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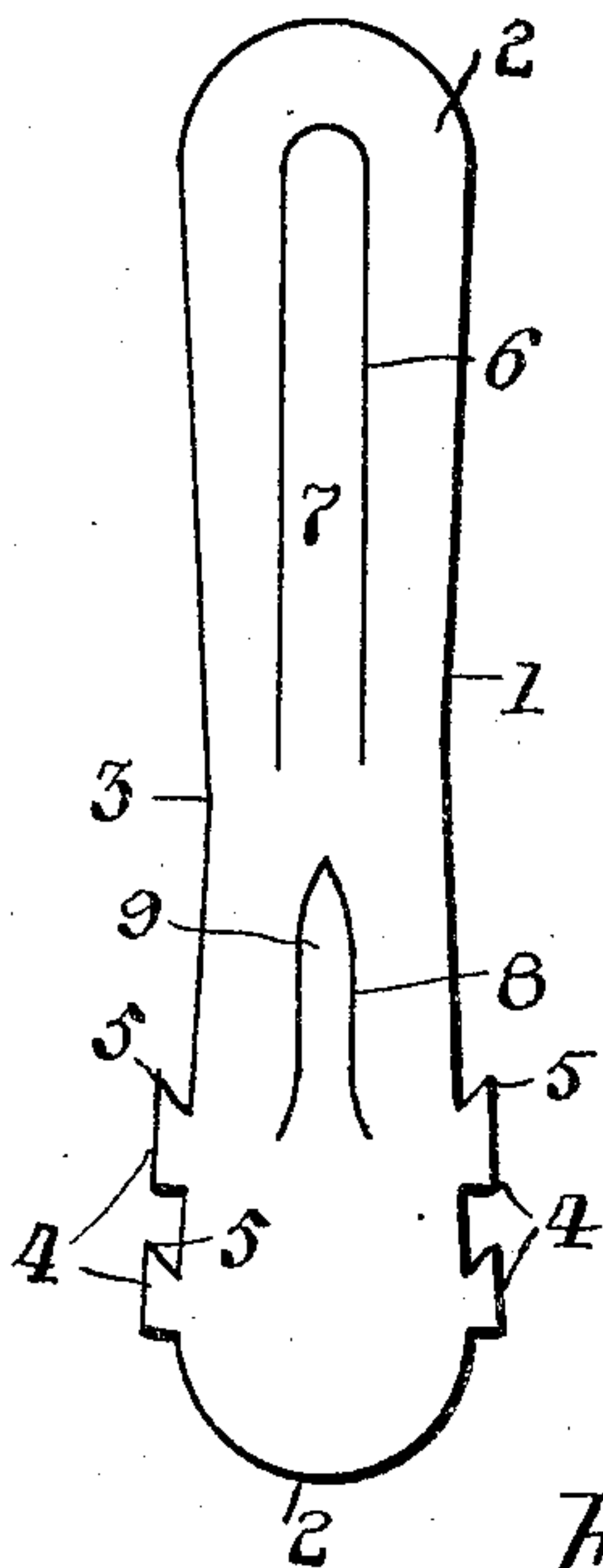


Fig. 1.

