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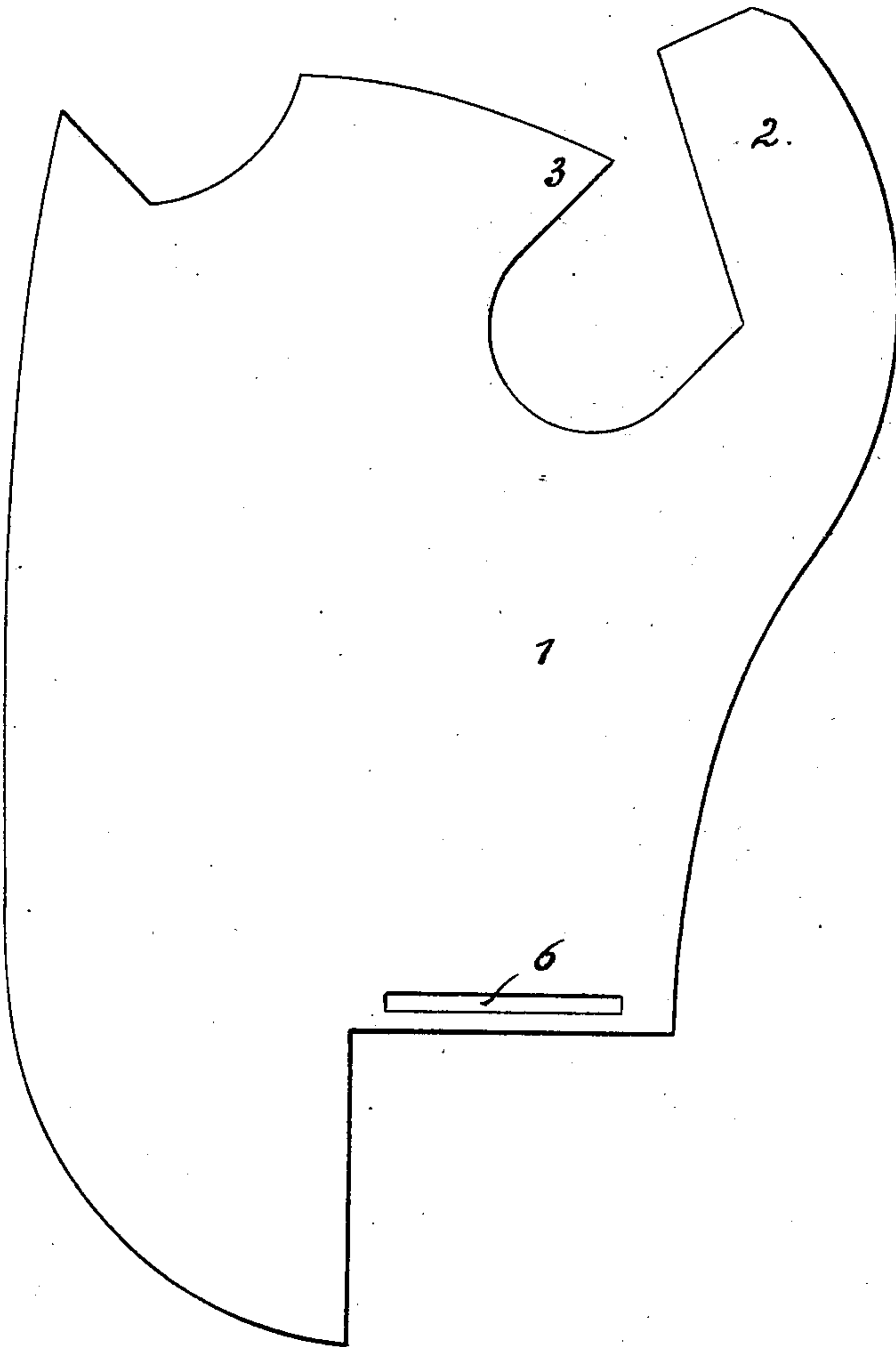
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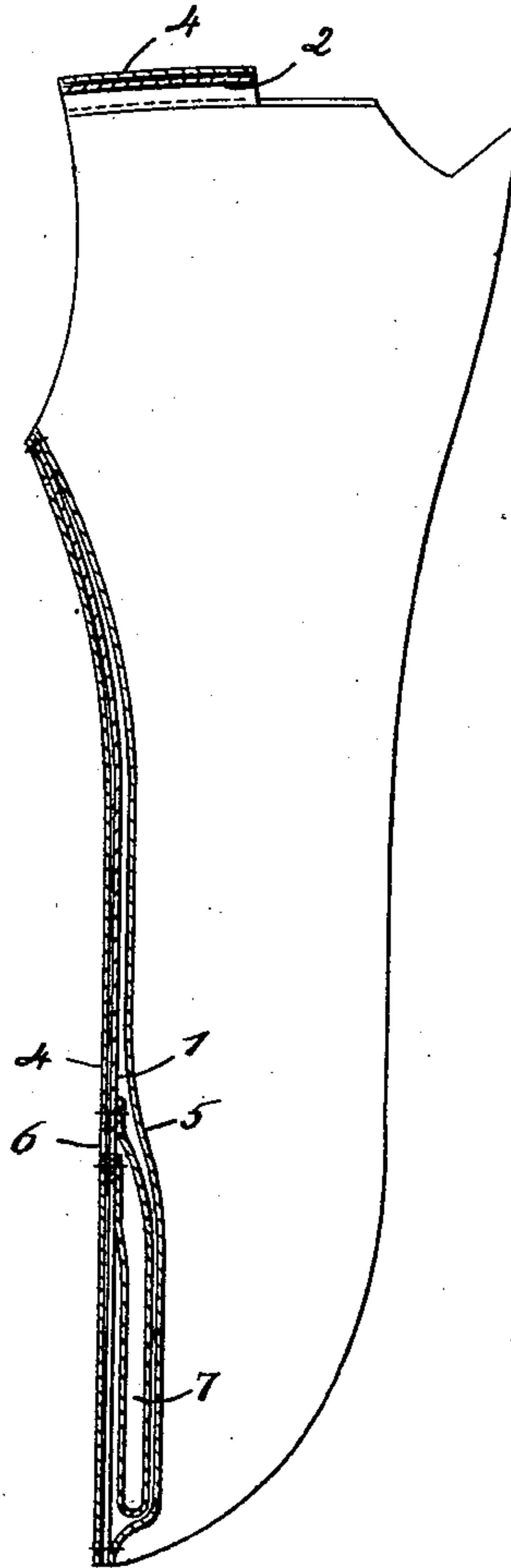
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## POCKET-SUPPORT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM SHAPIRO, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Pocket-Supports, of which the following is a specification.

