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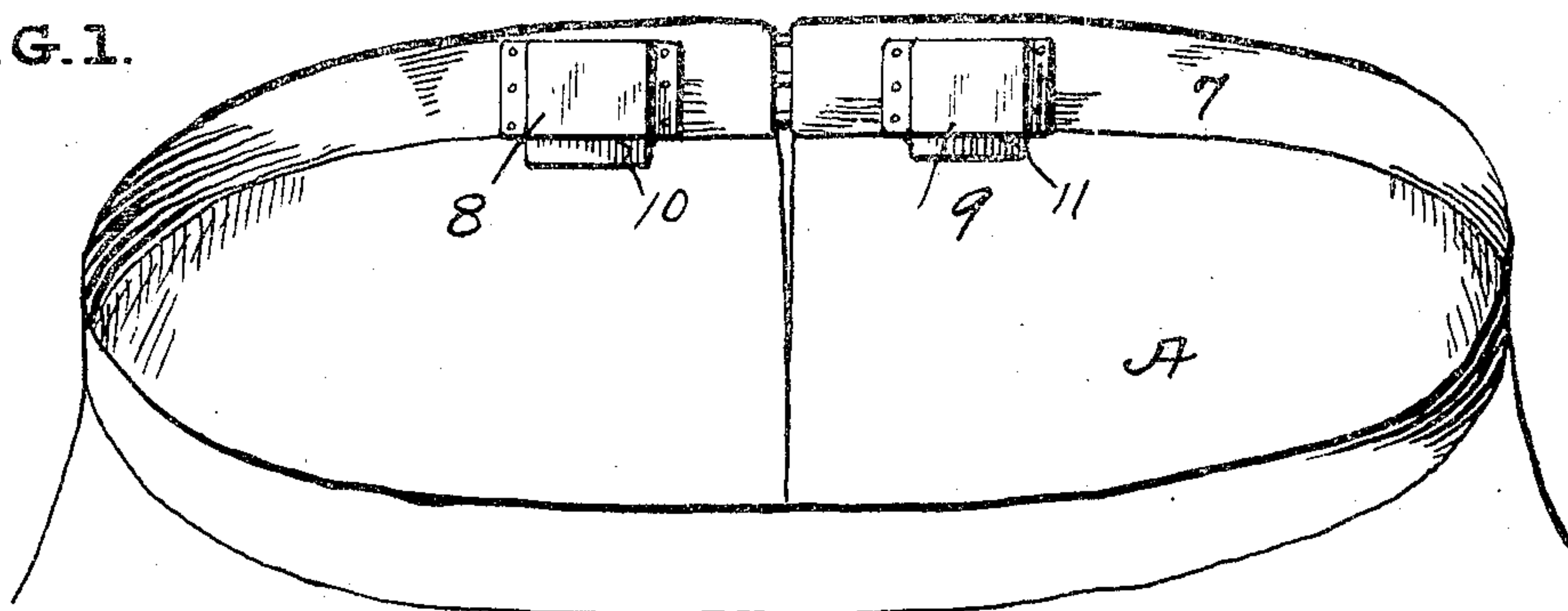