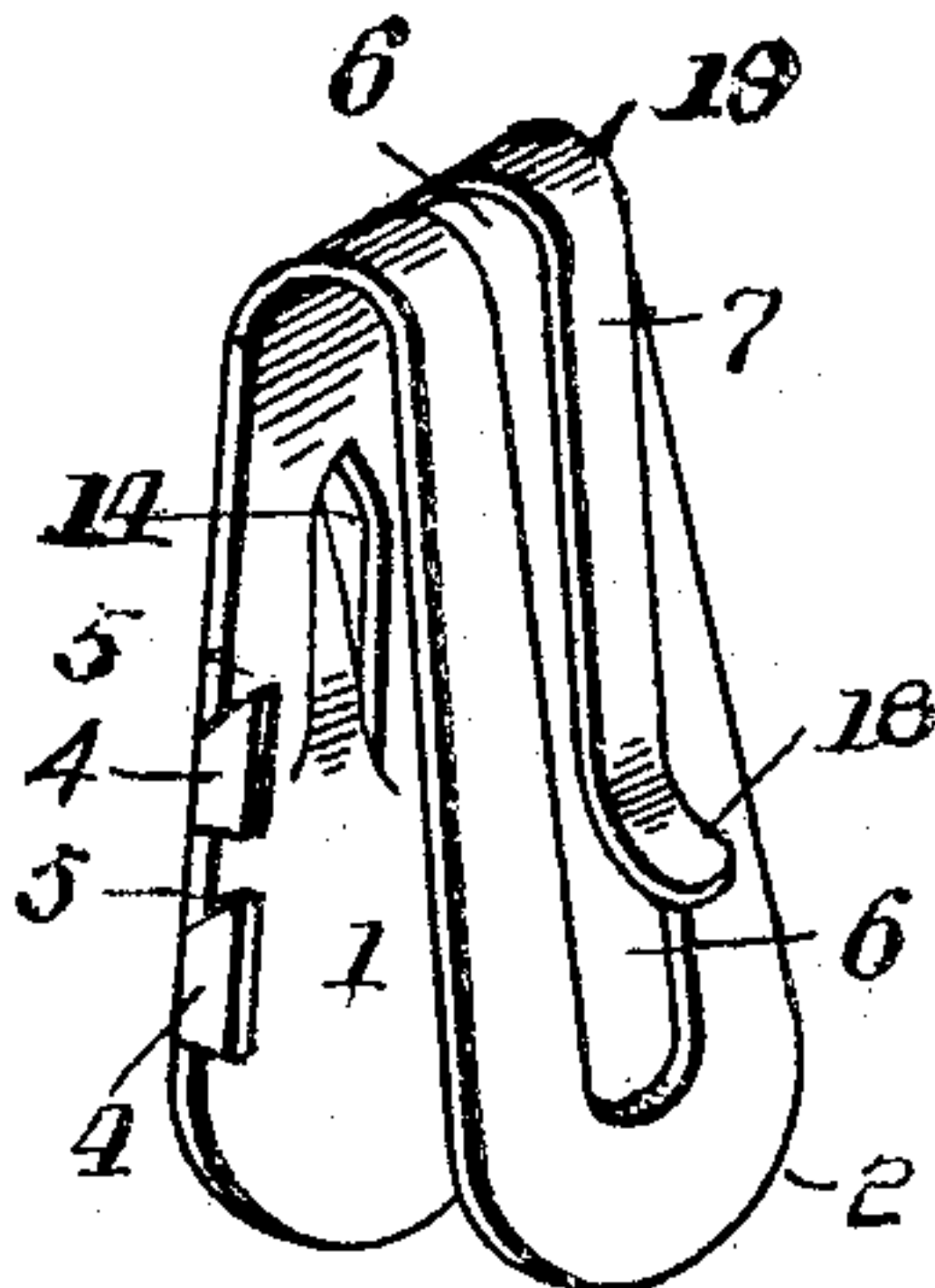


Fig. 2.

