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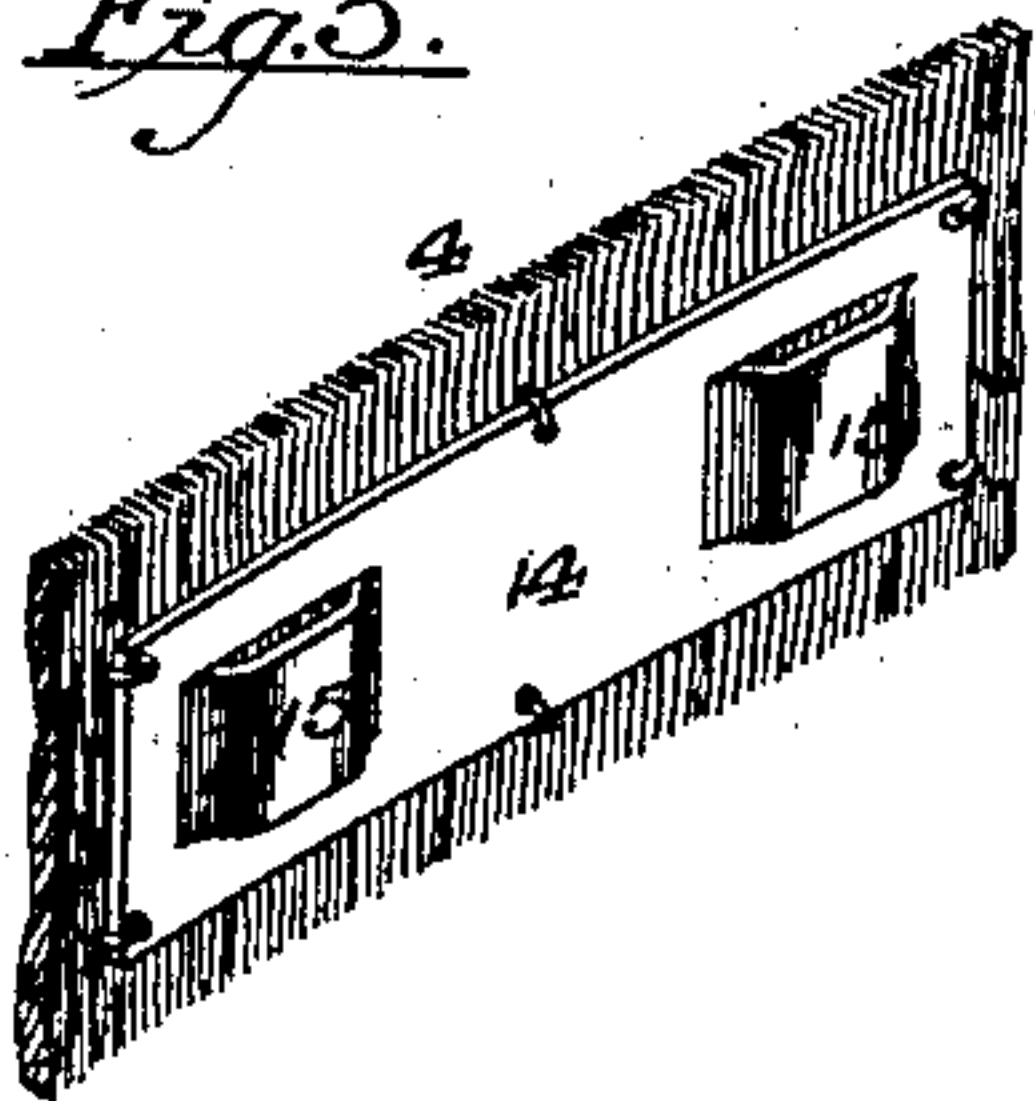


