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Fig. 1.

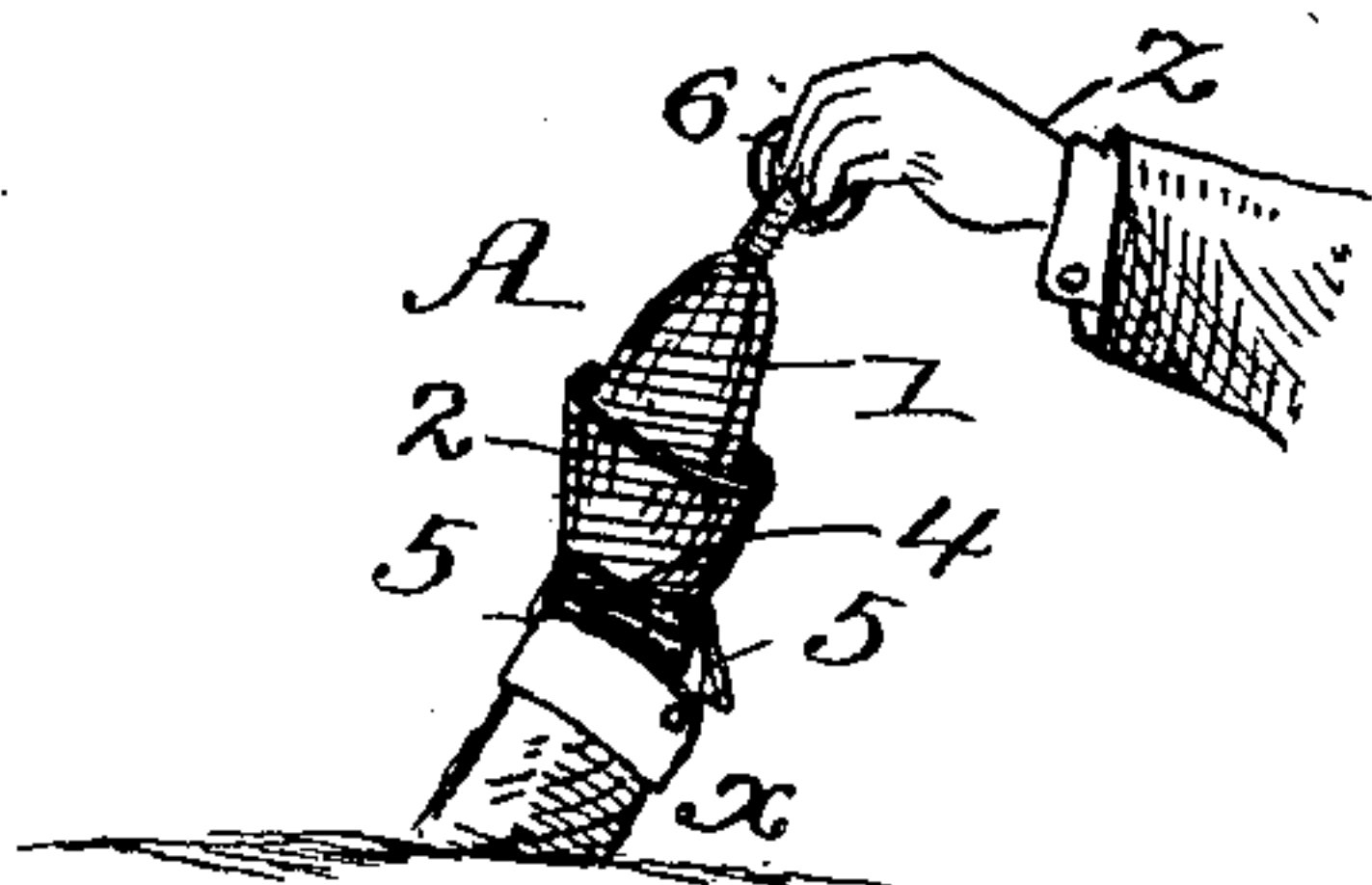


