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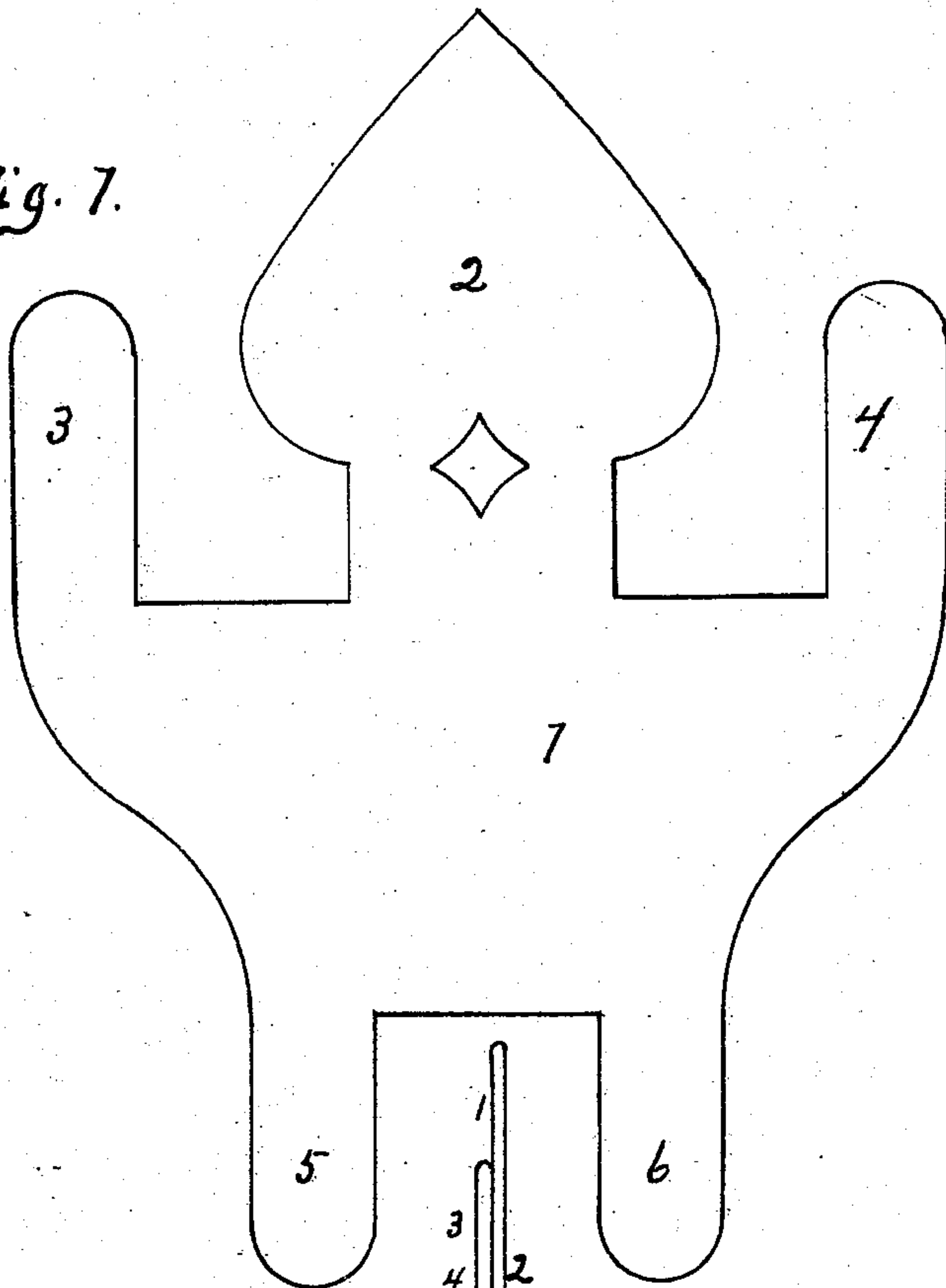
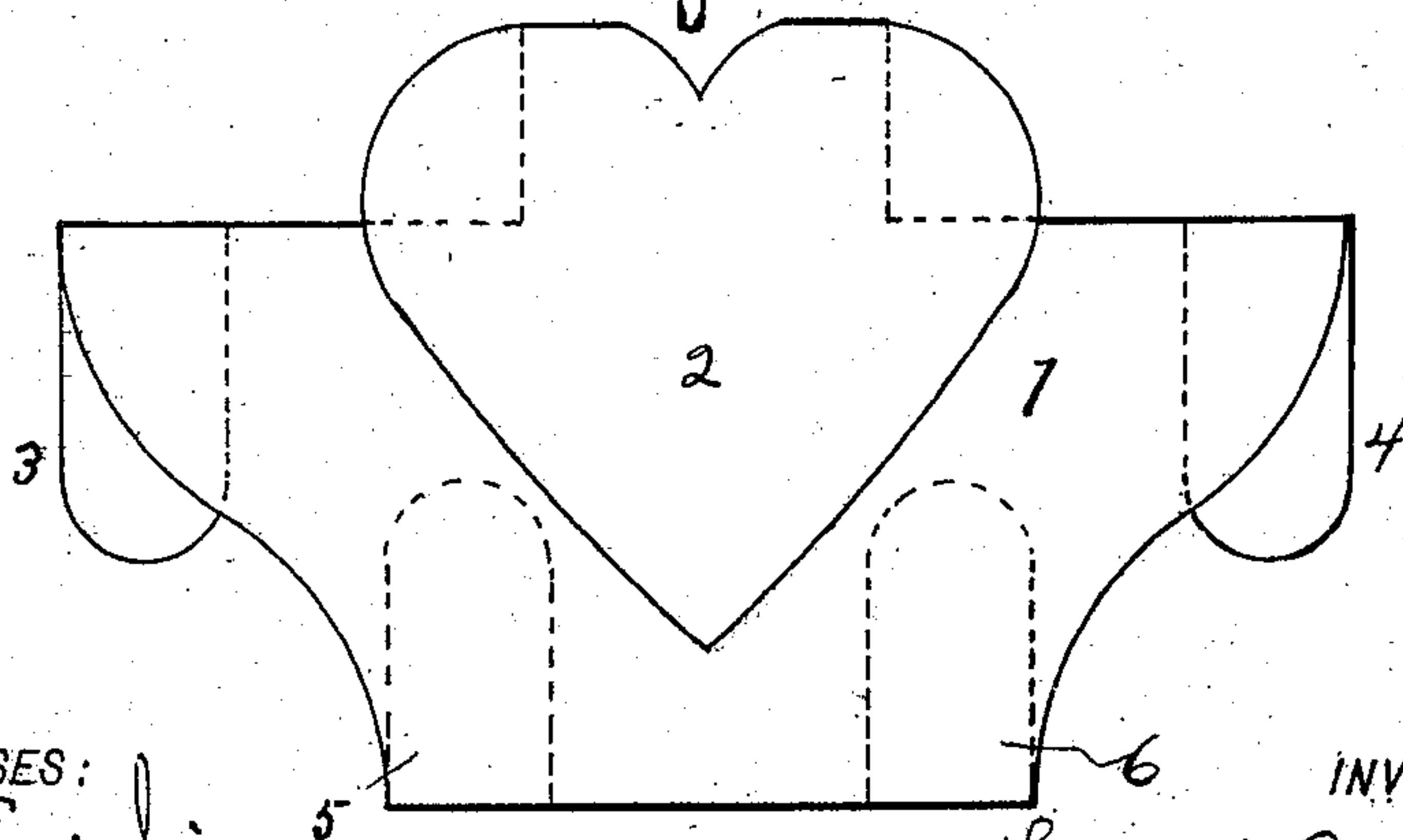


