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Fig. 1.

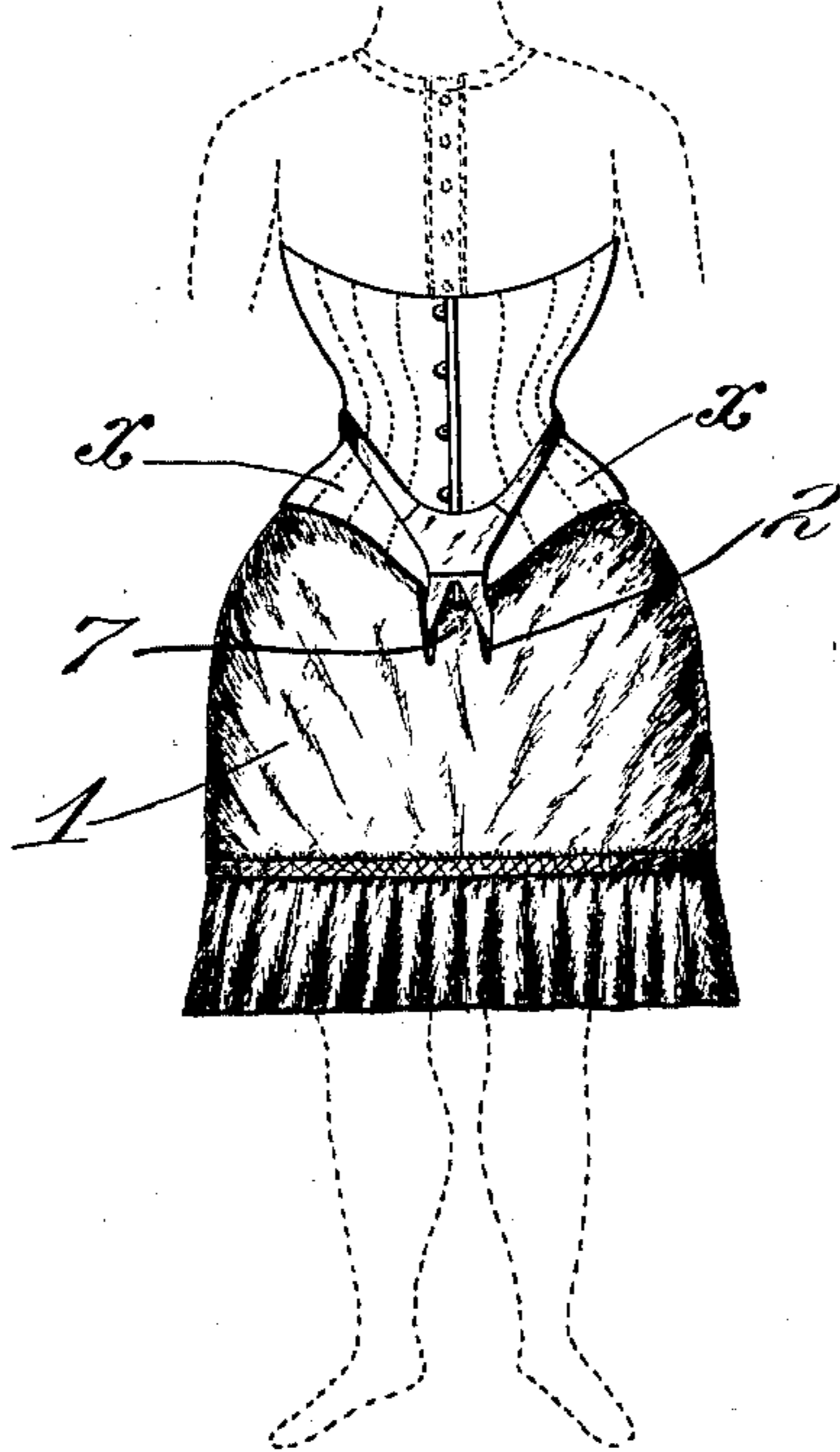


Fig. 2.

