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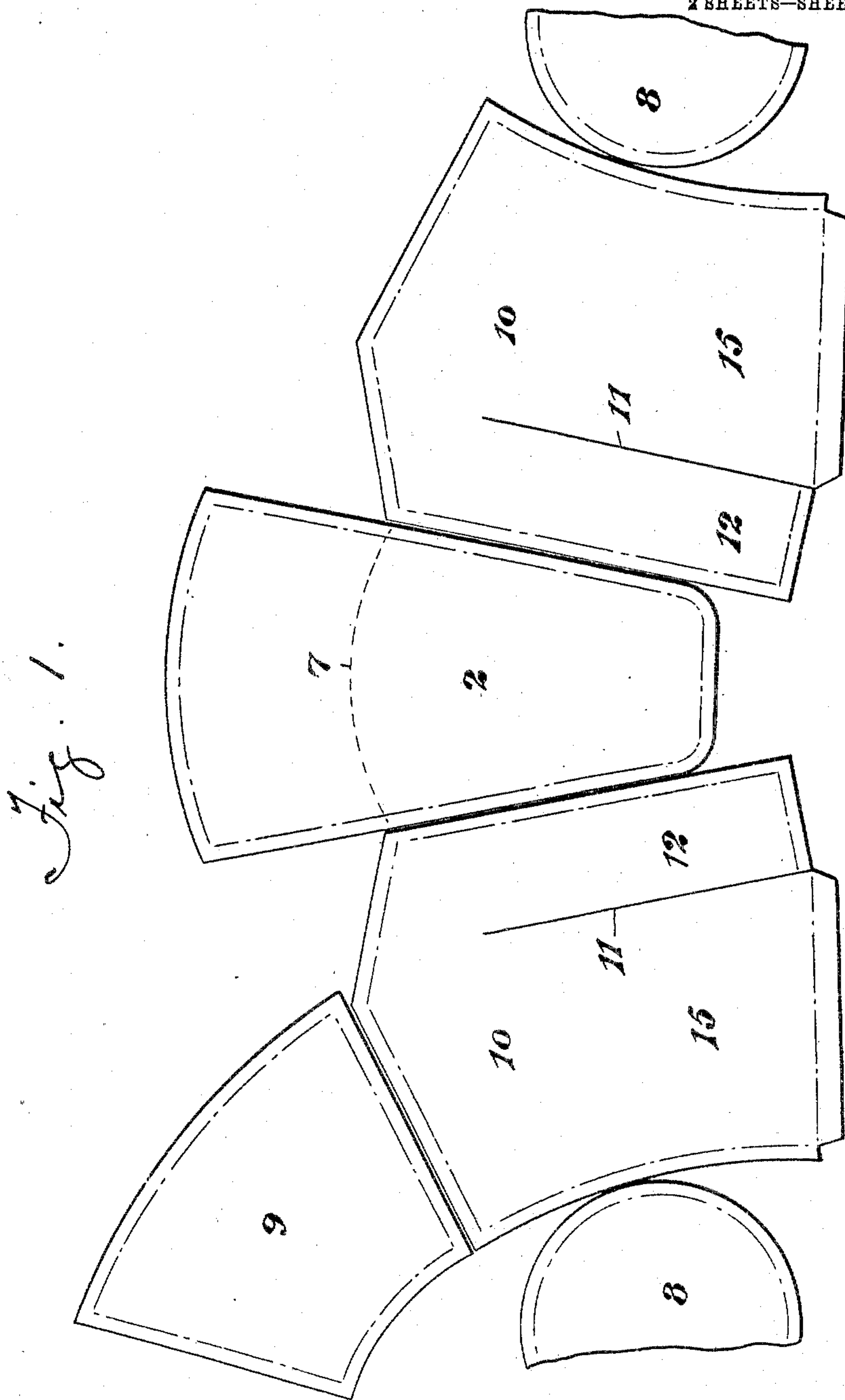
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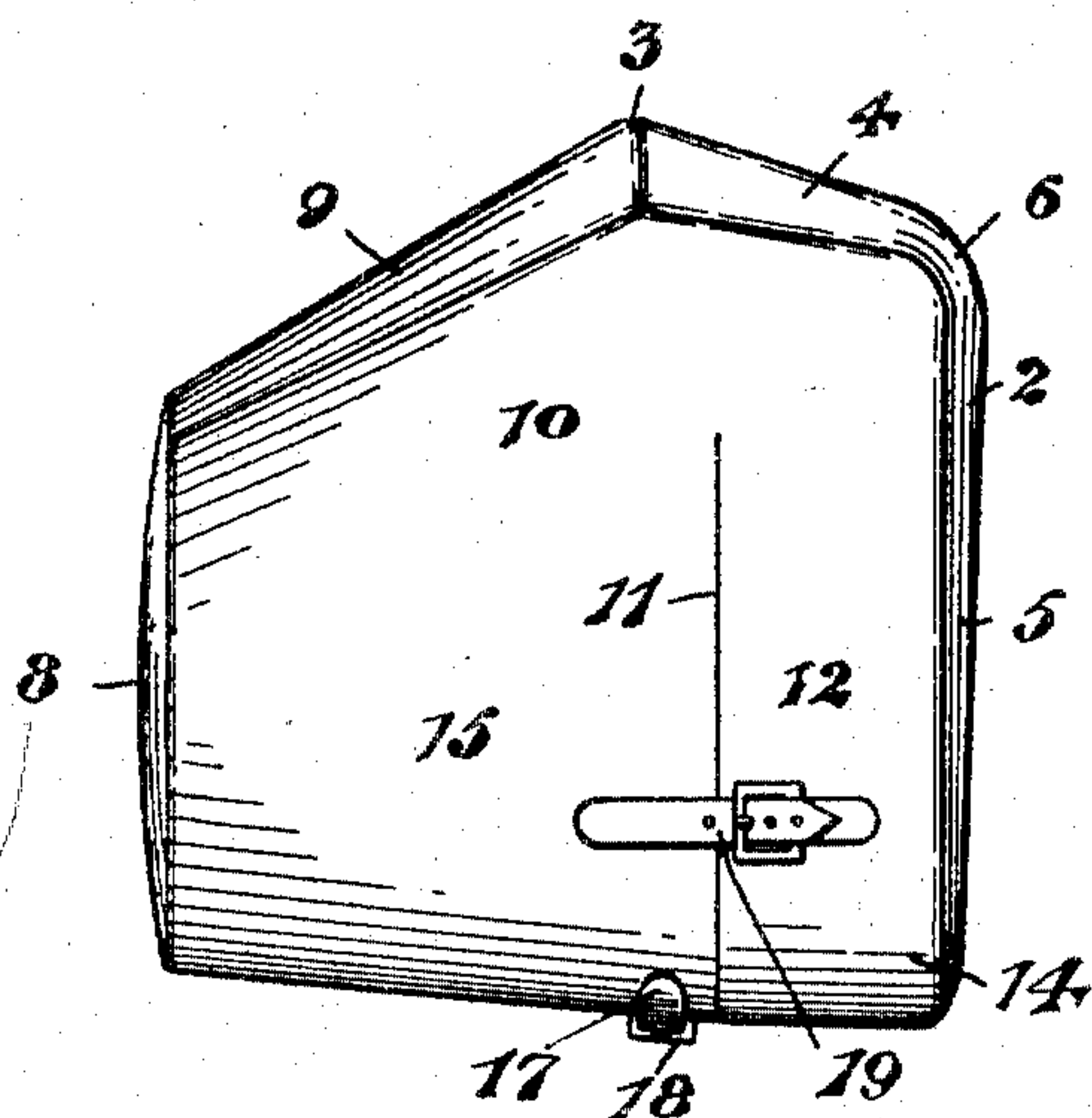


