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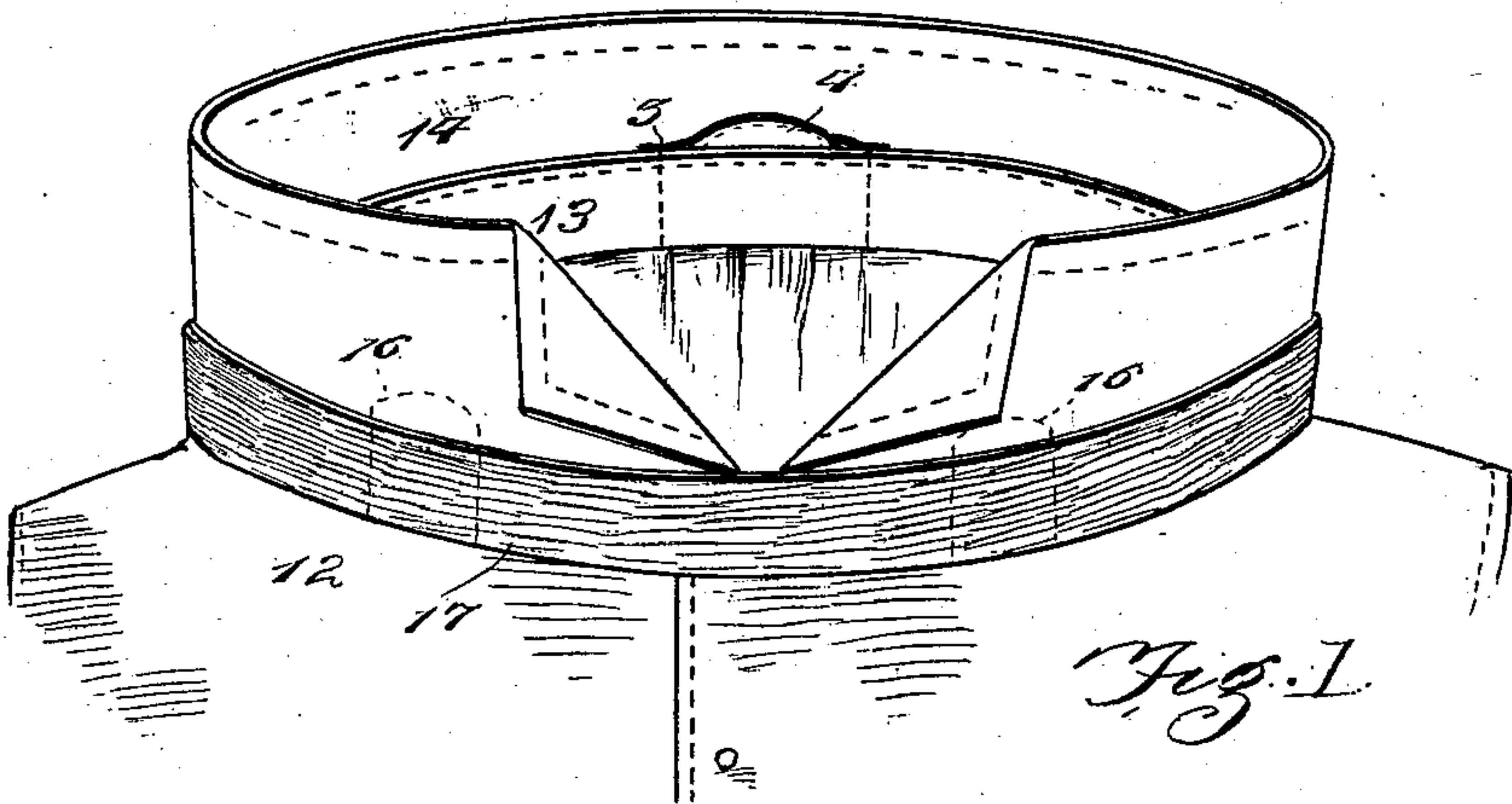


Fig. 1.

