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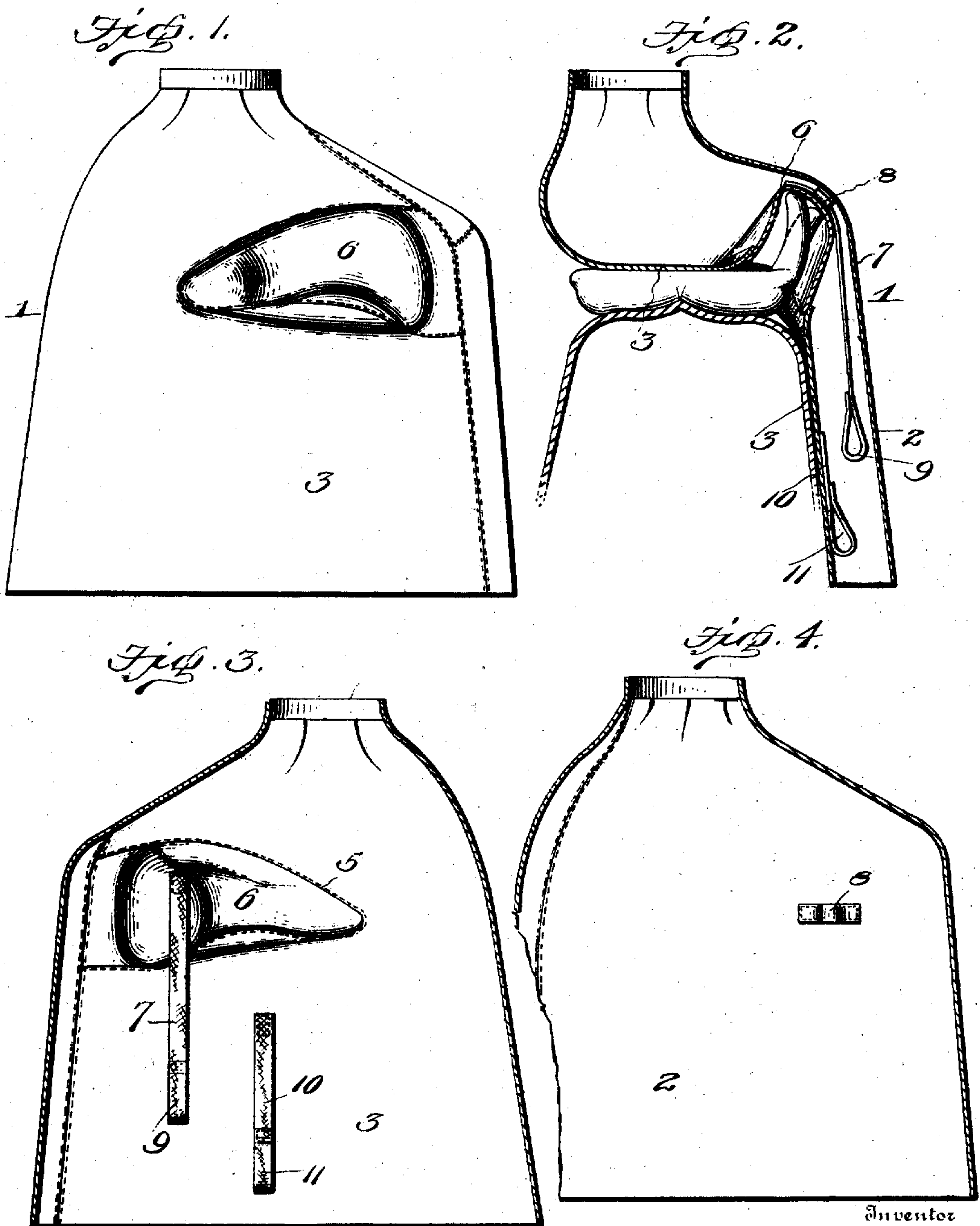
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Fig. 5

