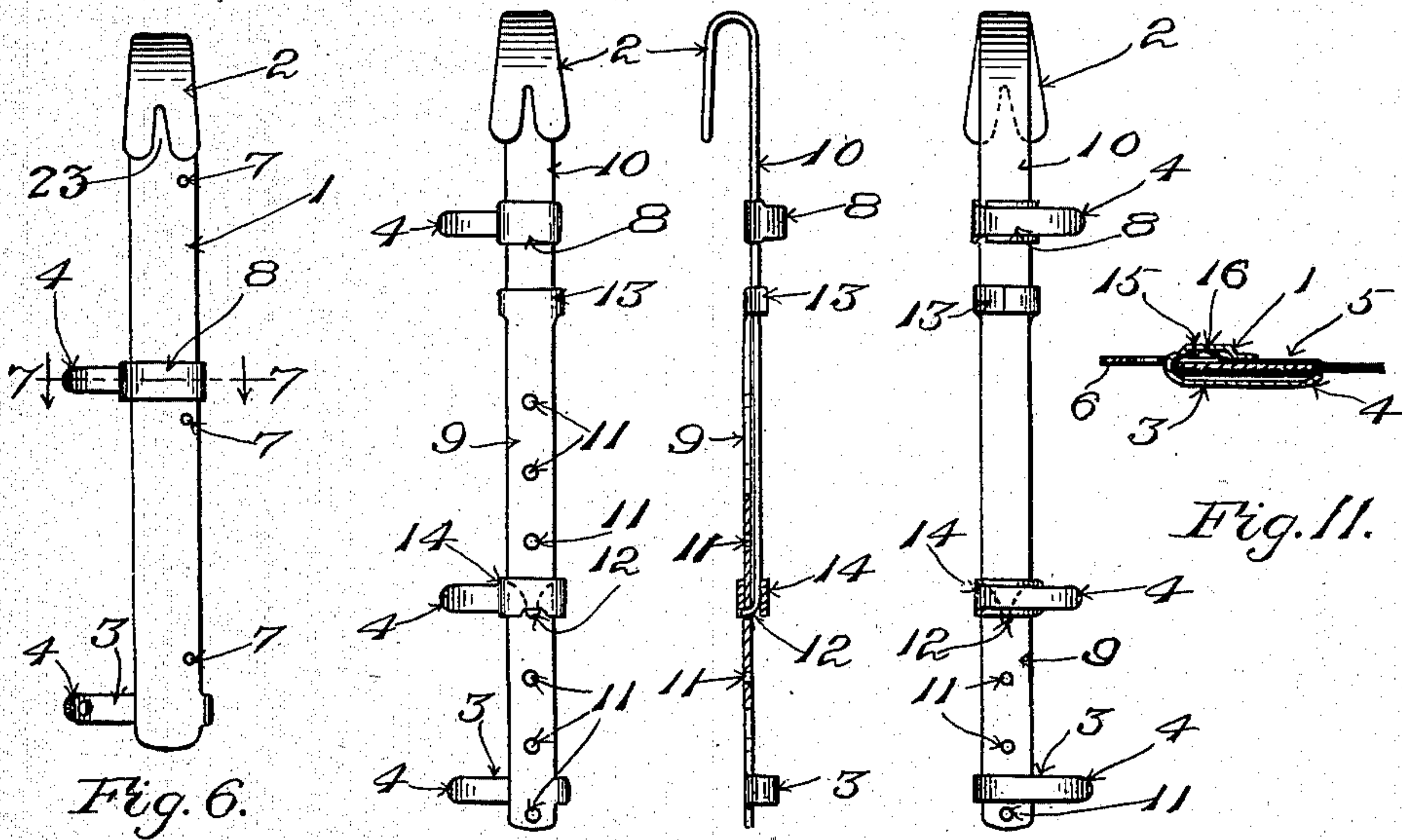
