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MATCH-SCRATCHER.

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NO MODEL.

Fig. 1.

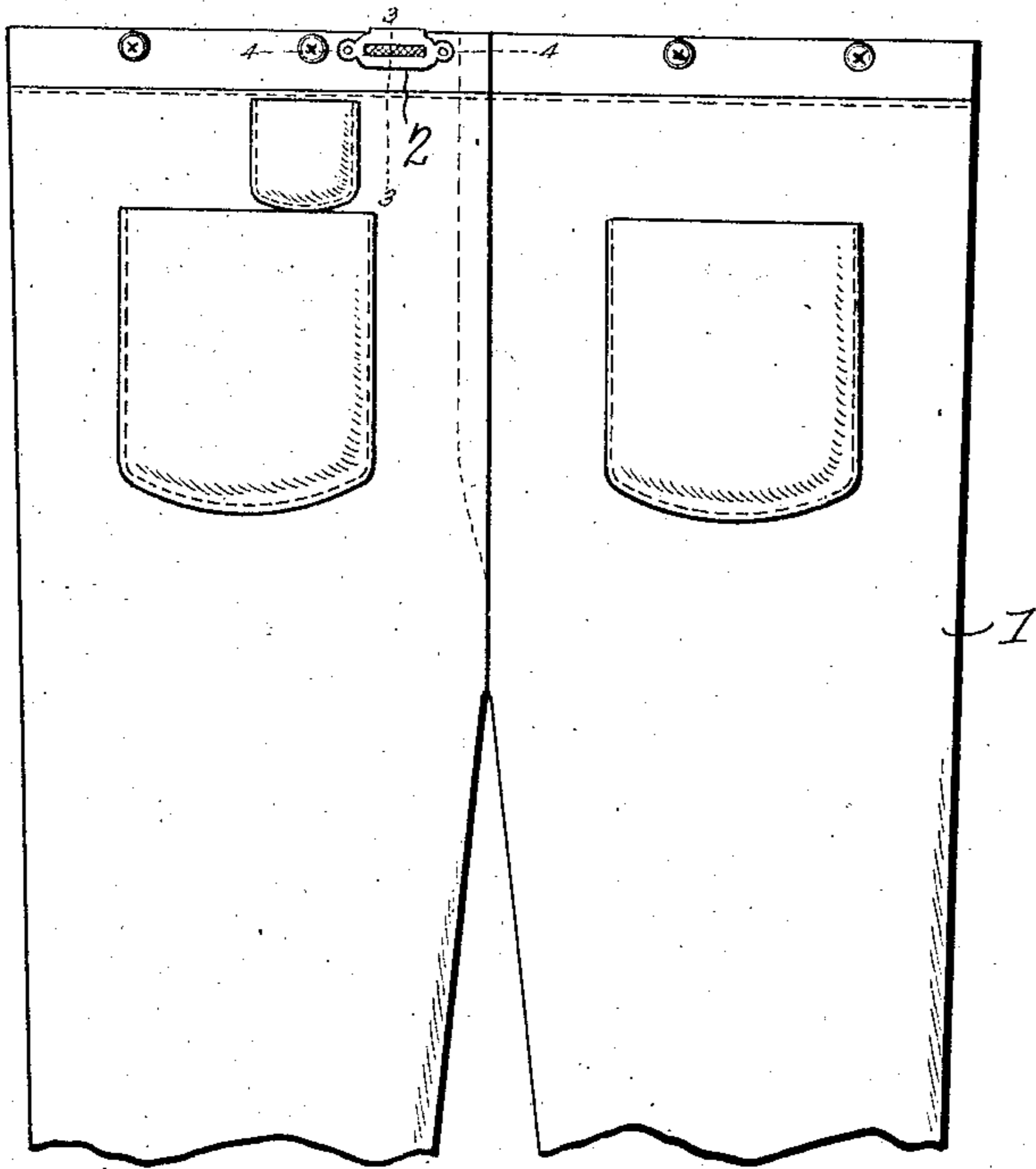


Fig. 2.

