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Fig 1

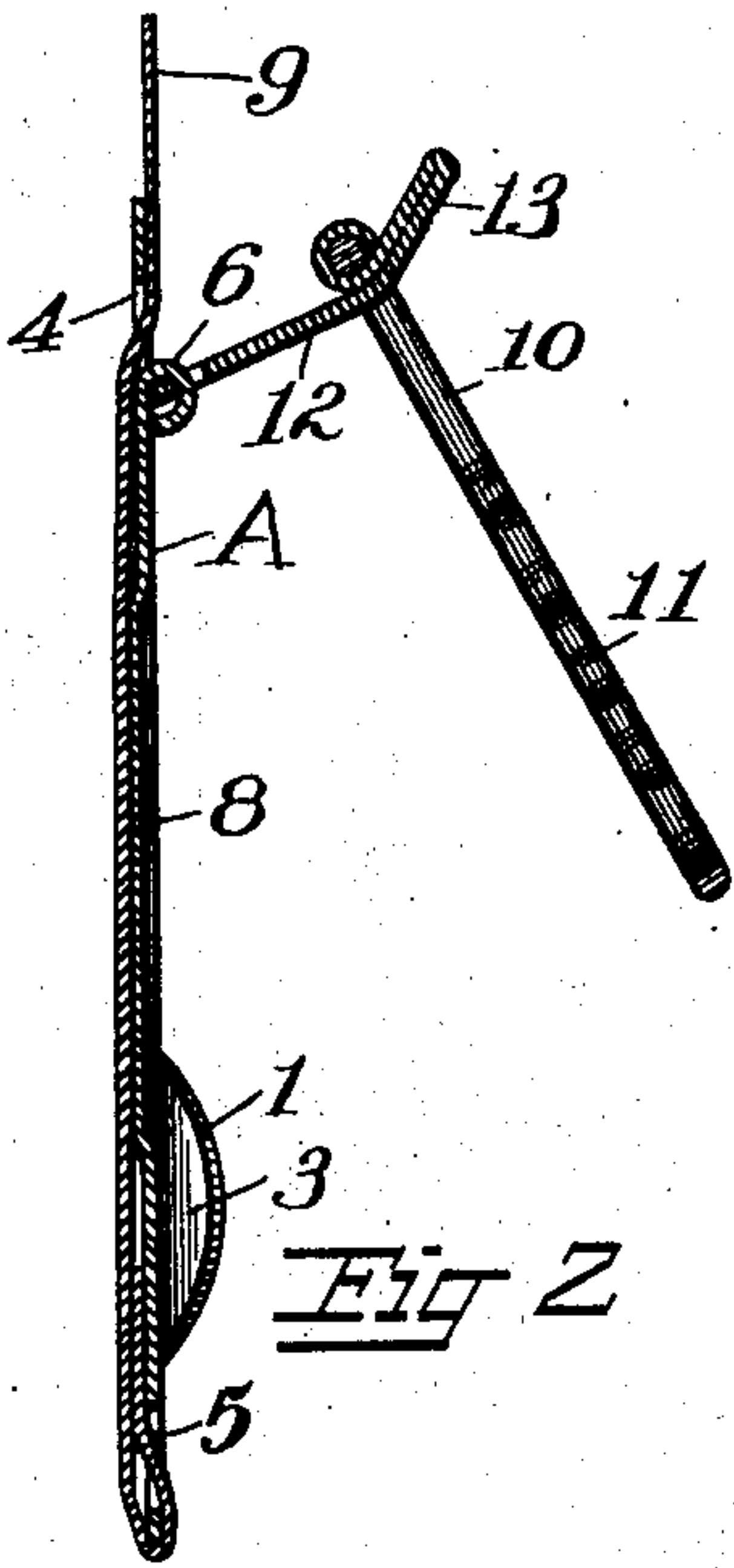
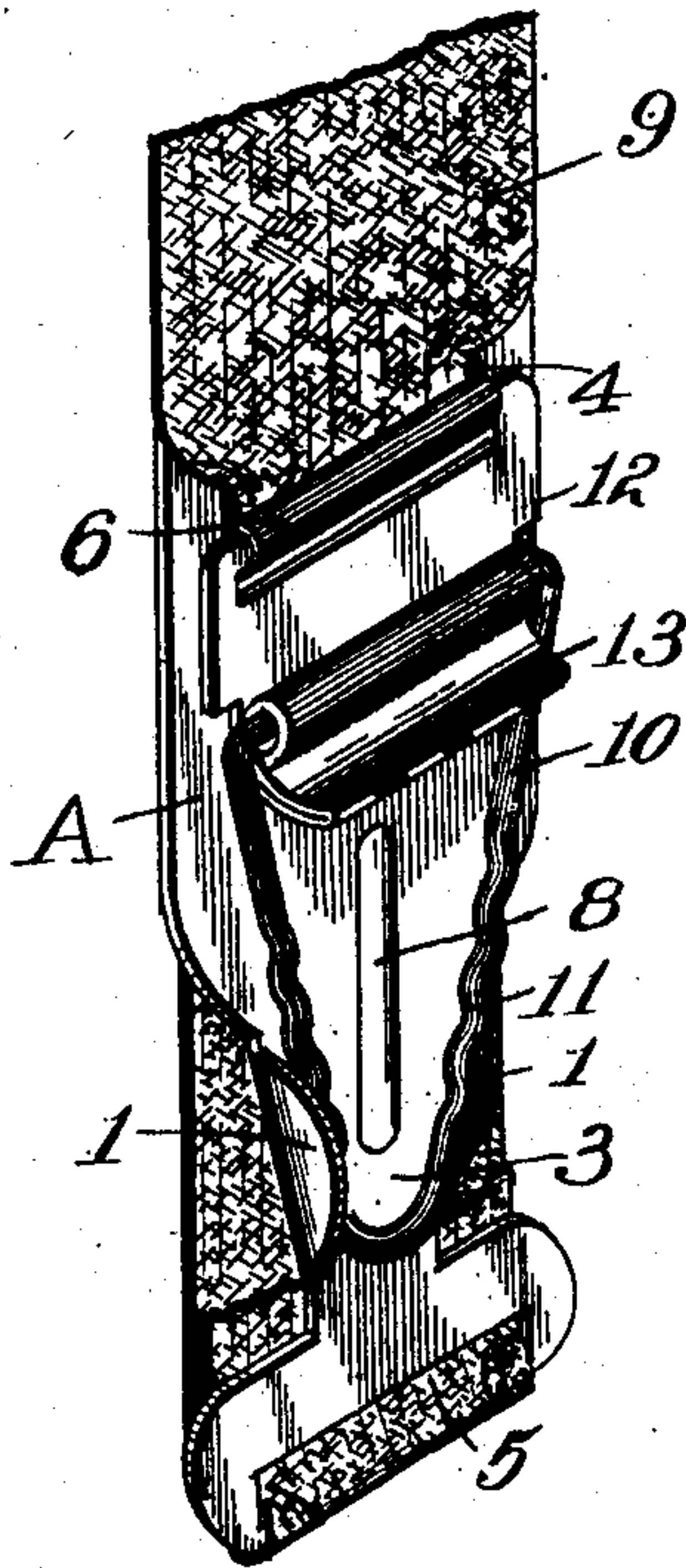


