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Fig. 1.

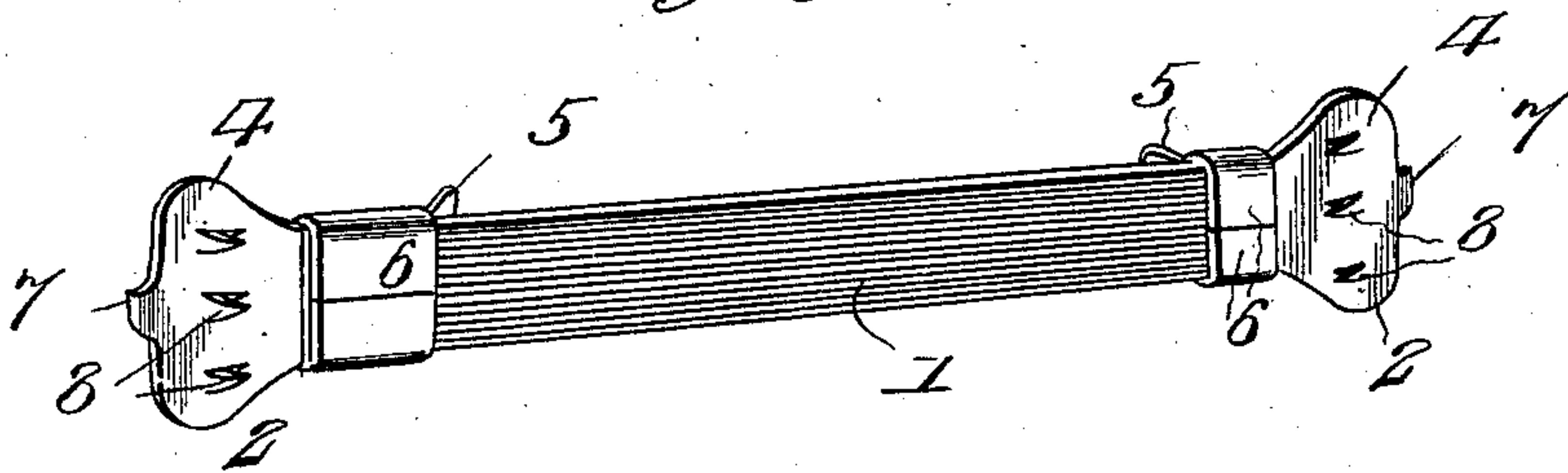


Fig. 2.

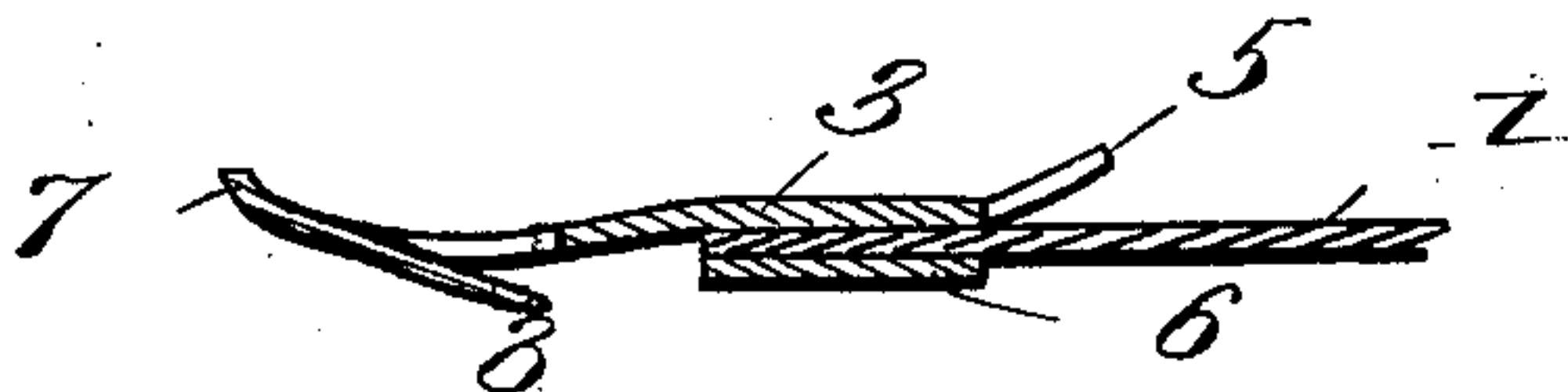


Fig. 3.

