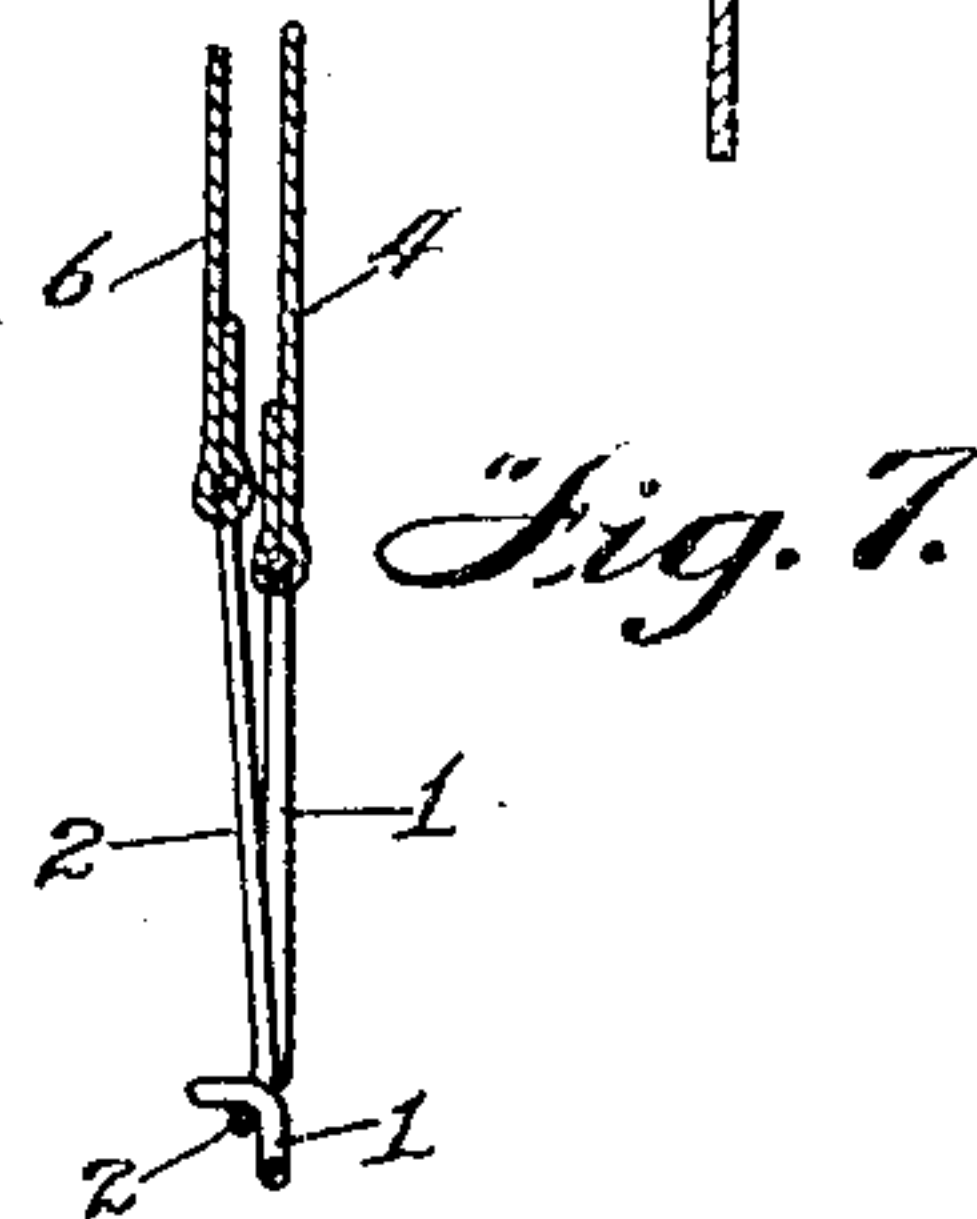