Fig 2

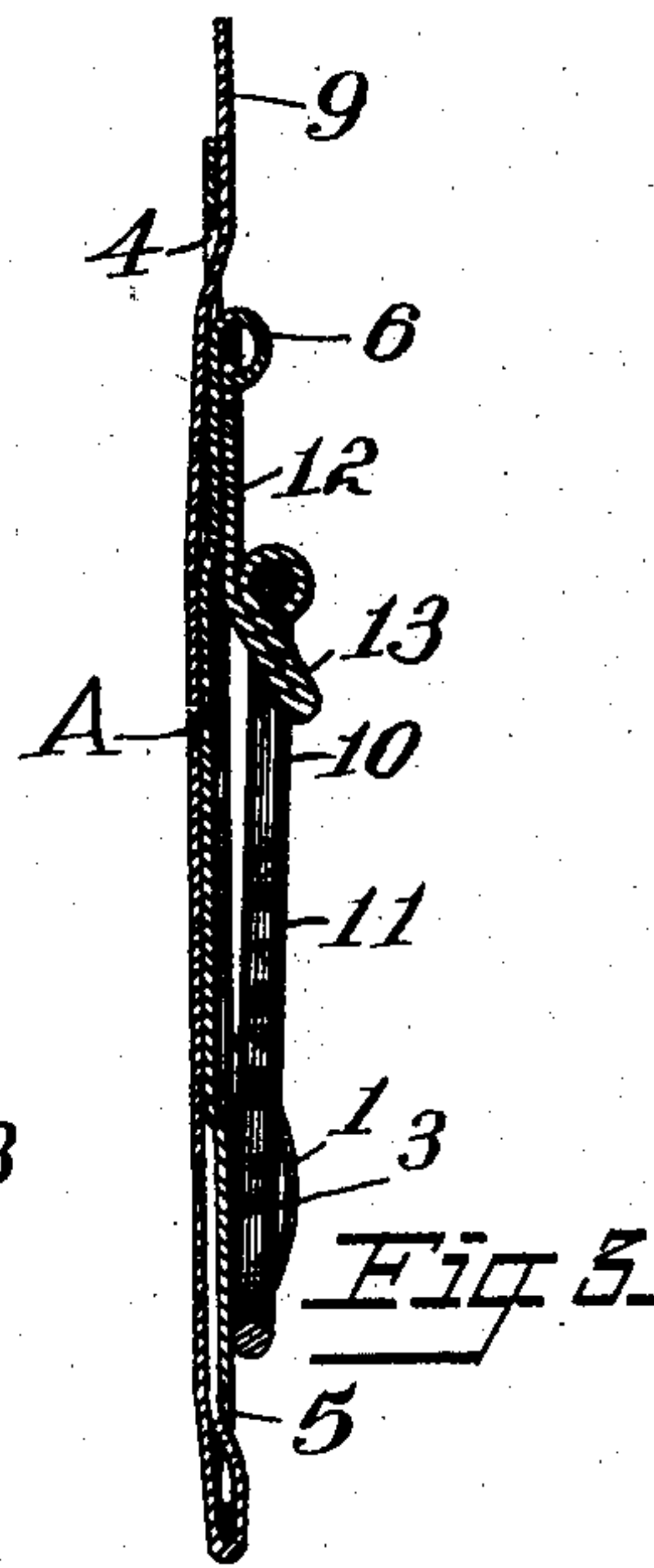


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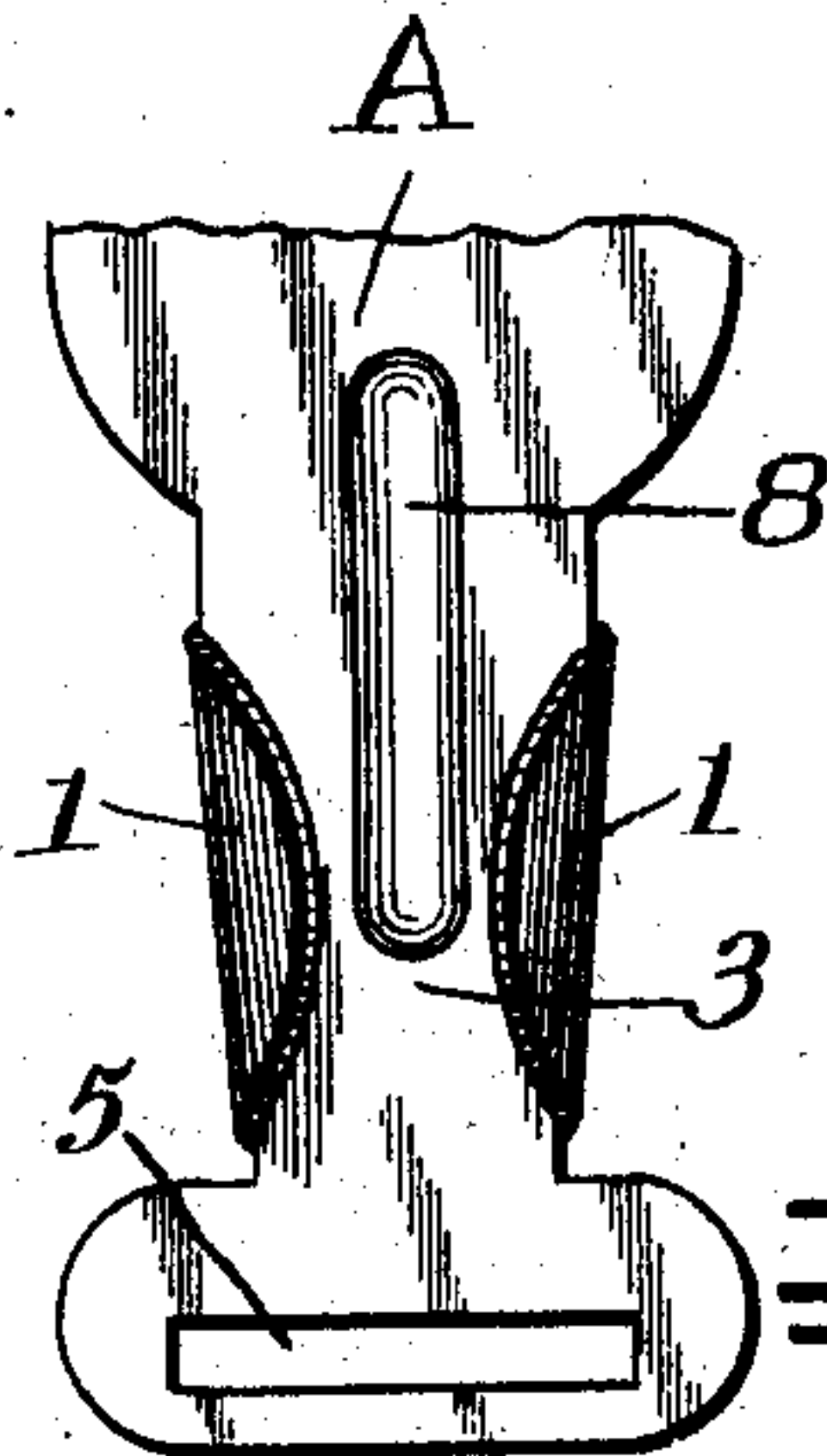


