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Fig. 1.

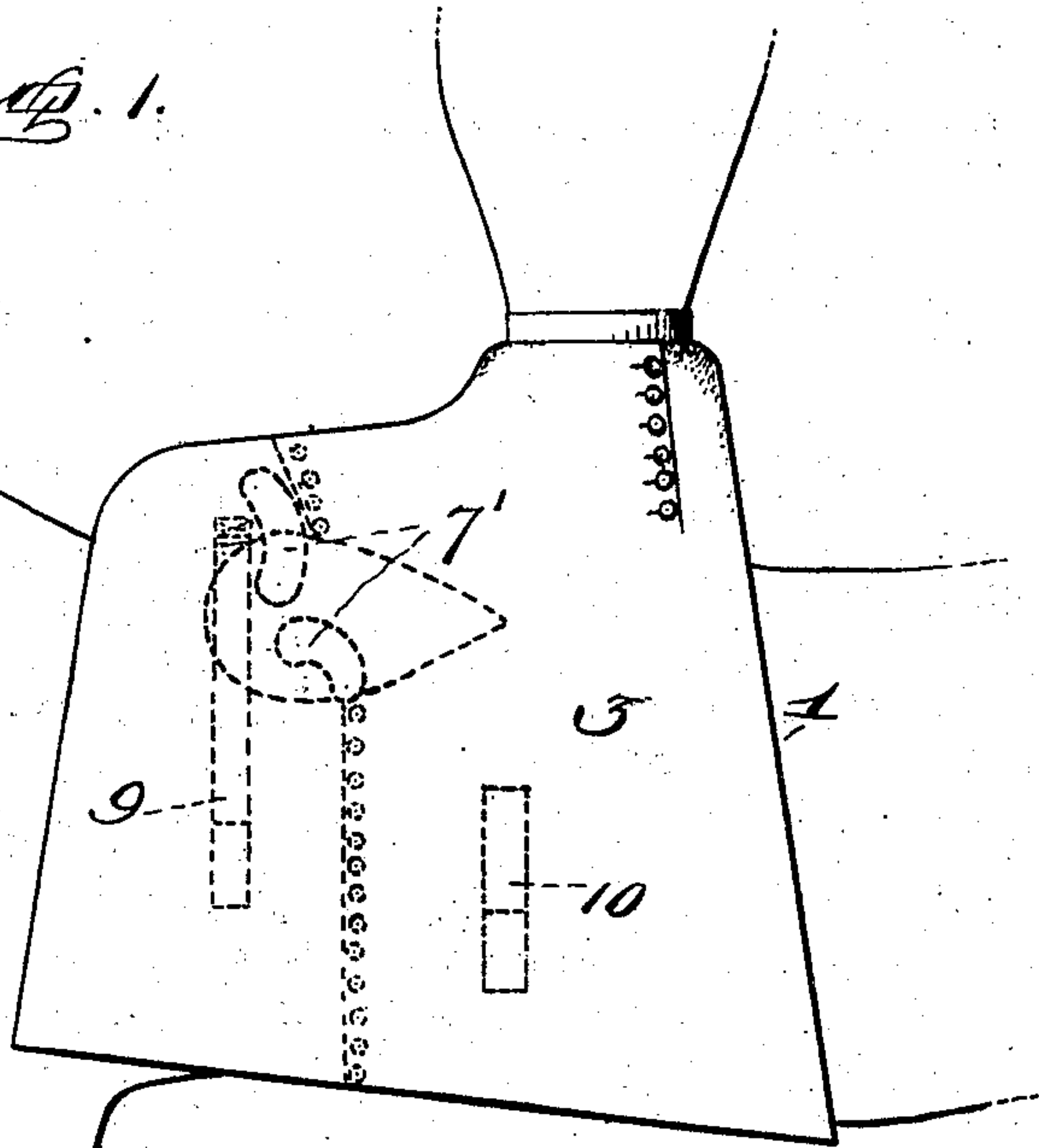


Fig. 2.

