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Fig. 1.

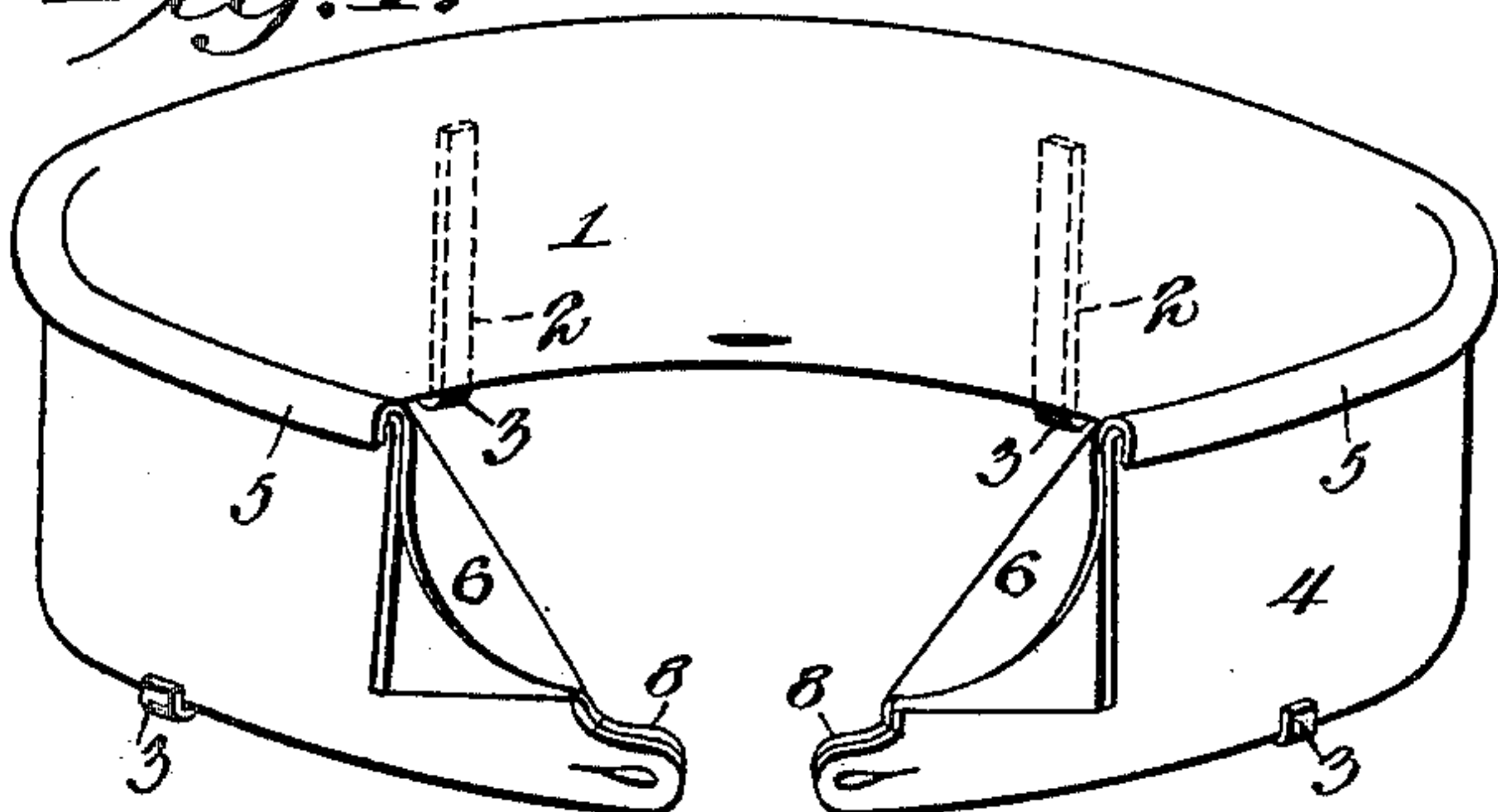


Fig. 2.

