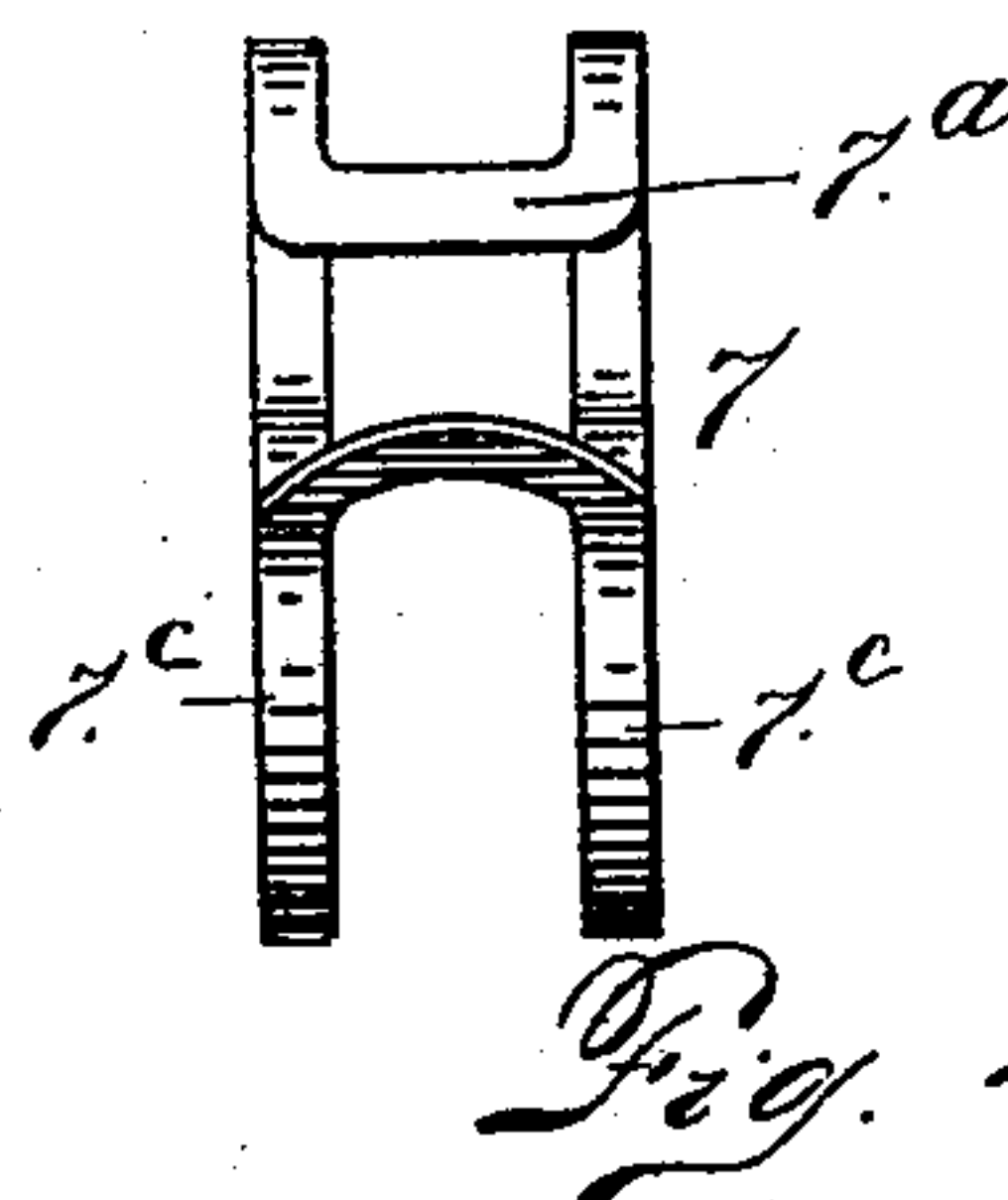
