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SKIRT FASTENER.

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NO MODEL.

Fig. 1.

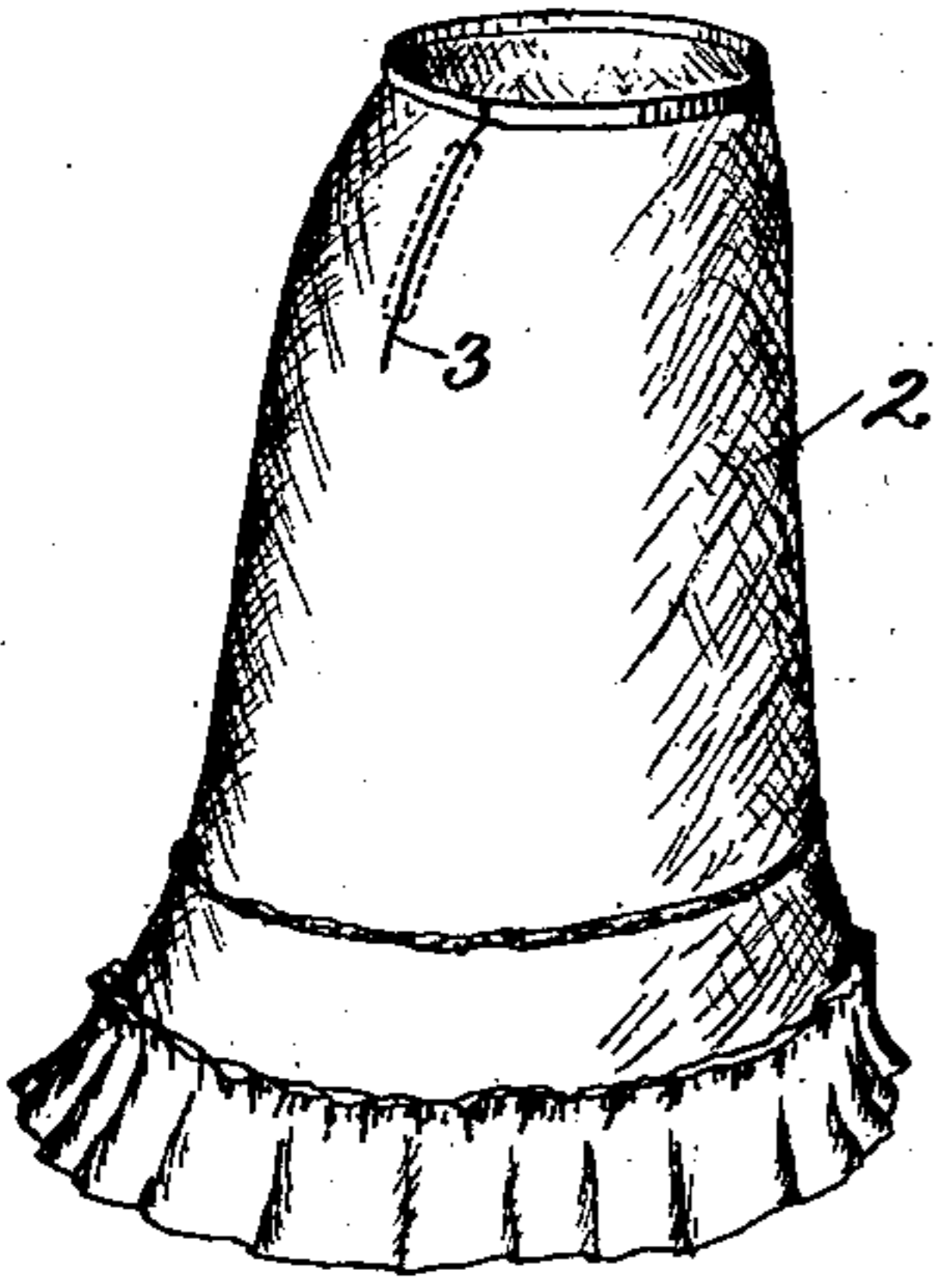


Fig. 2.