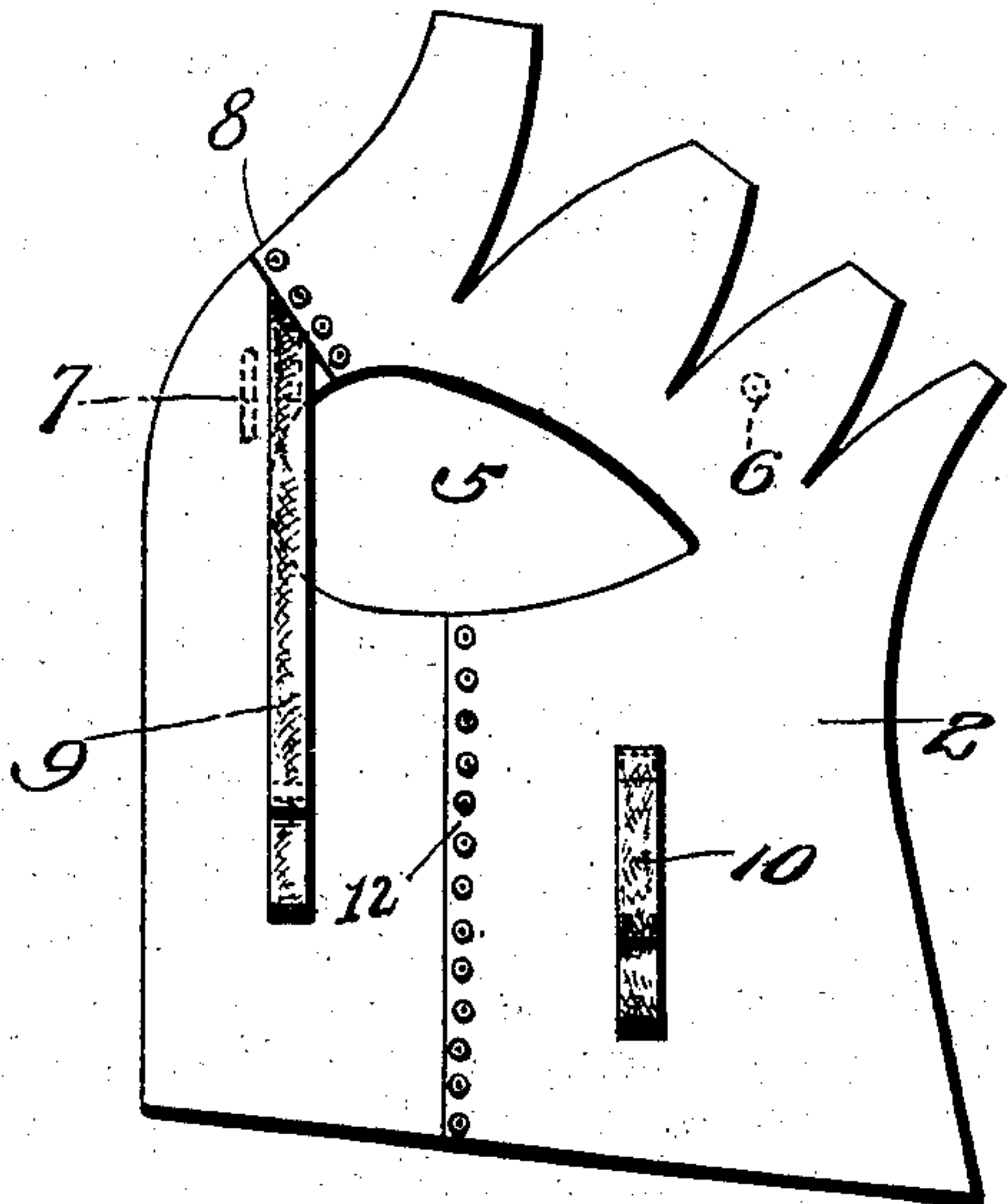
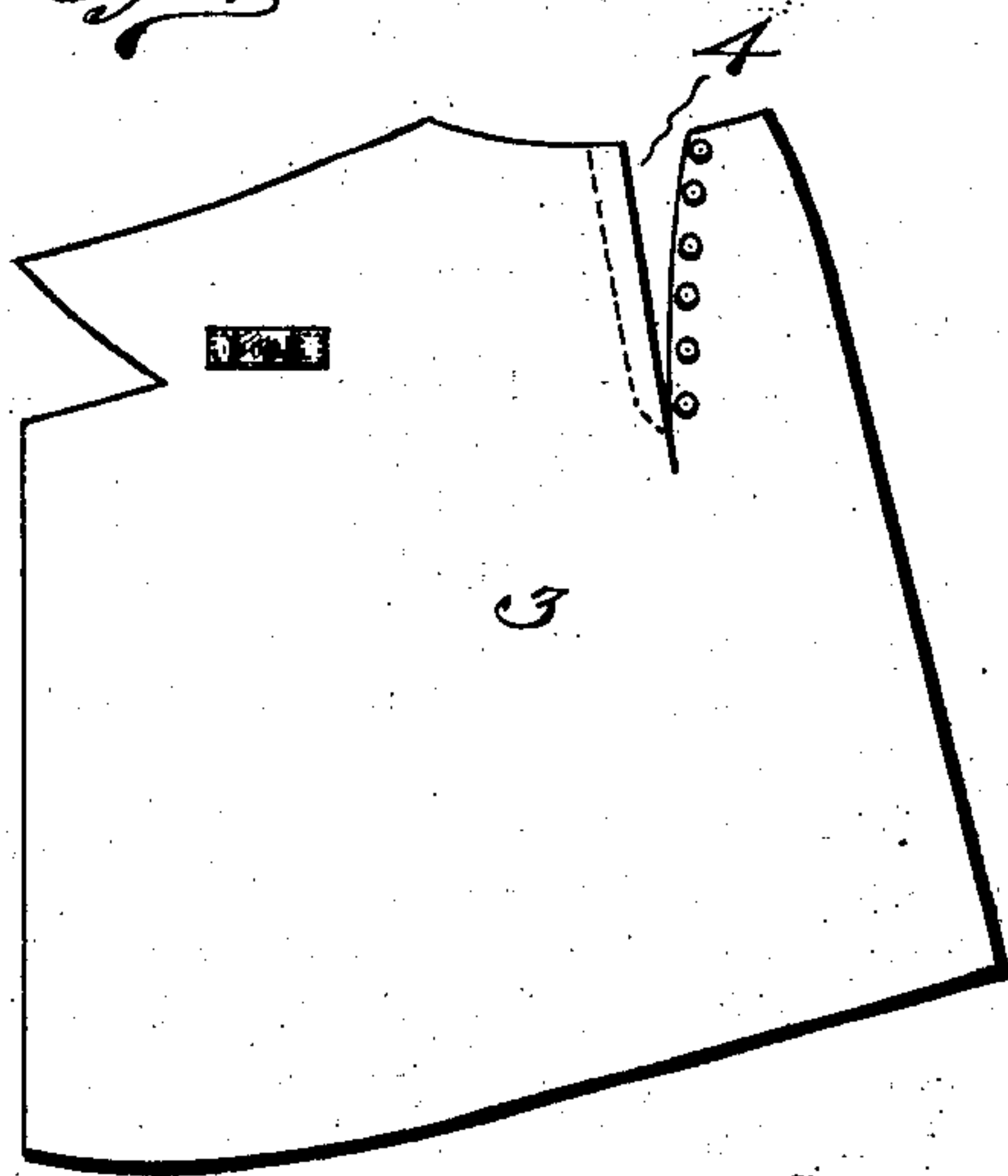