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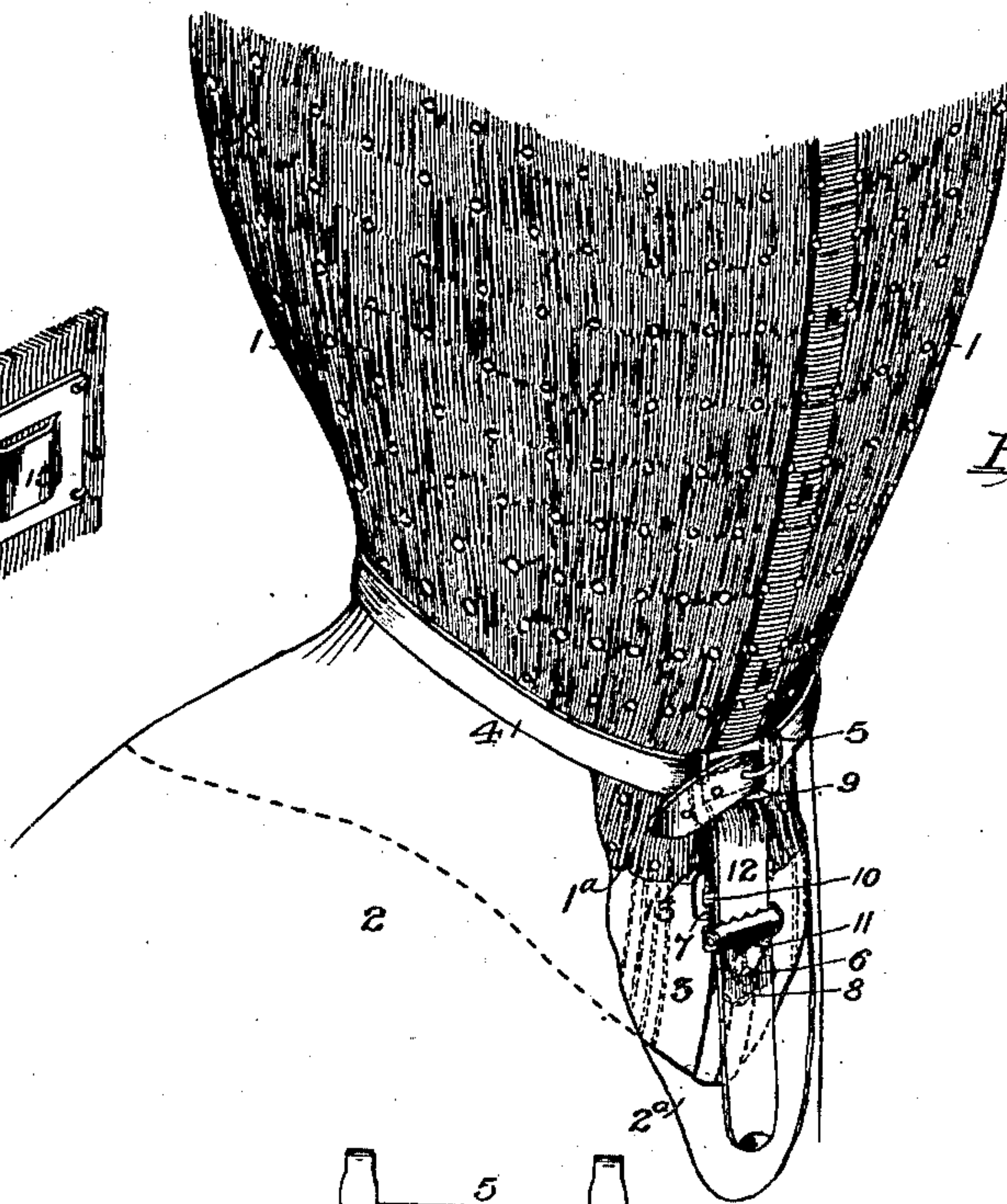


