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FIG. 1

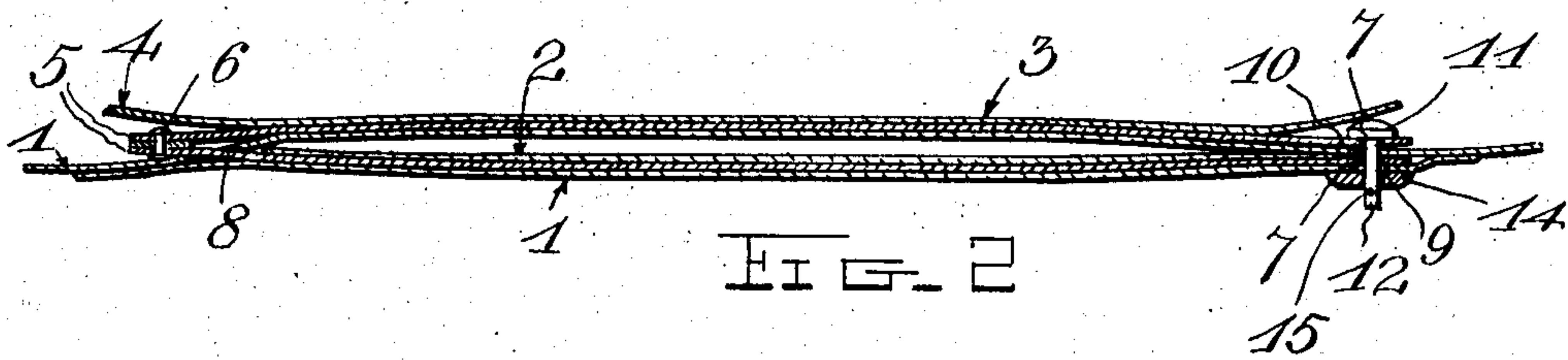
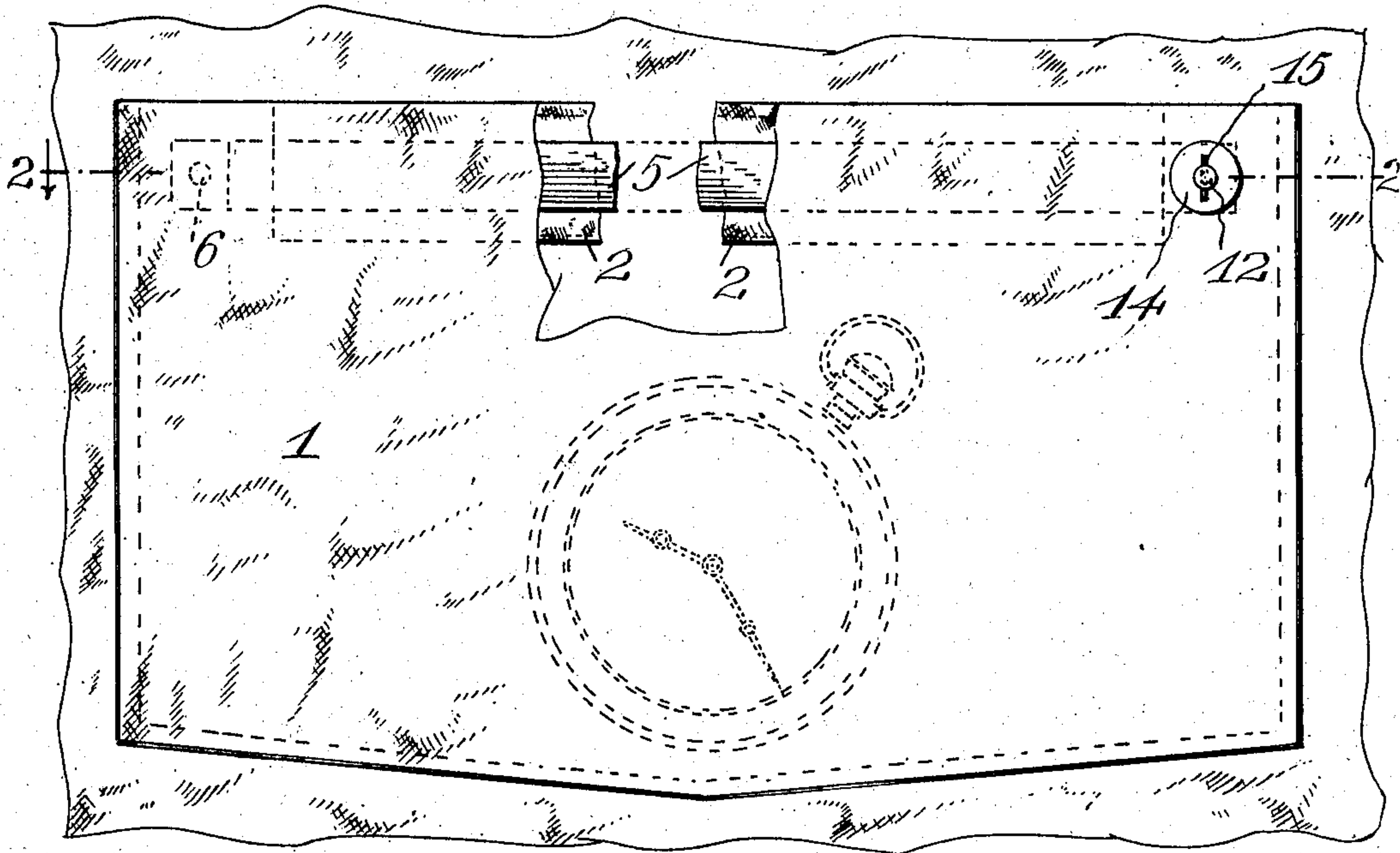


