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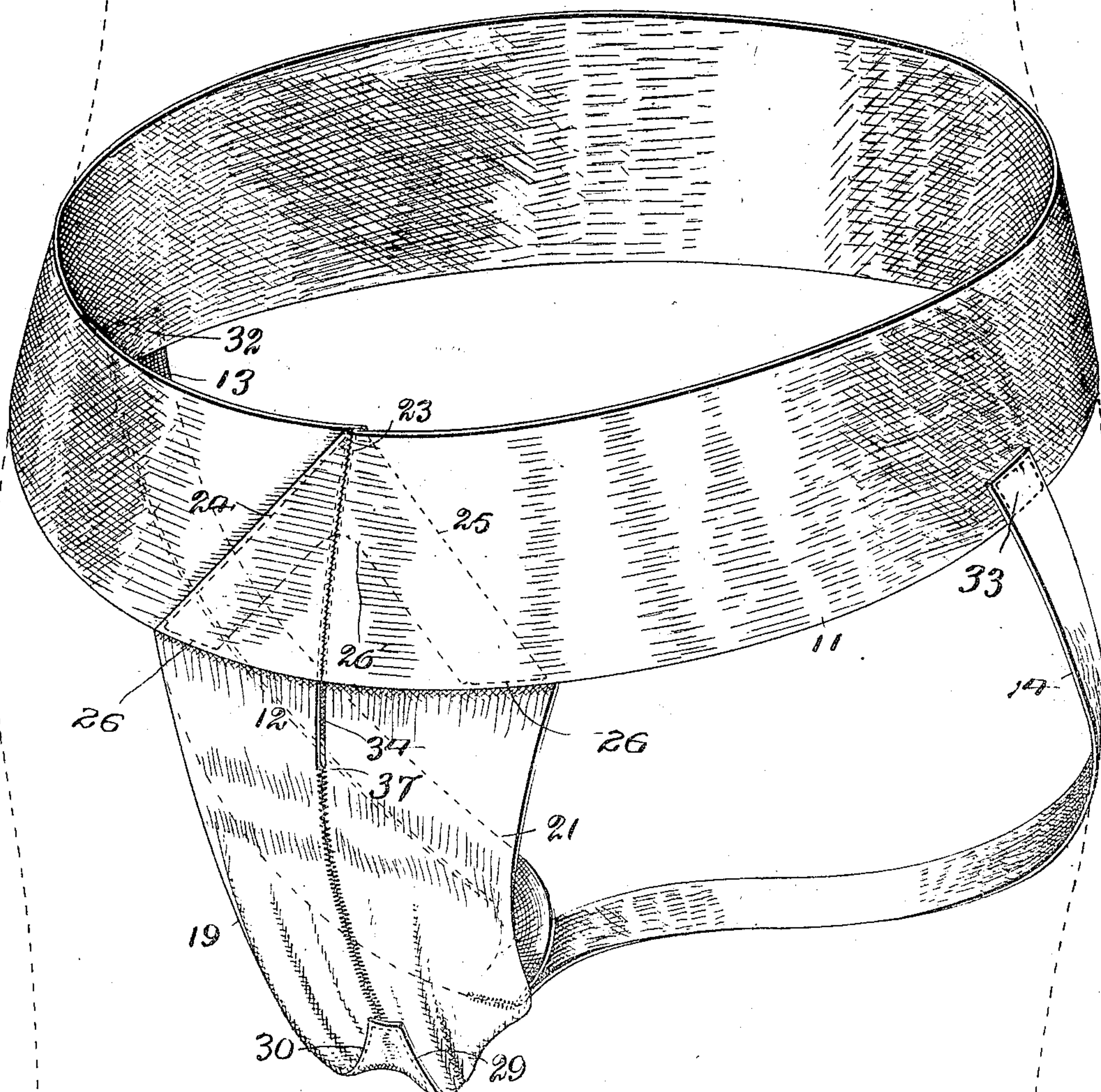
