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NO MODEL.

FIG. 1.

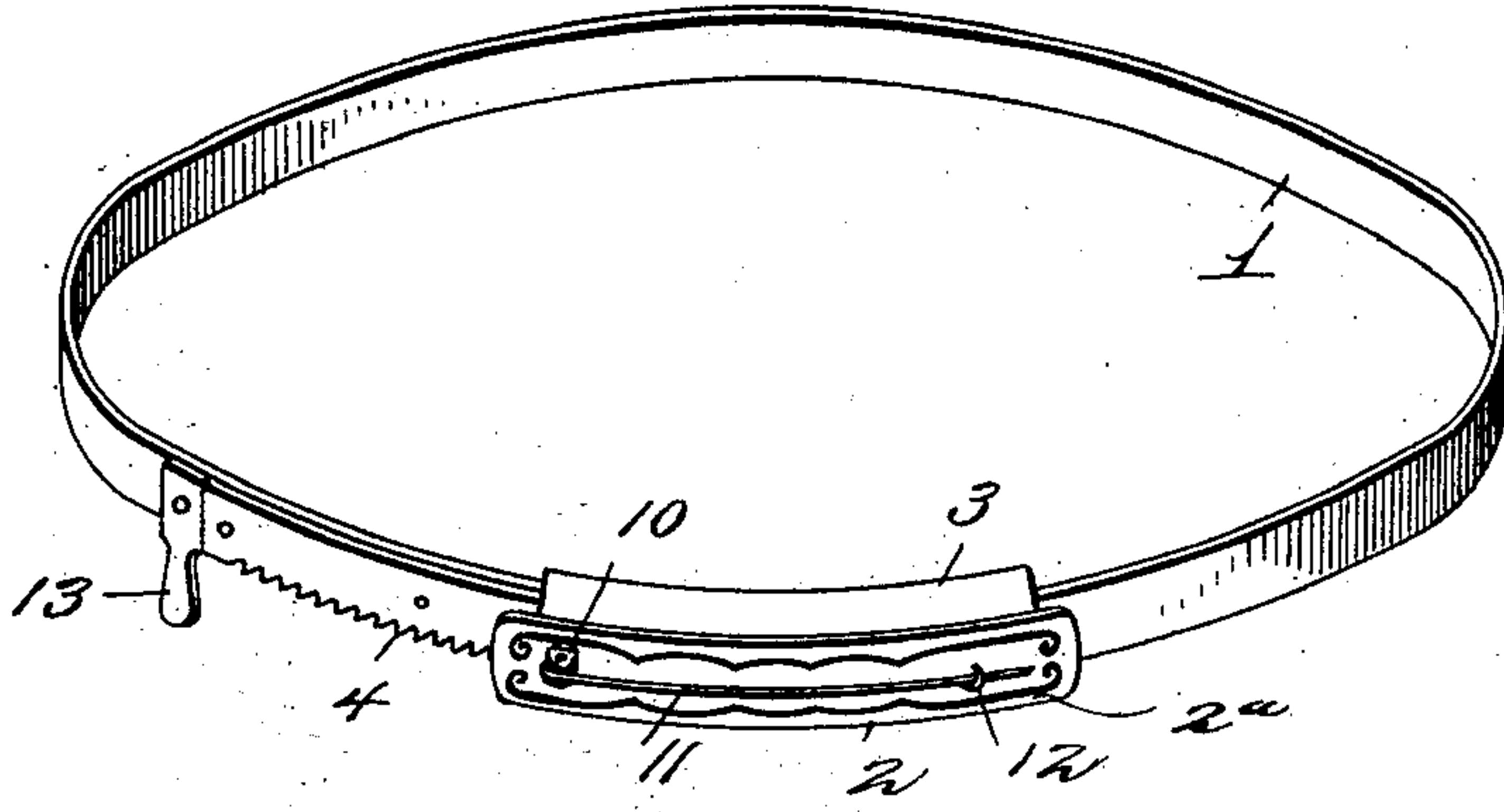


FIG. 2.

