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Fig. 1.

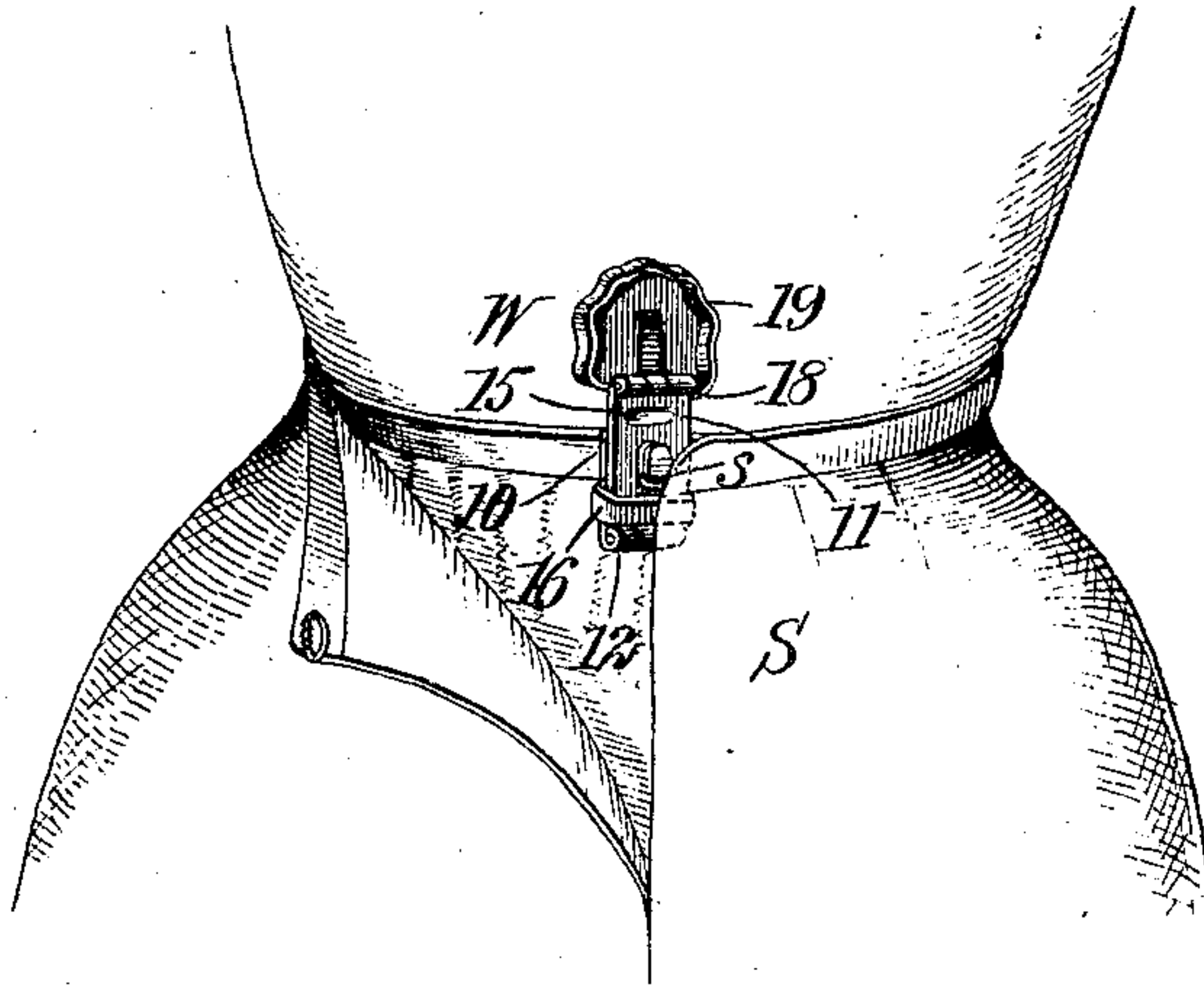


Fig. 2.