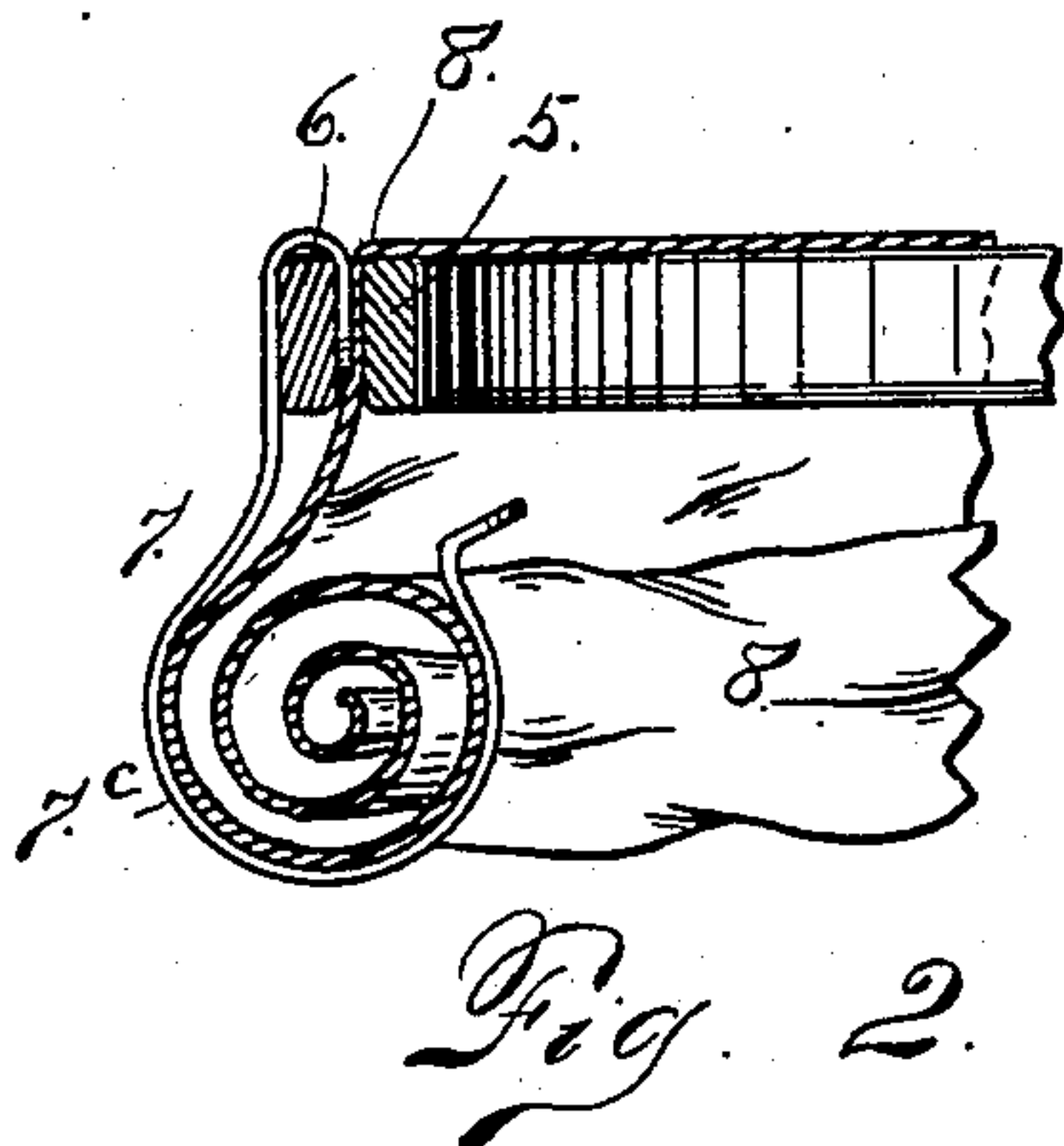
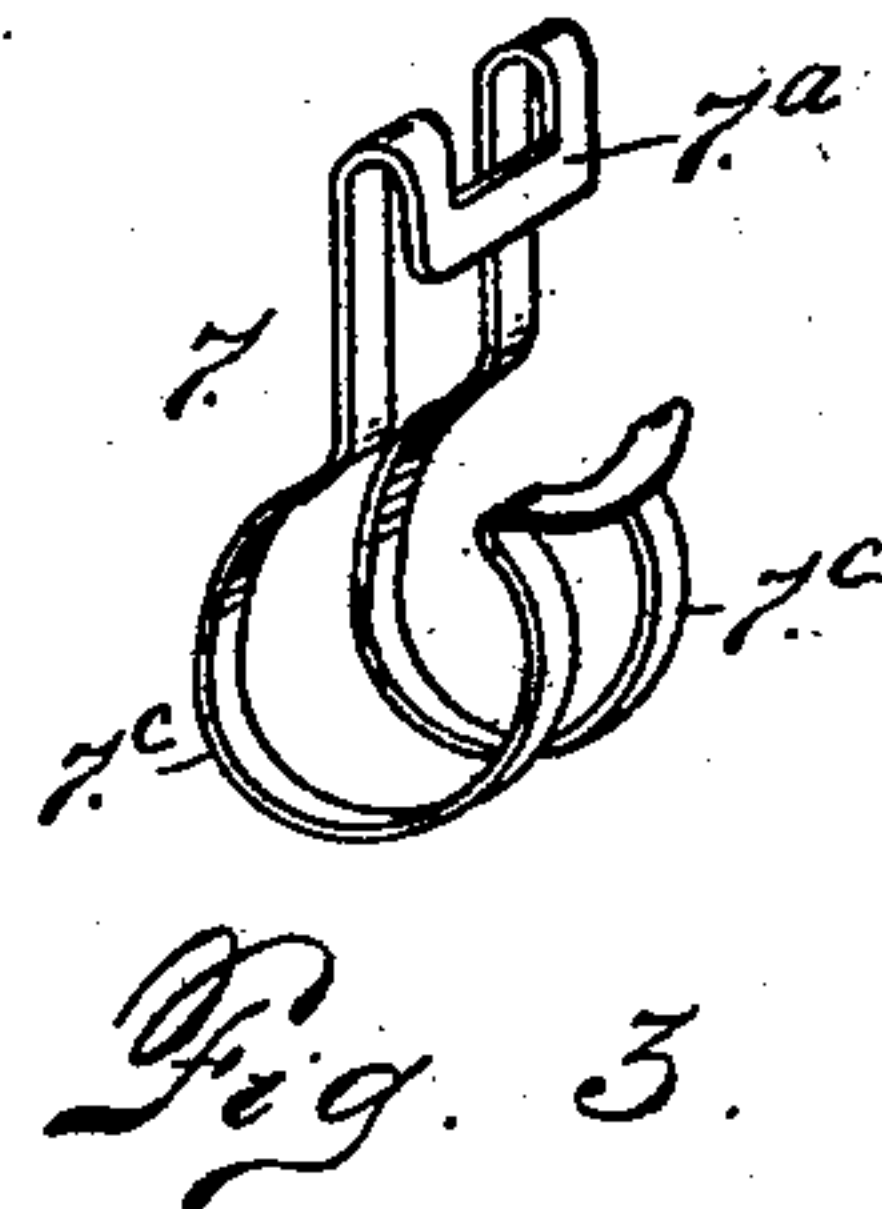
