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Fig. 1.

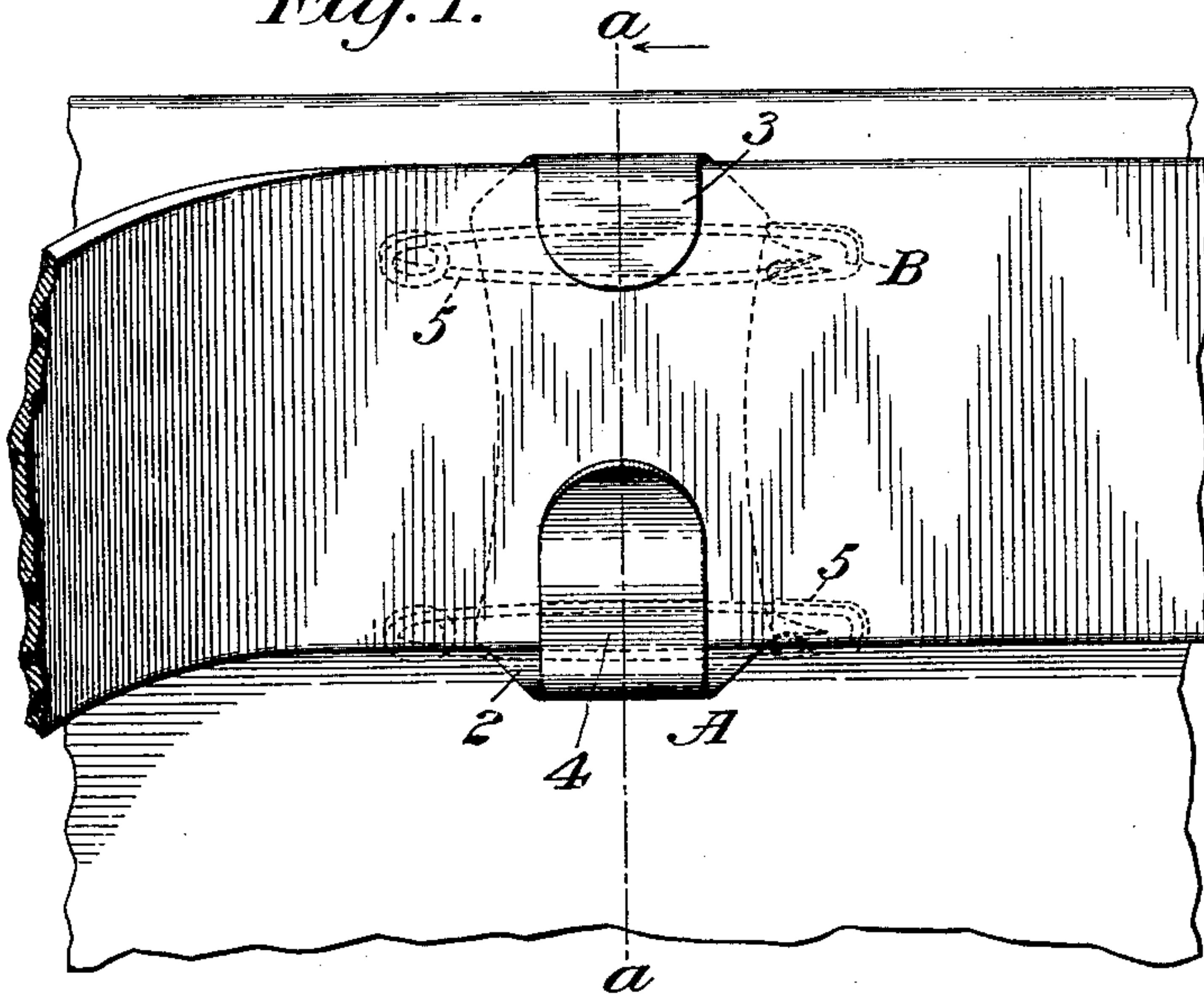


Fig. 2.