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.



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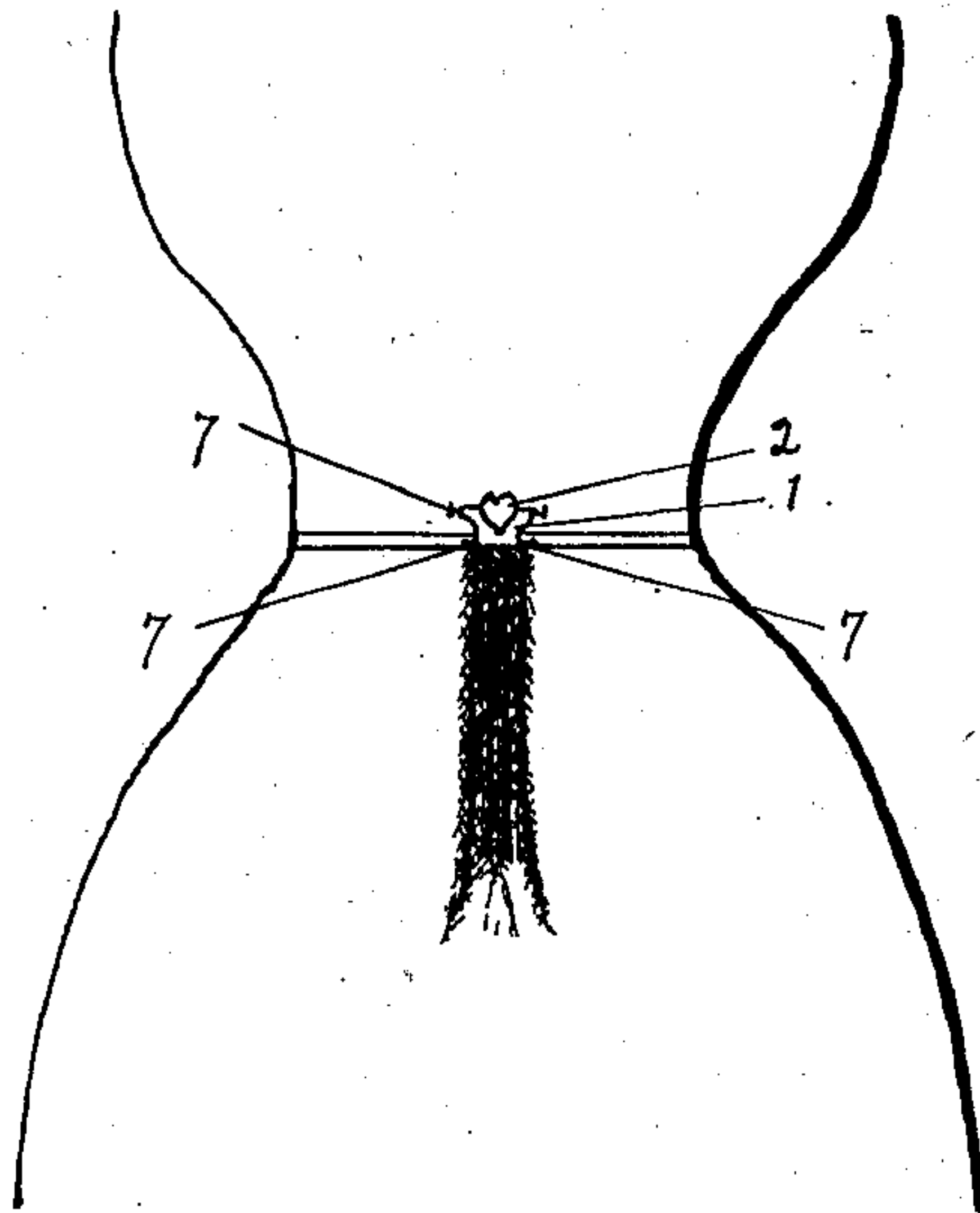
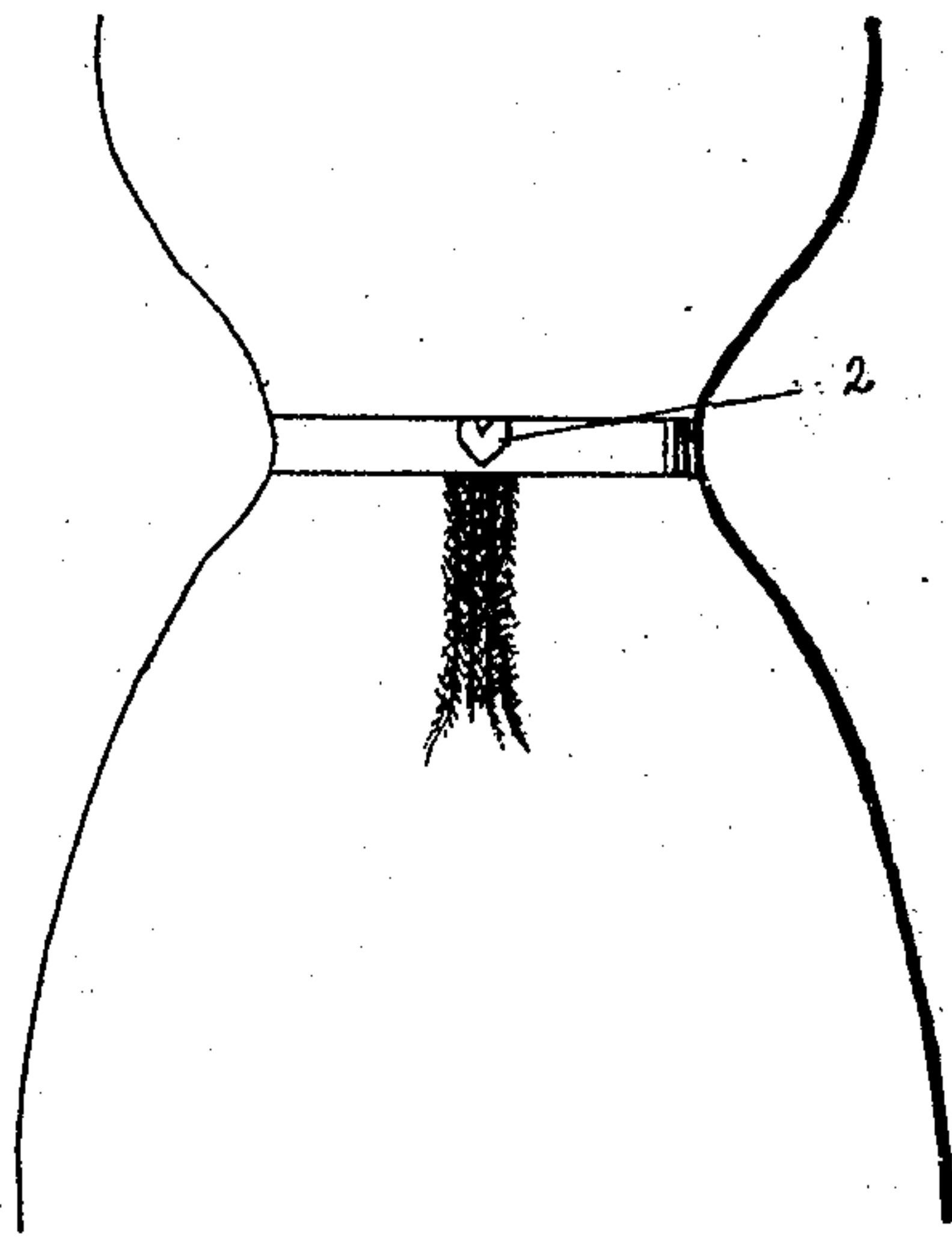