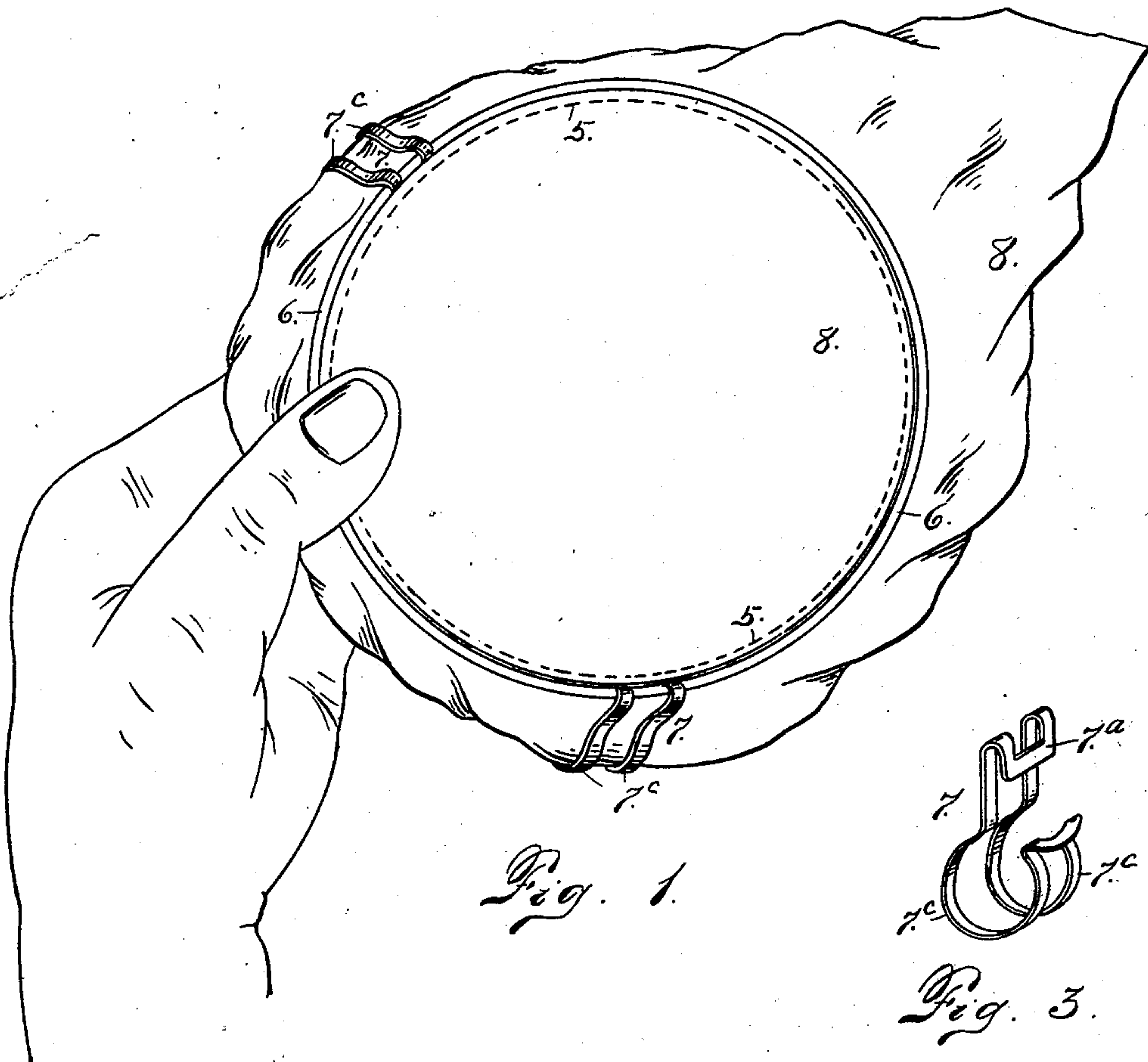