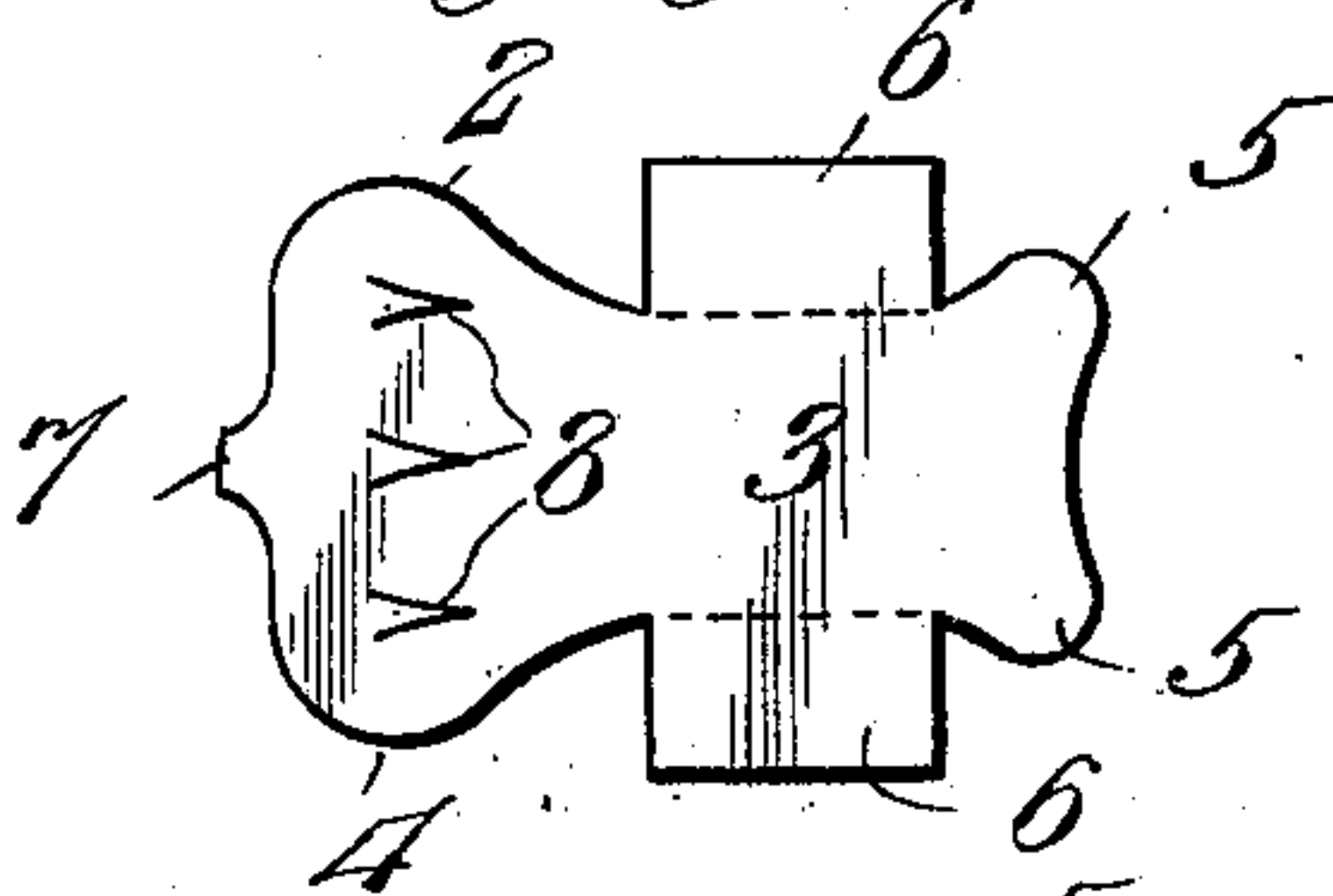
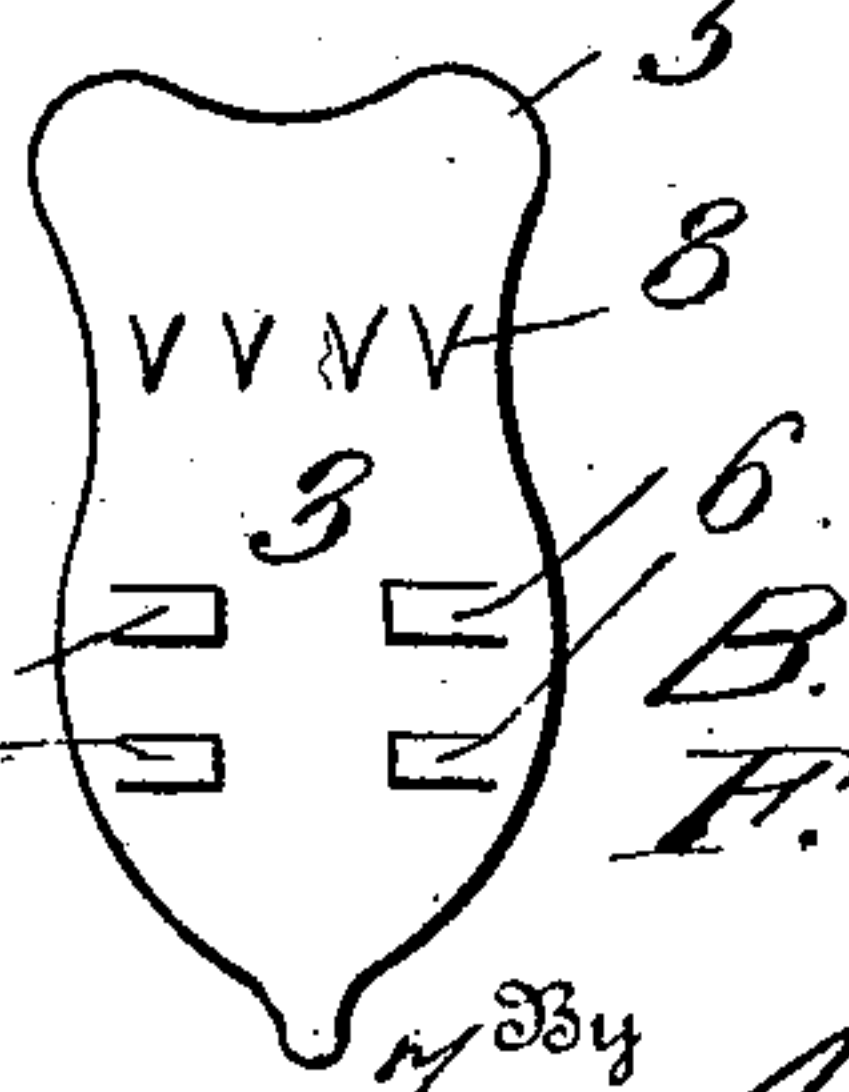