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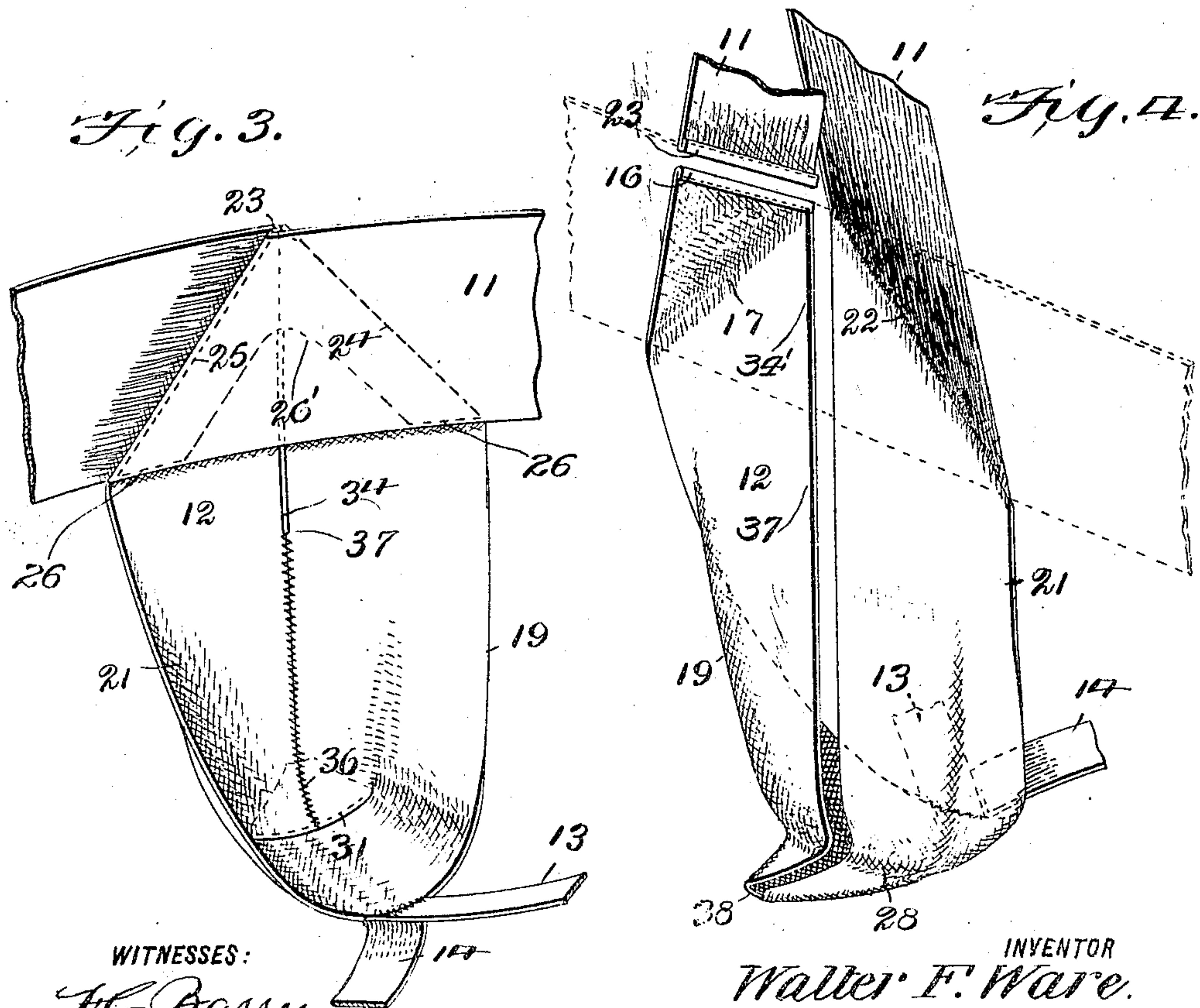
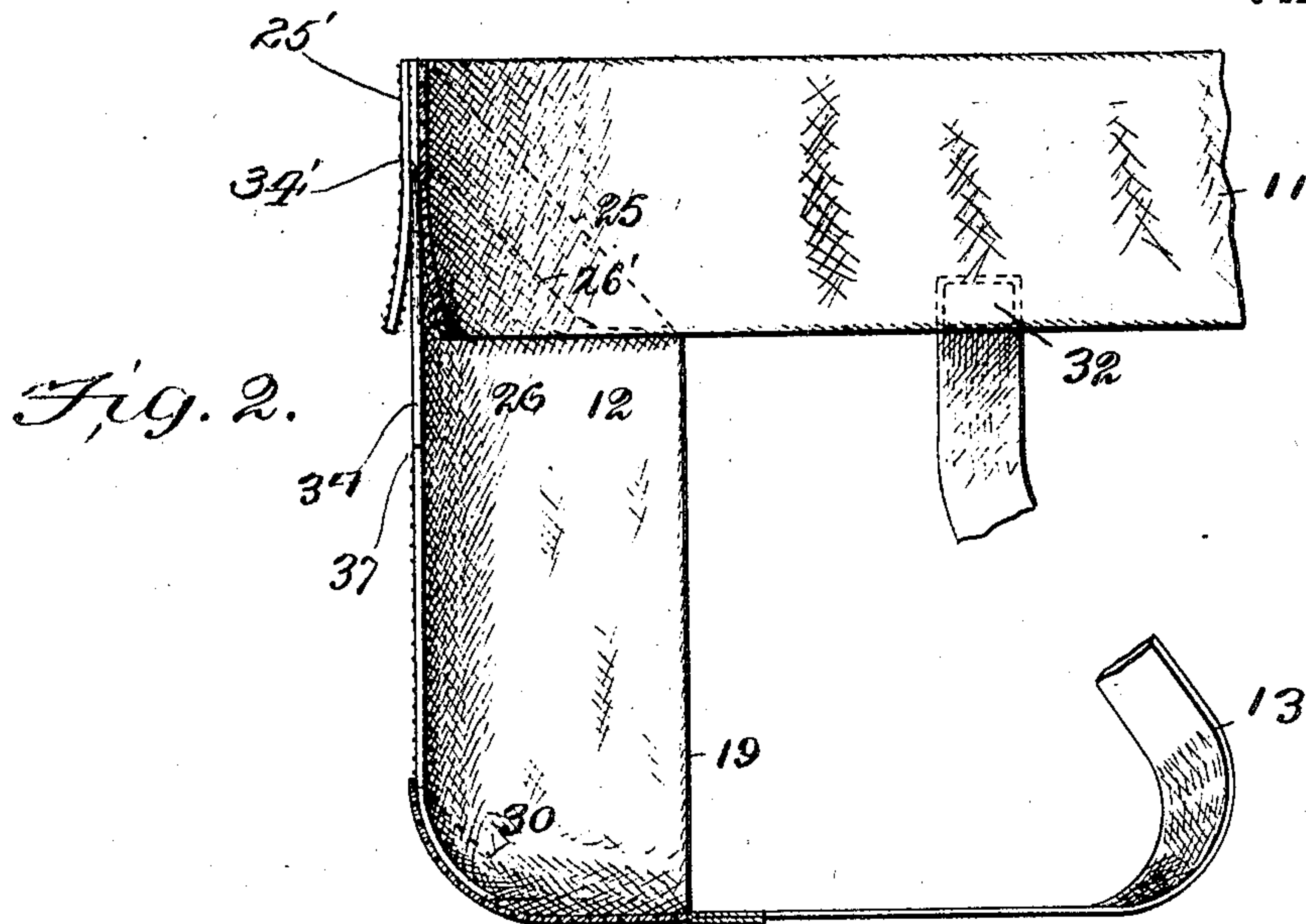
