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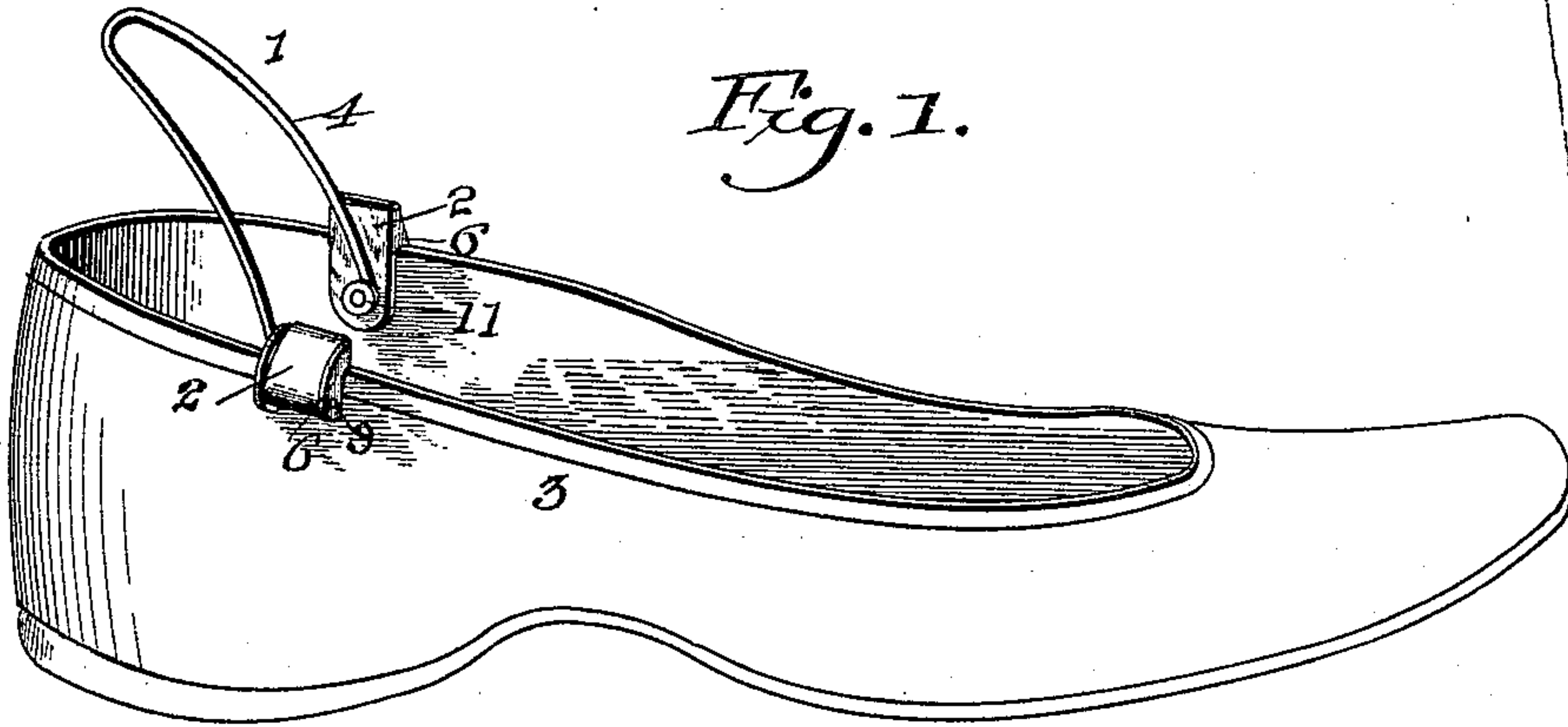


