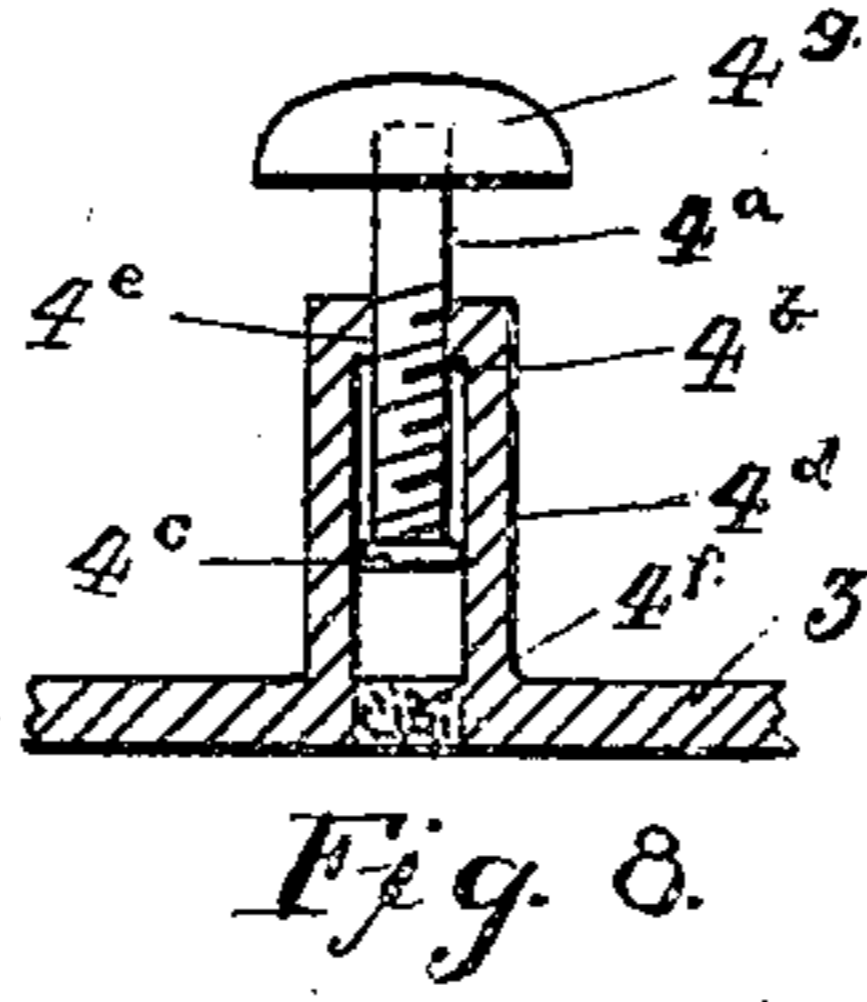
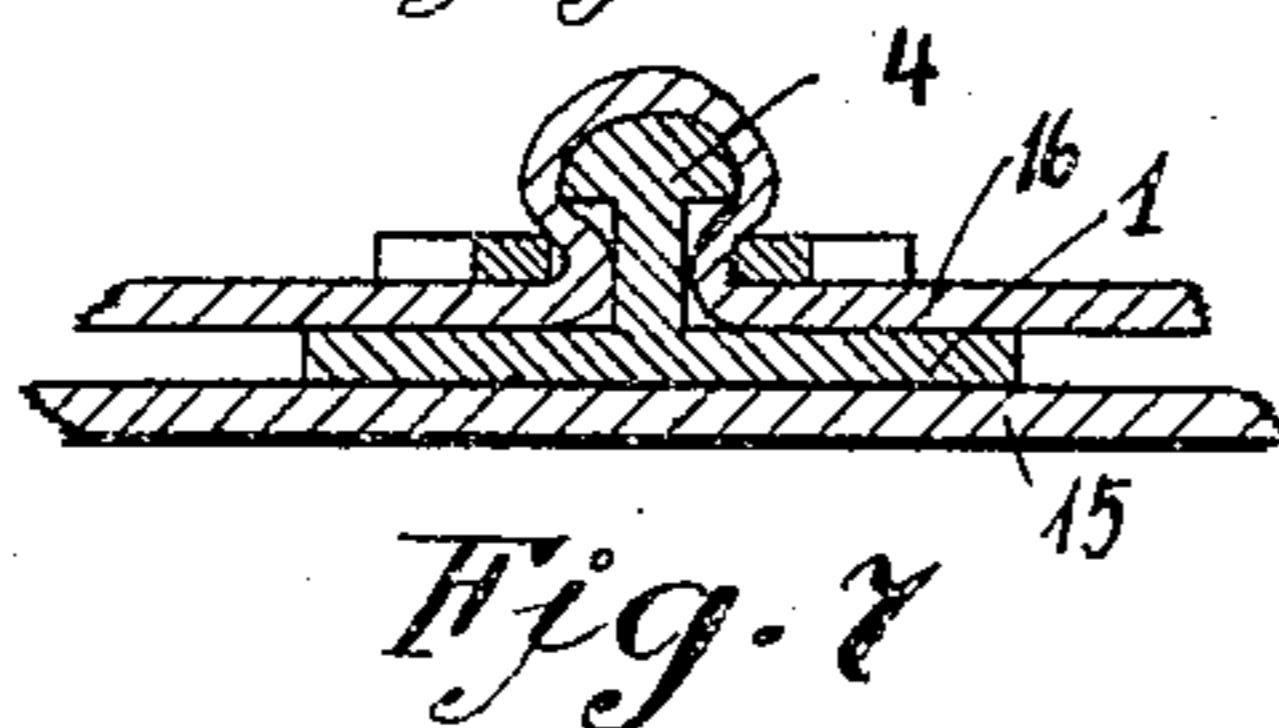
