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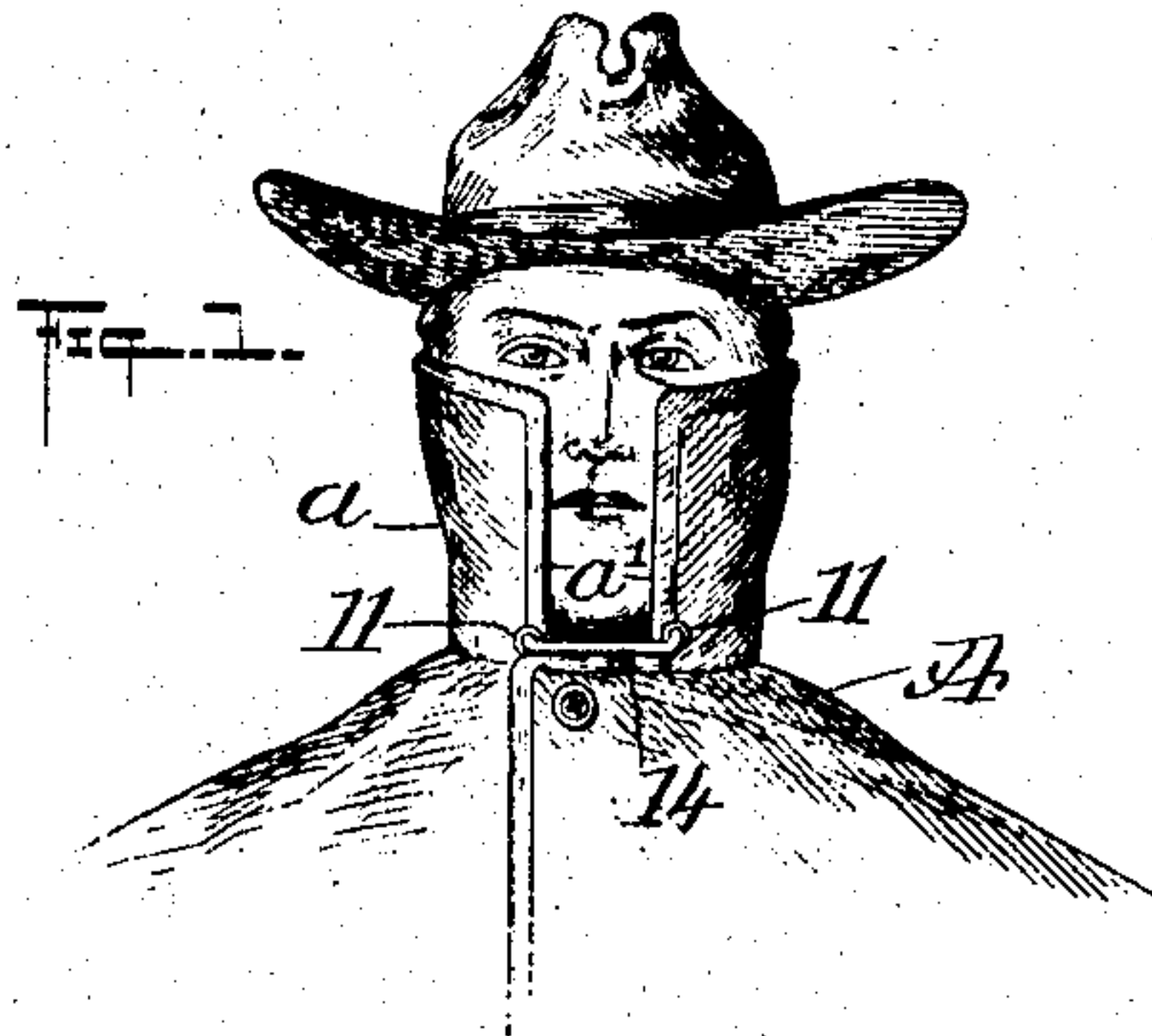
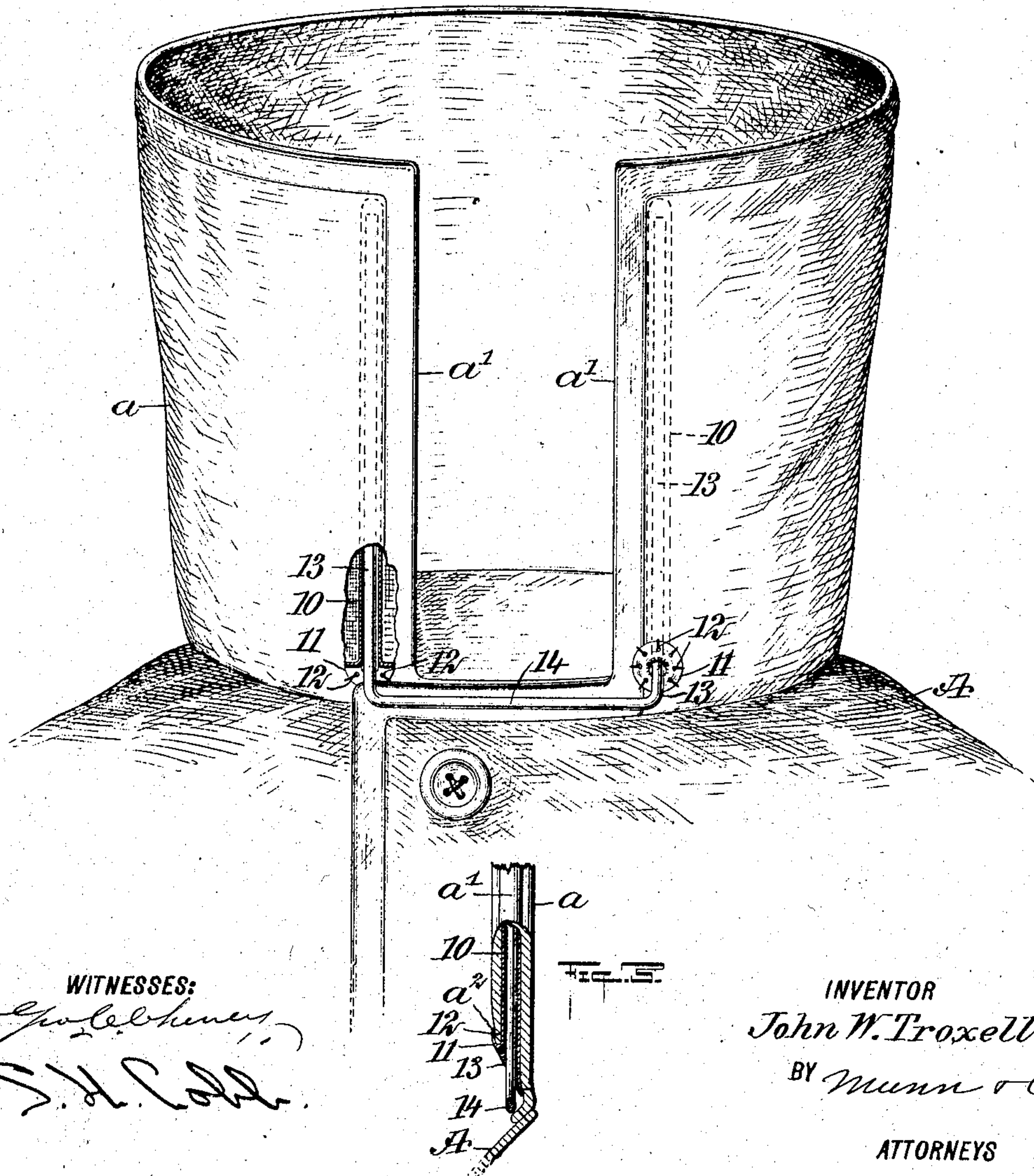


