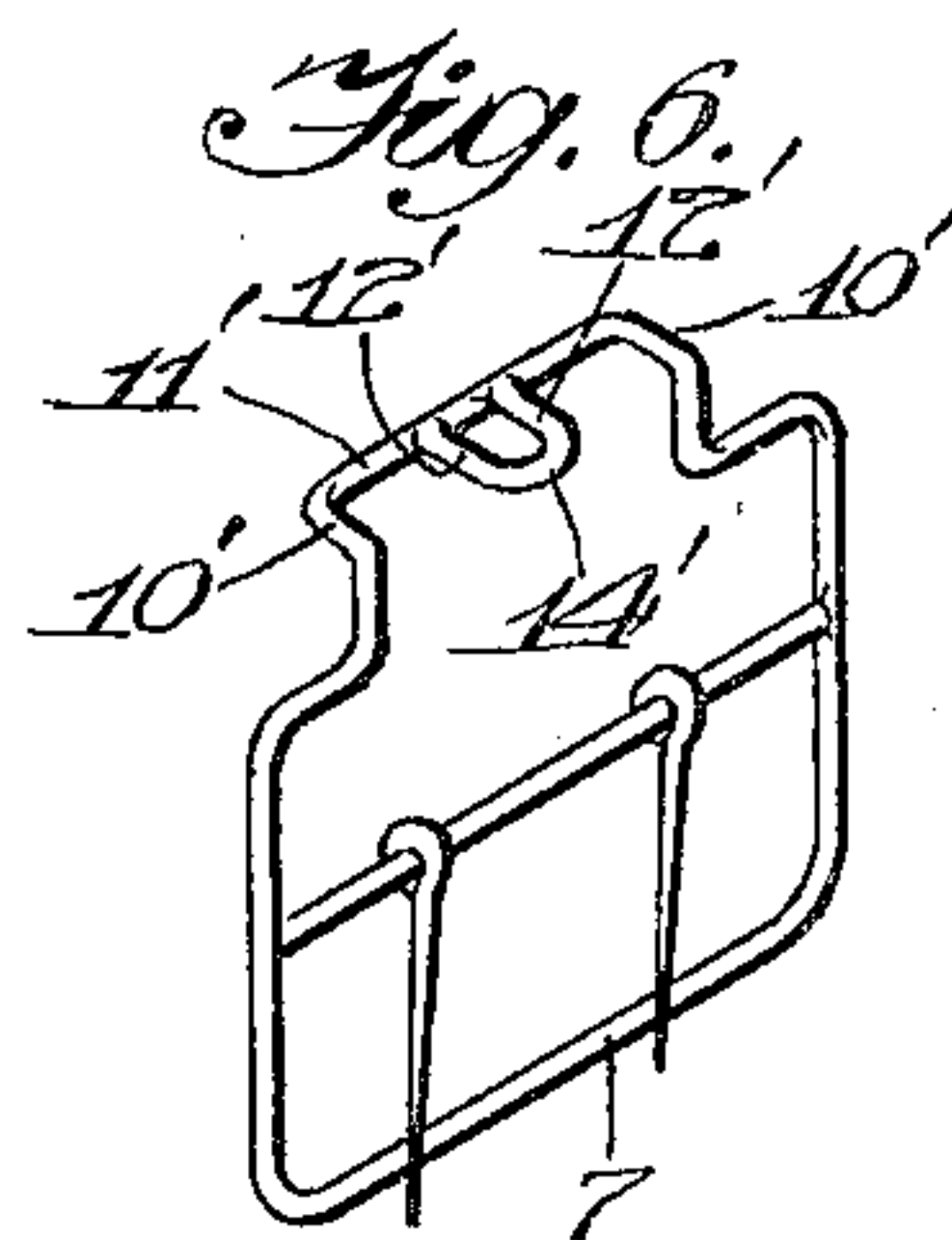