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM N. HOWDEN, a citizen of the United States of America, residing in the city and county of Denver and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holders for Embroidery Goods; and I do 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in holders for the goods or fabric while doing embroidery or battenberg work. While working a design of the character indicated, usually but a small portion of the goods is included within the circle of the hoops employed, leaving the remaining portion loose or hanging down in the way, greatly interfering with the proper use of the needle, which is liable to catch on the superfluous or loose portion of the fabric, which, moreover, becomes very much soiled before the completion of the work.

My object is to overcome this difficulty; and to this end the invention consists of the features hereinafter described and claimed, all of which will be fully understood by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which is illustrated an embodiment thereof.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a top or plan view showing my improved device in use. Fig. 2 is a fragmentary sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the device shown in detail. Fig. 4 is a front view of the same.

The same reference characters indicate the same parts in all the views.

Let the numerals 5 and 6 respectively designate the two hoops or rings used in work of the class stated.

My improved holder or retaining device, which as a whole is designated by the numeral 7, is preferably made from an integral piece of spring-wire which is doubled, a suitable

space being left between the parallel members or parts. It consists of a hook 7<sup>a</sup> and a depending loop 7<sup>c</sup>. When in use, the hook is inserted between the two hoops 5 and 6, a layer 8 of the goods or fabric being between the hook and the inner hoop. The loop 7<sup>c</sup> extends downward or underneath the hoops and is adapted to hold the portion of the goods or fabric which without a retaining device would hang loosely down from the hoops, as heretofore explained. After the hoops have been applied to the fabric the hook is placed in position between the hoops, as aforesaid, after which the loose hanging portion of the fabric is rolled up and tucked into the retaining-loop 7<sup>c</sup>, which supports it entirely out of the way of the operator, thus greatly facilitating the work and preventing the goods in a great degree from becoming soiled.

Any desired number of these retaining devices may be employed, depending on the size of the piece of goods upon which the operator is working. In Fig. 1 two of the devices are shown.

It must be understood that I do not limit the invention to the details of construction herein shown and described, and I am aware that many modifications may be employed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

It is evident that if the device were made from a piece of spring sheet metal formed into the proper shape it would perform the same function.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The combination with two hoops or rings one placed within the other for holding embroidery goods, of a holder or retaining device, provided with a part adapted to pass between the hoops whereby it is held in place, and another part adapted to support the loose portion of the goods or fabric to which the hoops are applied.

2. The combination with two hoops arranged one within the other whereby they are



adapted to clasp a piece of goods, a portion  
of which is stretched across the hoop-circle,  
of a device comprising a hook and a loop, the  
hook being adapted to pass between the two  
5 hoops which hold it in place, while the loop  
projects from the hoops and is adapted to sup-  
port the loose portion of the goods.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature  
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