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Fig. 1.

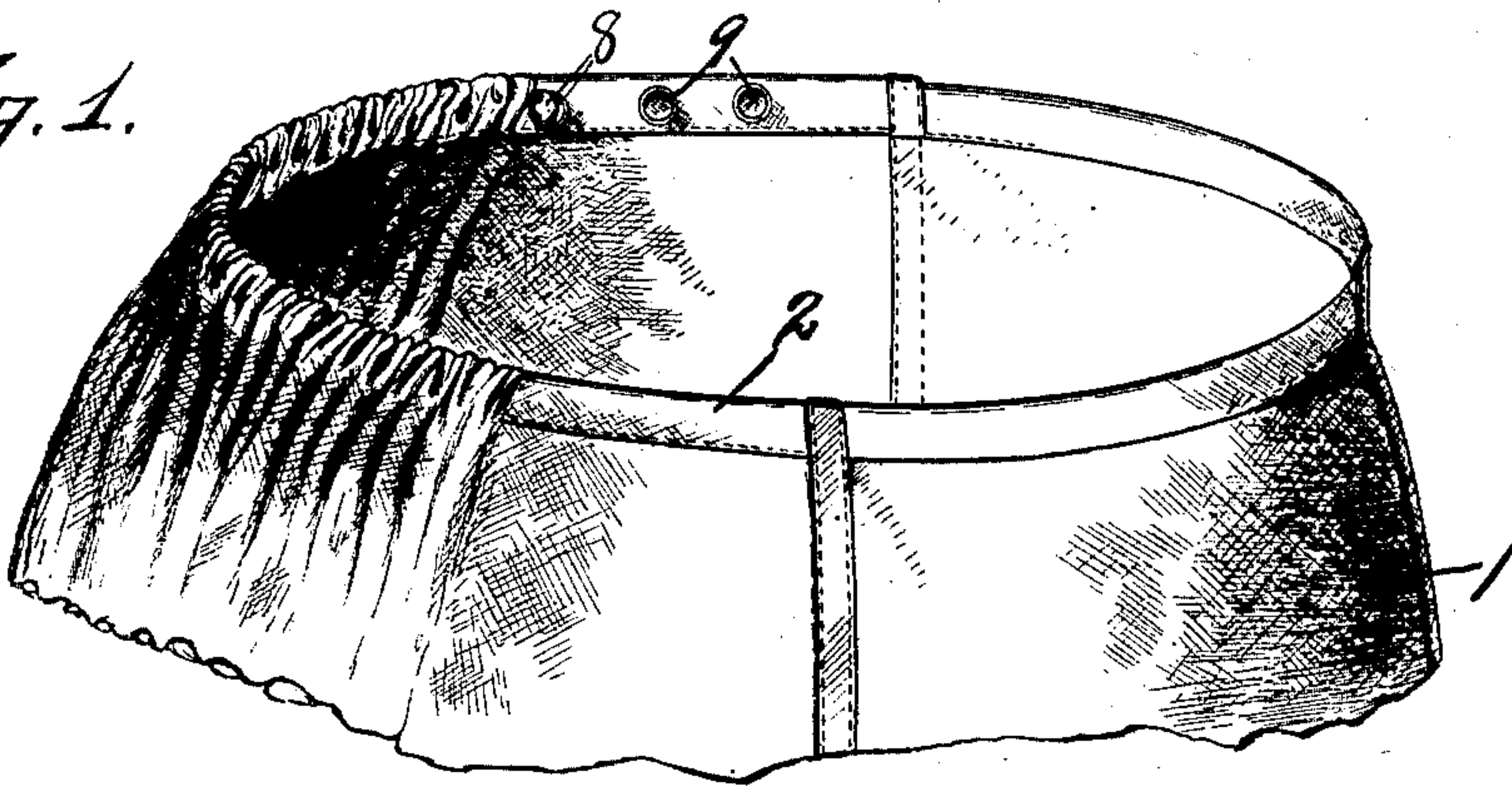


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