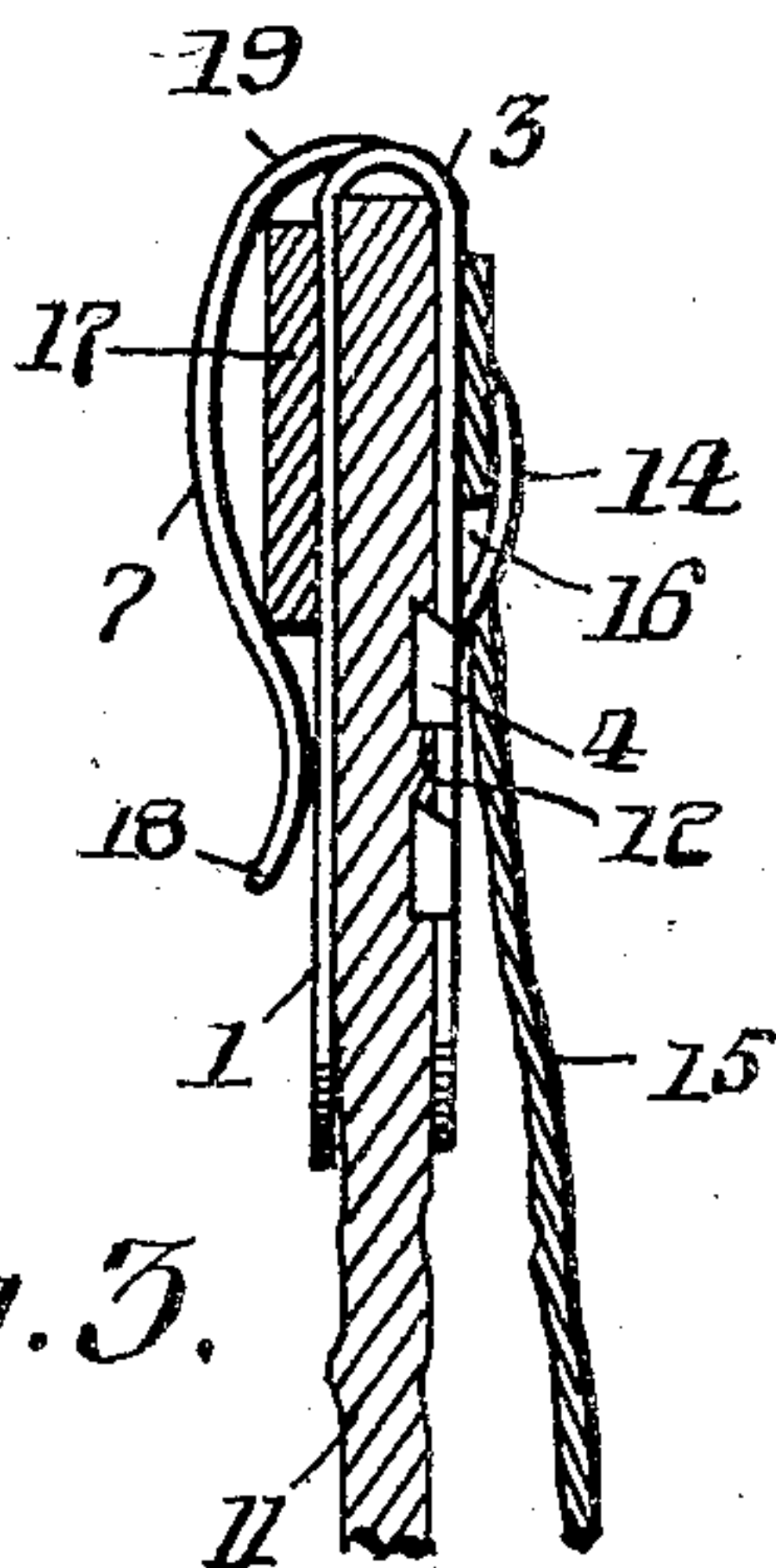


Fig. 3.