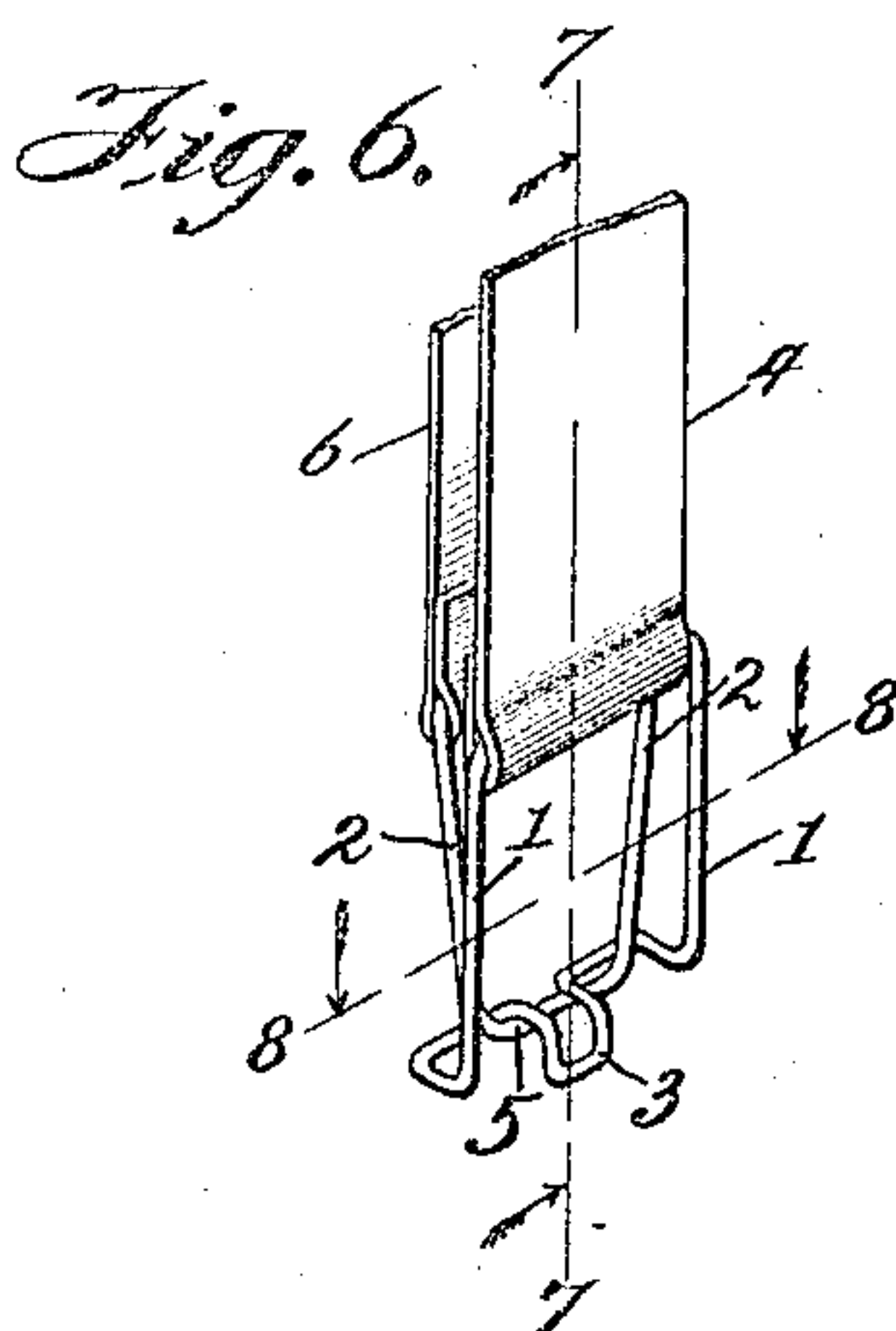
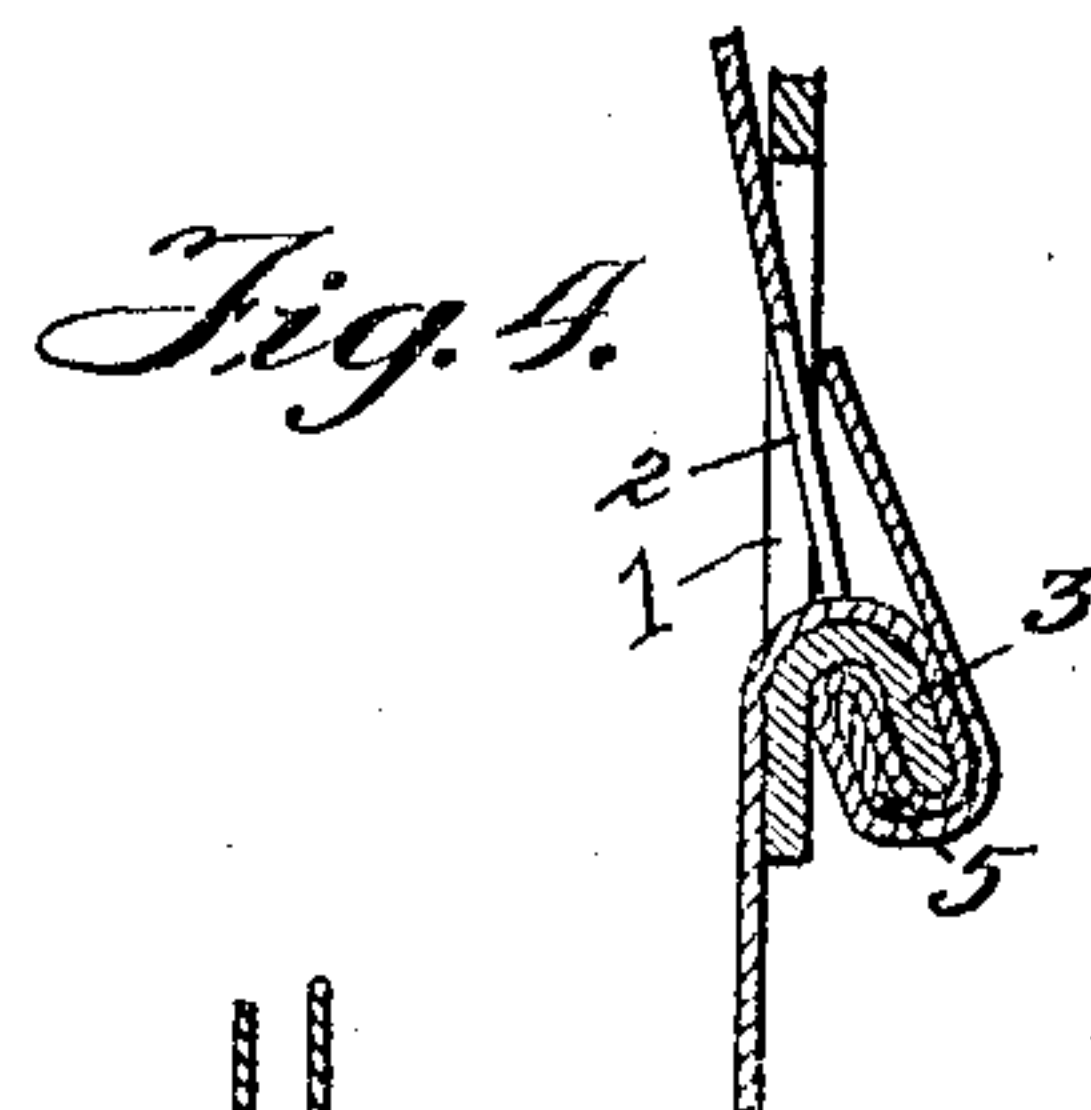