By means of this invention a pocket is supported firmly or in fixed position and the cloth or exposed part of the garment or coat is not distorted by the weight of the pocket or its contents, as set forth in the following specification and claims and illustrated in the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows the supporting or strengthening attachment. Fig. 2 shows in vertical section a coat-pocket provided with the supporting attachment.

The object of the attachment is to support, strengthen, or reinforce pockets, especially the coat-pockets of conductors and other persons accustomed to carry a lot of coin, the weight of which, as well as the frequent insertion of a hand, tends to pull the pocket or the portion of the garment at the pocket-mouth out of shape and give it a baggy appearance.

The attachment 1 has the approximate shape of the front half of a coat, and at the armpit has the ends or strips 2 and 3, which when brought together and suitably fastened form a loop which is made to sit about the shoulder of the wearer. The attachment is made of canvas material and is applied to the coat or garment by being sewed between cloth 4 and lining 5. The slit 6 in attachment 1 comes to sit opposite the pocket-mouth, so that the latter is strengthened thereby and its edges are not likely to be thrown out of position by the passing in and out of the hand. The pocket 7 is thus well supported and the weight of coin therein is not likely to pull it out of shape.

The loop 2 3, sitting over the shoulder of the wearer, properly supports attachment 1, so that no strain is exerted on the coat. The pocket or bag 7 being sewed to the suspender or attachment 1, which is of canvas or non-stretching material, such pocket is kept from pulling on or distorting the cloth 4, even

though the stitches securing the pocket-bag pass through the cloth as well as through the suspender.

The jacket or coat having the pocket suspender or reinforcement extended from the edge of the coat or garment back beyond the armpit and about the shoulder of the wearer has the weight of the pocket suspended independently of the material or cloth 4 of the coat, such non-stretching suspender 1 holding the pocket in position.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A jacket or coat comprising cloth and lining and a pocket-suspender which extends around the shoulder of the wearer to support the weight of the pocket independent of the material of the garment, and provided with an opening, and a pocket connected to said suspender and having its mouth register with the said opening.

2. A pocket-suspender interposed between the lining and cloth of a garment, provided with a loop through which extends the shoulder of the wearer for supporting the suspender, and further provided with an opening, and a pocket connected to said suspender and having its mouth register with the said opening.

3. A pocket-suspender interposed between the lining and material of a garment and provided with a loop surrounding the shoulder of the wearer of the garment, and a pocket connected to said suspender.

4. A pocket-suspender interposed between the lining and cloth of a garment, extending from the edge of the latter to around the shoulder of the wearer and provided near its lower end with an opening, and a pocket attached to the said suspender and having its mouth registering with the said opening.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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