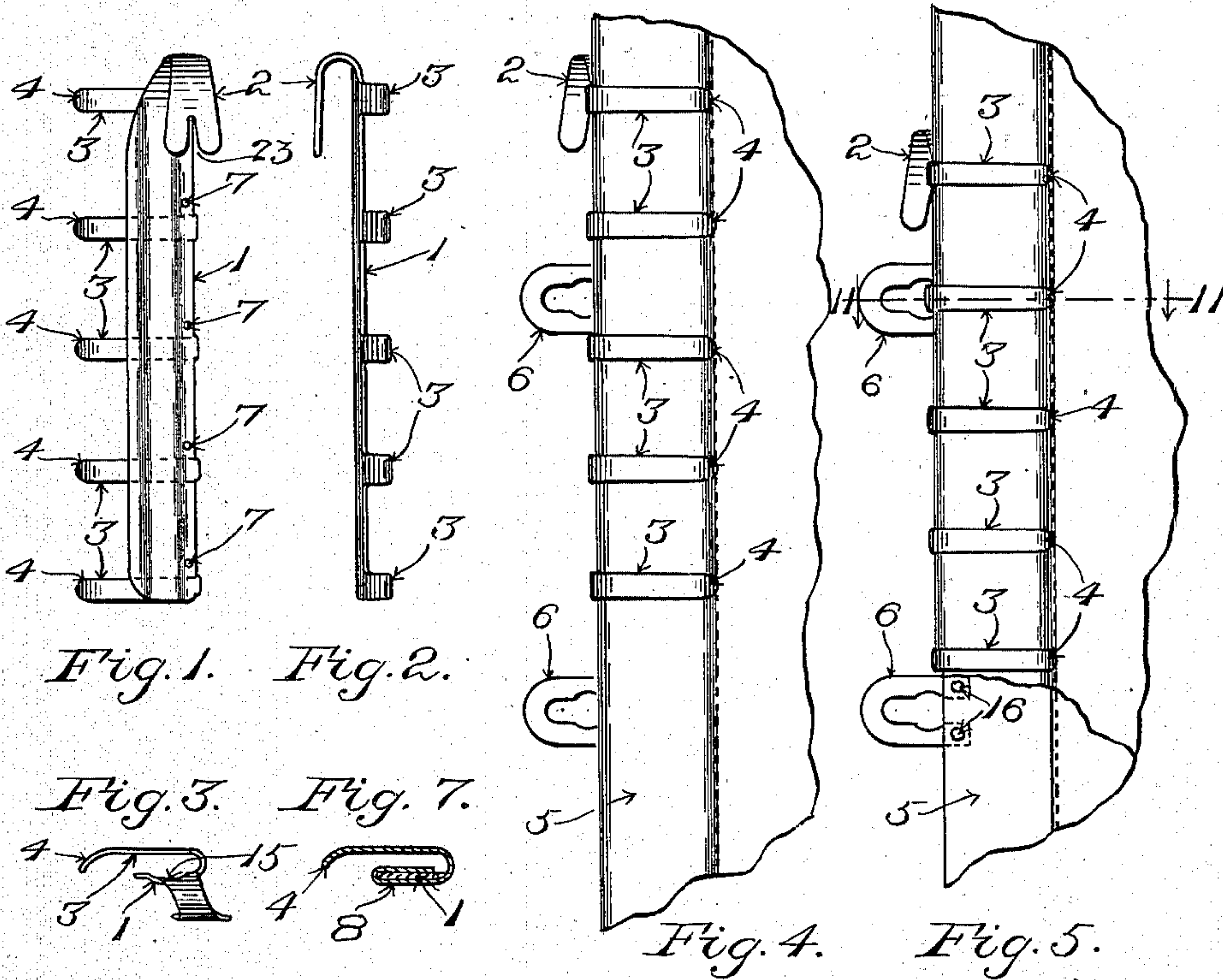