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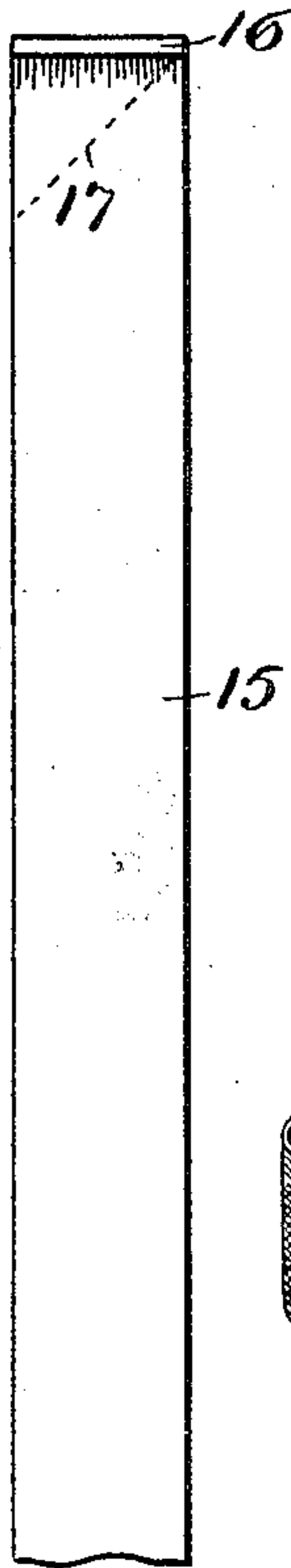