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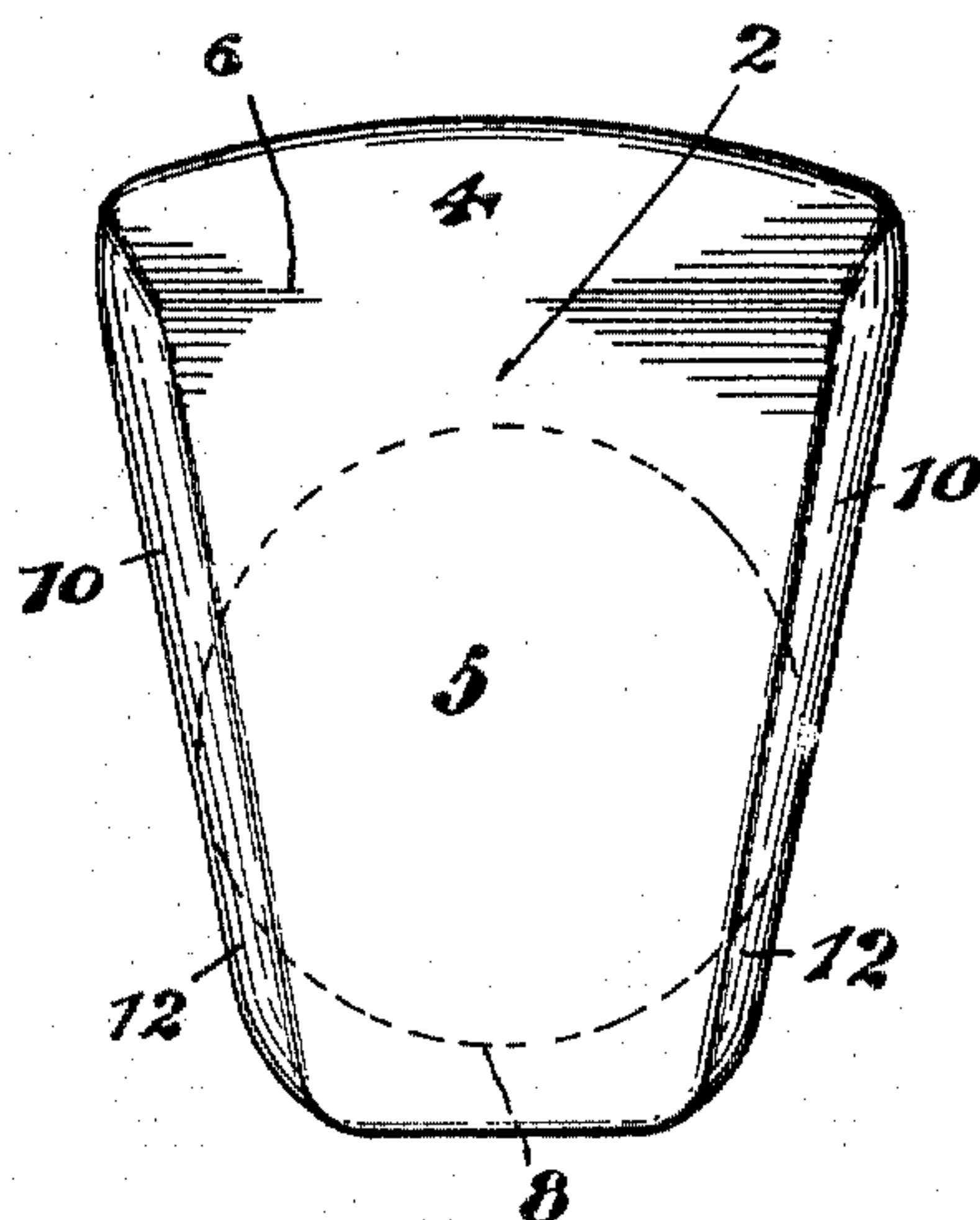


