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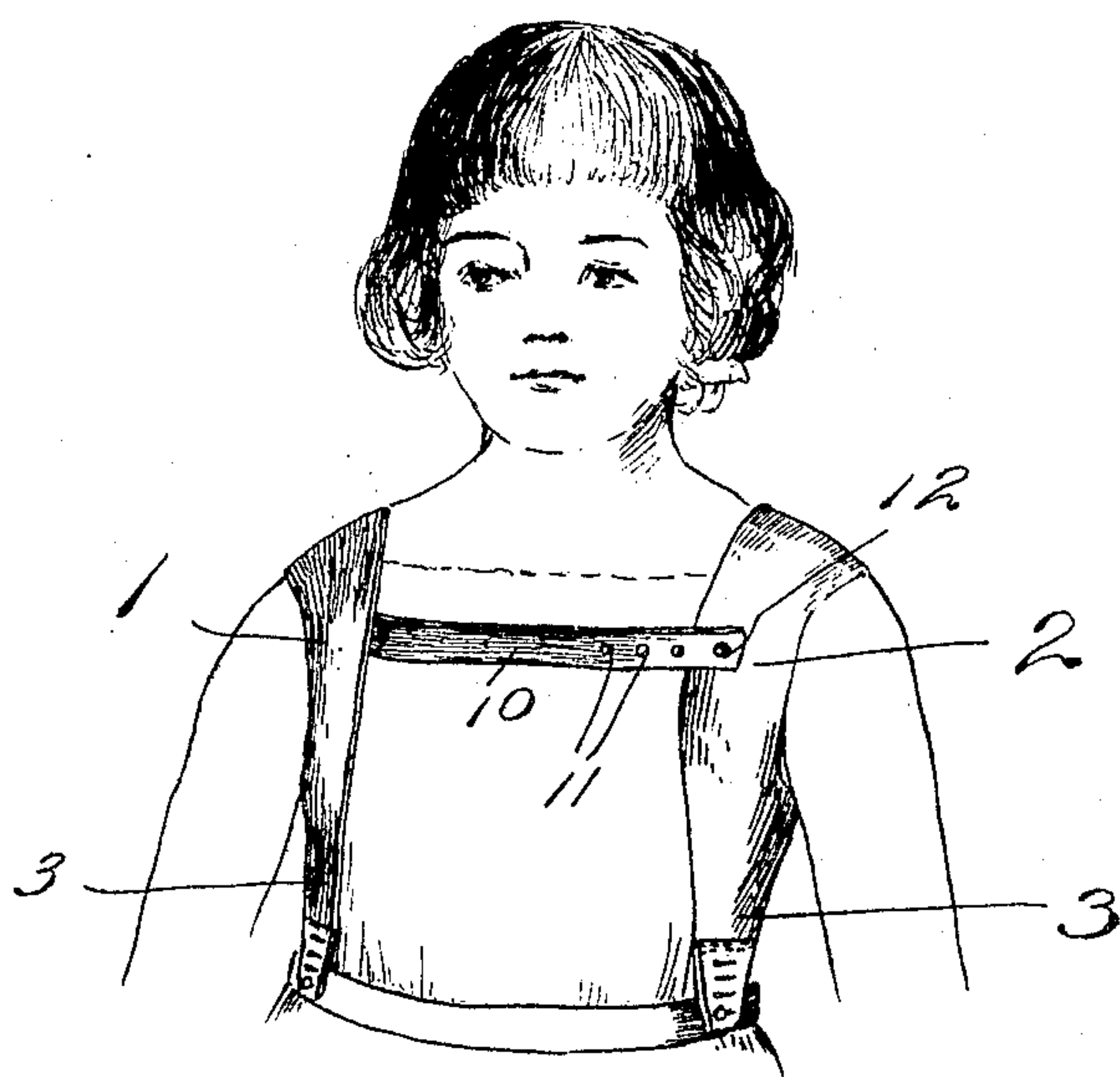