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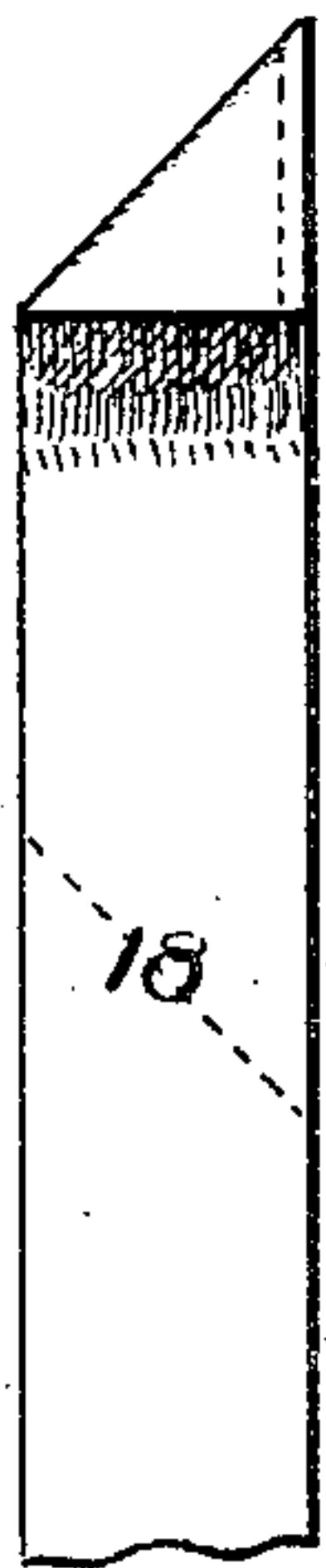