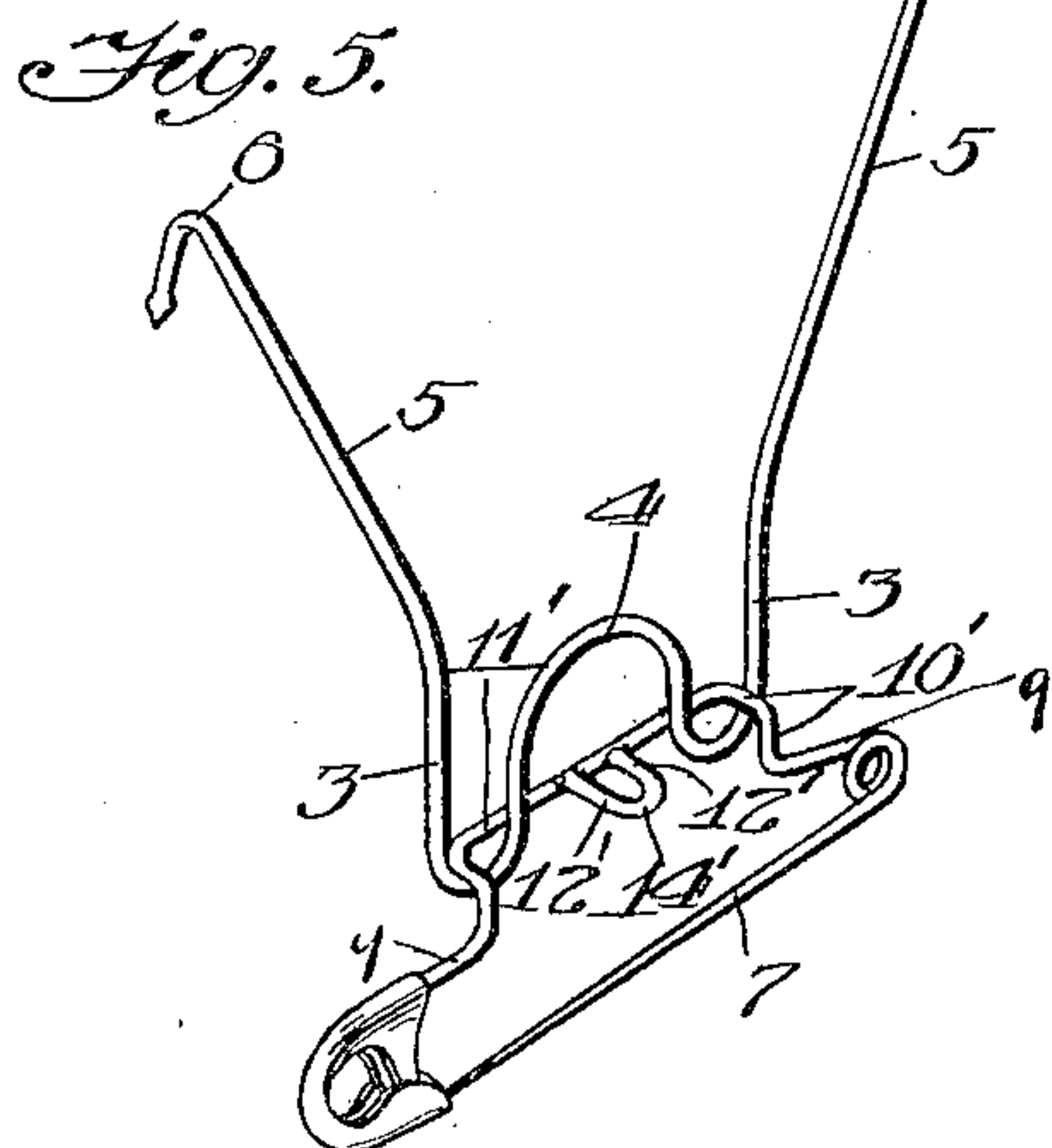
