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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.

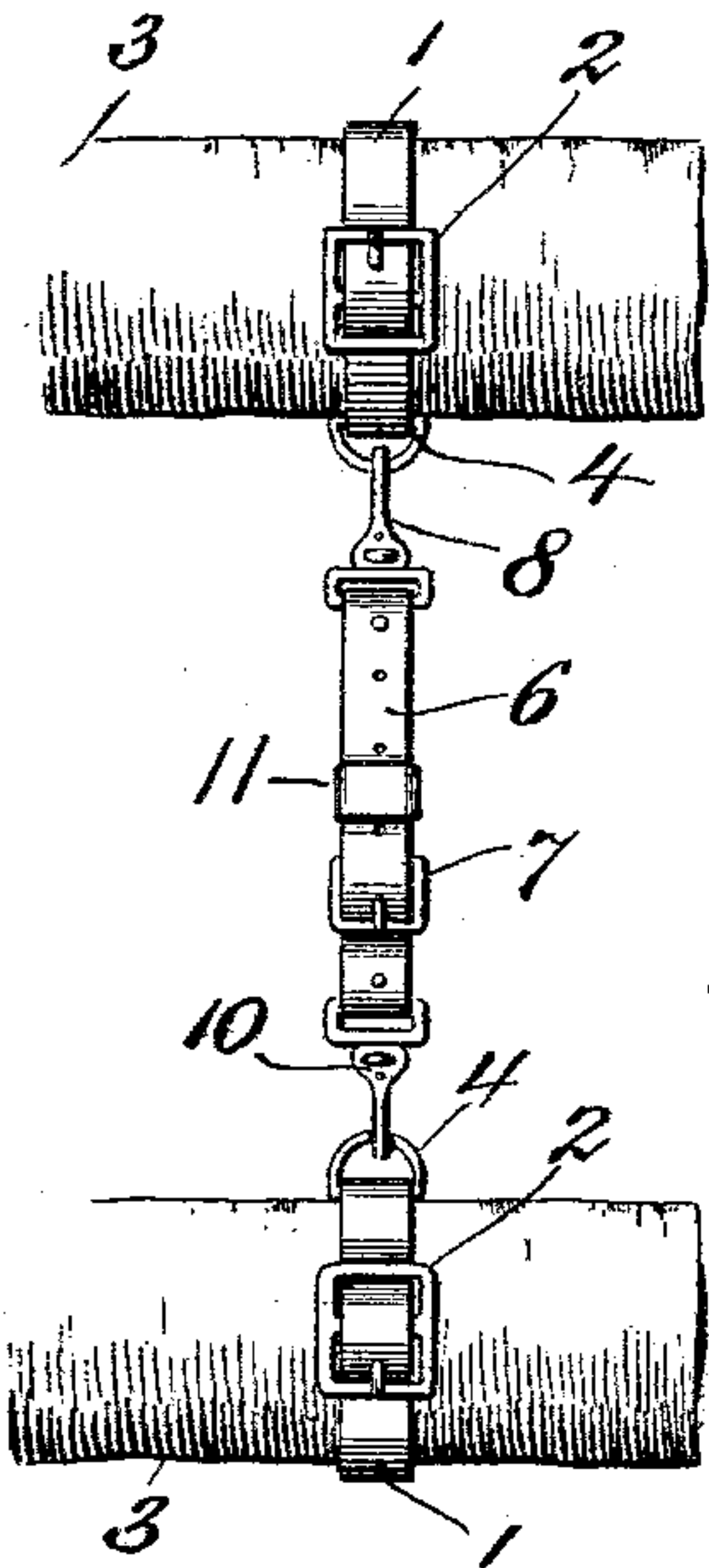
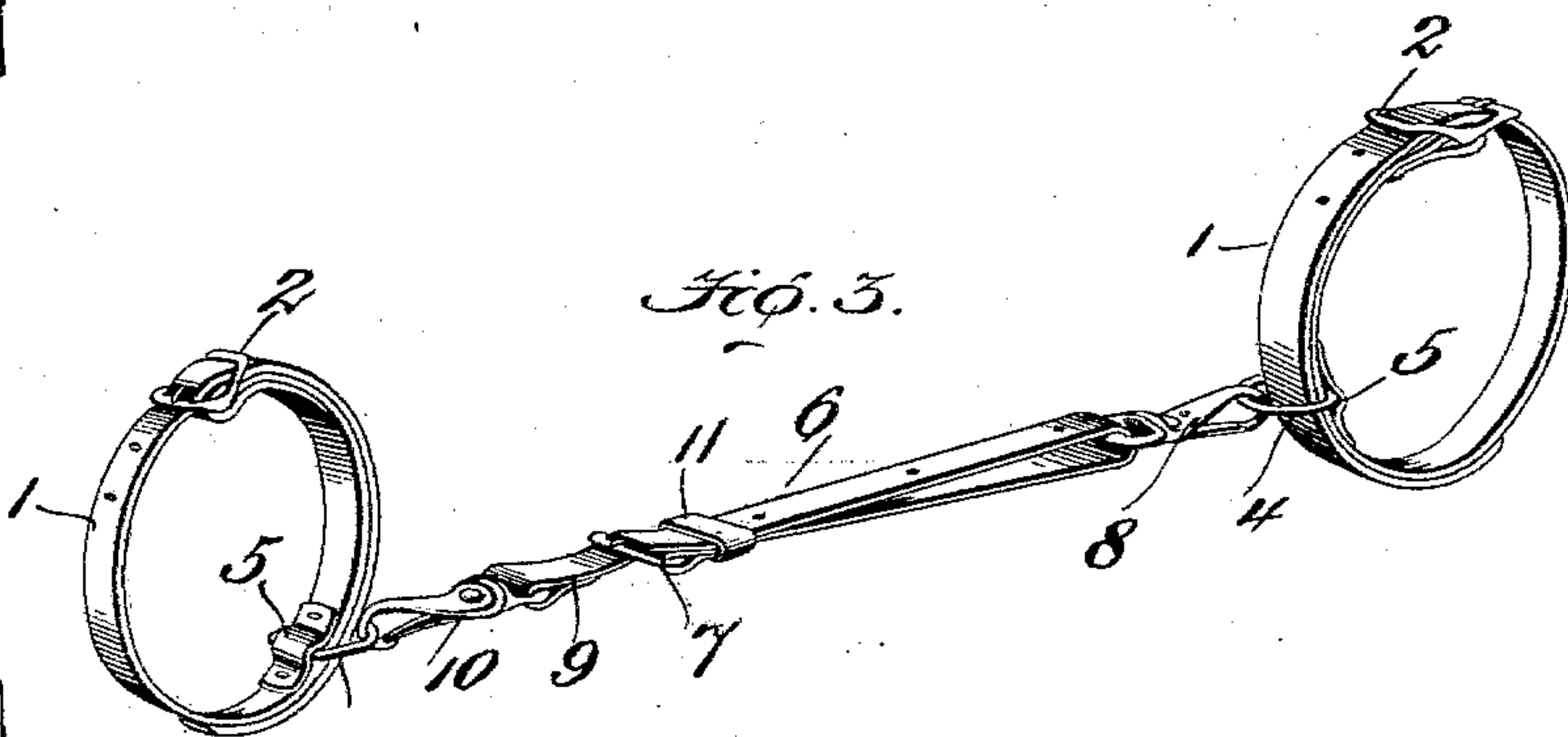


