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Fig. 1.

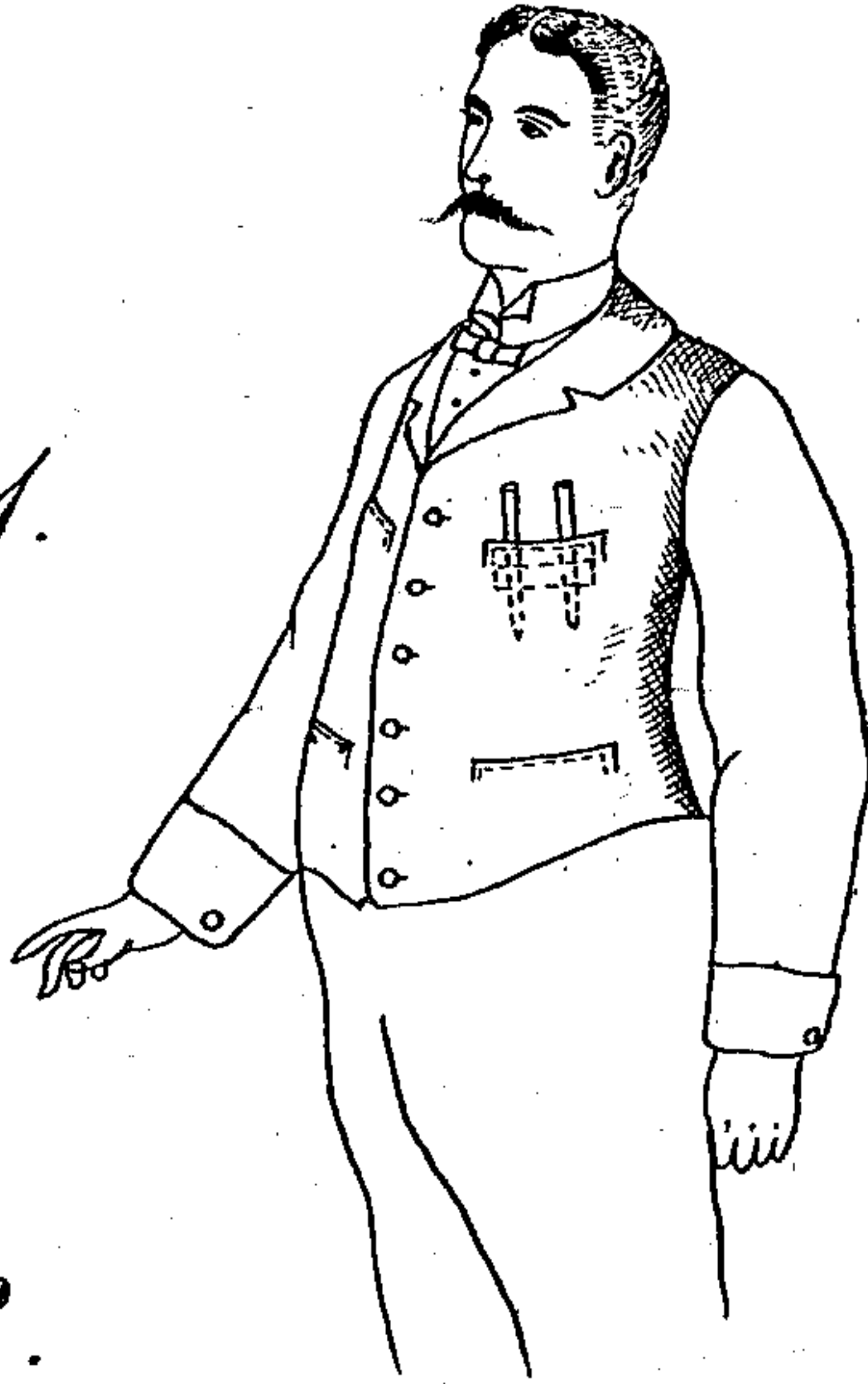


Fig. 2.