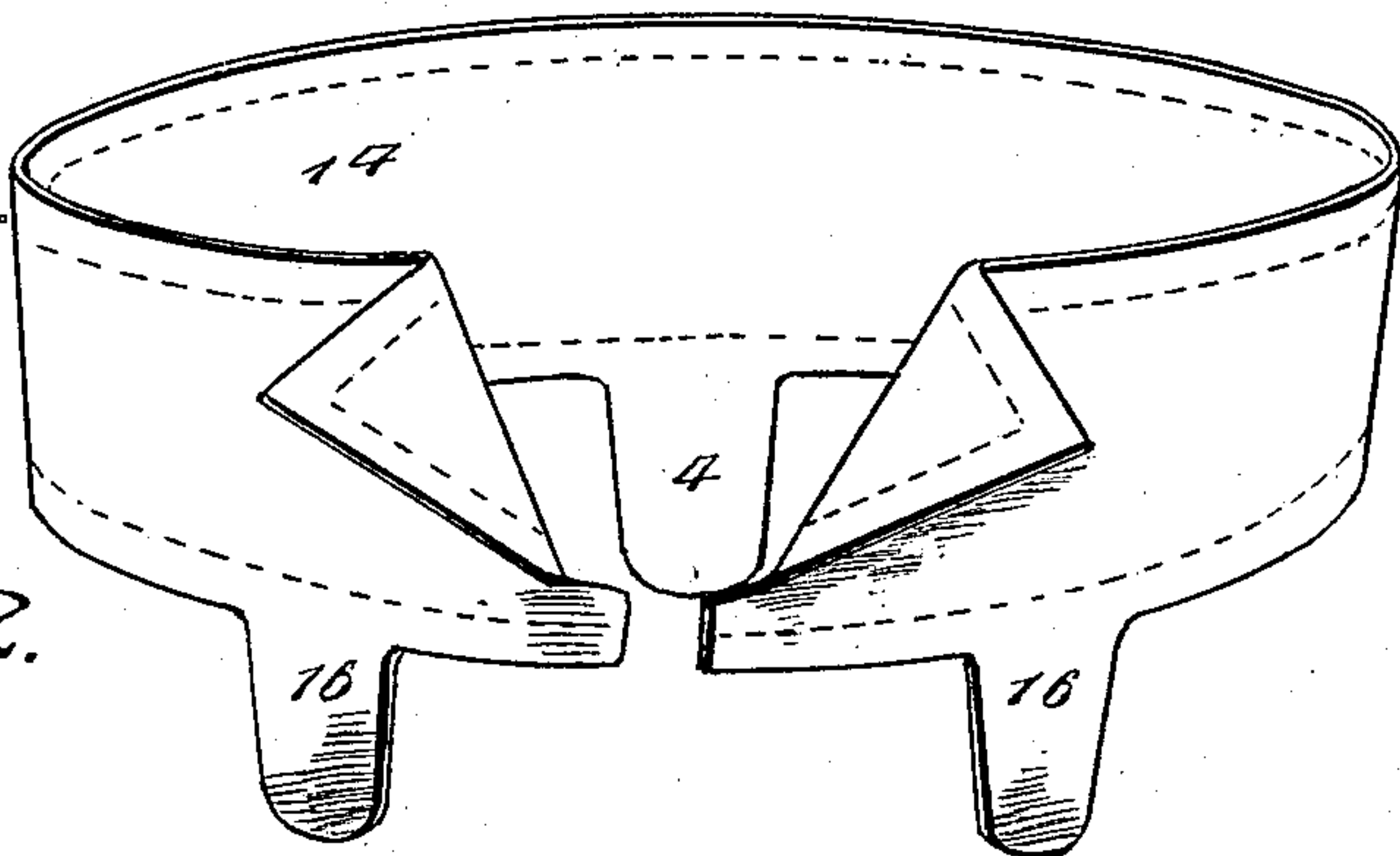


Fig. 2.