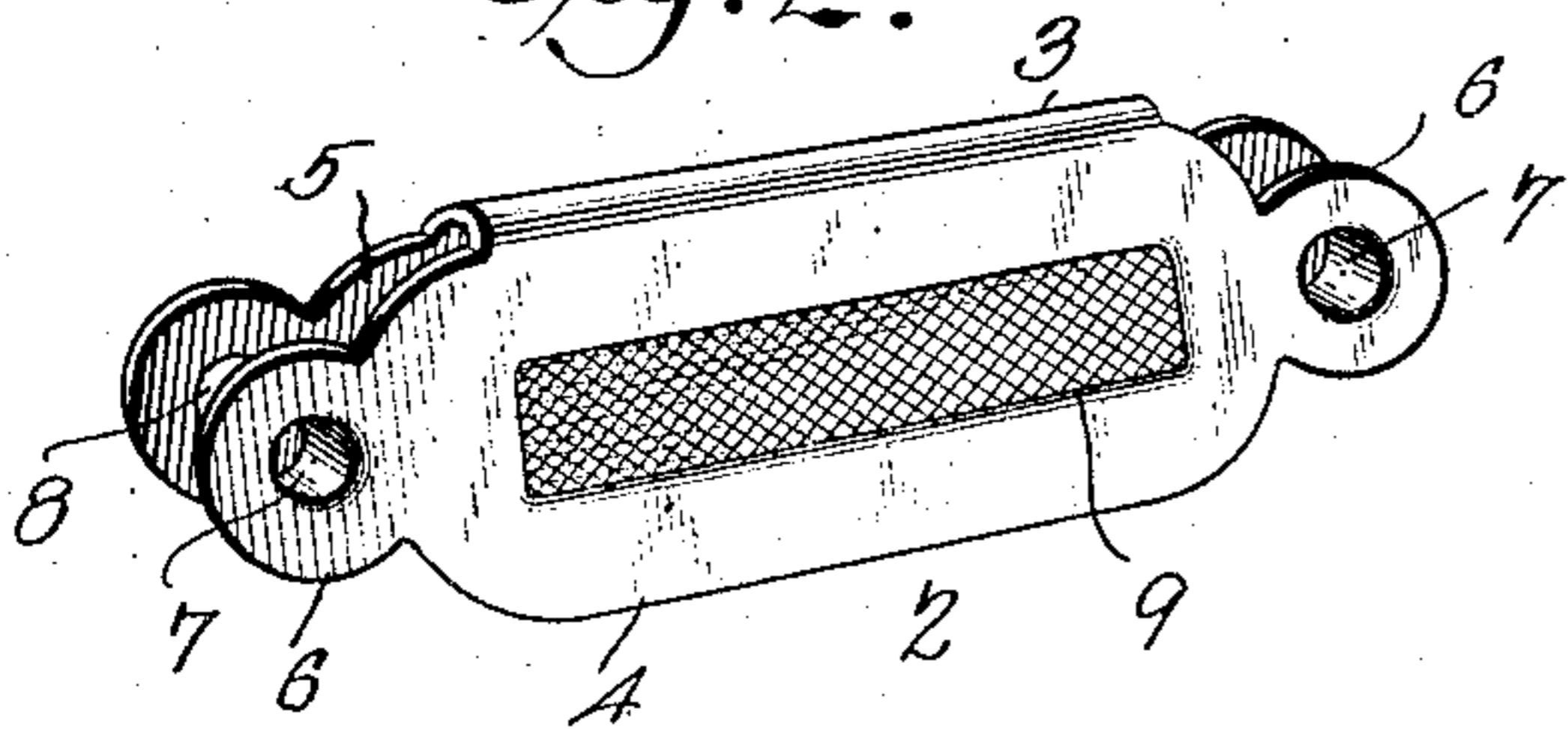


Fig. 3.

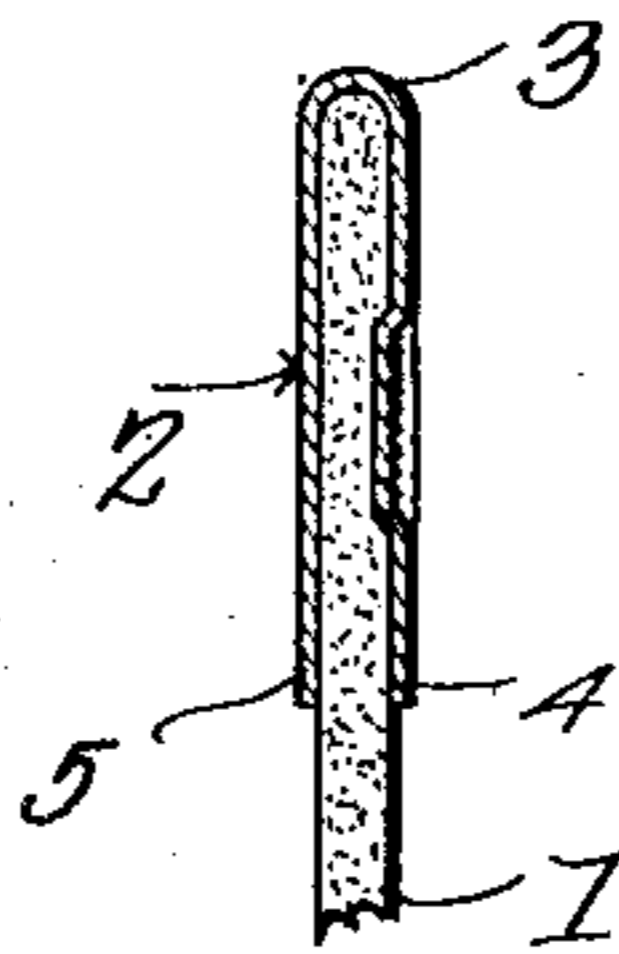
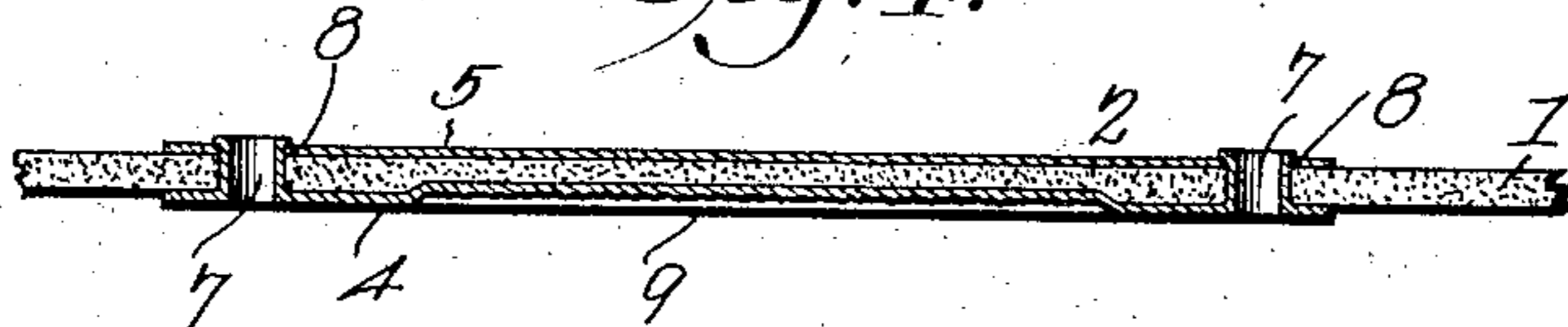


