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Fig. 1.

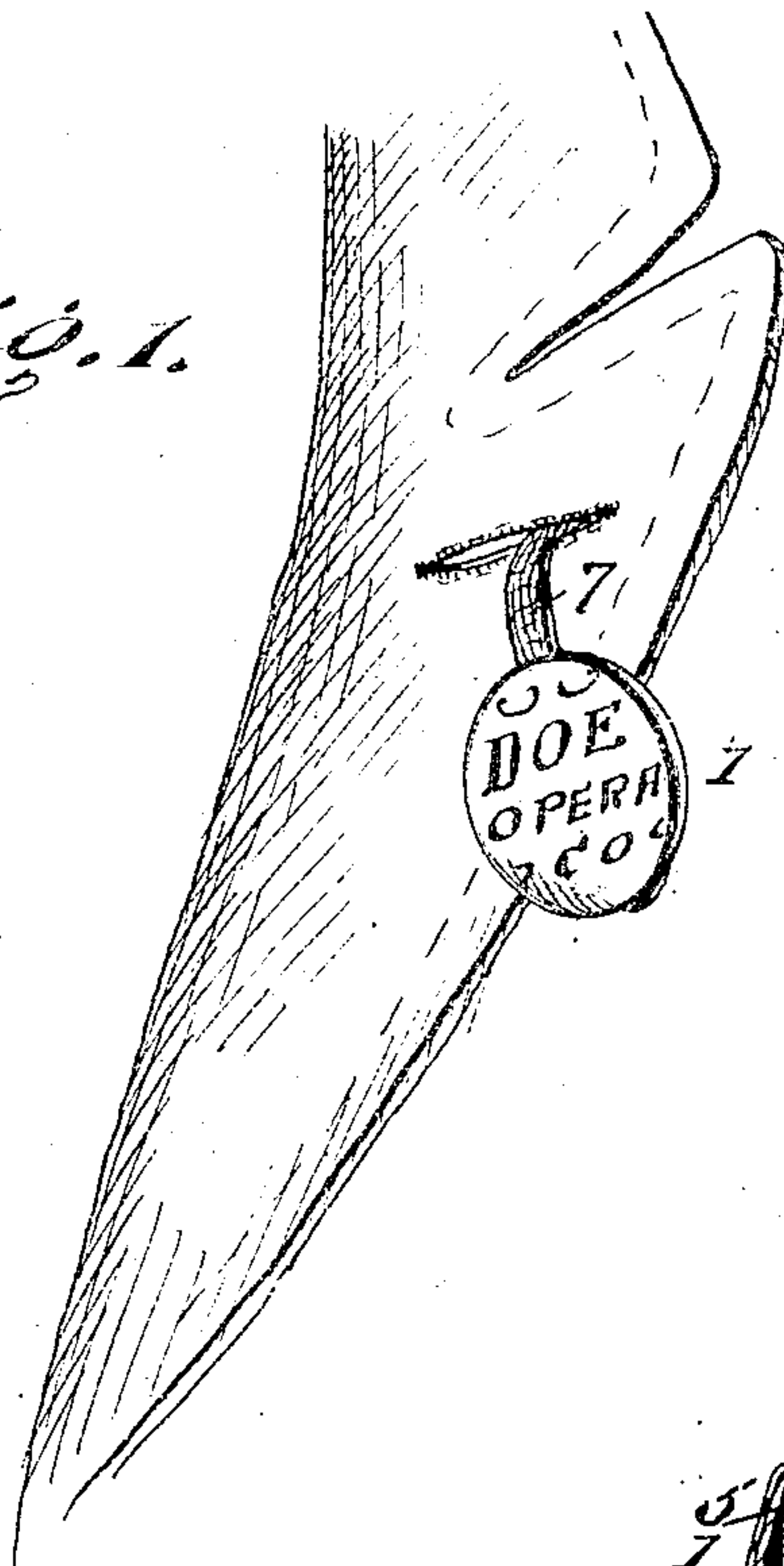


Fig. 2.