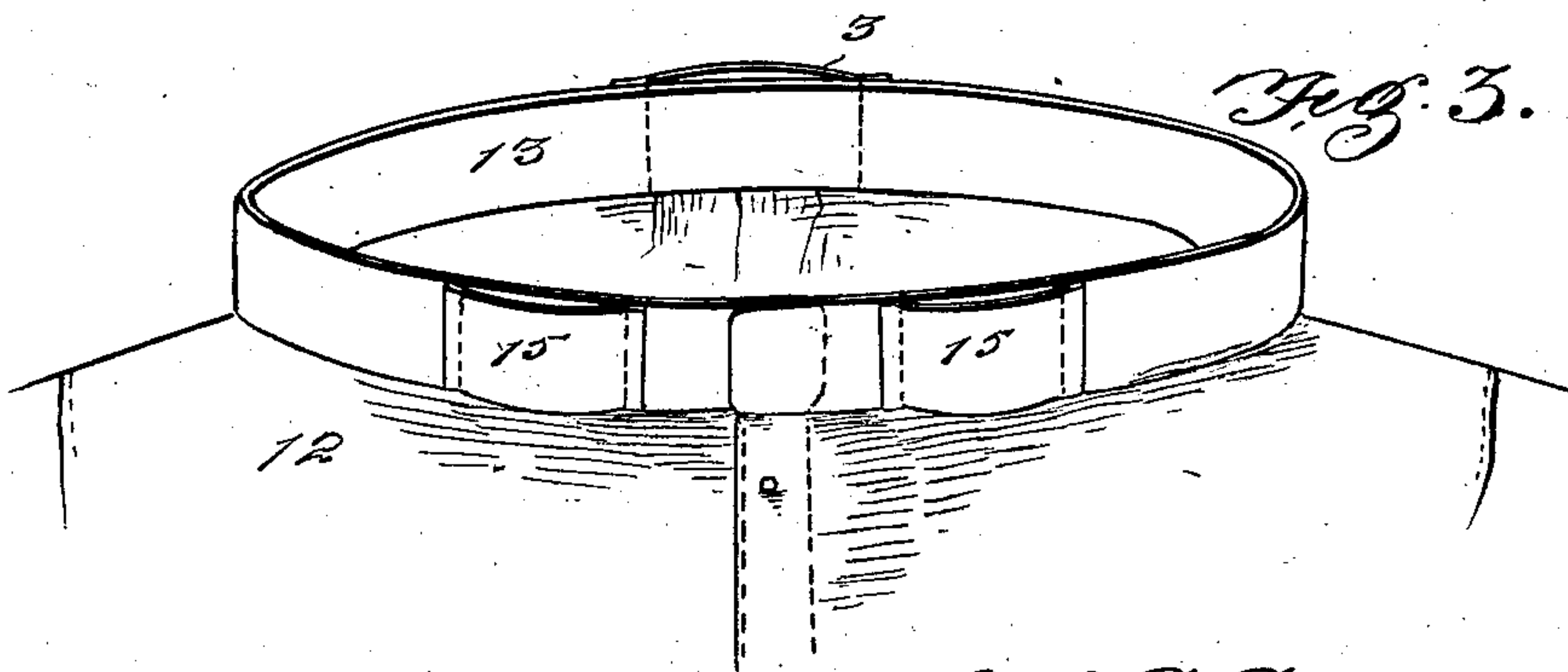


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## SHIRT AND COLLAR.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WALTER CECIL COX, a citizen of the United States, residing at Denver, in the county of Arapahoe and State of Colorado, have invented a new and useful Shirt and Collar, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a collar and neckband to receive the same; and the object in view is to dispense with the use of collar-buttons at both back and front, and thereby overcome the annoyance and disadvantages of such buttons and at the same time provide simple and effective means for holding a collar in applied position to a neckband and also to close the latter.

The invention consists in the construction and arrangement of the several parts, which will be more fully hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the upper portion of a shirt, showing a collar thereon and embodying the features of the invention. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of the collar shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the upper portion of a shirt, showing the neckband used with the collar illustrated by Fig. 2.

Similar characters of reference are employed to indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

The numeral 12 designates a shirt having a neckband 13, which is open at the front and has a loop 3 at the center of the back thereof, extending longitudinally of the same and open at the upper and lower edges to removably receive a tongue 4, connected to the lower edge of the central back portion of a collar 14, the tongue being turned upwardly and inserted through the loop 3 from the bottom, to thereby dispense with the use of a collar-button at the back of the shirt. The front extremities of the neckband, near the overlapped or closing ends thereof, have loops 15, one on each side, similar to the loop 3, to removably receive tongues 16, connected to the lower edge of the collar 14 at the front and adapted to be turned up and inserted through said loops 15, and thereby properly hold the front portions of the collar closed. The neckband in this construction may be fastened closed in any suitable manner; but it has been found

that the collar will be held nicely in place and the neckband closed by means of an elastic band 17 applied thereover. This band is intended to be connected by any suitable means, so that it can be removed with ease and without inconveniencing the wearer and be likewise readily applied in operative position, the elasticity of the same permitting it to conform to the shape of the collar without binding upon the same and annoying the wearer.

The improvements demonstrate the simple means adopted to do away with collar-buttons wherever possible and replace such devices by reliable fastenings that are always in position for use, such fastenings comprising tongues on the collar and loops on the shirt-band, all the loops being open at top and bottom and the tongues connected to the bottom edge of the collar and bent upwardly for insertion through the loops. The tongues will also consist of a sufficient number of plies to give them ample body and strength.

In some instances the upper portion of the pockets or loops on the neckband may be closed, and the tongue or tongues will have their upper ends covered thereby.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

1. A shirt having a neckband provided with a longitudinally-extending loop at the center of the back portion and a similarly-extending loop on each side of the central front portion of the neckband, the said loops being secured to the neckband in such manner that their lower edges will be in line with or adjacent to the base of the neckband, and a collar formed without buttonholes and having a tongue depending from the lower edge of the center of the back portion and a similar tongue near each front terminal the said tongues being adapted to be turned inwardly and slipped through the loops from the bottom portions of the latter to hold the collar to the neckband without the use of collar-buttons and to prevent both vertical and circumferential movement of the collar, substantially as specified.

2. A shirt having a neckband provided with loops at the center of the back portion and at each side of the center of the front portion, said loops being so situated that their lower edges will be in line with or adjacent to the

base of the neckband, a collar formed without buttonholes and having tongues formed on its lower edges and adapted to be engaged in said loops to prevent either vertical or circumferential movement independent of the neckband, and an auxiliary fastening extending around the lower portion of the collar, substantially as specified.

3. A shirt having a neckband with one or more loops thereon, a collar having one or

more tongues to engage the said loops, and an elastic band to surround the collar.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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