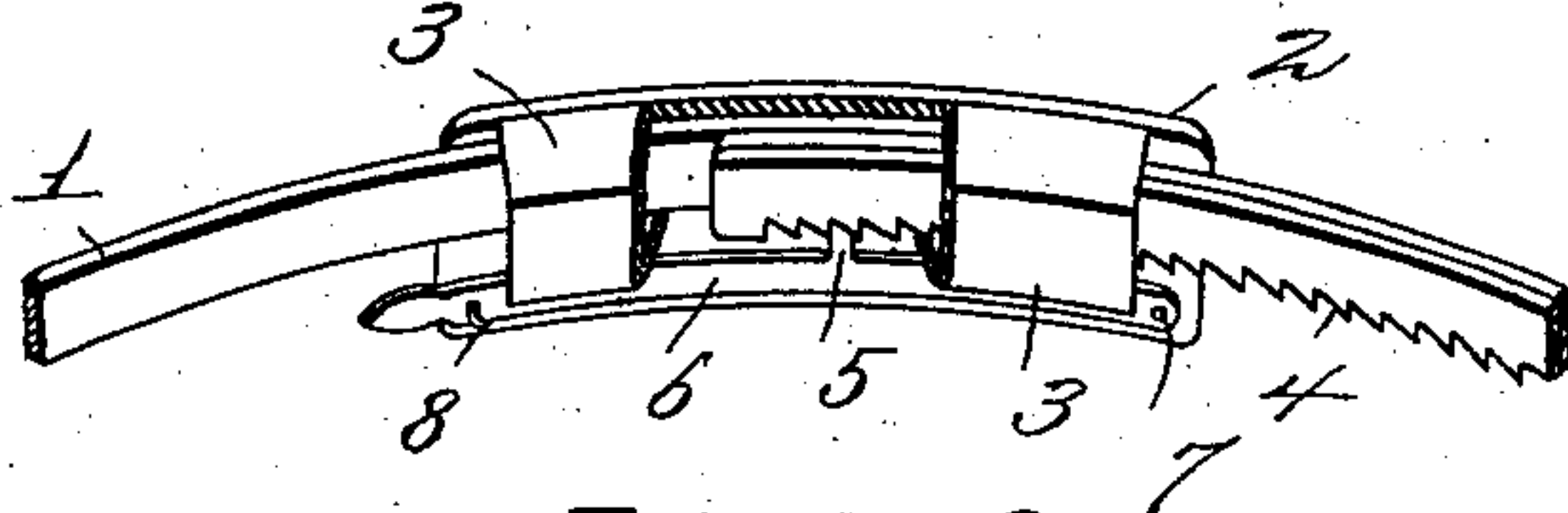


FIG. 3.