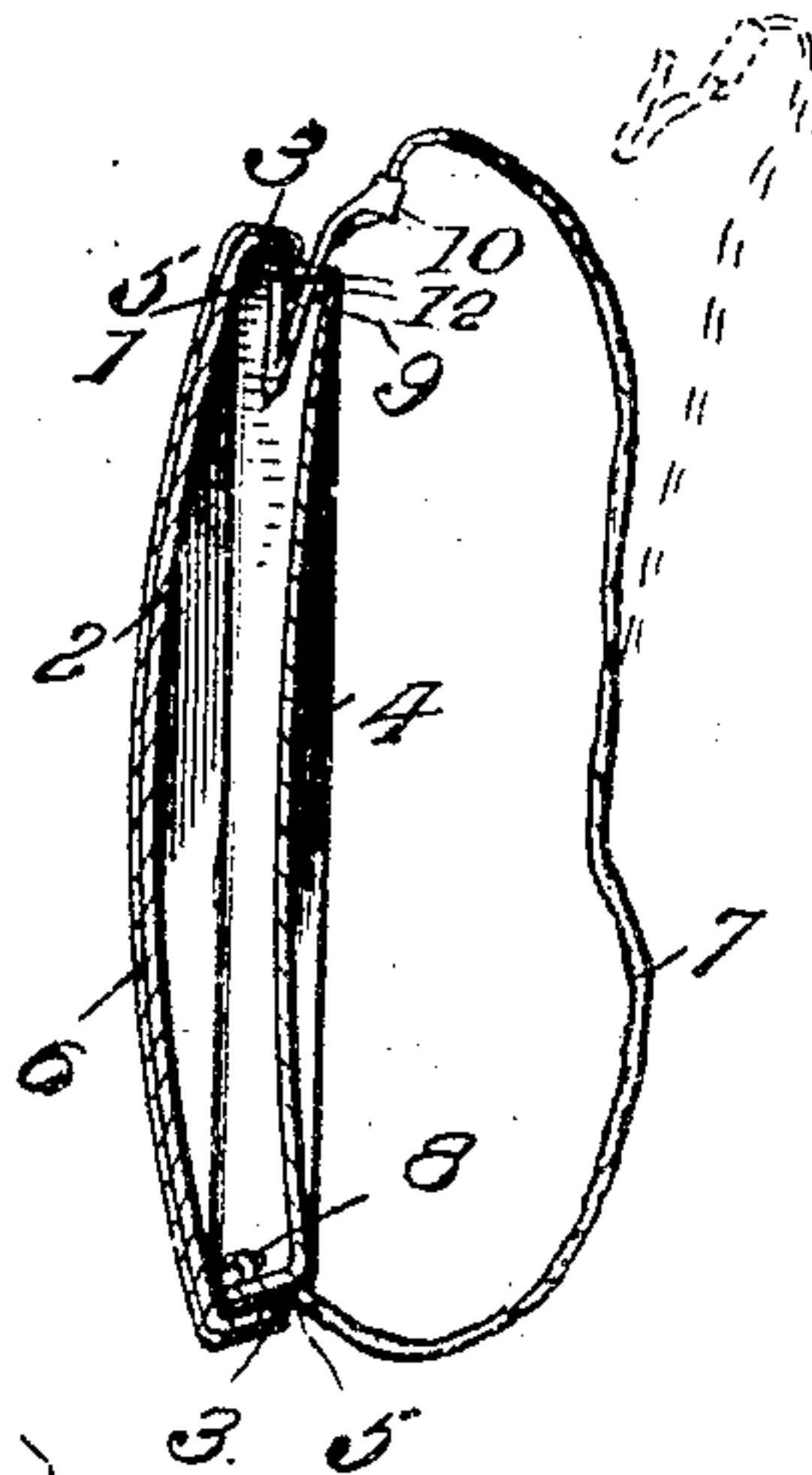


Fig. 3.