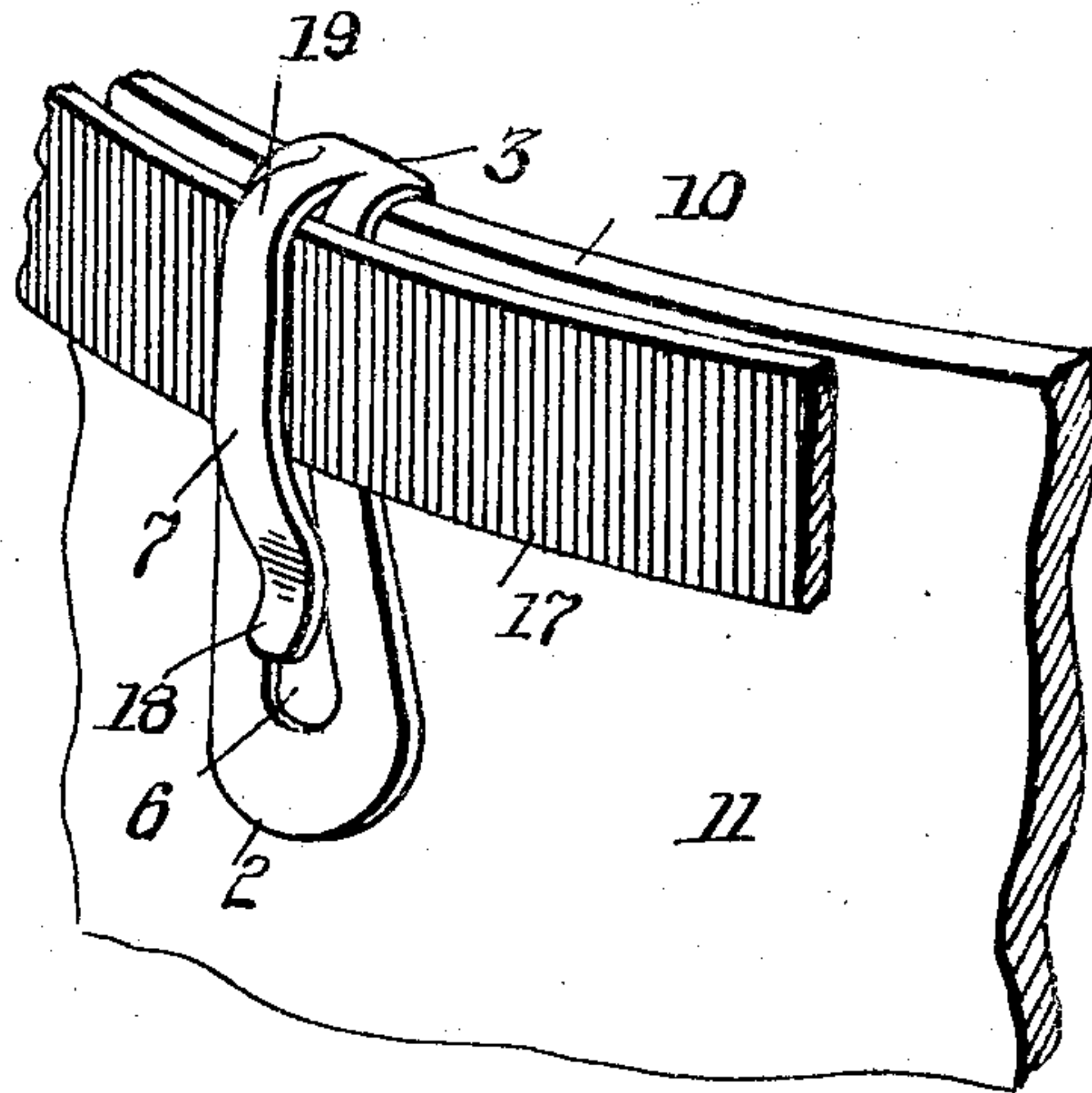


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK M. SHEPARD, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Homestead, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment Attachments, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention has relation to garment attachments, and has for its object the provision of novel means in connection with a belt for supporting a pair of trousers and a nether garment.

15 This invention has for its further object to provide an attachment which may be easily and quickly attached to the trousers and upon the attachment is adapted to be supported a nether garment, and a belt is adapted to pass through said attachment to support the trousers upon the human being.

20 Briefly described, my improved attachment is stamped from a piece of metal and bent to form a clasp to engage the waistband of the trousers, and the piece of metal forming the attachment is sheared, the sheared portions being bent to form a strap through which a belt is adapted to pass and a hook upon which the nether garment is supported.

30 The above construction will be hereinafter more fully described, and specifically pointed out in the claims, and referring to the drawings accompanying this application like numerals of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views, in which—

35 Figure 1 is a plan view of a piece of metal which has been cut out of a sheet of metal and sheared. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of my improved attachment. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view of a portion of a pair of trousers, a belt, and a nether garment, showing my improved attachment in position thereon. Fig. 4 is a fragmentary perspective view of a pair of trousers, showing my improved attachment secured thereon and a belt in position upon the same.

