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Fig. 1,

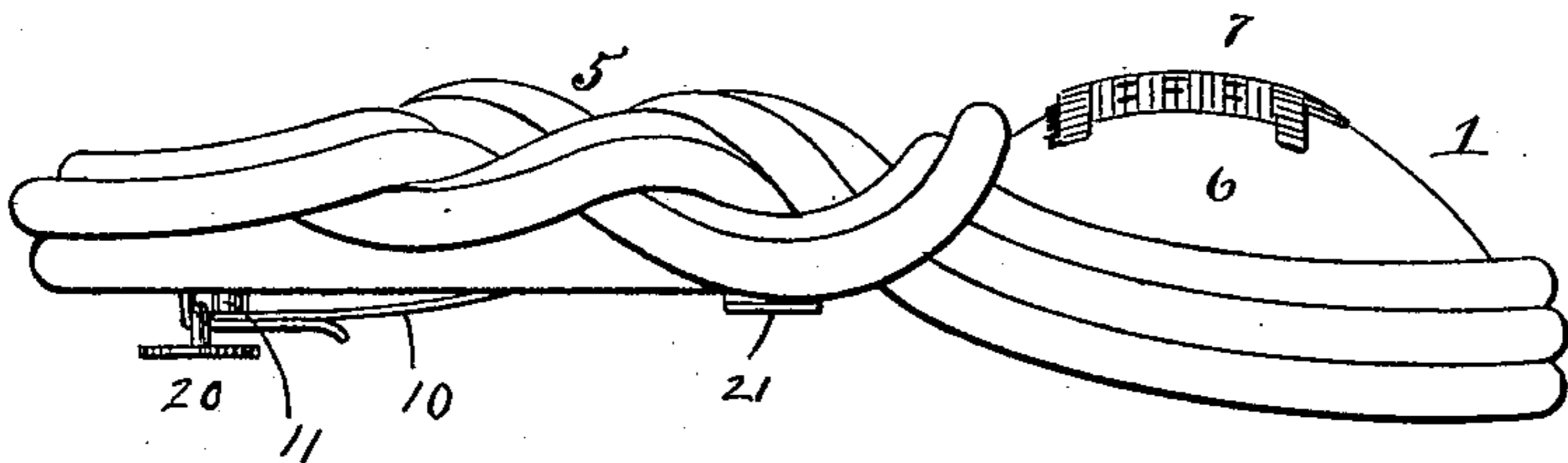


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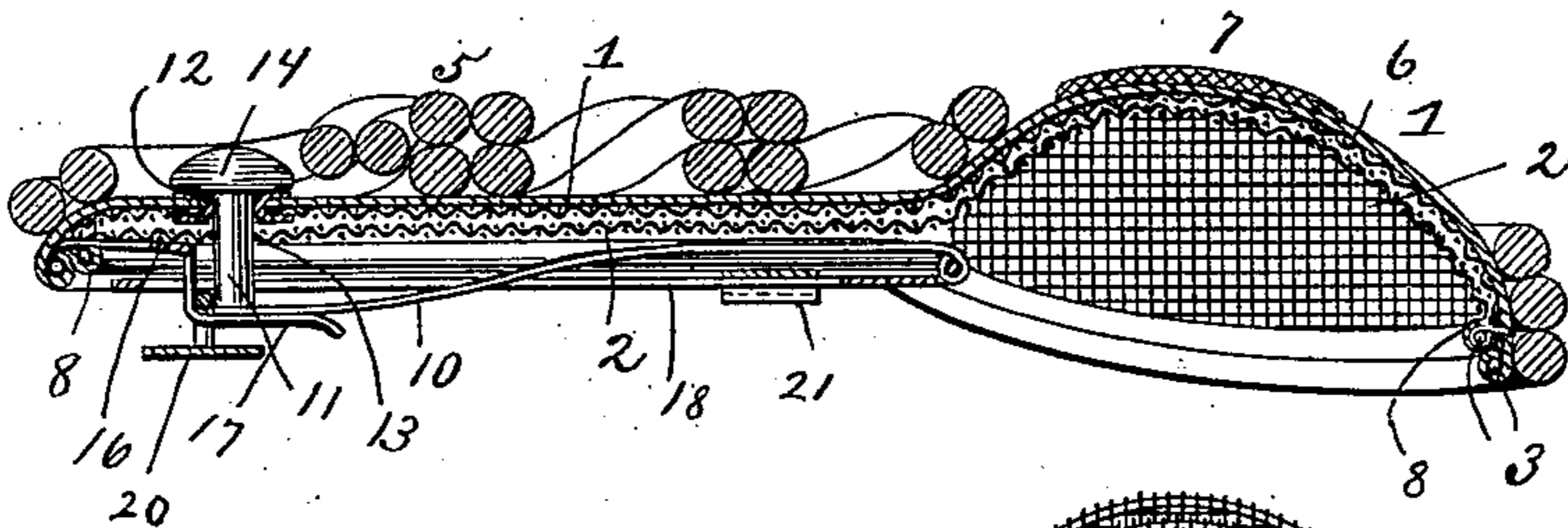