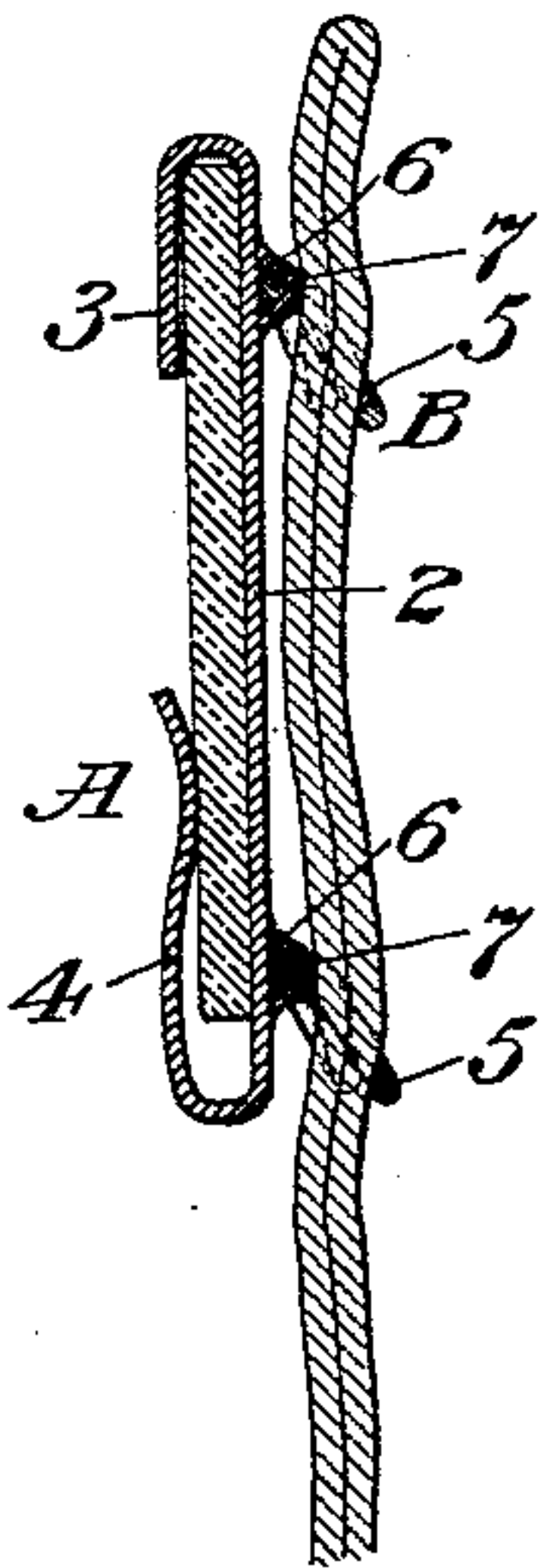


Fig. 3.