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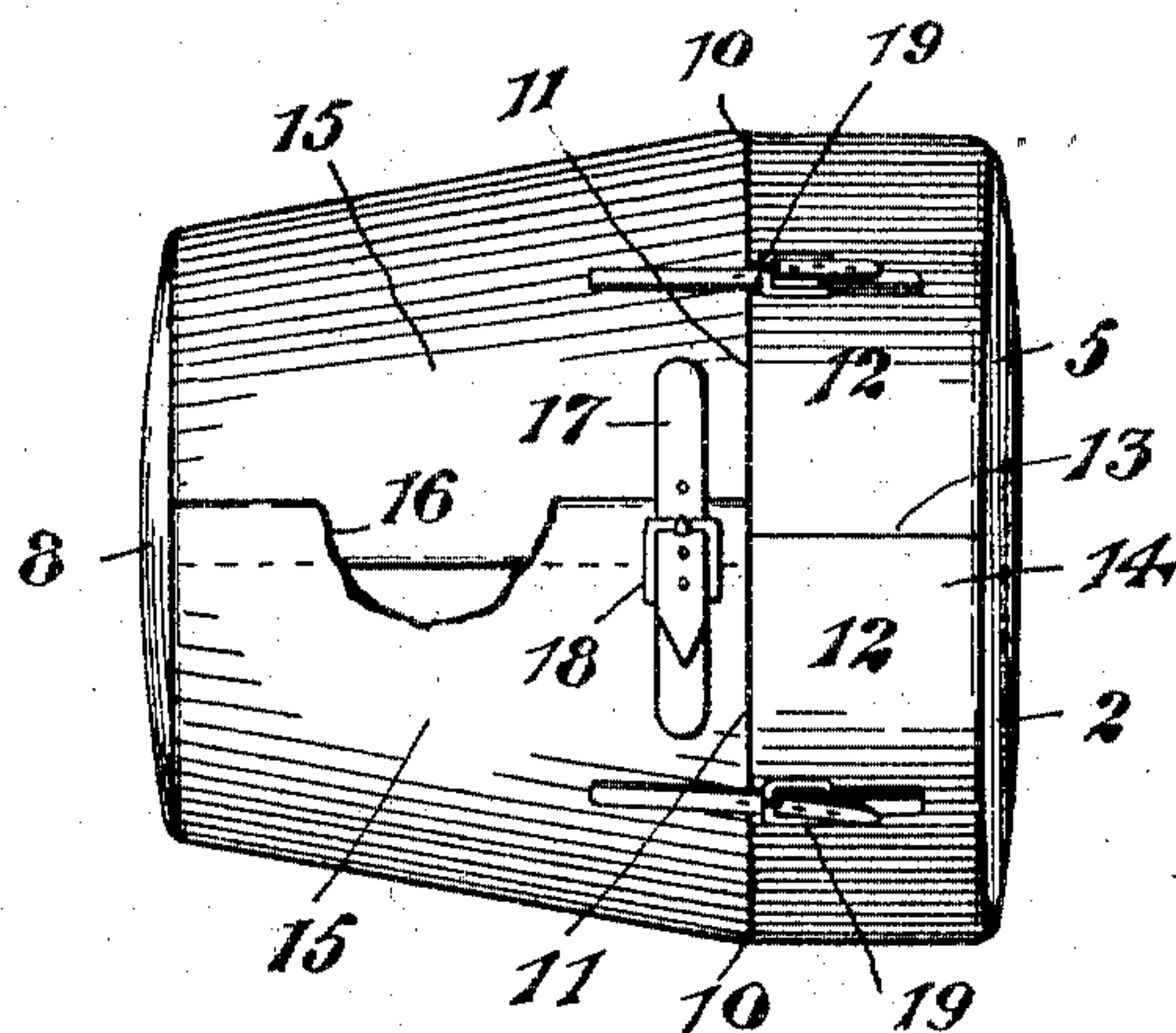


