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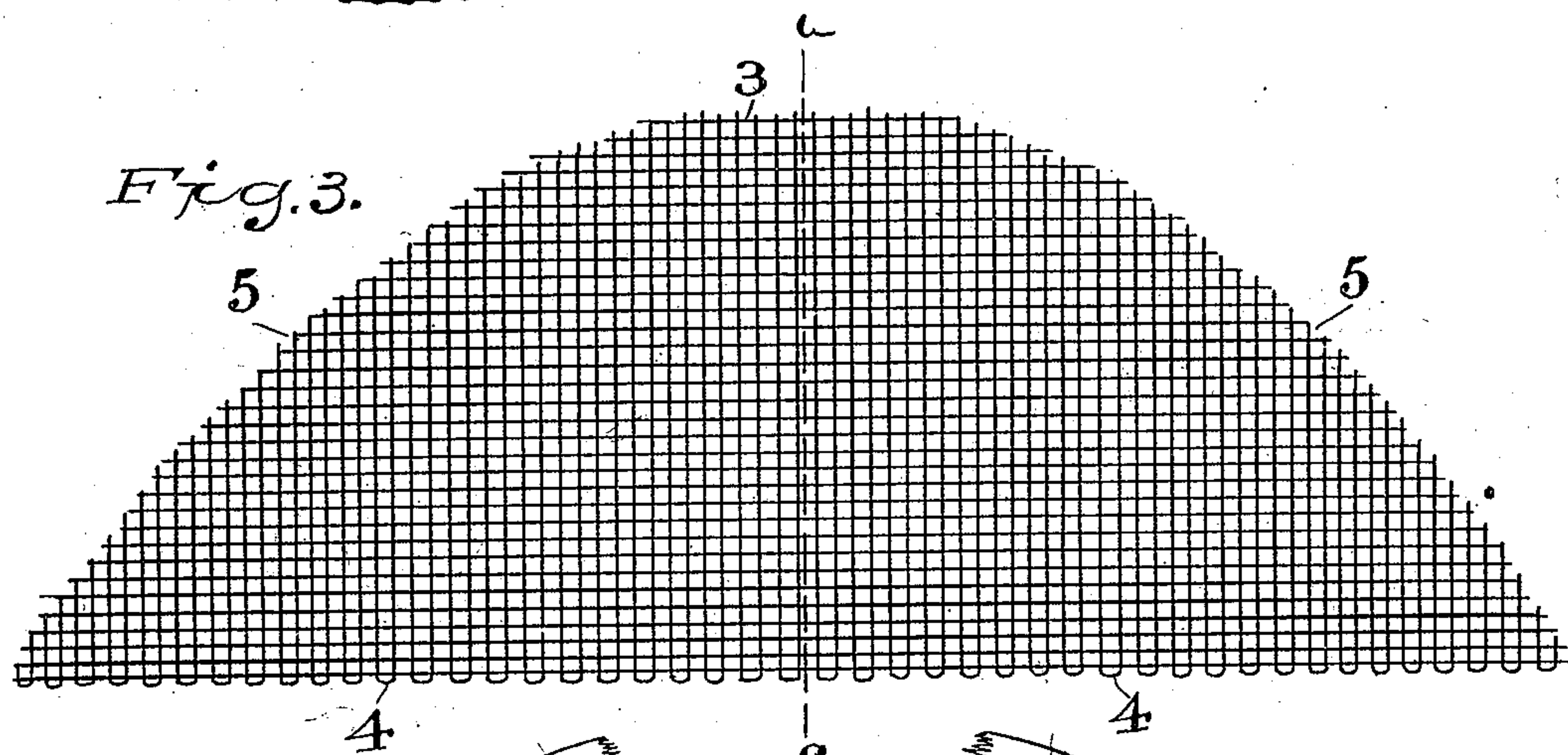