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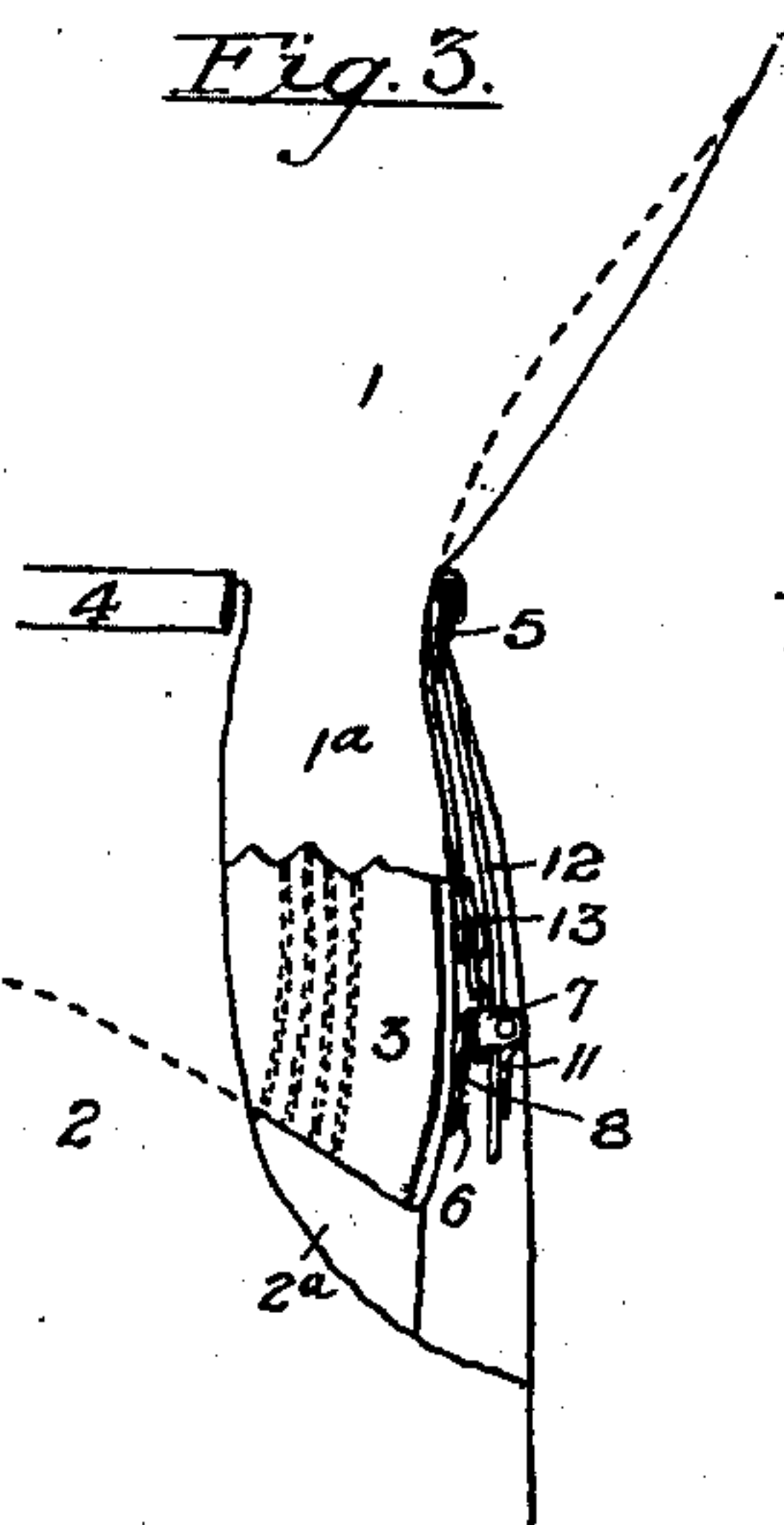


