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FIG. 2.

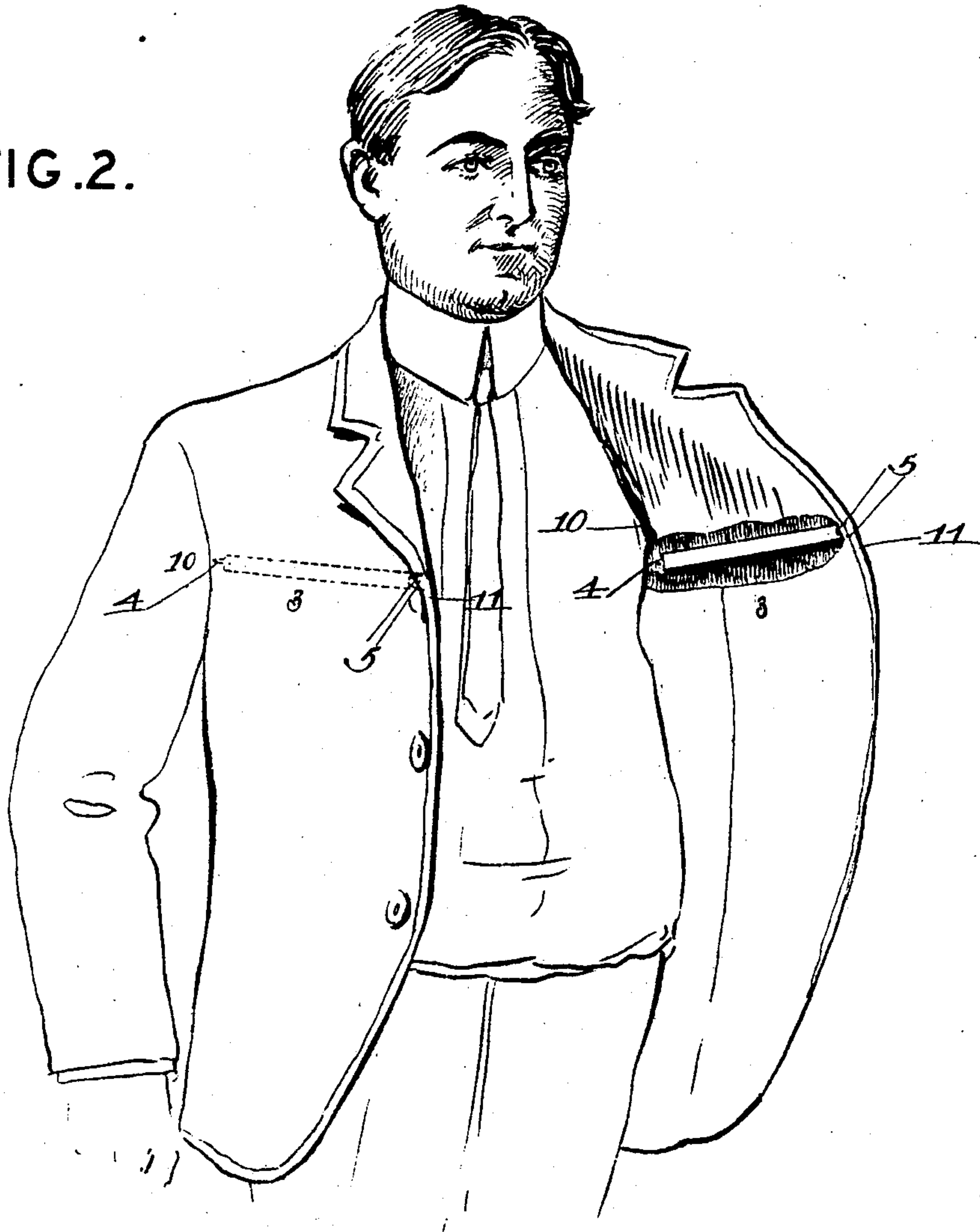
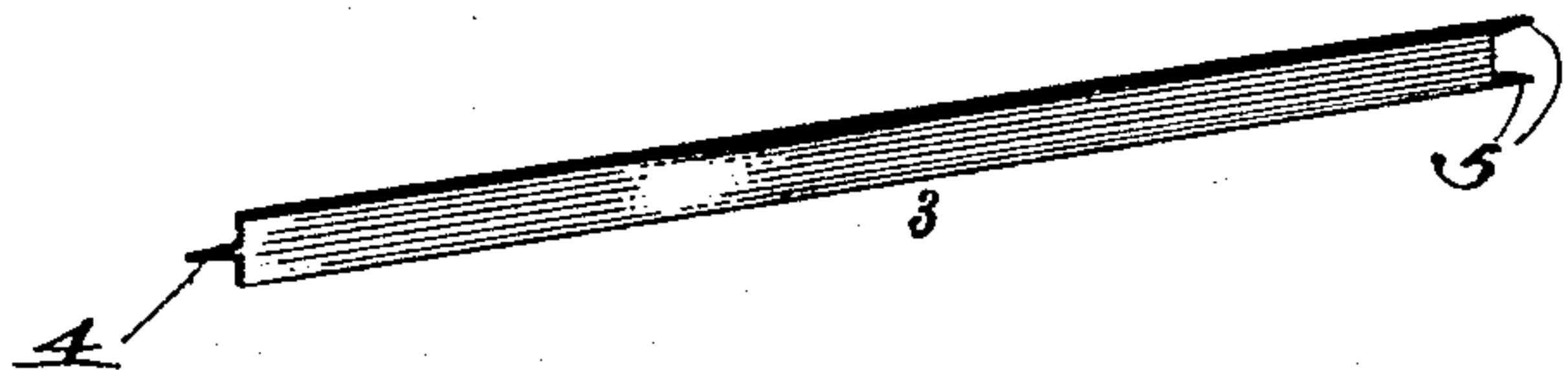


