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fig. 1.

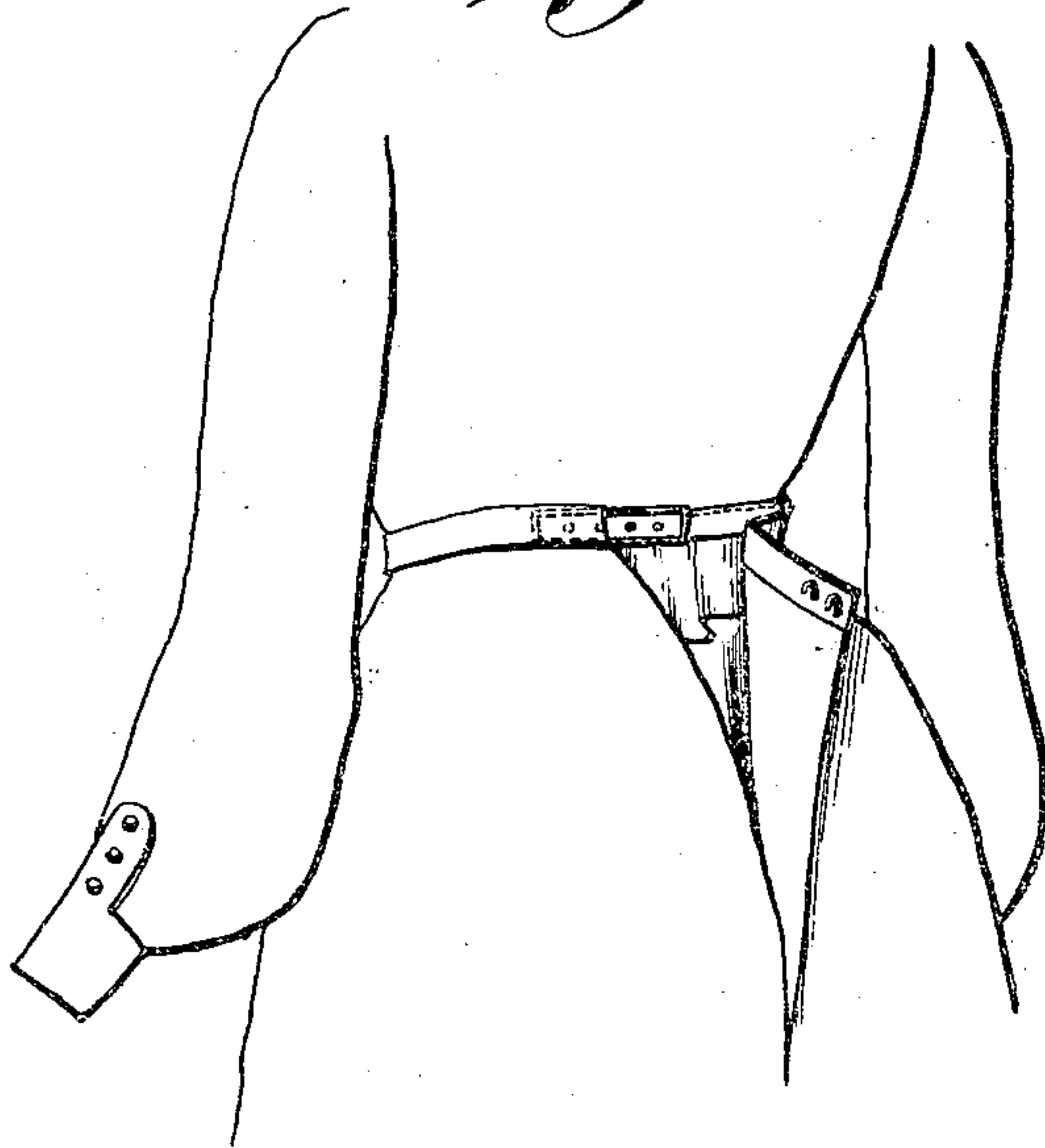


fig. 2.