Fig. 4.



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MATCH-SCRATCHER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARENCE R. WILSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bossburg, in the county of Stevens and State of Washington, have invented a new and useful Match-Scratcher, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved match-scratching or match-lighting device, and has for its object to provide a simple, inexpensive, and efficient device of this character capable of being easily and readily attached to any garment—such as coats, vests, trousers, and other articles of wearing-apparel—affording a means whereon the match may be struck or ignited.

A further object of the invention is to provide a match-scratcher stamped from a single piece of material which may be quickly and readily attached to the garment without the use of pins, rivets, or similar auxiliary fastening devices and so constructed as to effectively reinforce the garment at the point of attachment.

A further object is to form the roughened or serrated portion of the scratcher below the surface thereof, so as to prevent the clothing from coming in contact therewith and tearing or otherwise injuring the same.

The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended, it being understood that various changes in form, proportion, and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation showing a match-scratcher constructed in accordance with my invention applied to the waistband of a pair of trousers. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of the scratcher detached. Fig. 3 is a transverse section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 is a similar view on the line 4 4 of Fig. 1.

Similar numerals of reference indicate cor-

responding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

1 designates a garment—a pair of trousers in the present instance—to the waistband of which is attached my improved scratcher 2.

The scratcher, which may be formed of metal or other suitable material, is preferably die-struck and consists of a body portion bent on itself, as shown at 3, forming two substantially parallel arms 4 and 5, between which the edge of the trousers or other garment is secured, as clearly shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings.

The opposite ends of the arms 4 and 5 are reduced, as shown at 6, the reduced ends of the arm 4 being formed with integral upstruck eyelet-tubes 7, adapted to engage corresponding openings 8 in the reduced end portions of the arm 5, the arms being secured together and clamped to the edge of the garment by clenching or otherwise securing the eyelet-tubes within the openings 8. The arm 4 is provided with a longitudinally-disposed groove or depression 9, having a serrated or roughened bottom upon and over which the match-head is to be drawn, the groove or depression being of sufficient depth to prevent the clothing from coming in contact with the roughened portion thereof.

In attaching the scratcher to a pair of trousers or other garment the arms 4 and 5 are placed one on each side of the edge of the garment, with the roughened face of the arm 3 exposed, so as to permit the matches to be ignited thereon. The eyelet-tubes are then inserted in their respective openings in the reduced ends of the arm 4 and clenched, riveted, or otherwise secured, firmly clamping the edge of the garment between them.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that I have provided an exceedingly simple, inexpensive, and efficient match-scratcher, which may be easily and quickly attached to any article of clothing, the construction of the scratcher being such as to effectively reinforce the garment at the point of attachment and also prevent the clothing from coming in contact with the roughened portion thereof.

While I have shown the scratcher applied to a pair of trousers, it is obvious it may be also attached to any other garment, such as the coat, vest, or hat.

5 Having thus described the invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

10 1. A match-scratcher comprising, a body portion bent to form two substantially parallel arms adapted to embrace the edge of a garment, said arms being provided with interlocking end portions.

15 2. A match-scratcher comprising a body portion bent to form two substantially parallel arms, adapted to embrace the edge of a garment, one of said arms being provided with an opening and the other arm with an integral upstruck eyelet-tube adapted to engage

said opening, and a roughened surface formed on one of the arms. 20

3. As a new article of manufacture, a match-scratcher comprising a body portion bent upon itself to form two substantially parallel arms having reduced end portions, upstruck eyelet-tubes formed in the reduced ends of one of 25 said arms and corresponding openings in the other, and a longitudinal depression provided with a roughened bottom formed in one of the arms.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as 30 my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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