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY S. TOMPKINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Automobile Headlight-Covers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, 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, and to numerals of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The objects of this invention are to provide a cover for the headlight of an automobile, to secure such a cover which will neatly and closely fit the lamp, so as to adequately protect the same, to prevent the cover from drawing or slipping up on the lamp when secured in place, to secure a cover which will incase and protect the bottom or under part of the lamp, and to obtain other advantages and results, some of which may be hereinafter referred to in connection with the description of the working parts.

The invention consists in the improved automobile headlight-cover and in the arrangements and combinations of parts of the same, all substantially as will be hereinafter set forth, and finally embraced in the clauses of the claim.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which like numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in each of the several figures, Figure 1 shows the different parts of my improved cover as they are blanked out, said parts being arranged to indicate the relative positions in which they are joined. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the complete cover. Fig. 3 is a rear elevation of the same, and Fig. 4 is a view from beneath or looking upward.

In said drawings, 2 indicates the back piece of my improved headlight-cover, which back piece is adapted to extend from the ridge or highest point 3 of the cover which receives the handle or bail of the lamp rearwardly and downwardly to the bottom of the cover. Obviously said back piece 2 may be all in one piece, as shown, or its upper inclined portion 4 and lower upright portion 5 may be separated pieces joined at the edge 6 of the cover,

(see Fig. 2,) as is indicated by dotted line 7 in Fig. 1.