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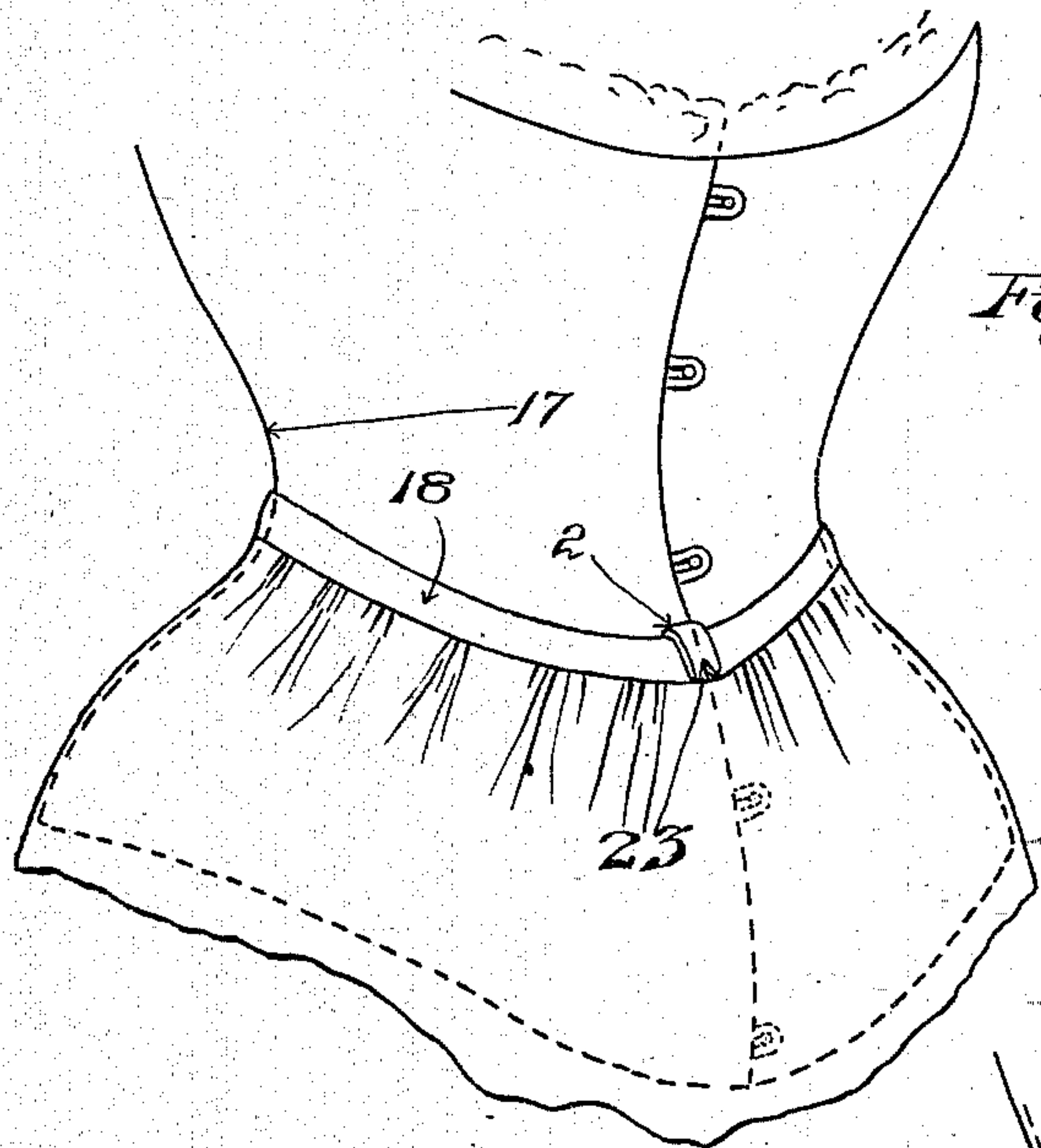


