

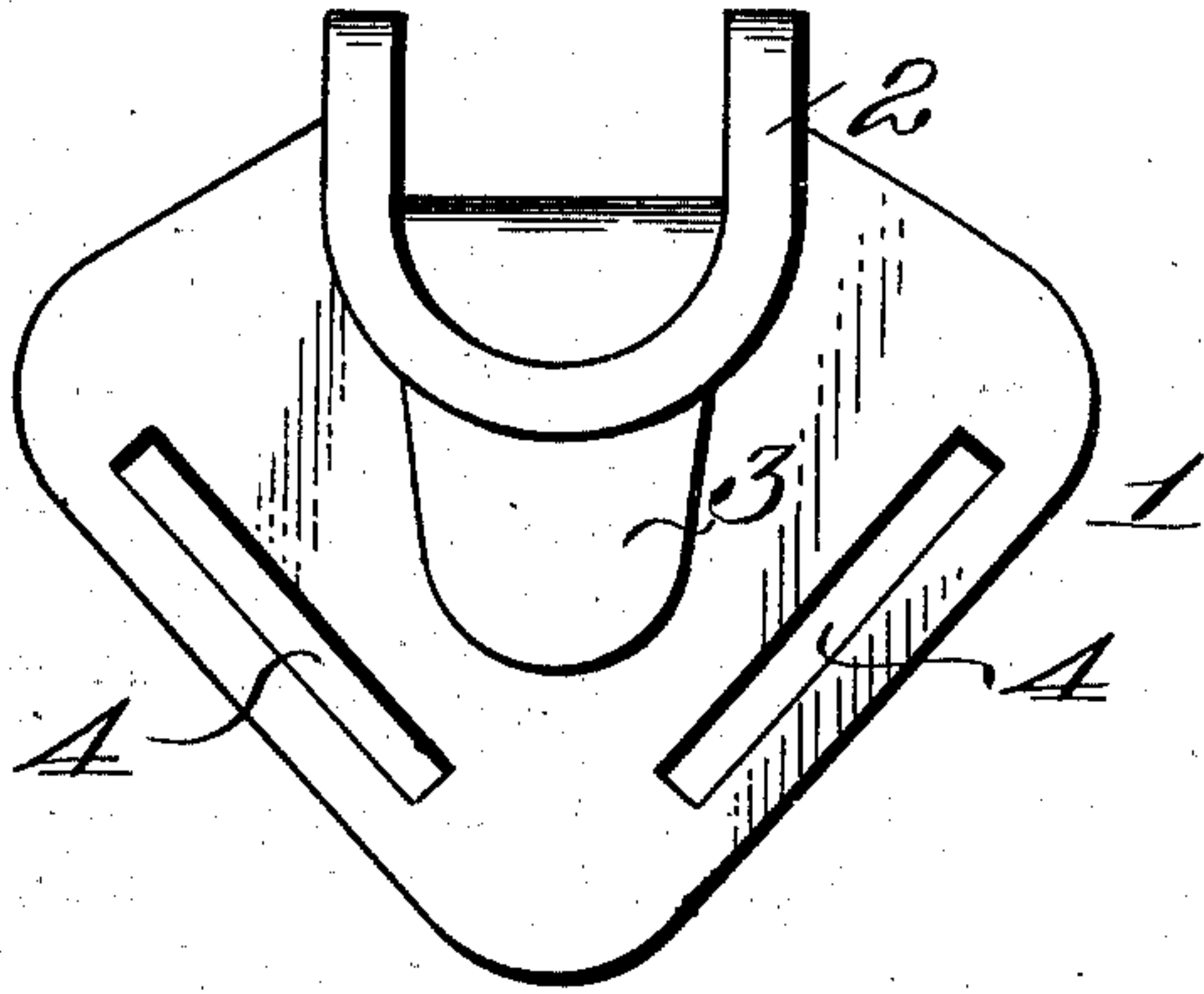
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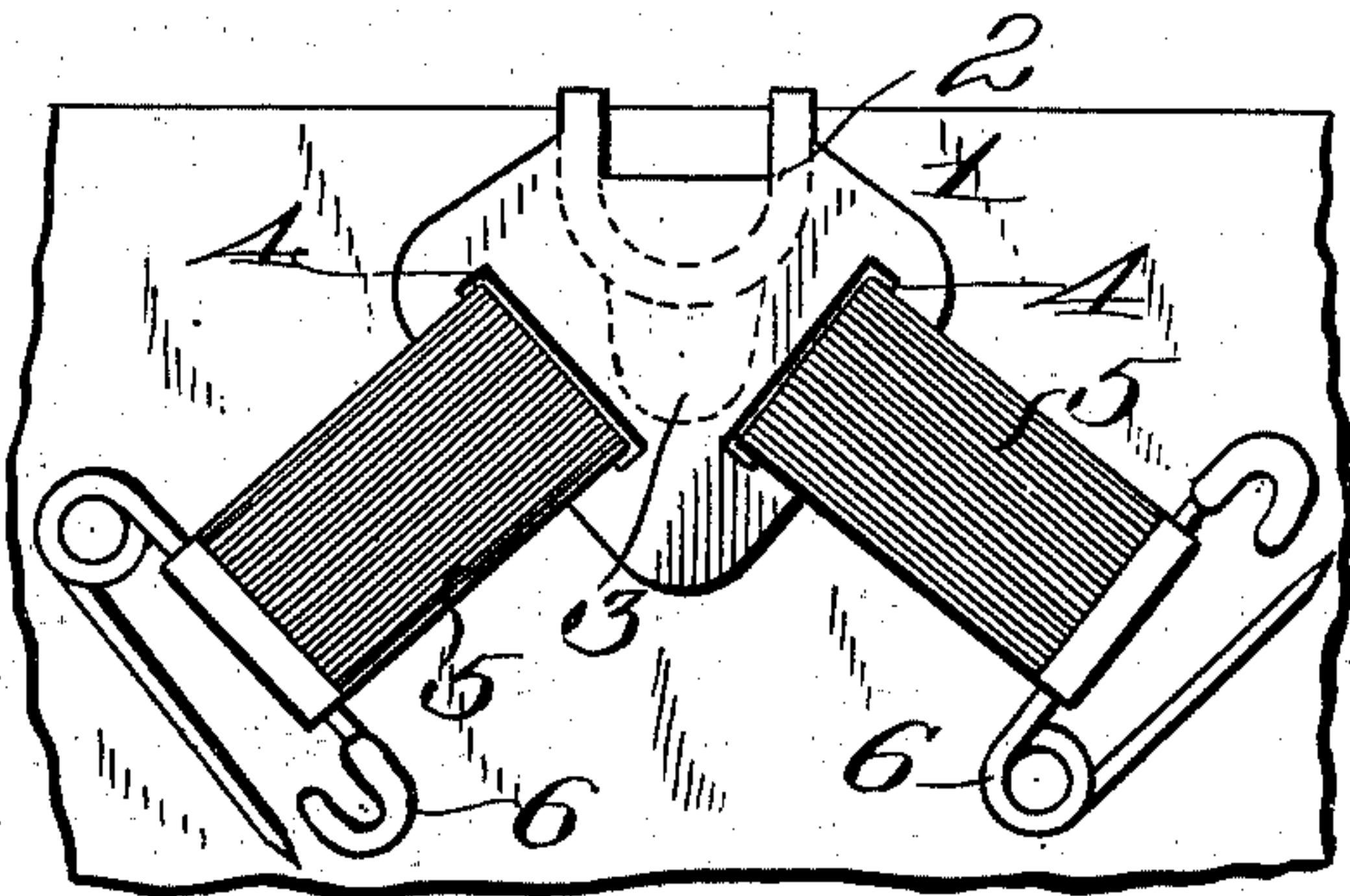
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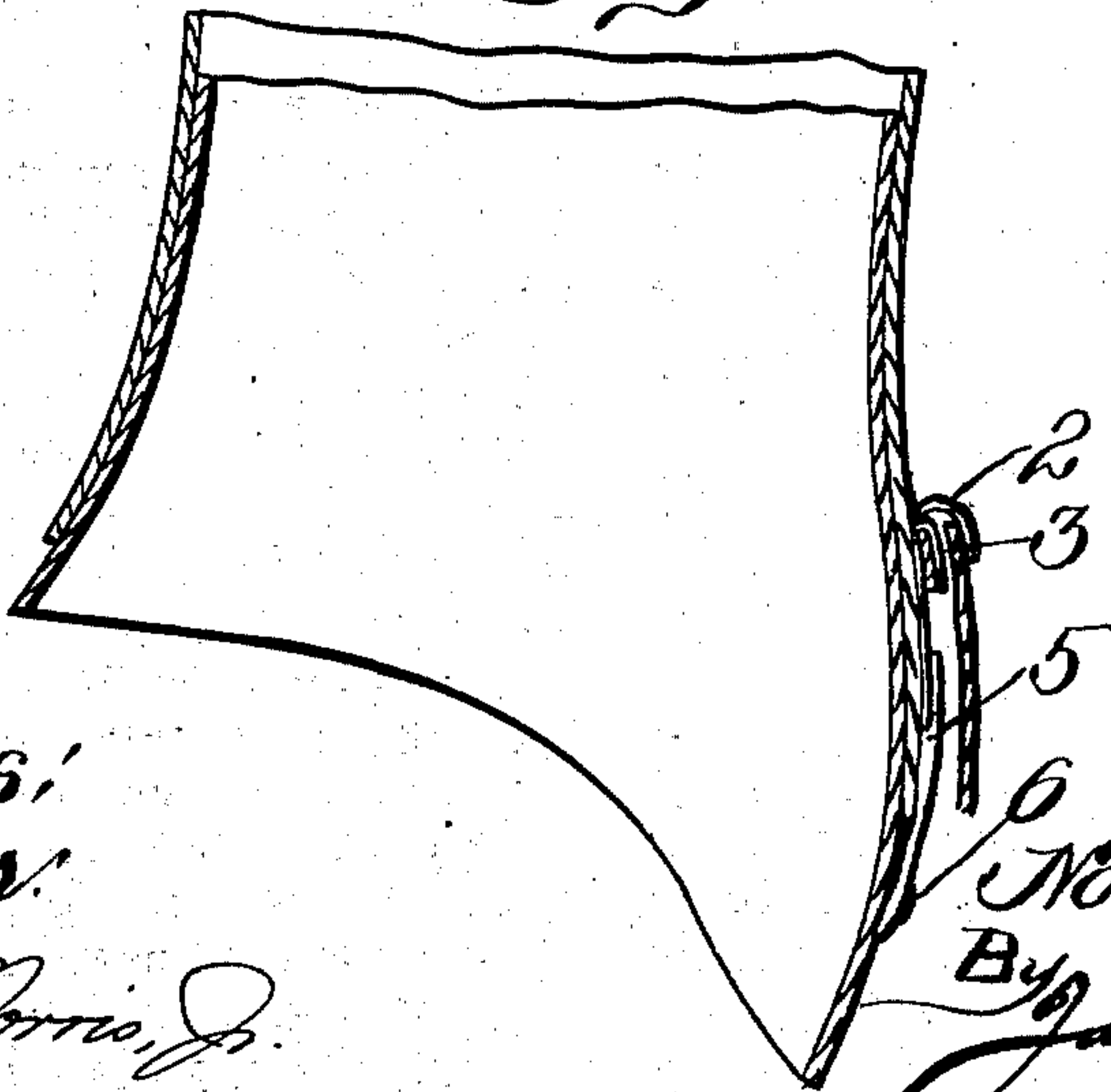
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## WAIST-LENGTHENER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, NORA C. EDWARDS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Spooner, in the county of Washburn and State of Wisconsin, have invented new and useful Improvements in Waist-Lengtheners, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in waist-lengtheners.

