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POCKET CLASP.

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FIG. 1

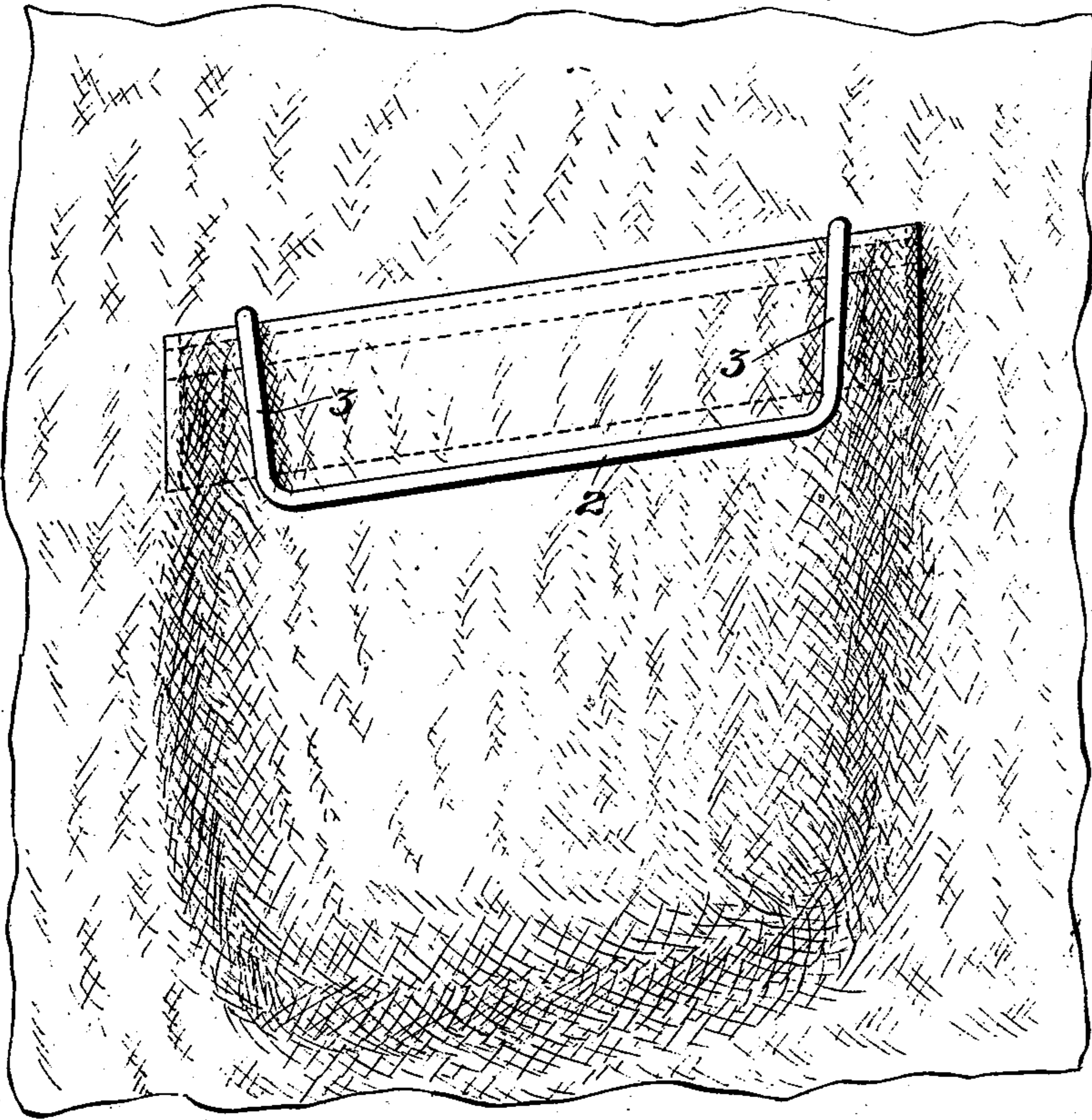


FIG. 4

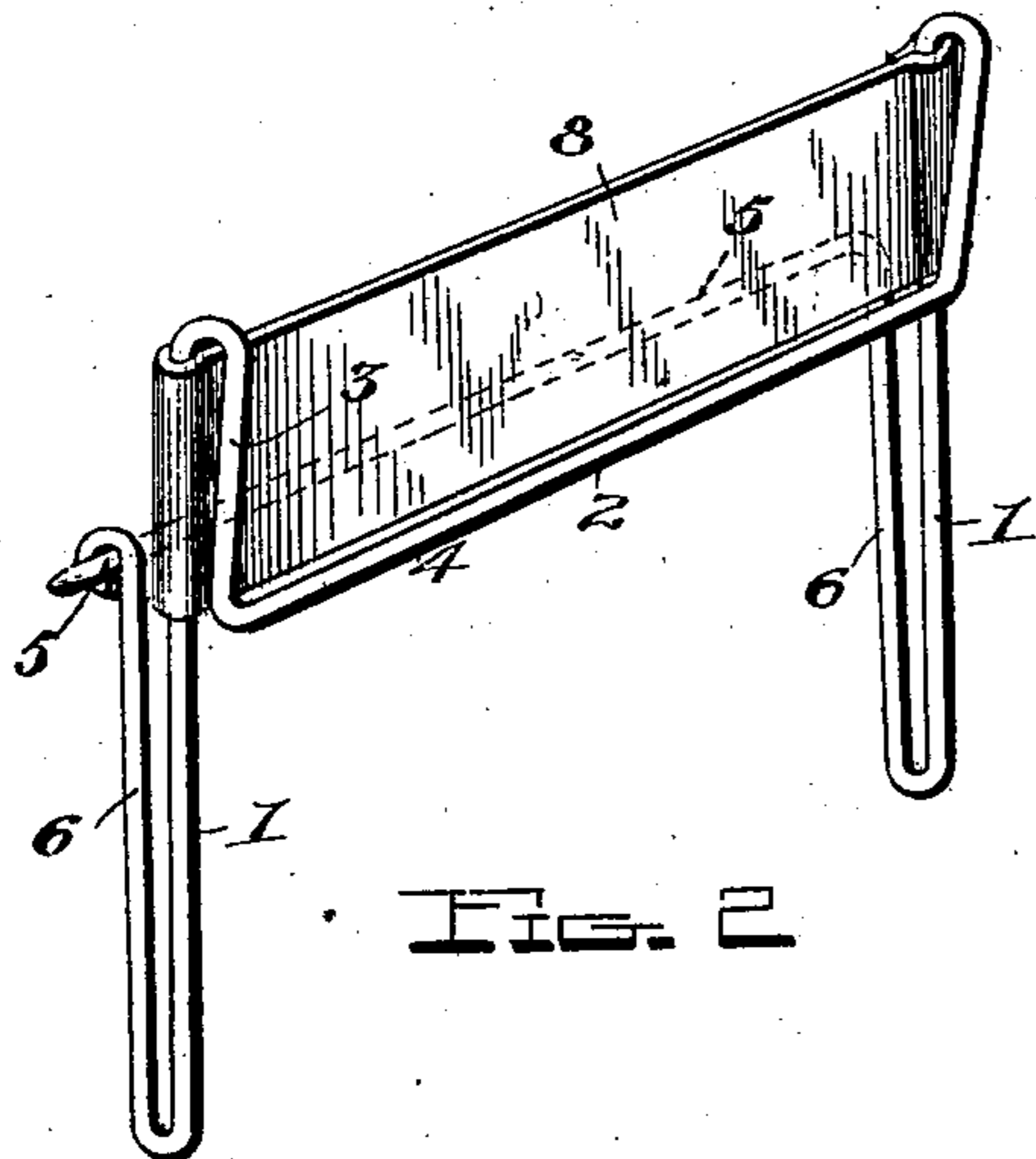
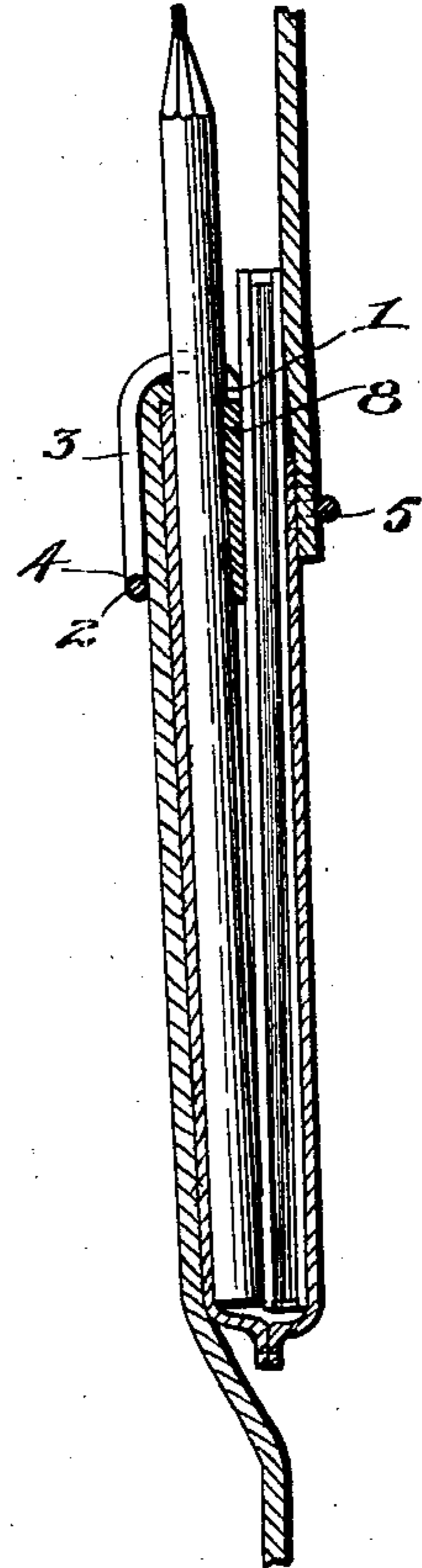