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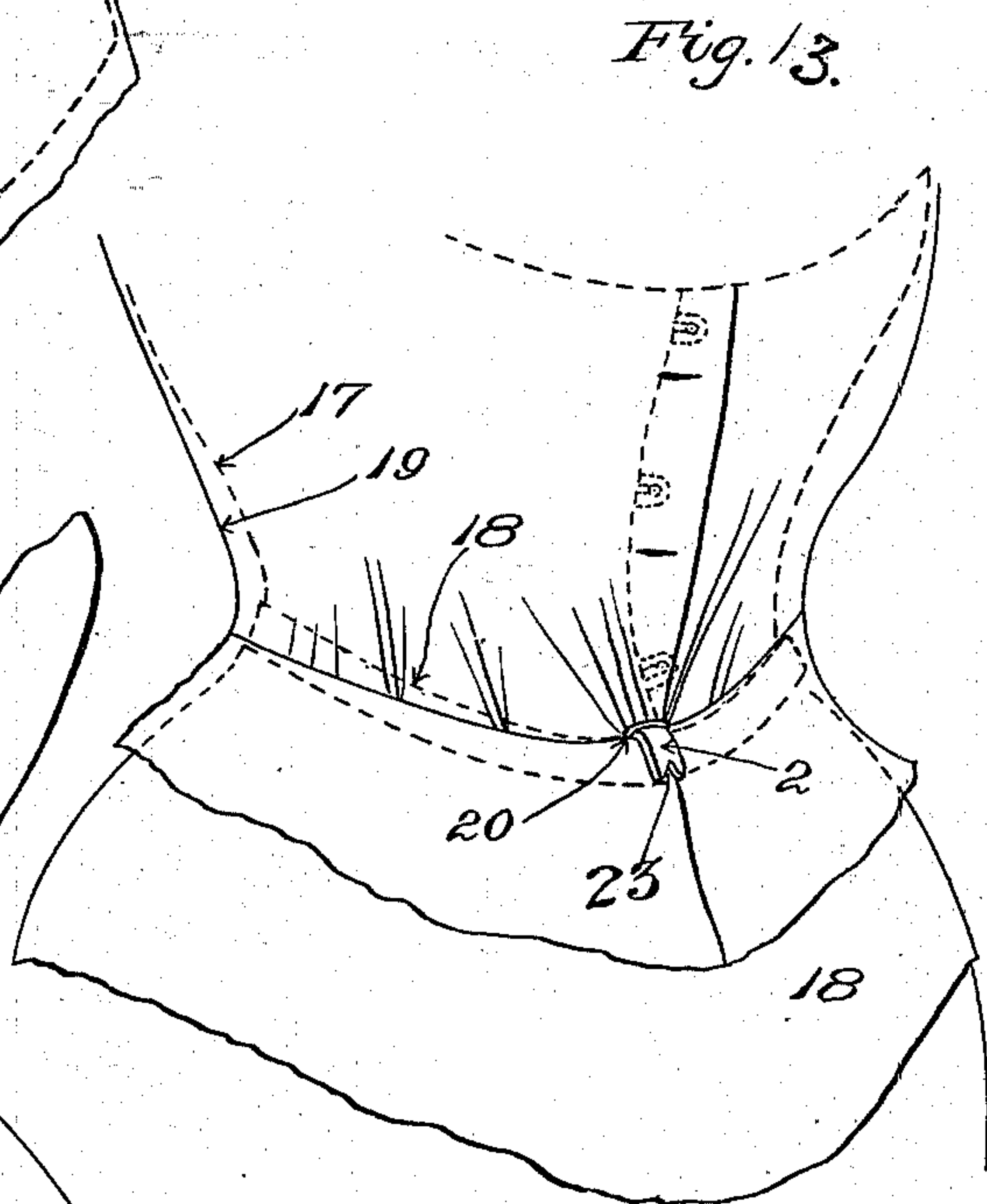