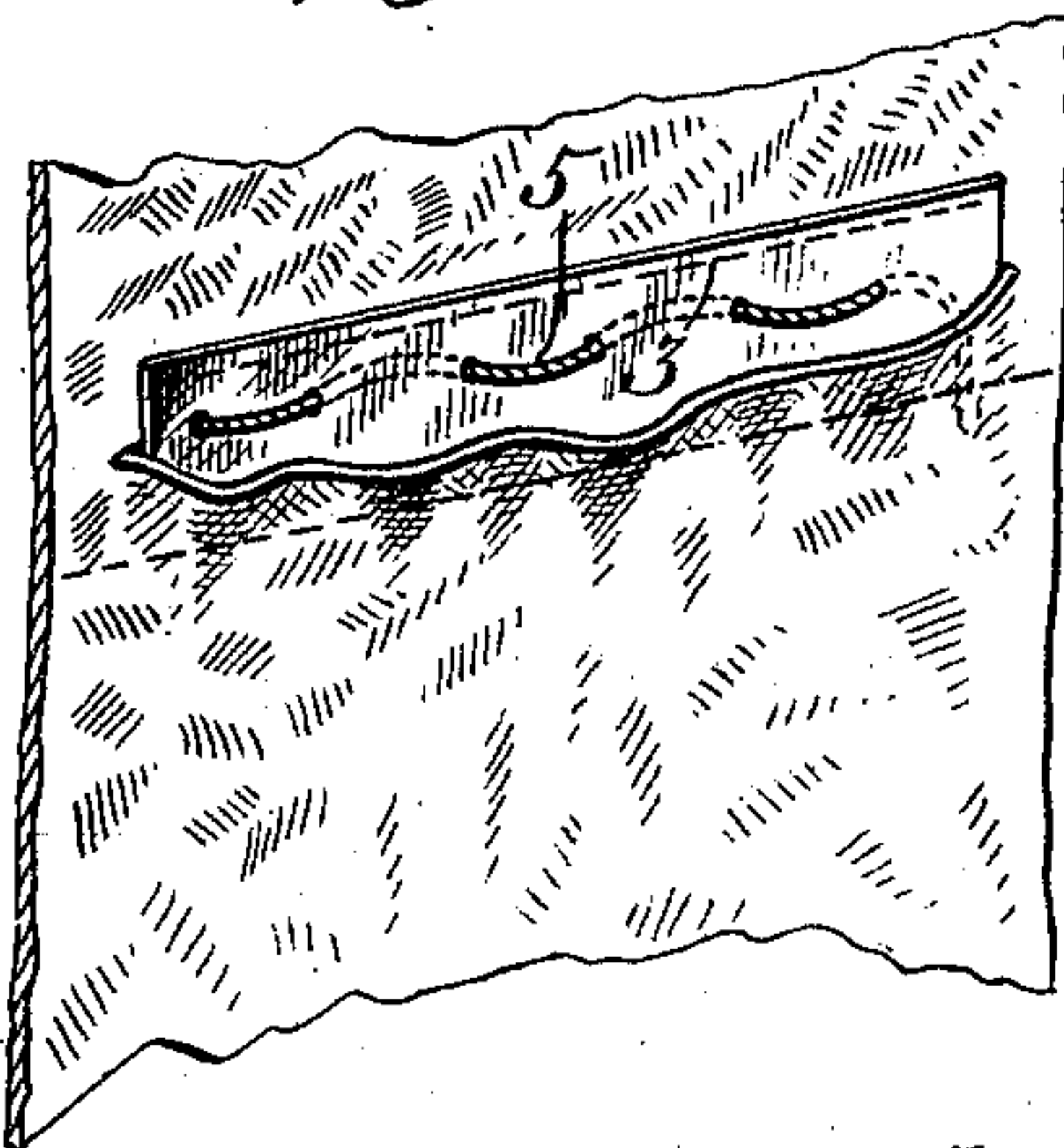


Fig. 3.