Fig. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. TROXELL, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Breckenridge, in the county of Sangamon and State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Collar-Support, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to supports for collars, and has for its principal objects the provision of a convenient and effective device of this character.

It consists in the various features and combinations hereinafter described and more particularly claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 illustrates my invention in use. Fig. 2 shows the upper portion of a garment and its collar with one embodiment of my invention applied thereto, parts being broken away; and Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional detail through one of the sockets.

A garment A is here illustrated, it having a collar *a*, which is of the wide or storm type, and at each of the adjacent edges *a'* of which is located a socket. In the present instance each socket consists of a tube 10, which may be of metal, hard rubber, or other convenient material, which is inserted through an opening *a''* at the under side of the collar in close proximity to the body of the garment and to the edge *a'* of the collar. At the inner end of each socket is a flange 11, which is inclined to the axis, so that when in place it may lie outside the collar-opening in close contact with the fabric, to which it may be secured by stitches passing through peripheral openings 12 in the flange. When so secured, the sockets extend from the garment-body to points adjacent to the outer edge of the collar, so that when said collar is raised they are substantially parallel to the edges *a'* and to one another. Coacting with the sockets is a supporting device having arms 13 13, which in

the present arrangement are substantially parallel and are connected by an intermediate portion 14, thus furnishing a generally U-shaped member.

In use the collar having been turned up, as is shown in the drawings, the arms of the supporting device are inserted in the sockets, the length of the connecting portion being such that the arms are separated by a space approximately equal to the distance between the socket-openings. When so positioned, the connecting portion will rest upon the body of the garment at its juncture with the collar, and the arms will thus be held against withdrawal and will retain the edges *a'* of the collar in the raised position close to the face of the wearer, drawing the collar about the neck. In this position, while the neck, ears, and the greater part of the face are effectually protected, the eyes, nose, and mouth are left free. The supporting device may be readily withdrawn when desired and the collar turned down into its normal position.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The combination with a collar provided at its adjacent edges with sockets, of a supporting member which may enter said sockets and which has separated end portions extending toward the outer edge of the collar.

2. The combination with a garment having a collar provided with sockets opening through the collar adjacent to the body of the garment and extending toward the outer portion of said collar, of a supporting member which may enter the sockets.

3. The combination with a garment having a collar provided with sockets opening through the collar adjacent to the body of the garment and extending toward the outer portion of said collar and being substantially parallel to its adjacent edges, of a supporting member which may enter the sockets.

4. The combination with a garment having a collar, of a generally U-shaped member co-operating with adjacent edges of the collar and

having its closed portion adjacent to the body of the garment.

5. A collar-support comprising a pair of sockets, each provided at one end with a flange inclined to the axis of its socket, and a cooperating member having portions which may enter the sockets and a connecting portion.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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