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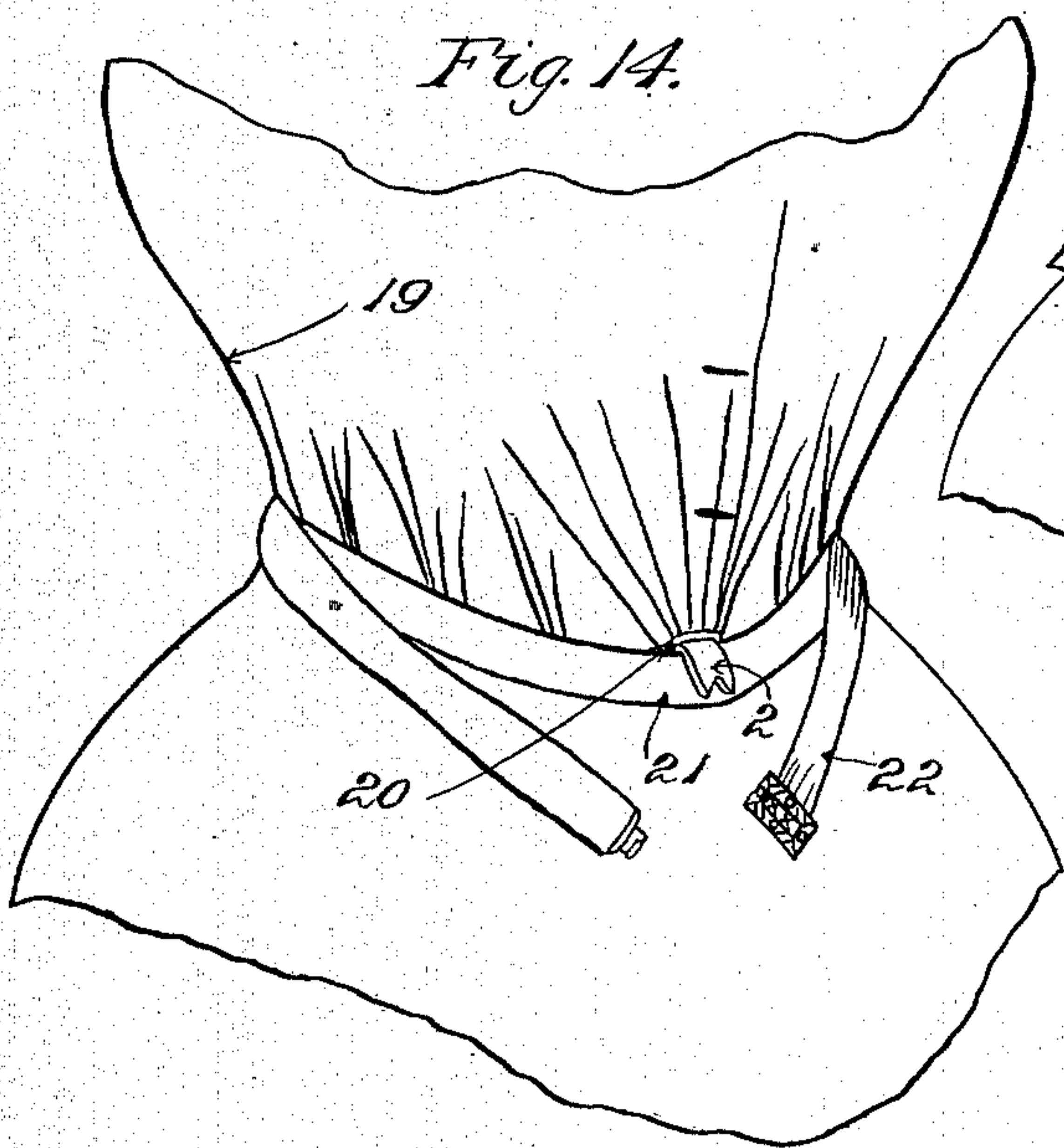