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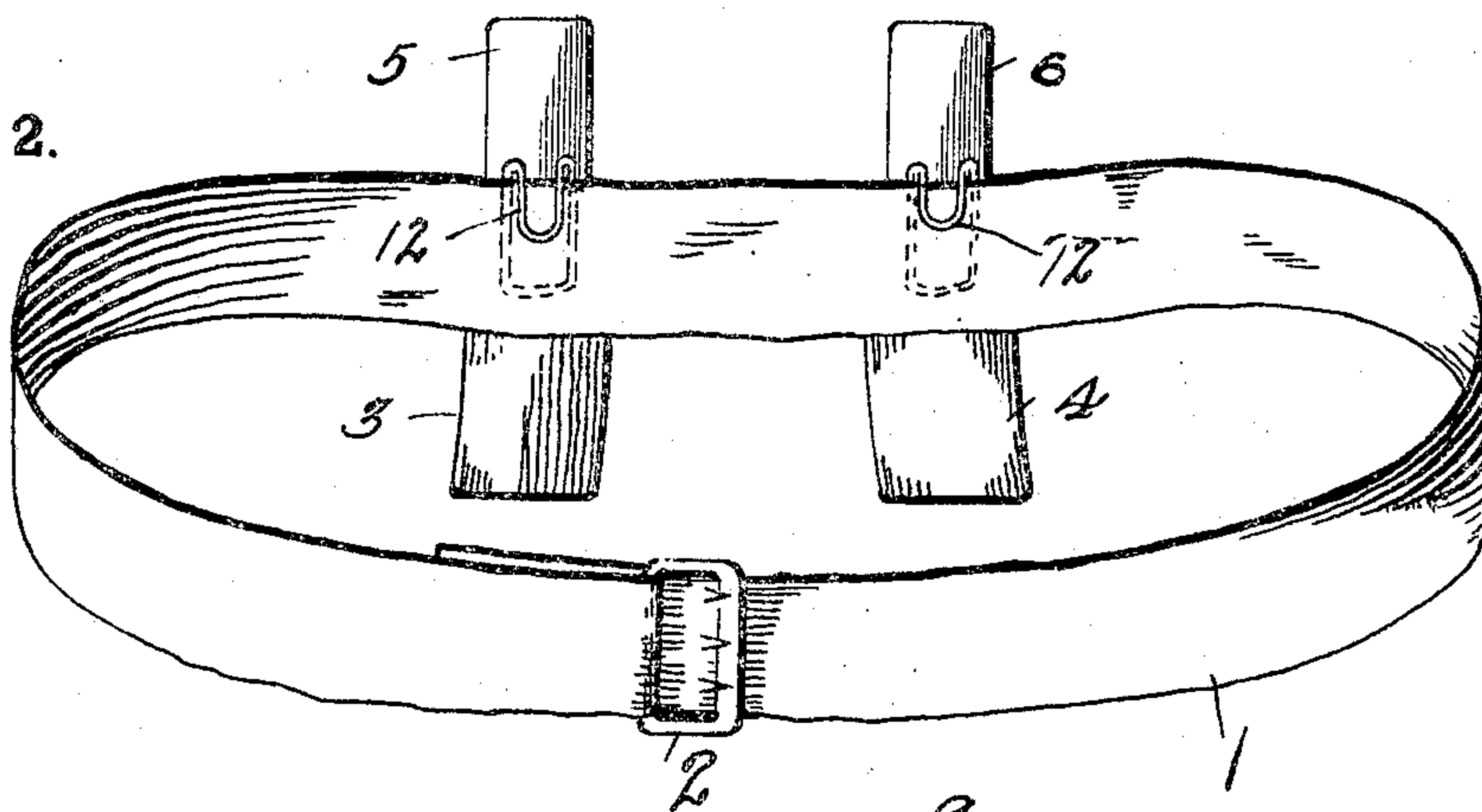
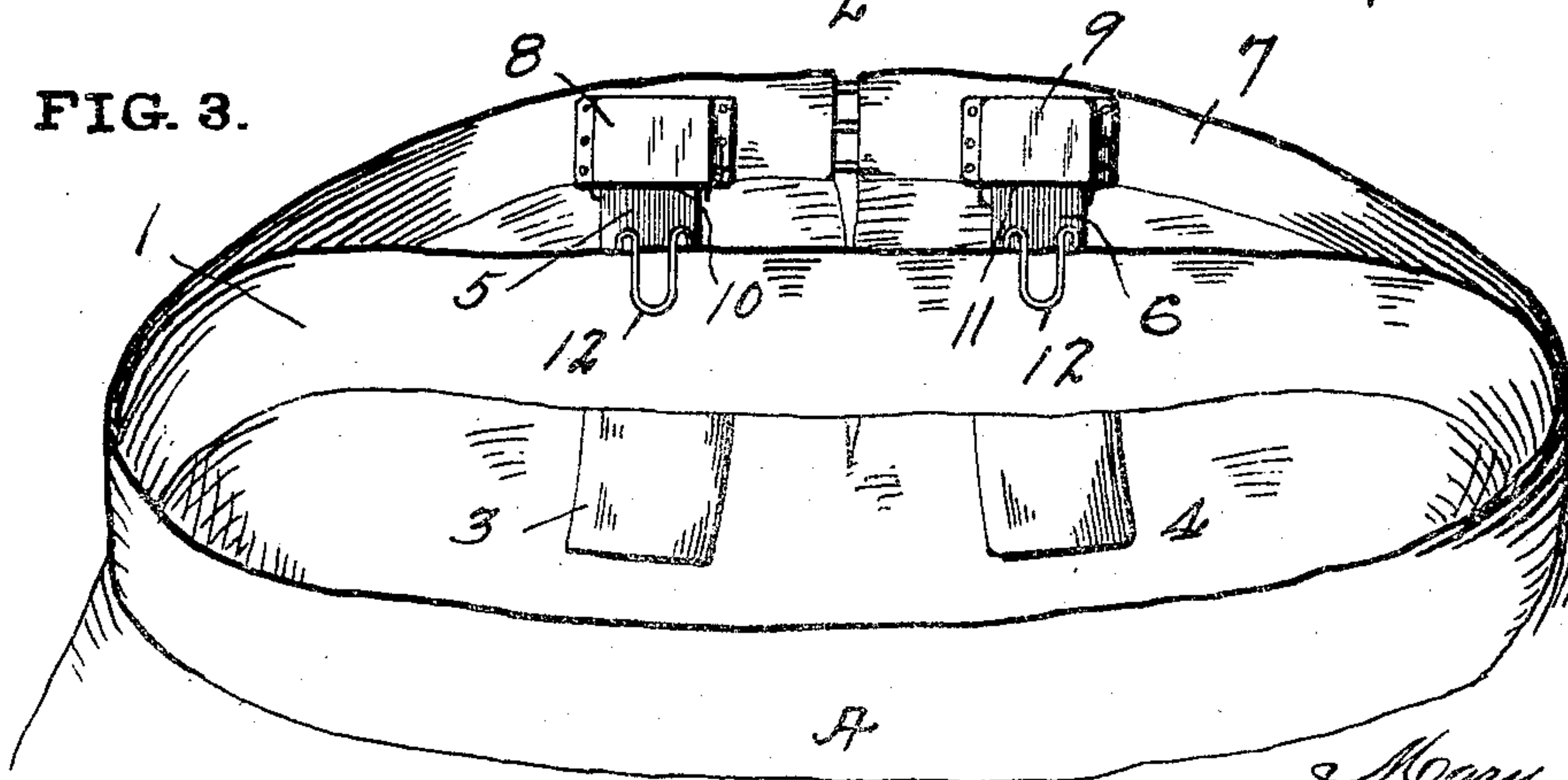