Fig. 3,

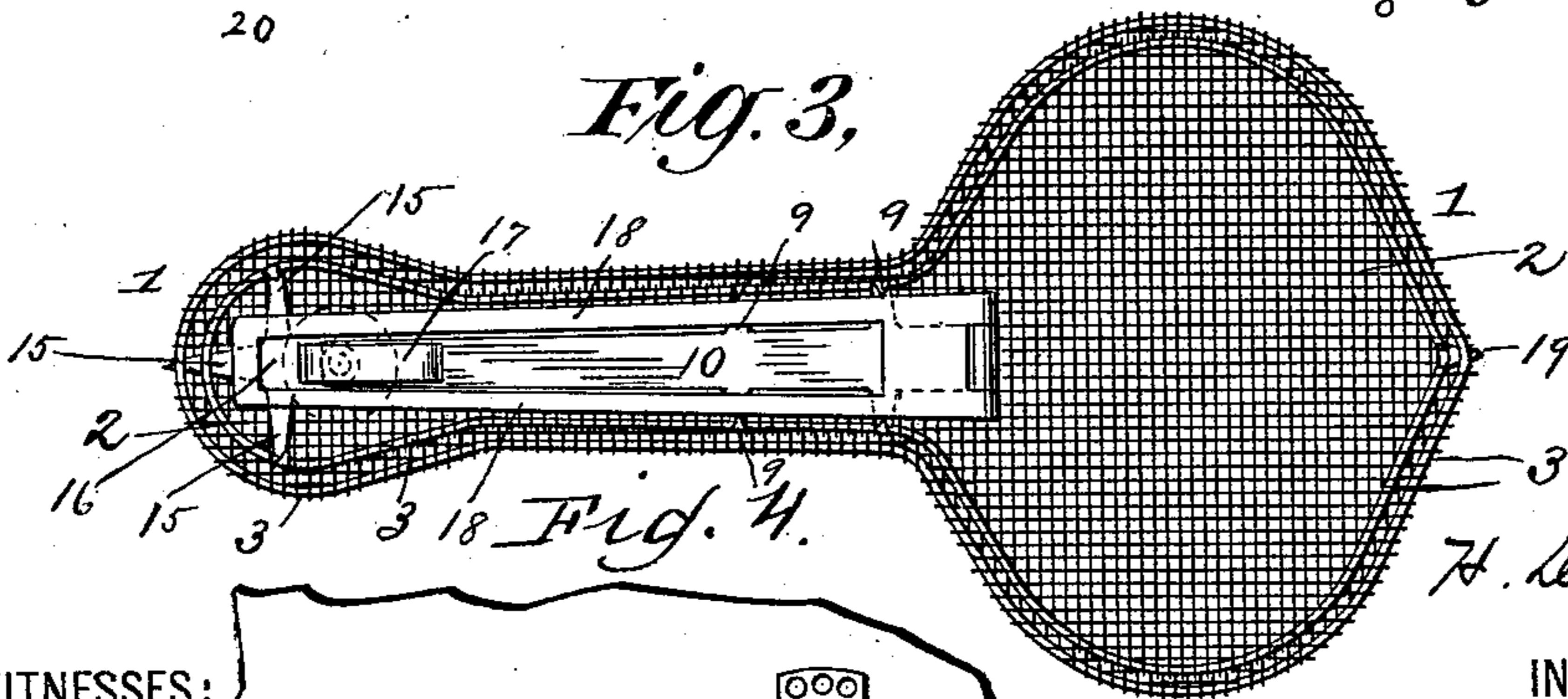