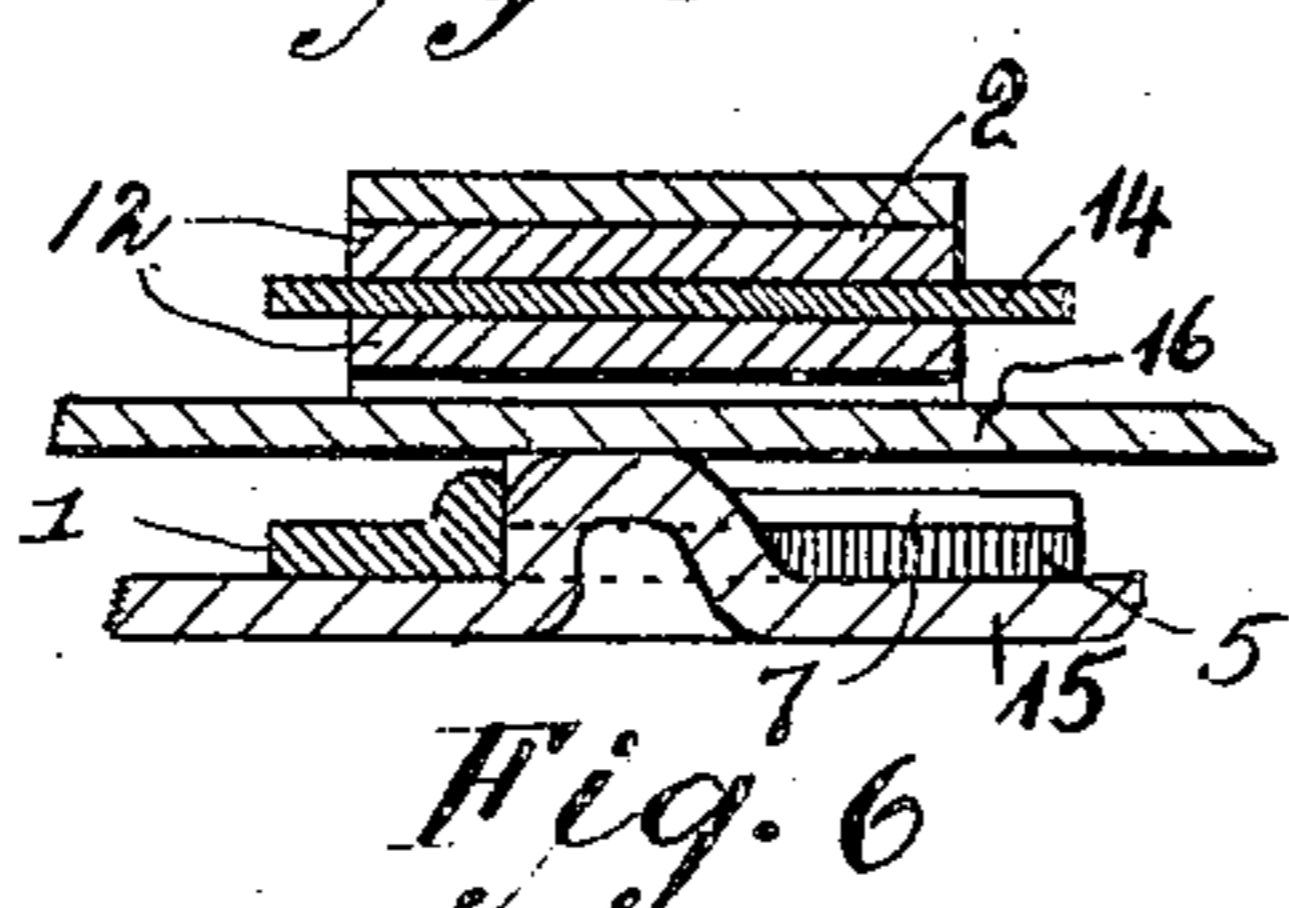