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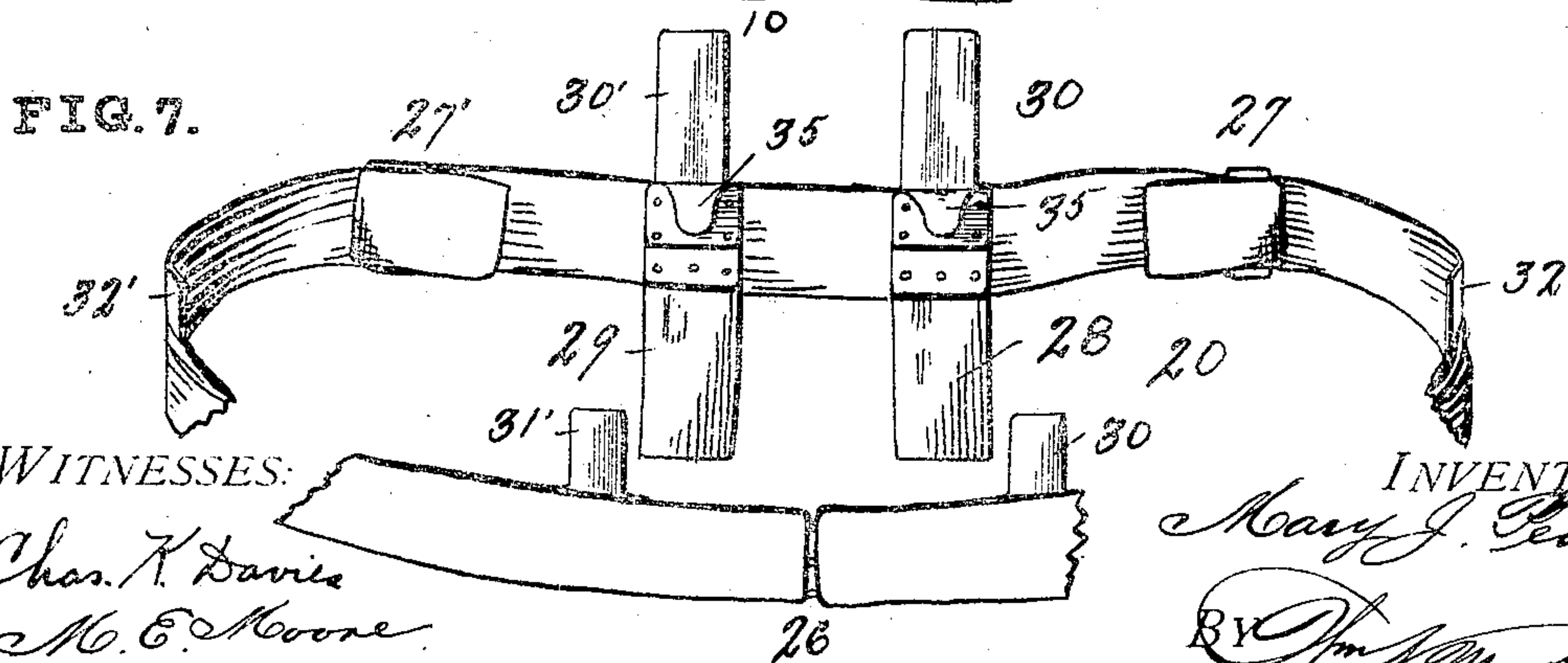
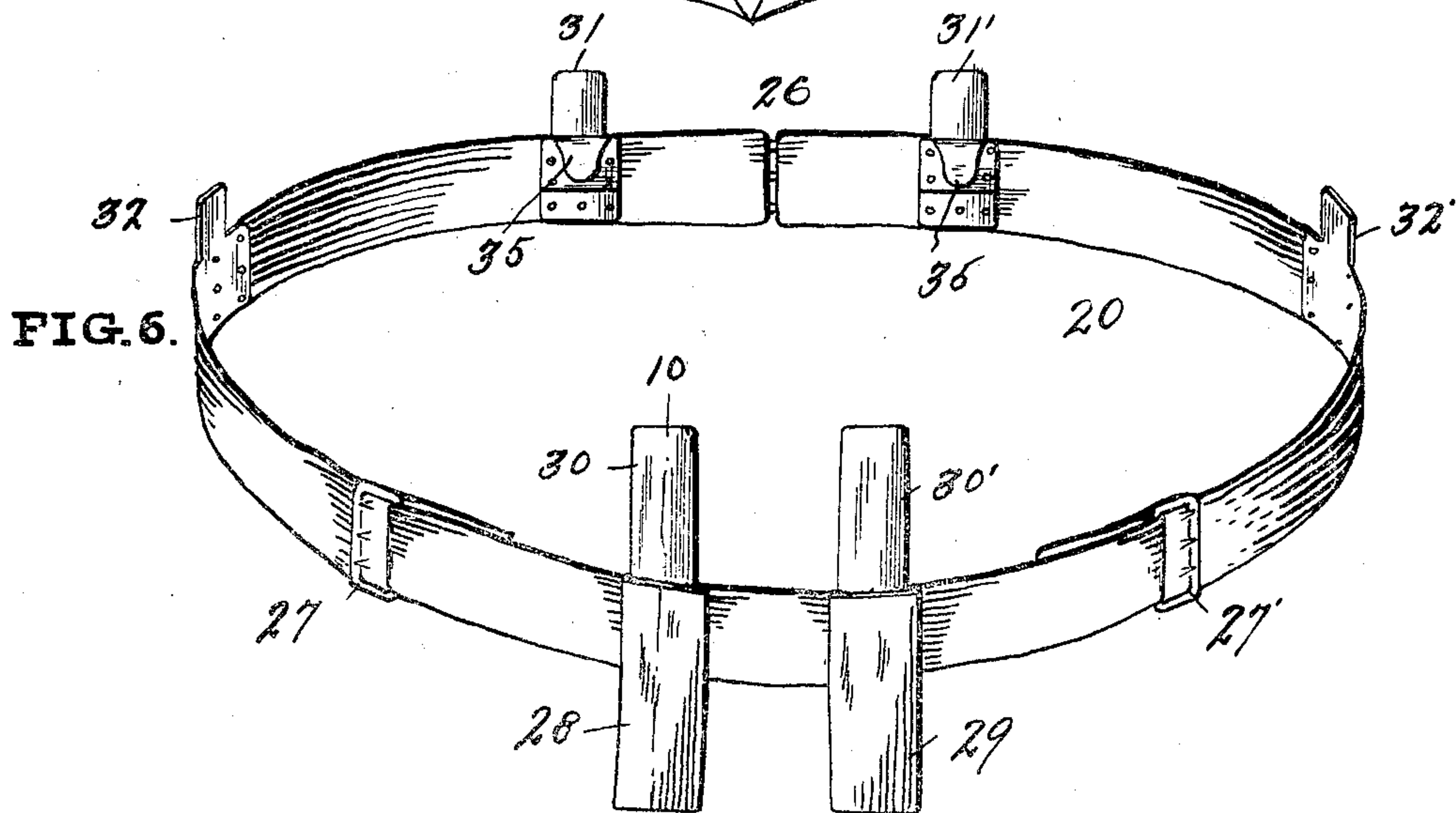