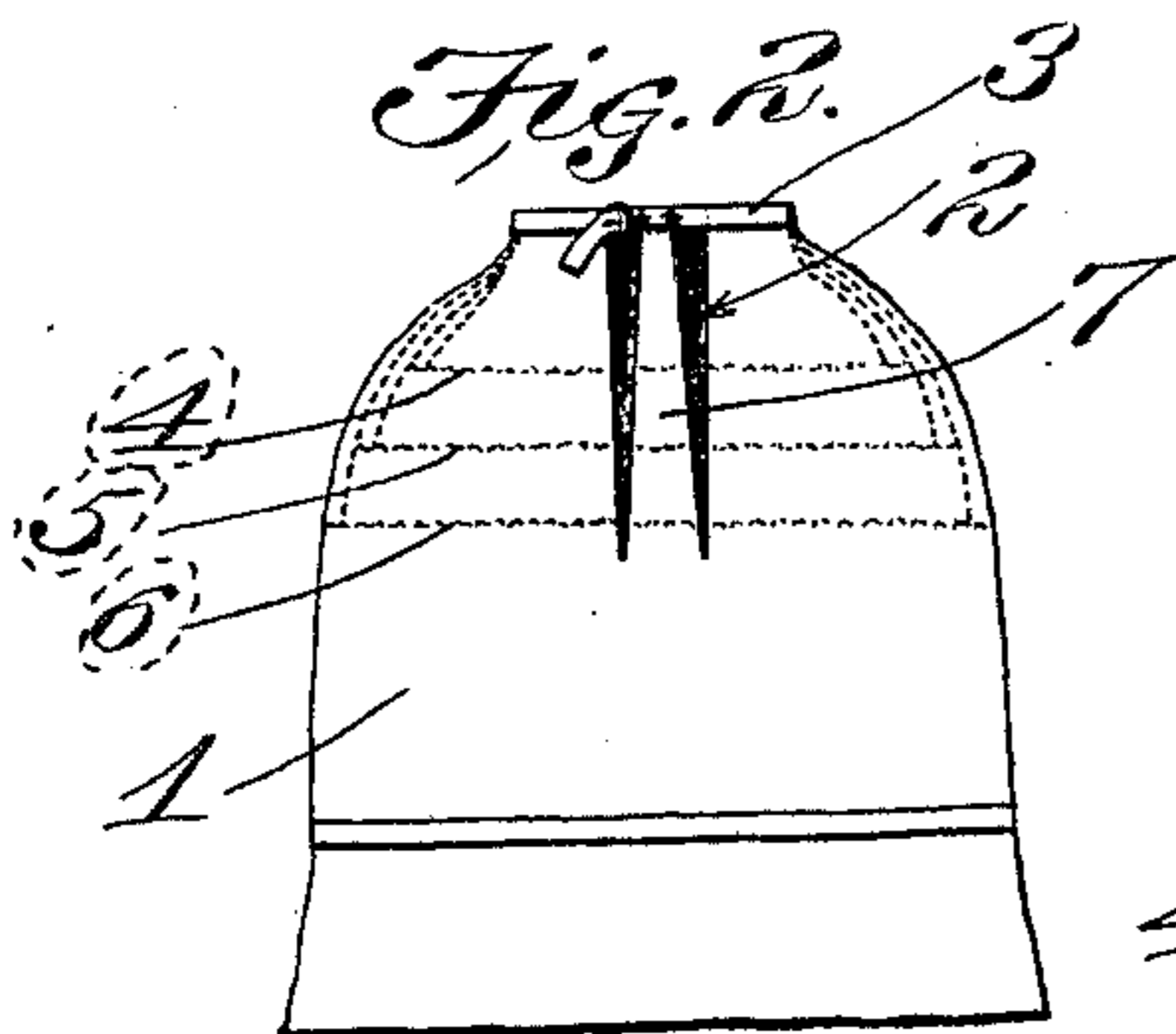


Fig. 3.

