

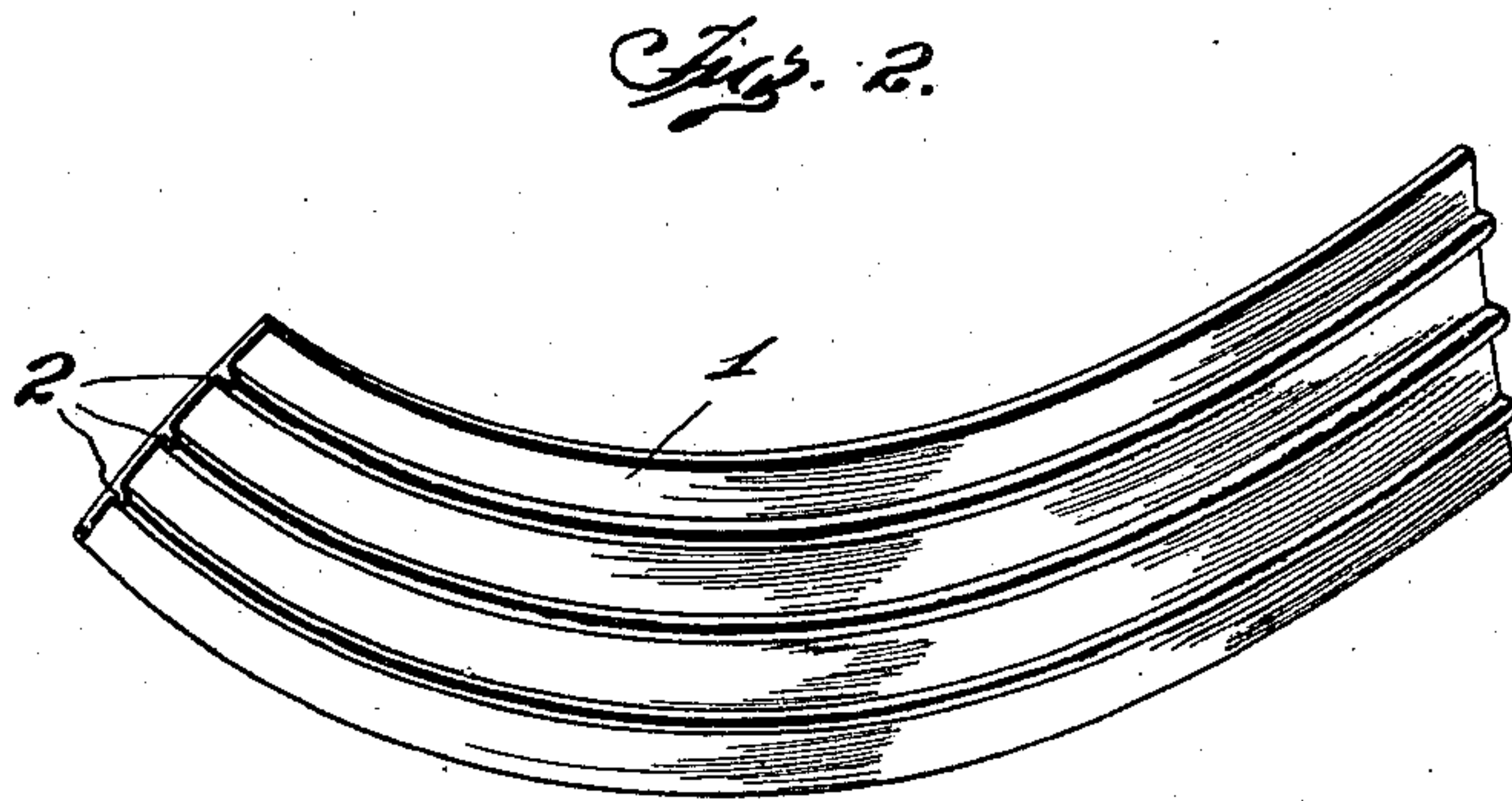
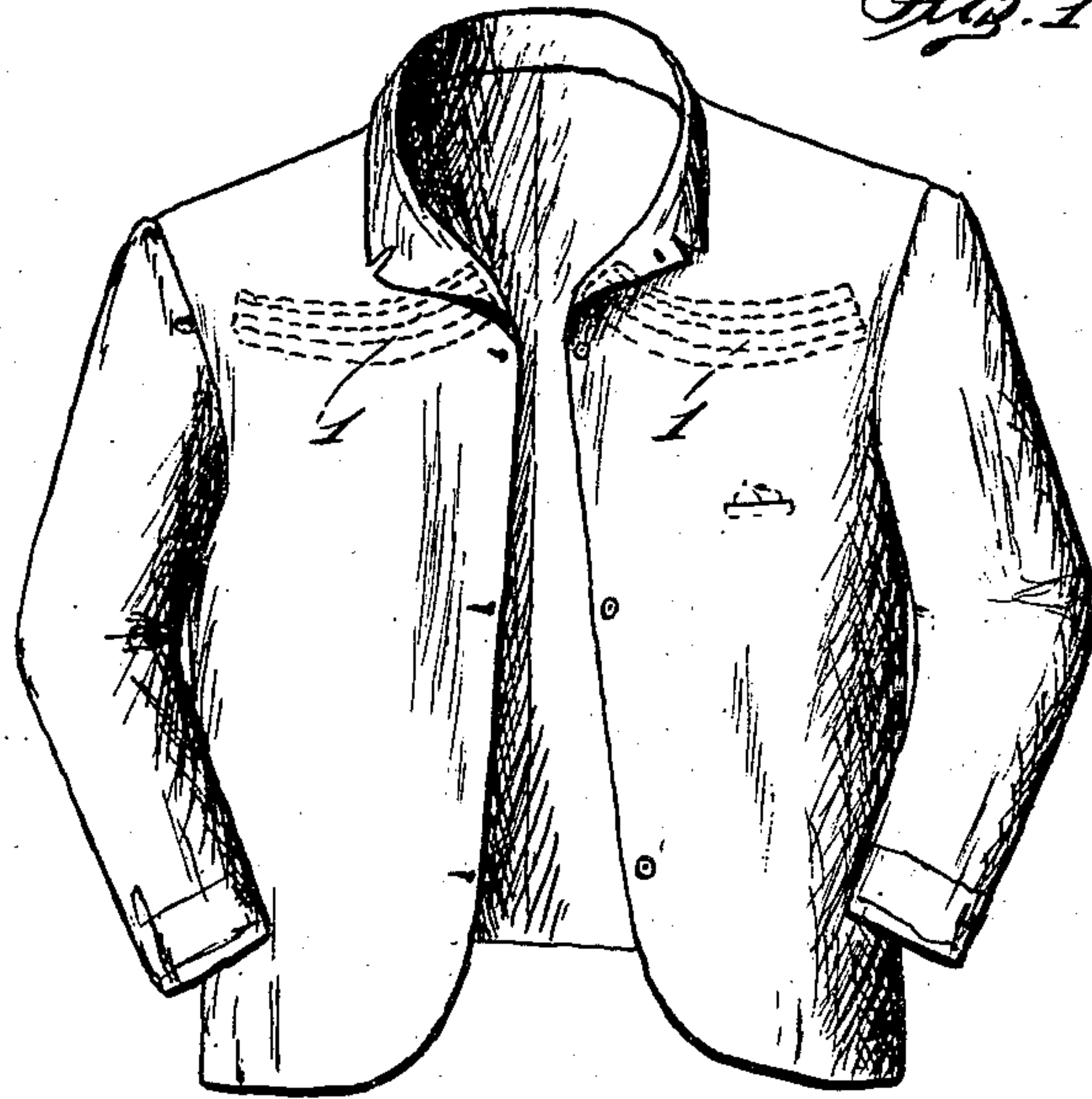
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE JACKSON HUDSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Dallas, in the county of Dallas and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garments; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The present invention relates to improvements in garments, and particularly to coats, having specific reference to means for retaining the front of a coat in proper shape.

