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Fig. 1.

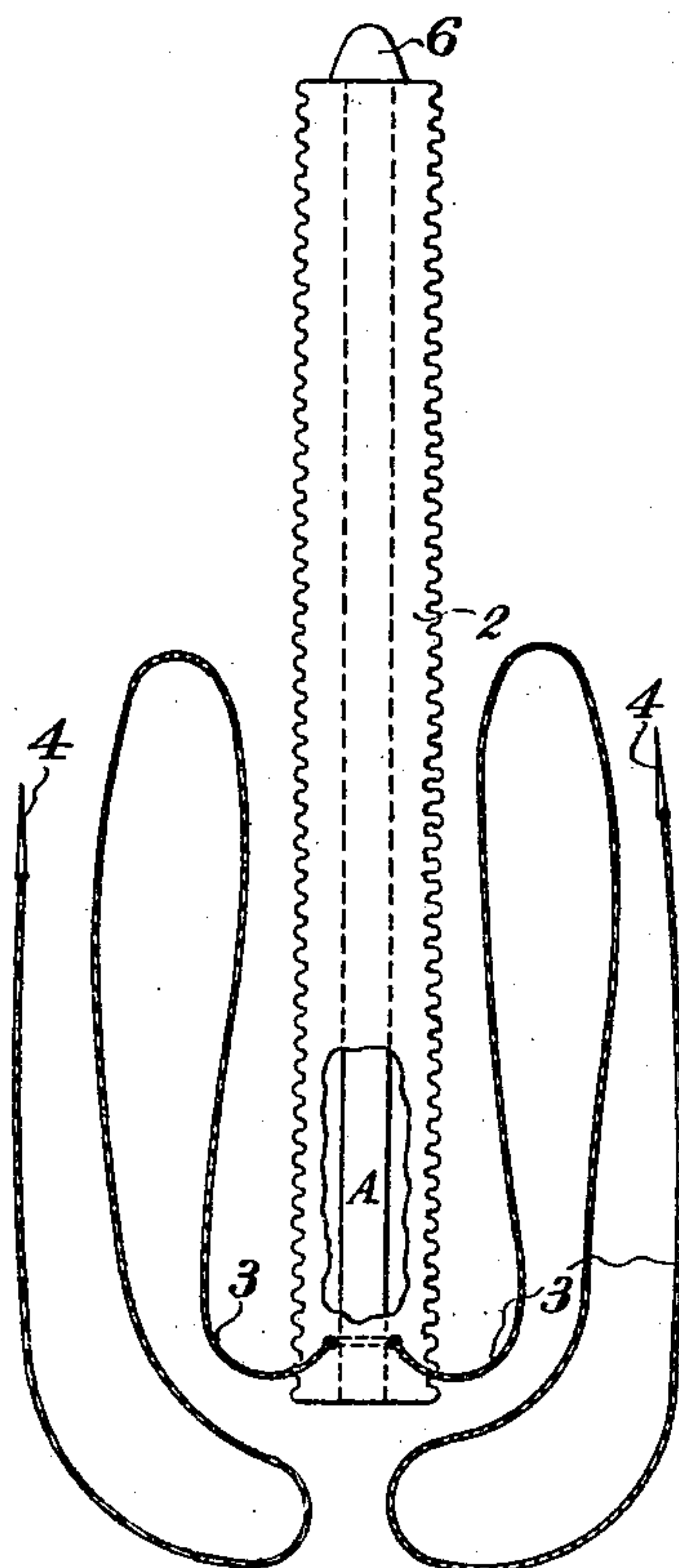


Fig. 2.