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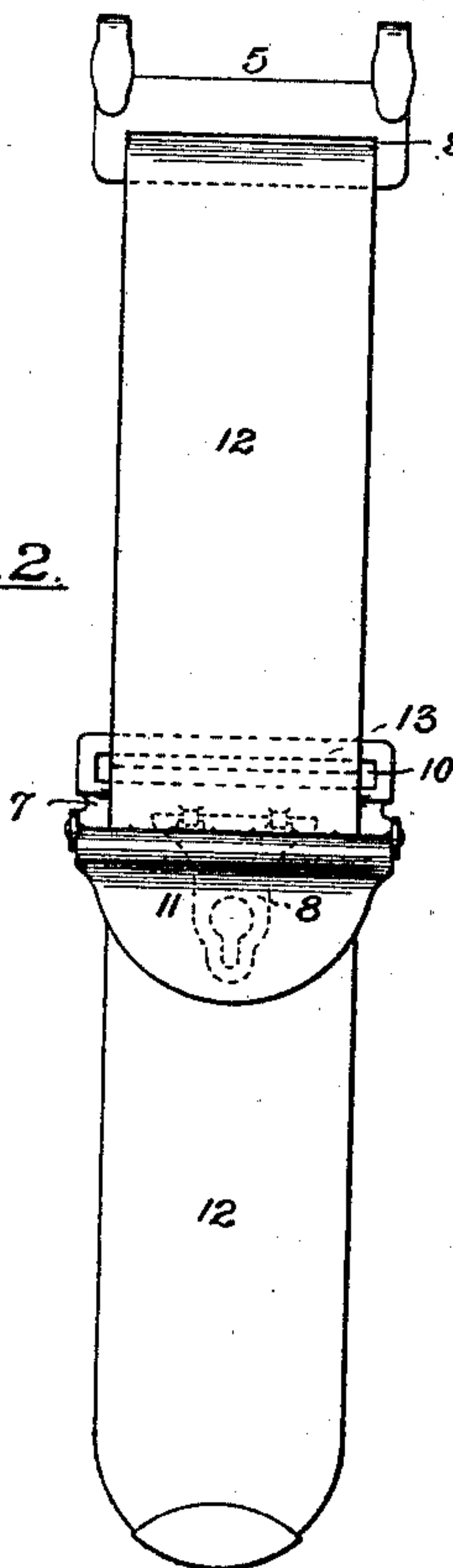
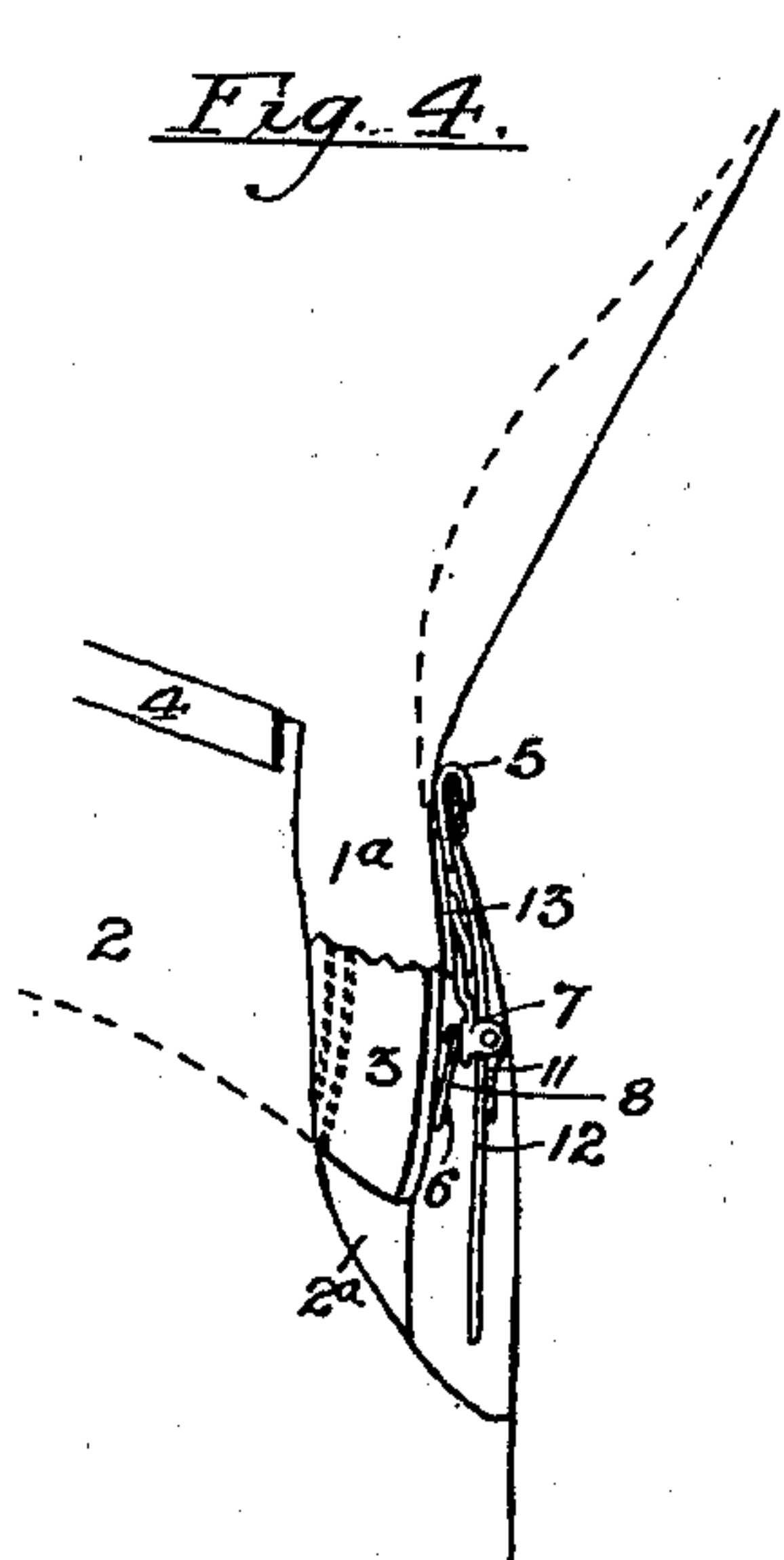


Fig. 4.



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WAIST-LENGTHENING DEVICE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMMA DE LANEY, a citizen of the United States, residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented certain
5 Improvements in Waist-Lengthening Devices, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to certain improvements in that class of apparel known as "waist-lengtheners," such devices being used to hold
10 down the bodies or waists of dresses to give the pointed effect to such body or waist at the front of the dress in accordance with the prevailing mode.