FIG. 3

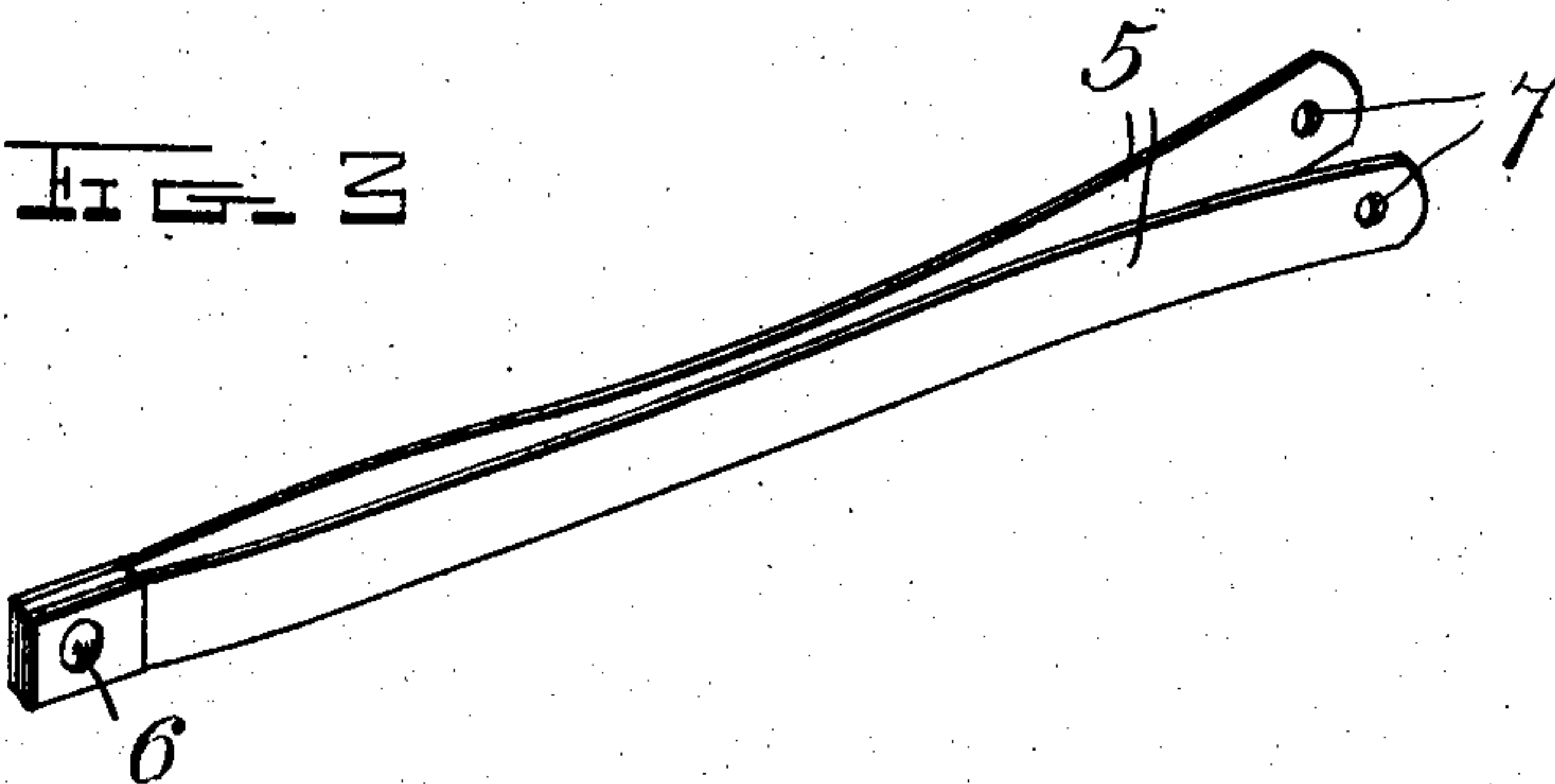