The front of the cover is composed of a circular piece 8, which of course lies over the lens of the headlight, and from the upper part of said front piece 8 extends a top piece 9 rearwardly upward to the ridge 3 of the cover, where it joins the forward edge of the back piece 2. Side pieces 10 10, adapted to lie one on each side of the lamp, then fill in the open spaces between the parts above described, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2 more particularly. Each of said side pieces comprises an irregular but compact piece adapted to fit at its top and side edges against the edges of the front piece 8, top piece 9, and back piece 2. The lower edges of the two side pieces are adapted to be carried inwardly to meet beneath the lamp, as hereinafter more fully described. Each side piece is, furthermore, vertically slit at a point preferably somewhat nearer the back of the cover than is the vertical plane of the ridge or crown 3, as at 11, so that said cover can be opened to receive and be fitted over the lamp. The portions 12 of said side pieces, which are at the rear of said slits 11, are sewed together at their edges at the bottom of the lamp-cover, as at 13, so as to form a pocket 14, which hooks over the rear under edge of the headlight. Obviously said pocket may be formed either as I have described and shown in Figs. 1 and 4 or the back piece 2 might be extended at its lower end and turned upward into horizontal position and sewed to the shortened portions 12 of the side pieces.

The forward portions 15 15 of the two side pieces 10 while secured at their forward edges to the front 8 of the cover are free at their lower edges and adapted to overlap, as at 16 in Fig. 4. A strap 17 and buckle 18 are applied to these oppositely-overlapping edges near the slit 11 for the purpose of drawing them together beneath the headlight, as will be understood. Other similar straps 19, preferably one at each side of the cover, serve to join the forward and rearward portions of the side pieces 10 and enable the front and rear portions of the cover to be firmly drawn and held together upon the lamp, as shown in Figs. 2 and 4 more particularly.

The seams of my improved cover may be

formed in any suitable and well-known manner common to the art, preferably by sewing and vulcanizing, it being understood that the present invention relates to structural parts.

5 Likewise any desired material may be employed.

Obviously various detail modifications may be made in my invention without departing from the spirit and scope of the same as set forth in the claims—as, for instance, as above referred to in the back piece—so long as the general formation is preserved. I do not, therefore, wish to be understood as limiting myself to positive descriptive terms employed except as the state of the art may require.

By my construction thus described it is obvious that I provide a cover which can be very readily and easily opened for application to a headlight and which can still, nevertheless, be drawn together and fastened very securely and closely around the lamp. Furthermore, in applying said cover to the headlight there is no tendency to draw the same out of place or slide it upward to expose the lower portion of the lamp, since the pocket 14 hooks over the rearward under portion of the lamp and holds its place while the forward portion is being strapped. Again, it should be noted that my improved cover incases and protects the entire lower portion of the headlight, so that it cannot be soiled or injured by mud or water splashed upward. This latter is a very important point in automobile-covers, since the lamps are hung low and near the ground.

35 Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new is—

1. The herein-described cover for automobile-headlights comprising a back piece and a top piece meeting at the highest point of the cover, a circular front, and side pieces each arranged with its front, top and rear edges joined to the first-mentioned parts and at its lower edge overlapping the lower edge of the other.

45 2. A cover for automobile-headlights, com-

prising a back piece and a top piece, a circular front, and side pieces each fastened at its front, top and rear edges to the first-mentioned parts and having its lower edge arranged to be secured to that of the other side piece, said side pieces being each slit vertically upward from its lower edge.

3. A cover for automobile-headlights, comprising a circular front, a top piece 9, and a back piece 2, and side pieces each joined at its front, top and rear edges to said front, top and back pieces, each side piece being slit from its lower edge upward and having those portions at the rear of said slit forming with the back piece a closed pocket arranged to hook over the rearward under portion of the headlight, the lower edges of the forward portions of said side pieces being free to overlap, and means for joining said forward portions to each other and to the said pocket.

4. In a cover for automobile-headlights, a body portion comprising a back piece, a front piece and side pieces, and having a vertical slit, the lower part of the back piece forming with the rear portion of the side pieces a permanent pocket arranged to receive the rear under portion of a lamp, and the front portions of the side pieces being adapted to overlap and having means for joining.

5. In a cover for automobile-headlights, a back piece, a top piece, a circular front, and side pieces, said back, front and sides being fastened at their top edges to said top piece and having their adjacent lateral edges joined, and the side pieces having extensions joined at their ends and forming a pocket to receive a marginal portion of the bottom of a lamp.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 30th day of January, 1904.

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