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN HOWARD TABLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented new and useful Improvements in Blanket-Roll Straps or Poncho-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in blanket-roll straps or poncho-holders, or, in other words, a harness for the packing and carrying of the usual roll, composed principally of the blanket and poncho, or either, as employed in the accoutrement of soldiers.

The improvement has special reference to United States Patent No. 608,927, granted to me August 9, 1898.

The invention illustrated and described in the patent referred to comprises a pair of adjustable loops or straps designed to be applied to the ends of the blanket or roll, and to each of such loops or straps is attached a ring. Permanently attached to the ring of one of said straps is an intermediary strap of a non-adjustable nature, and at the free end of such intermediary strap is located a snap-hook which engages with the ring of the companion blanket-strap. It has been found by experience that it is highly desirable to so arrange these hooks, as above mentioned, that the ends of the roll may be adjusted with relation to each other whereby the roll as a whole may be adapted for use by men of different girths or sizes and, furthermore, that in order to give a rest to the soldier in fatiguing marches it is also desirable that the roll should be capable of being shifted from one shoulder to the other. In order to accomplish these desirable features, I have therefore in the present instance constructed the intermediary strap adjustable, and in lieu of attaching one end of said strap in a permanent manner to the ring of one of the blanket-roll straps and detachably by a snap-hook to the ring of said other blanket-roll strap I now provide both ends of the said intermediary strap with temporary means of attachment—as, for instance, snap-hooks. By this arrangement it will be seen that regardless of which shoulder the roll may rest on a detachable end of the intermediary strap will be to the front and therefore within

easy grasp of the hand of the soldier, so that instant release may be obtained when desired.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a general view of my invention, the same being shown in position upon a soldier and in full lines as he normally carries it, while by dotted lines I have illustrated how the roll may be reversed to the opposite shoulder. Fig. 2 is a detail of the ends of the roll, the remaining portion being broken away and showing my holder in position. Fig. 3 is a detail of the invention.

Similar numerals of reference indicate similar parts throughout the figures of the drawing.

As before, my invention comprises the two short roll-straps 1 1, the same having buckles 2, whereby they may be applied to the ends of a roll 3. Rings 4 are permanently attached one to each of the straps 1 by means of keepers 5 or otherwise, the latter being applied to the rear side of the straps 1, so that the pull of the rings will come against the straps 1 in lieu of the keepers, as heretofore.

The intermediary strap 6 has one end provided with a buckle 7, by means of which, as will be obvious, the said intermediary strap may be adjusted as to length. At the loop end of said intermediary strap a swiveled snap-hook 8 is located, the same being designed to engage with one or the other of the rings located on the strap 1. The opposite or free end of the strap is provided with a loop 9, in which is swiveled a second snap-hook 10, which is designed to removably engage with the other ring of the companion strap 1. About the doubled portion of the intermediary strap an ordinary box-loop 11 may be passed. This completes the improvements of the invention, and it will be seen that by adjusting the intermediary strap the roll may be adapted to the size of the soldier and also to his liking—that is, to fit him snugly or loose, as he prefers. It will be obvious that the snap-hooks will form a ready means of attachment and detachment, and by locating them at each end of the intermediate strap the soldier may quickly apply or remove the roll from his person, a most important feature when he is about to go into action. If preferred, as in the previous instance, I may em-

ploy a strap 12 at or about the middle of the roll in order to keep the same snug and intact.

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

1. A sling or carrier for a soldier's poncho or the like, the same comprising a pair of adjustable roll-straps adapted to be applied to the roll near the ends of the latter, rings connected to each of said roll-straps, and an intermediary strap terminating at each end in a snap-hook detachably engaging said rings and connecting the roll-straps.

2. A sling or carrier for a soldier's poncho

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

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