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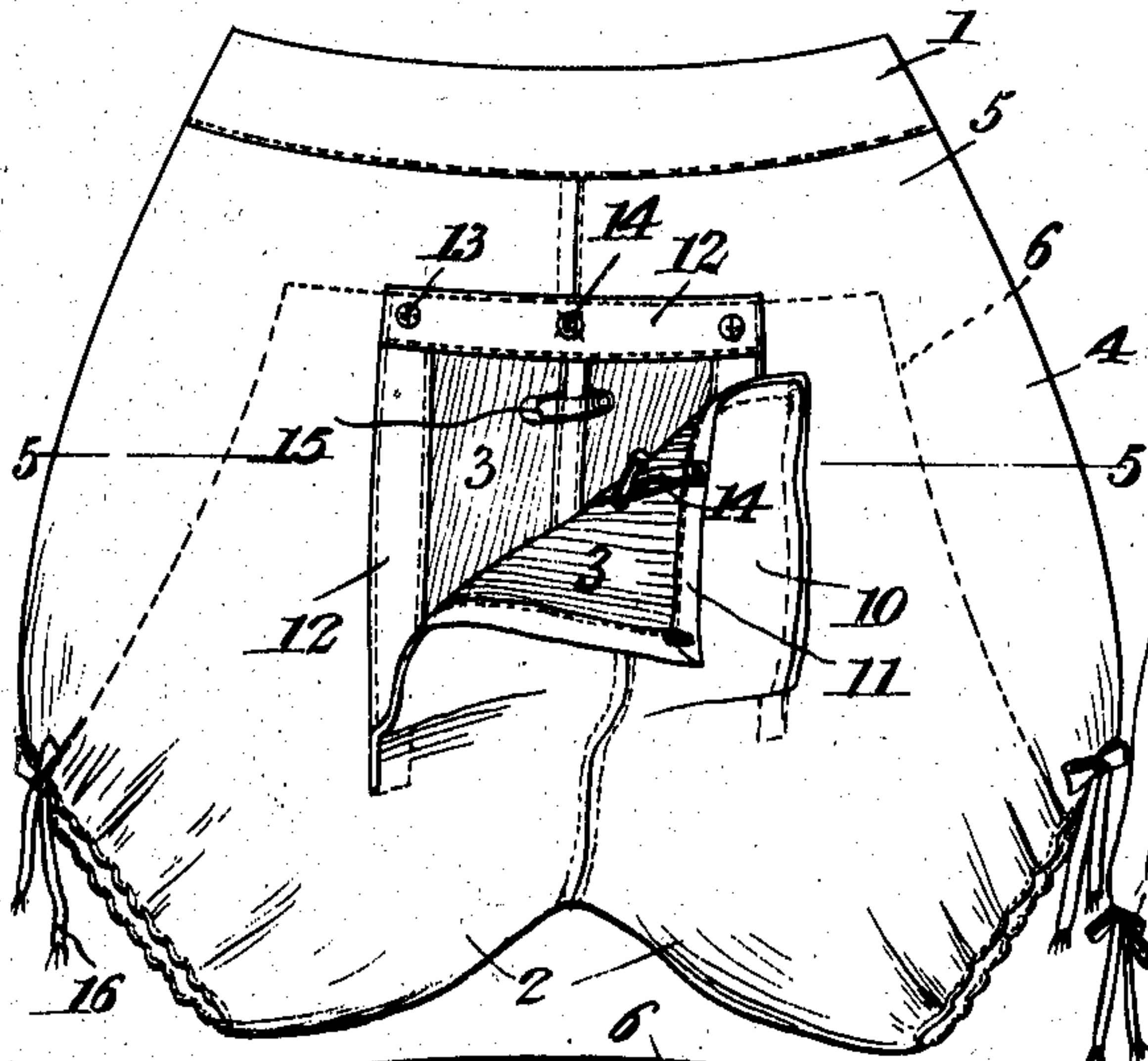