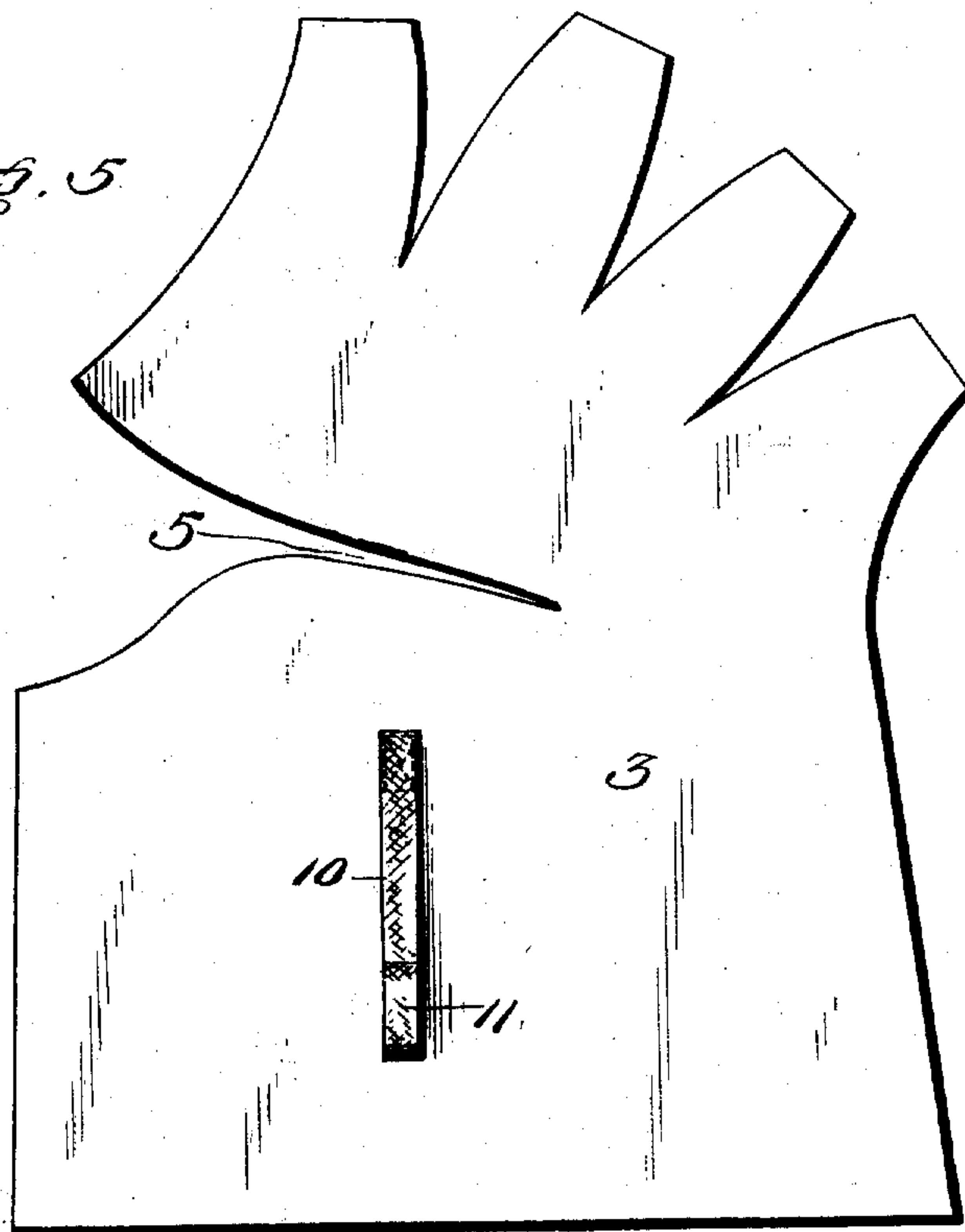