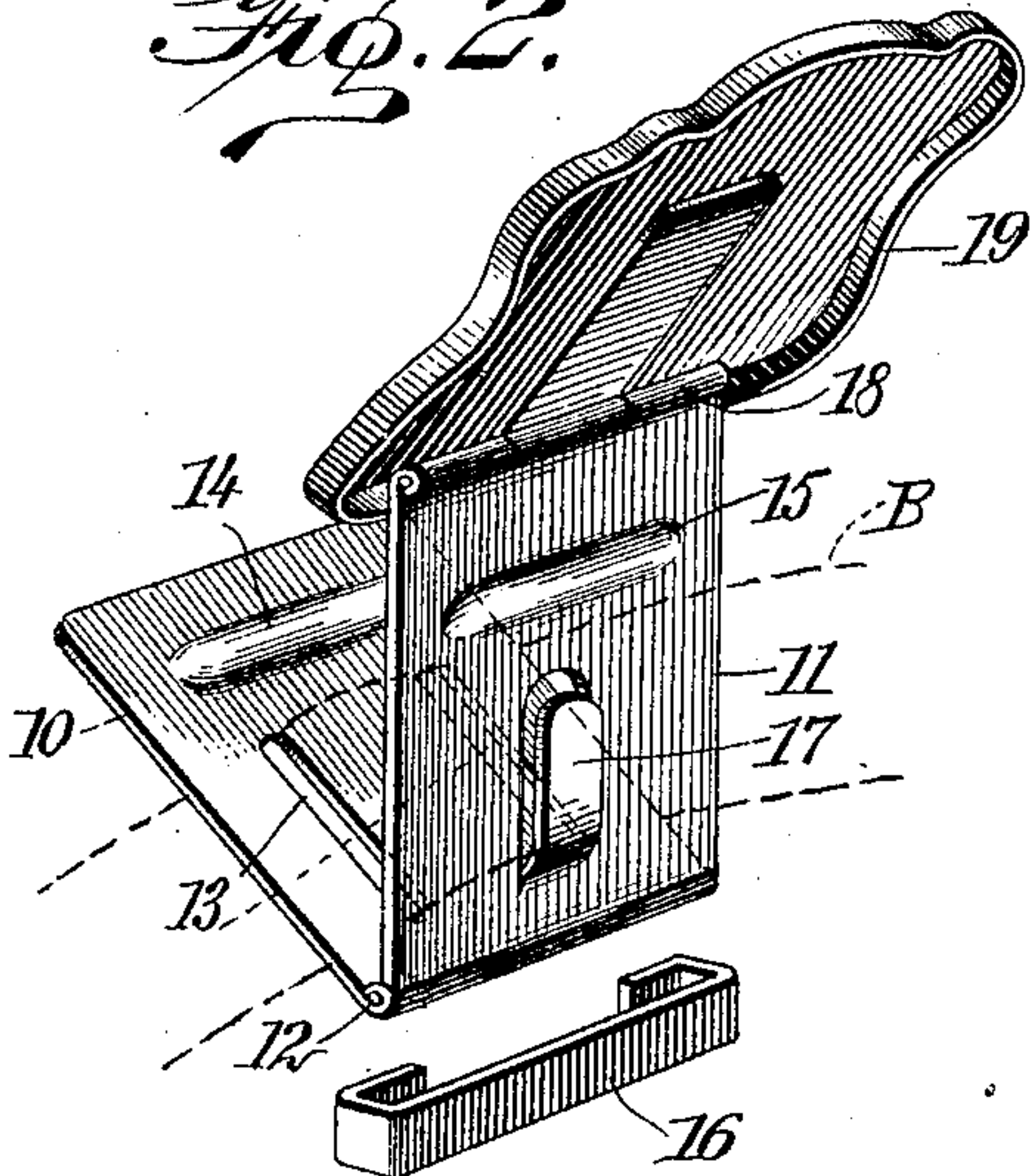
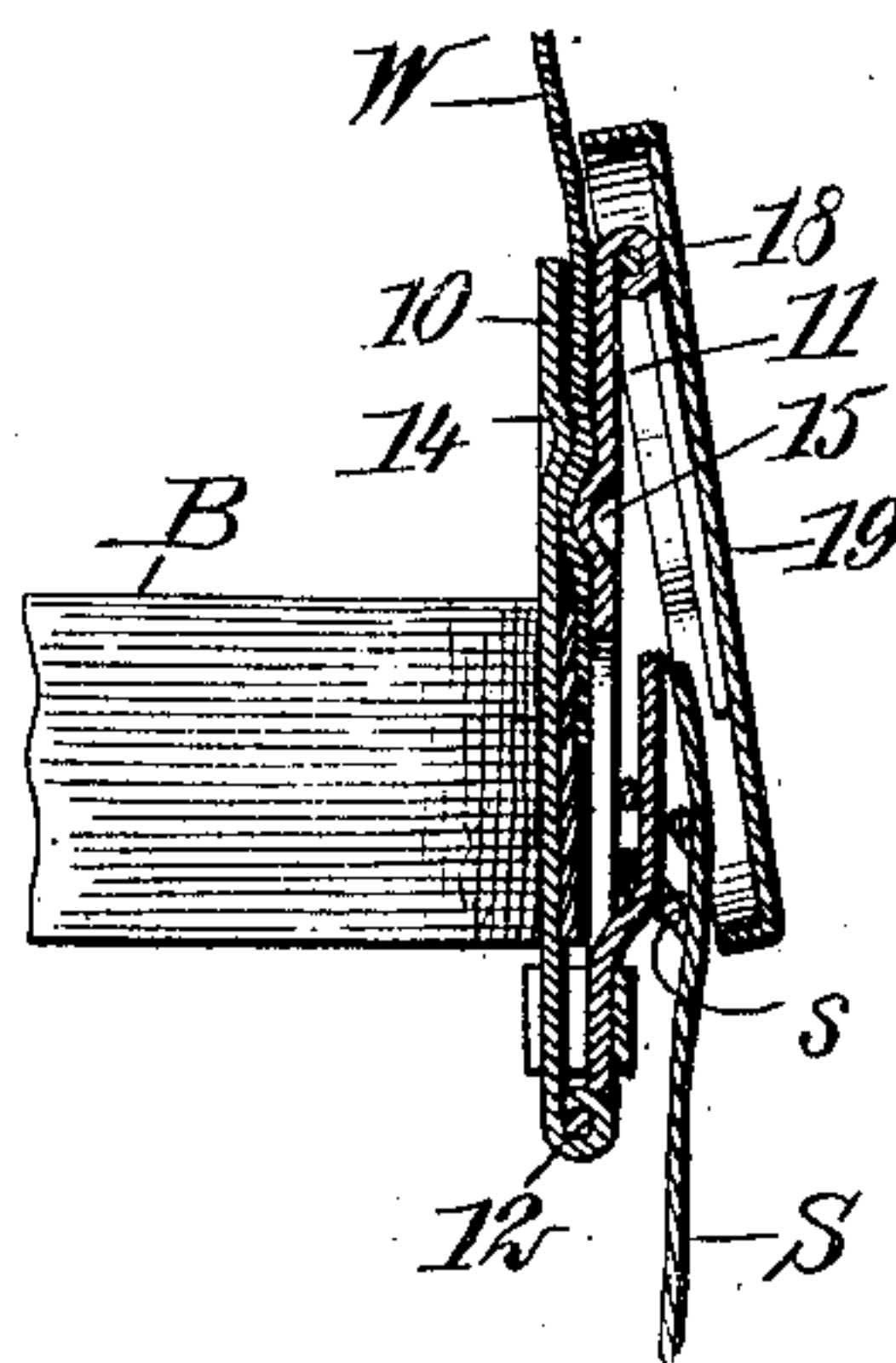