FIG. 1.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM HENRY CLING, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Charleston, in the county of Charleston and State of South Carolina, have made an Improvement in Coat-Stays, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improvement in the class of apparatus or devices employed for holding the front breadths of coats and vests distended or stretched in such manner as to prevent wrinkling or sagging.

My invention is an elastic stay adapted to be detachably applied to a coat in the manner hereinafter specified, whereby the lapels are prevented from rolling back at the lower end.

The details of construction and application of the device are as hereinafter described and shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved stay, and Fig. 2 is a perspective view illustrating the practical application of the stay to a coat.

The stay 3 is made of a narrow thin strip of steel, and a distinguishing feature of the same is that it is provided at one end with a single central point 4 and at the opposite end with two points 5, which are spaced apart the width of the strip. The strip is applied to a coat between the binding or edge 11 and the lower edge of an armhole 10, the points being entered in the cloth and lining, respectively, and the elasticity of the strip tending to make it curve slightly outward in conformity to the natural shape of the body of

the wearer. The single point 4 serves to prevent any longitudinal inward movement of the strip, and it is set in such a place that it is slightly below the lower edge of the armhole 10. The two points 5 effectually prevent the stay from turning or rotating on itself, so that it is held flat against the cloth and lining of the coat, while they take, so to speak, a broader hold on the cloth adjacent to the binding, so that there is less tendency of the cloth to draw and wrinkle at that point than would be the case if the stay were attached at and had a single point. The detachability and adjustability of the stay 3 is advantageous, since it permits the stay to be set in exactly the right position to adapt itself to the coat and length of lapels, as well as the form of the wearer. It holds the front portions of a coat in perfect shape, so that it presents the desired appearance and is not liable to fly open and cannot roll back, as would be the case if the stay were dispensed with.

What I claim is—

As an improved article of manufacture, the coat-stay constructed of a thin narrow strip of spring-steel having at one end a single central point and at the opposite end two points which are spaced apart the width of the strip, as and for the purpose specified.

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

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