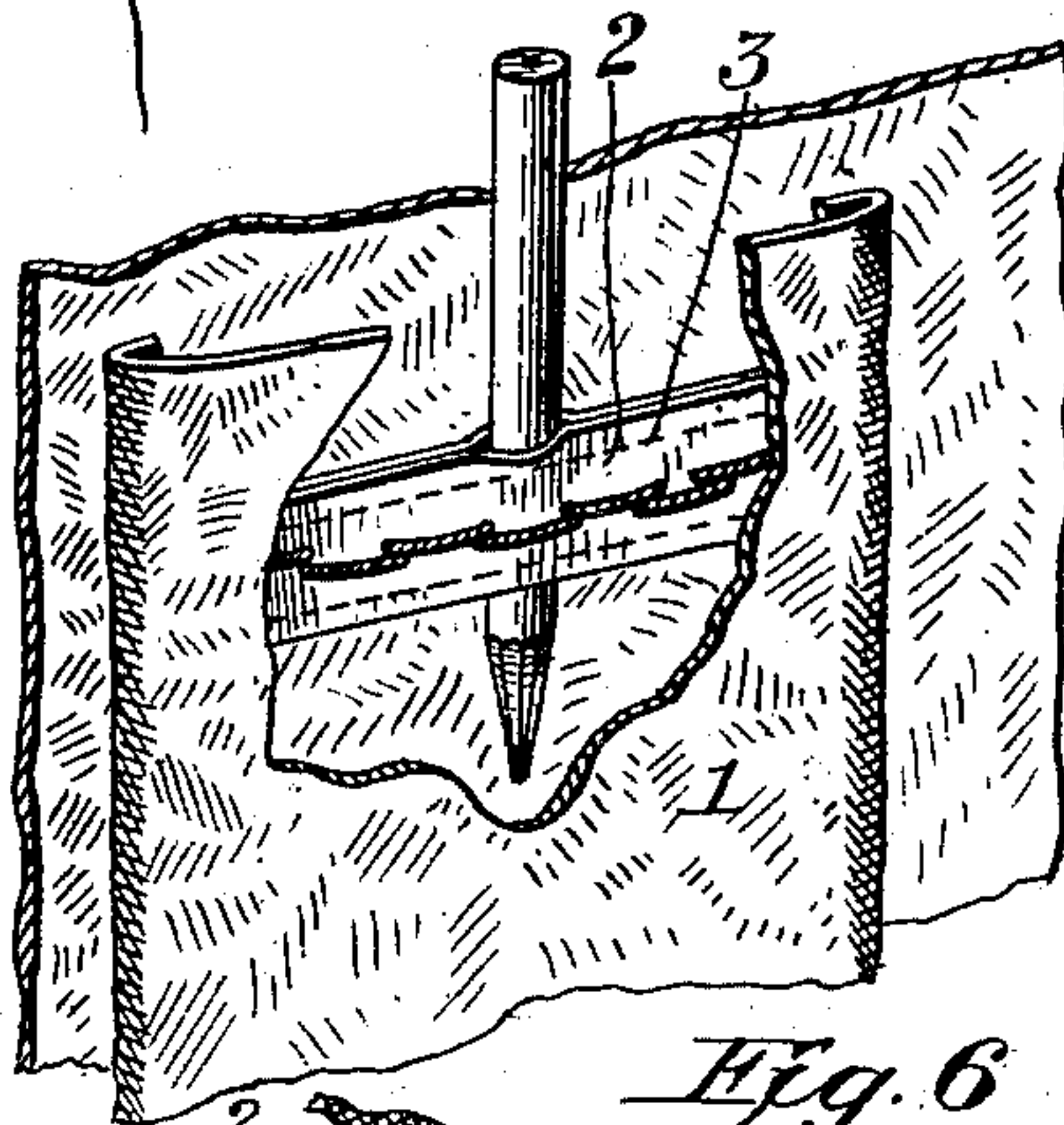


Fig. 6.



Fig. 4.