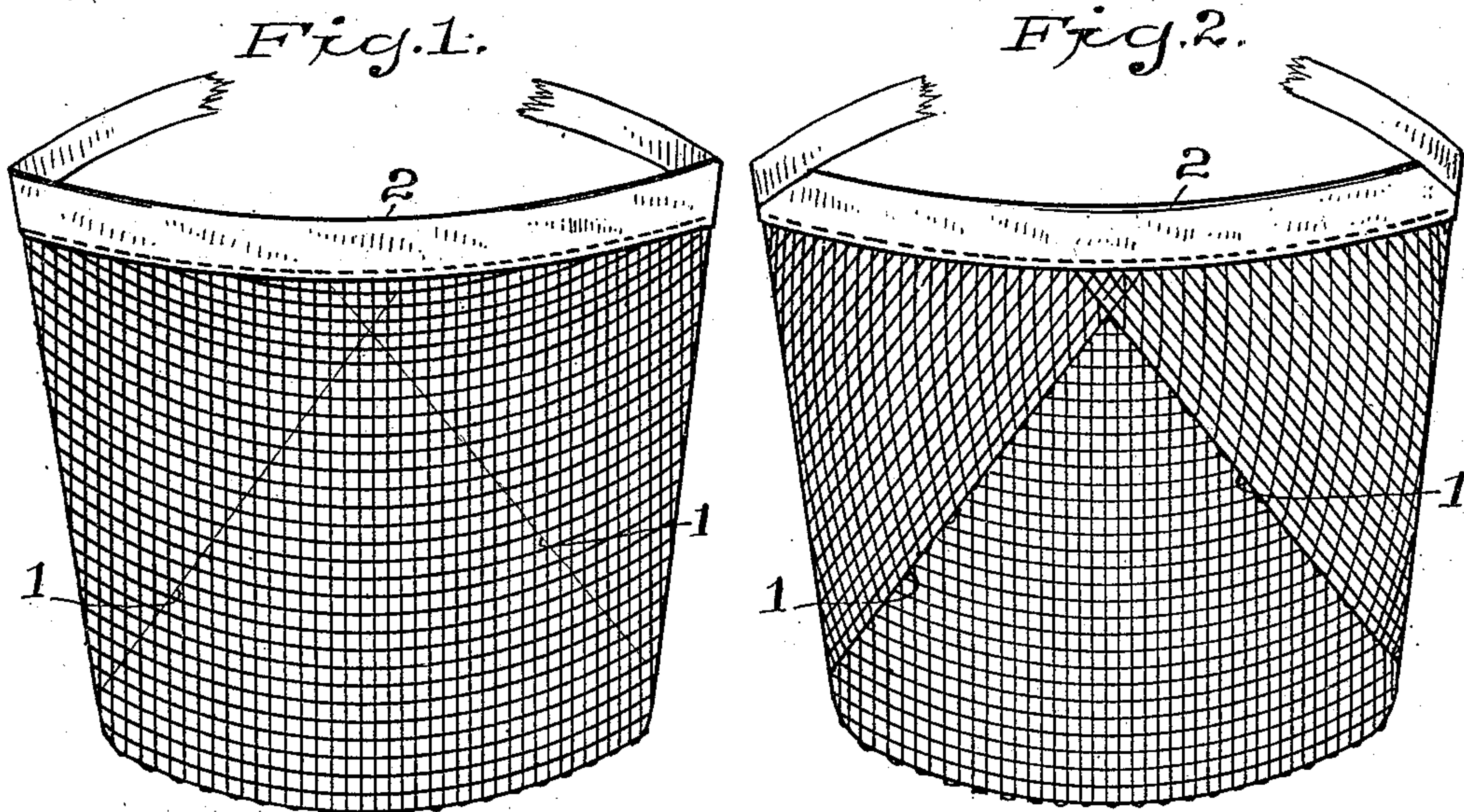
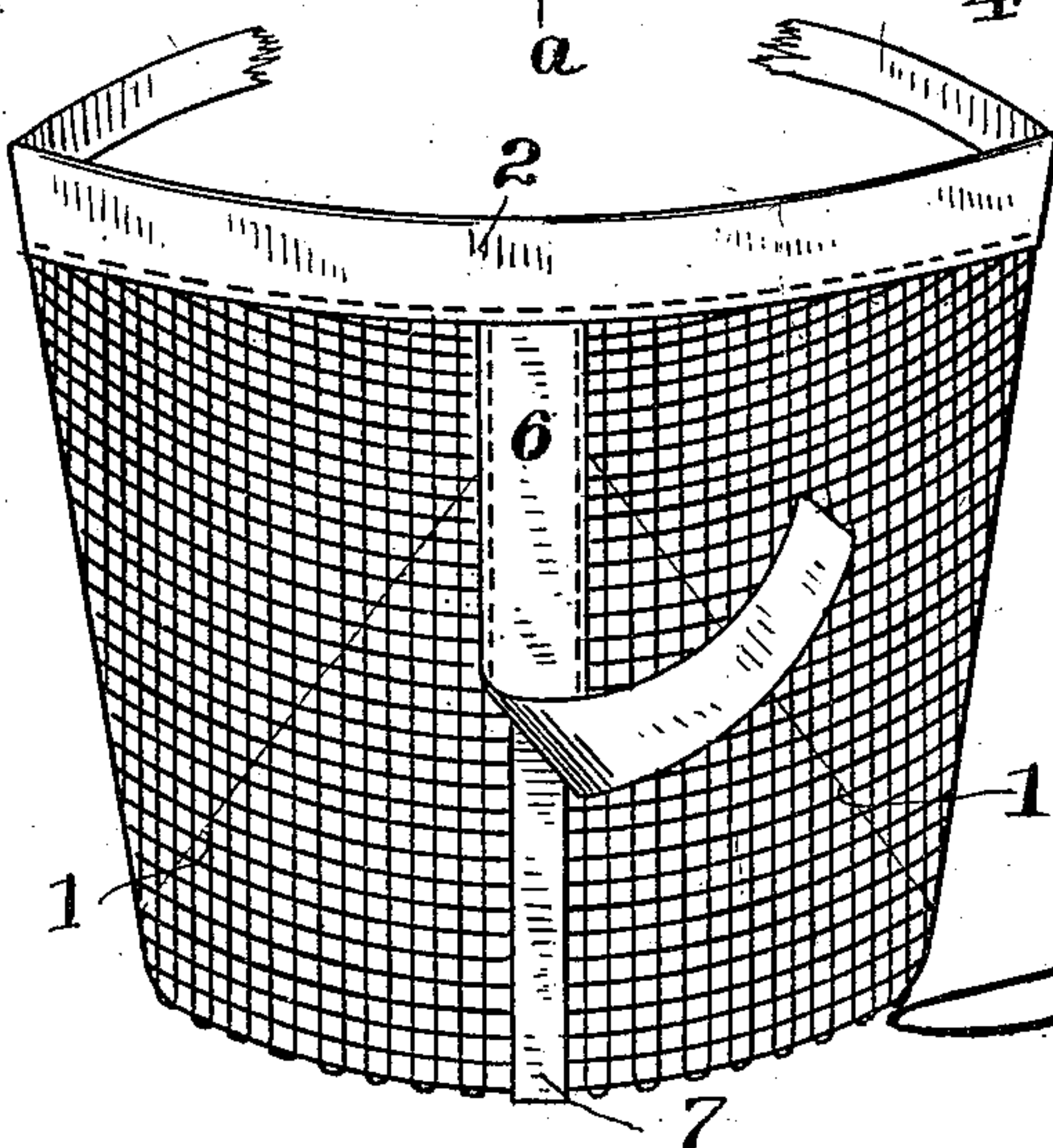