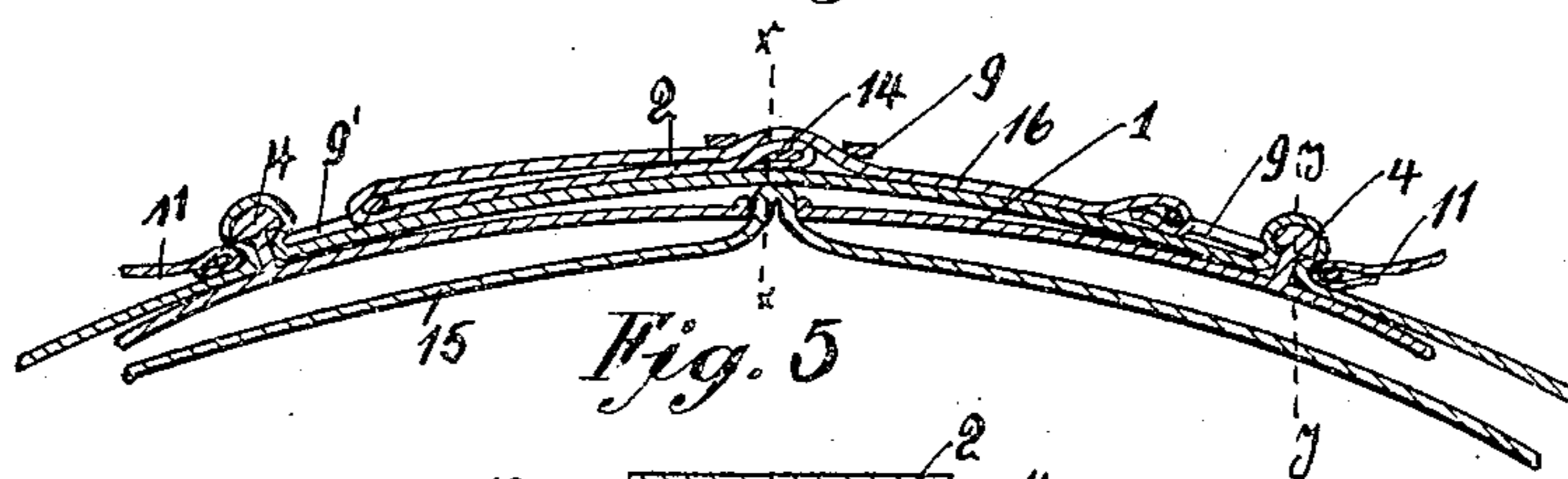
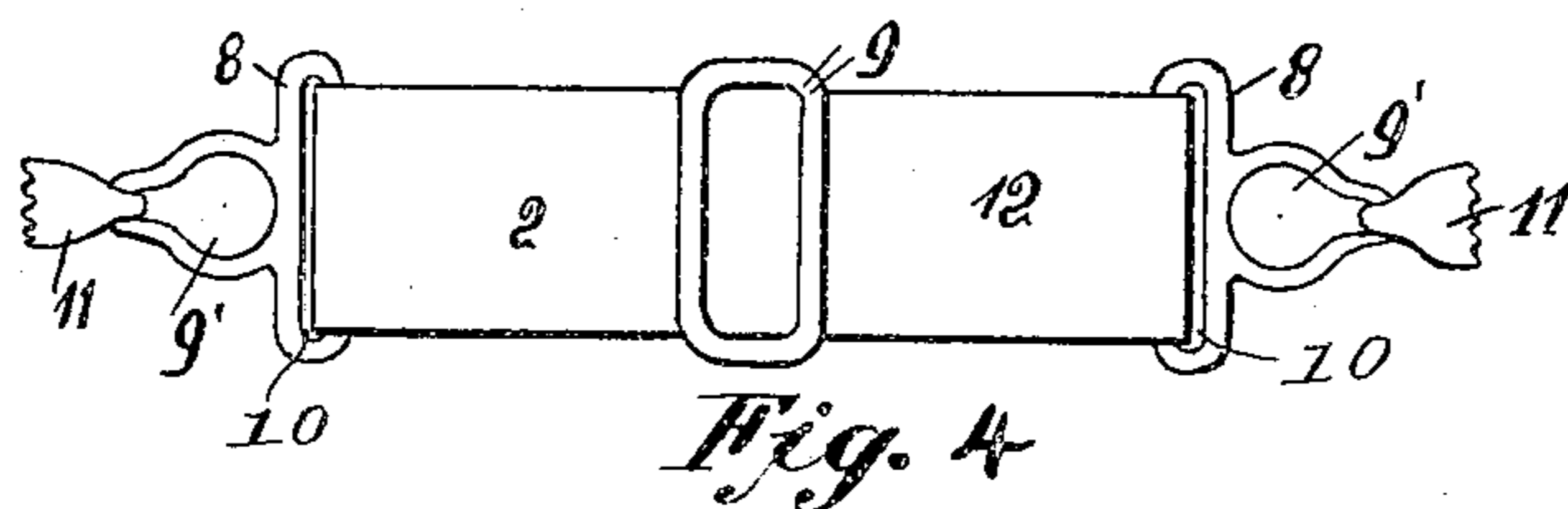
