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Fig. 1.

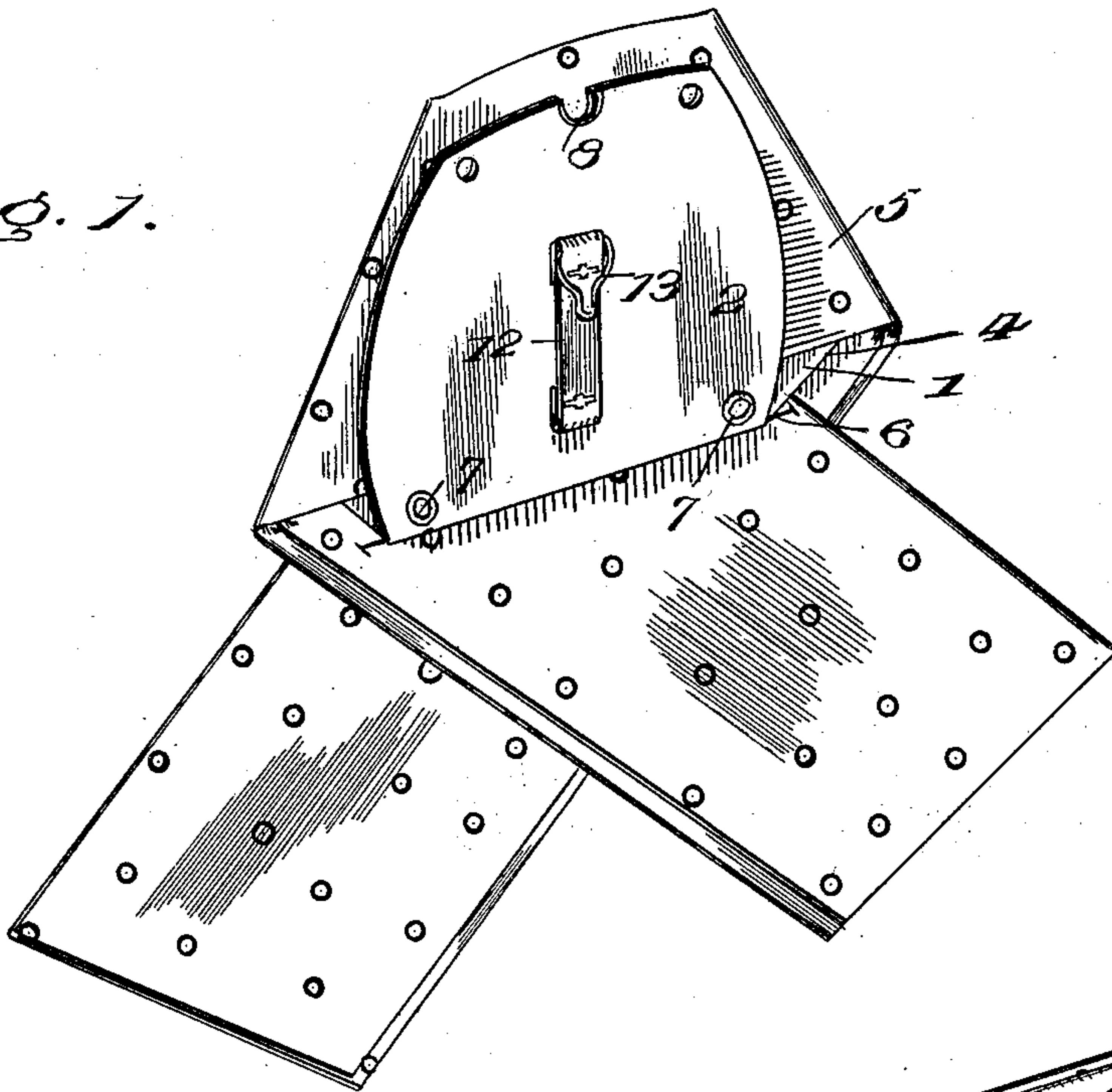
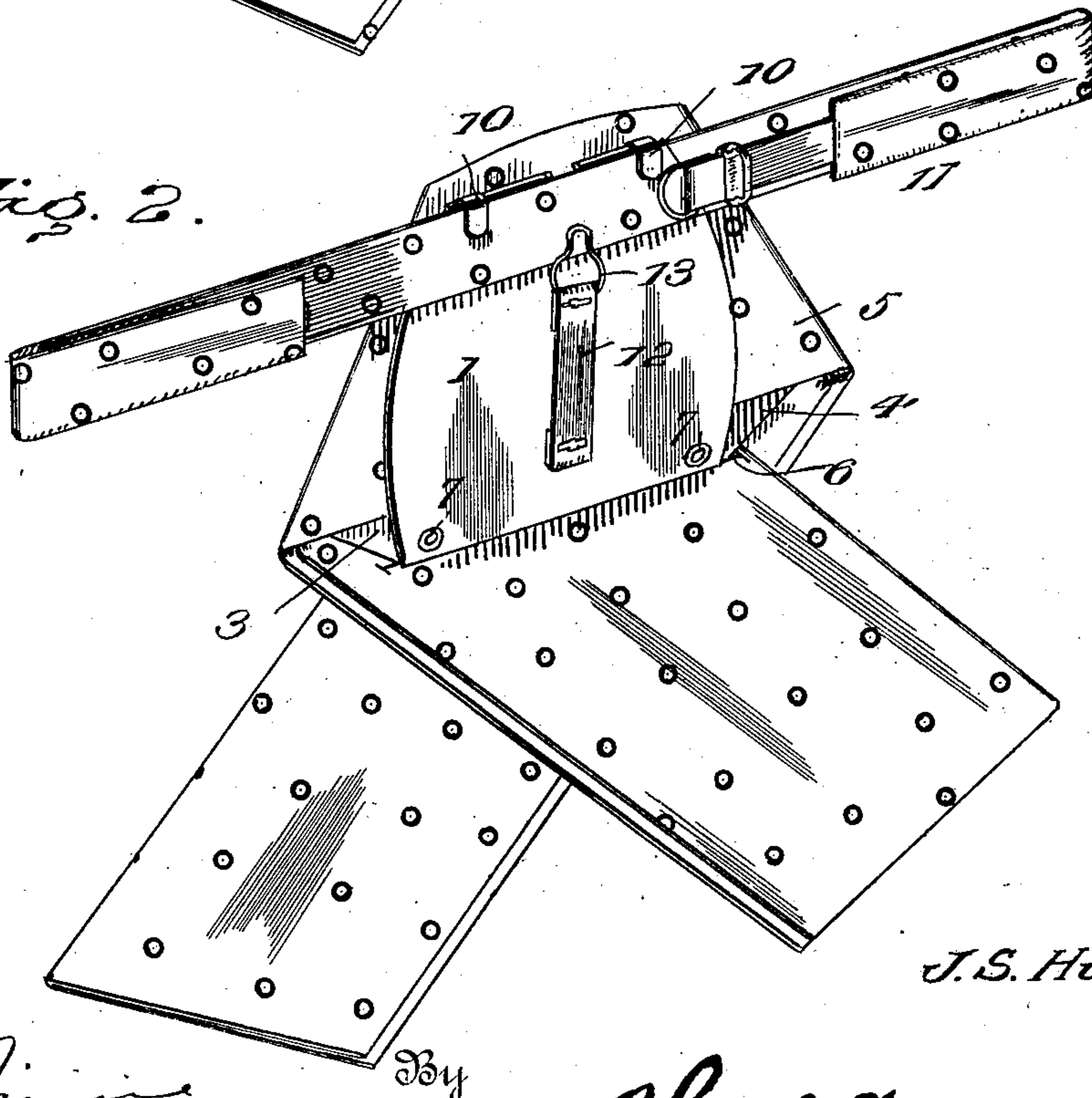