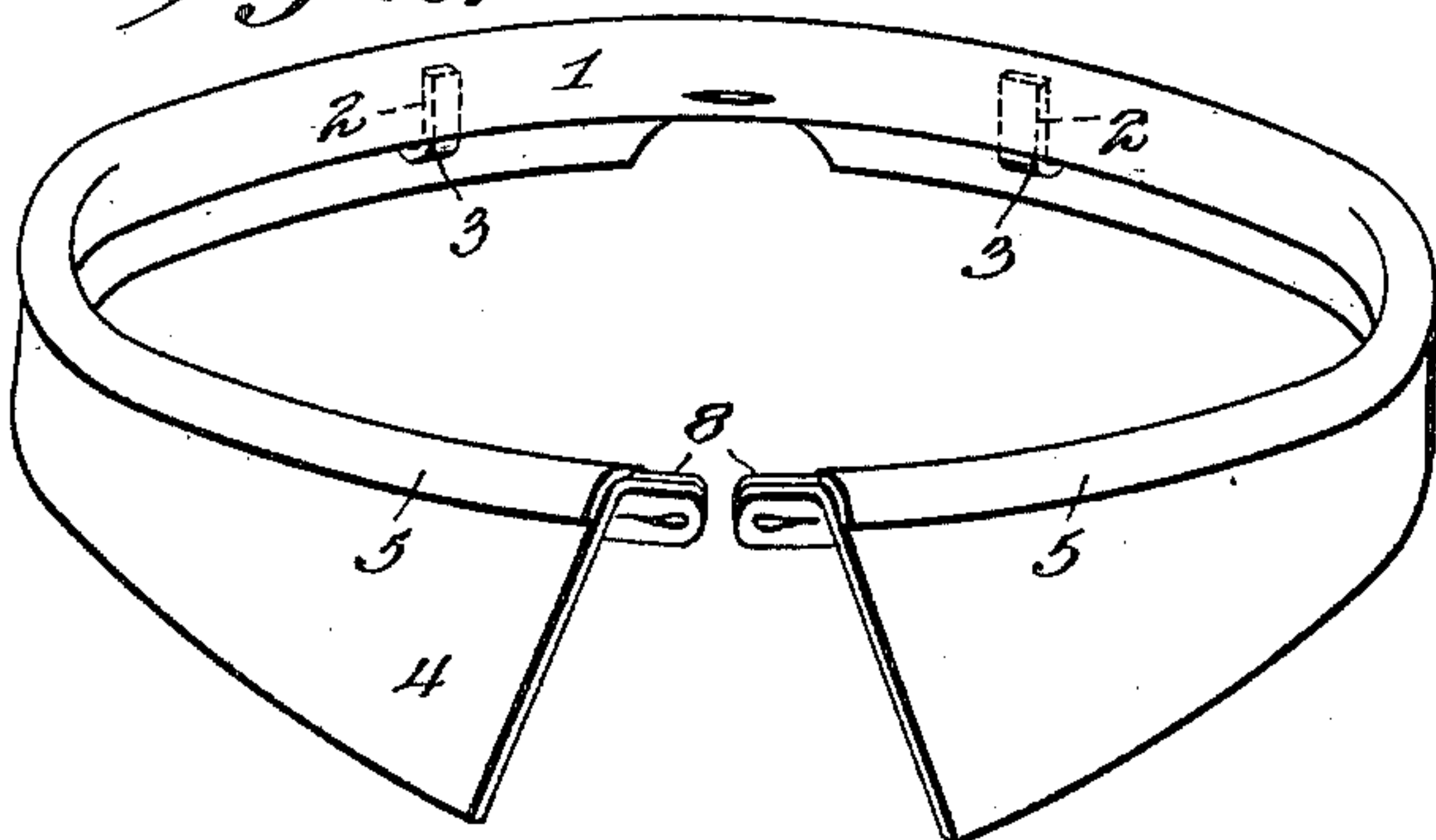


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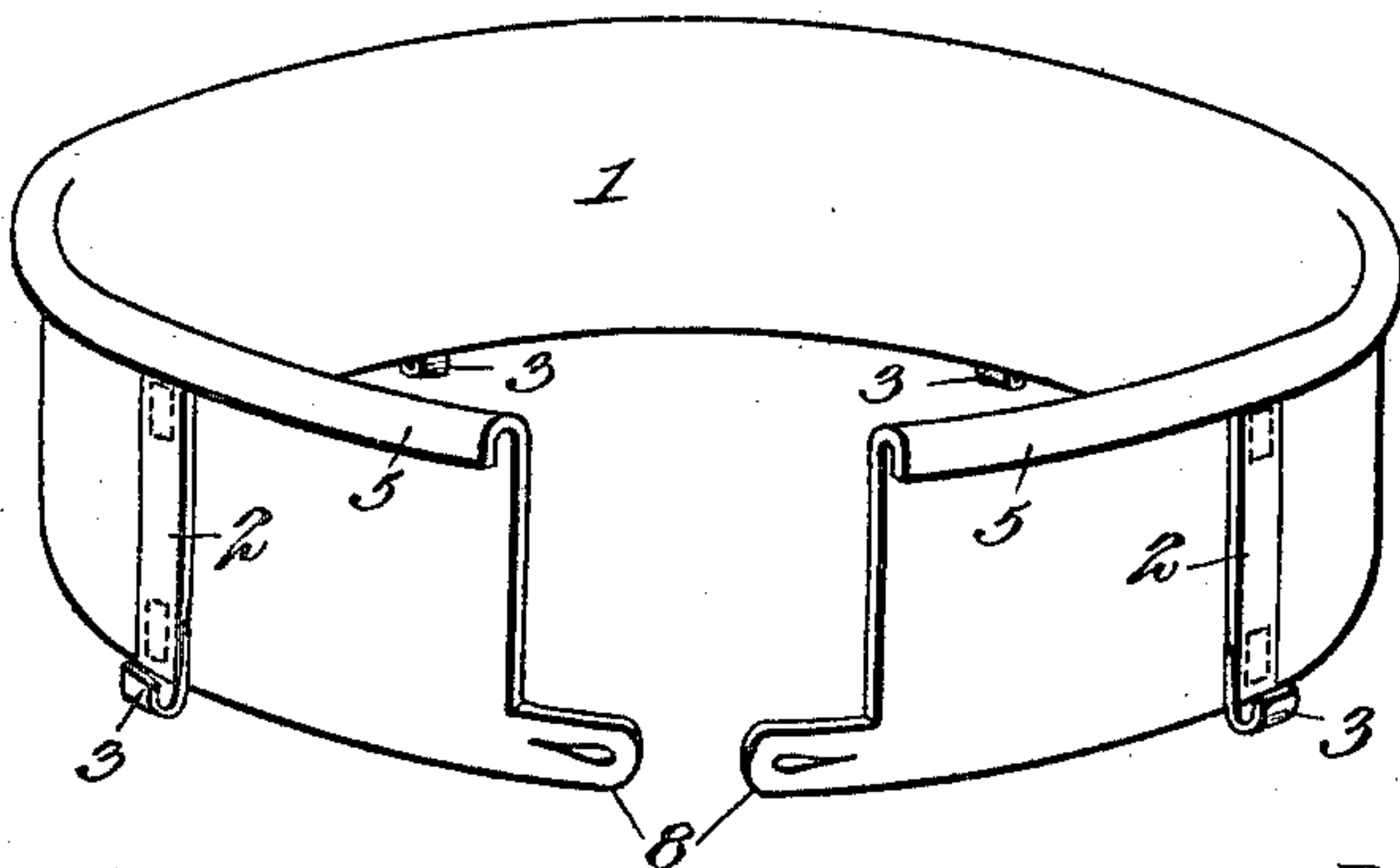