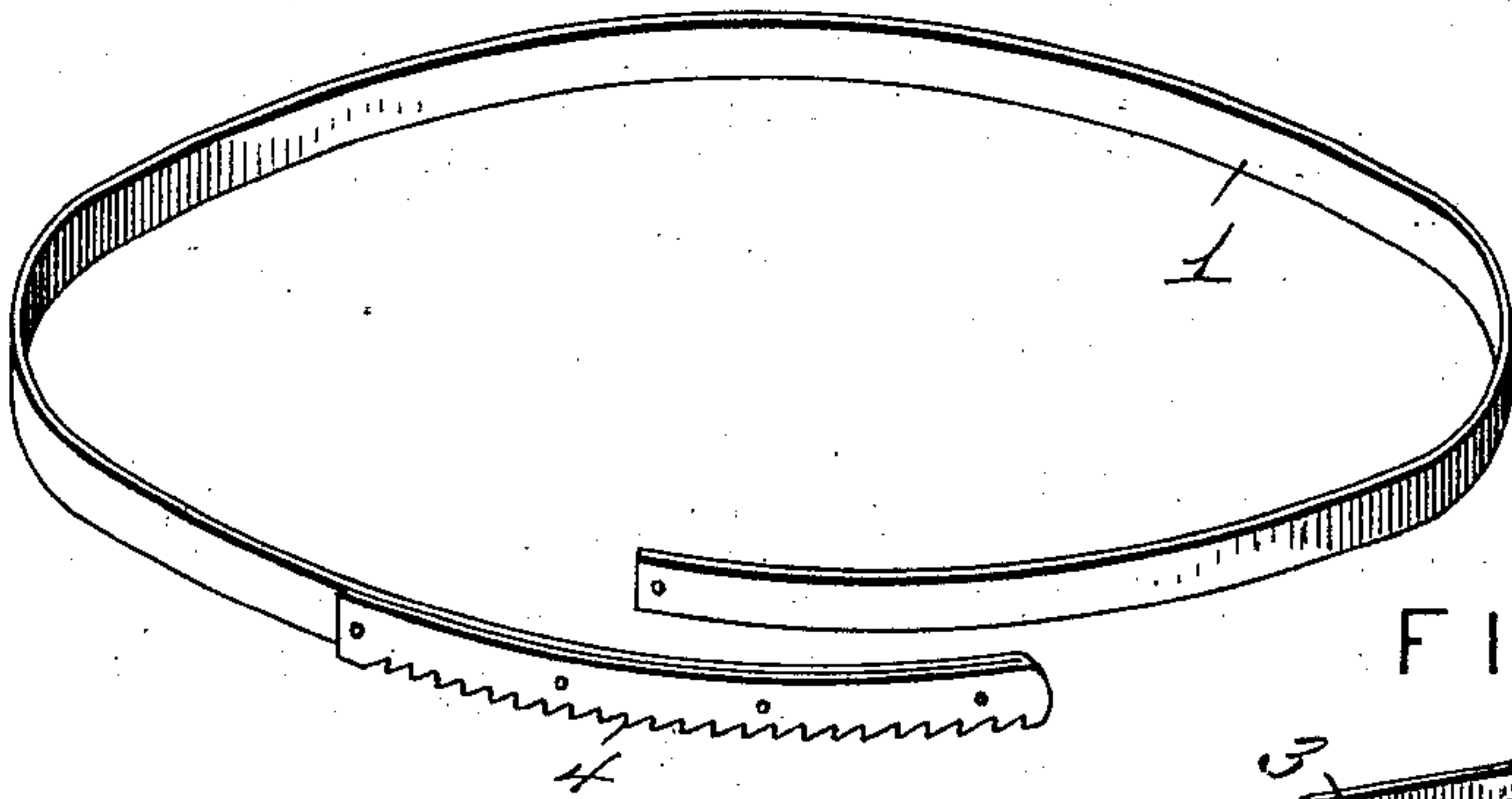


FIG. 5.



FIG. 6.