The invention aims to provide a waist-lengthener which can be adjusted so as to obtain the desired length for the waist, and is furthermore so constructed as to prevent the riding up of the skirt.

The invention further aims to construct a waist-lengthener which shall be extremely simple in its construction, strong, durable, efficient in its use, adjustable to any desired position, and comparatively inexpensive to manufacture.

With the foregoing and other objects in view the invention consists of the novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more specifically described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and particularly pointed out in the claims hereunto appended.

In describing the invention in detail reference is had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, wherein like reference characters denote corresponding parts throughout the several views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the lengthening-plate with its fastening means removed. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the plate with its fastening means attached thereto, also showing the engagement of the plate with a skirt to prevent the riding up thereof, the skirt being broken away; and Fig. 3 is a sectional elevation with the plate secured in position.

The lengthening-plate consists of a piece of suitable material substantially diamond shape in contour, as indicated by the reference character 1, and the plate is provided at its top with a skirt-engaging hook 2, the latter depending downwardly and adapted to extend parallel with the outer face of the plate. Beneath the hook 2 and upon the plate is arranged a belt or cord retaining hook 3, which also depends downwardly and extends parallel

with the outer face of the plate. The hooks 2 and 3 are struck out of the plate, the material being sufficient for such purpose. The plate is further provided in its lower portion with a pair of oblong slots 4, extending parallel with the edges of the plate, but in opposite directions to one another. The plate is secured in its adjusted position by means of a pair of straps 5, which extend through the slots 4, and each has connected to its outer end a fastening-pin 6 of suitable construction.

The hook 2 is termed the "skirt-arresting" hook, and the hook 3 the "belt-arresting" hook. The latter is adapted to retain or rather hold down the supporting belt, band, or other device which passes around the waist, and the hook 2 is adapted to hold down to any desired position below the waist-line the dress-skirt and to prevent the riding up of the skirt. The lengthening-plate when attached in position for use holds both the shirt-waist and skirt as far below the waist-line in front as the wearer desires. When the lengthening-plate is secured in position through the medium of the pin 6 or other suitable fastening devices, the pins extend through the shirt-waist and are connected to the corset, thereby holding down the waist as well as the dress-skirt.

The plate is set to the position desired—that is, against the lower end of the shirt-waist—and the pins passed through the waist and engaged with the corset. This securely holds the shirt-waist down, as well as the lengthening-plate. The ordinary band which a woman passes around her waist is then brought to such position as to pass under the hook 3, which retains the band in such position—that is, as far below the waist-line as is desired. When the dress-skirt is placed in position, its top edge is adapted to be arranged beneath the hook 2, so that the dress-skirt will be securely held down or prevented from riding up. The ordinary belt or band worn by a woman is then passed around the waist, which conceals the hook 2. It will be evident that the lengthening-plate can be adjusted to any position above or below the waist-line as is desired by the wearer.

It is thought the many advantages of my



new and improved waist-lengthener can be readily understood from the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, and it will, furthermore, be evident that changes, variations, and modifications can be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages, and I therefore do not wish to restrict myself to the details of construction hereinbefore described and as shown in the accompanying drawings, but reserve the right to make such changes, variations, and modifications as come properly within the scope of the protection prayed.

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

1. A device of the character described comprising a substantially diamond-shaped plate provided with a pair of depending overlapping hooks, said hooks extending parallel with the outer face of said plate and with each other, and said plate further provided with a pair of diagonally-extending elongated slots, a pair of short straps extending through the said slots, and a fastening device connected to the outer end of each of the said straps.

2. A device of the character described comprising a plate having integral with the top

thereof, a pair of depending overlapping hooks which extend parallel with the outer face of said plate, one of said hooks projecting below the other of said hooks, the said plate further provided with a pair of elongated slots extending in opposite directions, a pair of short straps connected to said plate through the slots thereof, and a safety-pin connected to the outer end of each of said slots.

3. A device of the character described, comprising a plate provided with a pair of depending overlapping hooks integral with the top thereof, said hooks extending parallel with the outer face of said plate, said plate further provided with a pair of diagonally-extending elongated slots, a pair of short straps extending through the said slots and depending at an inclination in an opposite direction from the said plate, and a fastening device connected to the free end of said straps, substantially as herein shown and described and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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