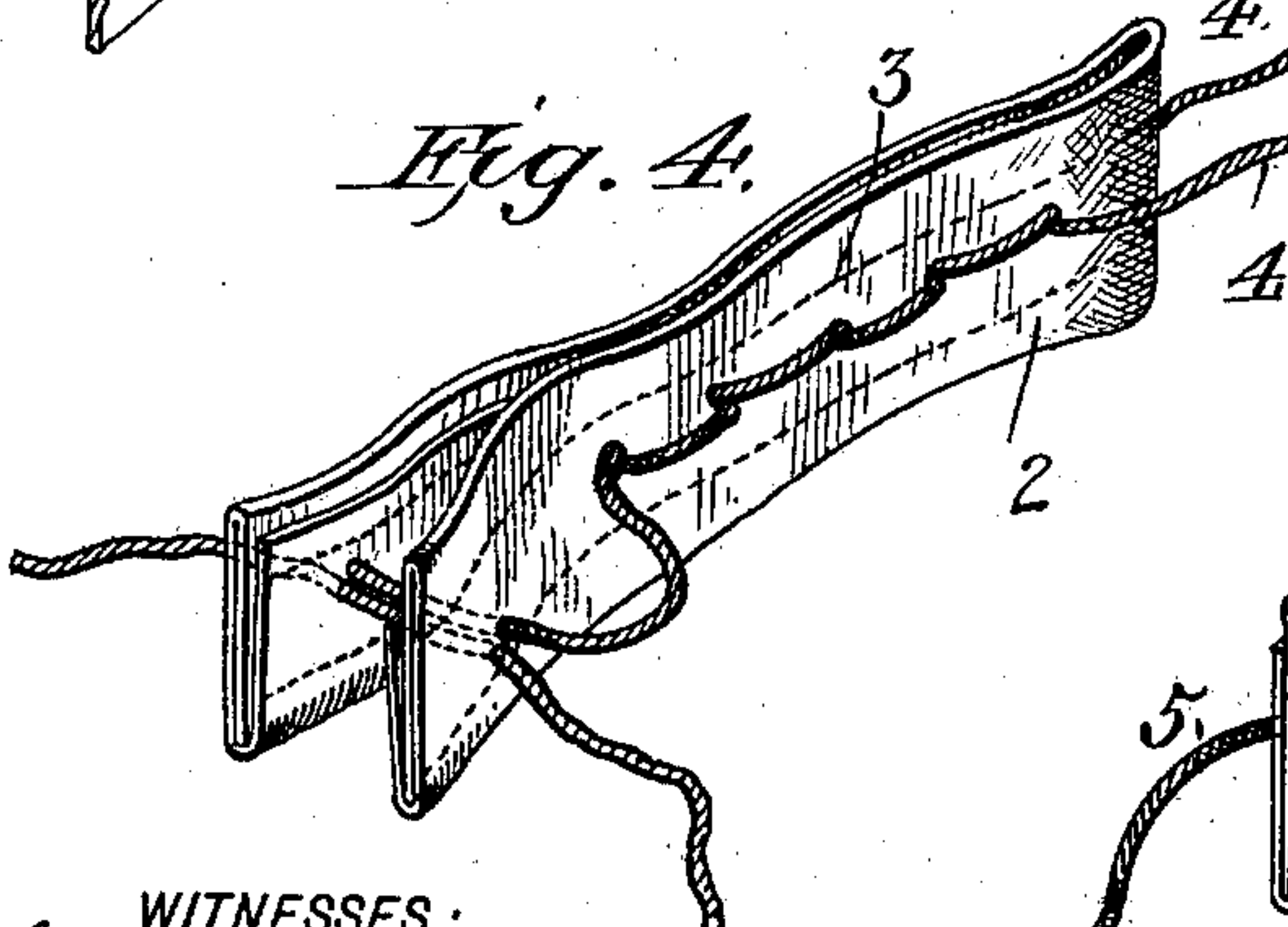