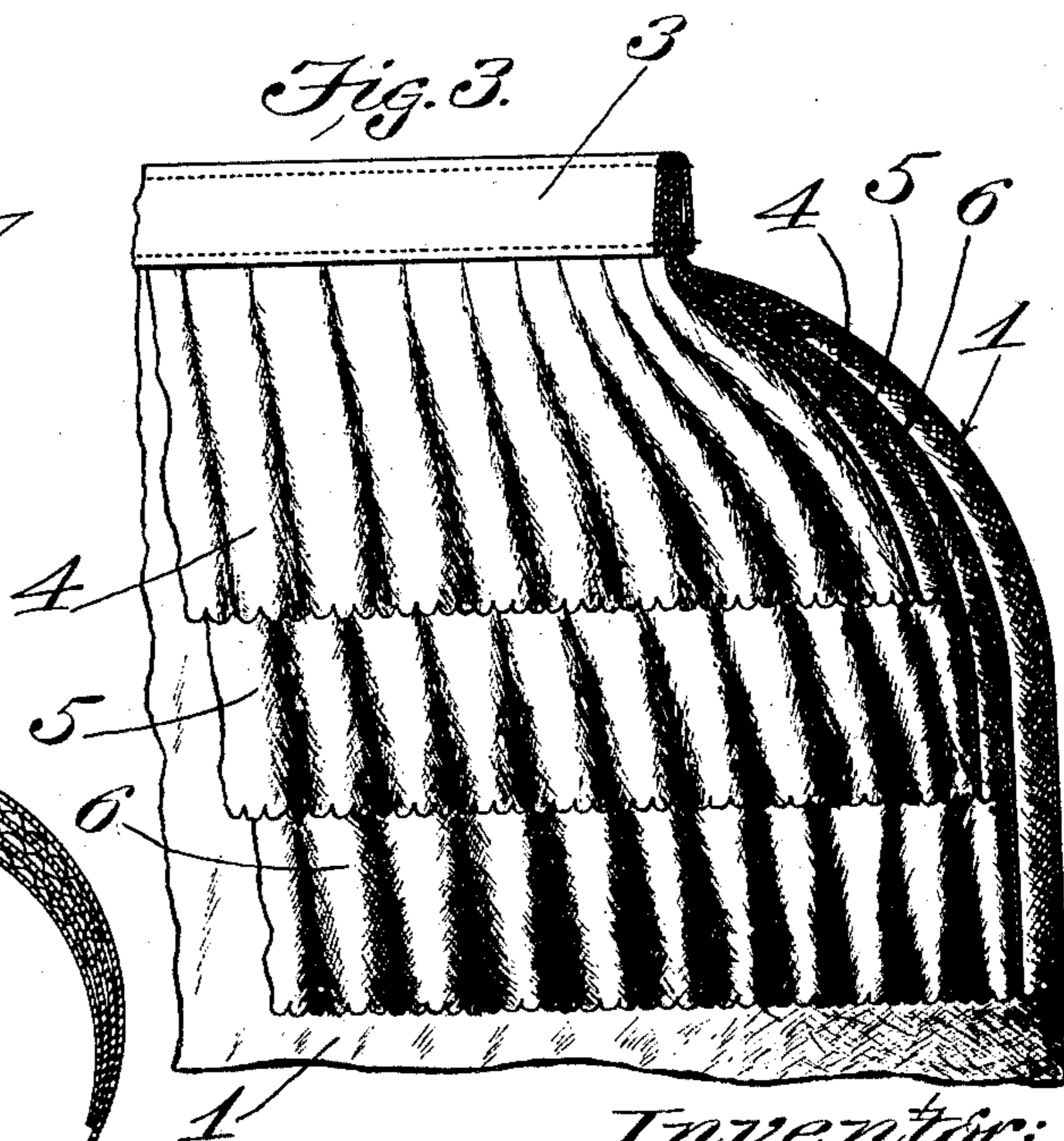
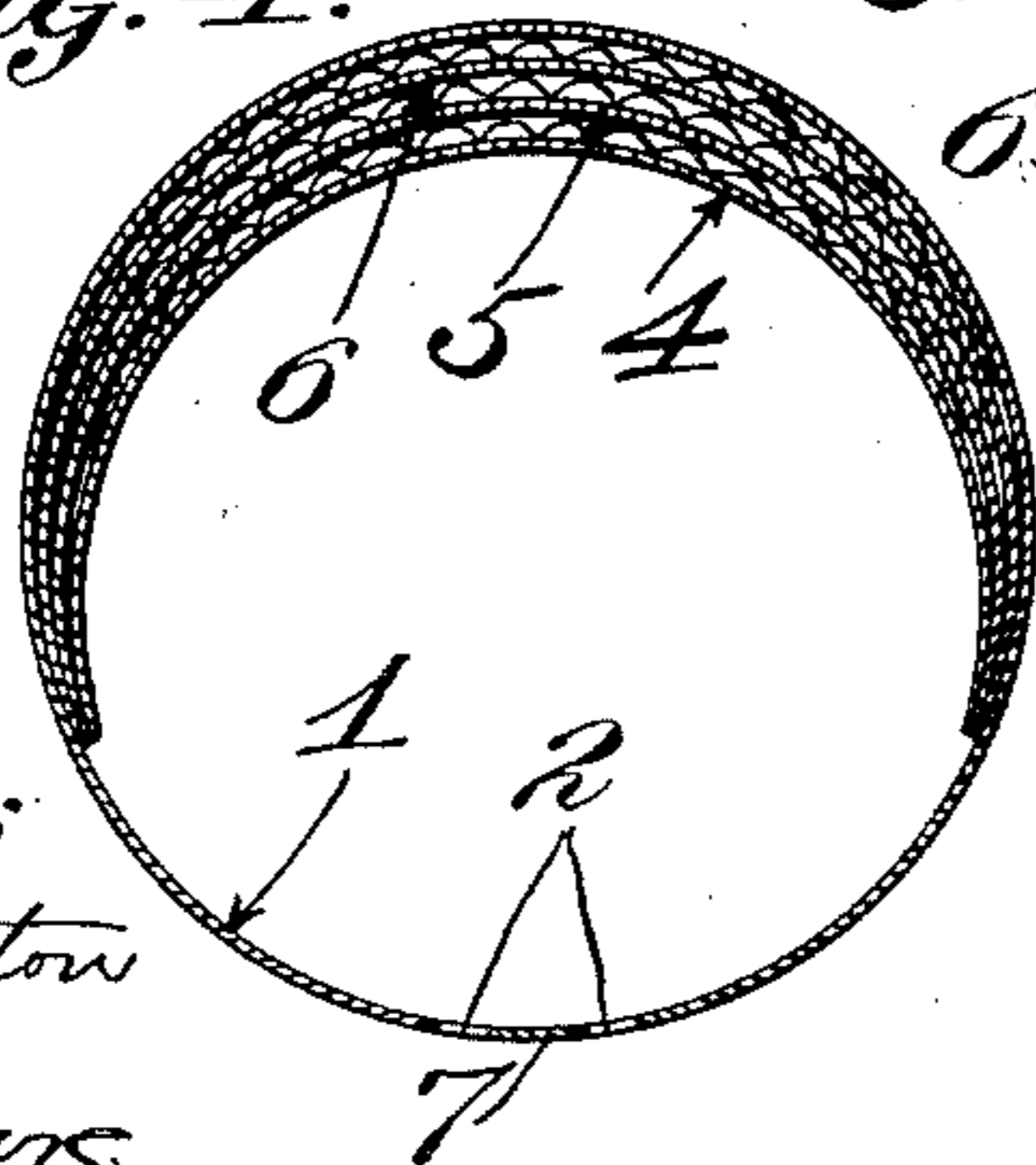