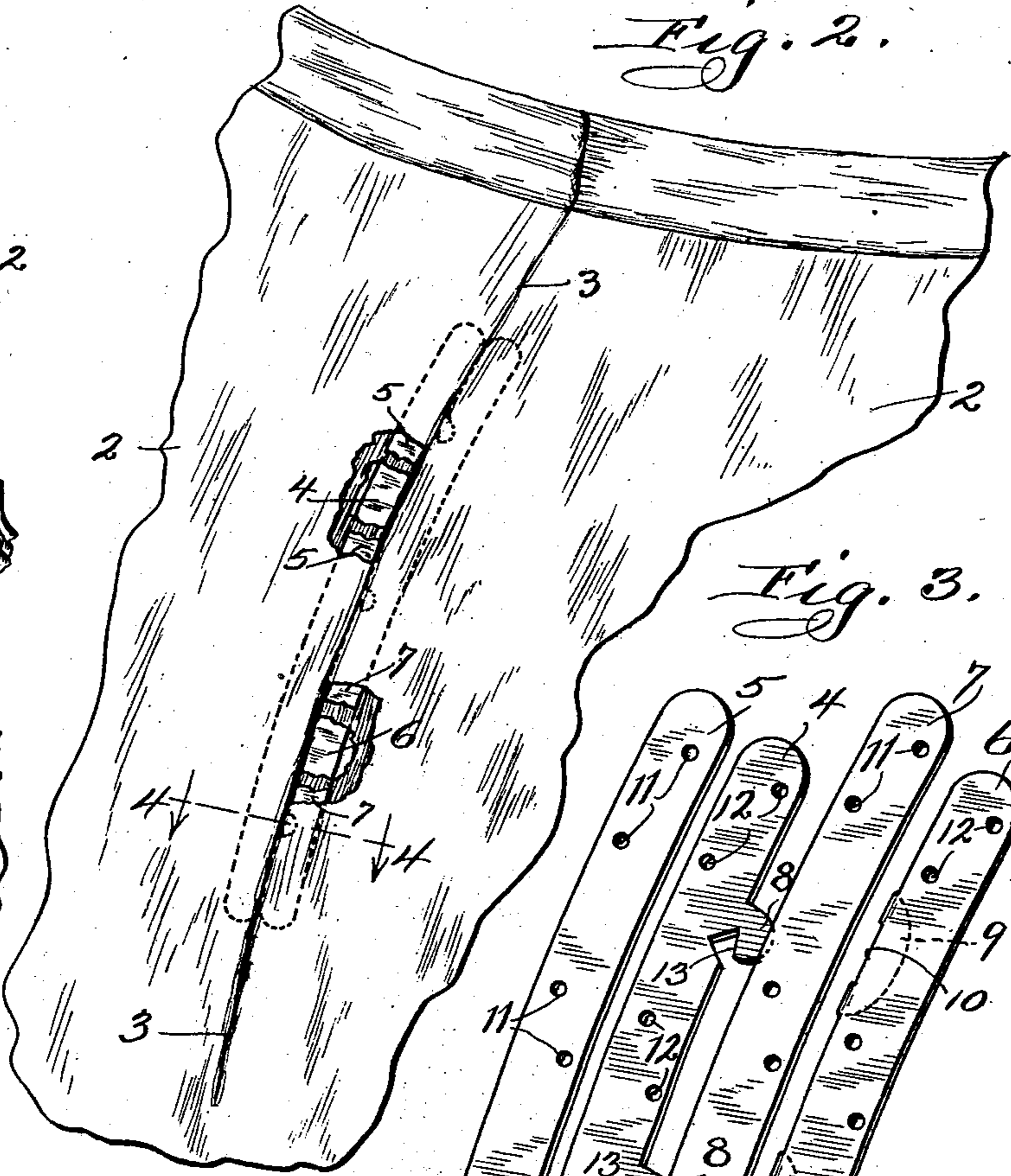


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