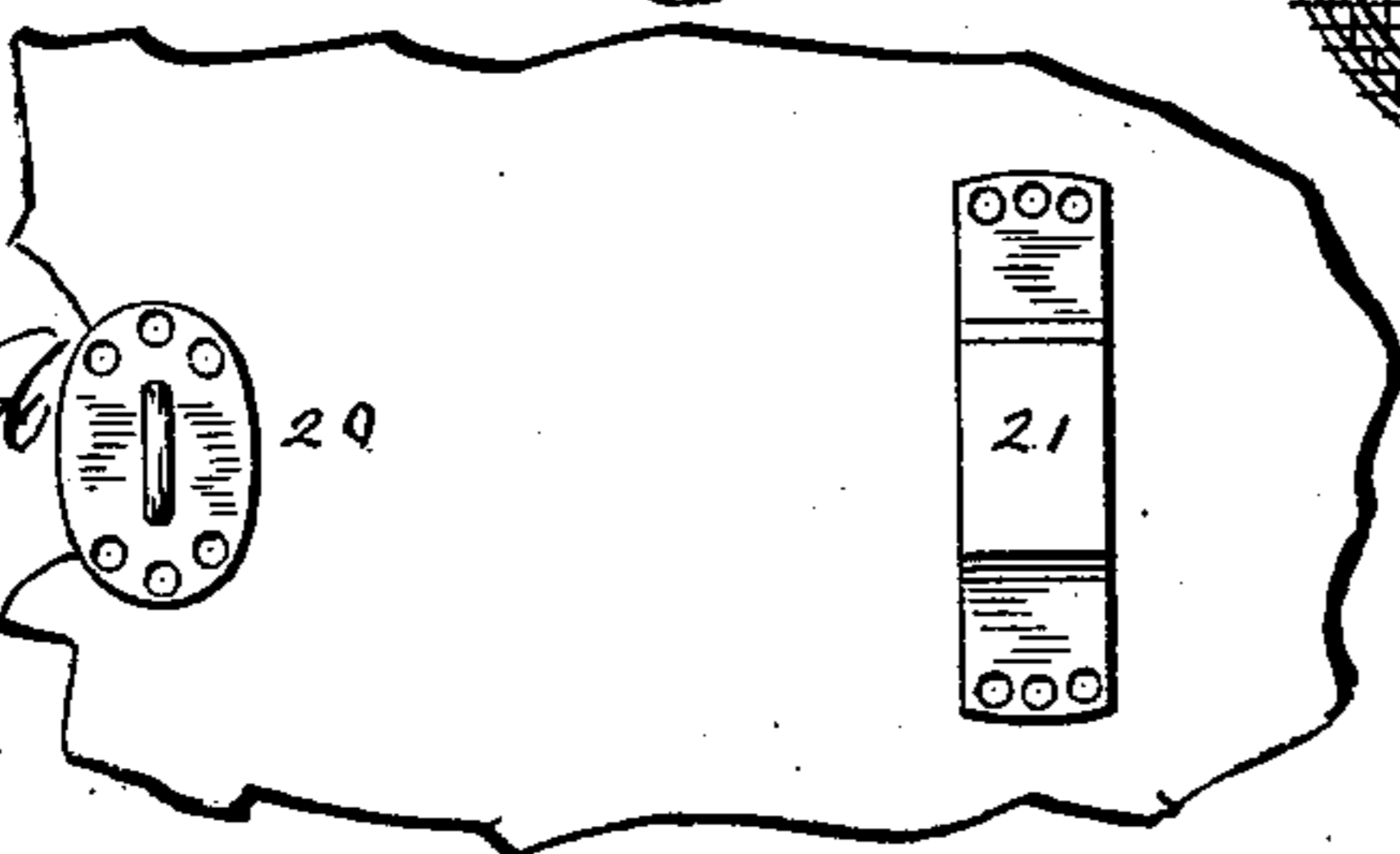


Fig. 4.