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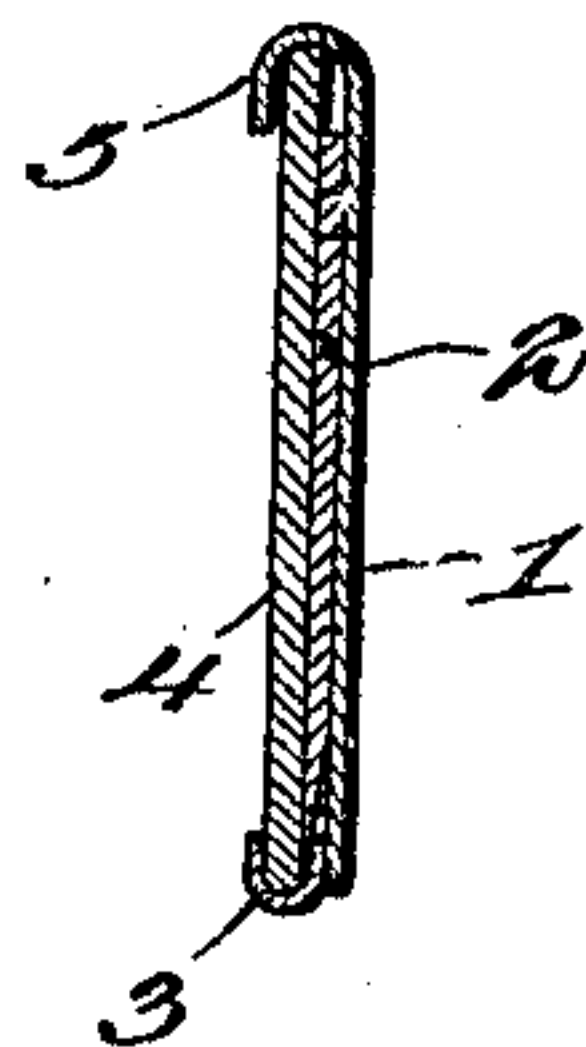


Fig. 3.