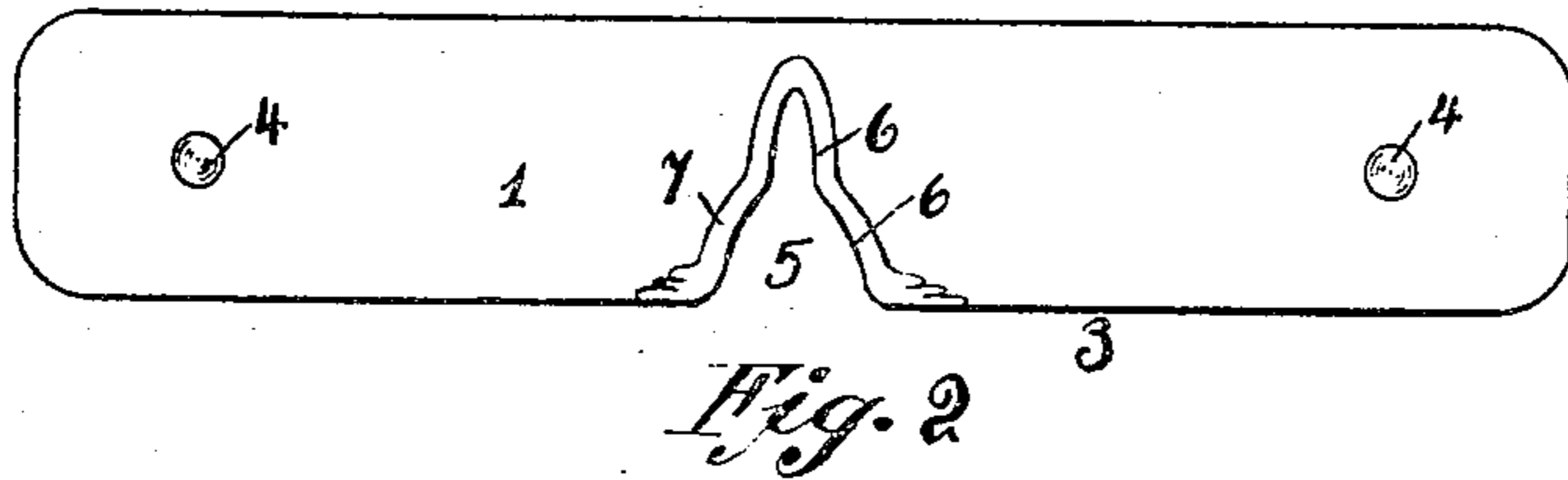


