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NO MODEL.

FIG. 1.

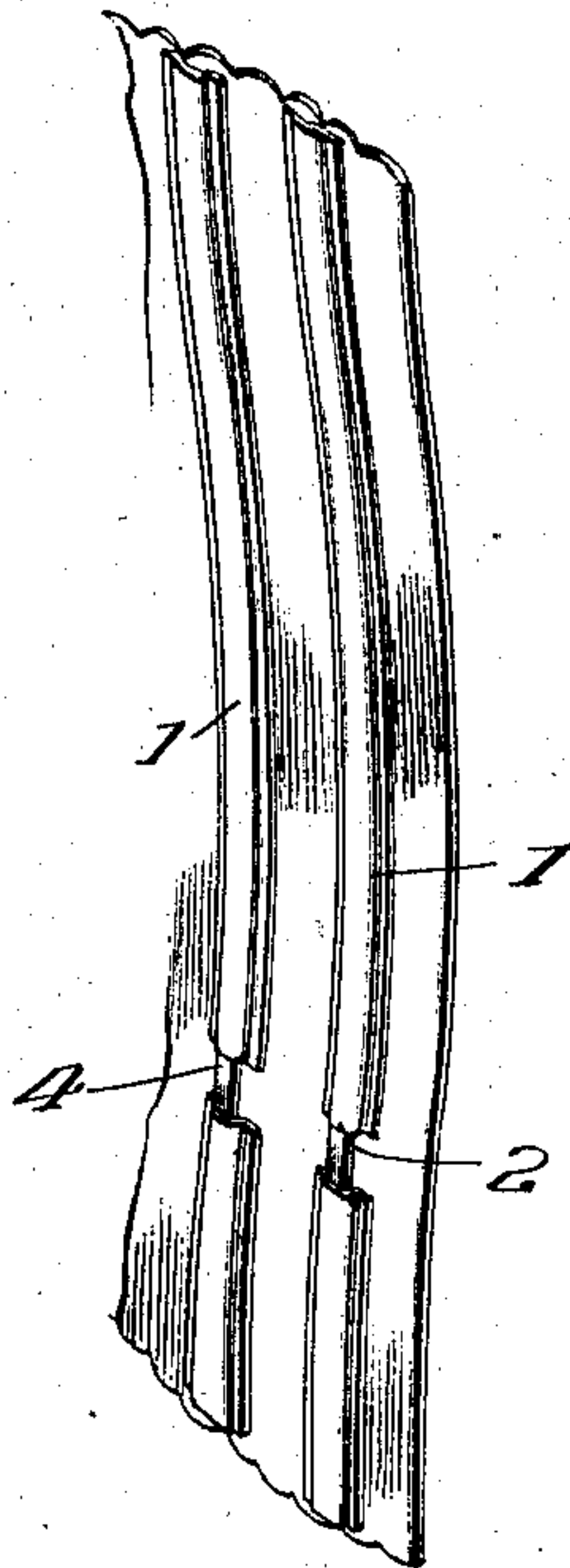


FIG. 2.

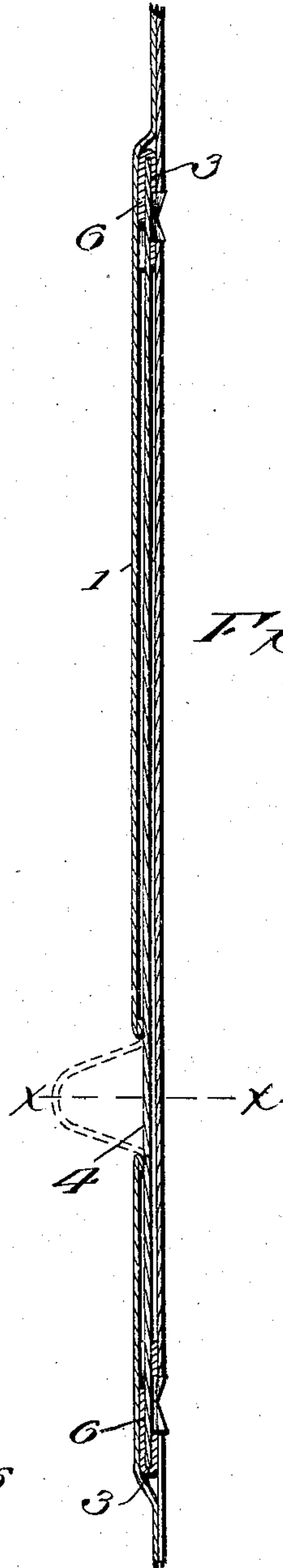


FIG. 3.