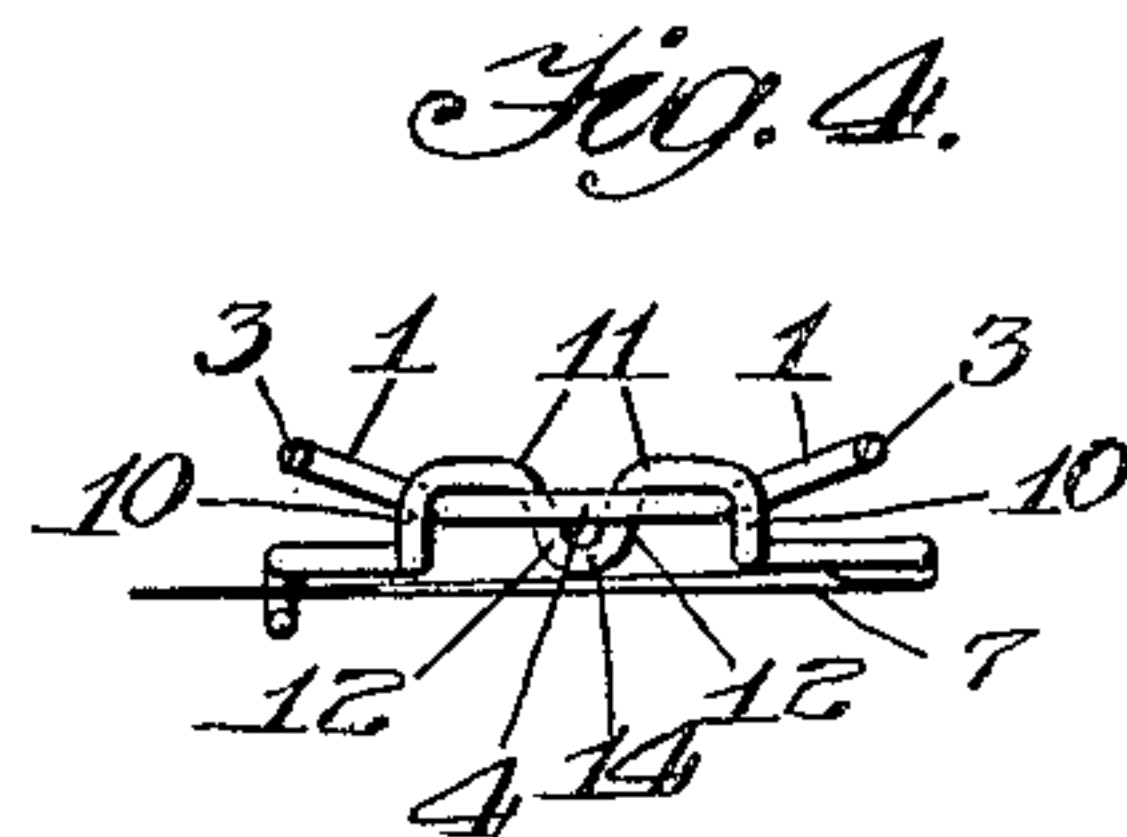
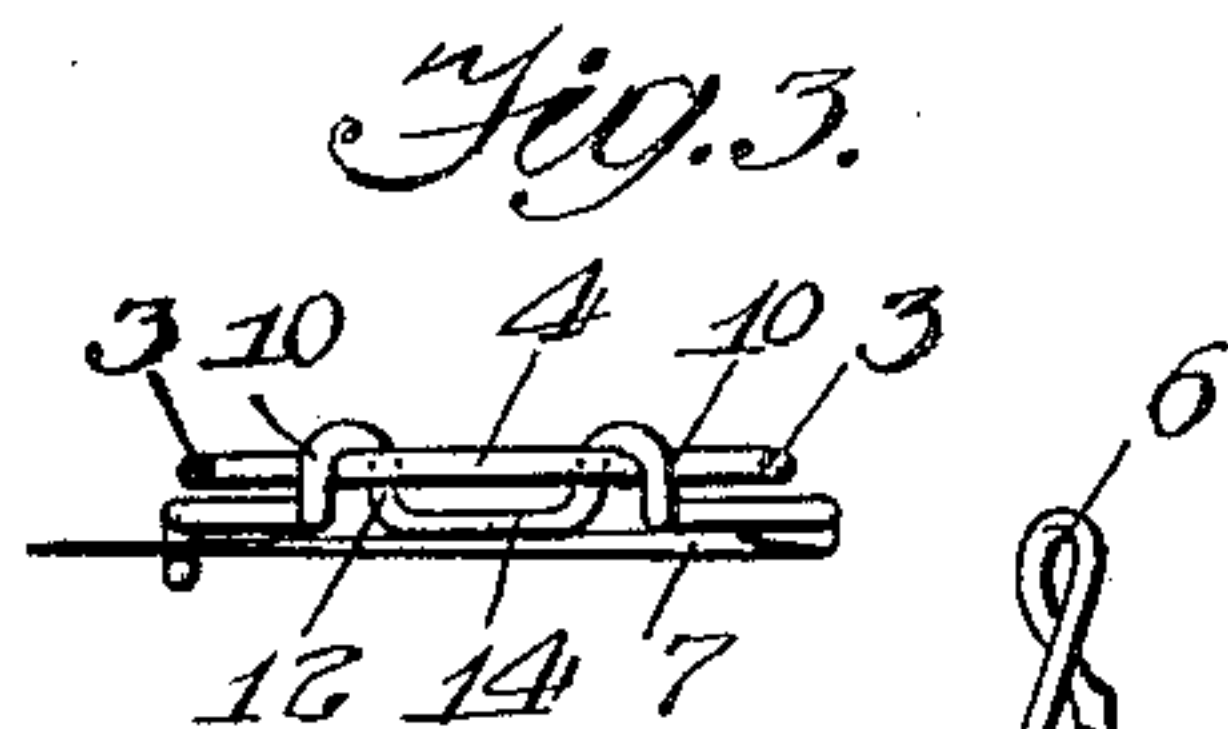