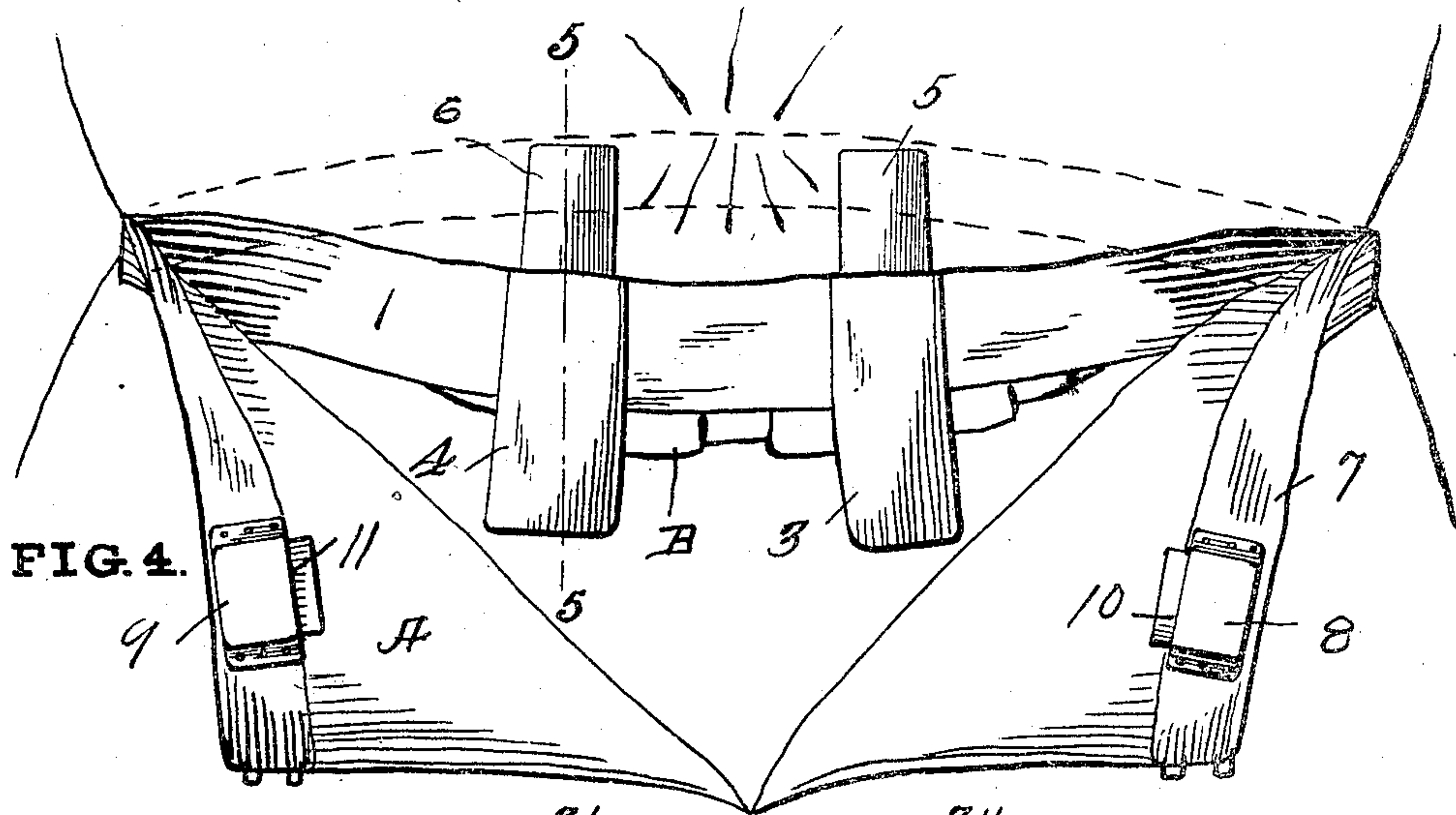
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FIG. 8.