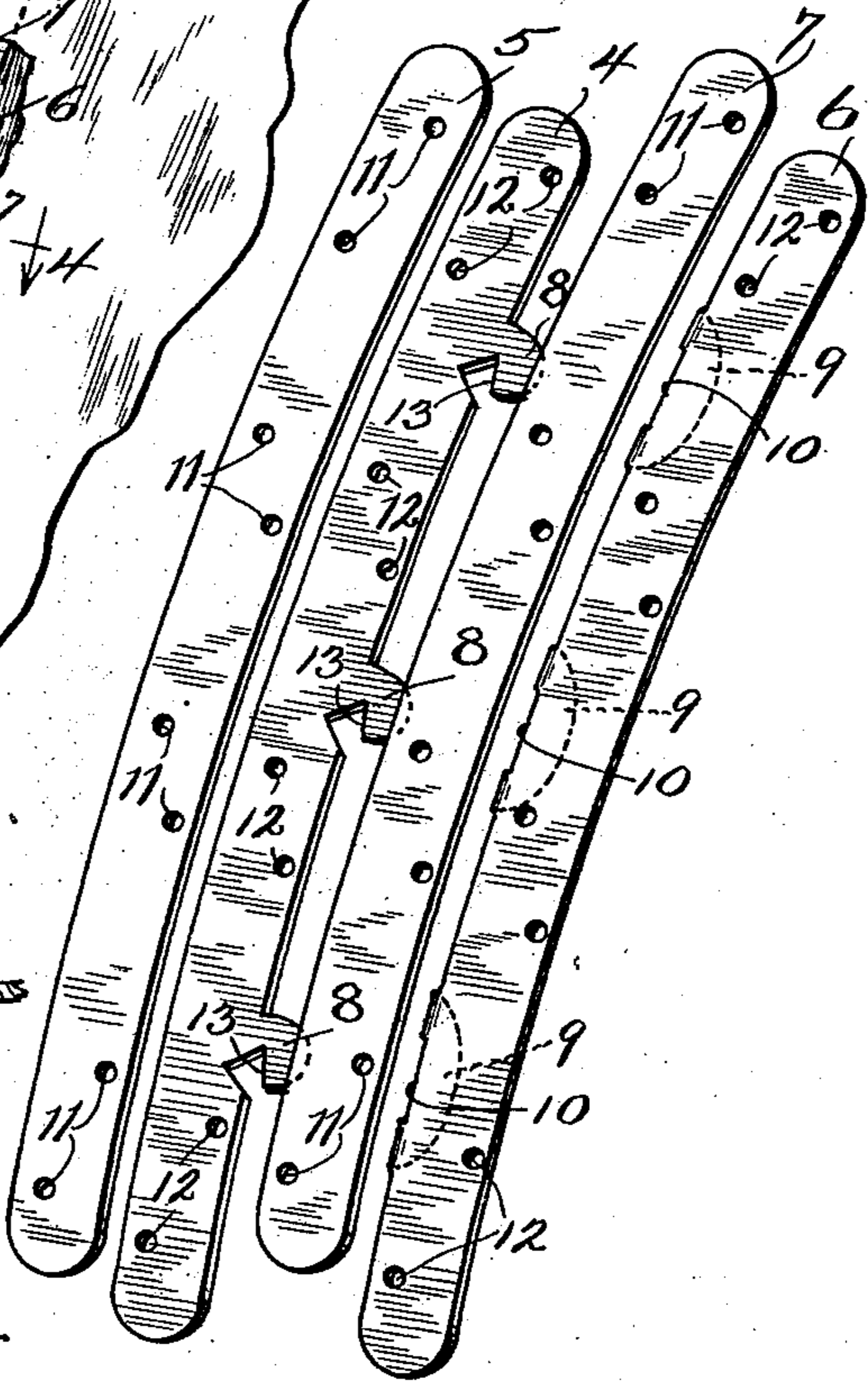