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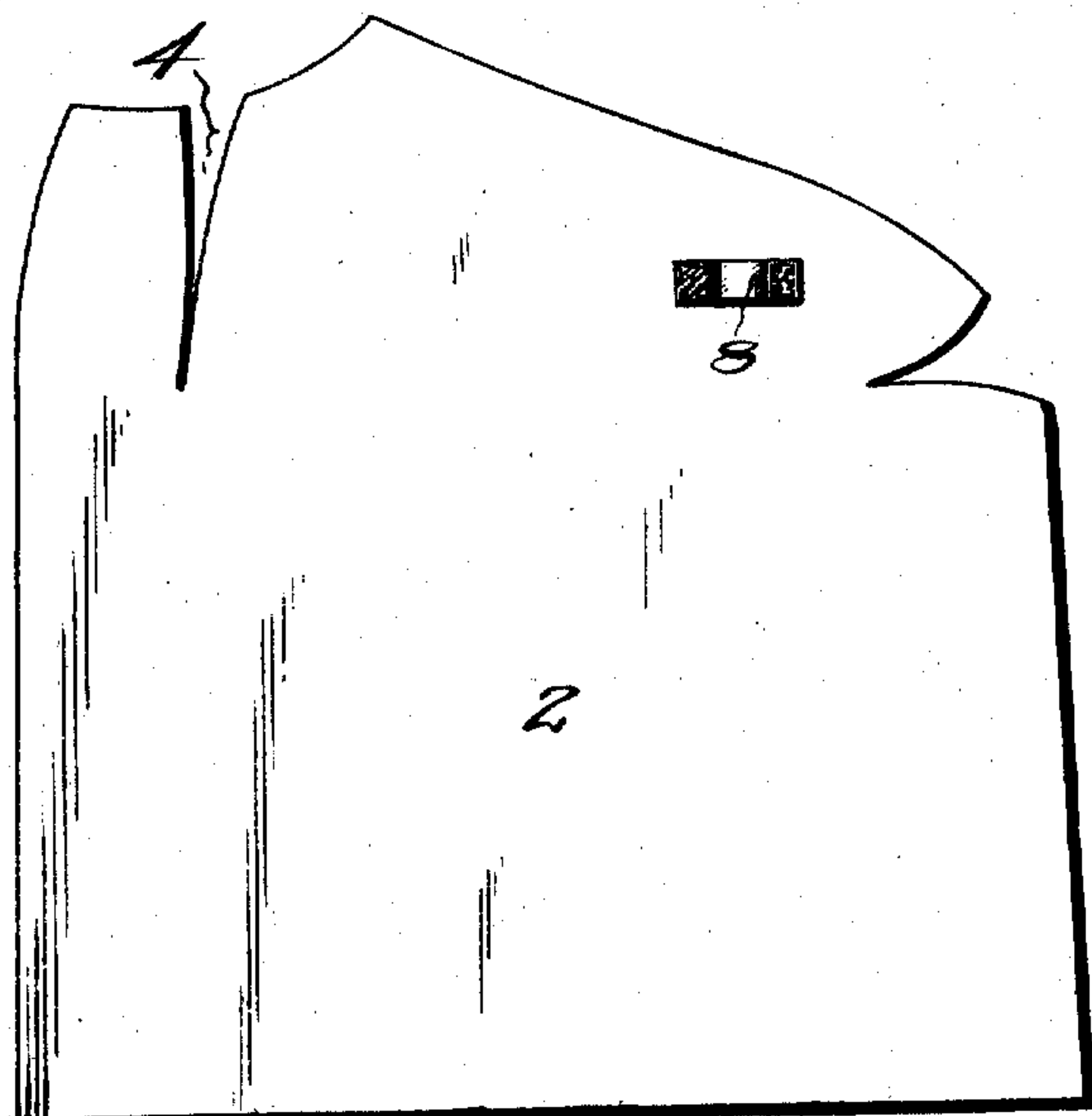
