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FIG. 1

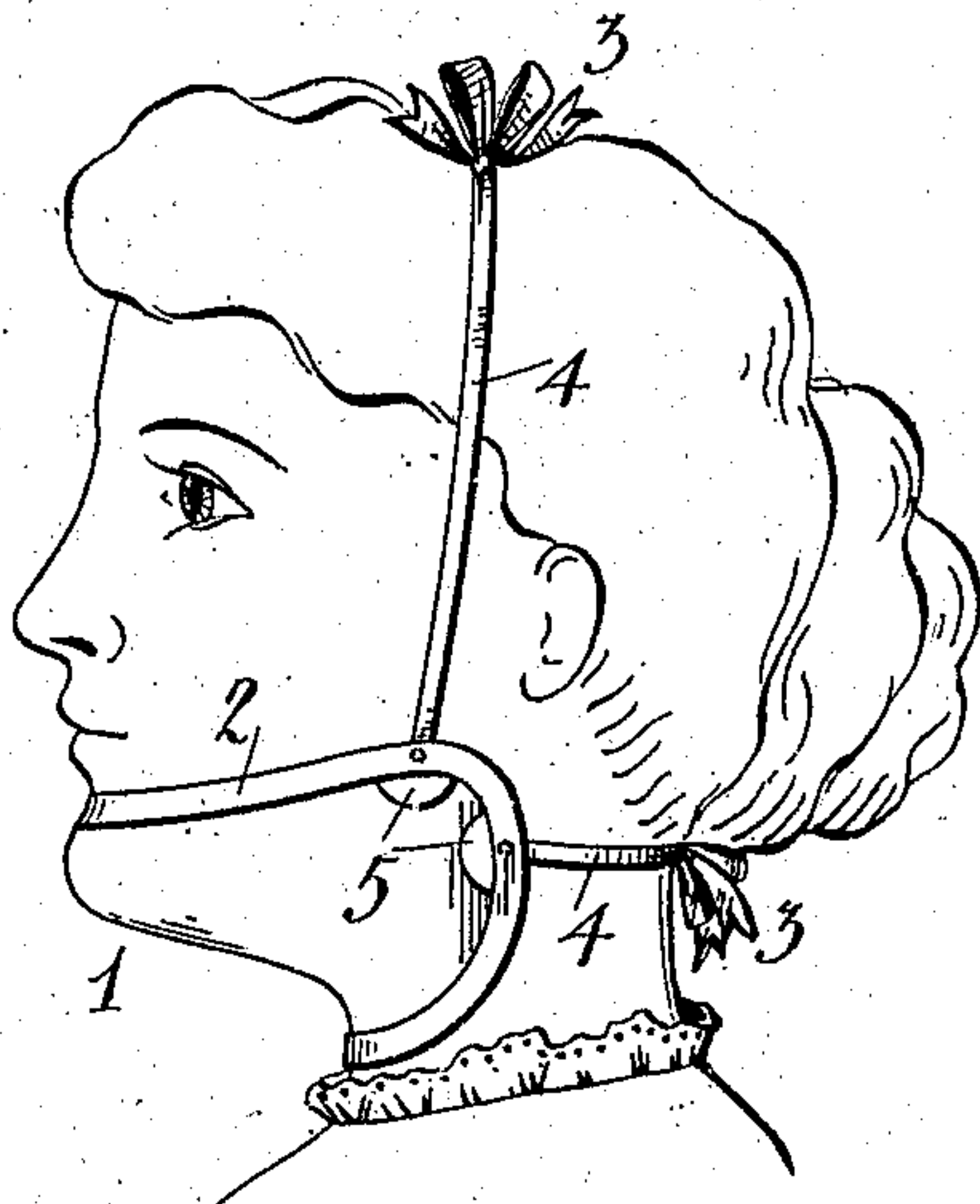


FIG. 2

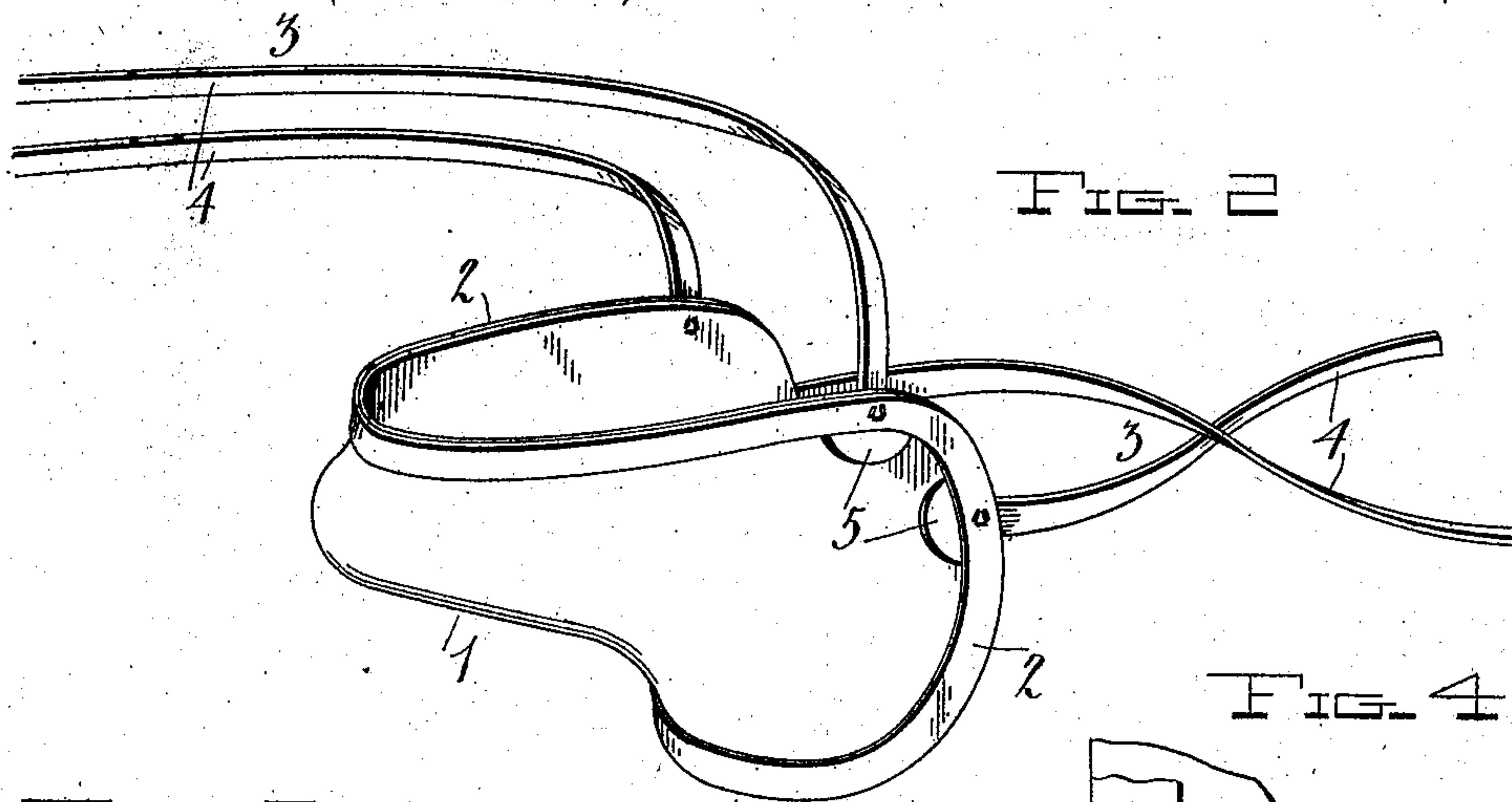


FIG. 4

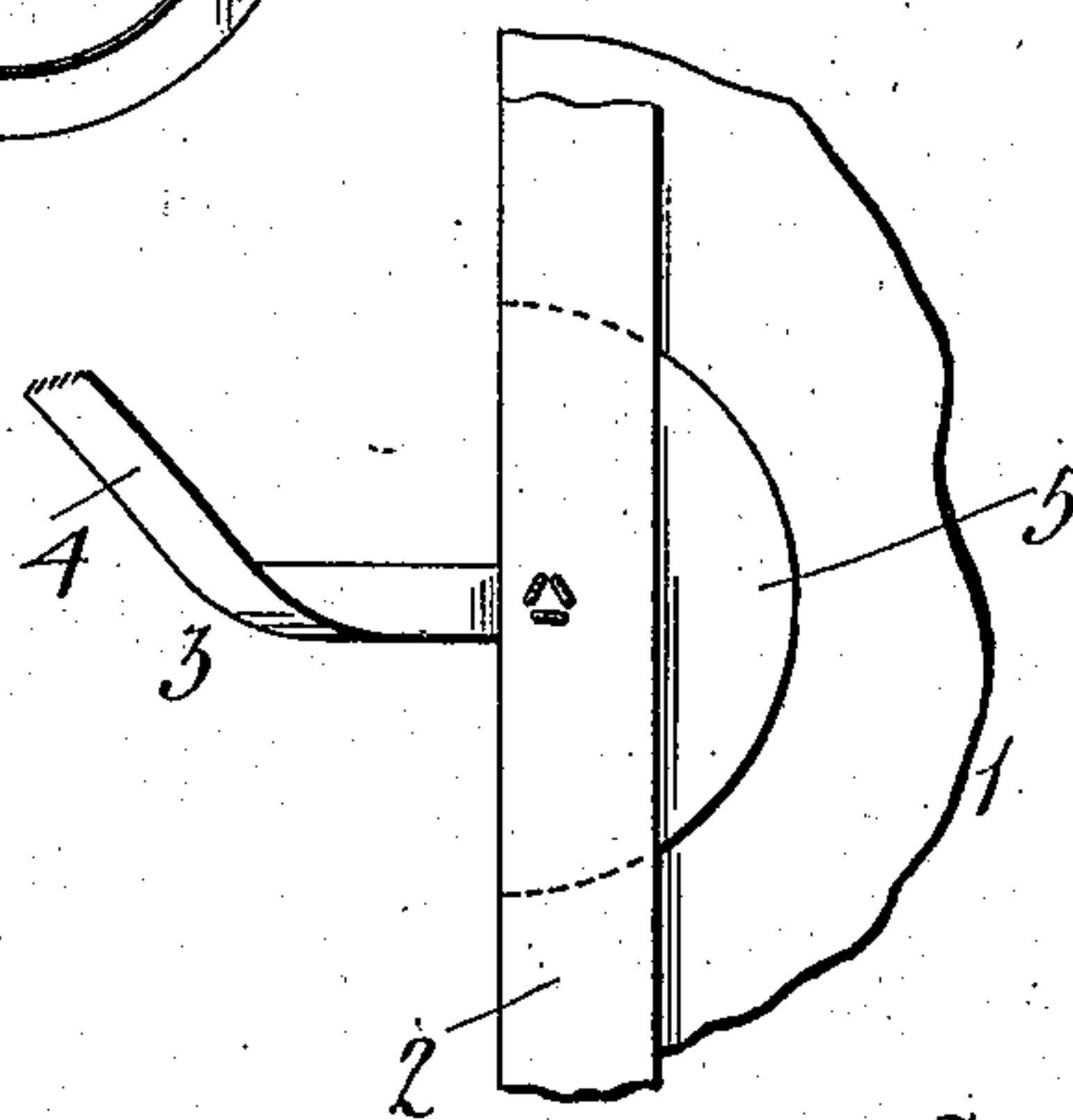
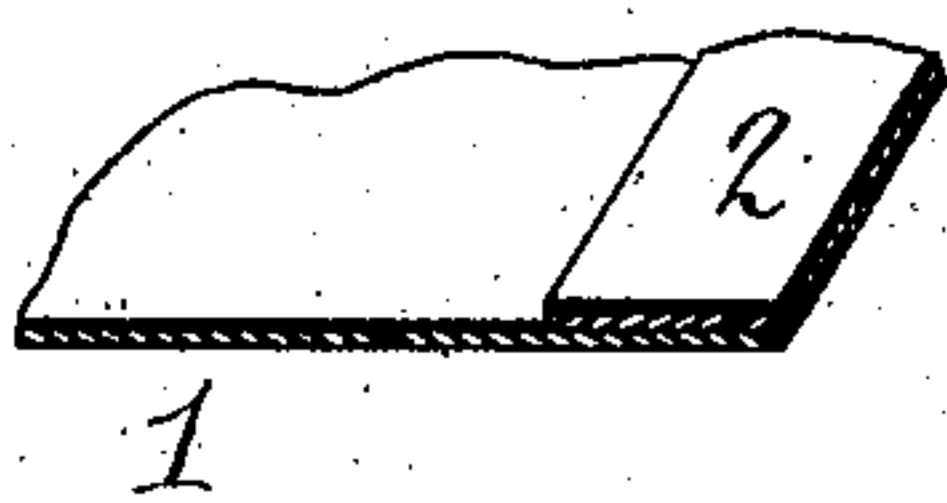


FIG. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, VIRGINIA E. HARDEE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Beaumont, in the county of Jefferson and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bandages; and I do 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 it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in bandages for preventing and reducing double chins upon stout or portly persons.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple, inexpensive, and efficient bandage of rubber or other elastic material, which may be secured beneath a person's chin to support the flesh and prevent what is commonly called a "double chin."

The above and other objects, which will appear as the nature of my invention is better understood, are accomplished by means of the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view showing the application of the invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the bandage, and Figs. 3 and 4 are views showing the manner in which the edge of the bandage is reinforced and the connection of the attaching-strings.

Referring to the drawings by numeral, 1 denotes my improved bandage, which is made of elastic material, such as rubber, and which is shaped to fit the chin and the front part of the neck of a person. The bandage is preferably constructed of very thin elastic rubber, and its edge is reinforced by a strip 2 of rubber or other material, so that the bandage will retain its shape. The bandage is adapted to be held in position upon a person's chin, preferably during the night or while asleep, by means of one or more attaching strings or ties 3, which may be passed around the neck and over the top of the head, as clearly shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings. Each of the attaching-ties 3 consists of two strings 4, which

have one of their ends secured to the bandage, as shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings. This connection consists in sewing or otherwise securing one end of the string to a tab 5, which is cemented or otherwise secured to the rubber bandage beneath the reinforcing-strip 2.

The construction, use, and advantages of the bandage will be readily understood from the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings. It will be seen that the device may be worn over night or while one is asleep with little or no inconvenience and that it will support the flesh beneath the chin, so as to prevent it from dropping or hanging down.

Various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The herein-described appliance for preventing the formation of a double chin and consisting of a piece of elastic material 1, shaped to fit the chin and the front portion of the neck of the wearer, a reinforcing strip or binding 2 secured around the outer edge of the appliance, tabs 5 secured at the opposite rear and upper edges of the same, head-strings secured to the tabs 5 and binding 2 at the upper edge of the appliance, and neck-strings secured to the tabs 5 and binding 2 at the opposite rear edges of the same, the piece of elastic material being normally of the shape of a normal chin and neck, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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