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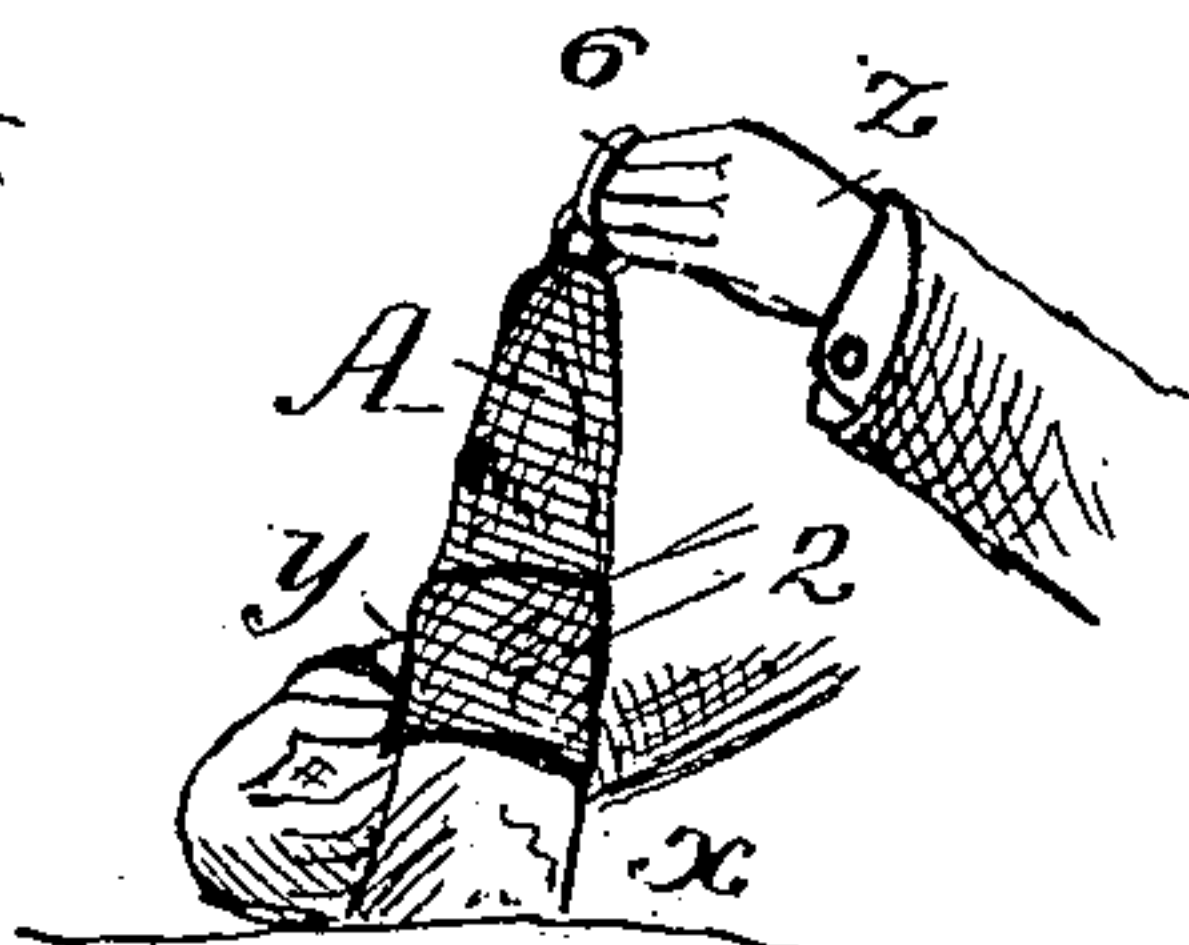