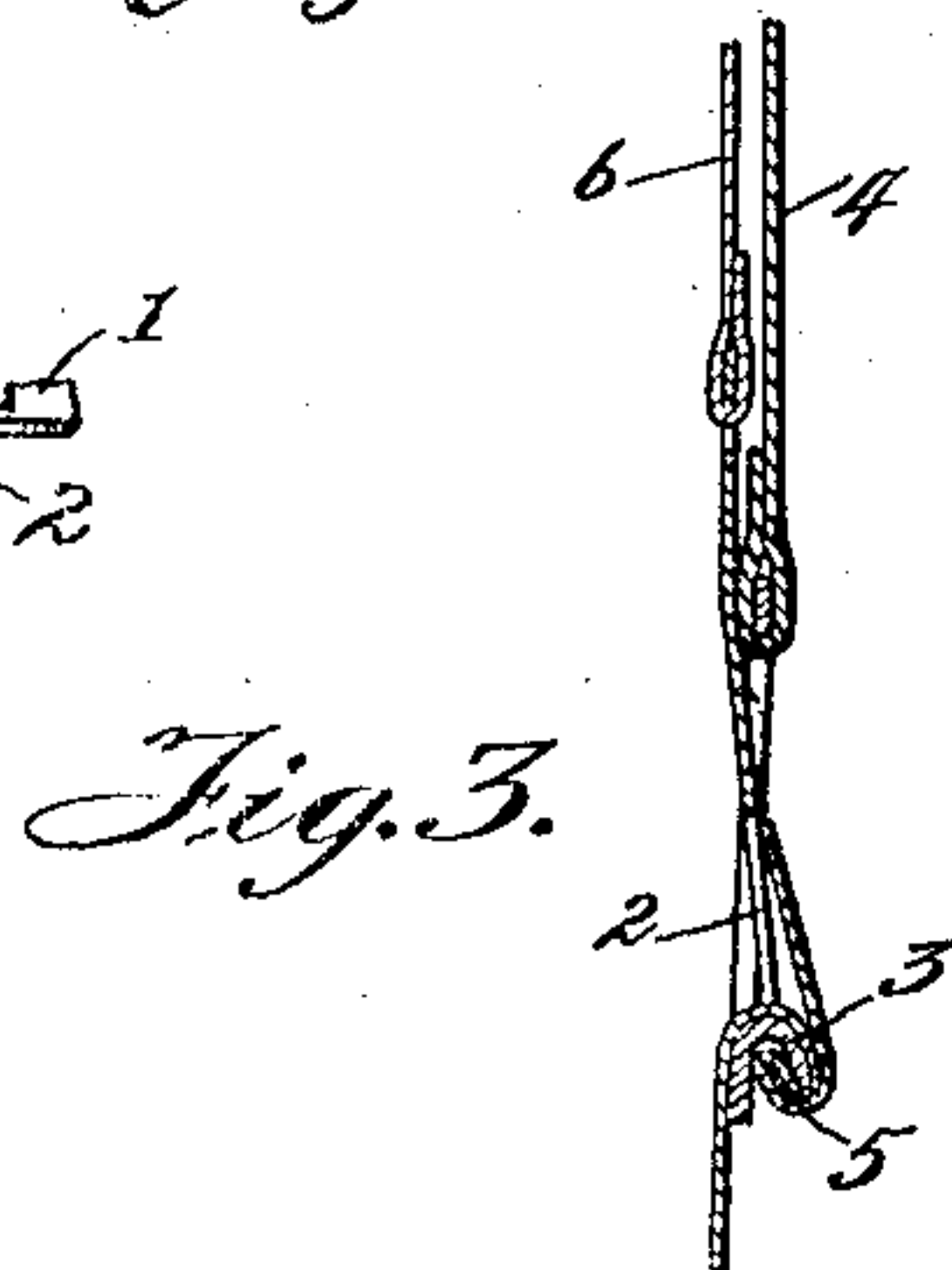