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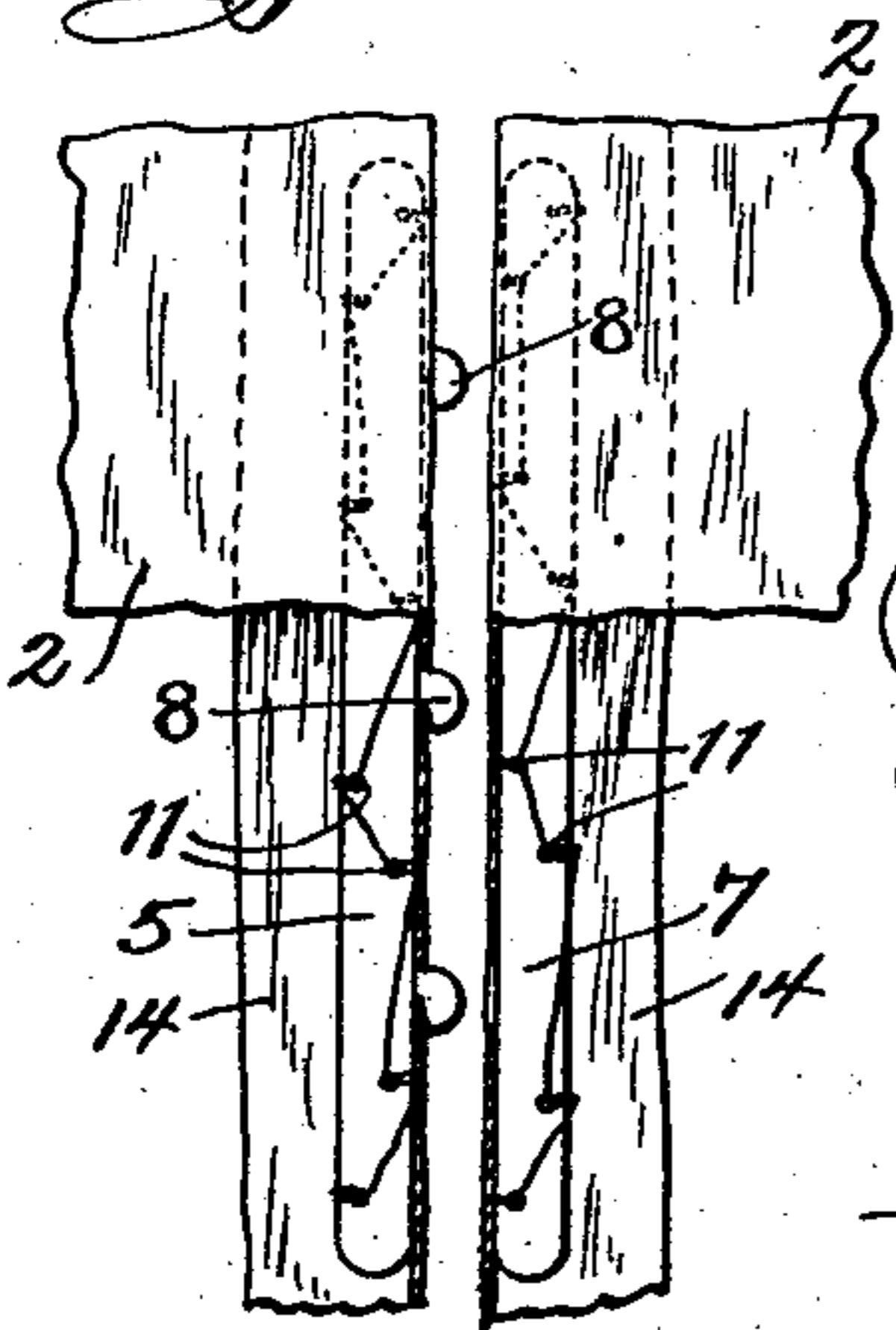


Fig. 4.