40 To put my invention into practice, I form my improved attachment for garments by stamping the same from a piece of sheet metal, the attachment as so stamped being illustrated

in Fig. 1 of the drawings, and consists of a strip of metal 1, having rounded ends 2 2, and the edges of the strip tapering inwardly to a central point 3.

The reference-numerals 4 4 indicate projections which are formed in the process of stamping this strip upon the sides of the strip, preferably near the one end thereof, these projections having pointed ends 5 5. The strip of metal is sheared, as indicated at 6, to form a tongue 7, and is also sheared, as indicated at 8, to form another tongue 9.

Reference will now be had to Fig. 2 of the drawings, wherein I have illustrated the strip of metal as bent to form my improved attachment, and in so forming the strip of metal I bend the same upon itself at the central point 3, providing a U-shaped attachment which is adapted to fit down over the waistband 10 of a pair of trousers 11. The projections 4 4 are bent inwardly at right angles and are adapted to engage the material of the trousers, as designated by the reference-numeral 12. The tongue 9 is bent outwardly, as indicated at 14, to form a hook over which the nether garment 15 is secured, this garment being generally provided with an opening 16 near its top edge, through which the hook 14 passes. The tongue 7 of the strip of metal 1 is bent outwardly, as illustrated in Figs. 2, 3, and 4 of the drawings, to form a strap through which a belt 17 is adapted to pass, the lower end of the tongue being again bent outwardly, as indicated at 18, to form a projection by which the strap or tongue 7 may be raised or lowered to permit the insertion of the belt under the strap in case the same is not sprung outwardly sufficiently to permit the passage of the belt therethrough. In forming the tongue 7, as illustrated in Figs. 2, 3, and 4 of the drawings, it is bent to form a curved portion 19 near its attached end to the metallic strip, this curved portion performing the function of a spring and retaining the tongue or strap 7 in engagement with the belt.

It will be observed from the accompanying drawings that I have provided novel means for supporting a pair of trousers and the nether garment by a belt worn by the wearer of the trousers, and it will be noted that a plurality

of projections similar to the projections 4 4
may be formed on the opposite end of the
metallic strip 1, whereby a double means will
be constructed to engage the material of the
5 trousers and firmly hold the garment attach-
ment thereon.

While I have herein shown the same as be-
ing applied to the waistband of a pair of trou-
sers, I wish it to be understood that the same
10 may be employed upon any garment which is
adapted to be supported from a belt and that
other garments than the nether garments may
be supported from said attachment, and it will
be noted that a plurality of these attachments
15 may be readily employed in connection with
a pair of trousers. It will also be noted that
I do not care to limit myself to the exact and
specific construction shown in the accompa-
nying drawings and described, but may alter
20 the same to such an extent as will be permis-
sible by the appended claims.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Let-
ters Patent, is—

1. An attachment of the character de-
25 scribed, consisting of a single piece of metal
of U shape and having on one side a down-
wardly-projecting spring-tongue, and on the
other side an outwardly and upwardly pro-
jecting tongue, the last-named side being
30 formed with a plurality of inwardly-project-
ing lugs with upwardly-extending points.

2. An attachment for garments consisting
of a single piece of metal of U shape adapted

to clasp the waistband of a garment and hav-
ing on its outside an integral tongue with its 35
free end extending downwardly, said tongue
being adapted to embrace a belt, and having
on its inner side a second integral tongue
with its free end extending upwardly, said
last-named tongue being adapted to engage a 40
garment and support the same.

3. A garment attachment composed of a sin-
gle piece of metal having two integral tongues
cut out of the body of the metal, said body
being formed to approximately U shape, one 45
of said tongues extending from near the bend
of the body outwardly and downwardly adja-
cent one side of the body in a compound
curve and forming a spring-clasp adapted to
receive a belt, the other of said tongues ex- 50
tending inwardly and upwardly adjacent the
other side of the body and being adapted to
engage a garment.

4. An attachment for garments consisting
of a clasp of approximately U shape and hav- 55
ing on one side a tongue with its free end to-
ward the end of the clasp and having on the
other side a tongue with its free end toward
the center of the clasp, said clasp having lugs
on one side extending toward the other side. 60

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

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