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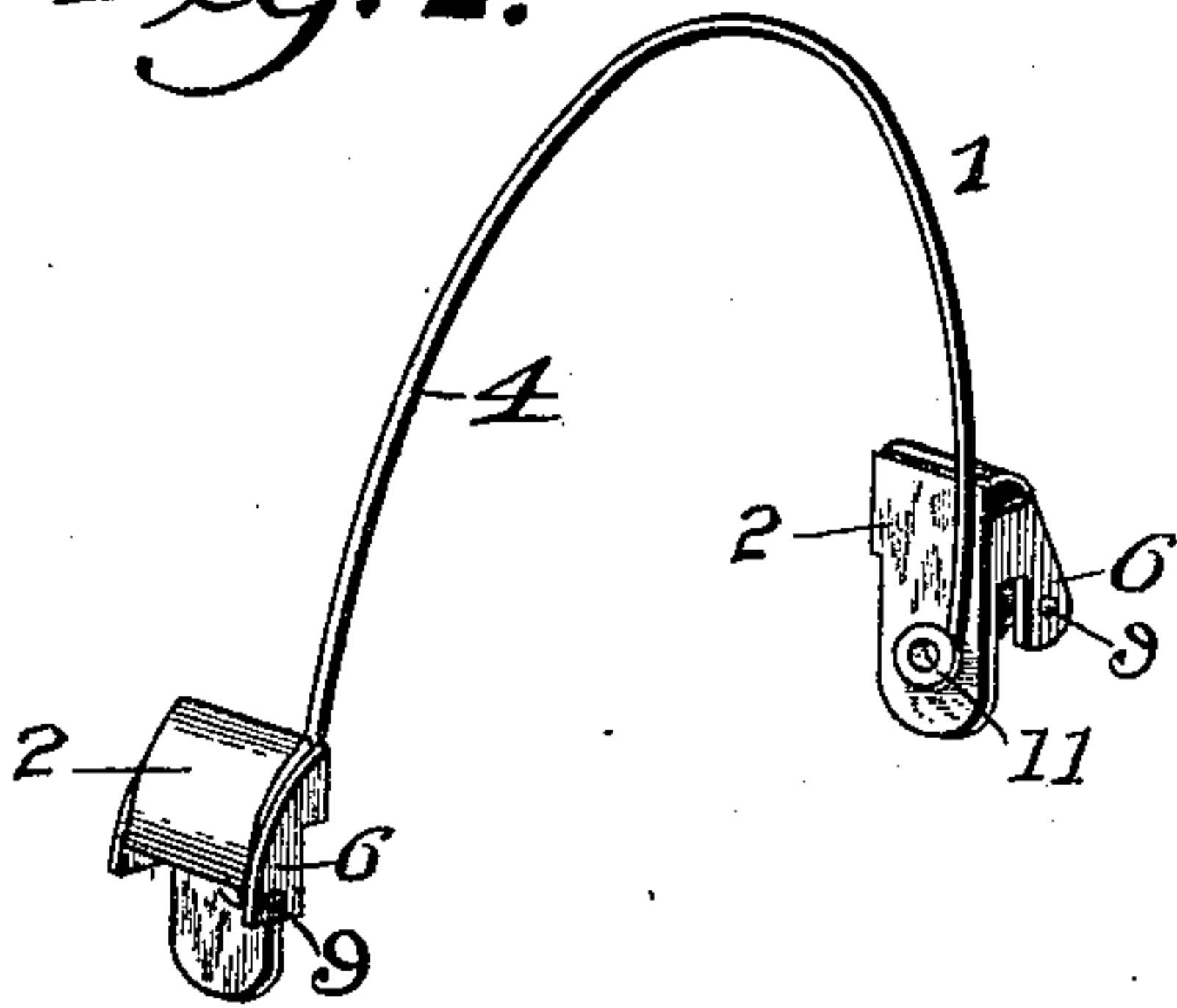