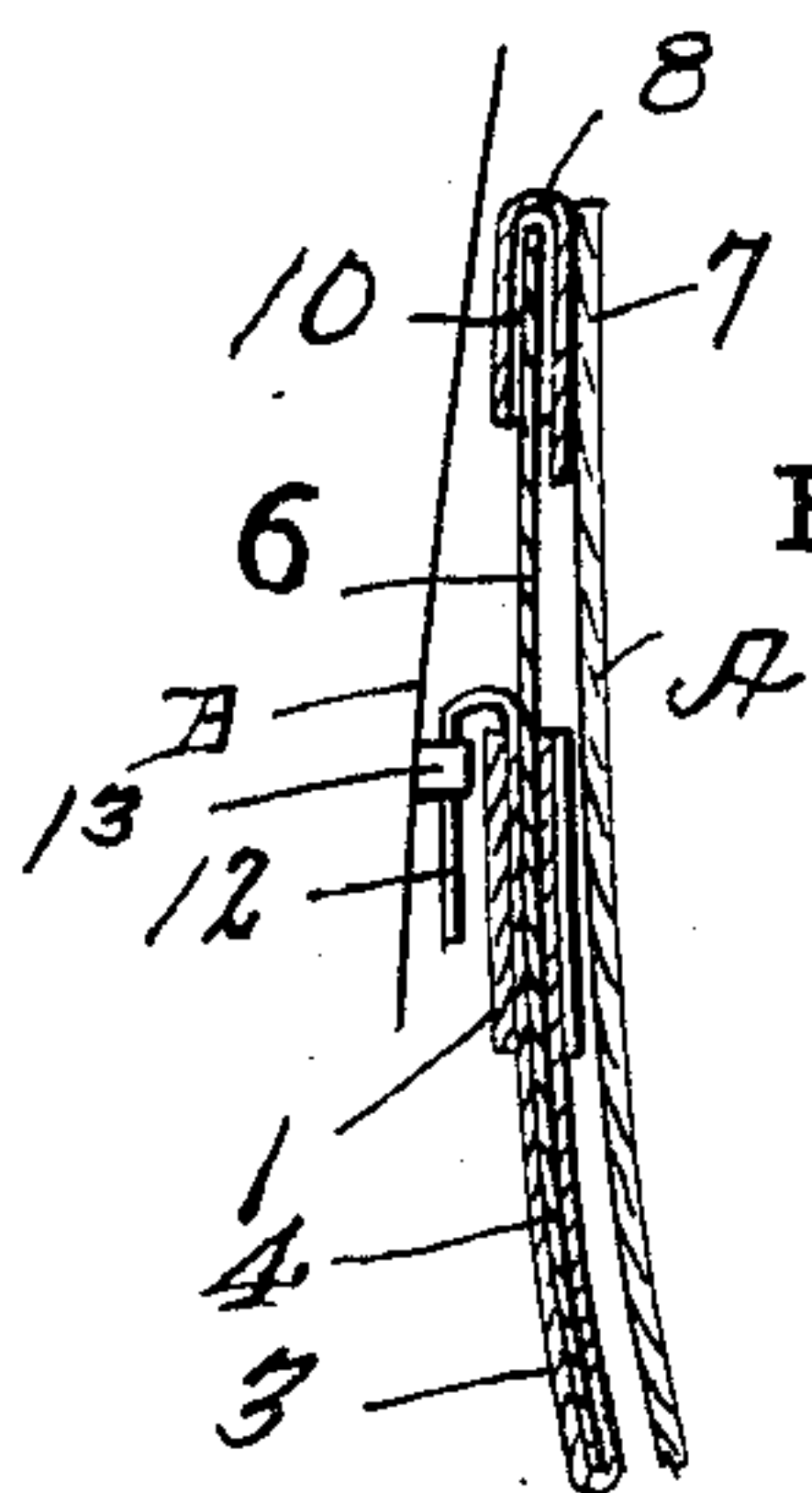
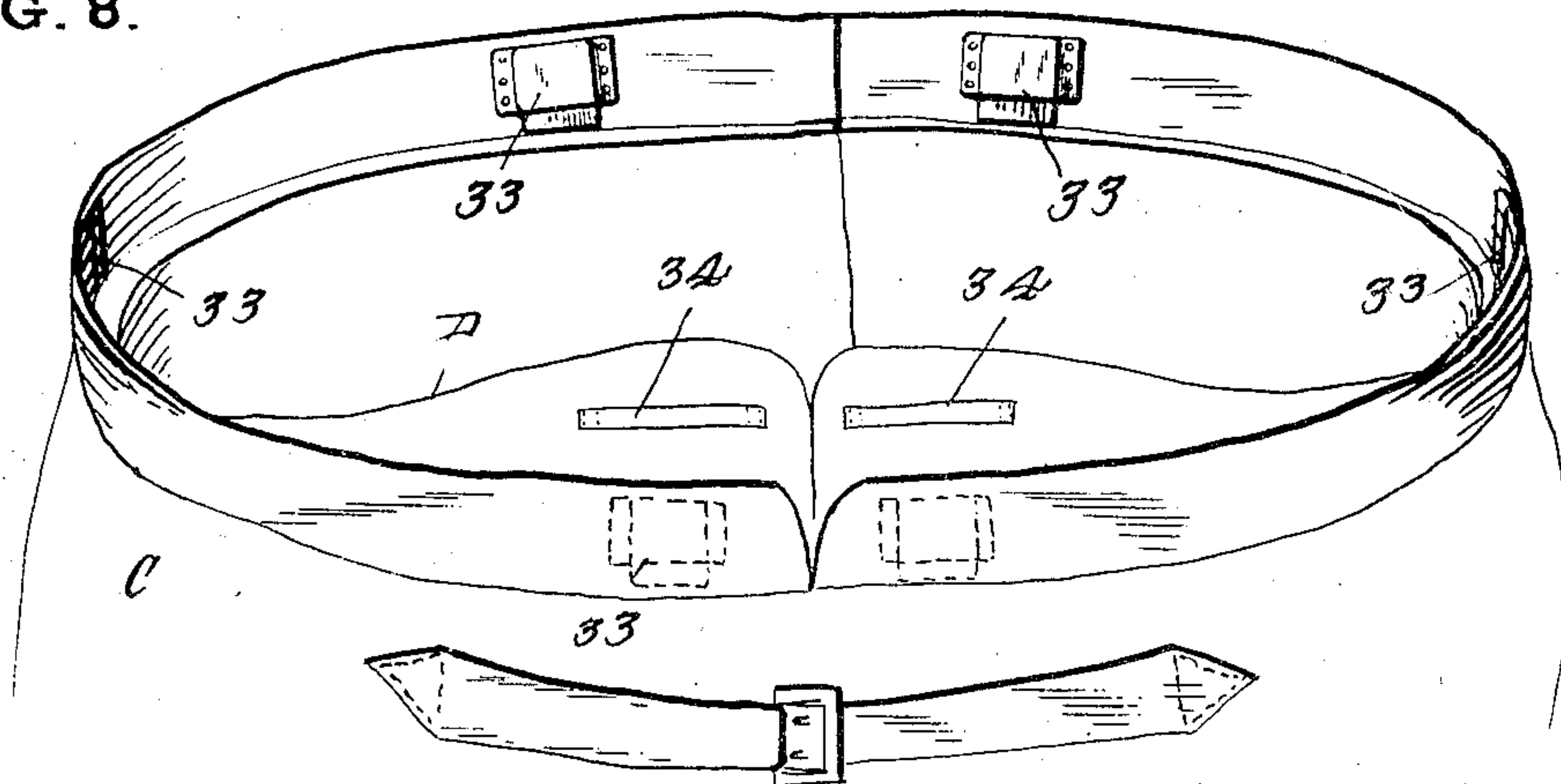