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN HENRY GEISEL, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New Rochelle, in the county of Westchester and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Garment-Clasp, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to clasps for garments, it being especially applicable to the retaining in place of a belt, waist, and skirt. As its principal object it provides a compact and attractive device for this purpose which may be readily manipulated by the wearer and which will effectively perform its functions.

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 shows an embodiment of my invention in use, cover-plate being raised. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of my improved clasp, the retaining-loop being shown as separated therefrom; and Fig. 3 is a sectional vertical transverse section through the device, a belt, waist, and skirt being shown as in engagement therewith.

A pair of inner and outer plates 10 and 11 are here illustrated hinged to one another at 12 at their lower edges. The inner plate has two vertically-extending parallel slots 13 13, the material between which may be pressed outwardly to facilitate the introduction of a belt B through the slots, thus allowing the device to be secured to the waist of the wearer. Near the upper edge of the plate 10 is shown an inward projection 14, extending transversely of the plate and being rounded to present a comparatively smooth surface free from abrupt projections which would be liable to injure the material engaged. From the plate 11 so situated that it comes below the projection 14 is a projection 15 of similar form. Between these projections the garment to be secured is grasped when the plates are pressed toward one another, this being in the present instance accomplished by a retaining member in the form of a loop 16, which may be slipped over the plates at the hinged ends and then moved along them to clamp them together. From the outer side of plate 11 projects a tongue or hook 17, extending upwardly from the hinge. Pivoted at the top of this plate 11 at 18 is a cover-plate 19, which is preferably provided with

some ornamental design and which when turned downwardly conceals the body of the clasp, but which when raised permits access thereto for the purpose of applying the loop or reaching the hook.

In use the device mounted upon the belt B is secured about the user's waist, as is particularly indicated in Fig. 1 of the drawings. The member 11 is then swung out upon its hinge, the loop having been removed from the clasp, and the waist W is introduced between the plates 10 and 11 and is then secured between the projection and depression by the application of the loop. The skirt B preferably has attached to it an eye s, and this is placed over the hook 17, thus supporting the weight of the skirt. It will therefore be seen that the clasp performs the triple function of holding down the waist, keeping up the skirt, and retaining the belt in place, and that all three are maintained in a fixed relation to one another.

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

1. A garment-clasp comprising a pair of hinged plates one of which is provided with belt-engaging means and another having skirt-engaging means, a loop engaging opposite sides of the plates and being movable over to draw them toward one another, and a cover-plate mounted upon the plate carrying the skirt-engaging means.

2. A garment-clasp comprising a pair of hinged plates provided with a transversely-extending depression and a cooperating projection, means carried by one of the plates for engagement with a belt, a hook projecting from the companion plate, and a cover-plate pivoted upon the plate having the hook.

3. A garment-clasp, comprising a pair of hinged plates adapted to engage a belt, a loop engaging the edges of the plates and slidable thereover for clamping them upon the belt, one of said plates being provided on its outer face with a skirt-engaging means, and a cover-plate pivoted upon said belt and adapted to conceal the skirt-engaging means.

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

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