the metal plate. This disadvantage has been overcome in a great measure by providing a rubber-covered stud; but this involves additional expense, and also the rubber itself becomes cut through by constant wear, and, furthermore, the tearing or wearing away of a garment at the point where it is held between the rubber-faced stud and the lower end wall of the slot is not an infrequent occurrence. My invention contemplates a slight and inexpensive addition to this present style of fastener, while at the same time the operation of applying the fastener to the garment is precisely the same as in the instance of this well-known style of garment-support; but my improvement prevents any rubbing or wedging contact whatever against the end wall of the slot, and the slotted metal plate merely acts as a keeper to prevent the accidental loosening of the support.

My invention will be best understood from the brief description which follows hereinafter, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my

improvement applied to the garment-support referred to above; Fig. 2, a longitudinal sectional elevation taken through the support and showing the same applied to a garment; Fig. 3, a view similar to Fig. 1, but showing a slight modification; and Fig. 4, a longitudinal sectional elevation of this modified form of clasp, showing the same applied to a garment.

Similar numbers of reference denote like parts in the several figures of the drawings.

The garment-support comprises the stud 1, which is secured to the supporting-tape 2, and the metal plate 3, secured to said tape at a point above the stud, said plate being provided with a pear-shaped slot 4, the enlarged portion of this slot being at the upper part of the plate, while the contracted portion is at the lower end.

The above is a brief description of the well-known form of garment-support to which my invention is applied, and I will now set forth my improvement in connection with such support.

5 is a cord or loop made of any soft flexible and non-elastic material, which loop is carried by the tape and depends intermediate of the metal plate 3 and stud 1 and is secured to said plate by spurs 6, which are formed integral with the plate and are clamped around the cord, as clearly shown at Figs. 1 and 2. This flexible loop does not extend down as far as the lower end wall of the slot 4, so that it will be clear that when the stud, with the garment thereon, is forced through the slot and the plate drawn up said stud will be supported entirely by the loop and will not wedge the garment against said wall, while at the same time the plate will act as a keeper to prevent the accidental disengagement of the stud from the slot.

It will therefore be obvious that the operation of the garment-support equipped with my improvement is precisely the same as in the instance of the support without my improved loop, and in this respect my improvement is clearly distinguished from various loop-fastenings that have been contrived, such as contemplate a button and noose with a slide to contract the noose around the button, or a button with an elastic loop.

It is not essential that my improved loop



should be carried by the tape, since it is only necessary that the loop should be secured in such manner that it will not slip and will always be in proper position for use, and I have therefore shown in Figs. 3 and 4 a construction in which the upper ends of the loop are knotted, as shown at 7, and are clamped immediately beyond the knots firmly to the plate by means of the spurs 6.

I do not wish to be understood as claiming, broadly, a flexible loop in connection with a button or stud and a keeper device, since such construction is old; but

What I do claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A garment-support comprising a stud and a slotted metal plate carried by a tape, and the flexible non-elastic loop secured in position intermediate of said plate and stud

which loop does not extend to the bottom of the slot in said plate, substantially as set forth.

2. In a garment-support comprising a stud and a metal plate carried by a tape, said plate having a slot enlarged at the top and contracted at the bottom, the flexible non-elastic loop secured in position in parallelism with said slot, the lower end wall of the latter extending beyond the lower end of the loop whereby said stud will be suspended wholly by said loop and without contact against said wall, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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