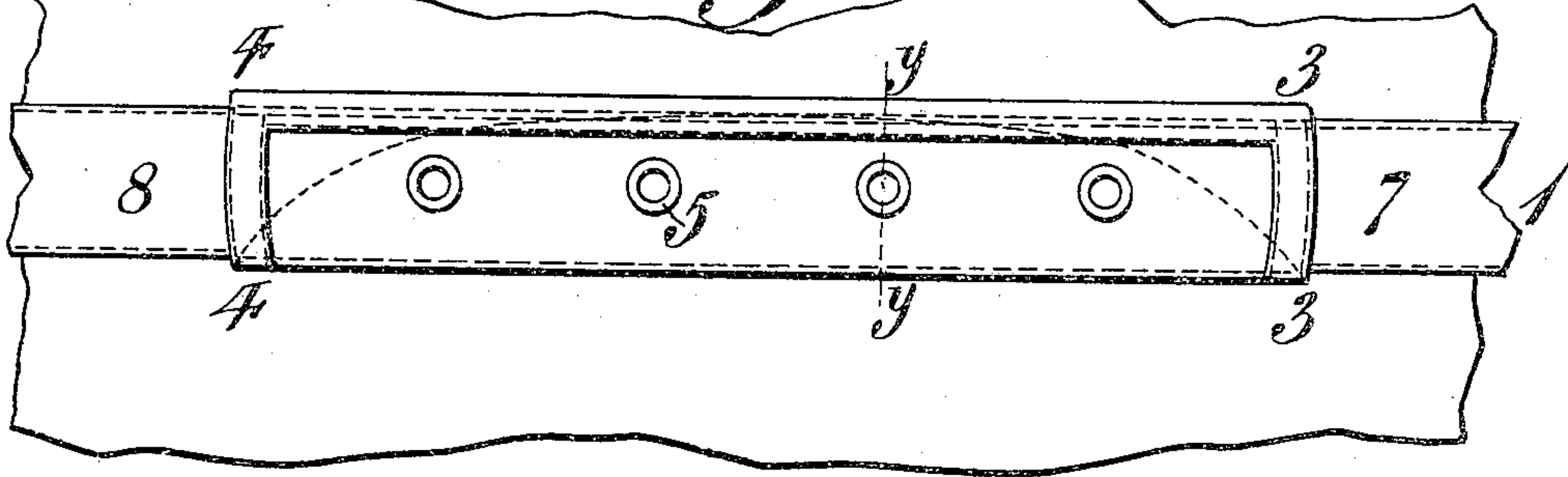


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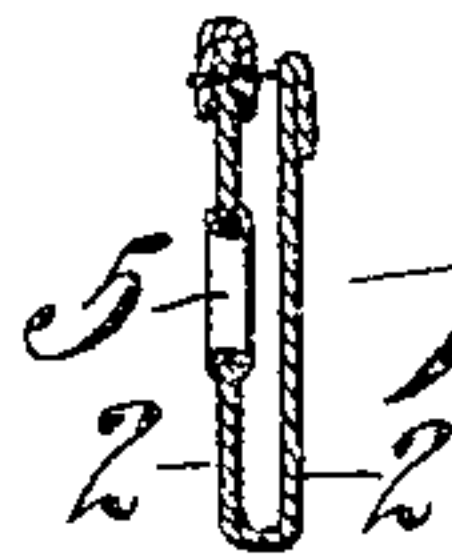
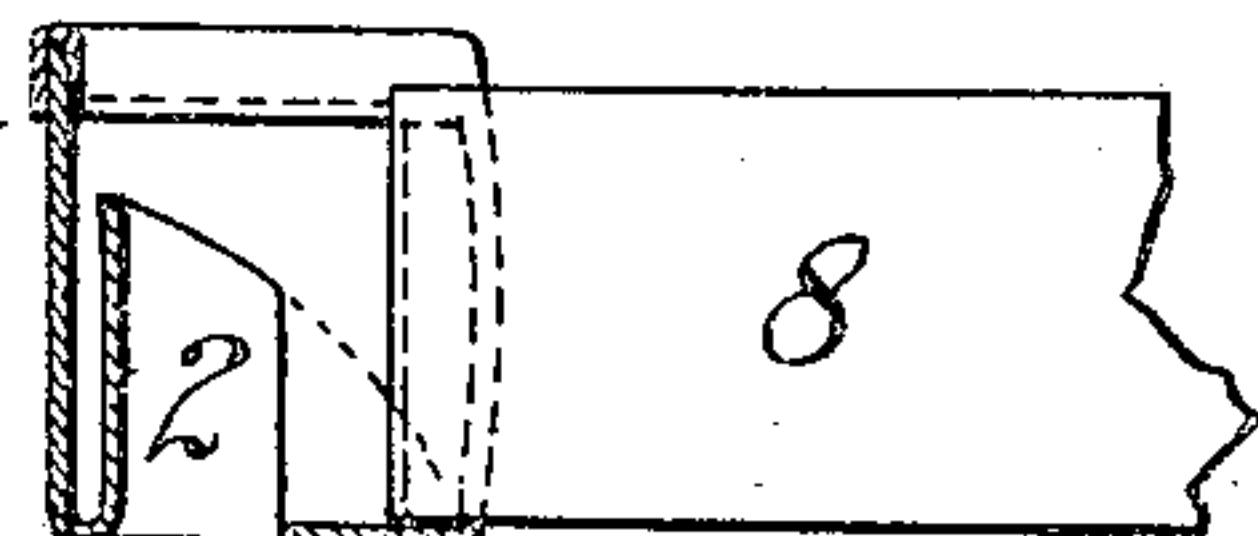