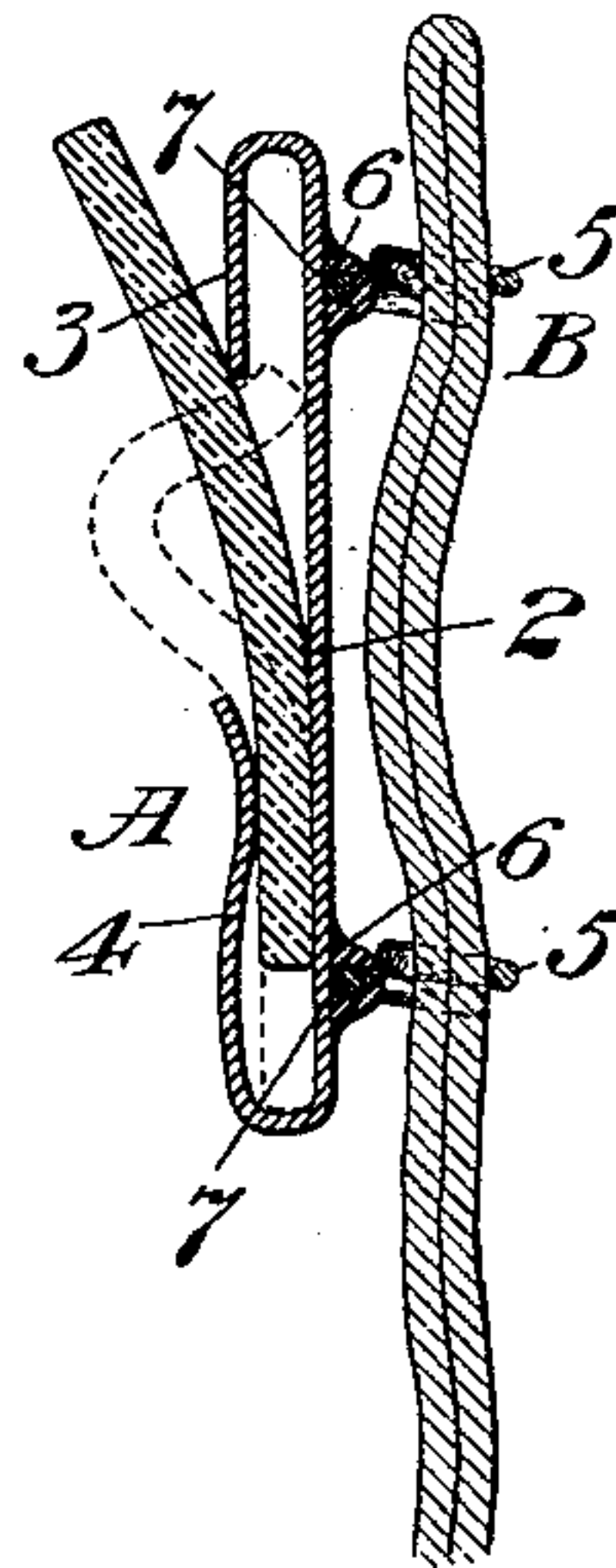


Fig. 4.