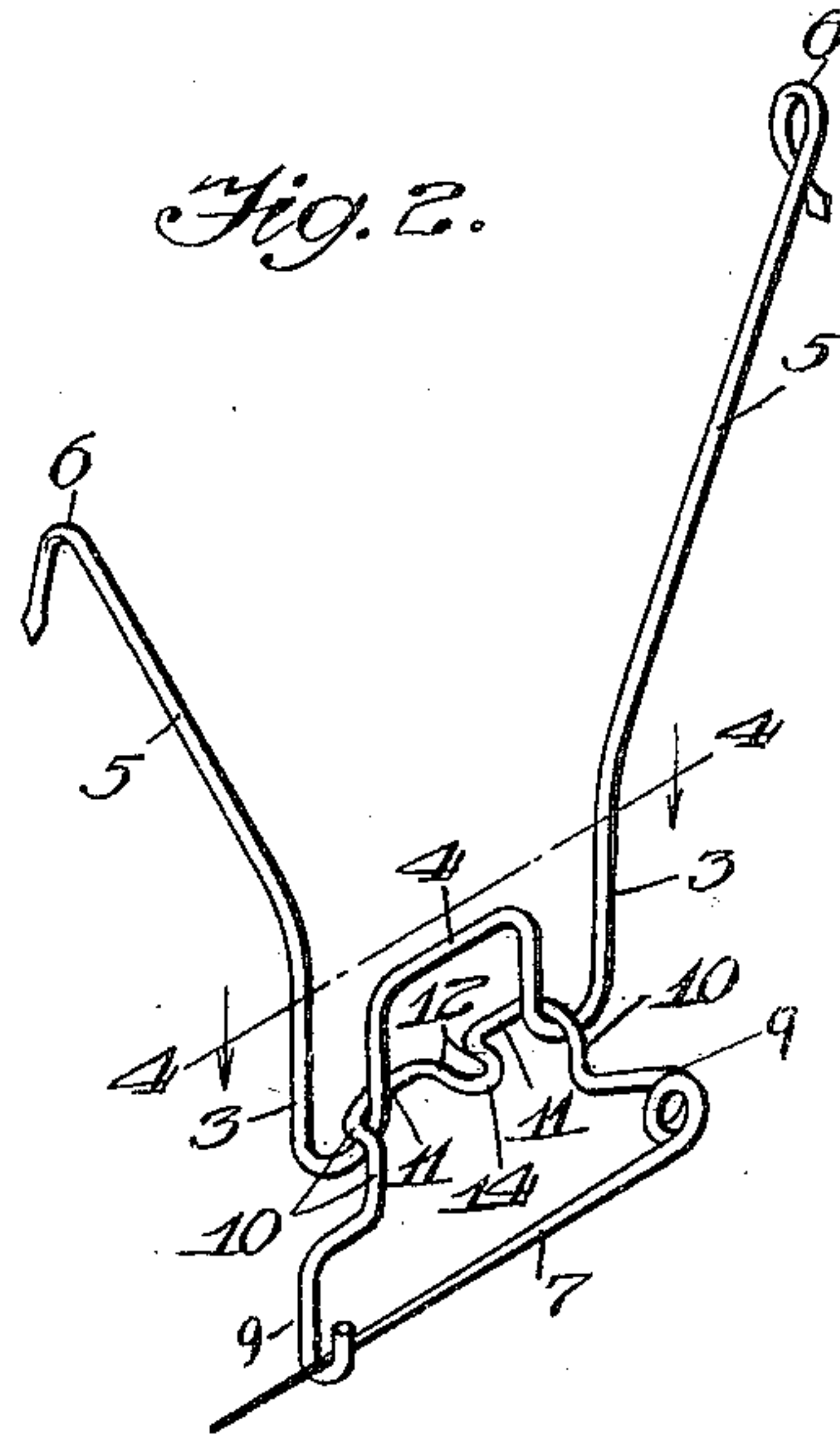
