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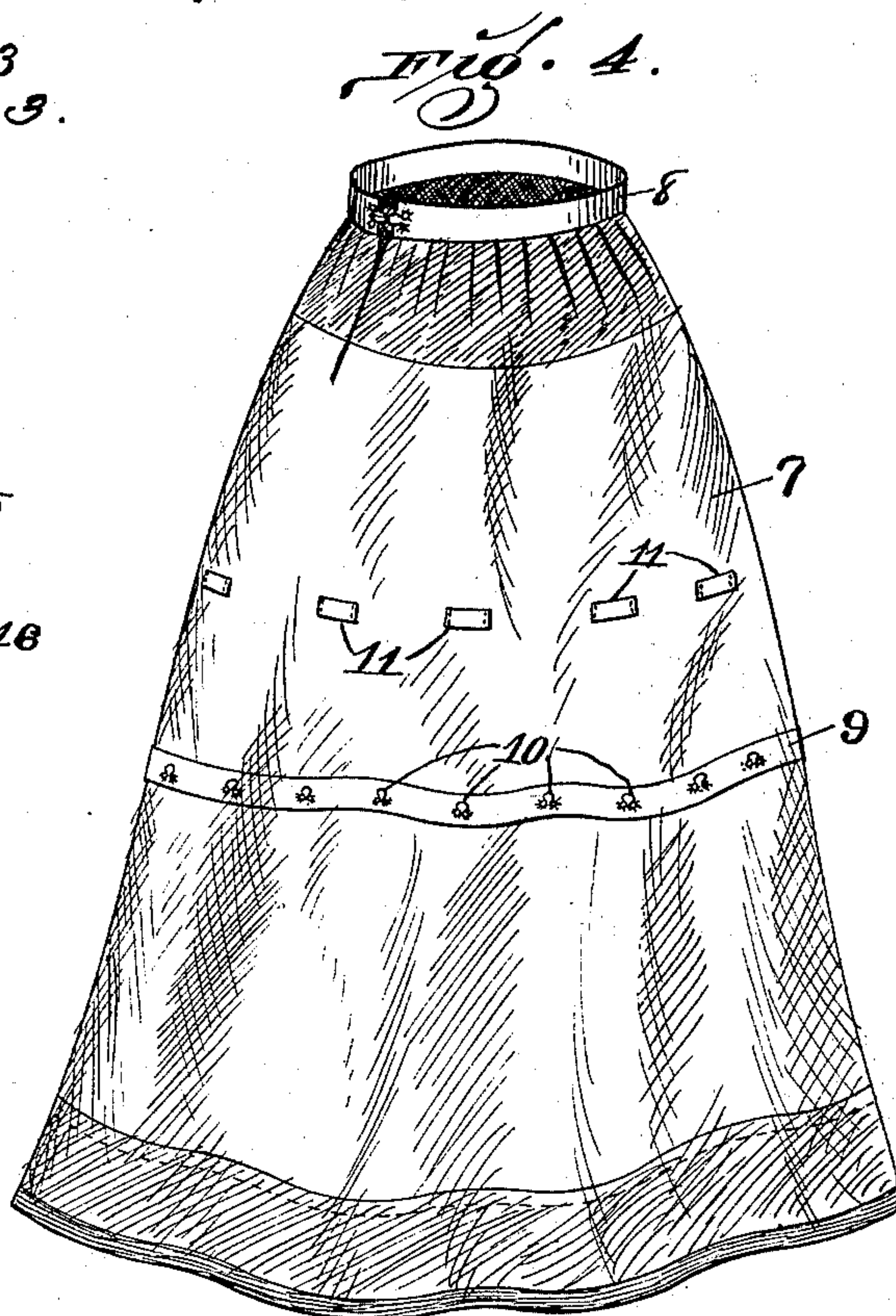
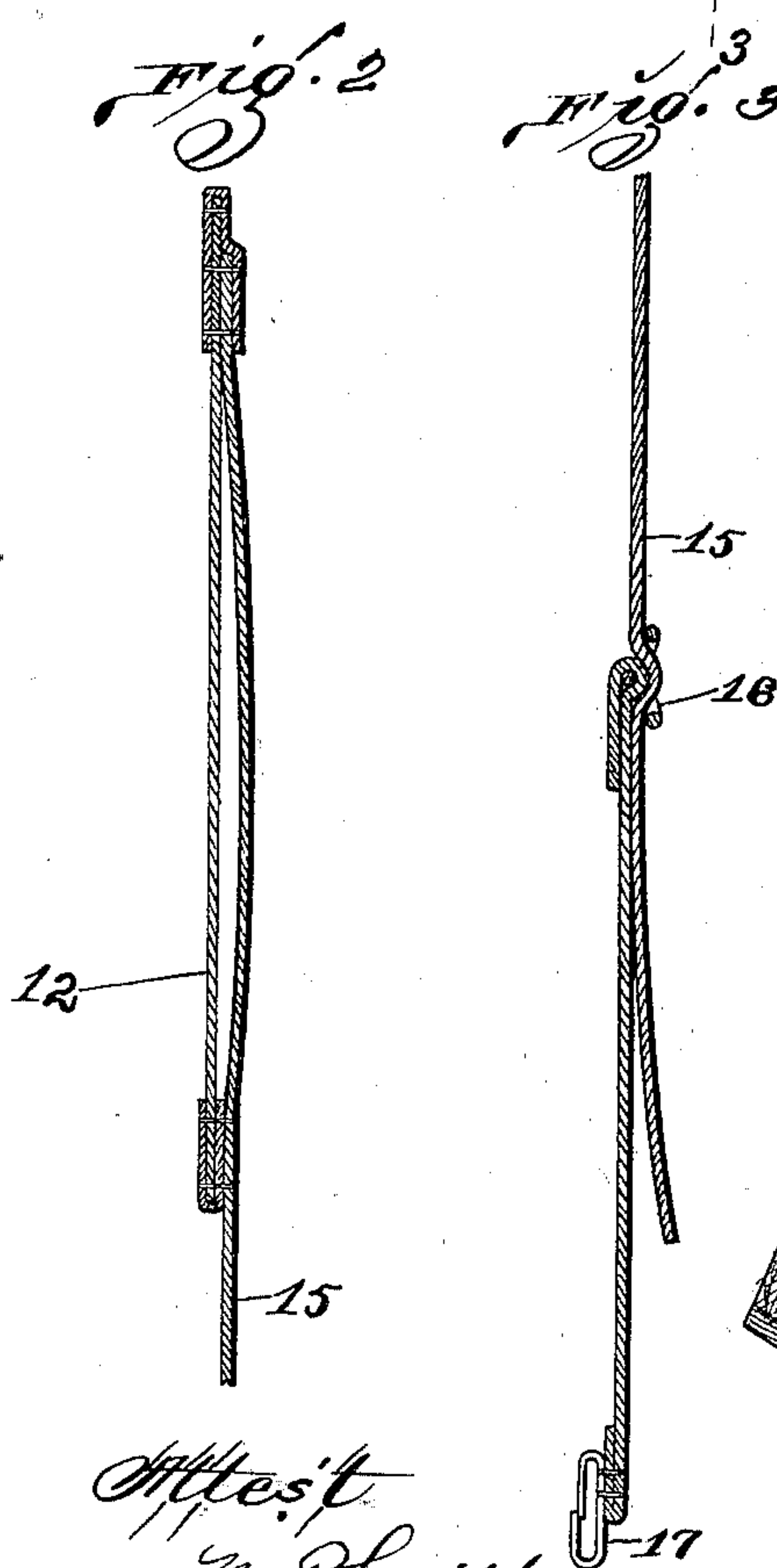
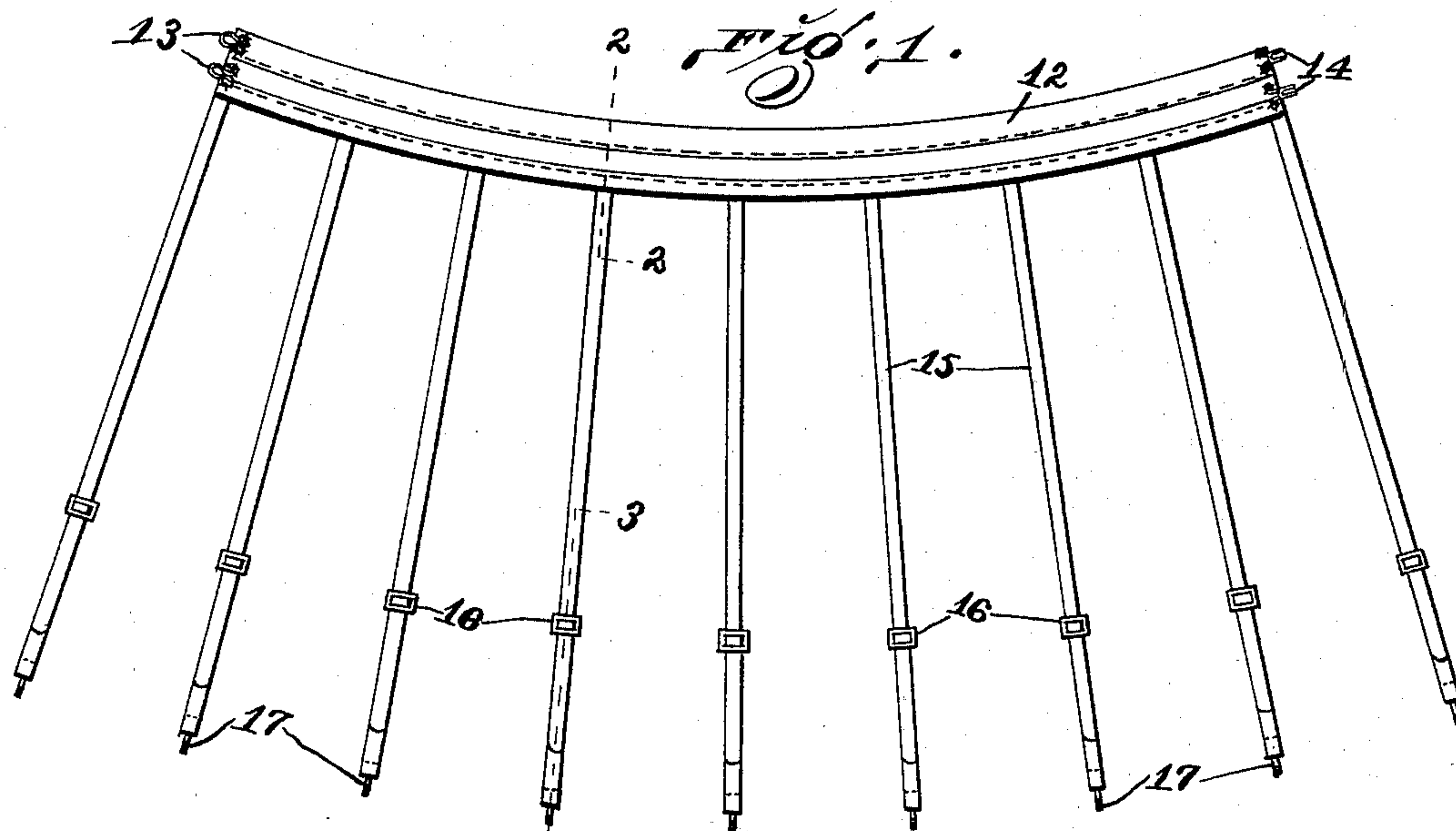
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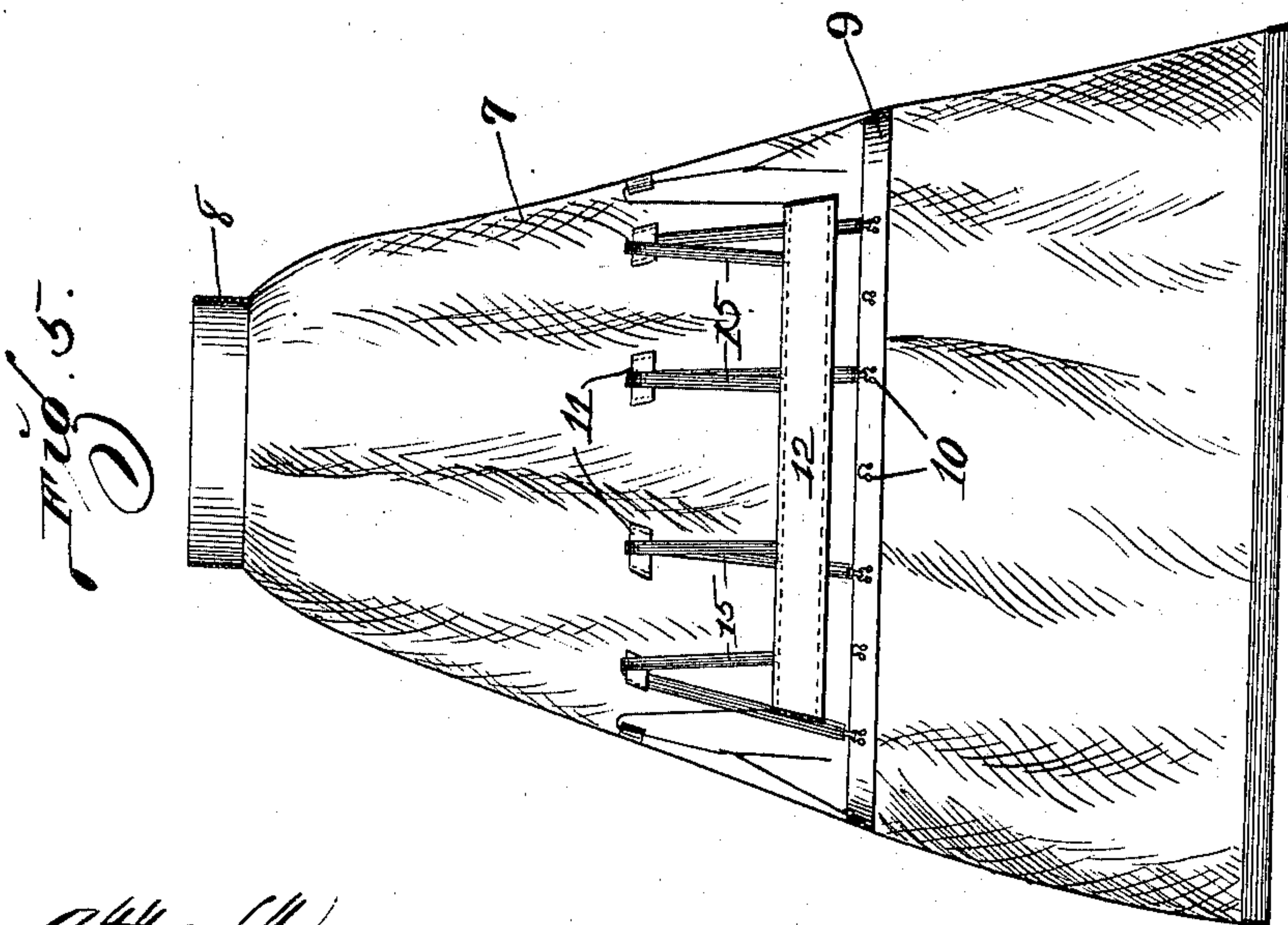
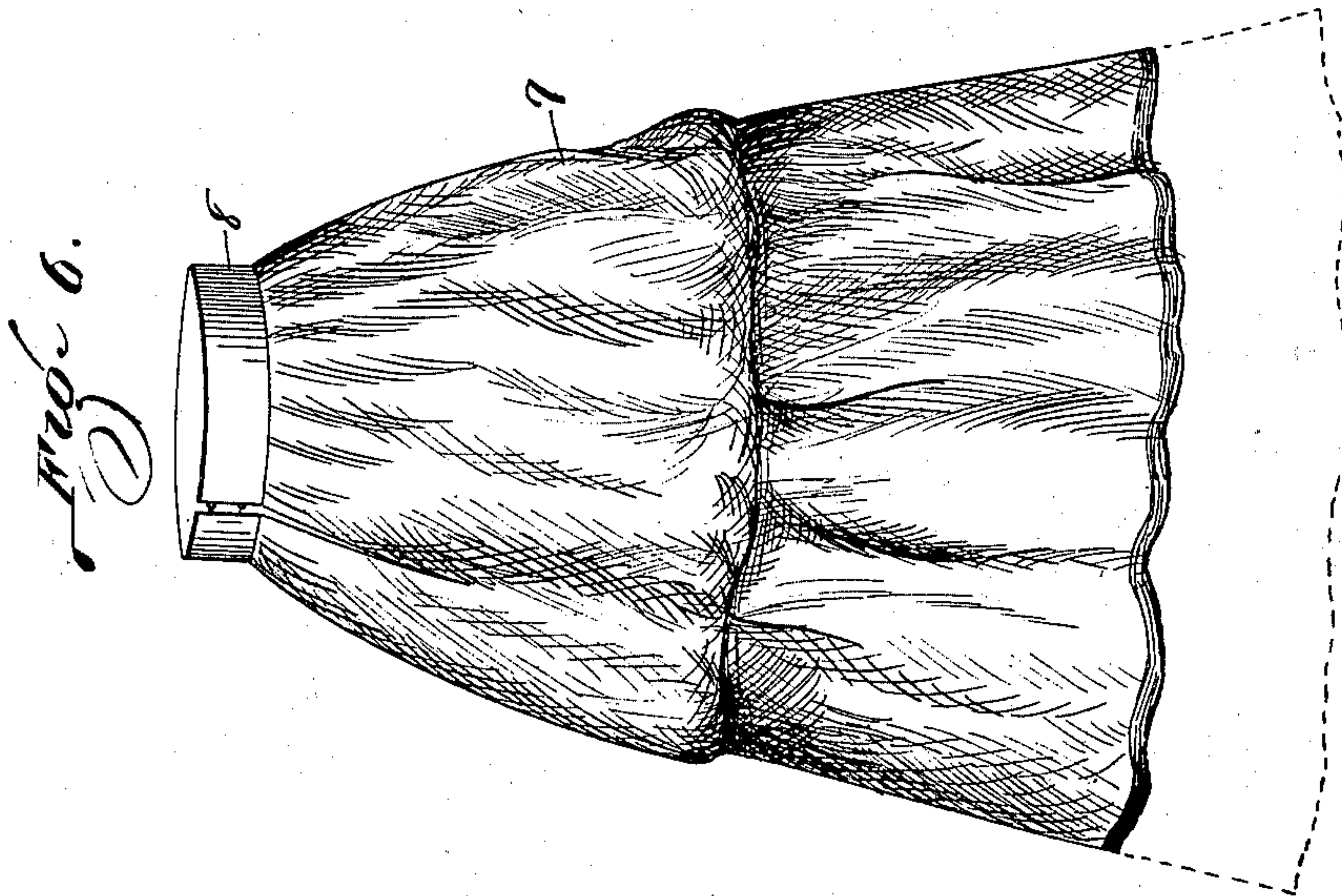
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DRESS-SKIRT SUPPORTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, NANNIE B. CONKLING and JANIE H. LEE, of the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Dress-Skirt Supporters, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

Our invention relates to dress-skirt supporters; and it consists of the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter shown, described, and claimed.

Figure 1 is a rear elevation of our improved dress-skirt supporter. Fig. 2 is a detail section taken approximately on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a