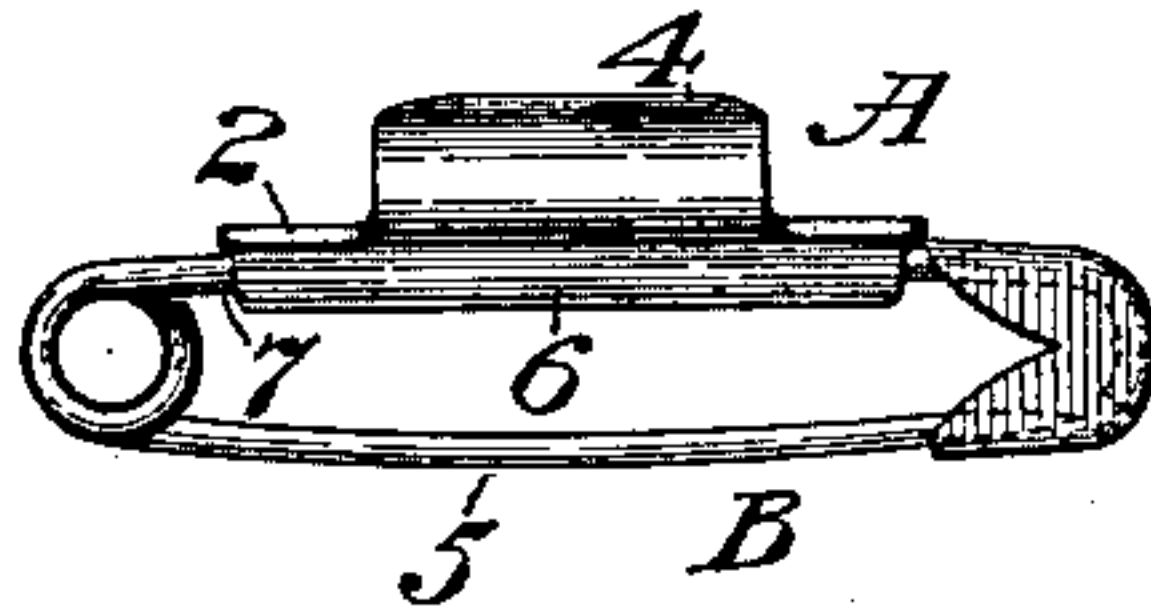
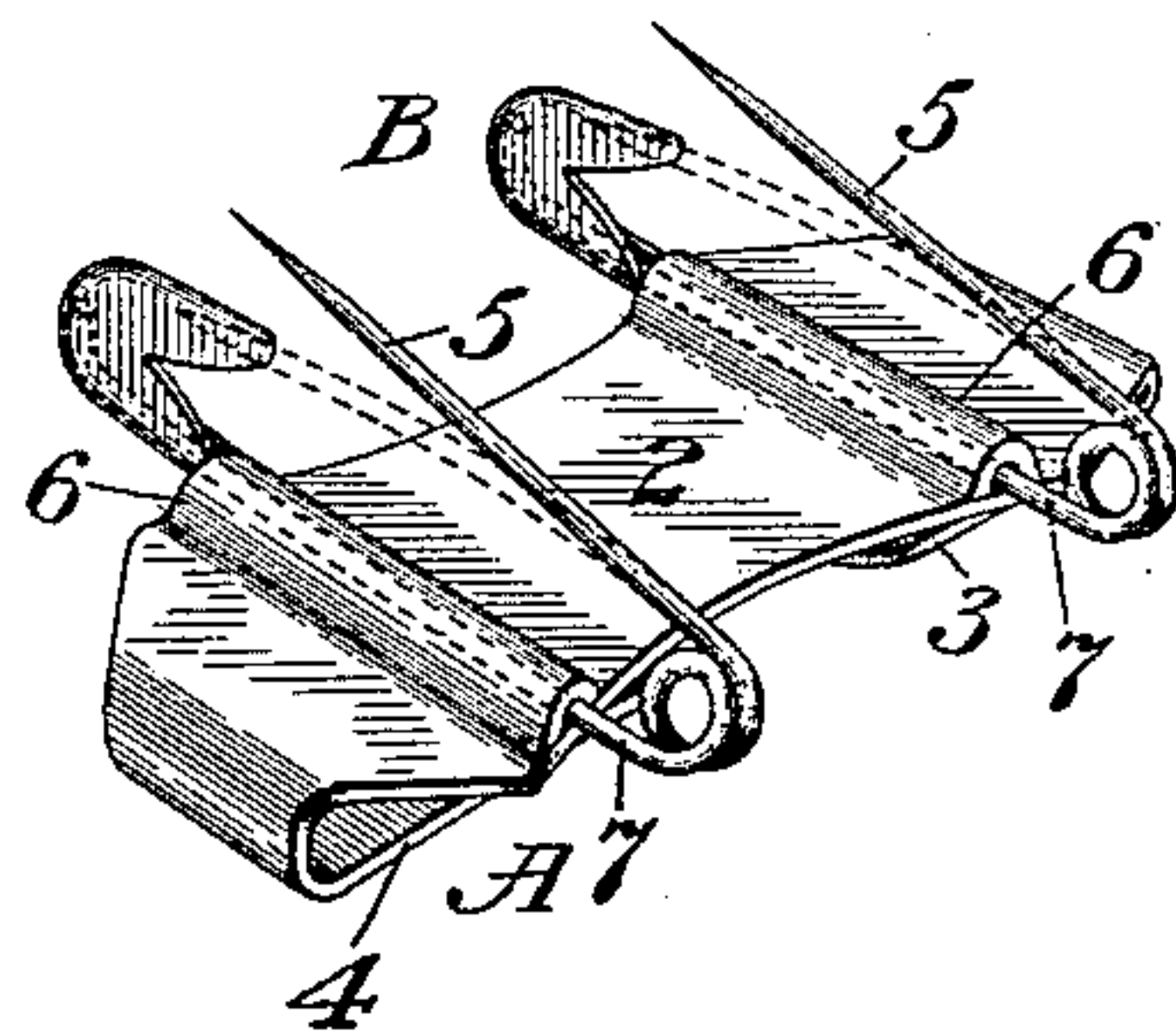


Fig. 5.



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GARMENT-SUPPORTING DEVICE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARO S. CHAPMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing in Hartford, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporting Devices, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to means for attaching garments to a belt, whereby the garment may be supported, and more particularly relates to a holding or retaining device especially adapted for use with trousers and skirts.