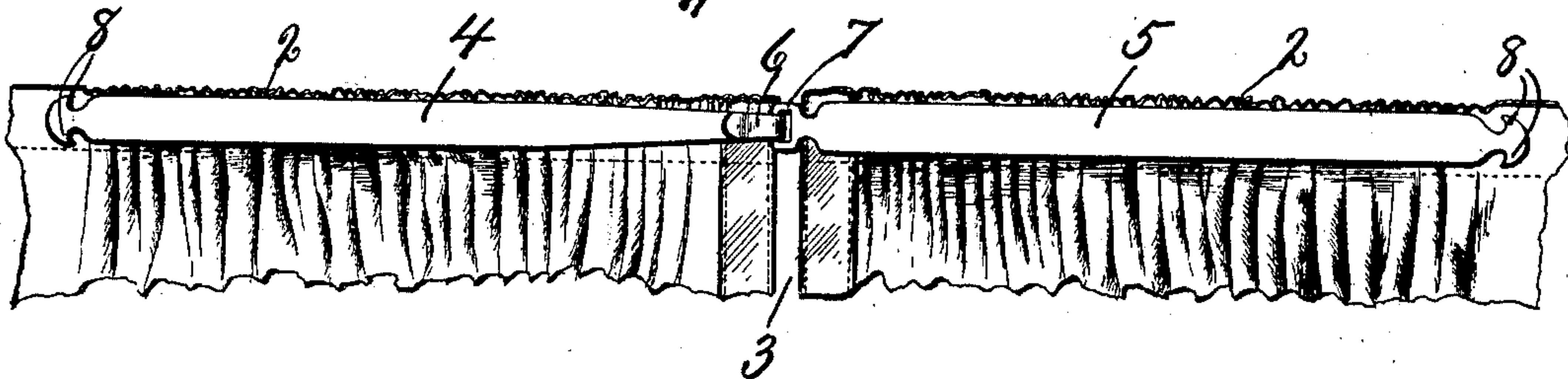


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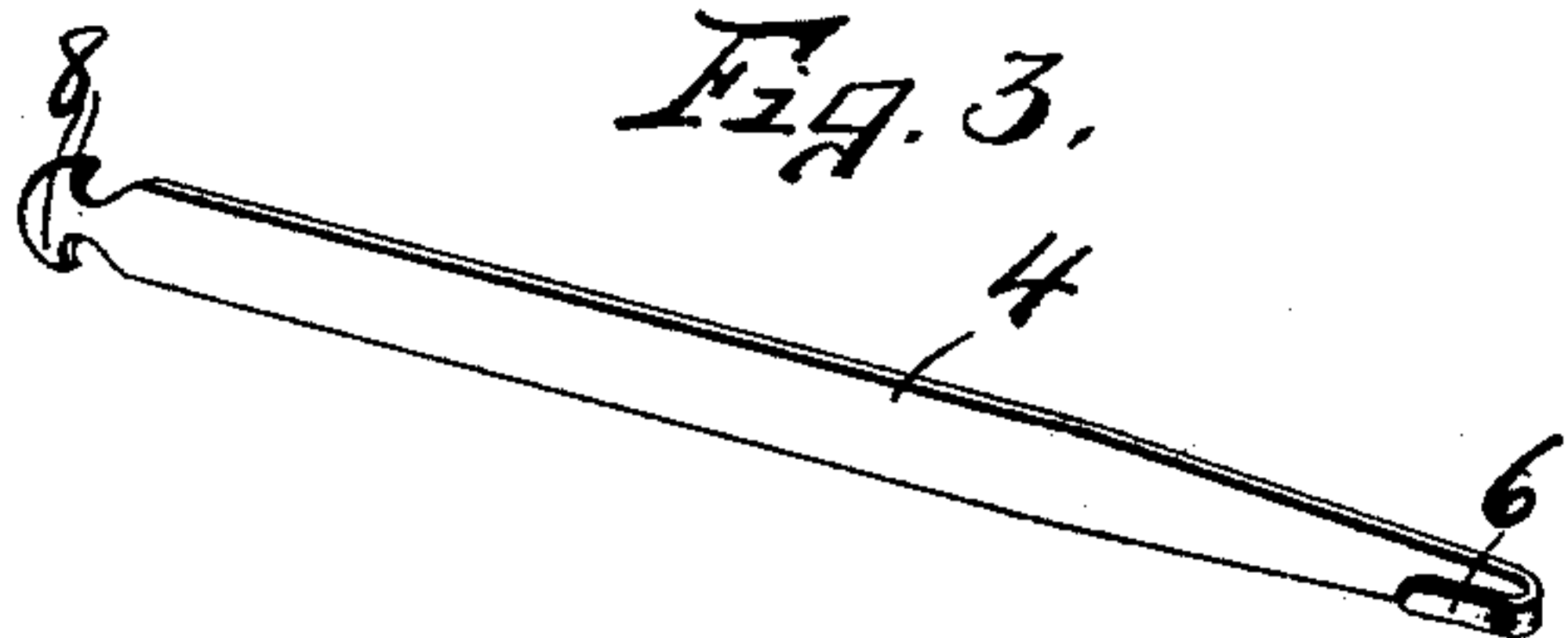