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## GARMENT-FASTENER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. BRYANT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Wakefield, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in clasps for garment-supporters; and the object is to provide a simple article of manufacture for the purposes mentioned which can be quickly applied or removed, which will not rust or abrade the garments, and which will be effectual in the performance of its functions.

With these objects in view my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts, which will be hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective. Figs. 2 and 3 are longitudinal sectional views showing the clasp open and closed, and Fig. 4 is an enlarged detail of a portion of the main plate.

A represents a plate of metal cut into the desired shape and having the two inwardly-inclined diverging lips 1 1 at the sides, which inclose a tapering throat 3. At opposite ends transverse slots 4 and 5 are formed, and the metal cut from one of these slots is preferably bent to form a bearing 6 at its inner end. A longitudinal rib 8, struck up through the center of the plate, strengthens it and prevents it from bending or buckling. The web 9 is passed through the slots 4 and 5 in and out in such a manner that it forms a backing for the metal plate, save at its extreme upper end, thus preventing the metal from immediate contact with the garments, preventing rusting or abrading. The web is held in place by frictional contact.

The garment is held by the wedge 10, which is preferably made of wire with crimped sides 11 11, fashioned to fit the throat 3 and adapted to hold the garment securely in place between it and the lips. This wedge is pivoted at its upper end to a lever 12, which latter is pivoted to the bearing 6 at its upper end and provided at its free end with a thumb-piece 13,

under which the thumb-nail or other means 50 may be inserted in the manipulation of the lever. The wedge and lever thus constituted form a species of toggle-joint which constitutes a most effectual and at the same time simple fastening means. The wedge being 55 hollow is resilient, and thus yields to the fabric which it engages, and in this way does not pinch it too tight. When the toggle-joint is extended in the position of securing the garment, the lever 12 lies flat against the plate, 60 and there is no danger of accidental displacement.

To unfasten the device, the thumb-nail or other convenient means is placed beneath the free end of the lever, which latter extends 65 slightly outward, and the lever is thus lifted, in that way releasing the article held, and this is the only way to effect the release. In other words, the wedge will not slide from its seat in the throat, but must first be swung outward 70 at the upper end away from the plate and in that way withdrawn.

From the foregoing it will be seen that a simple and effectual device is provided for the purposes named, and at the same time one is 75 provided which may be made at small initial cost and placed upon the market at a reasonable price.

It is evident that slight changes might be resorted to in the form and arrangement of 80 the several parts described without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention, and hence I do not wish to limit myself to the exact construction herein set forth; but,

Having fully described my invention, what 85 I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. As an article of manufacture, a garment-supporting clasp comprising a main plate having a tapering throat formed therein, and 90 a toggle-joint, one end of which is wedge-shaped, said wedge-shaped end made of crimped wire and adapted to be forced into the throat to clasp the garment between it and the sides of the throat. 95

2. As an article of manufacture, a garment-supporting clasp comprising a main plate having a tapering throat, and a toggle-joint



hinged thereto, said toggle-joint having one wedge-shaped end made of crimped resilient material, and adapted to clasp the fabric of the garment to be supported between it and the throat.

3. As an article of manufacture, a garment-supporting clasp comprising a main plate having a transverse slot at each end through which the webbing is passed, and provided at an intermediate point with a pair of lips which form a tapering throat, and a toggle-joint, one member of which is in the form of a wedge adapted to be forced into the throat to fasten the garment to be held between its edges and the lips.

4. As an article of manufacture, a garment-supporting clasp comprising a main plate, having slots at its opposite ends to receive the web of the garment-supporter, and provided with a pair of lips bent outwardly and toward each other and forming a tapering throat and a toggle-joint comprising a lever hinged at one end to the plate, and a wedge pivoted to the

lever, said wedge made of resilient material and adapted to be wedged into the throat when the toggle-joint is extended whereby to clasp the fabric of the garment to be supported between it and the main plate.

5. As an article of manufacture, a garment-supporting clasp comprising a main plate having a longitudinal rib at the center and provided with slots at each end, and a bearing formed by the metal from one of the slots, this plate having lips at either side bent outwardly to form a tapering throat, and a toggle-joint hinged to the bearing, one member being wedge-shaped and in position to be forced into the throat whereby to clamp the garment to be held between it and the throat.

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

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