The object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which is simple in construction and durable in use and can be quickly and readily secured in position, while at the same time it will effectively support a garment from the belt and prevent the sagging thereof.

In the drawings accompanying and forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is an outer side view of a belt with this improved garment-holder or retaining device secured to a garment and in position on said belt. Fig. 2 is a sectional view thereof, taken in line *a a*, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a similar view illustrating one way of placing the belt in the holder or retaining device, the first step being illustrated by the solid lines and the last step by the dotted lines. Fig. 4 is an under side view of this improved retaining or holding device removed from the belt, and Fig. 5 is a rear side perspective view thereof.

Similar characters of reference designate corresponding parts in the different figures of the drawings.

This improved garment-supporting device in the form shown comprises a belt-engaging means (designated in a general way by A) and means (designated in a general way by B) for attaching the belt-engaging means to one or more garments. This belt engaging means A comprises a relatively wide plate 2, which may be of either solid or skeleton formation and constructed of any suitable material and preferably of a length corresponding with the width of the belt. This plate is provided with a pair of aligned free-ended hooks 3 and 4, shown herein of less width than said plate, the ends thereof projecting toward each other. In practice this belt engaging or hold-

ing device may be constructed of one member, and the lower hook 4 may be of increased length as compared with the upper hook 3, whereby various widths of belts may be engaged by the holding device without liability of the device becoming detached. One of these hooks is turned slightly outward at its free end and is shaped to form a relatively narrow or neck portion and an enlarged portion to facilitate the placing and retention of the belt in position. Each hook may be suitably formed or have its front face suitably ornamented to present a pleasing appearance. The attaching means B comprises a suitable means for securing the holding device to the garment to be supported. In the present instance the attaching means is shown comprising two separate devices each of which consists of a safety device or pin 5, suitably connected to the plate 2 and adapted for insertion through the material of the garment in the ordinary way. For the purpose of insuring a close fit of the holding devices against the outer side of the garment or trousers band, the safety-pins 5 are automatically movable or rotatable relatively to the plate 2, so that after they are secured to the trousers or garment they may be free to swing or turn upwardly or downwardly, as the case may be, relatively to such plate, thereby permitting the garment to lie close to the plate 2. (See Fig. 2.) To obtain this adjustment, the plate 2 is provided with a pair of apertured projections 6 at the rear side, extending transversely thereof, and each adapted to carry the rigid member 7 of a fastening device 5 and permit rotatable movement thereof.

In practice any desired number of these supporting devices may be used, three or four usually being sufficient. In use one of the ends of the belt may be slipped through each respective holding device and so extend around the waist of the wearer, or the belt may be placed in position in a similar manner to that shown in Fig. 3, one edge thereof being first slipped into the hooked end 4 of the device, after which the opposite edge is slipped into the hooked end 3 thereof.

By this construction it will be seen that the trousers or other garment will be supported in their proper positions relatively to the belt, and owing to the movable fastening devices

the plate 2 will lie relatively close to the garment or trousers band.

In this improved garment-supporting device it will be readily seen that, owing to its construction, the fastening devices are independent of each other and are located at relatively remote points, one freely movable independently of the other, and the wearer can not only attach a skirt to the belt by two independent devices, which thereby prevents a considerable strain on the cloth at one point, but also enables the wearer to secure the upper device to a waist while the lower device is attached to a skirt, and the hooks carry the belt so that the pulling out of the waist from the skirt or the pulling of the skirt from the waist is prevented, while both the skirt and waist are secured in position relatively to the belt.

I claim as my invention—

A garment-supporting device comprising a plate having a pair of free-ended hooks in alinement and projecting toward each other and adapted for attachment to a belt, one of said hooks having an outwardly-extending end and shaped to have a relatively narrow and a relatively enlarged portion, thereby to facilitate the insertion and retention of the belt, and a pair of movable safety attaching devices, one free of connection with the other and permanently secured relatively remote to each other, one adjacent to each end of said plate, whereby they are adapted for attachment to adjacent independent garments.

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