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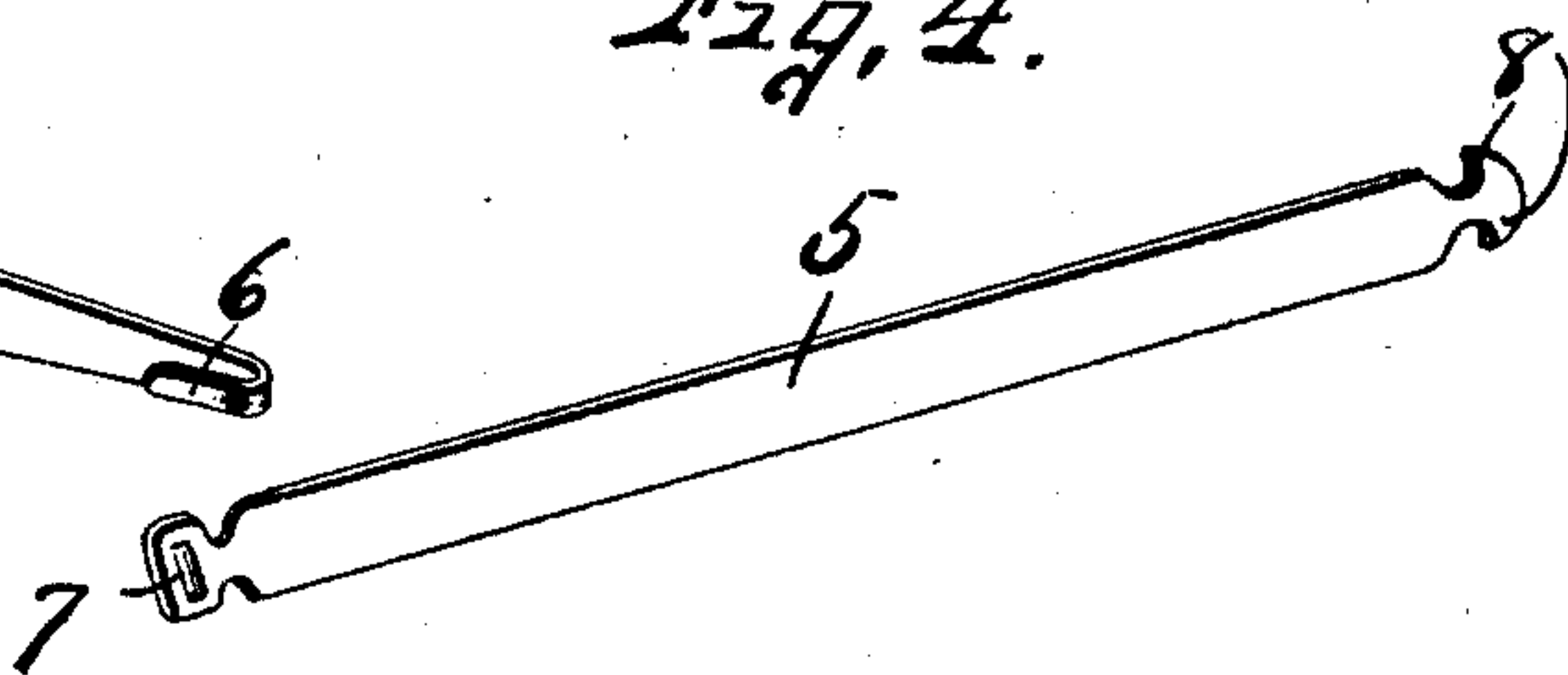
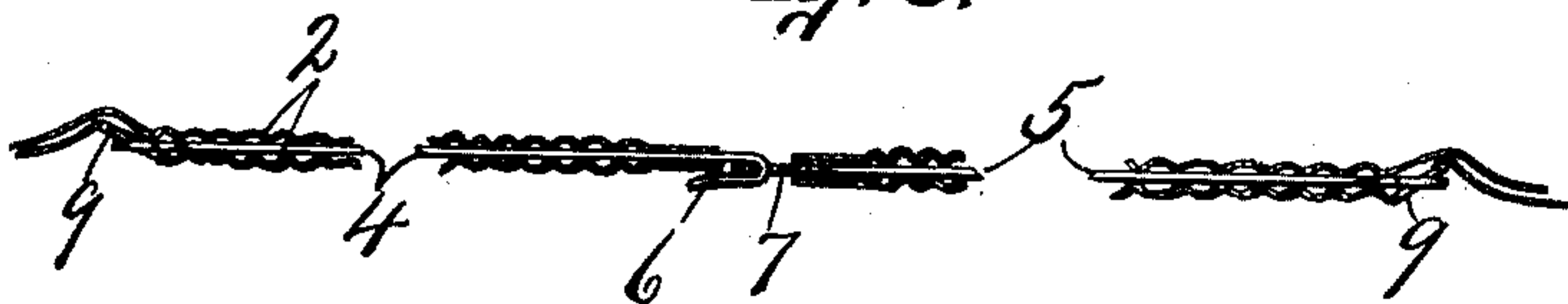


Fig. 5.