The object in view is the production of a coat which shall have the front thereof retained against sagging and becoming unsightly from wrinkling, the lapels being also held in proper position.

With this and other objects in view the invention consists, in combination with any ordinary form of coat, of corrugated rubber strips secured thereto for retaining the parts in shape.

It also consists in certain other novel constructions, combinations, and arrangements of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a coat having the present improved supporting means applied thereto. Fig. 2 represents an enlarged detail perspective view of one of the supports.

In the present art numerous attempts have been made for the provision of means for supporting the front of a coat in proper shape, and usually such means has comprised some form of stiff hard material secured between the lining and the cloth of the coat; but I find numerous objections to the employment of anything which will prevent giving, and in order to overcome these objections I contemplate employing a strip of suitable flexible rubber 1, as indicated in the drawings, formed with a longitudinal edgewise curve and provided with a series of parallel longitudinal beads 2, projecting laterally from the body of the strip, so as to form a corrugated piece of material, and extending parallel to

the edge of the strip, so as to be curved longitudinally.

In practice each coat is provided with a strip of rubber 1 upon each side of the front, which is secured between the lining and the cloth of the coat by stitching directly through the body of the rubber strip 1. It will thus be observed that the said element 1 may be retained in position by being secured at a number of points, so that it cannot possibly work loose, and as the said strip is sufficiently flexible to admit of ready bending when subjected to pressure it will not under any circumstance cause the stiff effect which might otherwise be produced should a hard vulcanized piece of rubber be used. The beads or corrugations 2 add materially to the strength of the strip and enable it to retain the front of a coat in a straight perfect condition and support the lapels thereof in proper shape, while at the same time permitting the necessary flexibility. The strip 1 is sufficiently thin and flexible to permit an unlimited amount of bending without danger of breaking, and the beads or corrugations 2 prevent the said strip from remaining in a given position when bent, causing the same to return to its normal straight condition as soon as freed.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture a garment-stiffening device comprising a strip of rubber curved longitudinally and formed with corrugations or beads, substantially as described.

2. As an improved article of manufacture, a garment-stiffening device comprising a strip of rubber formed with a longitudinal, edgewise curve, corrugated longitudinally, substantially as described.

3. As an improved article of manufacture, a garment-stiffening device comprising a flat, comparatively thin body portion of rubber, and beads or corrugations projecting therefrom and extending longitudinally thereof, substantially as described.

4. As a new article of manufacture, a garment-stiffening device comprising a strip of rubber curved longitudinally, and parallel beads or corrugations projecting from said

strip and extending parallel to the edges of the strip, substantially as described.

5. As an improved article of manufacture, a garment-stiffening device comprising a comparatively thin, flat body portion, and corrugations or beads projecting laterally from the surface thereof and extending throughout the length thereof, substantially as described.

6. As an improved article of manufacture, a garment-stiffening device comprising a strip of flexible rubber, and longitudinal beads formed thereon, substantially as described.

7. In a device of the class described, the combination with a suitable garment, of a strip of rubber curved longitudinally and formed with corrugations or beads, and secured to the garment for retaining the parts in proper condition, substantially as described.

8. In a device of the class described, the combination with a suitable garment, of a strip of rubber formed with a longitudinal, edgewise curve, and corrugated longitudinally, substantially as described.

9. In a device of the class described, the combination with a suitable garment, of a strip of rubber curved longitudinally, and

parallel beads or corrugations projecting from said strip and extending parallel to the edges of the strip, the said strip being secured to the garment for retaining the parts in proper condition, substantially as described.

10. As an article of manufacture, a garment-stiffening device comprising a strip of flexible rubber, and stiffening-beads extending parallel to each other and projecting laterally from said strip, substantially as described.

11. As an improved article of manufacture, a garment-stiffening device comprising a strip of rubber formed with a bodily-edgewise curve, substantially as described.

12. As an improved article of manufacture, a garment-stiffening device comprising a strip of flexible material formed with a bodily-edgewise curve, and stiffening-beads formed on said strip, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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