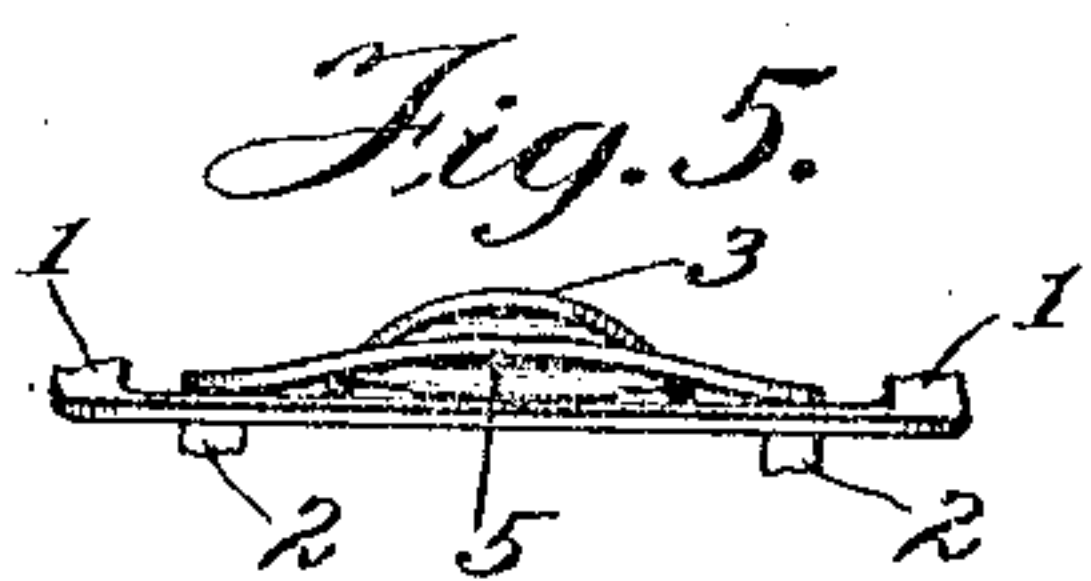
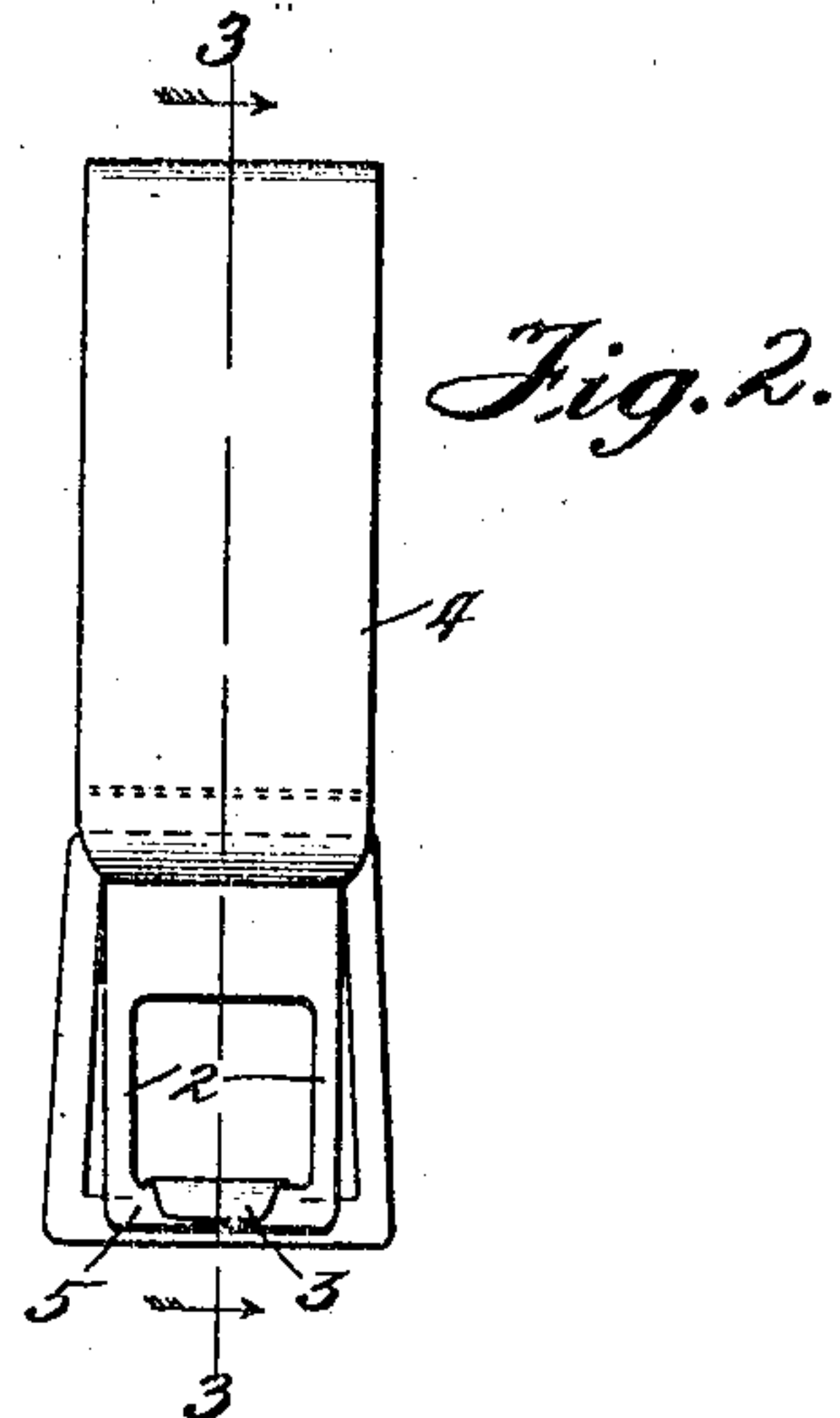