FIG. 2

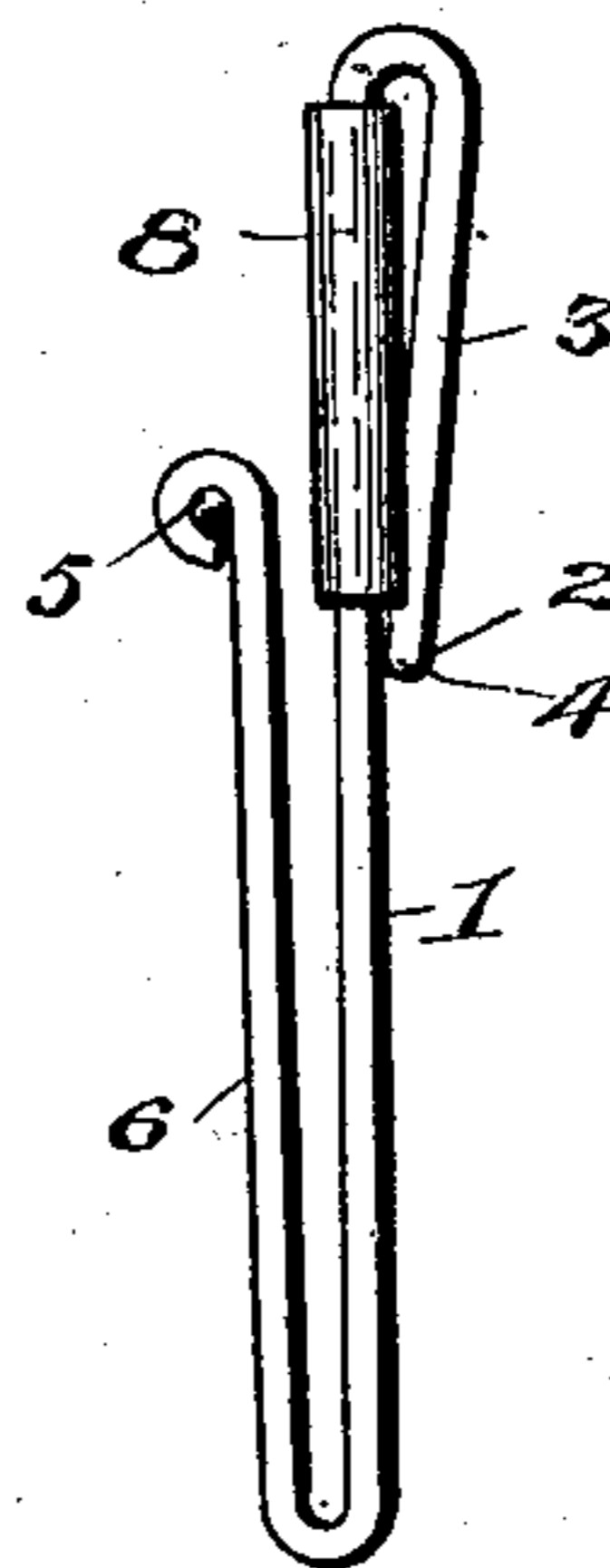


FIG. 3

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POCKET-CLASP.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES A. SKAER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Augusta, in the county of Butler and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket-Clasps; 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.

The invention relates to pocket-clasps, a device intended to be attached to garments—for instance, a vest-pocket.

The object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which shall be simple of construction, durable in use, comparatively inexpensive of production, and by the employment of which articles placed below the clasp will be prevented from being surreptitiously removed and articles placed between the jaws of the clasp will be securely held against accidental displacement and be prevented from being lost.

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

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a fragment of a vest, illustrating the application of my invention to the pocket thereof. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the clasp removed. Fig. 3 is an end view; and Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view through Fig. 1, illustrating a pencil secured between the outer clamping-jaw of the clasp and the connecting-band and a note-book secured between the inner jaw of the clasp and the elastic connecting-band.

Referring to the drawings, 1 denotes the vertical side pieces of the clasp; 2, the outer jaws, connected to the upper ends of the side pieces and consisting of downwardly and inwardly projecting portions 3 and a connecting horizontal portion 4, and 5 the inner jaw, which consists of the vertically-extending portions 6, projecting upwardly from the lower ends of the side pieces and substantially parallel therewith, one vertical portion terminating in an eye and the other in a hori-

zontally-extending pin to engage said eye. The frame composing the parts described is preferably made out of a single piece of spring-wire, although any other suitable material may be employed. The upper ends of the side pieces are connected by an elastic band 8, which is located between the cross-pieces of said jaws.