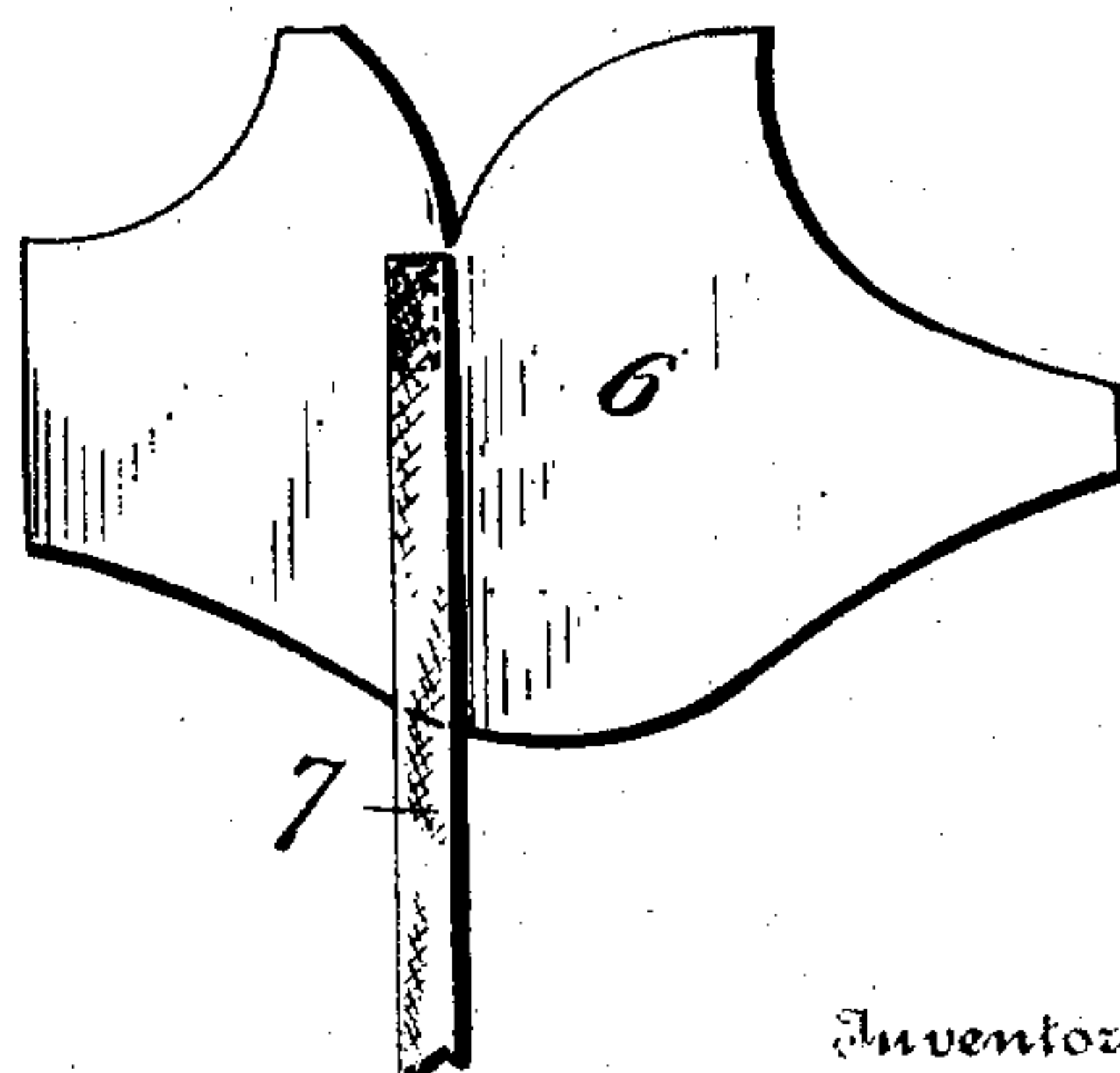