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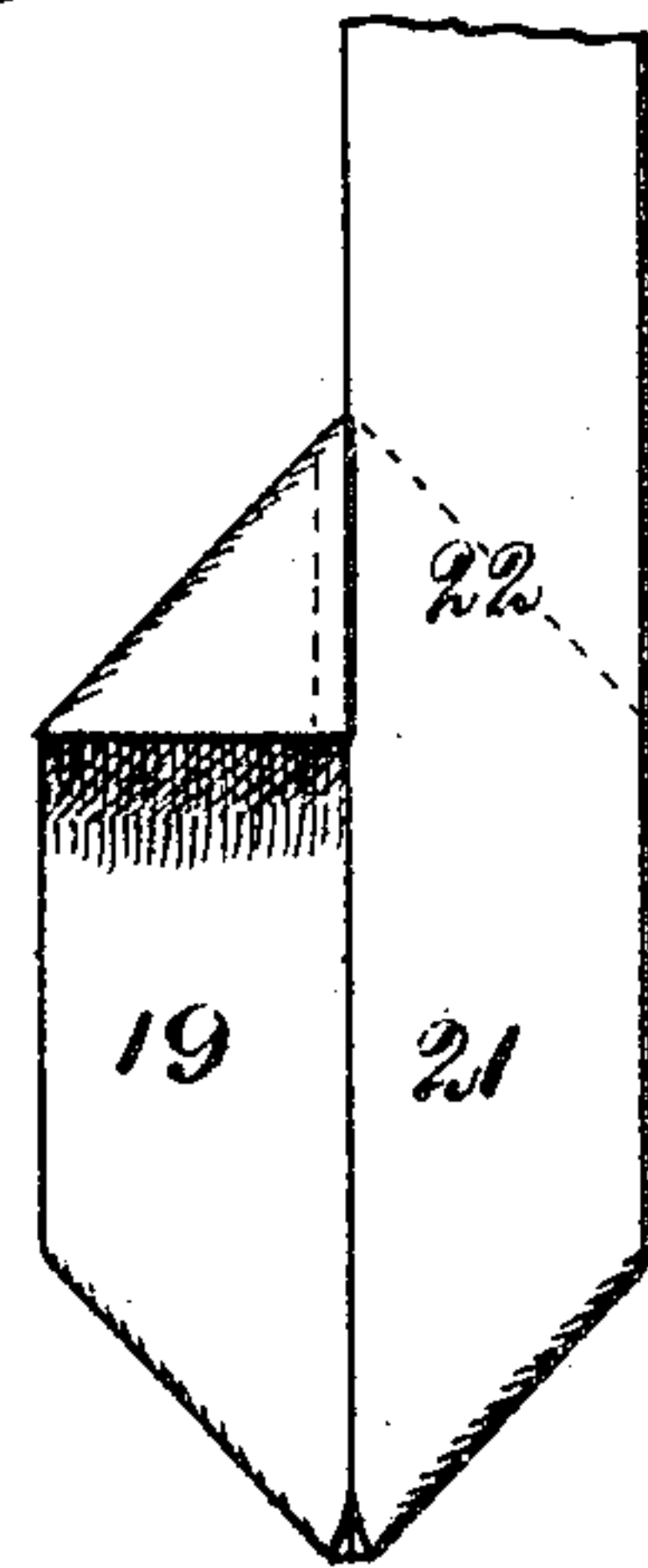
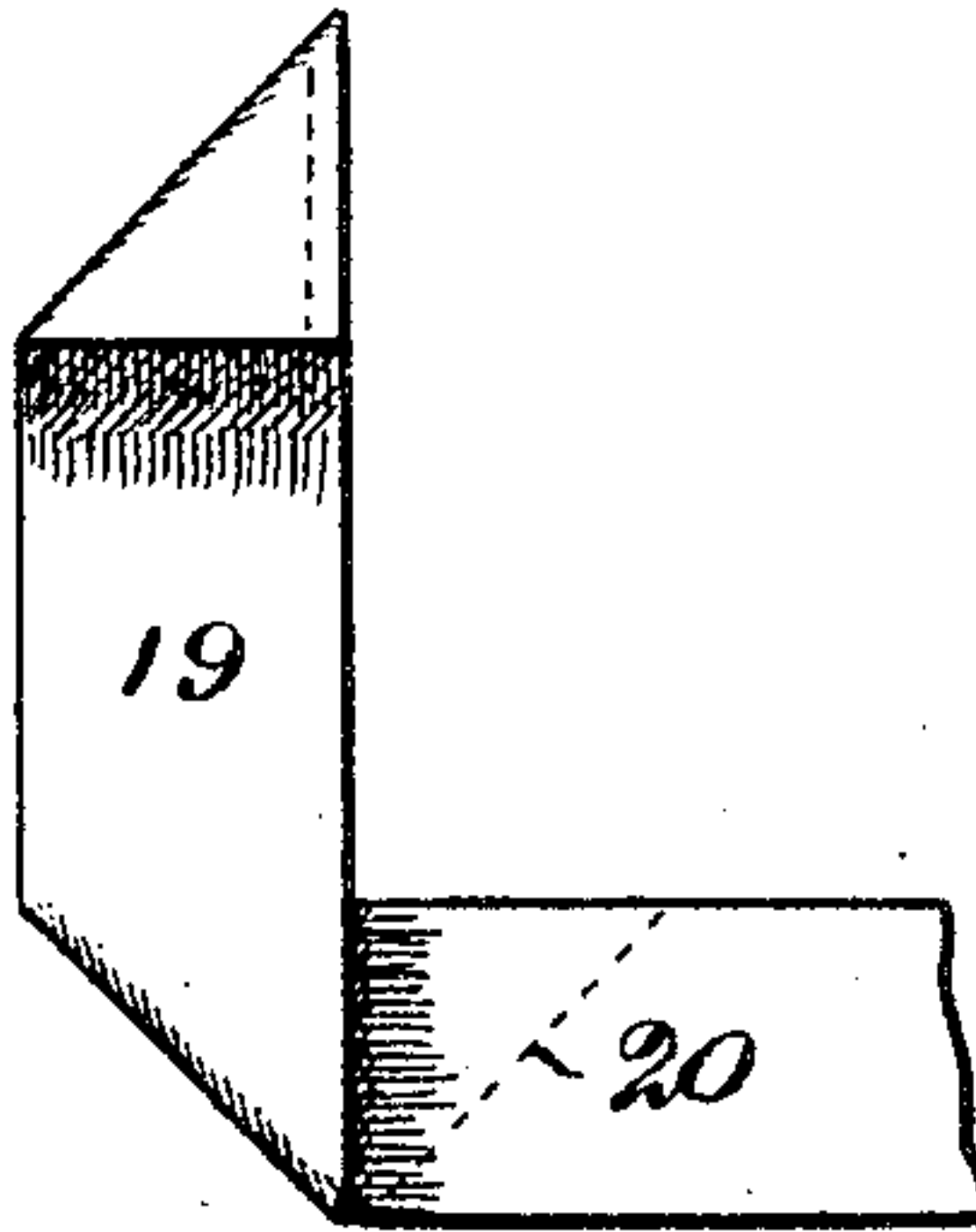