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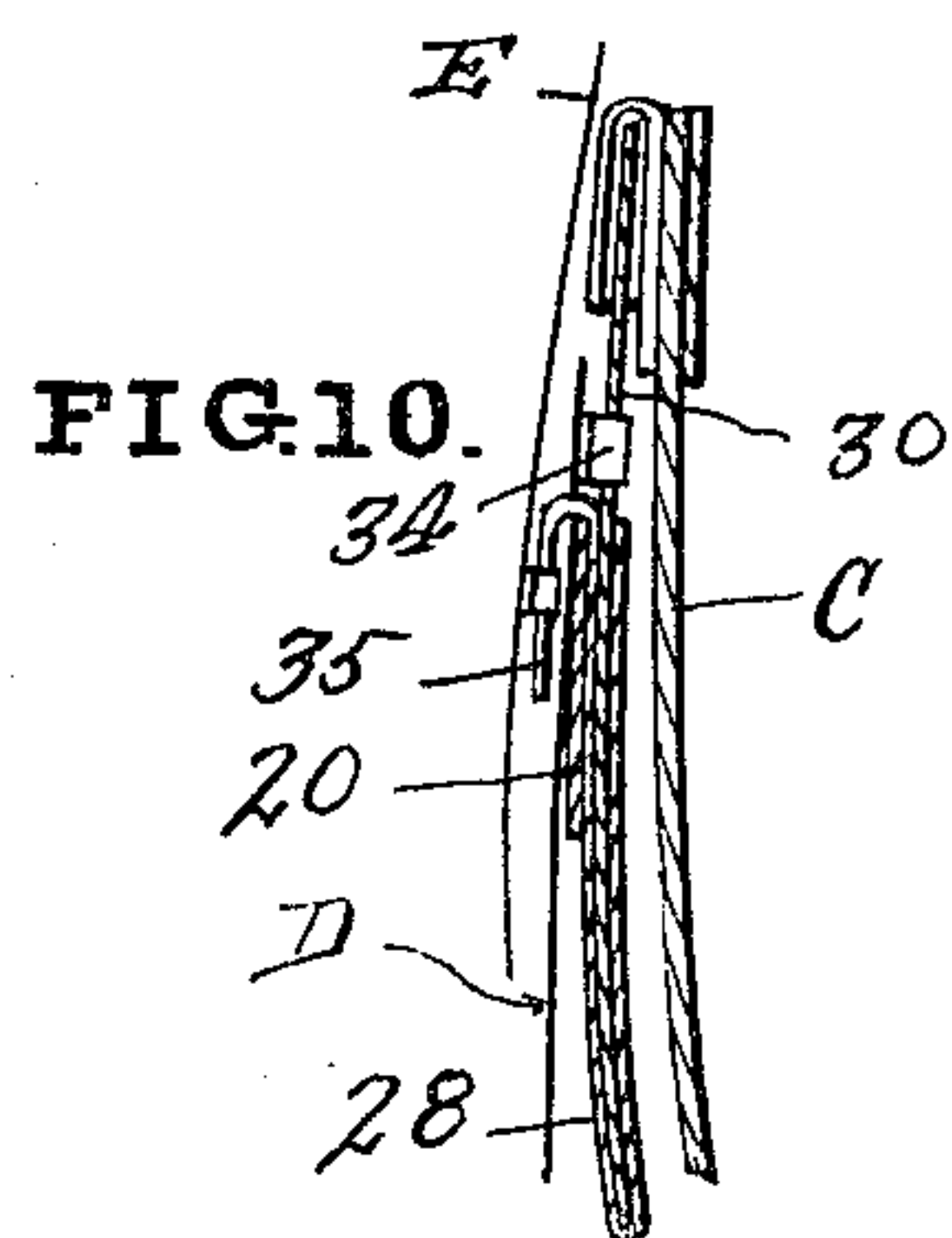
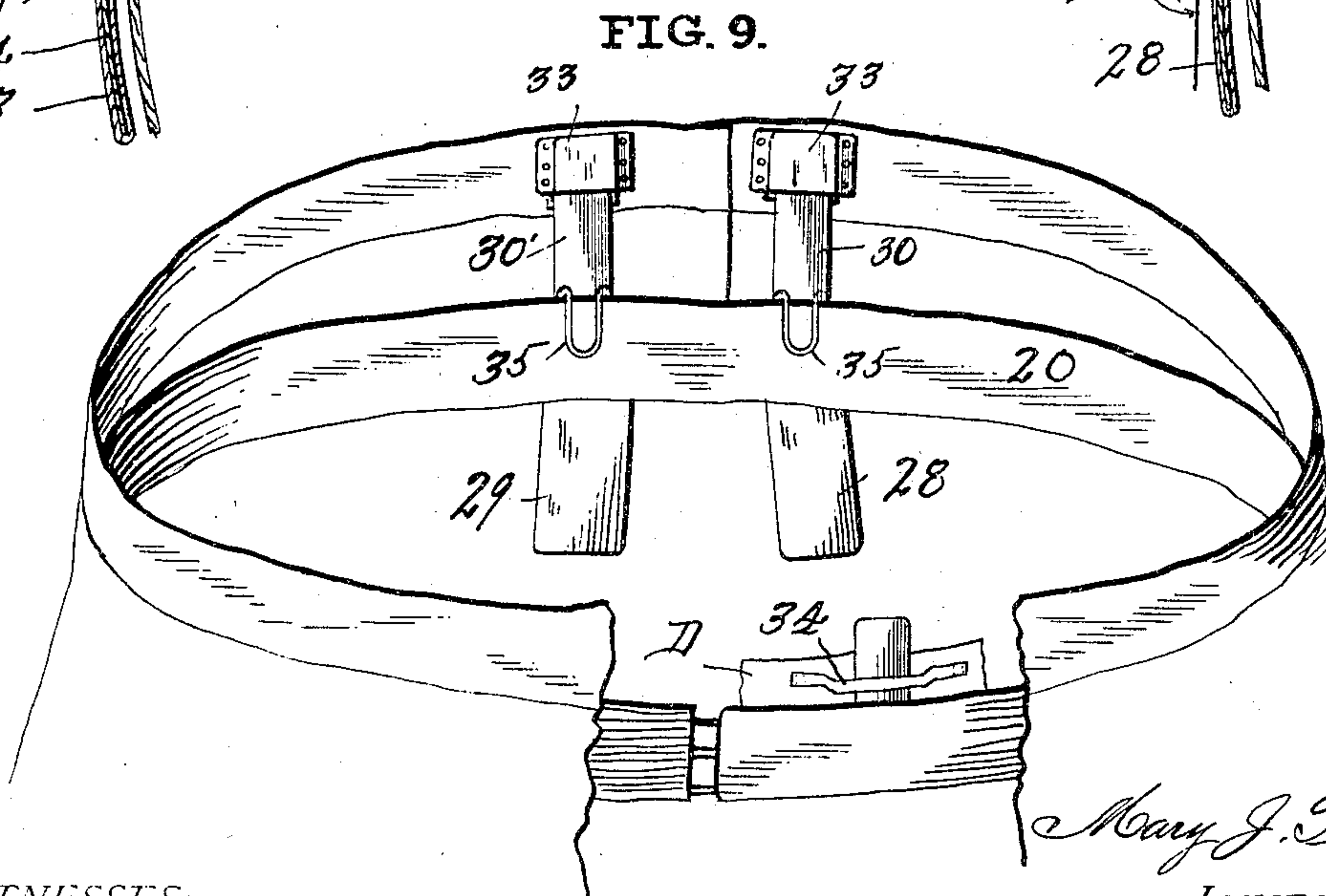