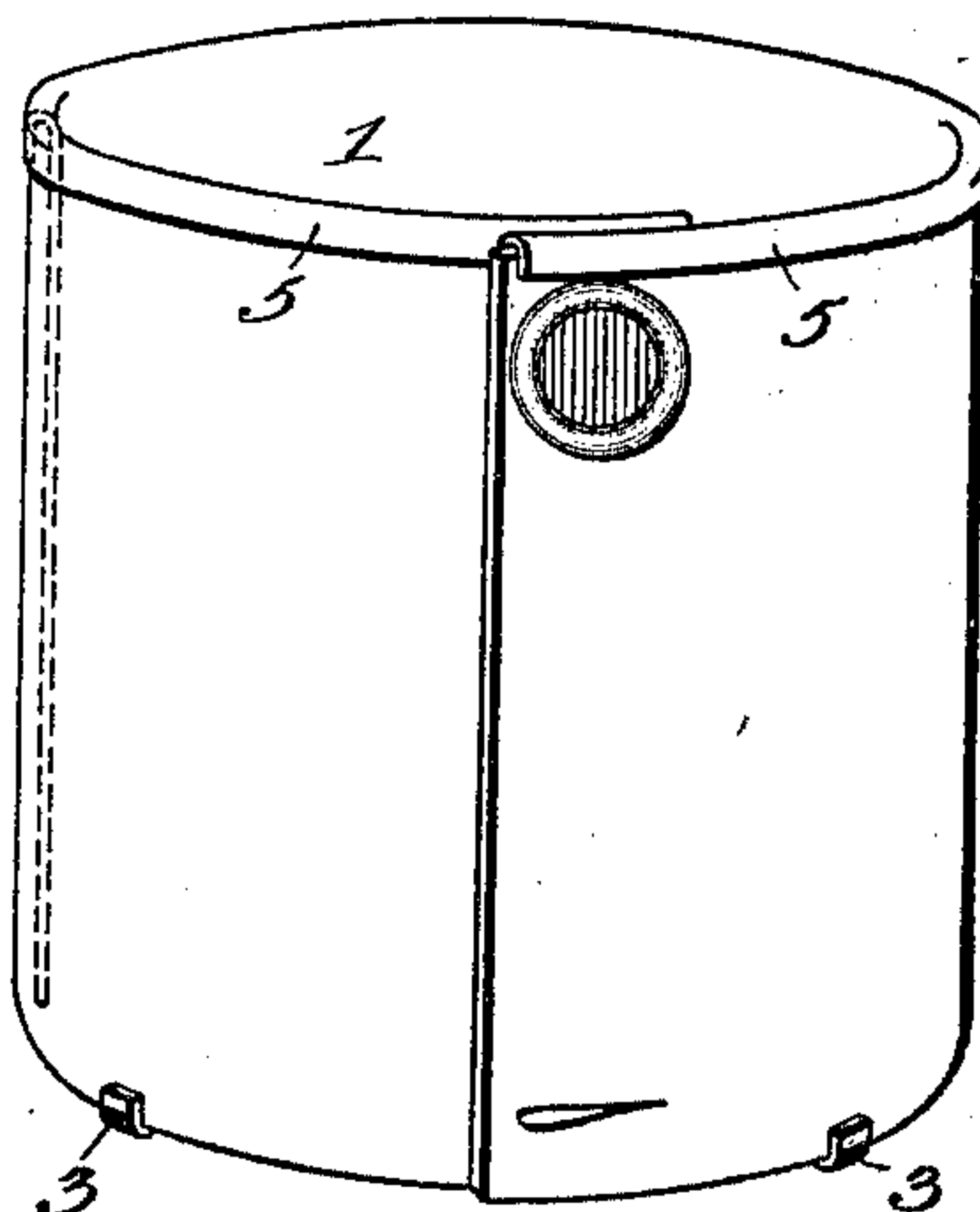
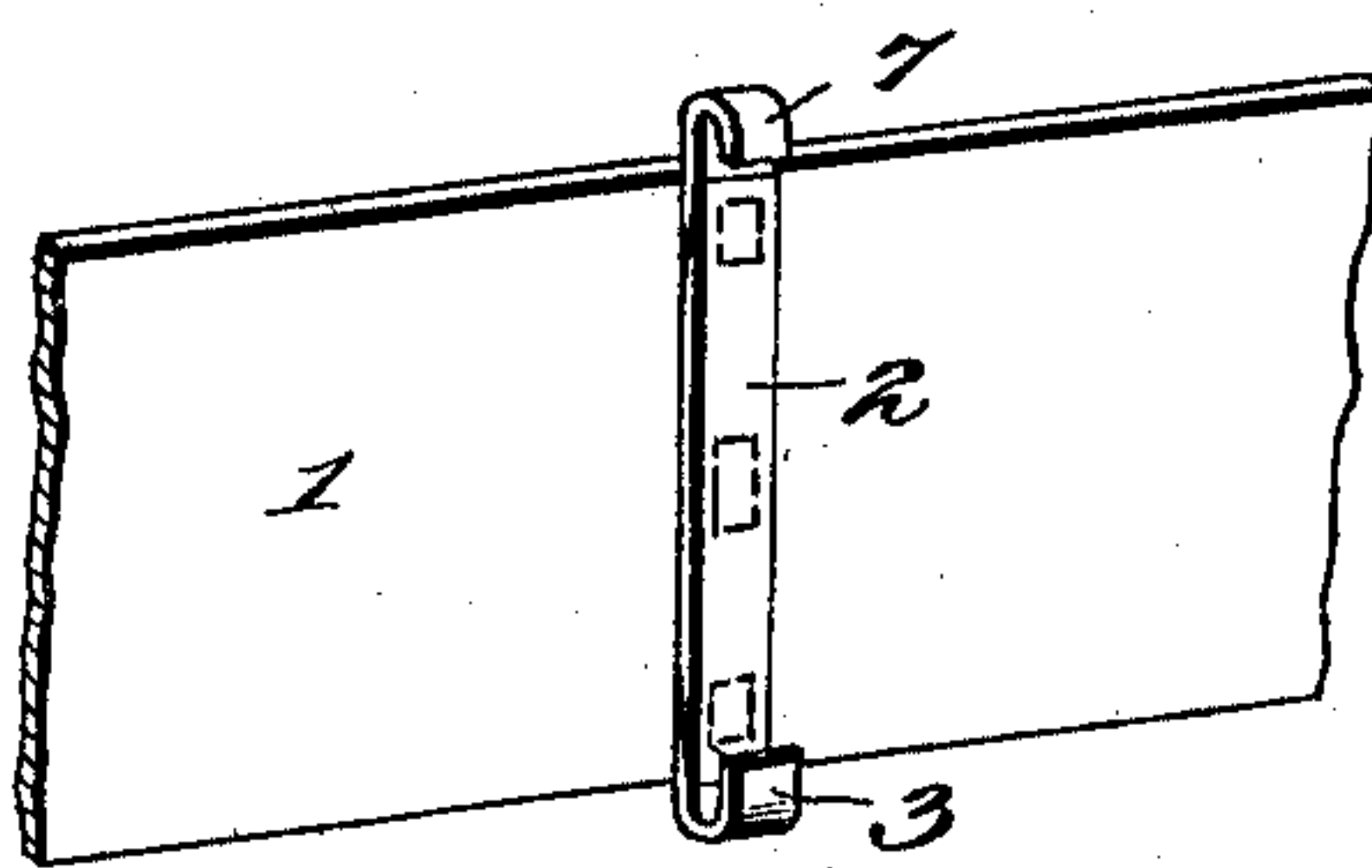


Fig. 6.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IRA W. COLLINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kirksville, in the county of Adair and State of Missouri, have invented new and useful Wearing-Apparel, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to wearing-apparel, and has for its object to preserve and protect the inner surfaces of collars and cuffs from the damaging effects of perspiration and exudations in general from the flesh of the neck and wrists.