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## SHIRRING-BAND FOR SKIRTS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANK E. BUSH, of Weedsport, in the county of Cayuga, in the State of New York, have invented new and  
5 useful Improvements in Shirring-Bands for Skirts, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to improvements in  
10 shirring-bands for skirts and similar garments—as, for instance, any garment in which it is necessary or desirable to shirr portions thereof around the waist.

The object of this invention is to provide  
15 means inserted in the fold of the band of a skirt or similar article upon which the band may be shirred and retained in this position in such manner that the fullness of the skirt may be readily taken up or let out in the band  
20 when desired.

A further object is to construct the shirring-band in sections inserted in the fold of the band at opposite sides of the gap or division, their adjacent ends being detachably  
25 interlocked with each other and their outer ends adjustably secured to the band of the skirt.

To this end the invention consists in the combination, construction, and arrangement  
30 of a shirring-band, as hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the upper portion of a skirt, showing the application of my invention thereto. Fig. 2 is an enlarged sectional  
35 view through the folded band and my improved shirring-sections in operative position. Figs. 3 and 4 are perspective views, respectively, of the opposite shirring-section. Fig. 5 is a longitudinal section, partly broken  
40 away, through the skirt-band, showing the shirring-sections in top plan.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

45 In the drawings, Figs. 1 and 2, I have shown a portion of a skirt 1, provided with a band or fold 2 and the usual skirt opening or gap 3, the parts thus far described being of any desired size or material. The fold 2 consists  
50 simply of the overturned edge of the upper end of the skirt stitched to the skirt in such manner as to form a guide for receiving and

supporting the parts of my invention, this fold being usually left open at the meeting edges of the gap 3. Inserted through the open  
55 ends of these folds are shirring-sections 4 and 5, which are preferably formed of thin spring metal of substantially the same length, each having its major portion concealed within the fold, the adjacent end of one section, as 4,  
60 being provided with a suitable hook 6, and the adjacent end of the other section is formed with an eye 7, which together form interlocking members detachably engaged with each other in the manner seen in Figs. 2 and 5.  
65 The opposite outer ends of each of the sections is provided with oppositely-projecting spurs 8, which are preferably hook shape and are adapted to interlock with suitable eyelets 9, secured to the inner wall of the band  
70 or fold 2. I preferably provide a plurality of these eyelets at opposite sides of the gap 3 in order that more or less of the skirt may be shirred upon the sections 4 and 5. Although I have shown and described these eyelets as  
75 being secured to the inner wall, it is evident that they are equally efficient if secured to the outer wall, the primary object being to provide some means interlocking with the  
80 spurs 8 for preventing injury to the fabric forming the fold or band 2. In some instances, however, as in cheap garments, I have hooked the outer ends of these sections directly into the fabric, and it is understood  
85 that this method of fastening is entirely within the scope of this invention.

In the operation of my device the sections 4 and 5 are inserted in the opposite ends of the fold or band for the purpose of taking up  
90 the fullness in the band or gaging the size of the waistband to the wearer, whereupon the hook extremities or spurs 8 are interlocked, either with the fabric or with the eyelets 9 for the purpose of holding the band in its adjusted or shirred position.  
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The operation of my invention will now be readily understood upon reference to the foregoing description and the accompanying drawings.

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

1. A shirring device for skirt-bands comprising oppositely-arranged strap-sections

having their adjacent ends provided with interlocking members, and their opposite ends provided with spurs passed through the skirt-band and detachable at will so that more or  
5 less of the band may be shirred over the spur ends upon the sections and held by the spurs.

2. In combination with a skirt having a band provided with eyelets, a shirring device composed of two metal straps having  
10 their adjacent ends interlocking with each other and their opposite ends formed with spurs interlocking with said eyelets and detachable at will.

3. In combination with a skirt band or fold,  
15 opposite shirring-sections formed of metal inserted in the fold in opposite directions, the adjacent ends of the sections having a hook and an eye and their opposite ends being

formed with oppositely-projecting spurs adjustably connected to the skirt-band for the  
20 purpose set forth.

4. In combination with a skirt band or fold, eyelets secured in one of the folds, and shirring-sections consisting of thin straps of metal having their meeting ends formed with a  
25 hook and an eye and their outer ends provided with oppositely-projecting spurs inserted in said eyelets and movable at will for the purpose described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
30 hand this 22d day of May, 1902.

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