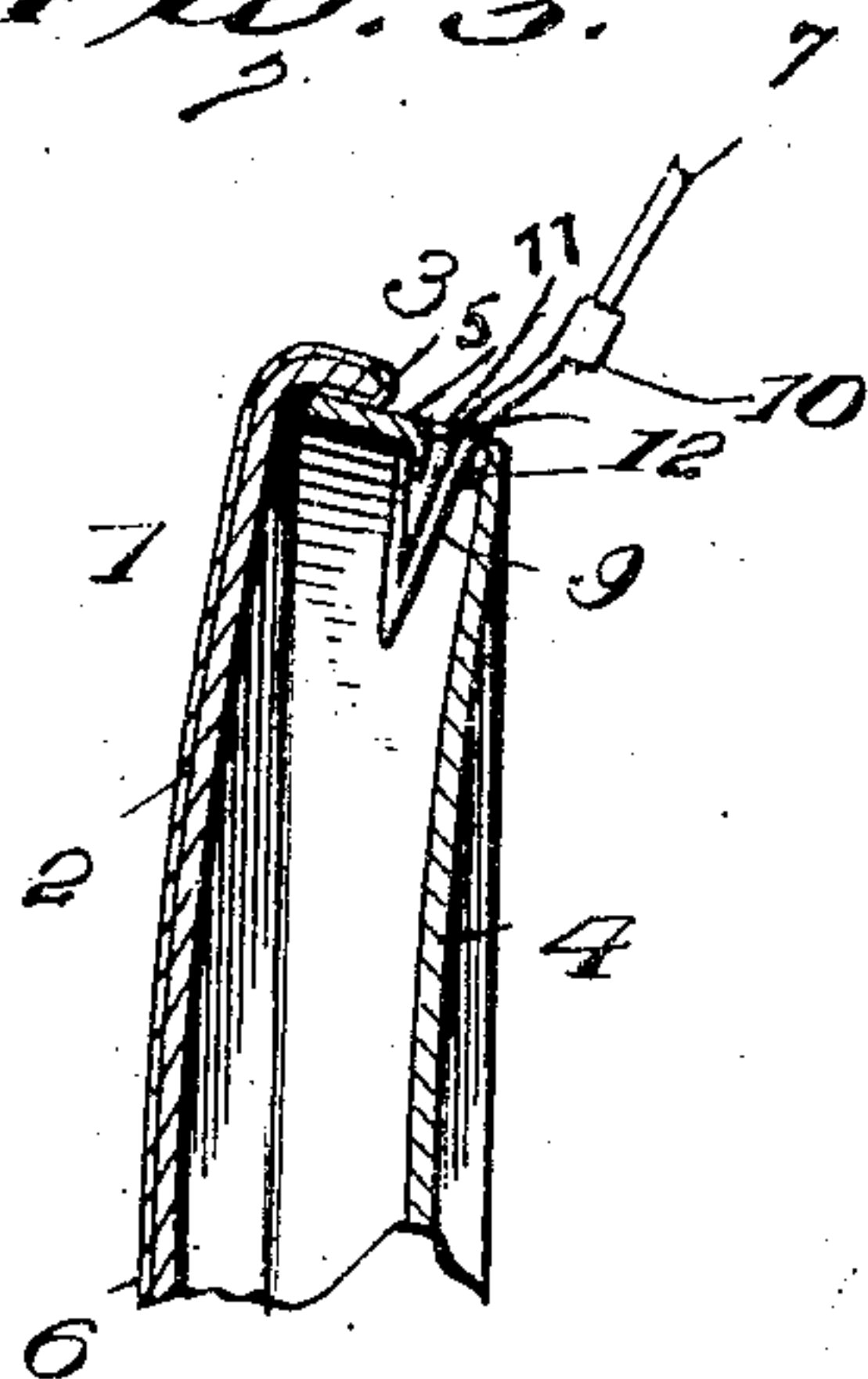