fig. 4.



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GARMENT-SUPPORTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEVA C. COLLINS, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Garment-Supporter, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful garment-supporter which is adapted to be sewed or otherwise secured to a waist and provided with means for attachment of the waistband of a skirt or other article of wearing-apparel.

It further consists in forming the same of flexible material and which can be readily washed or laundered.

It further consists of novel details of construction, all as will be hereinafter fully set forth.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my invention, showing the device in position sewed to a shirt-waist. Fig. 2 represents a front elevation of my invention in fragmentary form. Fig. 3 represents a sectional view on line *y y* of Fig. 2, omitting the shirt-waist. Fig. 4 represents a fragmentary rear view of Fig. 2.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates a belt which may be formed of tape or other suitable material and to which is sewed or otherwise secured a pad or tab 2, said pad or tab being of flexible nature. It may be of thin material with suitable reinforcement or may be of heavy material, as desired, it being understood that it is of such material that it is pliable and capable of being laundered. I preferably sew the pad or tab to the ends 7 and 8 of the belt along the lines 3 3 and 4 4 or otherwise, as desired. The pad is preferably wider than the belt, the additional width forming a flap for a purpose hereinafter stated.

5 designates eyelets or other suitable stiffening and strengthening means which are inserted at suitable intervals in said tab. The eyelets are formed of aluminium or other non-rustable material, and the outer eyelets are situated some distance from the lines 3 3,

3 4, and 4 4, respectively, of said tab, whereby the garment-supporter is adapted to be sewed or otherwise attached to the shirt-waist, so that the said tab is supported its entire length. The belt 1 is provided with the usual buckle, so that the same can be quickly tightened or adjusted after the shirt-waist is in proper position, it being understood that the garment-supporter is not to be removed from the shirt-waist, as is now the custom, but remains part of the shirt-waist, and owing to its pliable nature and to the fact that it is non-rustable the garment-supporter can be placed in the wash with the shirt-waist without injury thereto. Thus the necessity of removing the garment-supporter from the waist when the waist is removed or washed is obviated, and the garment-supporter is always in proper position with respect to the shirt-waist and skirt. Owing to the fact that the tab extends some distance beyond the outer eyelets the strain upon the eyelets will be distributed a considerable distance on the shirt-waist, thus preventing tearing and other injury of the same.

The lower portion of the tab, constituting the flap, is turned up at the rear and attached to the upper edge of the tab, thus serving as a shield in the rear of the eyelets to protect the waist from contact with and injury from the hooks.

It will be evident that various changes may be made by those skilled in the art which will come within the scope of my invention, and I do not, therefore, desire to be limited in every instance to the exact construction herein shown and described.

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

In a device of the character described, a waist-attached belt and an external eyeleted pad attached at its ends thereto, of greater width than the width of the belt and having its excess width folded to form a flap as a backing for the eyeleted portion.

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