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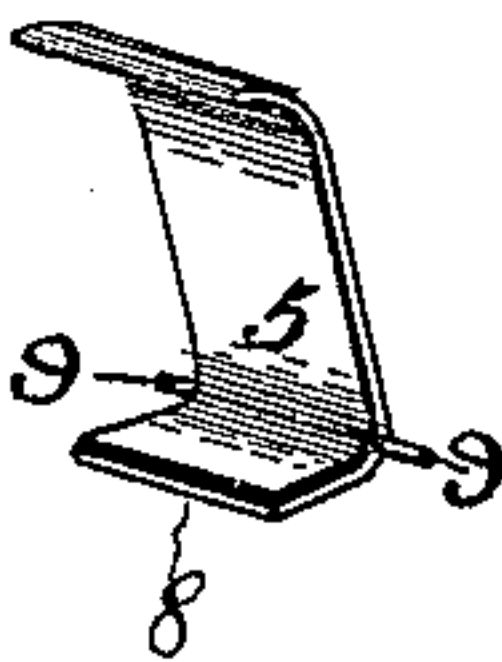


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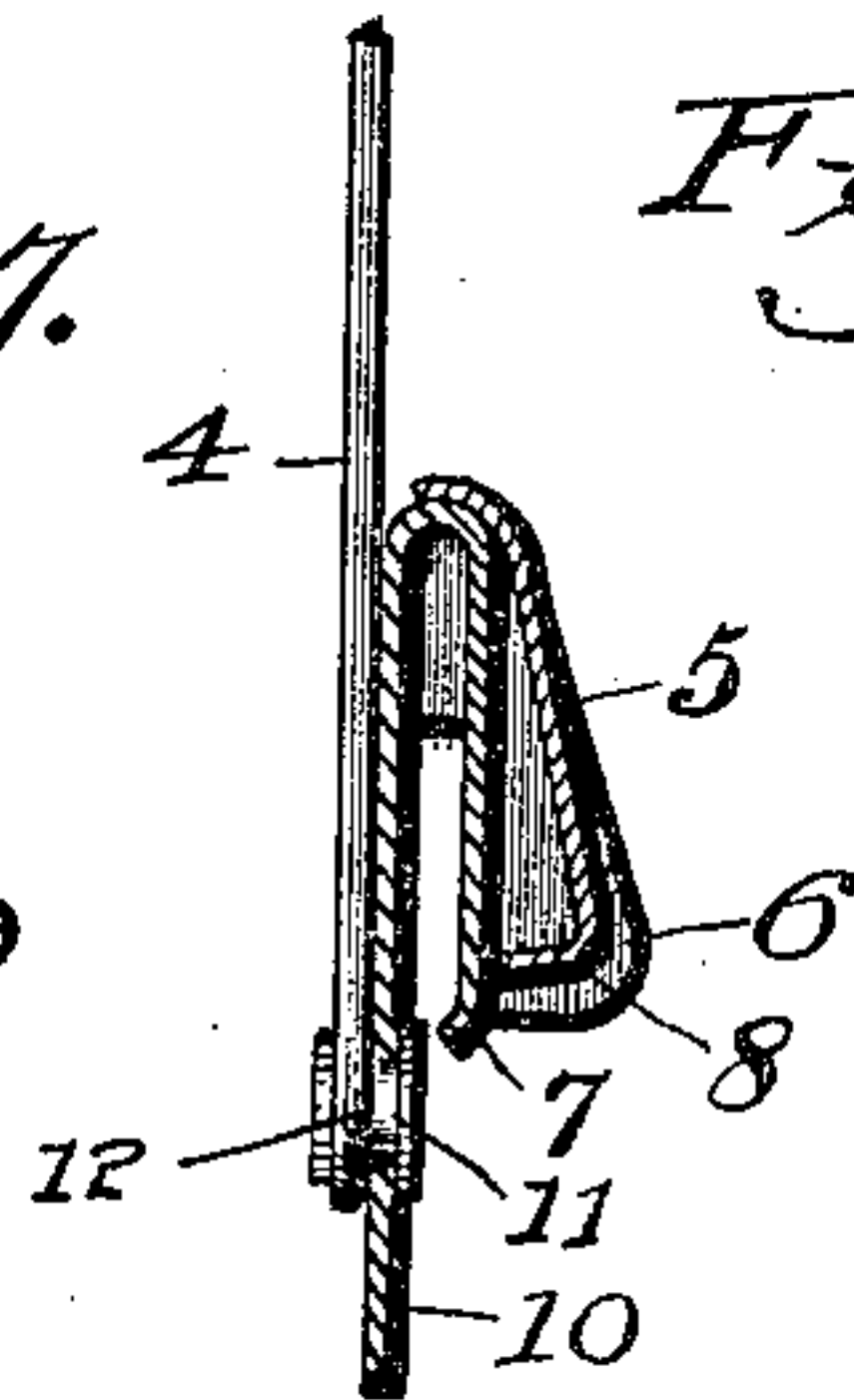