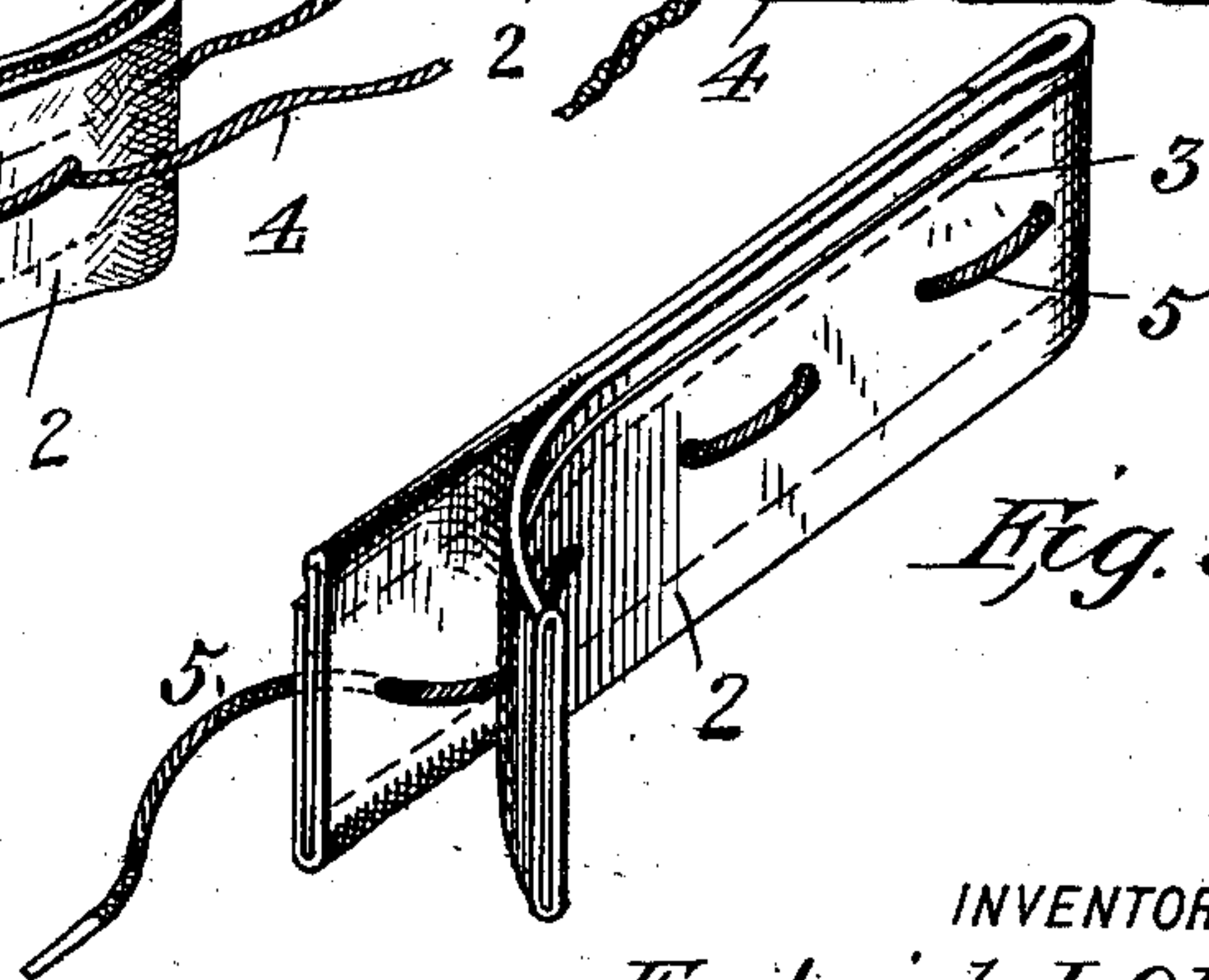