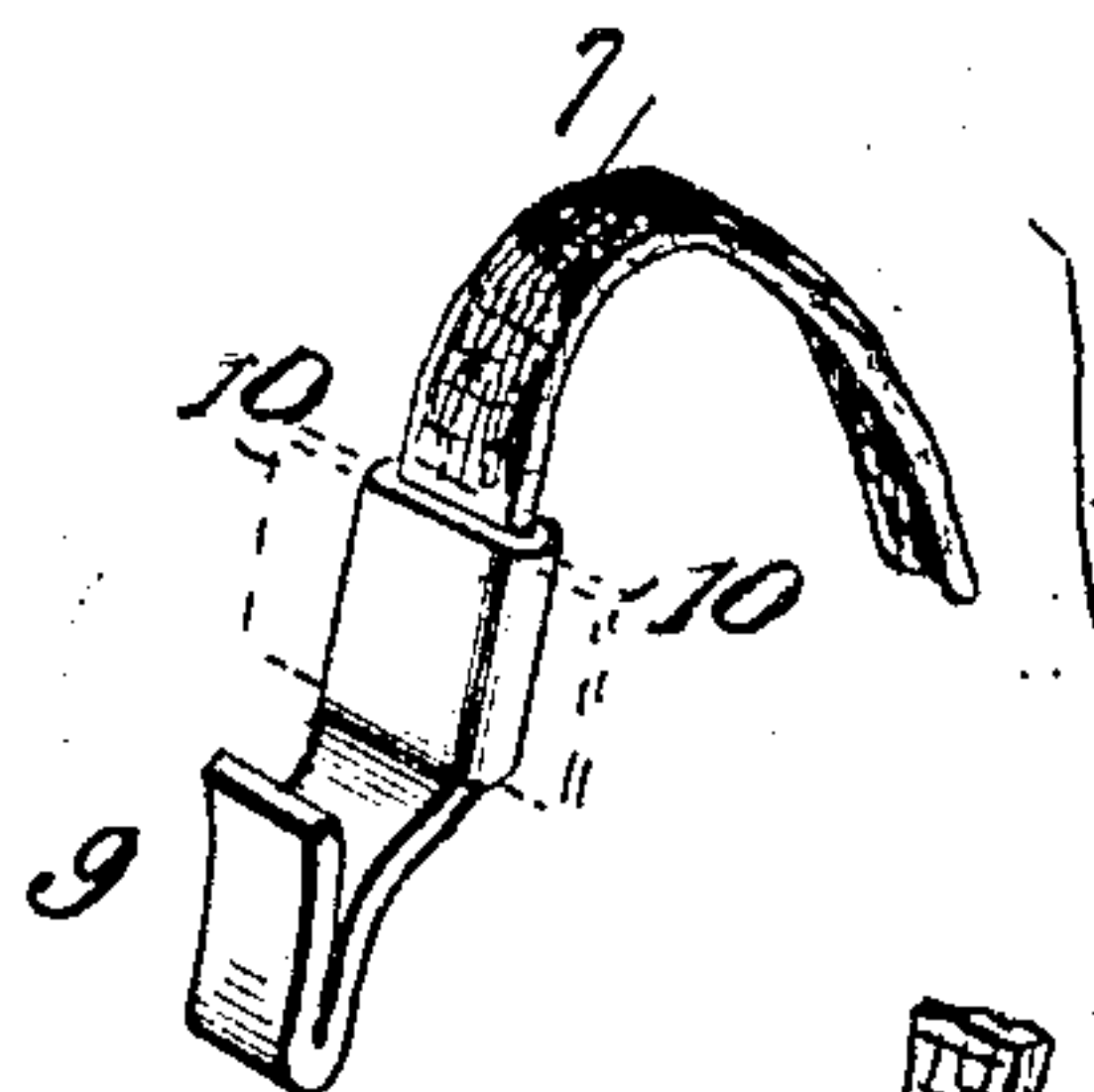