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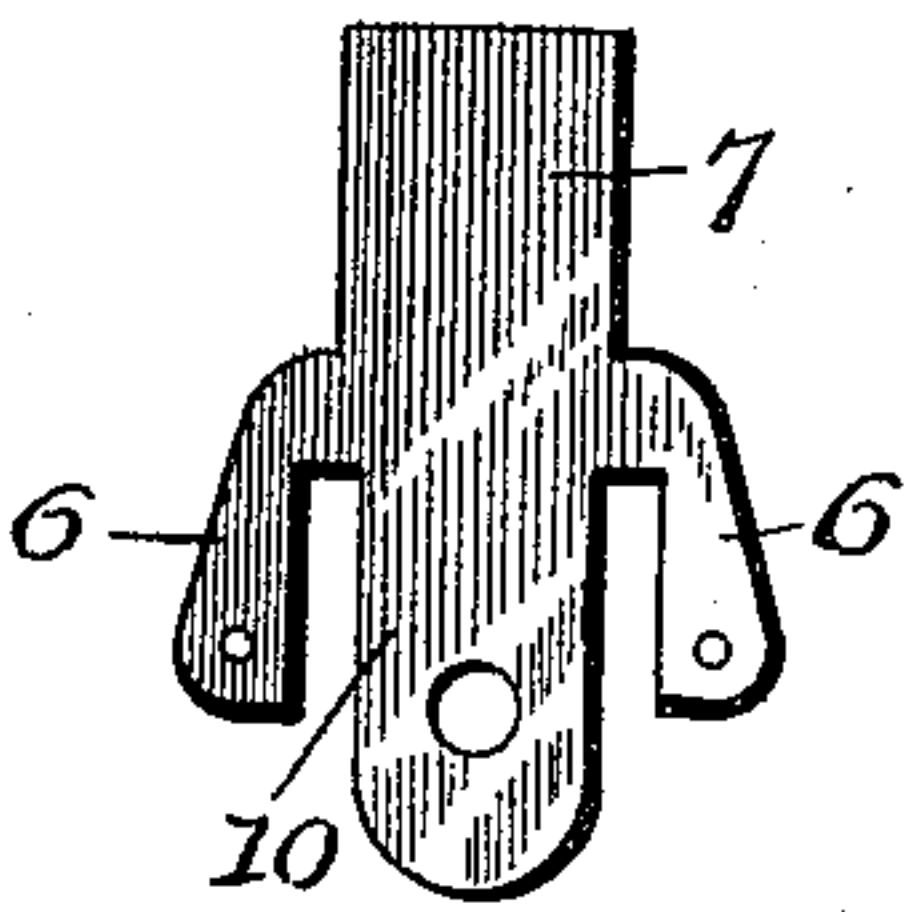