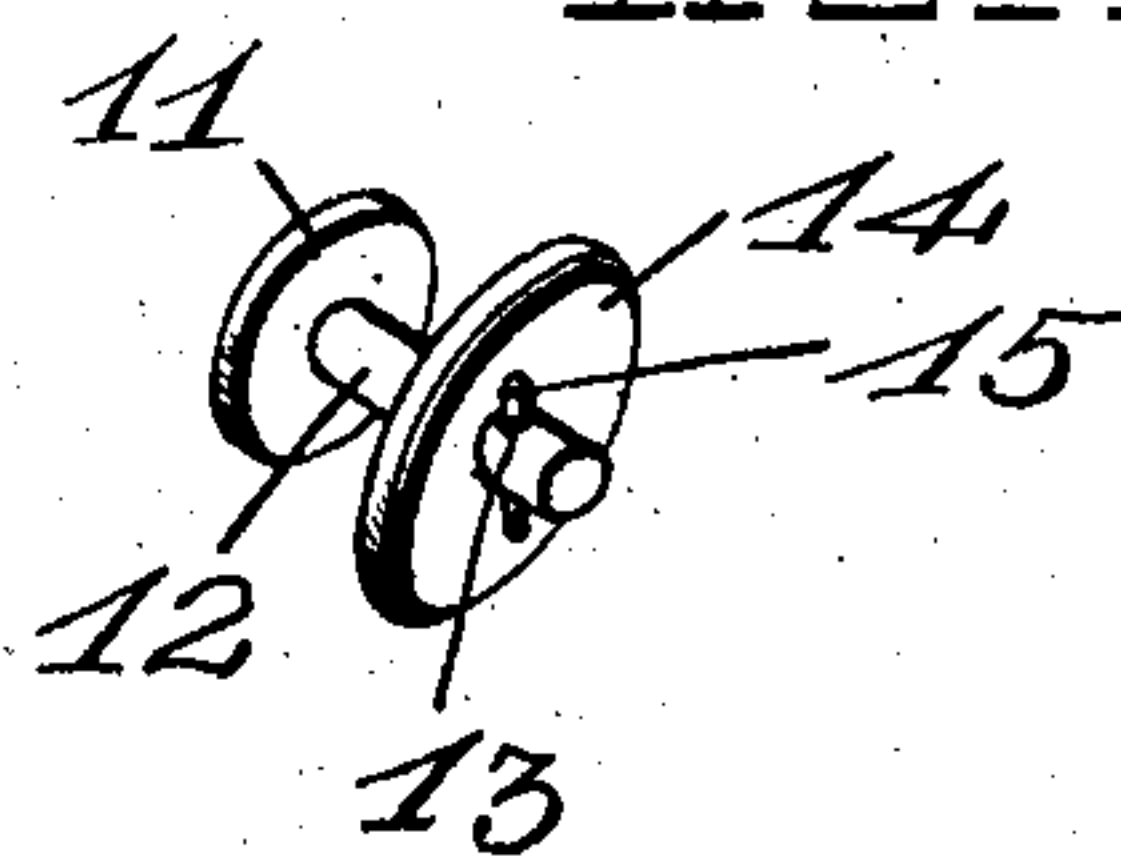