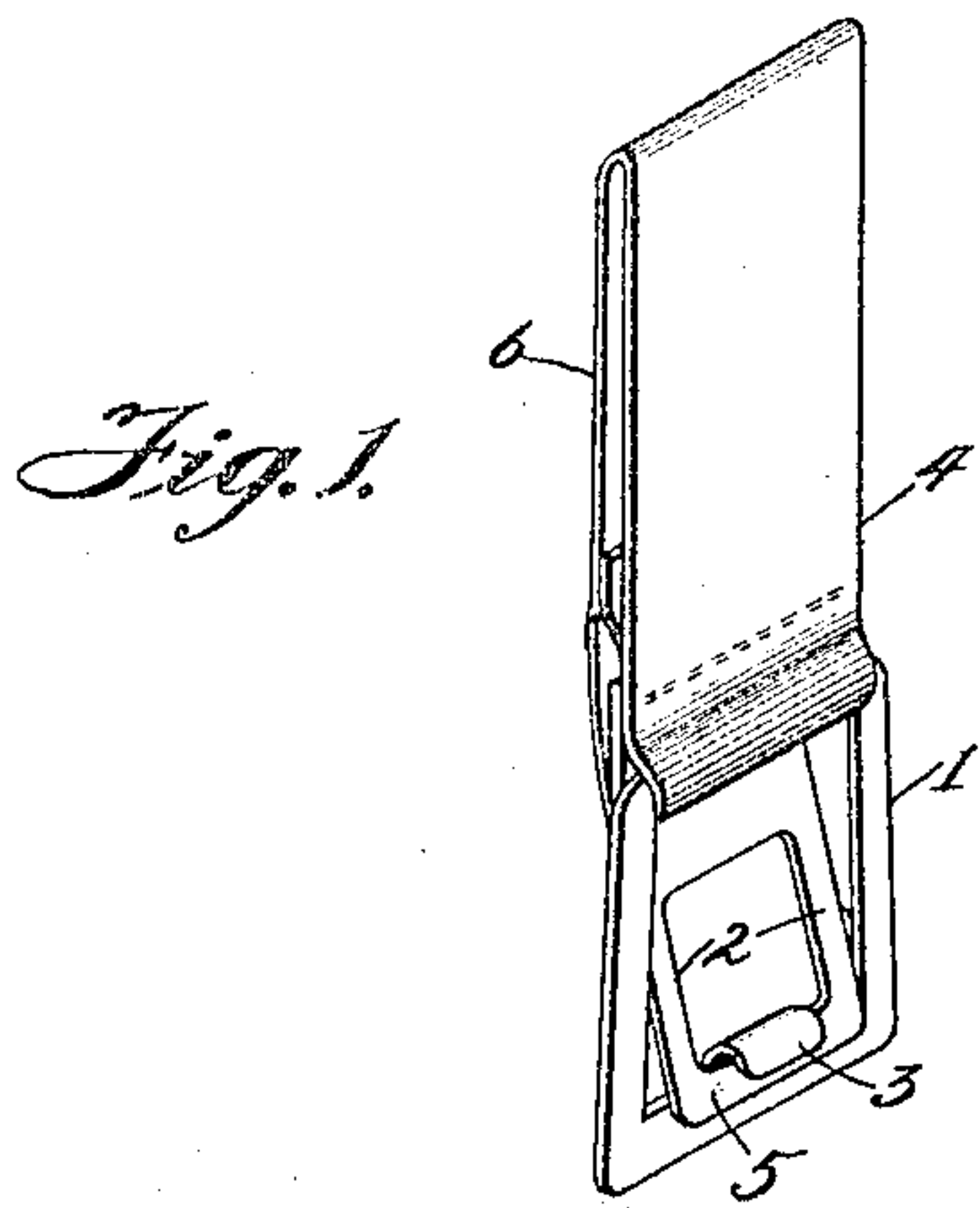