Fig. 1

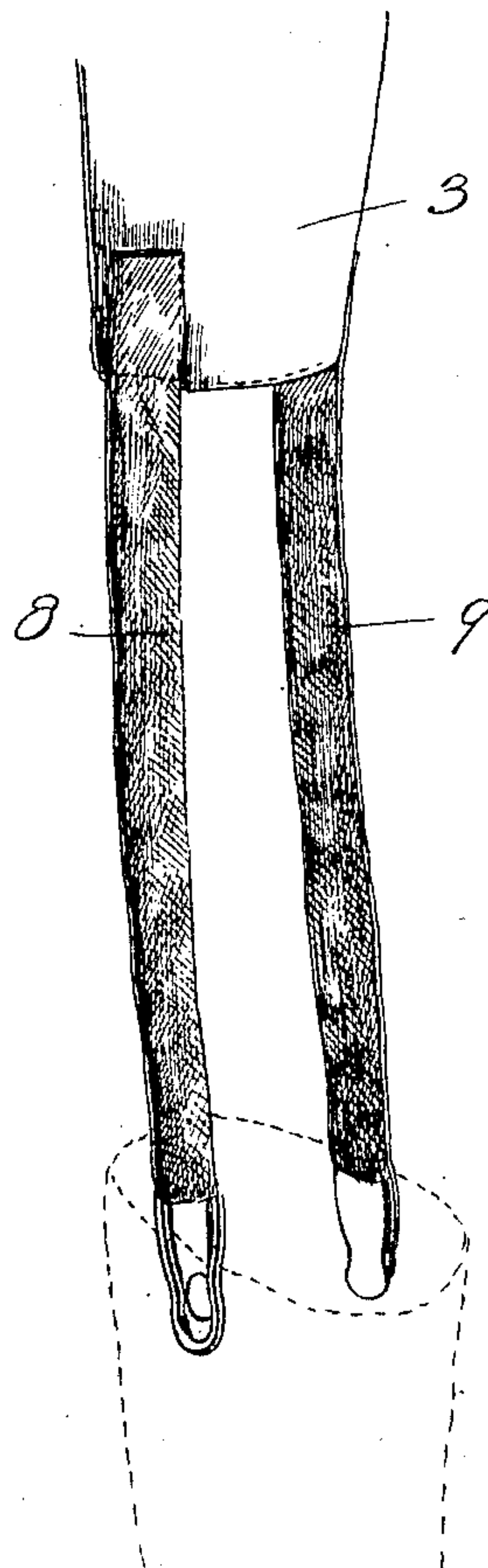


Fig. 3.

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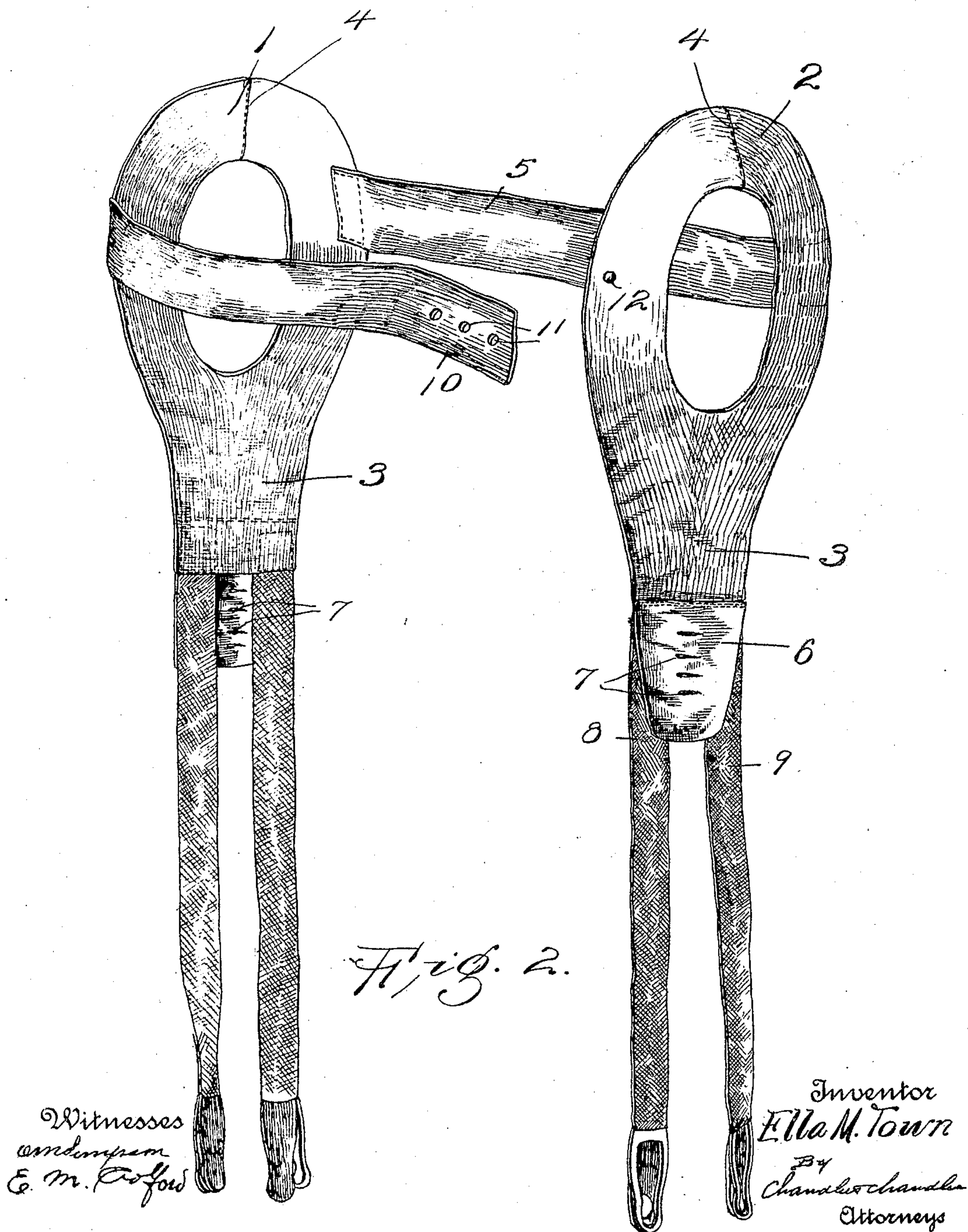
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ELLA M. TOWN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Waterloo, in the county of Blackhawk, State of Iowa, have  
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters; 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  
10 it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to garment-supporters.