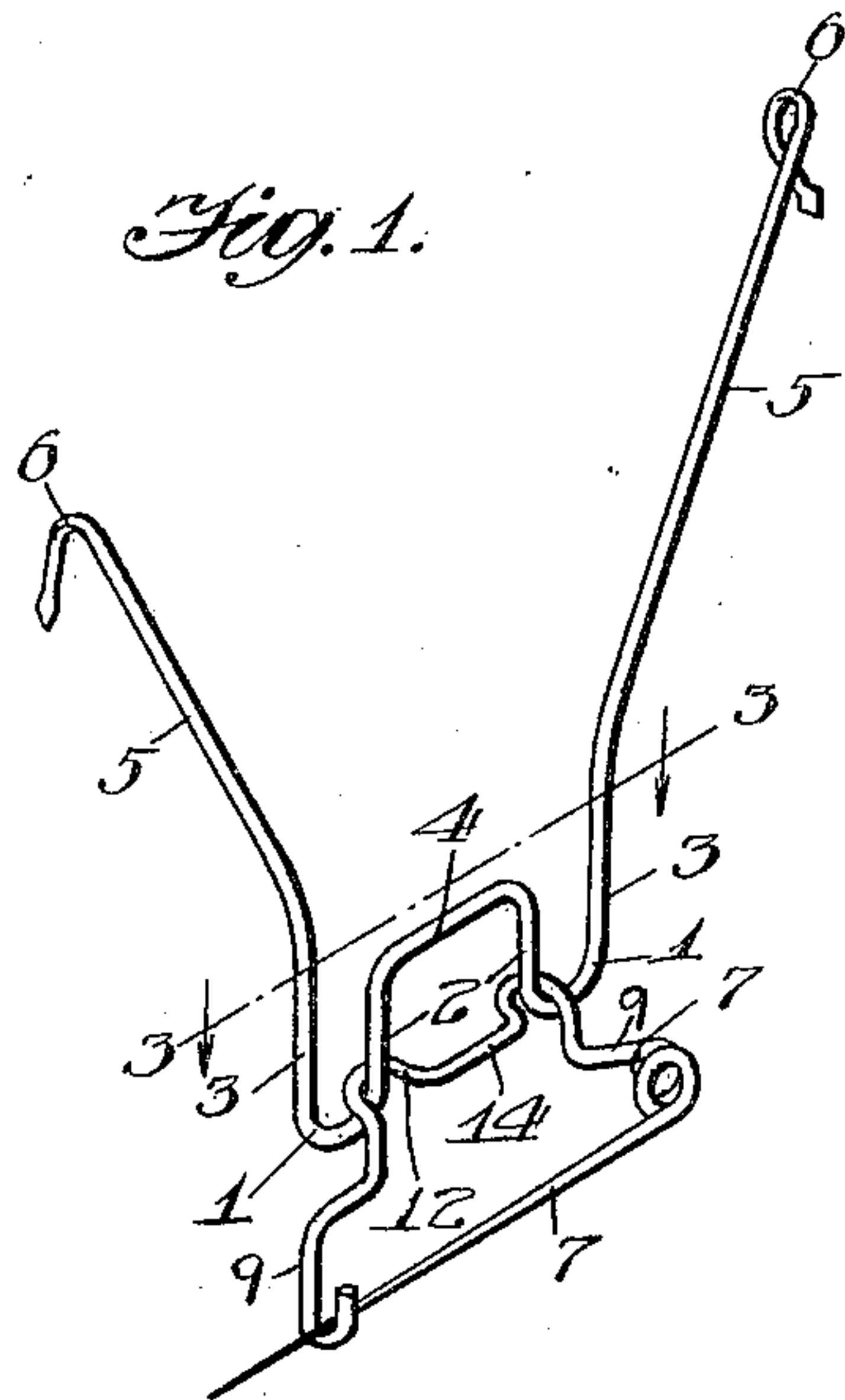