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEONARD ABRAHAM EMERY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Louisville, in the county of Jefferson and State of Kentucky, have invented a new and useful Waist, Skirt, and Belt-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in devices for holding the waists and skirts of women's dresses together and keeping the belt in position; and the objects of my improvement are, first, simplicity; second, ease of application; third, to change the same article quickly and easily from one dress to another; fourth, to hold the waist down and prevent fulling at the shoulders; fifth, to prevent gaping of waist and skirt; sixth, to prevent opening of the placket; seventh, to prevent disarrangement of inverted box or other plaits in back of skirt, and, eighth, to hold the belt in place. I attain these objects by means of the device illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a development of the device. Fig. 2 is an edge view. Fig. 3 is a front elevation. Fig. 4 shows the device applied to the dress without the belt. Fig. 5 shows the device with belt in place.

Similar reference characters designate similar parts throughout the several views.

The developed blank 1 (shown in Fig. 1) may be punched out of sheet aluminium or silver or other non-corrodible metal.

From the body 1 of the device extend tongues 3, 4, 5, and 6 and a portion 2 of some ornamental design. The tongues 3, 4, 5, and 6 are all bent over on the same side of the body 1 to form hooks, which are not pointed, but rounded, and thus adapted to engage loops 7 on the waist and skirt, and the portion 2 on the opposite side, as shown in Fig. 3.

2 is the hook for keeping the belt in place and is the only portion visible and may be either plain and polished, oxidized, or ornamented and engraved with monogram or initial, presenting a beautiful appearance.

The hooks 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 may be either attached to body 1 or made integral therewith.

The manner of using my invention is as follows: Two loops 7, of cord, tape, or metal (I prefer cord) are sewed onto the lower por-

tion of the waist at such a distance apart on either side of the center line of the back that hooks 3 and 4 will enter them. Two similar loops 7 are sewed onto the upper part of the skirt, one on either side of the placket, to accommodate hooks 5 and 6. When waist and skirt have been donned, the holder is applied to the waist by inserting hooks 3 and 4 in loops 7 on the waist. The skirt is then raised till loops 7 on the skirt may be passed over hooks 5 and 6. The skirt is now pulled down and is securely attached and requires no pins or other fastening, and there is no danger of gaping or opening of the placket or of inverted box-plaits becoming disarranged. The belt is then applied over the body of the device 1 and under ornamental hook 2 without danger of slipping out of position. When undressing, the skirt is drawn up till loops 7 slip off hooks 5 and 6, and the holder may be left on the waist or removed.

This device is serviceable to fleshy women in preventing the disagreeable creeping up of the waist and fulling at the shoulders, to slender women in preventing gaping between waist and skirt, and to all women by suspending heavy cloth skirts from the shoulders instead of from the hips and in making a perfect fit of the waist at the neck and preventing the collar rising at the back of the neck.

I am aware that devices for some of these purposes have been invented and therefore do not make all these claims broadly; but

What I do claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a combined waist, skirt and belt holder, the combination of a body portion made of sheet metal or other suitable substance, and a hook on each end of the upper edge, a hook on each end of the lower edge, all bent over on the same side of the body portion and not pointed but rounded and thus adapted to engage loops on waist and skirt, and a hook on the middle of the upper edge adapted to engage a belt bent over on the side of the body portion opposite to the aforesaid hooks, substantially as specified.

2. In a combined waist, skirt and belt holder, the combination of a sheet-metal body portion, a hook on each of its four corners, all on the same side of said body portion integral with or attached thereto and not point-

ed but rounded and thus adapted to engage loops on waist and skirt, and an ornamental hook for holding the belt on the side of said body portion opposite to the aforesaid hooks 5 and integral with or permanently attached to said body portion, all for the purpose and substantially as specified.

3. In a combined waist skirt and belt holder, the combination of a sheet-metal body portion 1 and two hooks 3 and 4 disposed one on each end of the upper edge of body portion 1, and extending downward, two hooks 5 and 6 disposed, one on each end of the lower edge of body portion 1 and extending upward

and nearer together than hooks 3 and 4, said hooks 3, 4, 5 and 6 all bent over on the same side of body portion 1, and a broad and ornamented hook 2 disposed on the middle of the upper edge of body portion 1, and somewhat higher than hooks 3 and 4 and bent over on the side of body portion 1 opposite to all the other hooks, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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