Fig. 2.



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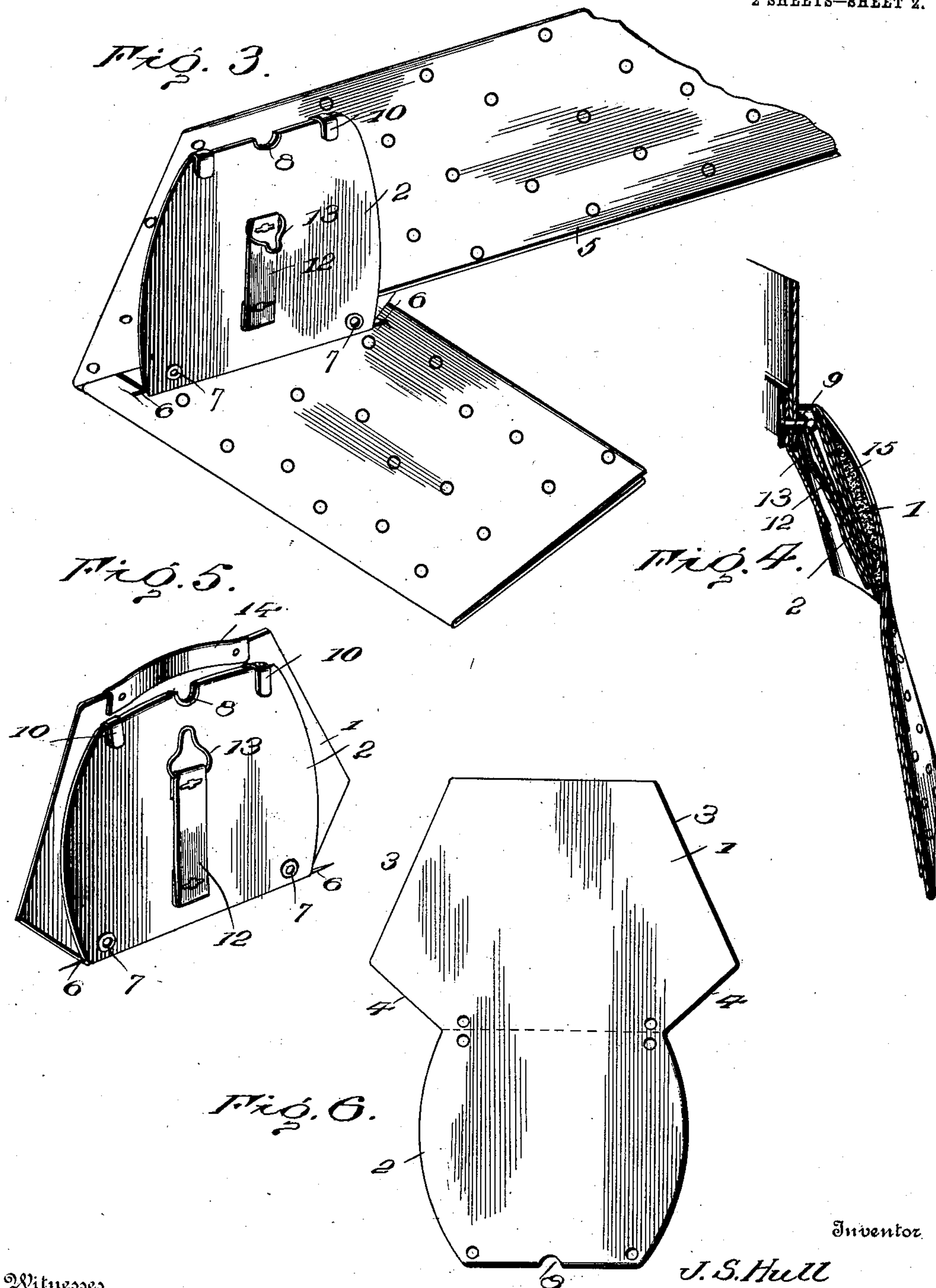
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## NECKTIE-FORM.

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### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES S. HULL, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Necktie-Forms, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a necktie-form, the purpose being to enable any one to use textile or other suitable material in the formation of a necktie for use in connection with collars of the standing or turn-down variety, the form being provided with means to admit of the band required for standing collars to be detachably fitted thereto. As a result of the invention the part of the fabric exposed to wear when soiled, rubbed, or otherwise defaced can be easily, quickly, and conveniently changed and replaced by a new portion of the goods or material by changing the same.

For a full description of the invention and the merits thereof and also to acquire a knowledge of the details of construction of the means for effecting the result reference is to be had to the following description and drawings hereto attached.

While the essential and characteristic features of the invention are susceptible of modification, still the preferred embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a necktie embodying the invention as seen from the rear side. Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1, showing the neckband in position, thereby adapting the necktie for a standing collar. Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 1, having an end portion of the fabric or material from which the necktie is formed straightened out. Fig. 4 is a vertical section of a necktie embodying the invention, showing its application. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the necktie-form. Fig. 6 is a detail view of the blank from which the necktie-form is constructed.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