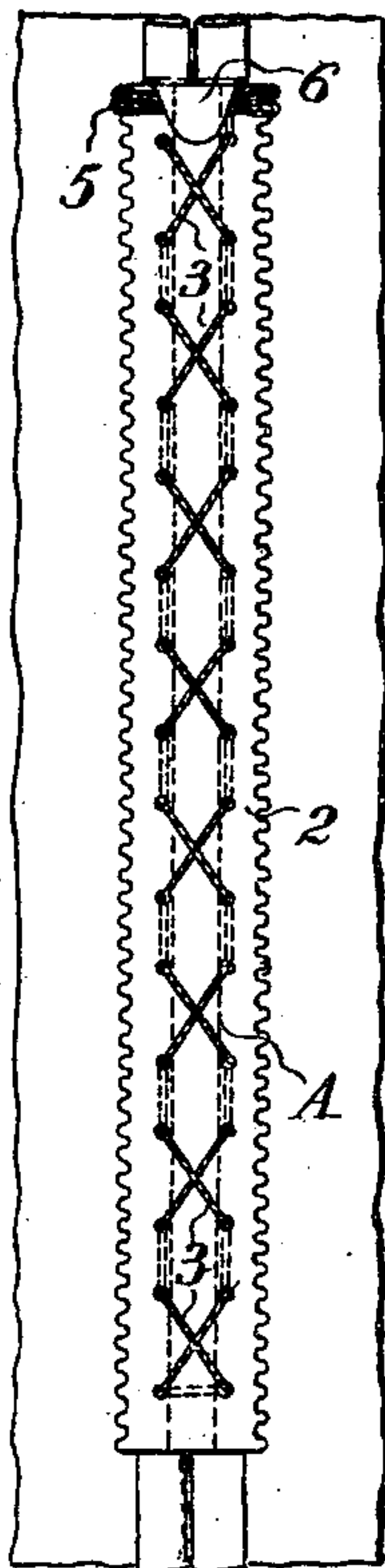


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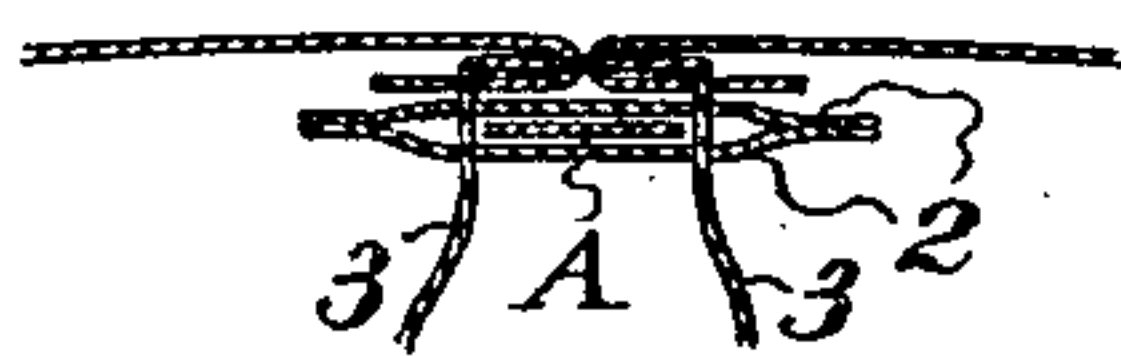


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM W. McCORMICK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Santa Rosa, county of Sonoma, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Dress-Stays; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to dress-stays; and it consists of the improved stay hereinafter described and claimed.

Figure 1 is a view of my dress-stay. Fig. 2 shows the application to a garment. Fig. 3 is an end view of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is an enlarged cross-sectional view of Fig. 1.

Dress-stays are formed of an elastic body, which may be of steel, whalebone, or other suitable material, and a flexible or fibrous fabric woven or otherwise formed and secured upon the elastic base. These stays, which aid to fit the dress and which cover the interior seams, are afterward stitched on with any ornamental stitch and suitably fixed in place.

It is the object of my invention to provide a convenient means for stitching or securing these stays in place, said means being integral with and forming a part of the stay itself, so that each stay is provided with its own means of fastening without the use of supplemental fastenings or independent needle and silk.

As here shown, in the present case I have illustrated an ordinary stay composed of an elastic body A and a woven fibrous fabric 2, of silk or other material, which covers and incloses the elastic interior strip. At one end of the stay the silk cords 3 are connected, being embedded in the woven covering material or in any way secured so as to project through the front side of the stay and form a permanent part thereof. These cords are of sufficient length to be stitched through the stay and the seam to which it is to be attached, so as to form an ornamental finish of any description. In order to render the cords independent, so that each stay carries its own

means for stitching it in place, I have shown the cords 3 as having rigid tips or points 4 fixed to or connected with their ends. These points serve to make the desired holes and carry the cord through the stay and through the seam to which it is to be attached, so that any ornamental stitch may be formed in the process of attaching the stay in place. When the stitching has been completed from end to end, the ends of the cord may be tied in an ornamental knot, as shown at 5, or otherwise fastened. In order to protect this fastening from being loosened by friction of contacting parts, I have shown a flap 6, which is secured upon the back of the stay and projects beyond the end. After the cord has been properly fastened this flap is turned over and secured upon the front of the stay, thus covering the fastening and preventing its becoming loosened. By this construction all stays, of which a great many are used in every dress, are provided with their own independent means for securing without the use of an independent needle and thread or other separate device, and when the stitching is completed and the ends fastened the fastening is properly protected from injury or loosening.

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

A dress-stay comprising an interior elastic body, an outer covering of fibrous or woven material projecting beyond the edges of the body, lacing-cords attached permanently thereto and having tips by which they may be passed through the woven portion and stitched to the part where the stay is to be attached, said cords fastened together at their free ends, and a flap or covering adapted to fold over the said fastened portions.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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