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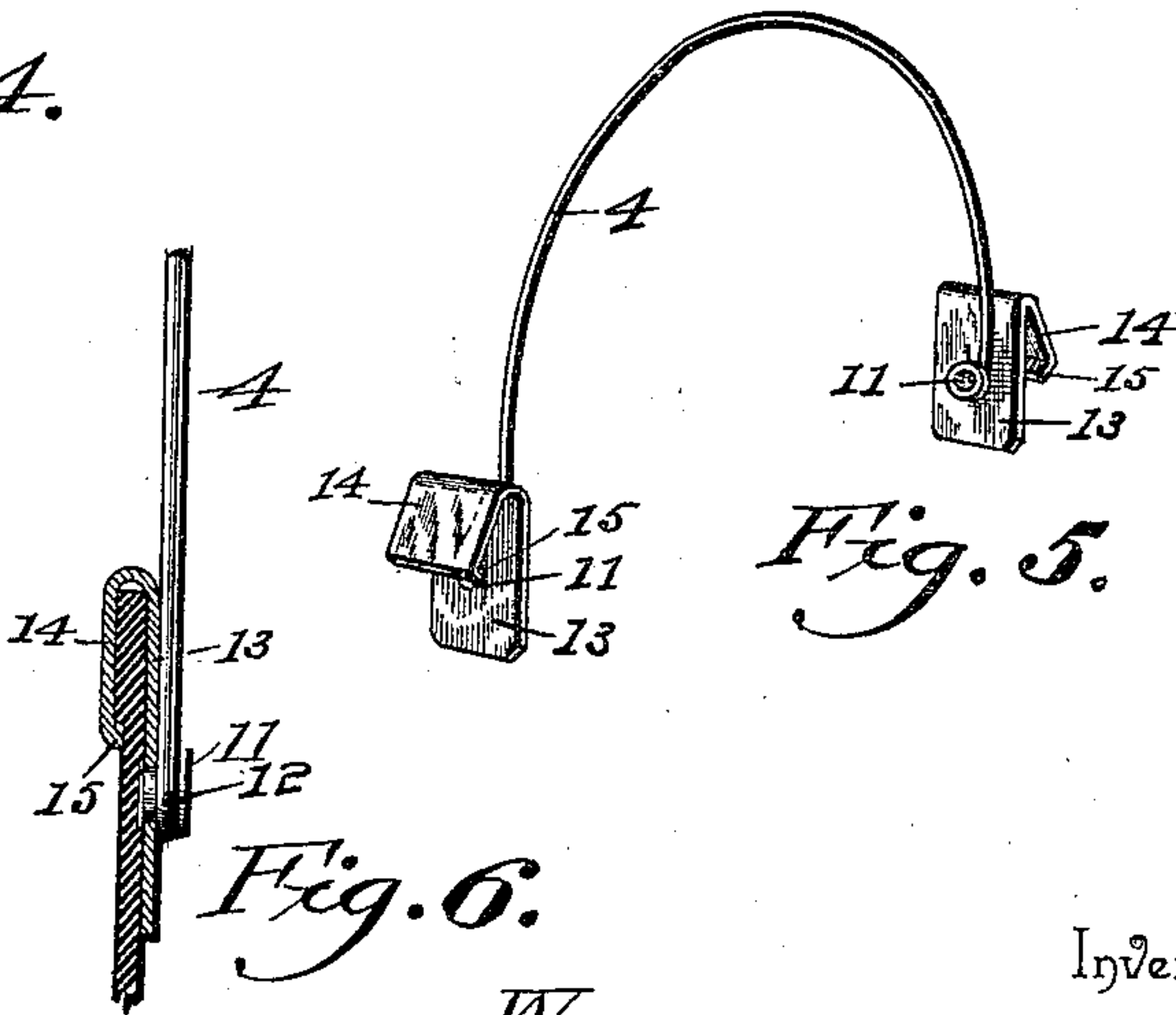


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. TILLSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Quincy, in the county of Adams and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Overshoe-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in overshoe-holders.

The object of the present invention is to improve the construction of overshoe-holders and to provide a simple, inexpensive, and efficient one adapted to be readily applied to any ordinary rubber overshoe and capable of effectually preventing the same from slipping off at the heel.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device which will be capable of ready adjustment to move it backward or forward on an overshoe and adapted to be readily swung into and out of engagement with the heel of the wearer to permit the overshoe to be readily put on or removed.

Another object of the invention is to provide a catch capable of effectively engaging a rubber and adapted to form a guard to prevent a dress or the bottoms of trousers from catching into it.