detail section taken approximately on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a view in elevation of the dress-skirt turned inside out and showing the means of attaching the supporter. Fig. 5 is a view analogous to Fig. 4 and showing the supporter attached. Fig. 6 is a view in elevation of a dress-skirt right side out and held in position by the supporter.

Referring by numerals to the drawings, the dress-skirt 7 is of the ordinary construction except that it is supplied with the waistband 8, securely attached to the skirt, and other devices hereinafter described. The band 9 is attached to the inner face of the skirt in a line substantially parallel with the waistband 8 and at a point somewhat more than halfway from the waistband 8 to the lower facing of the skirt. Ordinary eyes 10 are attached to the band 9 suitable distances apart. A series of loops 11 is attached to the inner face of the skirt some distance above the band 9, said loops being in vertical alinement with the eyes 10.

The skirt-supporter consists of the secondary waistband 12, having the eyelets 13 attached to one of its ends and the hooks 14 attached to its opposite end to engage said eyelets 13 and the adjustable straps 15 attached to the waistband 12, depending downwardly, said straps being constructed in two pieces adjustably connected together by the buckle 16 and having hooks 17 attached to their lower ends. The straps 15 are inserted through the loops 11, and the hooks 17 engage the eyes 10, as shown in Fig. 5. The connection between the secondary waistband 12 and the band 9 is shorter than the connection between the waistband 8 and the band 9.

When it is desired that the skirt hang in its normal position, the secondary band 12 may be unhooked and allowed to hang downwardly, as shown in Fig. 5, or