FIG. 4



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WALTER JOHN McCAULEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Texarkana, in the county of Bowie and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Safety-Pockets; 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.

This invention relates to safety-pockets; and one of the principal objects of said invention is to provide reliable and efficient means for preventing articles from dropping out of the pocket of a garment worn by a person while at work.

Engineers, railroad men, and mechanics generally are often required to carry high-grade and costly watches, and when these watches or other articles are placed in an ordinary pocket in the overalls or shirt they are very liable to drop out while the person is in a stooping posture while at work.

My invention is designed to close the pocket-opening in a manner to permit a watch or other article to be withdrawn from the pocket by the owner, but to prevent the watch or other article from dropping out or from being surreptitiously withdrawn by another person.

Another object of my invention is to provide a pocket-closing device which may be quickly removed from the garment in order that the latter may be washed and which can be readily placed in operative position for use.

These and other objects are attained by means of the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a face view of a pocket made in accordance with my invention and showing the material partially broken away to better illustrate the spring-metal closing-strips. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the upper edge of the pocket and showing the closing-strips in section. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the closing-strips removed from the pocket. Fig. 4 is a similar view of the detachable button for securing the perforated ends of the strips together.

Referring to the drawings for a more particular description of my invention, the numeral 1 designates a pocket having at its upper inner edge a strip 2 of fabric secured thereto and forming an inclosure for one

member of the protector. Secured to the rear surface of the garment at a point in line with the strip 2 is a similar strip 3, forming an inclosure for the other member of the protector and having a projecting unattached tab 4 for covering said protector. The strips 2 and 3 are unattached at their ends, as shown.

The protector consists of two flat resilient members 5, preferably formed of spring-metal, and said members are secured together at one end by a rivet or other fastening 6, while the opposite or free ends are provided with perforations 7. A slit 8 is formed in the garment at a point in line with the upper edge of the pocket, and one member 5 is passed through this slit and into the inclosure formed by the strip 2, while the other member 5 is passed between the strip 3 and the material to which it is secured. When the protector is in place, the tab 4 covers its inner end and prevents abrasion of the undergarments. An eyelet 9 is formed in the upper edge of the pocket, and a similar eyelet-hole 10 is provided in the garment material, both said eyelet-holes coinciding with the perforations 7 in the members 5 of the protector.

A detachable button is utilized for securing the protector in place, said button consisting of a disk 11, having an integral shank 12 extending therefrom, said shank having a perforation 13 therethrough at one end. The shank 12 is passed through the eyelet-holes 9 and 10 and through the perforations 7 in the members 5, and the detachable head 14 is secured to the shank 12 by means of a removable pin 15.

When the protector is secured in place, the two members 5 may be separated sufficiently to permit a watch or other article to be placed in the pocket or removed therefrom; but the members 5 are normally held in close relation, and thus prevent articles from dropping out of the pocket, even if the wearer is in a stooping position. When it is desired to wash the garment, the button is first detached, and the protector may then be withdrawn and placed in another garment.

From the foregoing it will be seen that my invention is of simple construction, can be manufactured at slight cost, can be quickly removed and replaced, and is reliable and efficient in use.

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

1. A safety-pocket comprising covering-strips secured across the upper edge of the pocket and garment at the rear thereof, a resilient protector removably held under each  
10 of said strips, and a two-part button for connecting the ends of said protector, substantially as described.

2. The herein-described safety-pocket comprising covering-strips secured across the up-  
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per edge of the pocket and the garment at the rear thereof, a resilient protector comprising two flat springs secured together and removably held under said covering-strips, said springs having apertures formed in their ends, and a separable button for connecting the ends of the springs, substantially as described.

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