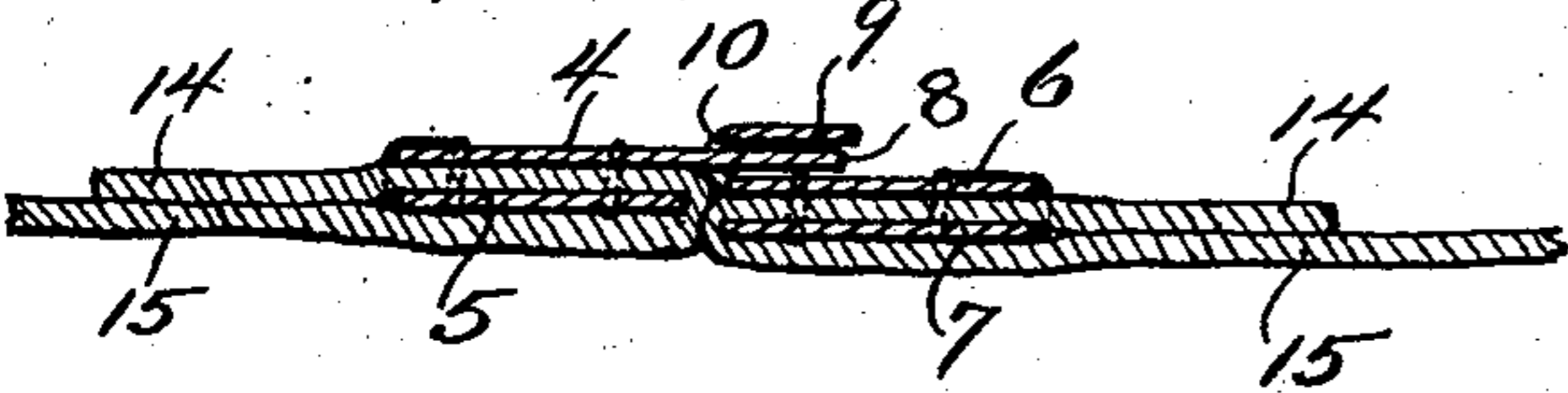
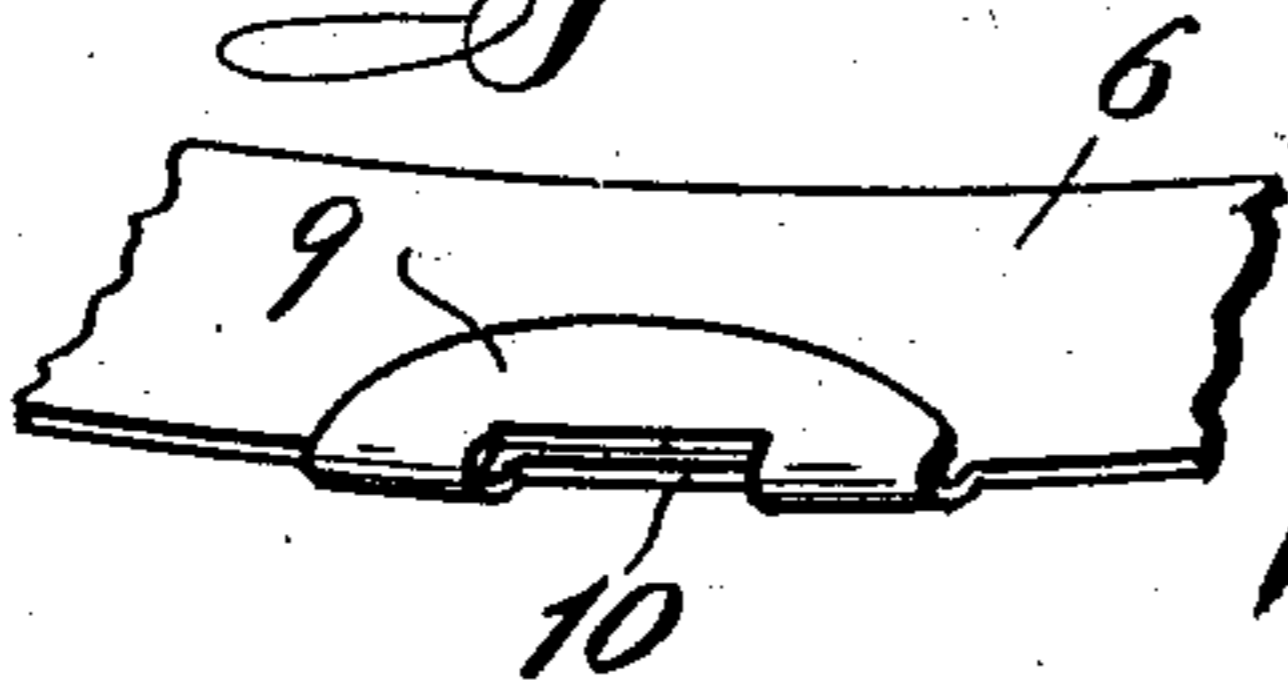