FIG. 4.

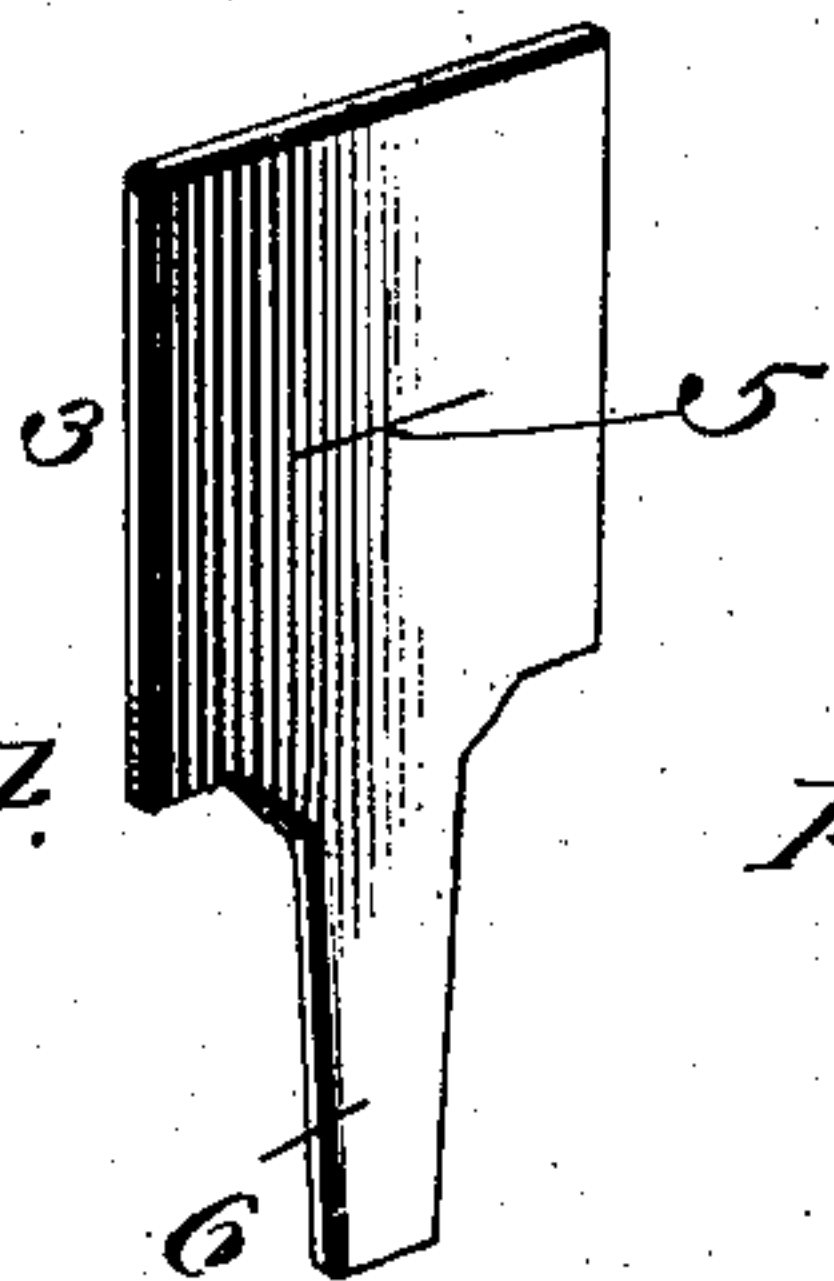
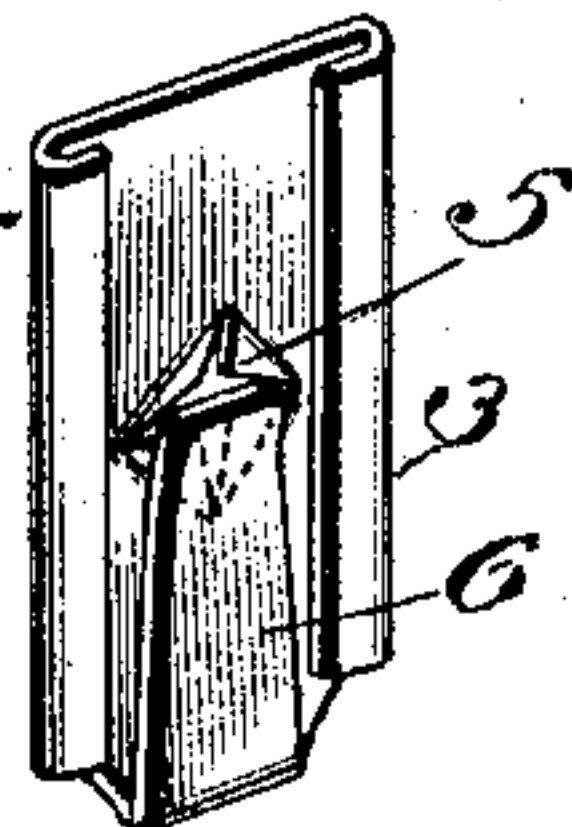