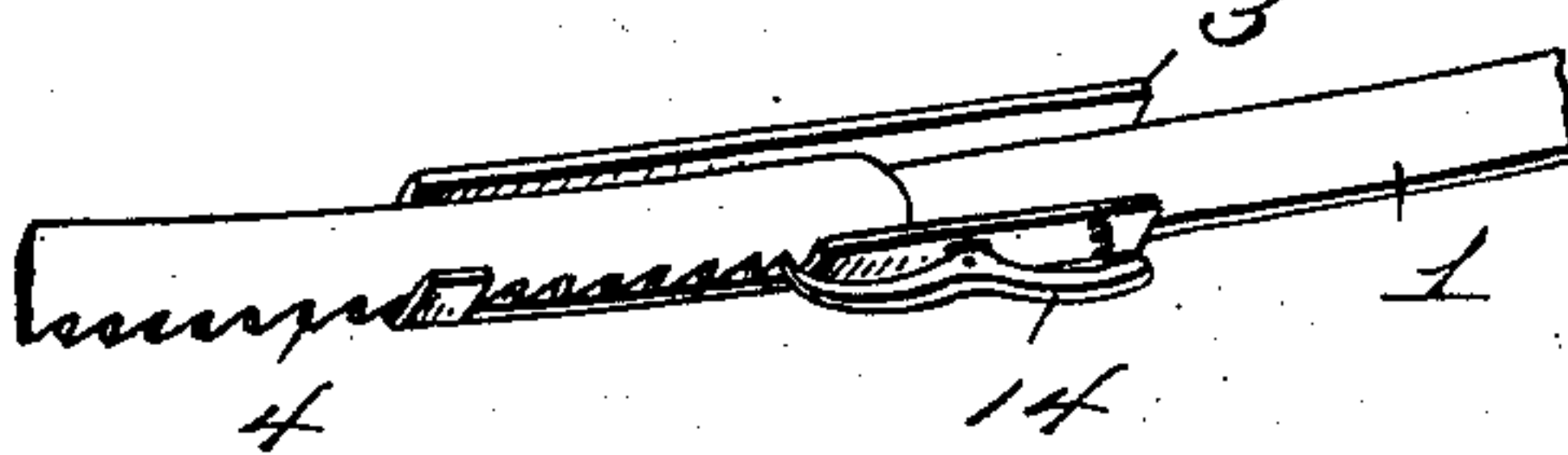
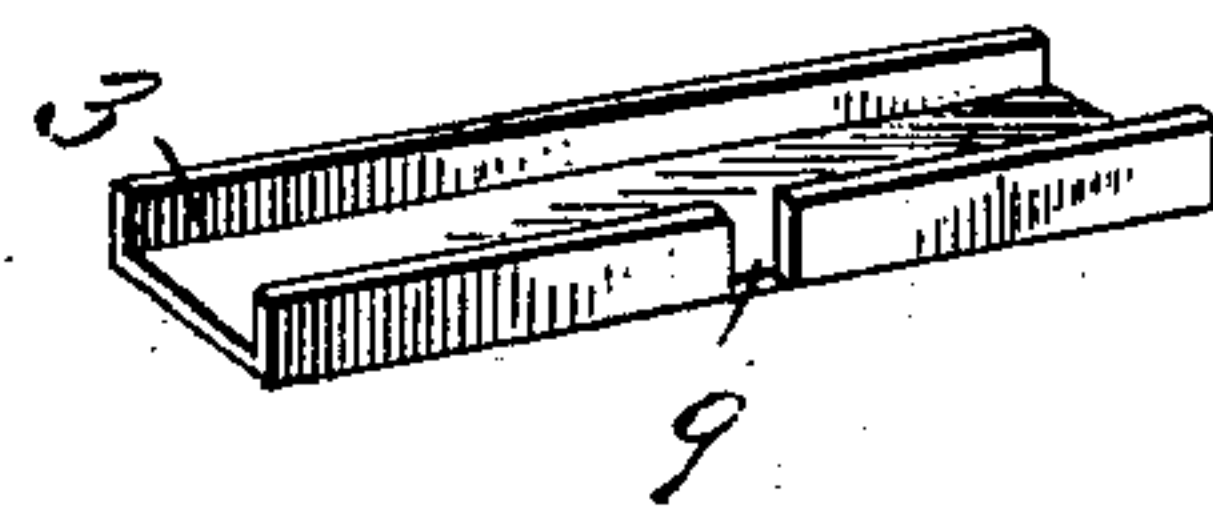


FIG. 4.



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## NECKTIE-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES W. VAN PLEW, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Necktie-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to new and useful improvements in necktie-holders; and its object is to provide a simple and inexpensive device which is especially adapted for use in connection with "turned-down" collars and which can be readily adjusted for use in connection with collars of different sizes.

A further object is to provide a holder to which different forms of neckties may be quickly and securely fastened.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, which will be more fully hereinafter described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the holder with the ends thereof secured together. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the interlocking ends thereof, the casing of the locking mechanism being broken away. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the band of the holder detached. Fig. 4 is a detail view of the casing detached. Fig. 5 is a similar view of the tie-securing pin-bracket; and Fig. 6 is an inner perspective view of the overlapping ends of the band, showing a modified form of band-securing means.