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK JOSEPH OTIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Appollonia, in the county of Chippewa and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pencil-Securing Devices; 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 a securing device designed to hold a pen, pencil, or the like within a pocket, so that said article will not become casually displaced therefrom.

The object of my invention is therefore to provide means by which a pencil, pen, toothbrush, or the like may be securely grasped and held within the pocket, and thereby prevent the same from becoming lost through casual displacement therefrom.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 illustrates my invention as applied to use. Fig. 2 is a perspective detail showing a portion of a pocket with my device attached therein. Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing a portion of a pocket with my device disposed in its operative position and showing the manner of securing a pencil within the pocket thus equipped. Figs. 4 and 5 are perspective details illustrating the securing device removed, while Fig. 6 shows a longitudinal section of Fig. 4 on a line with the elastic cord.

In order to conveniently designate the several parts of my invention and their coöperating features, numerals will be employed, of which 1 indicates the pocket of a vest, coat, or other garment where it is desired to locate my pencil-securing device, which consists of a simple strip of suitable fabric preferably folded upon itself for the purpose of attaining the requisite strength, as illustrated by the numeral 2, a line of stitching (indicated by the numeral 3) being disposed along each of the edges in order that the strip may be securely held in a folded position.

Interlaced through suitable apertures disposed, preferably, near the central portion of the strip 2 is an elastic cord or cords 4, which may be entered so as to overlap each other, as illustrated in Figs. 4 and 6, or a single

cord, as 5, may be passed through at regular intervals and properly secured at each end of the strip 2. The strip thus provided with an elastic cord is now ready to be secured to the pocket where it may be desirable to locate the device, it being understood that the strip 2 may most readily and neatly be located in position by properly sewing the free edges thereof to the contiguous walls of the pocket, the line of stitching thereby tending to hold the edges of the strip 2 separated from each other when the pocket is opened for the purpose of introducing a pencil or pen. By thus securing the strip 2 in position the pencil will readily enter between the edges thereof and into engagement with the interlaced cord 4 or 5, as the case may be, the elasticity of said cord insuring that an opening will be provided for the reception of the pencil, penholder, or the like, and, furthermore, that it will be securely grasped and retained in position. My improved pencil-securing device may therefore be said to consist of the simple article illustrated in Figs. 4 and 5, and that said article being complete within itself may be readily attached in position in any pocket.

It will therefore be seen that I have provided a desirable securing device of the character specified which may be very cheaply manufactured and quickly attached in the desired position. Furthermore, it is obvious that continuous strips of suitable material may be secured together by a proper interlacing of an elastic cord and said strips afterward cut into the desired lengths ready for use upon a wide or narrow pocket, as desired. Furthermore, it is clear that the device may be attached upon the outside of a garment in case it may be desirable to hold a pencil ready for instant use. By attaching the securing device shown in Figs. 4 or 5 by means of sewing the extreme edges thereof to the contiguous walls of the pocket there will be no difficulty in entering the point of a pencil, inasmuch as said point will readily find its way between the strips 2 and into one of the meshes of the interlaced cords or cord.

Fig. 6 shows the space between the strips 2 as magnified in order to more clearly bring out the fact that ample room is provided within the meshes of the cord 4 to receive

and retain a pencil or the like, and since the cord 4 is elastic there will be a continuous gripping action upon the pencil until the same is removed, thus insuring against its casual displacement.

It will be understood that my improved securing device may be made of any preferred material deemed most suitable for the purpose and that such reasonable modifications may be made in constructing the same as will fall fairly within the scope of my invention.

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

1. A device for securing a pencil in a pocket, comprising a strip of material folded upon itself and having each upper edge attached to the opposite side of the mouth of a pocket, in combination with two cords passing through said strips in opposite directions to each other and at intervals throughout the length of the strips whereby a space will be left between the point of entrance of said

25 cords, said space being adapted to receive a pencil, pen or the like, substantially as specified and for the purpose set forth.

2. A securing device adapted to hold the pencil, pen or the like within a pocket, comprising two strips of material disposed against each other, the upper edge of each strip being secured to the mouth of the pocket, whereby said strips will be disposed on opposite sides thereof and directly parallel with each other in combination with a pair of elastic cords interwoven in said strips from opposite sides, whereby a plurality of spaces or openings will be provided adapted to receive a pencil, and thereby utilize the binding action of the cords to hold the pencil in place, substantially as specified and for the purpose set forth.

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

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