In attaching the device to a garment the vertical side pieces of the frame are inserted into the pocket, as shown in Figs. 1 and 4, and the pointed cross-piece or pin of the inner jaw inserted through the back of the pocket and thence brought through the back of the pocket and engaged with the eye. When thus secured, it will be observed that the outer jaw clamps the outer side of the pocket, and thus prevents the pocket-clasp from being pulled upwardly out of the pocket in the act of removing articles retained by said clasp. Owing to the inner inclination of the side pieces of the outer clasp the cross-piece of said clasp is brought nearer to the side pieces of the frame, thus permitting small articles, such as lead-pencils, being retained in position between the outer side of the pocket and the cross-piece of the clasp bearing thereagainst and the elastic band. The distance between the elastic band and side pieces of the frame and the cross-piece of the rear clamping-jaw is greater, and thereby permits larger articles being clamped between the elastic band and said cross-piece of the rear jaw. Any articles placed below the cross-piece of either jaw are securely retained in the pocket, for the reason that the pocket is closed by the clasp at a point above said articles, thus making it difficult, if not impossible, for a pickpocket to rob a person.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction, mode of operation, and advantages of my invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion, and details of construction may be made within the scope of the invention without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof.

Having thus described my invention, what

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

5 A pocket-clasp consisting of two vertically-disposed parallel side pieces terminating at their upper ends in downwardly-projecting arms connected by an integral cross-piece and terminating at their lower ends in upwardly-projecting arms, one of which is provided with a horizontally-extending jaw detachably
10 connected with the other arm, and an elastic

band connecting the two side pieces, substantially as set forth.

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

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