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DEBORAH P. MCKENNEY, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain
5 new and useful Improvements in Corset and Gown Stays, of which the following is a specification.

The object of the invention is to provide an adjustable stay which may be secured to the
10 steel on the loop side of the corset, that being usually the right-hand side, and which will engage with the clothing worn outside of the corset to retain all the clothing in the desired position.

15 The invention will now be fully described, and the novel features will be particularly pointed out in the claims at the end of the specification.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a device embodying the invention.
20 Fig. 2 is a side elevation. Fig. 3 is an end elevation. Fig. 4 shows the device in position upon the garments with one of the clips engaging the lower side of one of the loops of
25 the corset. Fig. 5 shows how the clip may pass through the loop instead of bearing up against the under side. Fig. 6 is a front elevation showing a modification. Fig. 7 is a cross-section on line 7 7 of Fig. 6. Fig. 8 is
30 a front elevation of another modification. Fig. 9 is a side elevation of Fig. 8. Fig. 10 is a rear elevation of Fig. 8. Fig. 11 is a section on line 11 11 of Fig. 5. Fig. 12 shows the device attached to the corset and with
35 the hook over the top of one of the underskirts. Fig. 13 shows the device as in Fig. 12, with the addition of the waist which extends over the underskirt of Fig. 12, the hook after hooking over the top of the underskirt
40 passing through a buttonhole or an opening in the waist. Fig. 14 shows a dress-skirt outside of the underskirt shown in Fig. 13, the hook extending over the top of the dress-skirt.

45 Referring now to the drawings, the stay is formed of a strip 1, having at the upper end a forwardly and downwardly turned hook 2, which is adapted to hook over the top of all skirts at the desired waist-line and through
50 the waist when worn under the outside skirt, if desired.

Projecting from the strip, preferably at or

near the right-hand edge, are a plurality of clips or teeth 3, which extend rearwardly and then laterally crosswise of the strip at a
55 proper distance therefrom for the covered corset-steel 5 to be embraced between the strip 1 and the clips. The clips are preferably turned slightly inward at the ends 4 to enable them to grip the covered steel more
60 firmly. In many of the corsets on the market, especially the imported ones, the loops are secured to the steel by rivets 16, the ends of which project above the face of the strip. In
65 order to permit the stay to slide over these projecting ends, the inner face of the strip 1 is preferably formed with a channel 15 lengthwise thereof to allow the strip to slide over the rivets 16 without interference while the stay is being adjusted. 70

When the device is applied to use, it is slipped onto the steel 5 on the loop side of the corset at such a position as will bring the hook 2 at the desired waist-line and bring one
75 of the clips 3 into engagement with one of the loops 6 on the steel below the waist-line, either by engagement with the lower side of the loop, as shown in Fig. 4, or by passing the clip through the eye of the loop, as shown in Fig. 5. 80

Figs. 12, 13, and 14 illustrate the application of the device as the several articles of clothing are put on.

In Fig. 12 the device is attached to the corset 17, and the hook 2 goes over the top band
85 of the underskirts 18. If a waist 19 is worn over the corset, as shown in Fig. 13, and extends below the desired waist-line, the hook after passing over the skirt 18 will pass through a buttonhole or opening 20 in the
90 waist 19. Then it will hook over the outside skirt 21, as shown in Fig. 14. If a belt 22 is worn, the hook 2 will be covered and concealed from view when the belt is buckled.

The clips should be sufficiently near to-
95 gether so that when the device is adjusted on the corset-steel at whatever position necessary to bring the hook 2 at the desired waist-line, where the clothing can be held, one of the clips 3 will engage with some one of the
100 loops 6 in one or the other of the two ways above mentioned to prevent the stay from slipping upward.

For additional fastening of the device I

prefer to form thread-holes 7 in the strip to permit it to be sewed to the covering of the steel wherever there is one of the thread-holes.

