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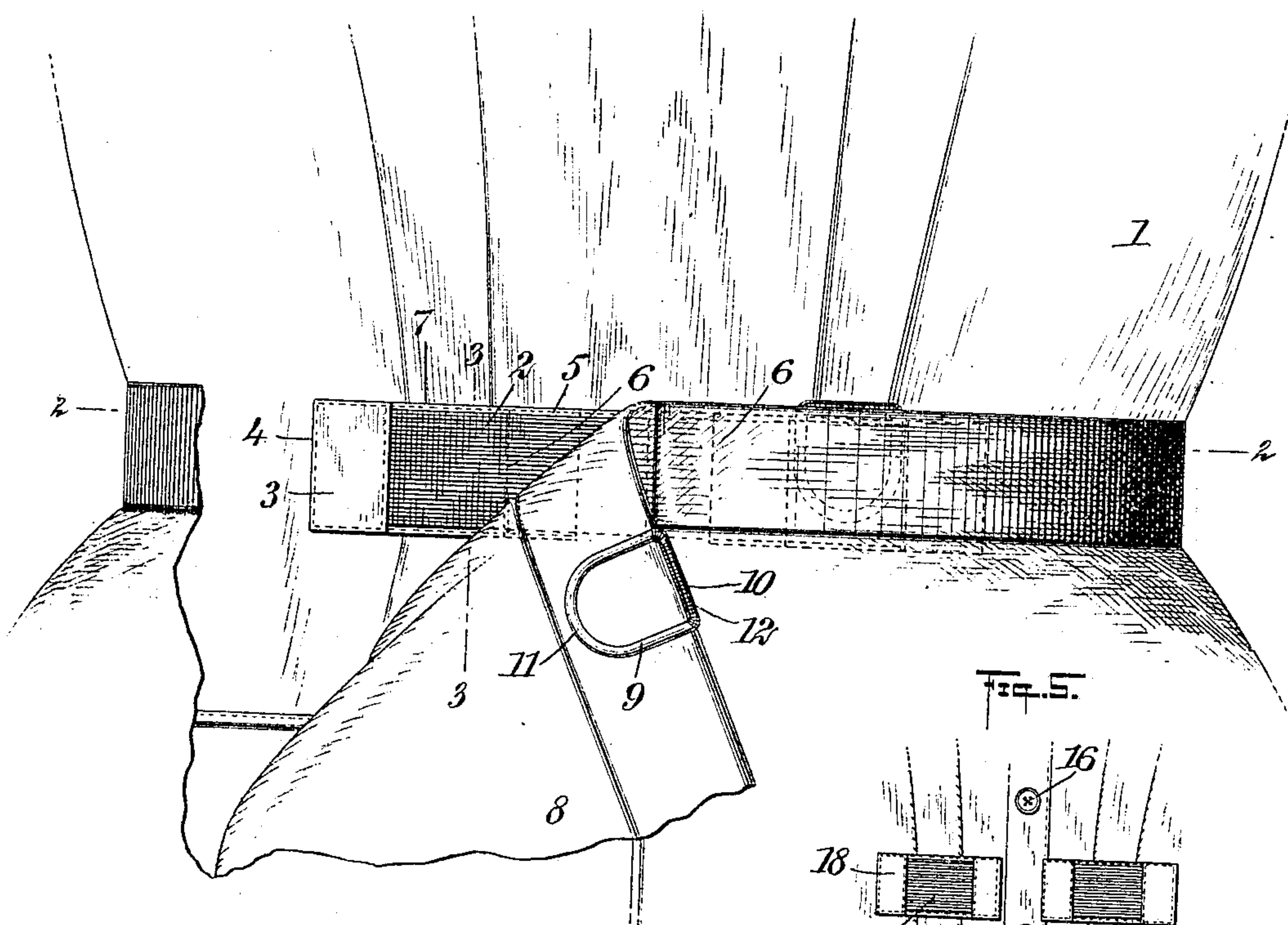