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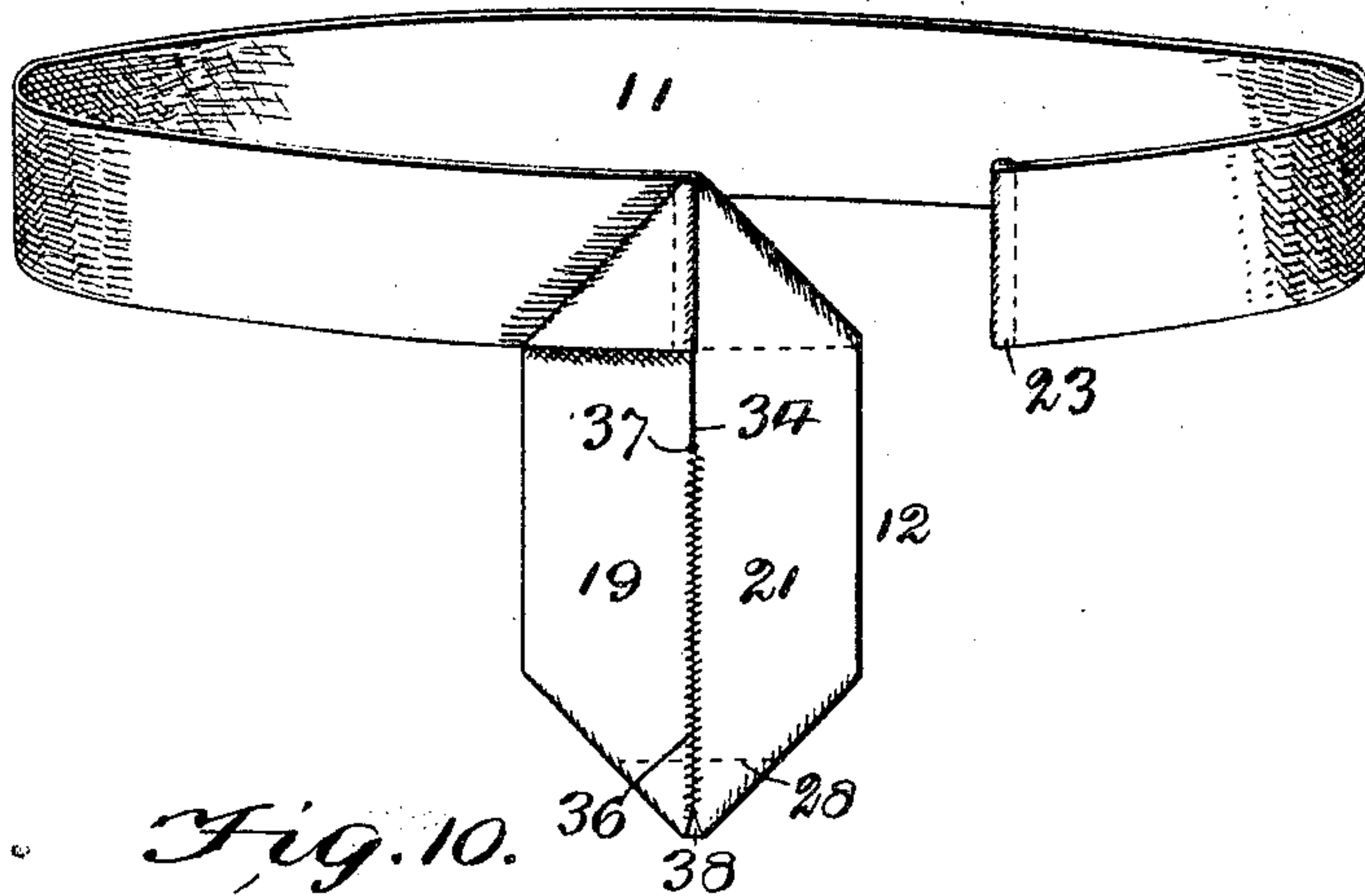
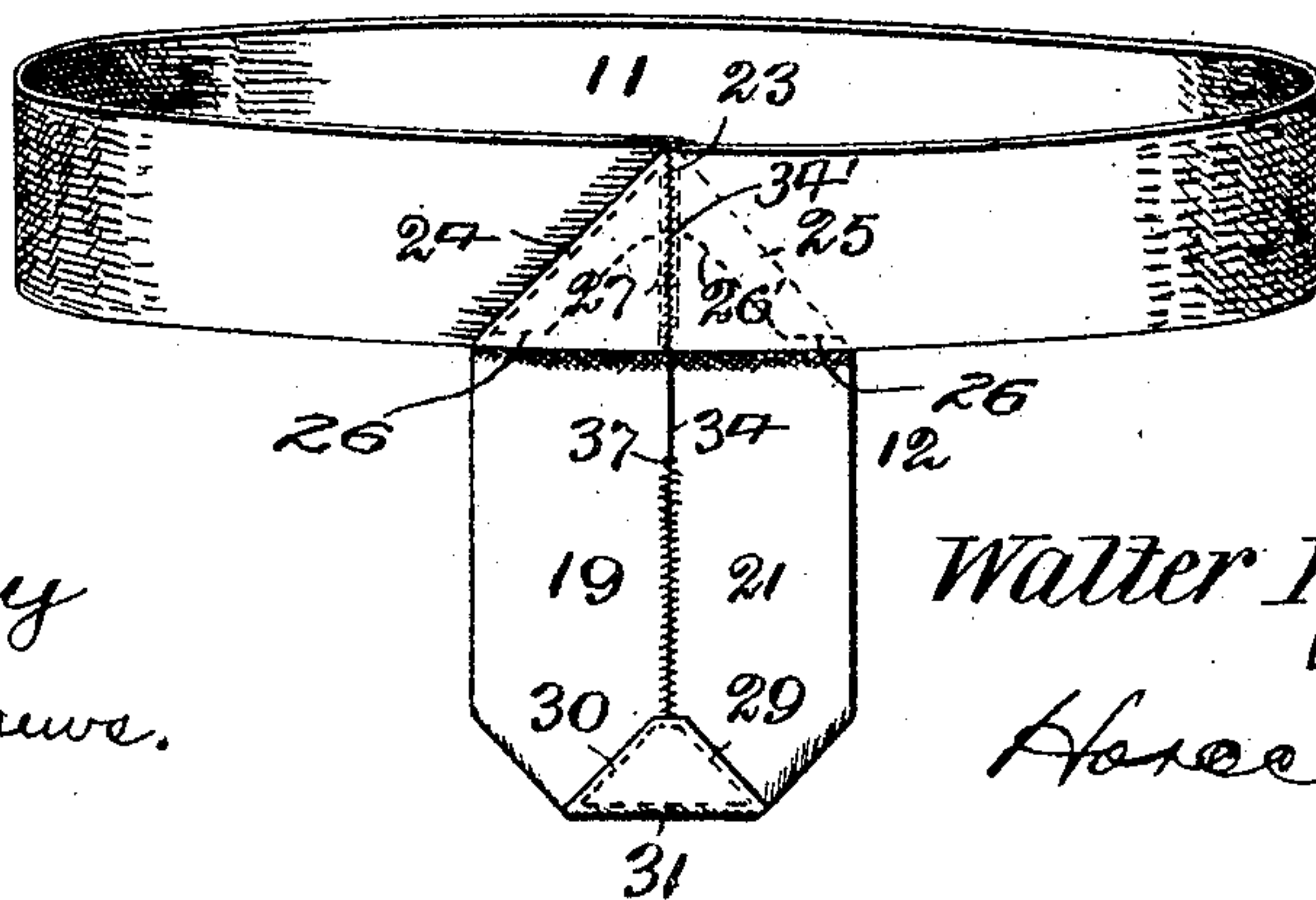