Referring to the figures by numerals of reference, 1 is a thin metal band, one end of which is secured to a base-plate 2, upon which is arranged a channel-iron 3, forming a casing of sufficient size to permit the insertion thereof into of the free end of the band. This free end is provided along its lower edge with teeth 4, adapted to be engaged by a lug 5, arranged at a point between the ends of a lever 6. This lever is pivoted at one end, as shown at 7, to the base-plate 2, while the other end is adapted to be placed in engagement with and be supported by a hook 8, extending from the base-plate 2. The lug 5 projects through an aperture 9, formed in the bottom wall of

the casing 3, and which is of sufficient size to permit the lug to extend inward in engagement with the teeth 4. A bracket 10 is arranged upon the front face of the base-plate 2, and pivoted therein is a pin 11, adapted to be placed in engagement with a hook 12. This front face of the plate 2 may be ornamented in any suitable manner, as shown at 2<sup>a</sup>, so as to present an attractive appearance. The toothed portion of the band 1 is preferably of double thickness, formed by bending the band upon itself, and at the inner end of this toothed section of the band is preferably arranged a handle 13, by means of which the free end of the band may be readily inserted into the casing 3.

In using the device herein described the band 1 is placed within the turned-down collar, and the toothed portion thereof is inserted into the casing until the band is firmly clamped upon the collar. The arm 6 is then swung upward, so as to bring its lug 5 in engagement with the teeth of the band and is then sprung into engagement with the hook 8, so as to be locked in such position. Any desired form of tie can then be fastened to the plate 2 by means of a pin 11, and this plate will be completely hidden by the tie in view of the fact that it is comparatively small.

In Fig. 6 I have shown a modified means for fastening the toothed end of the band in adjusted position. In this figure I have shown a spring-pressed pawl 14, mounted upon the bottom of the casing 3 and projecting into engagement with the toothed band. It will be understood that the spring in this casing holds the pawl normally in engagement with the teeth, and when it is desired to release them for the purpose of adjusting the band it is merely necessary to depress the outer end of the pawl.

It will be seen that the device is extremely simple and inexpensive in construction and can be manufactured at slight cost. When this form of holder is employed, the tie can be held either high or low in relation to the collar, and, moreover, the collar is prevented from spreading apart at the front. It is particularly adapted for use in connection with soft turned-down collars, because there is



no danger of the same being drawn too tight about the neck and locking automatically. The modified form illustrated in Fig. 6 is more suitable for use in connection with stiff  
 5 collars, because said collars will retain their shapes and will not be compressed when the ends of the band are pressed together, and there is therefore no danger of the collars being pressed too tightly about the neck.

10 It will be understood that the holder can be readily removed from the collar by simply detaching the fastening means for engagement with the teeth and then withdrawing the free end of the band by first grasping the handle  
 15 13 and pulling laterally thereon. The handle 13 may, if desired, be dispensed with.

In the foregoing description I have shown the preferred form of my invention; but I do not limit myself thereto, as I am aware that  
 20 modifications may be made therein without departing from the spirit or sacrificing the advantages thereof, and I therefore reserve the right to make such changes and alterations as may fairly fall within the scope of my in-  
 25 vention.

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

30 1. In a necktie-holder the combination with a flexible band having a toothed portion, of a casing secured to the band and adapted to receive the toothed portion, means upon the cas-

ing for engaging the teeth, and a tie-securing device upon the casing.

2. A tie-holder comprising a flexible band 35 having a toothed portion, a casing secured to the band and adapted to receive the toothed portion, teeth-engaging means upon the casing, a handle extending from the band, and tie-engaging means connected to the casing. 40

3. A tie-holder comprising a plate, tie-engaging means thereon, a casing on said plate, a flexible band secured thereto at one end and having teeth at its opposite end, said toothed end being adapted to be inserted into the cas- 45 ing, an arm pivoted to the plate, a lug thereon adapted to engage the teeth, and means for holding said lug in engagement with the teeth.

4. A tie-holder comprising a plate having tie-engaging means thereon, a casing upon the 50 plate having an aperture therein, an arm pivoted to the plate, a lug upon the arm normally projecting through the aperture, a flexible band secured at one end to the casing and having a toothed end adapted to project into 55 the casing and be engaged by the lug, and a handle upon the band.

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

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