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB A. ONDRAK, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Riding-Habits; and I do 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.

This invention relates to riding-habit skirts, and is designed to provide a construction whereby the skirt will become readily disengaged from the pommels of the saddle should the wearer become suddenly unseated, a further object being to provide improved means for holding the skirt down and to retain the same in a correct position upon the wearer when riding, imparting a graceful appearance and giving comfort to the rider.

To these ends my invention consists in providing the skirt upon its inner or under side with a pocket or fullness formed by inserting one or more pieces of certain shape in an opening or cut formed in the said under side, thereby forming a pocket which is adapted to be placed over the pommels of the saddle and which will readily become disengaged or slipped off from the same.

With these and other objects in view my invention consists in the design and arrangement of a riding-habit skirt, which will be hereinafter more fully described.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is an outside view of the under side of the skirt. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the skirt, taken through the pommel-pocket, the skirt being in the position it would occupy in use upon a saddle. Fig. 3 is a section of the skirt, showing an inside view of the under side of the skirt. Fig. 4 is a similar view of the upper side of the skirt. Fig. 5 is a plan view of the pattern of the inner or under gore or width. Fig. 6 is a similar view of the top or outer gore or width, and Fig. 7 is a plan view of the piece forming the pocket or fullness for the accommodation of the saddle-pommels.

Like numerals indicate corresponding parts throughout the drawings.

1 denotes the skirt, which in the present instance is made up of two principal gores or widths—an upper or outer gore or width 2 and

a lower or inner gore or width 3—which are cut in the desired shape and stitched up as usual and provided at their upper ends with the usual darts to conform to the size of the skirt-band, and being provided with the usual placket 4, which may be closed in any suitable manner. The inner or under width 3 is cut, as shown at 5, a considerable distance across its breadth and at a point where said width usually engages the pommels of a saddle, and into this cut is inserted and stitched a piece 6 of the shape and configuration shown in Fig. 7 of the drawings. It will be noticed that the piece 6 is cut in upon one edge to form a dart, which when the piece is stitched into the opening 5 in the width 3 will give the said piece 6 the necessary bag or fullness to form a pocket to readily accommodate the pommels of the saddle and which will readily become disengaged therefrom when necessary.

7 denotes an elastic strap, the upper end of which is secured to the inner side of the pocket at a point adjacent to that occupied by the end of the upper pommel of the saddle. The said strap then passes through a loop 8, formed on the inner side of the upper or outer gore or width 2 and thence hangs downwardly and has formed in its lower end a loop 9, which is adapted to be engaged by the right foot of the rider. Thus it will be seen that the pressure exerted upon this strap by the rider's foot will tend to draw or hold the upper portion of the habit in a correct position over the saddle and rider.

The strap 7 forms a connection between the skirt and the body of the wearer of the skirt, an additional safeguard to insure the release of the garment from the pommels of the saddle in the event that the pocket 6 fails to be disengaged therefrom in the manner heretofore stated. If such should happen, the strap 7 upon the rider being unseated will cause a pull to be exerted upon the skirt by the foot of the rider therein, which will forcibly withdraw the pocket from engagement with said pommels, thereby releasing the rider.

10 denotes a second elastic strap secured upon the inner side of the width 3, about midway between the edges of the same and below the pocket 6. This strap also has formed in its lower end a loop 11, which is adapted to be

engaged by the left foot of the rider, and thereby draw down the width or gore 3, forming the inner or under side of the skirt, and hold the same in its proper position.

5 From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the form and construction of my improved skirt will be readily understood.

10 Changes may be made in the form and design of my improved habit-skirt without departing from or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof.

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

A riding-habit skirt having a loose bag-like fullness or pocket projecting inwardly and forming a receptacle for the pommels of a

saddle and adapted to yield outwardly to become disengaged from the pommels, and elastic 20 straps one of which is connected at its upper end to the inner portion of the skirt, the other to the pocket, and both of said straps having free end loops to receive the feet of the rider, and the strap connected to the 25 pocket passing through a loop formed on the inside of said skirt, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing wit- 30 nesses.

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