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To all whom it may concern:

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 certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Holders, of which the following is a description.

My invention relates to a device for supporting a skirt and preventing the disarrangement of the waist at the belt or for a similar purpose.

The object of my invention is to produce a simple and convenient device of the kind described and one in which the movements of the wearer's body is not liable to accidentally disconnect the parts; and to this end my invention 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 one form of my device. Figs. 2 and 5 are modified forms of my device. Fig. 3 is a section taken on line 3 3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a section taken on line 4 4 of Fig. 2, and Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a buckle adapted to be employed in place of the pin shown in the other figures.

As shown in the drawings, the garment-holder comprises two parts, the one part being formed of a wire of any suitable material bent to form two similar U-shaped loops 1 1, the adjacent arms 2 2 of which are connected by an inverted loop 4 of somewhat similar shape. The outer arms 3 3 of the loops 1 1 may be extended any desired distance, as shown, said extensions 5 5 preferably diverging toward their extremities, as shown, a hook 6 being formed upon the end of each extension adapted to engage the eyelets, strings, or other suitable parts of a corset or other garment from which it is desired to suspend the skirt. Preferably the arms 2 2 and 3 3 lie in the same plane as shown in Fig. 3; but, if preferred, the loops 1 1 may stand at a slight angle to each other, as shown in Fig. 4, thus enabling the loop of the pin 7 or an equivalent device to be more readily attached.