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES J. FRANZ, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of the city of Baltimore and State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Buttons or Checks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in buttons or checks which are adapted to be fastened to the wearing-apparel of a person in order to identify him.

The object of my invention is to provide a check which when once secured to the apparel of a person, such as their buttonhole, cannot be removed without destroying the check, so that it cannot be again replaced.

The particular object of my invention is to provide a door-check for theaters and the like which is adapted to be used by persons going out of the theater between the acts to enable them to return.

Under the present practice of giving door-checks in the form of tickets the tickets can be passed from one person to the other and are frequently sold.

It is the object of my invention to prevent the selling of these tickets and to make it impossible for any person other than the one who received the check to use it.

With these objects in view my invention consists in certain constructions and arrangement of parts, the preferred form of which will be first specifically described and then the invention pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the drawings, wherein the same part is designated by the same reference-numeral wherever it occurs, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the lapel of a coat with a door check or button thereon. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the door-check. Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail view showing the fastening means. Fig. 4 is a view of the cord or tape and showing the means by which its ends are secured to the button or check.

1 designates a button or check, which is composed of the front portion 2. The portion 2 is provided around its edge with the flange 3.

4 designates the back of the button, which is also provided with a flange 5 around its edge. The flange 5 is, however, slightly smaller than flange 3, so that it will closely fit into the flange 3 and securely hold the two parts of the button or check together.

6 designates a sheet of material which is preferably placed over the front portion 2 of the check and has thereon suitable printed matter, the edges of the sheet being held in position by being clamped between the flanges 3 and 5.

7 designates a tape or cord, one end of which is preferably provided with a knot 8, and the tape or cord adjacent to the knot is clamped between the flanges 3 and 5 with the knot on the inside of the button, as is shown in Fig. 2, to hold one end of the tape or cord securely. The other end of the cord is provided with a hook or barb 9, which in the form of construction illustrated consists of a plate of sheet metal having the projecting wings 10, adapted to be bent around the cord or tape 7 in order to attach the hook to the cord. The free end of the plate which forms the hook or barb is bent back upon itself, as best shown in Fig. 4, to form the barb. In the flange 5 of the back-plate 4 of the button or check I provide an opening 11, which is of such a size as to allow the barb 9 to be passed therethrough, but is so narrow that in passing the barb through the opening the barb will be forced together, so that after it has been forced through the opening it will catch and hold in the manner shown in Figs. 2 and 3. Preferably and as shown the opening 11 is provided with flanges 12, which extend inwardly and serve as an additional means of preventing the barb from being withdrawn after it is inserted.

From the construction above described it is evident that when a check has been secured in the buttonhole or other suitable place by passing the barb through the opening 11 it will be impossible to remove the check except by severing the tape or cord 7. As soon as this is done the fact will show, and a check which has been so mutilated will be refused by the doorkeeper. It will thus be seen that I have provided a check which is simple in construction and cheap to manufacture which will effectually prevent the transfer from one person to another of door-checks or similar devices.

While I have described what I believe to be the preferred form of my invention, I desire to have it understood that many changes may be made in the construction, arrangement, and form of the parts without departing from the spirit of my invention as set forth in the appended claims.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A non-transferable door-check consisting of a button composed of two caps, each provided with a flange, one of said flanges being adapted to fit within the other, a tape or cord connected to the button at one end and at the other end provided with a barb, one of said caps being provided with an opening in its flange into which the barb may be inserted, whereby the two ends of the tape will be securely fastened to the button.

2. A non-transferable door-check consisting of a button composed of two caps secured together, a tape or cord connected to the button at one end and at the other end provided with a barb, one of said caps being provided with an opening into which the barb may be inserted, whereby the two ends of the tape may be securely fastened to the button, a

flange formed on the side of the opening and extending inward to prevent the withdrawal of the barb.

3. A non-transferable door-check consisting of a button composed of two disks, each provided with a flange, one of said flanges being adapted to fit within the other and one of the disks being provided with an opening, a tape or cord one end of which is secured to the button by being clamped between the flanges of the disks and carrying at its other end a barb adapted to be inserted in the opening in the disks.

Signed by me at Baltimore, Maryland, this 20th day of July, 1905.

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