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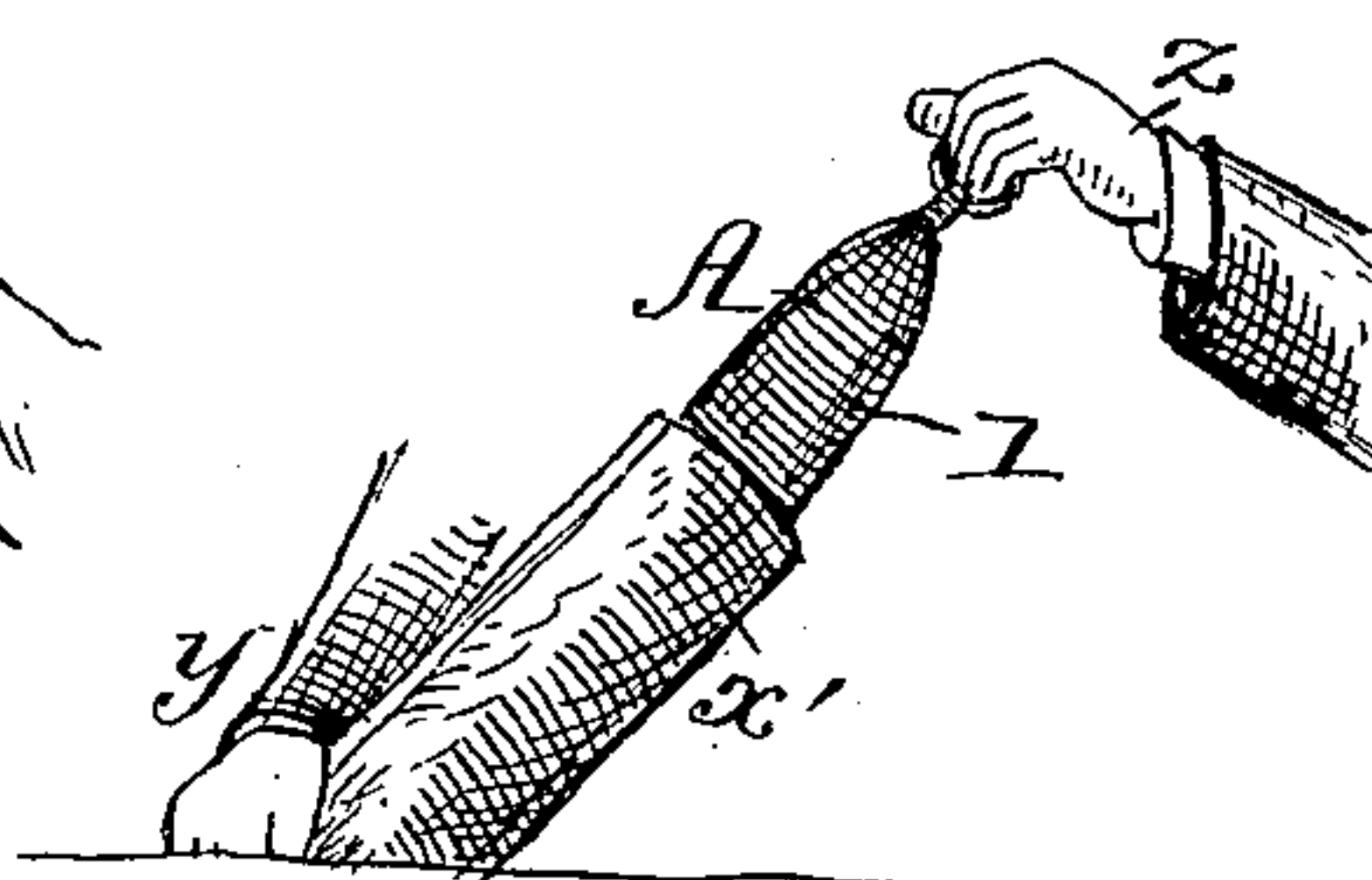