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MATTHEW S. GOLDMAN, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supports, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in garment-supports particularly adapted for supporting hose or for use as a sleeve-holder.

The object of the invention is to provide a novel garment-support which can be easily and quickly placed in engagement with a garment in order to support any garment or a part of the supporting garment.

The invention aims to dispense with the limb-inclosing garters or bands heretofore used for supporting hose and sleeves, which have to a certain extent retarded the circulation of blood in the limbs. In this connection the invention aims to provide a support adapted to partially embrace the limb upon which it is used, whereby a perfect freedom will be given to every movement of the wearer.

A further object of the invention is to provide a garment-support which will afford facilities for adjustment of the tension of the garments to be held or supported, at the same time being so constructed whereby it can be easily and quickly removed and placed upon another part of the garment should it be so desired.

The invention finally consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, which will be hereinafter more fully described and then specifically pointed out in the claims, and, referring to the drawings accompanying this application, like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, in which—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a plate comprising one of the members of my improved support. Fig. 2 is a side elevation view of the plate. Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the plate bent to partially encircle a limb. Fig. 4 is a side elevation view of another member of my improved support. Fig. 5 is a longitudinal sectional view of my improved garment-support, illustrating the members of the support as attached to garments. Fig. 6 is an enlarged detail fragmentary sectional view taken on the line *xx* of Fig. 5. Fig. 7 is a similar view

taken on the line *yy* of Fig. 5, and Fig. 8 is a sectional view of a modified form of stud.

To put my invention into practice, I construct my improved garment-support of two members 1 and 2. The member 1 consists of a plate 3, preferably formed of light and durable metal. The plate is substantially oblong in top plan view and adjacent to its end is provided with studs or tuberos pins 4 4. Centrally of said plate and in the one edge thereof I provide an open slot 5, the sides of which taper, as indicated at 6 6, forming a substantially wedge-shaped opening in the edge of the plate. The metal bordering upon the slot 5 is upset, as indicated at 7, to form a rounded and smooth edge.

The member 2 consists of pieces of sheet metal 8 8 and 9, each piece of metal 8 having a substantially keyhole-shaped slot 9' formed therein and a plain slot 10. The contracted portion of each of the slots 9' is provided with a tap or clip 11, while in the plain slots is mounted a piece of webbing or tape 12, preferably of an elastic nature; but the same can be readily constructed of a non-elastic material. The one end of the piece of webbing or tape is secured to the central bar 14 of a slip clasp or buckle, the other end of said webbing or tape being secured to one of the pieces of metal 8.

The member 1 of my improved support is adapted to support the member 2, which in turn is adapted to hold a garment or a part thereof. The member 2 is constructed whereby the pieces of metal 8 8, which serve functionally as clasps, can be readily positioned to permit of the webbing or tape 12 firmly engaging the garment to be retained in close proximity to the member 1.