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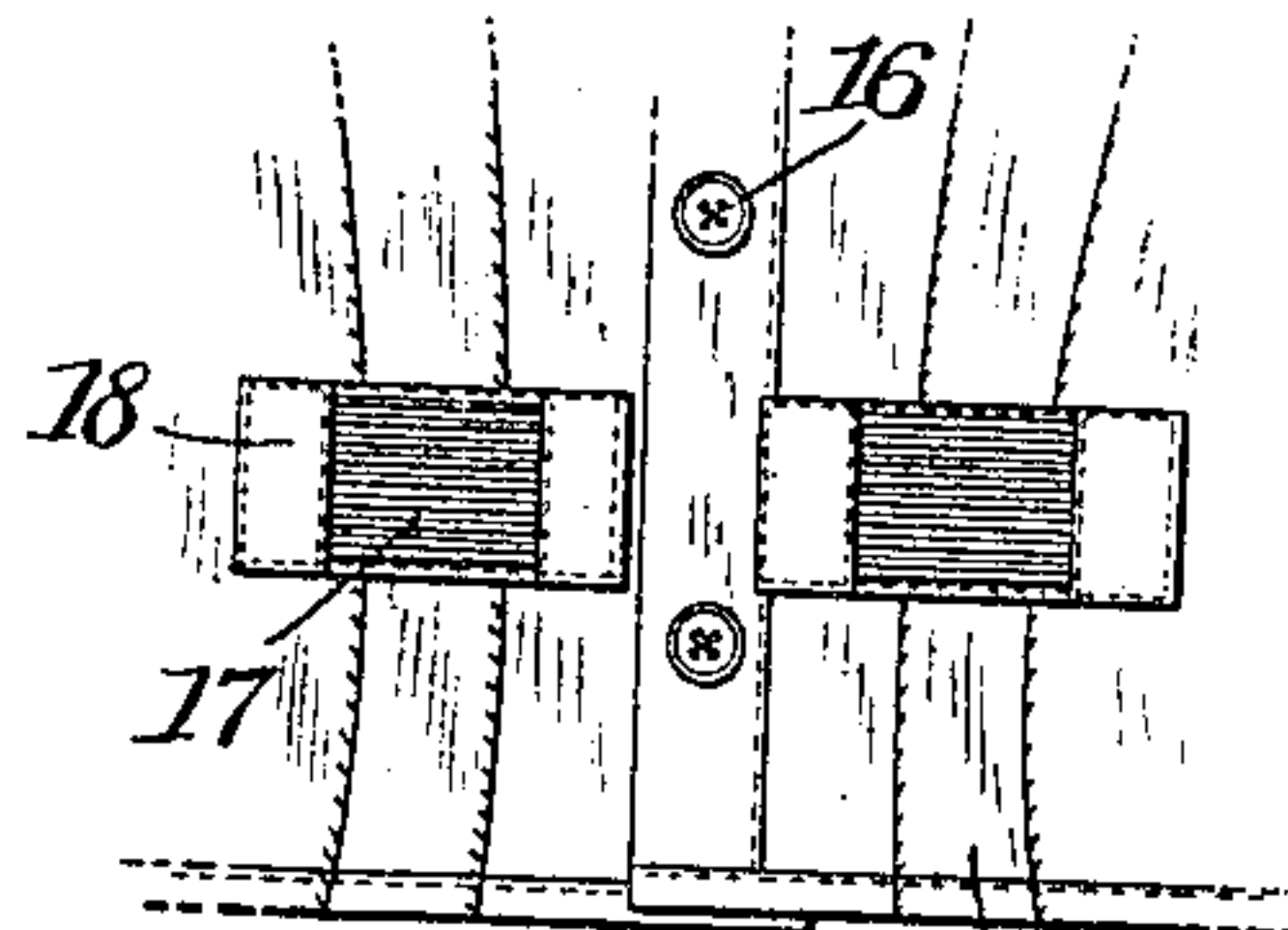
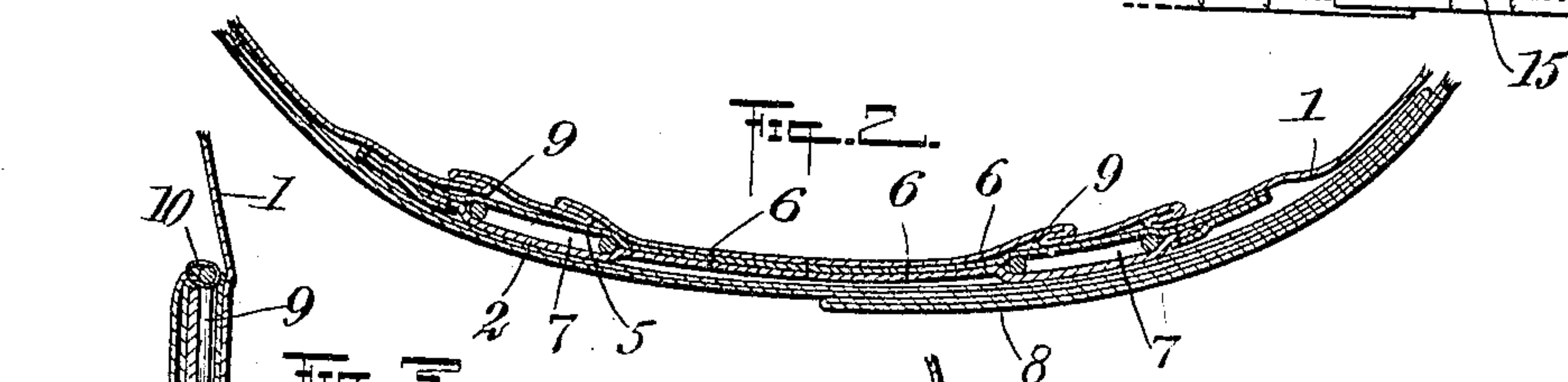