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MINNIE E. BUCKLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in a Combined Skirt and Pad, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view showing the garment upon the wearer. Fig. 2 is a front view of the garment alone, the ruffles being indicated by dotted lines. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary transverse sectional elevation, and Fig. 4 is a horizontal sectional view.

This invention relates to combined skirts and pads, and generally speaking the garment comprises a short skirt or petticoat having padding combined therewith.

One object of the invention is to provide a pad for filling out the figure, said pad being of such character that it is comfortable to the wearer and presents no edges or lines which can show through a skirt; and a further object is to provide a skirt or petticoat with a concealed pad, the pad being removable with the petticoat.

To these ends, and also to improve generally upon articles of the character indicated, the invention consists in the various matters hereinafter described and claimed.

Referring now more particularly to the accompanying drawings, 1 indicates a short skirt or petticoat, which is continuous across the back and hips and is provided at its front with an opening 2, this petticoat being secured upon a waistband 3. Also secured to the waistband are ruffles 4, 5, and 6, which are successively of different lengths, the shortest ruffle 4 being at the top and upon the inside and the several ruffles extending across the back and over the hips. These ruffles constitute a pad for filling out the figure and are made of some soft material, such as silk, so that the mass of ruffles can be readily shaped, as desired. Each longer ruffle is upon the outer side of and falls over the exposed

edge of the next shorter ruffle, whereby the edges of the ruffles present no line of demarcation which can show through even a thin skirt, but the entire pad presents a smooth exterior surface. The petticoat 1 falls over all of the ruffles and conceals the entire pad, even when the outer skirts are removed. Furthermore, the pad is removed and applied with the removal or application of the petticoat. The present garment is worn under the corset, the skirts α of the corset fitting over the petticoat and serving to properly shape the pad. The ruffles form a pad which can be readily and smoothly shaped into the desired form.

The present pad and petticoat can be readily washed.

Preferably the front of the skirt is provided with a tongue 7, which lies in the before-mentioned opening 2, so that when the skirt is applied and the tongue is suitably fastened to the waistband openings are presented upon each side of the tongue, through which the stocking-supporters (supported upon the corset over the petticoat) can extend.

I am aware that minor changes in the construction, arrangement, and combination of the several parts of my device can be made and substituted for those herein shown and described without in the least departing from the nature and principle of my invention.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

A pad comprising an inner and upper ruffle, and outer ruffles each of which is of slightly greater length than its adjacent inner ruffle, said ruffles being of soft and yielding material, whereby said pad readily yields into the desired shape and the free edge of each shorter ruffle is concealed and blended by its adjacent next longer ruffle; substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature, in the presence of two witnesses, this 9th day of April, 1903.

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