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, BURT C. WILLIAMS and FREDERICK C. HEINE, citizens of the United States, residing at Fort Wayne, in the county of Allen and State of Indiana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to garment-supporters; and its primary object is to provide a device of this character which is adapted to support in applied position any article of apparel which may be contracted about the person of the wearer—as, for instance, a stocking, trousers, skirt, and the like articles.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device of the character above set forth which may be used as a trousers-guard and also for the purpose of closing the neckband of a coat, cloak, or the like.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a garment-supporter which is cheap of construction, easy of application and removal, durable, and efficient.

The invention consists in the construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a device constructed in accordance with our invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of a fragmentary portion of one end of the device. Fig. 3 is a plan view of one of the catches. Fig. 4 is a similar view of a modified form of the clasp.

Referring to the drawings by reference-numerals, 1 designates a strip of elastic material having its ends provided with clasps 2, adapted to engage the fabric of an article of apparel. The clasp is struck up from any suitable sheet metal and comprises a body 3, having its front end terminating in an enlarged head 4 and its rear end terminating in a grip 5. Members 6 project laterally from the body 3 and are adapted to be reversely bent to clamp one end of the strip between themselves and the body, as clearly illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings. The grip 5 has imparted thereto a slight upward

curve to dispose it from the strip 1, whereby it may be readily and easily grasped to remove and replace the device. The head 4 terminates in a forwardly-projecting lip 7, which is slightly curved upwardly to prevent the front end of the clasp engaging the fabric when applying or removing the device, and it has struck up therefrom to depend from its under side a plurality of barbs 8, the points of which project rearwardly.

The application of the device may be explained in the following manner: The grips 5 are grasped between the fingers and the barbs of one of the clasps are caused to engage the fabric. Then the other clasp is caused to engage the fabric while the strip 1 is under tension. The elasticity of the strip 1 will cause the clasps to approach each other, consequently contracting the garment about the person. This contraction of the garment will support an article in applied position, and the degree of contraction may be regulated in a manner that is apparent to suit the comfort of the wearer.

The modification of the clasp, as illustrated in Fig. 4 of the drawings, resides in the manner of providing the members 6, which in this instance are struck up from the body of the clasp and are preferably four in number. By striking these members 6 from the body of the plate, as shown in Fig. 4, openings are formed in said plate at the points from which the members are struck up and into which openings the strip of elastic material 1 is forced when said members are bent downwardly upon the material to secure the clasp thereto. By forcing the material into said openings an efficient means is afforded for preventing the material from being pulled out of engagement with the clasp.

The manner in which the device is applied to support either a stocking, trousers, skirt, or to close the neckband of a cloak or coat or to permit of its use as a trousers-guard is apparent from the above description, and therefore a further extended description is deemed unnecessary.

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

1. In a device of the character described, 100

the combination with an elastic strip, of a clasp secured to each end thereof and comprising an elongated body having one end terminating in an enlarged head and the other
5. end terminating in a finger-grip, barbs struck up from the head, and members struck up from the body to be bent to clamp the strip between themselves and the body.

2. In a device of the character described,
10 the combination with an elastic strip, of a clasp secured to each end thereof and comprising a body having one end terminating in an enlarged head and the other end terminating

in a curved finger-grip, a curved lip formed on the forward end of the head, barbs struck
15 up from the head, and members carried by the body to be bent to clamp the strip between themselves and the body.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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