the eyes 10 may be disengaged from the hooks 17, or the straps 15 may be lengthened by manipulating the buckles 16. When it is desired to elevate the lower end of the skirt to prevent its dragging in the dirt, the secondary waistband 12 is placed in position around the waist and under the waistband 8, and then the lower part of the skirt is supported by the straps 15 and is held in an elevated position, as shown in Fig. 6. By adjusting the lengths of the straps 15 the skirt may be elevated to any desired extent.

We claim—

1. The combination with a skirt having the usual belt, of a series of supports, as 11, attached to said skirt at a point below the belt, a series of attaching devices, as 10, located at a point below the said supports 11, and a belt or band entirely separate from said skirt-belt and carrying a series of depending straps which are loosely passed through said supports and have at their lower ends means for engaging said attaching devices 10, whereby the said separate belt or band may be disengaged from around the wearer's waist and thrown downwardly and loosely suspended at a point below the waist-line of the skirt, substantially as specified.

2. The combination with a skirt having the usual belt, of a series of loops 11 fixed to the said skirt at a point below the said belt, a series of attaching devices 10 secured to said skirt at a point below said loops, a band or belt that is entirely separate from the belt of the skirt, a series of straps secured at their upper ends to the said separate band or belt and having at their lower ends means for engaging said attaching devices 10, said straps passing one through each of said loops 11, and means for adjusting the length of the said straps, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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