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EPAULET-FRAME.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY DE WITT DOBBS, a citizen of the United States, residing in the borough of Manhattan, city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Epaulet-Frames; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to the construction of epaulets, which have been heretofore usually made of a frame of pasteboard covered with embroidered cloth, gold braid, &c., of appropriate design.

My invention consists, mainly, of an epaulet whose frame is made of two corresponding parts of brass or metallic netting, the inner part, which carries the devices for attaching the epaulet to the shoulder of the wearer, being nested in and fastened to the outer part, which bears the ornamental design indicating the rank or service of the wearer, whereby the manufacture of the epaulet is greatly simplified and improved and its strength and durability increased.

In order that my invention may be clearly understood, I shall first describe in detail the construction of an epaulet embodying my invention and then particularly point out its novel features in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which like parts are designated by the same numbers in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a side view of an epaulet embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a view of the under side of the frame only of the epaulet. Fig. 4 represents the usual keepers employed to attach the epaulet to the shoulder.

I make the frame of the epaulet illustrated in two corresponding parts 1 and 2, each formed of brass or other suitable wire-netting suitably shaped, attached along its edge to and stiffened by a heavier peripheral wire 3. The outer part 1 of the frame, while detached from the inner part 2, is preferably covered with the appropriate gold braid 5,

cloth 6, and design 7, and the periphery of the inner part 2, which fits and nests within the outer part 1, is preferably covered or edged with cloth 8. To the under side of the narrow portion or neck of the inner part 2 of the frame is fastened, as by prongs 9, engaging its wired edge, an elastic arm 10, the inner end of which is free to spring from the frame and carries at its extremity a threaded stud 11, which passes freely through corresponding apertures 12 and 13 in the frame parts 1 and 2 and receives on its end the internally-threaded shank of an ornamental button or nut 14, which thus serves to bind the two frame parts 1 and 2 together. To the inner end of the inner frame part 2 is also fixed by prongs 15, one of which also engages the outer part 1, a bracket 16, formed with a hook 17, and to the fixed end of the arm 10 is hinged a longitudinally-slotted arm 18, which is adapted to swing over and past the hook 17, as shown in Fig. 3. The inner frame part 2 also has a prong 19 at its outer end to engage the outer frame part 1 and hold said ends of the parts together when the inner part 2 is sprung into the outer part 1.

The epaulet is applied to the ordinary keepers 20 and 21, sewed on the shoulder of the wearer, by opening the slotted arm 18, passing it through the outer keeper 21, folding it over and past the hook 17, and then engaging the hook 17 with the inner keeper 20, so as to lock the arm 18, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

The epaulet thus constructed being made in two parts, said parts are easily covered and finished separately and then sprung, nested, and fastened together, as shown, to make the complete epaulet, which is thus peculiarly strong and durable.

I claim as my invention—

1. An epaulet-frame made in two correspondingly-shaped separable parts of stiffened wire-netting nested and fastened together, substantially as described.

2. An epaulet-frame made in two nested separable parts of wire-netting, the inner part having peripheral prongs to engage the pe-

riphery of the outer part, when the inner part is sprung therein.

3. An epaulet-frame made in two nested separable parts of wire-netting, the inner part
5 having an arm carrying a screw-stud to pass through apertures in both parts, a hook to engage one shoulder-keeper, a hinged and slotted arm to pass through the other shoul-

der-keeper and pass over said hook, and a button or nut to screw on said screw-stud. 10

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand the 16th day of June, 1899.

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