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, VICTOR H. REA, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Elgin, county of Kane, and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and Improved Garment-Supporter, of which the following is a description.

My invention relates to that class of devices employed for supporting hose, underclothing, and the like; and its object is to produce a convenient and inexpensive device which will securely hold the garment in a manner which is not liable to injure or tear it; and to this end it consists in the novel construction, arrangement, and combination of parts herein shown and described, and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, wherein like or similar reference characters indicate like or corresponding parts, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my supporter. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a section taken substantially on line 3 3 of Fig. 2, showing the arrangement of the fabric in the supporter. Fig. 4 is an enlarged view of the locking portion of the supporter as shown in Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is an end view of the engaging portion of my device. Fig. 6 is a modified form of my device. Fig. 7 is a section taken on line 7 7 of Fig. 6, and Fig. 8 is a section taken on line 8 8 of Fig. 6.

In the preferred form of my device shown in the drawings the two parts 1 and 2 are formed of sheet metal, wire, or other suitable material attached to suitable supporting means and arranged to cooperate to engage a portion of a garment for the purpose of supporting the same or attaching it to other portions of the wearer's clothing. As shown, the part 1 is substantially rectangular in form, provided with a hook 3 of any desired form at one end, the opposite end being preferably arranged for attachment to the strap 4 or other supporting means. The part 2 is arranged to cooperate with the part 1 by being inserted between its sides and engaging the hook 3, as shown. For this reason the width of the part 2 is preferably made less than the distance between the sides of the part 1, the part 2 being also formed with a bar 5 at its end to engage the hook 3 and provided with suitable means for attachment with a strap 6 or other supporting means, so that normally the part 2 will hang in a suitable position behind the part 1—that is, at the back or closed side of the hook 3.