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## GARMENT-SUPPORTER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARY JANE PENN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Batavia, in the county of Clermont and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to improvements in garment-supporters, and is applicable to both men's and women's apparel.

In applying the supporter for ladies' wear the object of the invention is to hold ladies' skirts up to the waist-line by a light and invisible means without the use of any means that would tear the goods of the waist nor depend upon the material of the waist for support nor means that would have to be removed from the waist every time it becomes necessary to send said garment to the laundry.

As applied to men's garments the invention provides an invisible support for men's trousers without the use of suspenders, thereby adding to the comfort of the wearer in summer and also to the general appearance of the clothing of the person wearing the same when my devices are attached.

When applied to men's apparel, the invention also provides for supporting the drawers of the wearer and at the same time provides means for holding the shirt or shirt-waist down into place at the bottom and around the waist of the person wearing the same.

Garments fastened about the waist of a person sag below the waist-line in the back from the natural shape of the body and the weight of the garment from hip to hip. The objections are overcome by my construction as applied to women's skirts, and the garment known as a "waist" for ladies' wear is at the same time held down to proper position.

My invention consists in certain novelties of construction and combinations and arrangements of parts, as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, described in the specification, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front perspective view of a woman's skirt adapted for use with my supporter. Fig. 2 is a front perspective view of the skirt-sup-

porting belt embodying features of my invention. Fig. 3 is a front perspective view with the skirt hung in position. Fig. 4 is a rear perspective view with the placket of the shirt open, showing belt and hangers for skirt. Fig. 5 is a section on line 5 5, Fig. 4, showing also the connection between the various supporting elements of the device and garment. Fig. 6 is a rear perspective view of a modified form of belt applicable for men's wear. Fig. 7 is a front view thereof. Fig. 8 is a rear view of man's trousers and drawers, illustrated as used therewith. Fig. 9 is a rear view of man's belt, showing trousers broken; and Fig. 10 is a view on line 10 10, Fig. 6, showing also the connection between the various supporting elements of the device and garment.

I will first describe the support as applied to ladies' garments, (illustrated in Figs. 1 to 5,) bearing in mind the fact that the desired end is to support the skirt so that it will hang properly and hold down the waist to prevent its rising and making an unsightly appearance at the back of the wearer. The support proper consists of a belt 1, made of any suitable material for the purpose desired and provided with usual fastening means at the front, as by a buckle 2. The tabs or extensions 3 4, depending from the belt on each side of the center line thereof at the rear, form pockets for the reception and retention of the vertical metallic pieces 5 and 6. Said pieces may be made of aluminium to insure lightness of weight in the metal, or, if preferred, German silver may be employed. These metallic strips or pieces 5 and 6 are securely and firmly sewed or otherwise fastened to the inside of the pockets 3 and 4, their lower ends forming a thin stiffening means for seating the belt or supporter 1 upon the body of the wearer, and the upper ends extending above the belt-top a suitable distance for a purpose to be described. The pockets 3 and 4 thus form a covering for the metallic pieces to avoid wear upon the garments by the metal. The skirt A to be supported may be an old one with my attachment fastened thereto, or in case of a new one the devices may be applied by the dressmaker when the skirt is