The object of the invention is to provide a peculiar arrangement capable of supporting  
15 the drawers and hose and at the same time have a bracing effect upon the wearer.

The invention consists, essentially, of a pair of shoulder-straps having oppositely-disposed straps connecting the front and rear thereof,  
20 each shoulder-strap having a wide depending portion composed of suitable strong material fitting in the armpit of the wearer and extending therebeneath, to the lower end of each of which portions is secured a tab provided  
25 with a vertical series of openings or buttonholes for interchangeable fastening to a button secured to the drawers, there being secured to each lower corner of each depending portion elastic garter or hose connections  
30 having means for connection with the front and rear or the sides of the garter or hose.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view illustrating the improved device upon the body of the wearer. Fig. 2 is a view of the device detached from the wearer, and Fig. 3 is a detail  
35 view illustrating a portion of the device with the drawers-supporting tab detached.

Referring now more particularly to the accompanying drawings, the reference characters 1 and 2 designate the shoulder or arm  
40 straps, each having a depending portion 3. It will be observed that the depending portions 3 are broader at the top than at the lower end, the purpose being that the said portions may well  
45 fit over and into the armpit of the wearer, it being understood that all parts so far described are formed of a single piece and of any suitable material. The shoulder or arm  
50 portions at their tops, as at 4, disclose where the elements described are secured together in any suitable manner to form the proper contour to the device.

Extending across the back of the device and secured in any suitable manner to the arm or  
55 shoulder members 1 and 2 is an elastic strap

connection 5, as shown, the elasticity of said connection affording the proper give to the upper part of the device. It might be stated that if this strap connection 5 were not composed of elastic material, but of jean or the  
60 like, it could be formed integral or of the same piece from which the shoulder or arm portions are formed.

Secured in any suitable manner to the lower ends of each depending portion 3 and extending  
65 considerably therebeneath is a drawers-supporting tab 6 of any suitable material, provided with a series of openings or buttonholes 7, whereby this part of the device may accommodate different-sized persons or short or long  
70 drawers worn by the same wearer.

In the present device the hose-supporting connections are so arranged as to support or connect with the upper part of the hose at the front and rear or at both sides thereof. The  
75 object of this arrangement is to evenly support the hose, a single strap or connection not supporting the same evenly, and for this purpose it will be seen that the lower ends of the depending portions each have secured at opposite  
80 corners therebetween and the tabs the pair of hose-supporting straps 8 and 9, each of the latter having any suitable clasp or other means (not shown) for connection with the  
85 hose for supporting purposes. These hose-supporting members are formed, preferably, of elastic material.

Arranged for adjustable connection across the front or breast of the wearer is a strap 10  
90 of any suitable material for securing the device against accidental displacement from the body of the wearer, this strap being fixedly secured at one end to one arm member and having a series of openings or buttonholes 11  
95 for coöperation with the button 12 upon the other arm member, whereby the device may be contracted or expanded, according to desires or necessities. If desired, the breast-strap connection may be formed of elastic material.  
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It is to be understood that various changes in the form and arrangement described may be resorted to within the scope of my claim.

What is claimed is—

A device of the class described, comprising  
105 arm members, each having a depending portion whose upper part is of greater width than its lower part, a back-strap secured to the back of the respective arm members, a breast-strap fixedly secured to the front of one  
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of the arm members and formed for adjustable connection with the other arm member, a drawers-supporting tab secured to the lower end of each of the aforesaid depending portions and extending therebeneath, each tab  
5 having a series of openings therein for interchangeable connection with the drawers of the wearer, and a pair of hose-supporting connections secured to the lower ends of said de-

pending portions therebetween and the said 10 tabs.

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

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