Fig. 3.



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RIDING-HABIT.

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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 improvements in riding-habits.

The object of the invention is to provide a riding-habit which is simple of construction, adapted to afford sufficient ventilation to keep the wearer cool and comfortable, and designed in case of the wearer being unseated and thrown or jumping from a fractious horse and the habit being caught upon the pommels of the saddle to become disengaged from the wearer to allow her to descend to the ground without injury.

With this and other objects in view the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation showing the natural position of the riding-habit before the rider places her feet in the loops and stirrup. Fig. 2 is a plan view of one part or section of the garment, and Fig. 3 is a similar view of the other section thereof.

The numeral 1 in the drawings represents the complete riding-habit, which in accordance with my invention is composed of two parts or sections 2 and 3, sewed together at their meeting edges, the section 3 being provided with a placket-opening 4, closed by any suitable form of fastening. The section 2 is provided with an ovate opening 5, which insures sufficient ventilation to keep the lower portion of the body of the rider cool and comfortable and also provides for the admittance of the pommels 7 to the interior of the skirt, thus allowing the skirt to hang easily and gracefully upon the saddle and limbs of the wearer. This opening is located upon one side of the skirt and may be concealed when the wearer is standing or sitting by the folding

of a portion of the garment thereover to form a plait, which is held closed or folded by a button 6 on one side of said opening engaging a loop or keeper 7 on the other side of the opening. The section 2 is also provided with a seam or opening 8, closed by spring-buttons and sockets, so that when the rider is thrown or jumps from her seat and the habit instead of becoming released is caught upon the pommels the weight of the rider will be thrown upon the edge walls of the opening 5, thus withdrawing the spring-buttons from their sockets and allowing the skirt to open and release the rider, allowing her to fall or descend to the ground without injury. A vertical seam or plait 12 is provided for the skirt, which extends from the bottom thereof and intersects the ovate opening 5, and I provide a row of buttons for the same to give the skirt an ornamental or finished appearance, or I may use an opening with buttonholes in place of the seam 12 and provide the same with spring-buttons and sockets, as is used in closing the opening 8.

The habit is provided upon the interior with elastic straps 9 and 10, forming loops in which the feet of the wearer are inserted to prevent the habit from creeping up under the motion of the horse in riding.

The opening 8 is normally closed by the detachable fastenings and is arranged at the upper portion of the ovate opening 5 and forms a union therewith, so that they may co-act together, the elastic strap 9 being connected to the skirt in close contact with the detachable fastenings and above the opening 5 for the purpose of releasing the same by the weight of the rider in connection with the foot in the loop of said strap. The other strap 10 is connected to the skirt below the opening 5 and is provided with a loop similar to the one of the strap 9, which is adapted to receive the other foot of the rider, which tends to assist the first-mentioned foot in the other loop of the strap 9 in releasing the detachable fastenings.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and mode of operation of the invention will be readily understood, and it will be seen that a habit of the character described is provided which combines desirable

advantages in securing comfort and freedom from serious injury to the wearer in case of accidents.

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

A riding-habit skirt having a horizontal ovate opening, an opening normally closed by spring-buttons and sockets arranged above and intersecting the ovate opening, a plait or seam with a row of buttons extending vertically from the bottom of the skirt and also intersecting the ovate opening, and the elastic straps with free end loops, one of which is connected to the skirt adjacent to the normally

closed opening to permit of detaching the fastenings therefrom, the other strap being connected to the skirt in an inclined position from the first-mentioned strap and on the opposite side of the ovate opening so as to assist said strap in disconnecting the normally closed opening, substantially as specified.

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

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