made. To adapt a skirt for use with the supporter, I provide the band 7 thereof with metallic pieces 8 9 at each side of the placket of the skirt in the rear. These metallic pieces 5 are formed or fashioned into pockets, casings, or slots 10 11 and located equidistant from the placket of the skirt and the same distance from the center of the placket as the metallic pieces 5 and 6 are from the center line of the rear of the belt. In other words, the four pieces are so located that when the belt is secured upon the waist of the wearer and the skirt put on the slots are just above the pieces 5 and 6 and in position to slide over said pieces as the skirt is lowered into position on the wearer. To hold the waist B down at the rear when worn by ladies, I provide the hooks 12, which are located in the pockets 3 and 4 and securely sewed thereto. These hooks are adapted to hook into the loops 13, located on the outside of the waist B at the rear and lower end thereof, and when so hooked the waist will be held down to proper position, as will be understood.

In applying my invention to men's apparel, as illustrated in Figs. 6 to 10, the object is to provide means for holding up the trousers and drawers and at the same time to hold down the shirt or shirt-waist worn by the wearer. The supporter in this case is also a belt, as 20, but differs from the belt used for women in that additional buckles are provided, in this instance three buckles being employed, as indicated at 26 and 27 27'. Extensions 28 29 project downwardly from the belt proper and form pockets for the metallic pieces 30 30', which are securely fastened within said pockets, the portion in the pockets serving as a stiffening means for rendering the belt less liable to roll or twist when being worn. These metallic pieces or tongues 30 30' are located at the rear of the belt. Shorter metallic tongues 31 31' are located at each side of the center of the belt in front, and tongues 32 32' are located at each side of the belt midway the front and rear center lines. The trousers to be supported are provided with six slotted pieces, as 33 33 33 33 33 33, which are adapted to receive the said tongues 30 30, 31 31', and 32 32'. When the belt has been drawn to the desired tightness around the waist of the wearer, the trousers C are drawn up and allowed to fall, the slots in the metallic pieces on the trousers falling over the six corresponding tongues on the belt, or the trousers may be pulled up to position and the belt having been placed around the waist may be raised until the tongues enter the slots, and then said belt may be tightened, thus holding the trousers up to the desired height. To support the drawers D, the tongues at the front and rear are first passed through the loops 34 on the drawers before entering said tongues into the slots, thus holding the drawers up by said tongues and loops.

The means for holding down the shirt or shirt-waist E used by men consists of four hooks 35, located on the front and rear portions of the belt. Said hooks are formed of metallic pieces, and said pieces are secured to the belt in suitable manner, the hooks at the rear being retained in the pockets 28 29. These hooks may be cut from a plate or they may be wire loops.

It will be observed that the tongues or up-rights located at the rear of the belt in both modifications are elongated. The object of this elongation is to eliminate the sagging of the garment in the rear between the hips. Garments fastened around the waist sag below the waist-line from the natural shape of the body and weight of the garment. My supporting-belt holds the garment up to the waist-line. The supporting-belt may also sag with the weight of the garment; but because of the elongated metallic tongues attached at the rear of the belt and fitting into the slots on the garment, at the top thereof, said tongues are long enough to hold the garment up to its proper line.

It will be noticed that the metallic pieces in the pockets extending below the belt are slightly curved to conform to the natural shape of the back of the wearer. The pieces, as shown, will adapt themselves to the movements of the body of the wearer of the support.

From the foregoing it will thus be seen that I have provided a garment-supporter which will be invisible when in use, which may be readily and quickly applied or detached, and which will serve the purposes intended with efficiency.

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

1. The combination with a belt having downward extensions at the rear thereof of curved metallic pieces in said extensions provided with tongues extending above the belt, and slotted plates secured to a garment and adapted to receive said tongues whereby the garment may be held above the belt to prevent sagging at the rear.

2. The combination with a garment-supporter of a belt having downward extensions thereon at the rear forming pockets, curved metallic pieces secured in said pockets having tongues extending above the belt, slotted plates secured to a garment and adapted to receive said tongues, hooks on the belt, and loops on a second garment adapted to receive said hooks.

3. The combination with a garment-supporter consisting of a belt having downward extensions at the rear thereof forming pockets, metallic pieces having curved surfaces in said pockets provided with tongues at one end, said tongues being elongated, additional tongues located and secured to said belt, and a gar-



ment having plates secured thereon provided with slots to receive said tongues.

4. The combination with a garment-supporter consisting of a belt having downward extensions at the rear thereof forming pockets, curved metallic pieces in said pockets, the upper ends of said metallic pieces being elongated and forming tongues, additional tongues located on and secured to said belt, and a garment provided with means having a slot therein for receiving said tongues.

5. The combination in a garment-supporter consisting of a belt having downward extensions formed at the rear thereof forming pockets, metallic pieces having curved surfaces secured in said pockets, the upper ends of said metallic pieces being elongated forming tongues, additional tongues disposed about said belt and fastened thereto, hooks attached to some of said tongues, a hanging garment provided with means having a slot for receiv-

ing said tongues, and a garment provided with loops adapted to receive said hooks.

6. The combination in a garment-supporter consisting of a belt having extensions formed thereon fashioned into pockets, metallic pieces secured in said pockets, the upper ends of said metallic pieces forming elongated tongues, additional tongues disposed about said belt and fastened thereto, hooks attached to some of said tongues, trousers provided with plates fastened thereto having slots adapted to receive said tongues, drawers having loops adapted to receive said tongues, and a shirt provided with loops adapted to receive said hooks, all substantially as described.

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

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