The cooperating part or second member of my device consists of a safety-pin, buckle, or equivalent device arranged to be engaged and supported by the loops 1 1 and arms 2 2 above described. As shown in Figs. 1 to 5,

inclusive, the central portion of one side of a safety-pin, preferably the side provided with the shield or hook, is bent to form two side arms 9, having a pair of U-shaped loops 11, offset at 10 laterally with respect to the adjoining portions of the side arms and connected by a locking-loop 14, offset laterally in a reverse direction, with respect to said U-shaped loops 11—that is, the bent portions 10 10, adapted to engage the loops 1 1 to support the pin 7, correspond to the arms 3 3, the loops 11 11, adapted to engage the arms 2 2, correspond to the loops 1 1, the arms 12 12 correspond to the arms 2 2, and the locking-loop 14, adapted to project outward between the arms 2 2 and lie below or within the loop 4, corresponds therewith. It will be observed that in order to engage the pin 7 with the hook member it is necessary to hold the pin at an angle to the hook member until the loop 14 passes the loop 4 and that when the pin is engaged with the hook member and in its normal position shown in the drawings, the pin 7 cannot become accidentally detached therefrom. Obviously, if preferred, the loops 11' may be connected by a bar, as shown in Figs. 5 and 6, and the arms 12' and loop 14' secured to the connecting-bar in any preferred manner, it being noted that in either case the locking-loop will normally occupy a position to engage with the inverted loop of the cooperating member of the support.

In operation the hook member is attached by means of the hooks 6 6 to the eyelets, strings, or other convenient part of the corset or other suitable garment to support the skirt, the loops 1 1 being positioned at a suitable point to properly support the skirt, and the waist and corset-cover or other garment is adjusted in the usual manner outside the hook member. The pin 7 is attached to the skirt, preferably to the inside of the band, in a suitable position and turned to the proper angle and engaged with the hook member, as above described, the waist and corset-cover or other garment coming between the hook member and the loop of the pin 7, and as soon as the pin 7 is released the weight of the skirt draws the pin into the position shown in the drawings, when it cannot be accidentally unhooked for the reason heretofore given.

Obviously the various loops in the parts may be of any desired form; but preferably the relations of the loops of the parts are such that when in place there is practically no lat-

eral motion between the two members of my device, and also, if preferred, my device may be constructed of sheet metal, properly formed, in place of wire.

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

1. A garment-holder of the character described in two parts, the one part comprising oppositely-disposed outer arms terminating at one end in a pair of U-shaped loops, the inner arms of which are connected to form an inverted loop, said U-shaped loops and inverted loop being in substantially the same plane as said outer arms; and the cooperating part comprising arms having portions offset laterally at one end of the arms and having connected thereto an intermediate U-shaped locking-loop, the locking-loop being offset laterally in a reverse direction with respect to said offset portions, whereby said locking-loop will normally occupy a position to engage with the inverted loop of said first-mentioned part to prevent separation of the parts when in operative relation.

25 2. A garment-holder in two parts, the one part comprising oppositely-disposed outer arms terminating at one end in a pair of U-shaped loops, the inner arms of which are connected at their upper ends to form an inverted loop, said U-shaped loops and inverted loop being in substantially the same plane as said outer arms, and the cooperating part compris-

ing arms having a pair of U-shaped loops offset laterally with respect to the adjoining portions of the arms and connected by a locking-loop offset laterally in a reverse direction with respect to said U-shaped loops, whereby said locking-loop will normally occupy a position to engage the inverted loop of said first-mentioned part to prevent separation of the parts when in operative relation.

3. A garment-holder of the character described in two parts, the one part comprising oppositely-disposed outer arms terminating at one end in a pair of substantially U-shaped loops, the inner arms of which are connected, and the cooperating part comprising arms terminating at one end in a pair of substantially U-shaped loops, the inner arms of which are connected, the loops of the respective parts being complementarily formed to engage one with the other and lie in substantially the same plane, and one of said parts having an offset portion at its connection between the loops whereby the parts are locked in position when engaged.

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

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