Fig. 5.



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SKIRT-FASTENER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID J. HAUPTMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Skirt-Fasteners, of which the following is a full, clear, concise, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in devices for fastening the placket or slit of a skirt together which is capable of convenient and easy manipulation and which when the parts are once fastened together will prevent the same from thereafter accidentally unfastening, spreading apart, or gapping.

It has been common heretofore to employ hooks and eyes to secure the opposite edges of the placket together; but besides the trouble experienced in fastening the same they do not prevent the slit from spreading apart and gapping between successive hooks, thus subjecting the wearer to constant mortification and annoyance. My invention is designed to prevent the above-mentioned difficulties and to provide a device which is simple and inexpensive, convenient to apply and to use, and which will not cause undue wear upon the dress-goods and will efficiently carry out and accomplish the purposes for which it is designed.

To the accomplishment of these objects and results my invention comprises stiffening members, preferably metallic, placed upon each side or edge of the slit or placket, with means to secure them together, whereby when once fastened the meeting edges of the slit will remain closed and will be prevented from opening or gapping.

My invention further comprises the novel parts and combinations of parts hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, in which the same reference characters designate like parts throughout the several views, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a skirt provided with my improvement. Fig. 2 is a view representing the same upon a larger scale. Fig. 3 represents the metallic parts of the same in

detail. Fig. 4 is a sectional view upon the line 4 4 of Fig. 2 and looking in the direction of the arrows. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the loop or fastening means upon one side of the slit or placket. Fig. 6 is a detail view.

The skirt 2 is provided with the usual slit or placket 3. The stiffening members are shown in Fig. 3 and comprise the strips 4, 5, 6, and 7. The strip 4 is provided with hooks or catches 8, projecting from its edge, said hooks being conveniently formed integral with the body portion of the strip. The strip 6 is provided with notches or loops 9 upon its inner face, with which the hooks 8 are adapted to engage. The loops 9 may be formed by bending over loops formed upon the edge of the strip, care being taken to provide room between the face of the strip and the inside of the loop to receive the hooks or catches 8, which are adapted to pass through the apertures 10 in the same.

The strips 5 and 7 have apertures 11, corresponding with similar apertures 12 in the strips 4 and 6, whereby they may be conveniently sewed upon opposite sides of the cloth forming the skirt. This is shown in Fig. 4, as well as the manner of applying the same. The hook-strip 4 and the inner strip 5 are placed upon opposite sides of the edge 14 of the material of the skirt. They are then sewed in place by thread passing through the material and through the said apertures in the strips, as will be readily understood by those skilled in the art. The main portion of the cloth may then be turned back over the strip 5 and the edge 14 secured thereto or not, as preferred. The fact of the cloth being drawn back over the edge of the strip 5, as shown in Fig. 6, presents a straight edge to the slit or placket 3. The opposite edge of the slit is formed likewise, but using the other strips 6 and 7, the strip 6 being placed inside and the other strip 7 upon the other side of the edge 14 to reinforce the same and form the straight edge for the slit. When the strips are sewed in place as described, the meeting edges of the slit may be secured together by inserting the catches 8 in the loops 9 and drawing the same together lengthwise to cause the hooks to engage the edges of the loops. When the parts are so caught to-

gether, the opposite edges of the slit are brought together throughout their length and are firmly held in that position and cannot spread apart or gap between hooks, as in the old style, where hooks and eyes were employed, whereby a neat and pleasing appearance is presented to this part of the skirt, and there is no annoyance or objection to their use.