The necktie-form comprises, essentially, two parts—the front 1 and back 2—and may be constructed of any suitable sheet material, such as press-board or stout paper or stiffened

fabric. In the preferable construction press-board is employed and is cut into the shape substantially as shown in Fig. 6, the front 1 having opposite edges of its upper portion upwardly converged, as shown at 3, and the lower portion downwardly converged, as shown at 4. The back 2 is somewhat smaller than the front 1 and may be of any shape, that shown being unimportant. It is important that the front 1 have the edge portion 3 upwardly converged in order to give the proper shape and set to the fabric or necktie-forming material 5, so that the end portions of said material 5 when folded over the edges 3 will cross, as indicated most clearly in Figs. 1 and 2. The parts 1 and 2 of the blank are folded on the dotted line indicated in Fig. 6, and pins 6 are secured in the fold and project from opposite sides of the form, as indicated most clearly in Fig. 5, for engagement with the end portions of the necktie-forming material 5 to hold the same in place when properly folded, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The pins 6 are of ordinary formation and are prevented from longitudinal displacement by having opposite portions of their heads pressed into the opposing faces of the parts 1 and 2 when folded. Eyelets or fastenings 7 secure the parts 1 and 2 adjacent to the fold and retain the pins 6 in place.

The upper edge of the back 2 is provided with a notch 8 midway of its edges, and said notch is reinforced, so as to resist the wear of the collar-button 9, which is seated in said notch when the necktie is worn, as indicated in Fig. 4, thereby preventing shifting or turning of the necktie when properly arranged. Hooks 10 are applied to the upper portion of the back 2 on each side of the notch 8 and are designed to receive the neckband 11 when the latter is required to secure the necktie in place when used in connection with collars of the standing variety. The hooks 10 may be of any construction and secured to the part 2 in any convenient and substantial manner and are adapted to grip and to hold the neckband 11 so as to prevent casual displacement thereof when required for use. The hooks 10 lie close against the back 2, so as not to interfere with the wearing of the necktie with turn-down collars. In some instances the hooks may be omitted, as indi-



cated in Fig. 1; but it is preferred to utilize the hooks, as thereby the necktie may be worn with collars of either the standing or the turn-down type.

5 An elastic 12 is secured at its lower end to the necktie-form and is provided at its upper end with a loop 13, the latter being contracted at its upper end, so as to embrace the shank of the collar-button 9 and engage with the  
10 head thereof and prevent casual displacement of the necktie when in place. The elastic 12 exerts a pull upon the collar-button 9 and holds the latter in the seat or notch 8, as indicated most clearly in Fig. 4.

15 To present a neat finish to the necktie and cause it to conform to the neck, a metal strip 14 is applied to the upper edge of the front 1, said strip being curved outward intermediate of its ends, as shown most clearly in Fig. 5.  
20 The strip 14 is folded over the upper edge of the part 1, and the end portions are indented to retain the same in place.

The necktie-form when completed and ready for use appears substantially as shown  
25 in Fig. 5 of the accompanying drawings, and the fabric or other necktie-forming material 5 to be used in the formation of the necktie is folded about the front 1, and the end portions thereof are folded upon said front about  
30 the outwardly-converged edges 3, thereby causing the folded ends to cross, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2. The part of the material or goods 5 overlapping the outer face of the front 1 may be shirred, plaited, fulled, or otherwise  
35 shaped to produce the desired effect, and filling 15, of cotton or the like, may be interposed between the front 1 and the goods overlying the same, so as to produce any desired soft and pleasing effect. The end portions of the  
40 goods or material after being folded and crossed are retained in place by being engaged with the points of the pins 6, as indi-

cated in Figs. 1 and 2. When the exposed part of the goods becomes soiled or worn, it may be replaced by moving the necktie-forming material, so as to bring a new portion into  
45 place opposite the form, as will be readily understood.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is— 50

1. A necktie-form consisting of a blank doubled upon itself to provide a front and a back, pins secured in the fold of the blank and projected from opposite edges thereof, the back  
55 having a notch in its upper edge to receive the collar-button hooks applied to the corner portions of the said back to engage over the top edge of the neckband, attaching means connected to the lower portion of the back, and a stay secured to the upper edge of the front  
60 and curved forward intermediate of its ends, substantially as described.

2. The herein-described necktie-form consisting of a blank folded upon itself to provide a front and a back, the latter having a centrally-disposed notch in its top edge and the  
65 front having each of its edges oppositely inclined, pins located in the fold and projected beyond opposite edges of the blank, means for connecting the parts of the blank and securing the pins, hooks secured to the corner  
70 portions of the back to engage over the top edge of the necktie, an elastic secured at its lower end to the back and provided at its upper end with attaching means, and a metal  
75 strip secured to the top edge of the front and longitudinally curved, substantially as specified.

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

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