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER F. WARE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Jock-Straps, of which the following is a full, clear, and complete disclosure, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

The object of my invention is to construct a jock-strap the main parts of which are formed of a single piece or strip of material folded and secured in such folded position and embodying certain features of construction and arrangement whereby comfort to the wearer, facility in adjustment, and simplicity in detail are attained.

A further object of my invention is to form a waistband and pouch of substantially but a single thickness of material notwithstanding the fact that the same are formed by folding a single length of webbing into the desired shape, the only thickened portions of my improved jock-strap being at the point of juncture of the webbing and the pouch and at the lower front end extremity of the pouch.

A further object of my invention is to provide an opening in the pouch so disposed and located with respect to the other parts of my jock-strap that said opening may be used when occasion requires for obvious purposes without putting the wearer to the trouble and annoyance of removing or displacing the pouch and without impairing or interfering in any way with the holding and supporting qualities of the same.

My improved jock-strap consists of a single piece of elastic webbing folded and stitched to form a waistband and a supporting-pouch, the elasticity of both the waistband and the supporting-pouch permitting the same to be drawn up over the body without adjustment of clasps, buckles, buttons, hooks, or the like, and also securing a perfect fit of the same without interfering with the free movement of the wearer.

For a further disclosure of my invention reference may be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of the specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the same, the flaps being shown as slightly

stretched away from the pouch. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the supporting-pouch looking into the same. Fig. 4 is a perspective view showing the way in which the webbing is folded; and Figs. 5 to 10, inclusive, illustrate in a diagrammatic manner the order of steps performed in folding the webbing to form my improved supporter.

My jock-strap consists of the waistband 11, the supporting-pouch 12, and the under straps 13 14, attached to the lower and back extremity of the supporting-pouch and extending backward and upward to the sides of the waistband. It is of course understood that the webbing for the under straps 13 14 may be made of any width or of any material as may be found necessary to render the same most comfortable to the wearer.

For a clear understanding of the construction of my jock-strap reference should be had to Figs. 5 to 10, in which Fig. 5 shows a strip of elastic webbing 15, one end of which has been folded forwardly at 16 to form the first fold in the same. Fig. 6 shows the fabric as having received its second fold, the upper end having been folded forwardly on the line 17, Fig. 5. Fig. 7 shows the third fold backwardly on the line 18, Fig. 6, forming one half 19 of the front of the pouch 12. Fig. 8 shows the fourth fold forwardly on the line 20, Fig. 7, the webbing being brought upwardly and parallel to the portion 19 to form the second half 21 of the supporting-pouch 12. In Fig. 9 the webbing has received its next two folds, one backwardly on the line 22, Fig. 8, and the other a narrow one, 23, similar to the fold shown in Fig. 5, but at the other end of the webbing. The folded end 23 is then brought adjacent the folded end 16 first formed in the webbing and over the upper triangular portion of the front half 21 of the pouch, as shown in Fig. 10. In this position with their ends abutting, not overlapping, the folds 16 23 are united by zigzag, catch, or other elastic stitching, with the result that no uncomfortable seam is formed at the point where the ends of the bands are united. The parts and folds are then stitched together in any well-known manner along the sides of the pouch, as at 24, 25, 26, and 26', and the waistband and pouch are thereby permanently secured together. The adjacent edges of the sides 19 and 21 are also stitched together by a zigzag or embroidery stitching 36 from a point 37, located at a com-

paratively short distance from the point where the waistband overlaps the pouch, to the lower end 38 of the supporting-pouch, thereby uniting the said sides 19 and 21 5 firmly, but without forming a seam therein, the said stitching being of a kind which freely permits the pouch to be stretched longitudinally or in a direction lengthwise of the webbing without any distortion at its united 10 edges. The lower end of the pouch is then turned forward and upward in the line 28, Fig. 9, to the position shown in Fig. 10 and is secured to the front side of the pouch by stitching the three sides of the fold so formed, 15 as at 29, 30, and 31.

The opening 34, as is clearly shown in Figs. 1, 2, 3, 9, and 10, is formed by leaving un- 20 united the adjacent edges of the sides 19 21 of the pouch from the point 37, located a relatively short distance below the waistband, to the point 34' under the waistband, where the stitching 26' crosses said edges. By this dis- 25 position of the opening it is readily seen that when my improved jock-strap is in position the major part of said opening is covered by the waistband, and the holding qualities of my jock-strap are not interfered with in any way; but when it is desirable to use said open- 30 ing the supported member can readily be inserted through said opening by lifting the flaps or portions bounded on the upper side by the stitching 26' and overlying the upper end of the opening. This construction per- 35 mits my jock-strap to be worn for an indefinite length of time without inconvenience or injury to the wearer or affecting in any degree the appearance or holding and support- ing qualities of the same.