To engage a garment with my device, a part of the garment is positioned between the parts 1 and 2, which are unattached except by the support 6. Then the end of the part 2 is passed through between the sides of the part 1 and the bar 5 engaged with the hook 3, and it is evident that the greater the pull of the bar 5 upon the hook 3 the more firmly the garment will be held between them. It will thus be seen that the members 1 and 2 are bodily movable with respect to one another, and in view of the cooperating parts above specified my device does not depend upon a spring action between the members to retain them in adjusted position, as is usual with this class of supports.

The bar 5 may be formed in any preferred manner to facilitate the operation of my device. As shown in Figs. 1 to 5, inclusive, it is simply a flat bar the lower or outer edge of which is slightly curved. (See Fig. 5.) In this form there is a slight spring action between the bar 5 and the point of the hook 3, (see Figs. 3 and 4,) tending to assist in securing the garment.

In Figs. 6, 7, and 8 the bar 5 is shown slightly curved to enable the parts to be more readily engaged. In this form, too, the parts are shown formed of round wire, the end of the part 1 carrying the hook 3 being laterally bent upon both sides of the hook, so that when engaged the parts 1 and 2 will be nearly parallel, as shown in Fig. 8.

Obviously under some circumstances it may be desirable to cover the bar 5 or the hook 3 or other parts of my device with rubber, cloth, leather, or other material to prevent the cooperating parts from damaging the material of which a garment is made to secure a more yielding grip upon the goods.

It is obvious that my device may be employed for supporting any suitably-flexible material for any purpose, as for supporting draperies, displays, or the like, or that the parts 1 and 2 may both be arranged to be attached to a single strap without altering the operation of my device.

I claim—

1. A device of the kind described, comprising the combination of supporting means provided with means for attaching the same to a garment, the said supporting means consisting of two members, one of said members provided with an aperture and a hook and the second member arranged to extend through said aperture and engage said hook



with a suitably-flexible material positioned between the members, said members being otherwise unattached.

2. A garment-supporter, comprising a member provided with an aperture, and having a hook positioned near one end of said aperture, in combination with a cooperating bodily-movable member adapted to extend through said aperture and provided with a bar arranged to engage said hook to secure a part of a garment between the members, and means to support said members in said cooperating portion.

3. In a garment-supporter, a member provided with an aperture, and a hook positioned near one end of said aperture, in combination with a second member, adapted to extend through said aperture and engage said hook, to support a garment by engaging a portion thereof between said members, and means for normally loosely connecting said members together whereby they are bodily movable relative to one another.

4. In a garment-supporter, a member provided with an aperture, and having a longitudinally-extended hook positioned on its front side near its free end, in combination with a second member, normally suspended at the back of said first member and provided with a transverse bar, said members bodily movable with respect to one another being adapted to cooperate to engage a suitably-flexible material between them by positioning the second member and a portion of said material through said aperture in the first member and engaging said bar with said hook.

5. In a garment-supporter, a member provided with an aperture, and having a hook positioned near one end of said member freely movable relative to said first-mentioned member, in combination with a second member provided with a curved bar adapted to cooperate with said hook to engage a suitably-flexible material, when said second member and a portion of said material is positioned through the aperture in said first member.

6. In a fastener of the character described, cooperating engaging parts bodily movable with respect to one another, the one part comprising an open frame having a hook-shaped projection on one side thereof and the other part comprising an open frame adapted to pass through the opening of the frame of the cooperating part and engage under the hook carried thereby.

7. In a fastener of the character described, a flexible support cooperating engaging parts unconnected save by said support, the one member comprising an open frame having a hook-shaped projection on one side thereof and the other part comprising an open frame adapted to slide through the opening of the frame of the cooperating part and engage under the hook carried thereby.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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