FIG. 5.



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## CORSET-STAY.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LINNIE I. CASSIDY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lexington, in the county of Fayette and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corset-Stays, of which the following is a specification.

Garments of the waist type commonly provided with stays or stiffeners to give the required set and maintain the same and most especially corsets are open to the objection of having the stays cut through at the ends. Moreover, it is no easy task to replace a broken stay when the same becomes necessary.

This invention protects the ends of the stays and prevents them pushing or cutting their way through the fabric of the garment and at the same time provides for the ready removal of the stays for any purpose, so that the garment may be laundered or a new stay substituted for a broken one when necessary without requiring stitching or other fastening means.

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 portion of a corset embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical central section of the same on a larger scale. Fig. 3 is a transverse section on the line X X of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the blank from which the metal cap or protector is formed. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the cap or protector.

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 garment of whatever pattern or design provided with stays or stiffeners is constructed

with pockets 1, fashioned in any manner, either by spaced rows of stitching uniting plies of the goods or by tapes or webs stitched along their edges to the fabric of the garment. A portion of each of the pockets at any point in the length thereof is cut away, as shown at 2, for the purpose of facilitating the insertion of the stay or stiffener or the removal of the same, as may be required. The opening 2 is preferably near one end of the pockets, as this arrangement has been found to give the greatest convenience in the removal and the insertion of the stays and the best possible results.

A cap or protector 3 is located in the end of each of the pockets to receive the respective ends of the stays or stiffeners 4 to prevent the same pushing or cutting through the fabric. The cap or protector 3 may be of any construction and secured within the pocket in any substantial manner. In the preferable construction the cap or protector is formed from sheet metal, the latter being cut to provide spurs which are pressed through the fabric or material of the garment and the projecting ends clenched, so as to securely hold the cap in place. As shown most clearly in Fig. 4, the sheet-metal blank is provided with two cuts 5, disposed relatively at a right angle to each other, so as to form four points which when bent outward about at a right angle to the plane of the blank are in position to be pressed through the fabric or material by the application of sufficient force upon the blank, after which operation the projecting ends are clenched, so as to firmly hold the protector in place. A tongue 6 is provided at one end of the blank and when folded extends over the extremity of the stay or stiffener and closes the space formed between the longitudinal edge portions of the blank when recurved or folded upon the blank to form the inclosing sides of the cap or protector. The extremity of the tongue may be curved outwardly away from the plane of the blank, so as to materially assist in directing the stay or stiffener into the cap when placing the stay in position in the pocket. The cap or protector is approximately of a size corre-



sponding to a cross-section of the pocket, so as to insure entrance of the end of the stay therein when said stay is entering the pocket.

While the invention is specially and particularly adapted for corsets, it may be applied to any type of garment provided with stiffeners or stays either for giving support or shape to the wearer or for any other desired purpose. The invention obviates the necessity of covering the stays when the same consist of strips of steel or other spring metal and provides for instant and ready removal of a broken stay and also enables the stripping of a corset of its stiffeners when it is required to launder the same or for any purpose requiring the limbering of the garment, so that the same may be pliable and easily handled when undergoing the required operation.

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

The herein-described cap or protector for the purposes set forth constructed of a sheet-metal blank having a centrally-disposed tongue at one end and having crossing cuts to form attaching-points, the longitudinal edge portions of the blank being folded upon the blank, and said tongue being folded to inclose the space formed between the recurved longitudinal edge portions, substantially as set forth.

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

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