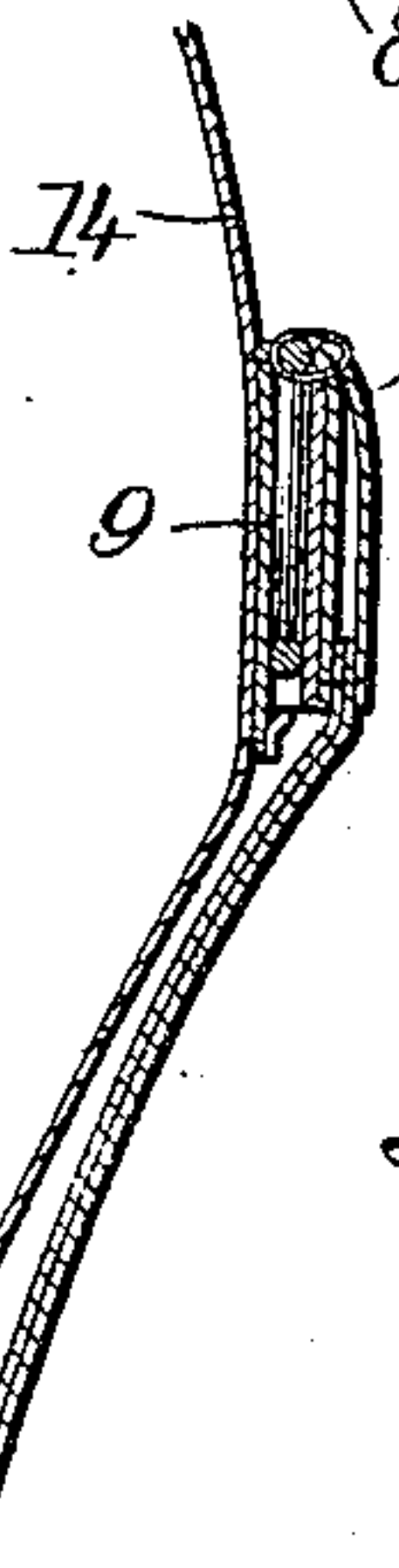
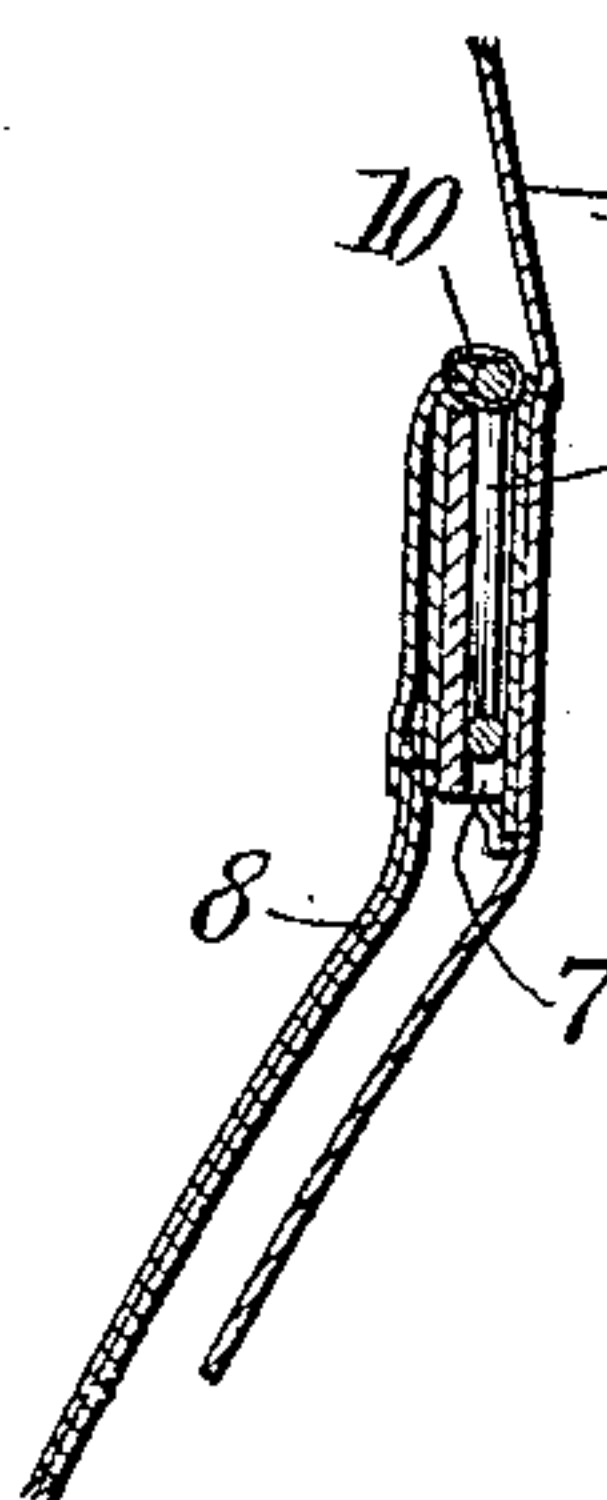