10 In order to draw the parts more closely together, the edges 13 of the hooks may be slanted a trifle, whereby when the parts are hooked and drawn together the edges of the placket will be crowded and bound together.

15 It will be understood that other fastening means than the hooks and catches described may be employed and that various other changes, alterations, and substitutions may be made throughout without departing from the spirit of my invention, and I therefore do not want to be limited to the precise details shown and described.

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

25 1. The combination with a skirt having a slit or placket in the rear thereof, of a metallic strip along one edge of the slit or placket and over which strip the material of the skirt is folded inwardly and closely drawn thus avoiding all seams at the placket edges, a second strip placed upon the inner side of the said inwardly-folded portion, said strips being beneath the waistband of the skirt and 30 sewed in place and the said inner strip being provided with hooks or catches, similar strips placed along the other edge of the slit or placket and secured in like manner, and loops or catches formed upon the latter inner strip with which the hooks or catches carried by the opposite strip engage to fasten the placket or slit together to secure a neat, smooth and secure closure thereof, substantially as described.

45 2. The combination with a skirt having a placket or slit in its upper part, of a fastener therefor comprising a strip of metal or equivalent material placed upon each edge of the placket or slit of the skirt and over which strip the fabric of the skirt is folded inwardly and closely drawn so as to form smooth and straight opposed edges of the placket or slit devoid of seams, said strips being independent of each other and terminating short of the lower end of the placket or slit so as to permit them to be bodily separated at all points, and a plurality of catches placed at frequent intervals along the opposed edges of the placket or slit for temporarily fastening said strips together edge to edge and in the same plane to close the placket or slit and to maintain the same closed and smooth, whereby the gapping of the placket or slit is prevented and a continuous, neat and smooth closure 65 of the same is secured, substantially as described.

3. The combination with a skirt having a placket or slit in its upper part, of a fastener for said placket or slit comprising metallic strips or equivalent members secured along the opposed edges of the placket or slit over which the fabric of the skirt is folded inwardly and closely drawn so as to form smooth and straight opposed edges of the placket or slit devoid of seams, said strips being independent of each other and of less length than the placket or slit whereby the placket-opening or slit in the said skirt may be of the usual length to permit the same to be widely and freely opened and whereby the said fastener does not inconvenience the wearer, said strips being also entirely beneath the waistband to permit free movement of the skirt, and a plurality of catches placed at frequent intervals along the opposed edges of the said placket or slit for fastening said opposed strips together edge to edge and in the same plane to close the said opening or slit while being worn and to prevent it from gapping, substantially as described.

90 4. The combination with a skirt having a placket or slit in its upper part, of a placket-fastener for the placket or slit of the skirt, comprising metal or equivalent strips placed at the opposed edges of the placket, the fabric of the skirt at each edge of the placket or slit being folded or turned inwardly and back over the said strip, whereby smooth and straight edges are formed upon the placket or slit, other strips sewed or otherwise secured in place upon the inside edges of the placket, and catches to secure said inner strips together edge to edge and in the same plane, to form a secure fastening means for the opposed edges of the placket or slit whereby the same is prevented from gapping and a neat and smooth closure is secured, substantially as described.

5. The combination with a skirt having a placket or slit in its upper part, of a fastener for said placket or slit, comprising metallic strips placed between the outer and inner portions of the fabric which is folded over and inwardly at the opposite edges of the placket-opening or slit, other metallic strips placed upon the inner side of the folded fabric at the edges of the placket-opening, one of the inner strips upon one side of the opening being provided with hooks and the corresponding strip upon the other side of the opening having the loops, whereby the placket may be closed by catching said hooks and loops together so that the strips are held together, edge to edge and in the same plane, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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