The under straps 13 and 14 for drawing 40 and holding the pouch in proper position are formed of one piece of webbing folded upon itself in the middle, as plainly shown in Figs. 1, 2, 3, and 4, and are secured at such fold to the back side of the pouch by any form of 45 elastic stitching, which will permit said straps to yield or stretch with the edge of the pouch to which it is secured, while the free ends of the under straps are secured to the sides of the waistband at 32 33.

To adjust my improved jock-strap above 50 described, it is only necessary to insert the legs through the loops formed between the pouch 12 and the straps 13 and 14 and draw the same upward until the band 11 encircles 55 and fits the waist, the elastic webbing of the pouch and straps permitting the wearer to adjust the same to fit and conform to the shape of the body and when adjusted draw- ing and holding the same snugly and com- 60 fortably in position.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to protect by Let- 65 ters Patent of the United States, is—

1. In a jock-strap, the combination of a 65 waistband and a supporting-pouch formed

by folding a single length of elastic webbing into the required shape, the said folded por- tions being stitched together.

2. In a jock-strap the combination of a waistband and a supporting-pouch formed by 70 folding a single length of elastic webbing into the required shape, the said folded portions being stitched together, and straps formed from a second single length of webbing con- 75 necting the back lower extremity of the pouch with the sides of the waistband, and yield- ingly secured to said pouch.

3. In a jock-strap, the combination of a waistband and a supporting-pouch formed 80 by folding a single length of elastic webbing into the required shape, the said folded por- tions being stitched together, and straps formed from a second single length of web- 85 bing, having a fold midway the ends thereof, yieldingly connected to the back lower ex- tremity of the pouch, and ends connected with the sides of the waistband.

4. In a jock-strap, the combination of a waistband and a supporting-pouch, formed 90 by folding a single length of webbing into a waistband of a single width of the material, and a supporting-pouch of two widths of the material, the adjacent edges of the widths 95 comprising the pouch being united by stitch- ing.

5. In a jock-strap, the combination of a waistband and a supporting-pouch formed 100 by folding a single length of webbing into a waistband of a single width of the material, and a supporting-pouch of two widths of the material, the adjacent edges of the widths 105 comprising the pouch being united from the lower extremity of the pouch to a point near the top of the pouch, to form an opening at the top of the pouch.

6. In a jock-strap, the combination of a waistband and a supporting-pouch both fold- 110 ed from one continuous strip of webbing, the waistband being of a single width and the supporting-pouch of two widths of web- 115 bing, the whole being of a single thickness of material except at the point of juncture of the pouch and waistband, and at the lower front extremity of the pouch.

7. In a jock-strap, the combination of a 115 waistband and a supporting-pouch made from a continuous strip of webbing, the waist- band being of a single width and the support- ing-pouch of two widths of webbings, the whole being of a single thickness of material 120 except at the point of juncture of the pouch and waistband, and at the lower front ex- tremity of the pouch, the two widths of web- bing forming the pouch being united by elas- 125 tic stitching.

8. In a jock-strap, the combination of a waistband and a supporting-pouch made 130 from a continuous strip of webbing, the waist band being of a single width and the support- ing-pouch of two widths of webbings, the

whole being of a single thickness of material except at the point of juncture of the pouch and waistband, and at the lower front extremity of the pouch, the two widths of webbing forming the pouch being united from the bottom to a point near the top of the pouch, providing an opening near the top of the pouch.

9. In a jock-strap, the combination of a pouch folded from a single continuous strip of webbing, and provided near its top with an opening, with means for covering the top portion of said opening.

10. A jock-strap comprising a waistband and a pouch, both formed from a single continuous strip of webbing, said pouch being provided near its top with an opening, a portion of which is covered by said waistband.

11. A jock-strap comprising a waistband and a pouch, both folded from a single continuous strip of elastic webbing, the pouch being provided near its top with an opening, the top portion of which is covered by said waistband, whereby the portion of the waistband over said opening may be stretched up and away from said opening.

12. In a jock-strap, the combination with a pouch folded from a continuous strip of webbing and provided at its top with an

opening, of a waistband secured to said pouch and covering a portion of said opening.

13. In a jock-strap, the combination with a pouch having an opening at its top and formed by folding a continuous strip of webbing downwardly to form one side, and back and upwardly to form the other side, and uniting the major portions of the adjacent edges of said webbing, of a waistband secured to the top of said pouch and covering a portion of said opening.

14. In a jock-strap, a combination with a pouch formed by uniting two adjacent edges of a continuous strip of webbing, and provided with an opening by leaving the adjacent edges at the top ununited; a waistband secured to said pouch at the upper side thereof and covering a portion of said opening and under straps connected to the lower back edge of said pouch and to the sides of said waistband.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 15th day of August, A. D. 1905.

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