Fig. 2.



# Fig. 3.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARGARET A. McOUAT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Skirt-Support, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description:

This invention relates to skirt-supports, such as are worn by ladies for supporting the skirt at the waist.

The object of the invention is to provide a support or fastening of this class which will afford means for supporting a skirt from a shirt-waist in a substantial manner, and, further, to provide such an arrangement as will enable the shirt-waist to be laundered with facility.

It has also been an aim of the invention to construct a fastening in such a way as to enable the shirt-waist to be worn inside or outside of the skirt, as may be desired.

The invention consists in the construction and combination of parts to be more fully described hereinafter, and definitely set forth in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is an elevation showing a portion of the back of a shirt-waist and skirt to which my invention has been applied. A portion of the skirt is represented as torn away so as to illustrate the invention more fully. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section taken on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1 and showing the arrangement when the skirt is worn outside of the shirt-waist, as illustrated in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a section similar to Fig. 3, but representing the arrangement when the shirt-waist is worn outside of the skirt; and Fig. 5 is a view showing a portion of the back of a shirt-waist and illustrating a modified construction which I adopt where the fastening is at the back.

Referring more particularly to the parts, and especially to Fig. 1, 1 represents a shirt-waist, which may be of the usual form or pattern. The view represents the back of this waist, the same being supposed to fasten at the front. In applying my invention I attach at the waist-line of the shirt-waist a flexible band or strap 2 in a horizontal position and preferably at the middle of the back.

This strap 2 is preferably of non-elastic webbing, such as is used in making garters. The ends of this strap 2 are preferably securely attached to the garment by sewing through a reinforcing-piece 3. This reinforcing-piece 3 overlaps the ends of the strap 2, as indicated, being folded for this purpose at its edges 4.

The body 5 of the reinforcing-piece is sewed securely to the shirt-waist, so as to form a substantial backing and reinforcement for the entire length of the band. At intermediate points the band 2 is securely attached at the backing 5 and the shirt-waist by vertical stitches 6, and in this way near the ends of the band pockets 7 are formed, at which points the band is not attached to the reinforcing-piece or to the shirt-waist. By this arrangement these pockets 7 are open above and below.

At the upper edge of the skirt 8 I attach, at suitable points, a pair of tongues 9. These tongues are preferably constructed of stout metal wire and have a transverse bar 10, which is substantially straight, as shown, the said bar being disposed opposite to the curved extremity or bight 11. These bars 10 are sewed to the upper edge of the skirt by substantial stitches 12. From this arrangement the tongues 9 may be made to lie closely against the inner edge of the waistband of the skirt. These tongues 9 are attached at points on the skirt which lie adjacent or opposite to the pockets 7.

In order to attach the skirt to the shirt-waist, the tongues 9 will be shoved down over the upper edge of the band 2 into the pockets 7, as indicated most clearly at the right in Fig. 1 and also in Figs. 2 and 3. In this way the shirt-waist affords a substantial support for the skirt, and at the same time the skirt is held against moving laterally. As usual, a belt would be worn around the waistband of the skirt which would entirely conceal the fastening.

In Fig. 3 the arrangement usually adopted is illustrated, wherein a shirt-waist is worn inside of the skirt. If desired, however, an opposite arrangement could be adopted, as indicated in Fig. 4, in which the skirt is worn inside the waist. In this instance a band 13 is attached on the inner side of the waist instead of on the outer side. In applying the skirt the tongues 9 will be rotated upon their bars 10, so as to bring them adjacent to the outer side of the skirt, after which they



may be pushed down into the pockets formed under the band in the manner already described in connection with the preferred form.

In case the shirt-waist opens and fastens at the back I provide an arrangement such as that illustrated in Fig. 5, in which 15 represents the shirt-waist which fastens centrally at the back with buttons 16 or similar fastening devices. On each side of the fastening-line I provide a band 17, which is similar to the band 2 already described, reinforced with a suitable backing-strip 18. This arrangement consists simply in forming a divided band. In this way the intermediate sewing which forms the pockets is omitted, the bands being simply of sufficient length to receive the tongues, as will be readily understood.

Special attention is called to the fact that no attachments of metal are permanently secured to the shirt-waist. This is highly advantageous, as the flexibility of the band in no way prevents the laundering of the shirt-waist. At the same time when the fastenings are in position a secure fastening is produced.

Special attention is called to the reversibility of the tongues 9, which enables the same skirt to be worn on the inner side or outside of the waist.

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

1. An attachment constituting a garment-support and comprising a pocket formed of flexible material attached to one garment, and a tongue comprising a transverse bar adapted to be sewed to the opposite garment, said tongue being received in said pocket.

2. An attachment constituting a garment-support and comprising a pocket formed on one garment and a tongue comprising a transverse bar adapted to be attached to the opposite garment and constituting an axis of rotation for said tongue, the body of said tongue being received in said pocket.

3. A garment-support, consisting of a strap adapted to be sewed to one garment and having a reinforcing-strip attached thereto at separated points whereby a pocket is formed therein, and a tongue adapted to be sewed to the opposite garment and adapted to be received in said pocket.

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

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