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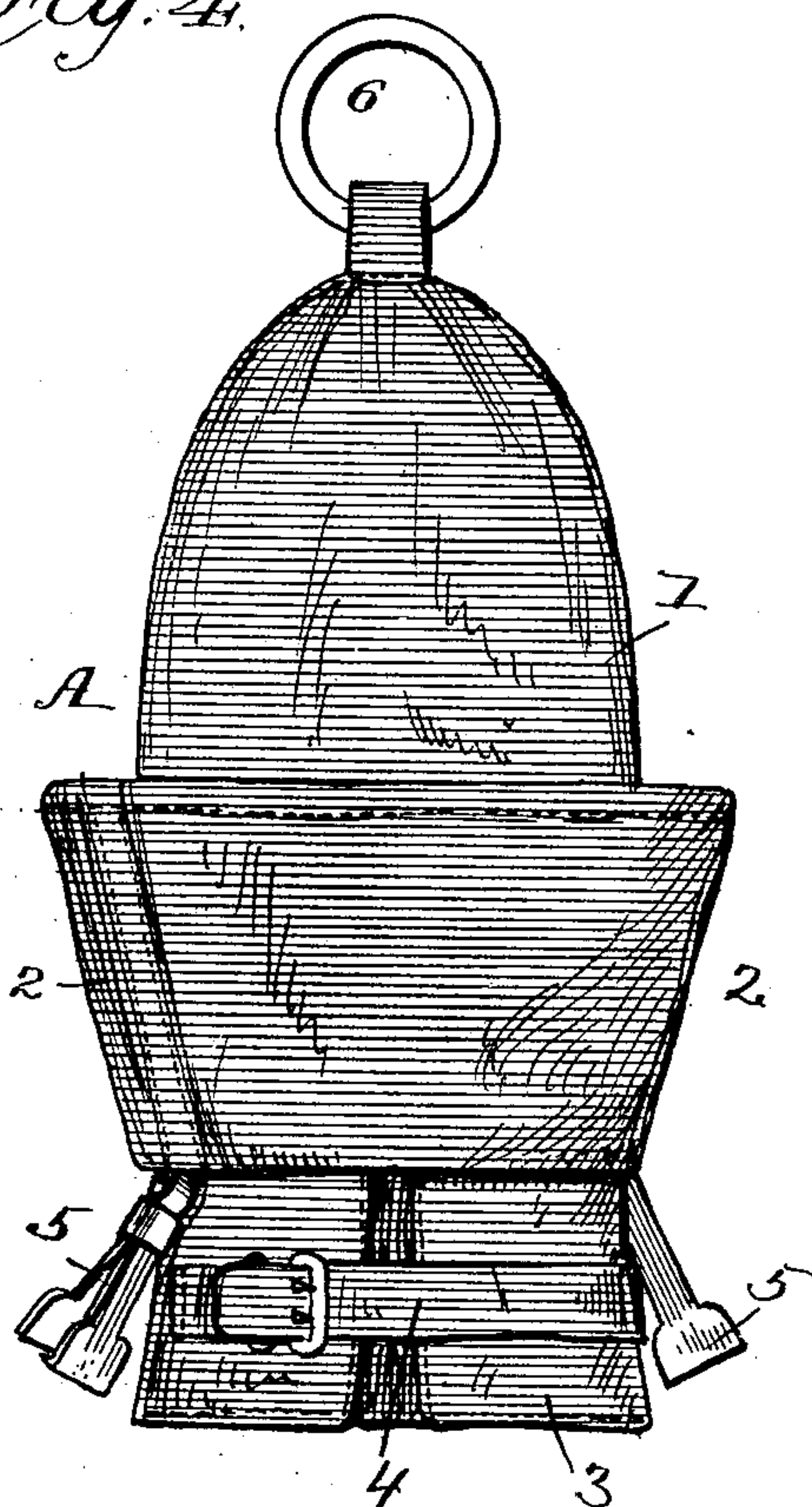
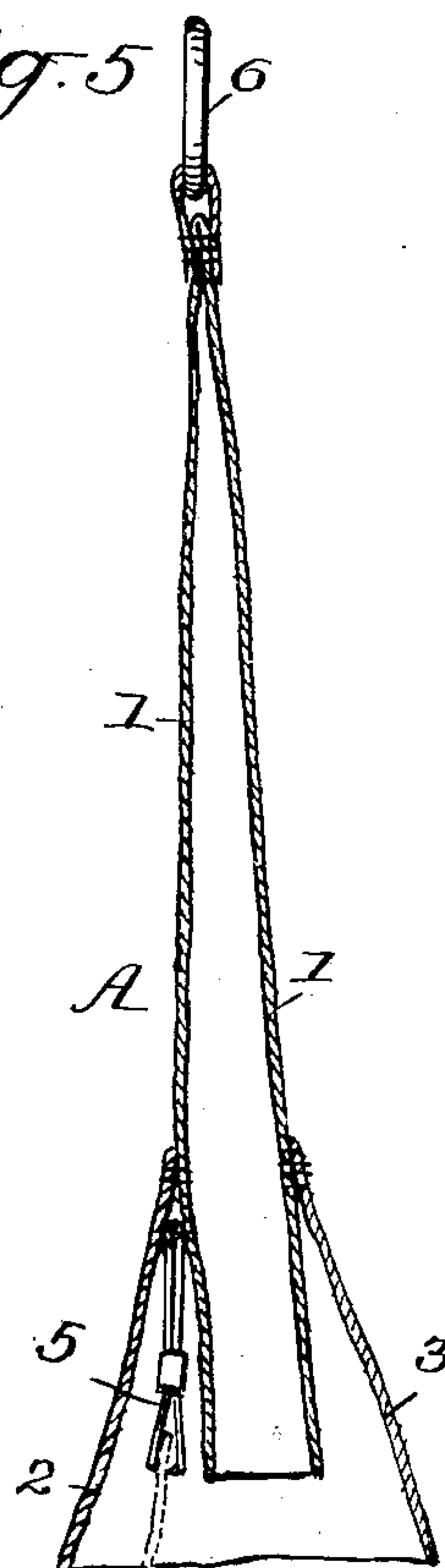


Fig. 5.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, FRANK JOSEPH PRIBIL, Jr., a resident of Appleton City, in the county of St. Clair, and JOHN NICHOLS UTTERSON, a resident of Montrose, in the county of Henry, State of Missouri, citizens of the United States, have invented an Improved Undertaker's Mitten, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention is a mitten for use of undertakers to facilitate the dressing of corpses. In drawing a coat on a corpse the cuffs and shirt-sleeves slip back on the arms and are hence not in proper position when the operation is completed. By the aid of our improved mitten this result is avoided and the operation of dressing is more quickly performed.