5 The hook 2 is preferably formed with a slot 23 in the end to engage with the fastening of all belts and buckles or with the hook and eye where the waist is worn outside. It is desirable that this slot should be in line with
10 the middle line of the corset and in line with the fastening of the belt, which is in the middle of the front of the waist-line. As the stay is attached to the steel on one side of the corset, if the hook 2 is turned over directly
15 in front of the strip 1 with the slot in the middle of the hook the slot will not be in line with the corset-opening. In order, therefore, to bring the slot into line with the corset-opening, the hook is preferably formed
20 as shown in Figs. 1 to 5, inclusive, in which the hook is shown with a portion extending laterally to one side of the inner edge of the strip 1, so that the slot 23, which is in the middle of the hook, will be in line with the
25 middle line of the corset when fastened together and engage with the fastening of the belt or buckle or hook and eye of the waist when worn outside.

In the modification shown in Figs. 6 and
30 7 the upper clip 8 is made slidable, and therefore the adjustment may be secured without the necessity of so many clips as required when they are all fixed, as in Fig. 1.

In the modification shown in Figs. 8 and
35 9 the stay is made extensible by having it formed of two overlapping strips 9 10, provided with means for adjusting them with relation to each other and locking them together. In the form shown one strip, 9, is
40 formed with a series of holes 11 and the other strip, 10, is formed with a locking pin or stud 12, adapted to engage with said holes. The strip 9 is provided with a guide-loop 13, through which the other strip slides, and a slide 14,
45 which can be moved down toward the stud 12 to hold the stud in engagement and be slid back to permit springing the strips apart to withdraw the stud. This slide should also preferably be formed as a clip.

50 What I claim is—

1. A corset and gown stay consisting of a strip having at its upper end means for engaging the clothing worn outside of the corset at the desired waist-line, and a plurality of
55 clips extending from said strip rearwardly and crosswise of said strip to engage the corset on the loop side thereof, any one of said clips being adapted to engage with the loops so that one of the clips will engage with one
60 of the loops below the waist-line when the said hook engages with the clothing at the waist-line, substantially as described.

2. A corset and gown stay consisting of a strip having at its upper end a forwardly-extending hook for engaging at the desired
65 waist-line the clothing worn outside of the cor-

set, a plurality of clips on said strip extending rearwardly and then crosswise thereof to engage the loop side of the corset between the strip and the clips, one of said clips also being
70 adapted to engage one of the corset-loops below the waist-line to prevent slipping up, the lowermost clip being fast to the strip and one clip intermediate the two ends being slidable on said strip, substantially as described. 75

3. A corset and gown stay consisting of a plurality of strips slidable on each other, means for locking them together at different positions to form a strip of variable length, a forwardly-extending hook at the upper end
80 to engage at the desired waist-line with the clothing worn outside of the corset, and a plurality of clips on said combination-strip extending rearwardly and laterally crosswise thereof to engage the corset on the loop side
85 thereof between the strip and the clips, one of said clips being adapted to engage one of the corset-loops below the waist-line to prevent slipping up, substantially as described.

4. A corset and gown stay consisting of a
90 strip having at its upper end a forwardly-extending hook for engaging at the desired waist-line the clothing worn outside of the corset, a plurality of clips on said strip extending rearwardly and then crosswise thereof to
95 engage the corset-steel on the loop side thereof, any one of the clips being adapted to engage with said loops so that one of the clips will engage with one of the loops when the said hook engages with the clothing at the waist-
100 line, the ends of said clips being slightly turned again toward the strip to grip the steel, substantially as described.

5. A corset and gown stay consisting of a strip having at its upper end means for en-
105 gaging at the desired waist-line the clothing worn outside of the corset, means for attaching the strip to the steel of the corset in a manner to permit sliding of the stay for adjustment on the steel, and a longitudinal
110 channel in the rear face of the strip to allow for riding over the projecting ends of the rivets on the steel, substantially as described.

6. A corset and gown stay consisting of a strip having at its upper end a forwardly and
115 downwardly extending hook for engaging at the desired waist-line the clothing worn outside of the corset and having means for engaging the said strip with the corset on the loop side thereof, said hook having a portion
120 which projects laterally beyond the inner edge of the strip and having a slot therein which will be in line with the inner edge of the strip and with the middle line of the corset when fastened together, substantially as described. 125

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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