The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of an overshoe provided with a holder constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of the holder. Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail sectional view of the spring-clasp. Fig. 4 is a detail view of the blank or plate of the body of the spring-clasp before the same is folded. Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view illustrating a modification of the clasp. Fig. 6 is an enlarged detail sectional view illustrating the manner of applying the same to an overshoe. Fig. 7 is a detail view of the lever of the spring-clasp.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

1 designates an overshoe-holder comprising a pair of clasps 2 for engaging the sides of an overshoe 3 and a substantially U-shaped

frame or bail 4, pivoted at its terminals to the clasps and adapted to engage over the back or heel of a shoe, whereby the overshoe is retained thereon. Each clasp consists of a frame or body and a lever 5, and the former is constructed of a single piece of sheet metal or similar material, as illustrated in Fig. 4 of the accompanying drawings.

The sheet-metal plate of which the frame is constructed is doubled to form a loop or hook to receive the upper edge of a rubber, and the frame is provided at opposite edges of its inner side with arms or ears 6, which are recessed at their lower edges to receive the upper edge of the rubber, making the arms or ears substantially L-shaped.

The arms or ears 6, which are perforated, are bent at right angles to the inner side of the frame to form the sides of the clasp, and the outer portion 7 of the frame is resilient and arranged between the arms or ears 6 in position for engaging the outer face of the rubber.

The lever 5, which is substantially L-shaped, has its lower flange or heel 8 engaging the outer portion 7 of the frame, and it is provided at its opposite edges with integral pintles arranged at the angle of the lever and fitting in the perforations of the arms or ears 6. The angle-lever is adapted to force the spring portion 7 into engagement with the upper edge of the rubber, and the lower edge of the said outer portion 7 is bent inward at an angle to form a flange to engage under the rib or bead formed by the thickened upper edge of the overshoe. The upper portion of the lever is extended inward over the top of the clasp to form a guard for preventing a skirt or trousers from becoming caught in the device.

The back 10 of the clasp is perforated and receives a rivet 11, which passes through an eye 12 of the bail 4, whereby the latter is pivoted to the clasp.

In Figs. 5 and 6 of the drawings is illustrated a modification of the clasp. This clasp 13, which is constructed of a single piece of metal, consists of a plate provided with a substantially rectangular loop or hook 14, adapted to engage over the upper edge of the overshoe and provided at its outer portion with an inwardly-extending flange 15 to take un-

der the bead or rib formed by the thickened upper edge of the overshoe, the inner portion of the loop being smooth. This form of clasp is adapted to be quickly applied to an overshoe, and it forms substantially a permanent part of the same; but it may be readily adjusted backward or forward and is quickly clenched at the desired point. The bail or frame is pivoted to the clasps 13 in the manner before described.

This invention has the following advantages: The device is simple and exceedingly inexpensive in construction and is adapted to be readily applied to the ordinary overshoe, so that it can be sold with or without the same. It is capable of preventing the heel of an overshoe slipping off the wearer, and the frame or bail may be readily swung upward and downward to engage it with and disengage it from the foot of the wearer and enable the overshoe to be quickly put on or removed. The device is also capable of longitudinal adjustment, being adapted to be moved backward or forward on the upper edges of the sides of the overshoe in order that it may be readily positioned for engaging the foot properly.

What I claim is—

1. An overshoe-holder comprising a substantially U-shaped bail, and a pair of clasps pivotally connected with the ends of the bail and each consisting of a substantially U-shaped loop presenting a smooth outer sur-

face to avoid catching in a garment and having a straight inner portion to fit against the inner face of an overshoe and provided at the lower edge of its outer portion with an inwardly-extending flange, whereby it is adapted to conform to the configuration of and engage the thickened upper edge of an overshoe, said clasps being capable of ready adjustment longitudinally of the sides of an overshoe without defacing the same, substantially as described.

2. An overshoe-holder comprising a substantially U-shaped bail, and a pair of clasps pivotally connected to the ends of the bail and each comprising a plate doubled to form a loop to engage over the upper edge of the rubber, the outer portion of the loop being resilient, the ears or arms extending outward from the inner portion of the loop and being recessed at the bottom to receive the upper edge of the overshoe, and the angle-lever fulcrumed between the ears or arms and engaging the outer portion of the loop, said lever being extended over the top of the clasp to form a guard, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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