Another object resides in providing a protective means of this character which is conveniently applicable and detachable, so that it may be transferred from one article to another, and also to permit of the cleansing of the protecting device independently of the collar or cuffs. It is furthermore designed to insure comfort to the wearer and to obviate any unsightliness when the protector is applied.

With these and other objects in view the present invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawings, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims, it being understood that changes in the form, proportion, size, and minor details may be made within the scope of the claims without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a stand-up collar having the present invention applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the invention applied to a turn-down collar. Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing a cuff equipped with the present form of protector. Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional view of Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view showing the fastening means. Fig. 6 is a similar view showing a modified form of fastening means.

Like characters of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

In carrying out the present invention it is designed to provide a lining 1 of suitable material which is impervious to perspiration and the like, said lining being shaped to cor-

respond to the inner side of a collar or cuff, as plainly indicated in Figs. 1 to 3, inclusive, of the drawings.

As indicated in Figs. 1, 4, and 5, it will be seen that the inner side of the lining or protector is provided with a plurality of elastically-yieldable straps 2, which have their upper ends suitably connected to the lining and their lower ends being free and provided with outwardly-directed hooks 3, which lie below the lower edge of the lining and are designed to engage with the lower edge of the collar 4, thereby to connect the lining to the collar. The purpose of the elastically-yieldable straps is to insure a positive engagement of the hooks with the lower edge of the collar and also to permit of a slight independent movement of the lining upon the collar, as may be necessary when the lining and collar are in use. The upper edge of the lining or protector is bent over to form a marginal rebent flange 5, that is designed to embrace the upper edge of the collar, and thereby prevent displacement of the upper edge of the lining.

It will be understood that the lining or protector will assume various shapes, according to the different styles of collars, the form shown in Fig. 1 having the flaps 6 to lie across the upper side of the flap of the collar, so as to protect the same.

In Fig. 6 of the drawings there has been illustrated another fastening for the upper edge of the lining wherein the upper edge of the lining is not bent over; but the flexible straps have their upper ends free and provided with terminal hooks 7 to engage over the upper edge of the collar in the manner of the hooks at the lower ends of the straps.

It will be understood that the cuff-lining, as shown in Fig. 3, is secured in the same manner as described for the collar-lining.

From the foregoing description it is apparent that the present protector is designed for detachable application, so that it may be transferred from one collar or cuff to another without in any manner damaging the same. The essential object of the invention is to protect collars and cuffs from the damaging effects of perspiration and the like, and thereby to obviate frequent cleansing of the collars and cuffs, whereby the life of the latter

is greatly increased. Moreover, when the protector is in place no discomfort arises therefrom, and the device does not detract from the ordinary appearance of the collar and cuffs.

5 As best illustrated in Figs. 1, 2, and 5, it will be seen that the protector-lining is also provided with opposite terminal buttonhole-flaps 8 for coöperation with the similar flaps of the collar, so as to receive the collar-button. It will also be understood that the cuff-lining is provided with buttonholes, so as to receive the cuff-button, and thereby afford a further connection between the lining and the cuff.

15 What I claim is—

1. A device of the character described, formed of moisture-proof material shaped to fit the part to which it is applied, the opposite ends thereof being provided with button-
20 holes, and the unexposed edge of the device having hooks which are elastically connected thereto.

2. A device of the character described, formed of moisture-proof material and shaped to fit the part to which it is to be applied, the opposite ends thereof being provided with buttonholes, the exposed edge of the material being rolled over upon the outer side thereof, and hooks elastically connected to the opposite edge of the device. 25

3. A device of the character described, having its opposite ends provided with corresponding buttonholes, its exposed edge being rolled over upon the outer side thereof, and fastenings elastically connected to the opposite edge of the device. 30

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses. 35

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