In Fig. 5 of the drawings I have illustrated two pieces of cloth that may represent independent and separate garments or may represent one garment, the part of which is being supported in an elevated position similar to the end of a sleeve.

The reference-numeral 15 designates a piece of cloth which is secured in the substantially wedge-shaped opening 5 of the plate or member 1, and the reference-numeral 16 designates a piece of cloth which is locked in engagement with said member. To accomplish this, the piece of cloth to be held is placed over the headed or tuberos pins or studs 4, and the piece of metal or clasps 8 are placed down over the pins or studs 4, causing the piece of cloth to embrace said pins or

studs, whereby it cannot become detached while the member 2 is in position upon the member 1. The elastic webbing serves to retain the pieces of metal or clasps 8 in engagement with the studs 4, the elastic metal at the same time retaining the cloth intervening between the studs in engagement with the member 1. To remove the member 2, one or both of the tabs or clips are moved outwardly until the studs 4 lie in the keyhole-shaped slots 9', at which time the member 2 can be easily disengaged from the studs 4.

In connection with my improved support it will be observed that the plate constituting the member 1 can be readily bent to conform to the contour of a limb, whereby it can be comfortably worn by the wearer, and when so used it is preferably curved slightly, as illustrated in Fig. 3; but when used upon a plane surface it can be constructed similar to the plate illustrated in Fig. 1.

In Fig. 8 of the drawings I have illustrated a modified form of construction that may be employed in connection with the studs or tuberos pins 4 4. In this construction the stud 4^a is made adjustable by providing the shank portion thereof with screw-threads 4^b, and to retain the stud in engagement with the plate 3 I provide the lower end of the stud with a head or peripheral flange 4^c. The stud is adapted to be mounted in a sleeve 4^d, the upper end of said sleeve being provided with a screw-threaded opening 4^e, through which the stud is adapted to operate. The base portion of the sleeve is open, whereby the stud can be mounted within the sleeve; but, if it be so desired, the opening can be closed by a suitable closure-plug 4^f, such as solder. The head or button part 4^g of the stud is also made detachable. By this construction the stud can be rotated to provide as great a shank portion as may be desired to retain different thicknesses of material in engagement with the plate 3.

Should it be desired, the members can be reversed, for instance, when used as a garter by attaching the plate 1 to the nether garment by the member 2 and then engaging the garment to be supported—for instance, a stocking—in the substantially wedge-shaped opening 5 of the plate 1.

I do not care to confine my improved garment-support to use as a sleeve-retainer nor garter, as it can be readily used for supporting shirts and in various other places where it may be desired to drape curtains, bunting, and the like cloth.

I desire again to call particular attention

to the fact that the garment-support does not embrace any part of the wearer and permits the freedom of movement and the privilege of adjustment at any time it may be desired.

It will be noted that various changes may be made in the details of construction without departing from the general spirit and scope of the invention.

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

1. A garment-support of the character described comprising two members, one of said members consisting of a curved plate having a substantially wedge-shaped opening formed therein, a stud carried by each end of said plate, the second member consisting of pieces of metal adjustably connected together by elastic tape, said pieces of metal having substantially keyhole-shaped slots formed therein, adapted to engage over said studs, and tabs carried by said pieces of metal, substantially as described.

2. A garment attachment of the character described comprising two members, one of said members consisting of a curved plate, said plate having a substantially wedge-shaped opening formed therein, studs carried by said plate, the second member consisting of pieces of metal adjustably connected together, tabs carried by said pieces of metal, and means to secure said pieces of metal in engagement with said studs, substantially as described.

3. A garment-support of the character described consisting of a plate, studs carried by said plate, separate pieces of metal adapted to engage over said studs, a piece of flexible material connecting said pieces of metal together, means to retain said pieces of metal in engagement with said studs, and means to secure a garment to said plate, substantially as described.

4. A garment-support of the character described consisting of a curved plate adapted to partially embrace a limb, pieces of metal adjustably connected together, means to secure said pieces of metal in engagement with said plate means to retain a garment between said pieces of metal and said plate, and means to secure a piece of garment to said plate, substantially as described.

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

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