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY H. TAYLOR, 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 Bustles; 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 bustles, but more particularly to devices of this description made from woven-wire fabric.

The object of my invention is to provide a light and durable bustle which shall readily conform to the person of the wearer; and with these ends in view my invention consists in certain details of construction, such as will be hereinafter fully set forth and then specifically designated by the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved bustle; Fig. 2, a rear view thereof; Fig. 3, a detail plan of the blank from which the bustle is formed; and Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 1, but showing a steel stay run within a shirr-pocket which is stitched to the outside of the bustle.

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

The blank which is shown at Fig. 3 has its upper and lower edges straight, the lower edge extending the full length of the blank, while the former edge is quite short, these upper and lower edges being separated at the sides of the blank by bias-cut edges.

In constructing my improvement I fold the ends of the blank backward, so that the extreme lower ends meet together in coincidence with the upper edge of the blank, and I have designated said folded portions or flaps by the numeral 1. The usual stay-tape 2 is then stitched along the upper edge of the bustle thus formed, so as to firmly hold in position these flaps and the upper edge of the blank. A bustle is thus formed whose flexibility grows more delicate toward the lower portion thereof and which is exceedingly light and whose open portion at the rear between the flaps will readily conform to the person of the wearer.

The upper edge of the blank is designated by the numeral 3, while 4 is the lower edge

thereof, the bias-cut side edges being identified by the numeral 5. The act of folding these bias-cut edges into flaps gives the required fullness to the bustle and at the same time causes all coinciding parts at the top of the bustle to meet in a substantially-concave line.

I prefer to stitch a piece of tape 6 to the outside of the middle portion of the bustle, so as to form a shirr-pocket, and to insert in said pocket a steel 7, as shown at Fig. 4, in order to still further increase the stiffness of the bustle, although in many instances such extra stiffening may be dispensed with.

Of course instead of using a single blank, as shown at Fig. 3, I can use two blanks which are the complementary portions of the single blank and which would be joined together to form the equivalent of the single blank at the dotted line *a a*, as shown at Fig. 3, and I therefore do not wish to be limited in this respect.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A bustle made from a woven-wire blank having a long lower edge and a short upper edge and bias-cut sides between said edges, by folding the lower ends of said blank rearward into coincidence with the upper edge of the blank and uniting said coinciding edges, substantially as set forth.

2. A bustle formed from a woven-wire blank of substantially a triangular shape, by folding rearwardly the angular portions at the lower ends of the blank and securing said portions to the upper edge of the blank, whereby a bustle is formed which is open at the rear, substantially as set forth.

3. A bustle made from a blank of woven wire whose end flaps are folded rearwardly and secured to the upper edge of the blank, while a steel stay is inserted within a shirr-pocket extending from the top to the bottom of the bustle on the outside, substantially as set forth.

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

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