My invention is fully illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of a body or waist and part of the skirt, showing the latter broken away to illustrate the application of the device forming the subject of my invention.

20 Fig. 2 is a front elevation of my improved waist-lengthening device. Fig. 3 is a view in diagram showing a section of the waist body and skirt and showing an edge view of my improved device as applied to the dress.

25 Fig. 4 is a similar diagram view showing the structure drawn together to give the lengthened and pointed effect to the dress body or waist, and Fig. 5 is a perspective view illustrating a detail of my invention.

30 The structure which I have devised for giving dress bodies or waists the pointed and lengthened effect is intended to be worn with some form of belt or other similar device to cover the line between the dress body and
35 skirt.

In the drawings herewith, 1 represents an ordinary dress body or waist, and 2 an ordinary skirt worn with the same. The skirt is broken away at 2^a, showing the tail 1^a of the
40 waist and the lower portion of the corset 3. A suitable belt to be fastened at the front is illustrated at 4.

Adapted to engage the belt 4 is a hooked member 5, and secured to the lower hook or
45 fastening 6 of the corset is a clamping member 7. This member 7 carries at its rear an eye 8, which engages the corset-fastening 7. The members 5 and 7 are each provided with the apertured portions 9 and 10, and the clamping
50 member is also provided with the usual notched clamping-plate 11. Connecting these members 5 and 7 is a strap or band of fabric

12, which is secured at 13 through the apertured portion 10 of the member 7, is passed up through the apertured portion 9 of the member 5, and is then brought down through
55 the member 7, to which it may be held by means of the clamping-plate 11. This plate when closed down against the member 7 will hold the strap or band 12 in any predetermined
60 position.

In using my improved waist-lengthener the apparel is put on in the usual manner and the belt loosely buckled in place. It will be noticed that the tail or lower portion 1^a of the
65 dress body or waist extends some distance below the normal waist-line. During the dressing operation after the belt has been fastened, the hooked member 5 has been secured to the same, and the member 7 has been secured
70 to the lower fastening of the corset by means of the eye 8, the strap or band 12 being perfectly loose. The dress body and waist having been secured together in the usual manner, it is now desired to draw down
75 the belt in front, so as to give the pointed and lengthened waist effect now in vogue. To do this, it is only necessary to pull down on the strap or band 12, thereby pulling down the belt 4 toward the lower portion of the
80 corset. When said belt is adjusted in the desired position, the strap or band may be held by the clamping-plate 11. This action brings the belt to a position approximating that shown in Figs. 1 and 4. This action
85 gives plenty of fullness to the dress body or waist, and by bringing the belt down in front and securely holding it in the lowered position, the dress body or waist is brought in sharply at the back of the body, giving the
90 figure the military carriage so greatly desired.

Instead of engaging the belt by passing over the same, the hooked member 5 may be arranged to engage loops at the inner side of the belt, or I may provide a plate 14 to be
95 carried by the belt, having the struck-up engaging portions 15, as shown in Fig. 5.

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

1. A waist-lengthener consisting of an extensible strip of flexible material, having at each end fastening means, that at the upper end comprising a hook turned outwardly and

downwardly to engage a belt, and that at the lower end comprising an engaging eye for the hook of the corset, and means carried by said flexible strip for shortening the connection
5 between the corset and the belt, substantially as described.

2. In a waist-lengthener, the combination of the dress-belt, a hooked member adapted to engage the same, a corset, a clamping member carried by the same, and a flexible connection secured to the clamping member and extending from the same to the hooked member and thence to a clamping-plate carried by the clamping member, said flexible connection serving to draw said members together, thereby lowering the belt at the front giving a pointed and lengthened effect to the dress-body.
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3. In a waist-lengthener, the combination of the belt, a hooked member carried by the same, a corset, a clamping member secured to the same by means of an eye carried thereby, and a strap for connecting said members, said strap being secured to the rear of the
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clamping member, passing up from the same and through the hooked member, and then down through the front of the clamping member, and means for holding it thereto in any desired position. 25

4. In a waist-lengthener, the combination of a belt, an engaging plate carried thereby, a hooked member secured to said engaging plate, a corset, a fastening for the same, a clamping member carried by said fastening, and a flexible adjustable strap or band connecting the hooked member and the clamping member whereby the same may be drawn together thereby lowering the belt at the front and giving the dress body or waist a pointed and lengthened effect. 35

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses. 40

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