The details of construction and method of using the mitten are hereinafter described, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figures 1, 2, and 3 are perspective views illustrating the mode of using the mitten. Fig. 4 is an enlarged side view of the mitten, the cuff forming a portion thereof being shown turned back on the body. Fig. 5 is a central longitudinal section of the mitten.

The mitten A is composed of a tapered body portion 1, a cuff 2, a wrist portion 3, having a securing-strap 4, sleeve-clamps 5, and a finger pull-ring 6. The latter is attached to the tapered closed end of the body portion 1. The cuff 2 surrounds and is sewed to the body 1 at a point near its open inner end, and the same is enlarged from the point of attachment to its outer edge, as indicated in several figures. The portion 3 of the body, which constitutes the inner end of the mitten, is slitted longitudinally, as indicated in Fig. 4, and the strap and buckle 4 are applied to the same, as shown, for the purpose of securing the mitten to the hand of the corpse, the portion 3 in such case surrounding the wrist. The devices 5 comprise spring-clamps adapted for attachment to the cuffs or sleeves of the shirt on the arms of a corpse, and they are secured to the mitten at the junction of the body portion 1 and the wrist portion 3. It is to be understood, however, that we propose to employ any suitable device for the purpose of attaching the mitten temporarily to the cuffs or sleeves of the shirt applied to a corpse.

The manner of using our mitten is sufficiently illustrated in Figs. 1, 2, and 3. In Fig. 1 the mitten has been drawn over the hand of a corpse, the cuff 2 being shown turned back, as in Fig. 4, and the wrist portion 3 secured by the strap 4 and the clamps 5 secured to the cuff or wristband  $x$ . In Fig. 2 the mitten-cuff 2 is shown turned down over the cuff or wristband  $x$  of the shirt on the corpse. In the several figures 1 to 3,  $z$  indicates the left hand of the undertaker or other operator holding the ring 6, which is attached to the mitten, as before described, and in Figs. 2 and 3,  $y$  indicates the right hand of the undertaker or operator, the same being shown in Fig. 2 in position to draw the cuff 2 of the mitten over the cuff or wristband  $x$ . In Fig. 3,  $x'$  indicates a coat-sleeve which is being drawn on the arm of a corpse.

It is obvious that with the mitten thus secured to the wrist of the corpse and its cuff 2 turned back, as indicated in Fig. 2, the cuff or wristband  $x$  will be held in the proper position adjacent to the hand and cannot slide back on the arm of the corpse, and thus out of due position during the operation of drawing on the coat-sleeve  $x'$ . Then upon unbuckling the strap 4 the mitten may be drawn off, thus leaving the cuff or wristband  $x$  close to the hand of the corpse and projecting from the sleeve  $x'$ .

We thus provide a simple means for facilitating dressing a corpse in respect to the adjustment of the shirt-sleeves and cuffs relative to the hands and the coat-sleeves in an easy, expeditious, and efficient manner.

We claim—

1. An undertaker's mitten comprising a body portion having a finger-ring at its closed outer end, a wrist portion having a securing-strap, a cuff secured to the body and adapted to fold over the wrist portion, and sleeve or cuff clamps attached to the mitten underneath the cuff, substantially as described.

2. The undertaker's mitten comprising a body having an extended wrist portion provided with means for securing it around the wrist of a corpse, means for temporarily attaching the mitten to the sleeves or cuffs of the shirt applied to the corpse, and a cuff adapted to cover or overlie such securing means, substantially as described.

3. The improved undertaker's mitten, comprising a body portion having at its inner end

means for securing it to the wrist of a corpse, and means for temporarily attaching it to the cuffs or sleeves of the shirt applied to a corpse, substantially as described.

5 4. The improved undertaker's mitten, comprising a body portion having a pull-piece at its closed outer end, its inner end being slitted longitudinally and provided with a strap and buckle for securing it to the wrist of a corpse,  
10 means for attaching the mitten to cuffs or sleeves, and a cuff secured to the body of the mitten and adapted to fold inward so as to cover the ends of said cuffs or sleeves, substantially as described.

15 5. The improved undertaker's mitten, comprising a body adapted to receive the hand of

a corpse, means for securing it to the wrist, and a cuff secured to the body and adapted to be folded inward over the wrist portion and the securing means, substantially as described. 20

6. The improved undertaker's mitten, comprising a body portion adapted to receive the hand of a corpse, means for securing it around the wrist of the latter, and means attached to 25 the body for temporarily securing the mitten to a cuff or sleeve, substantially as described.

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