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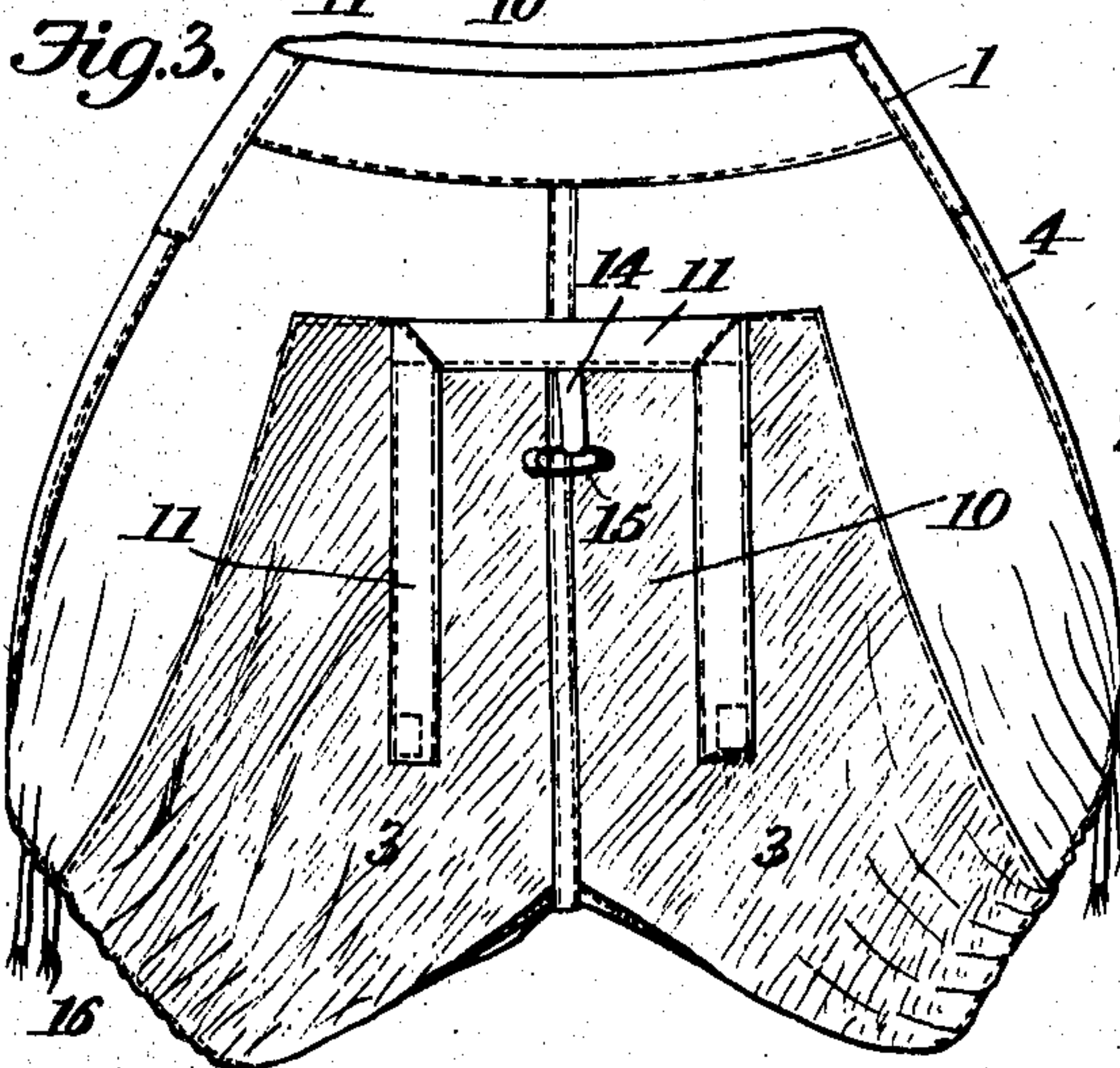
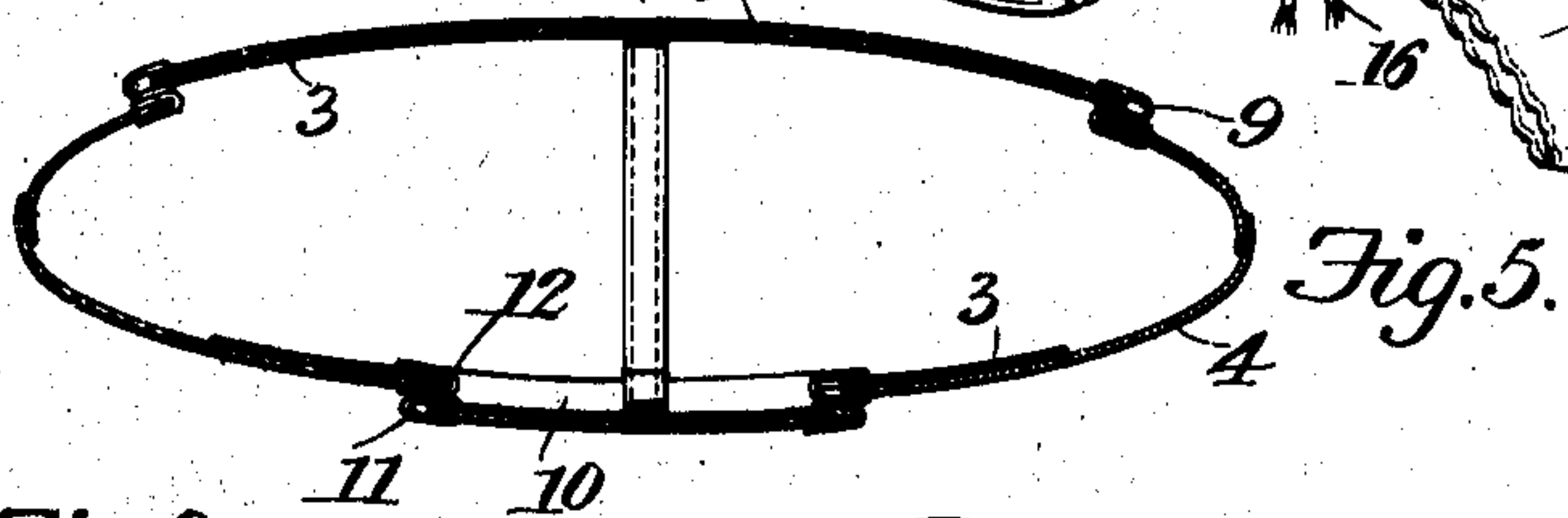
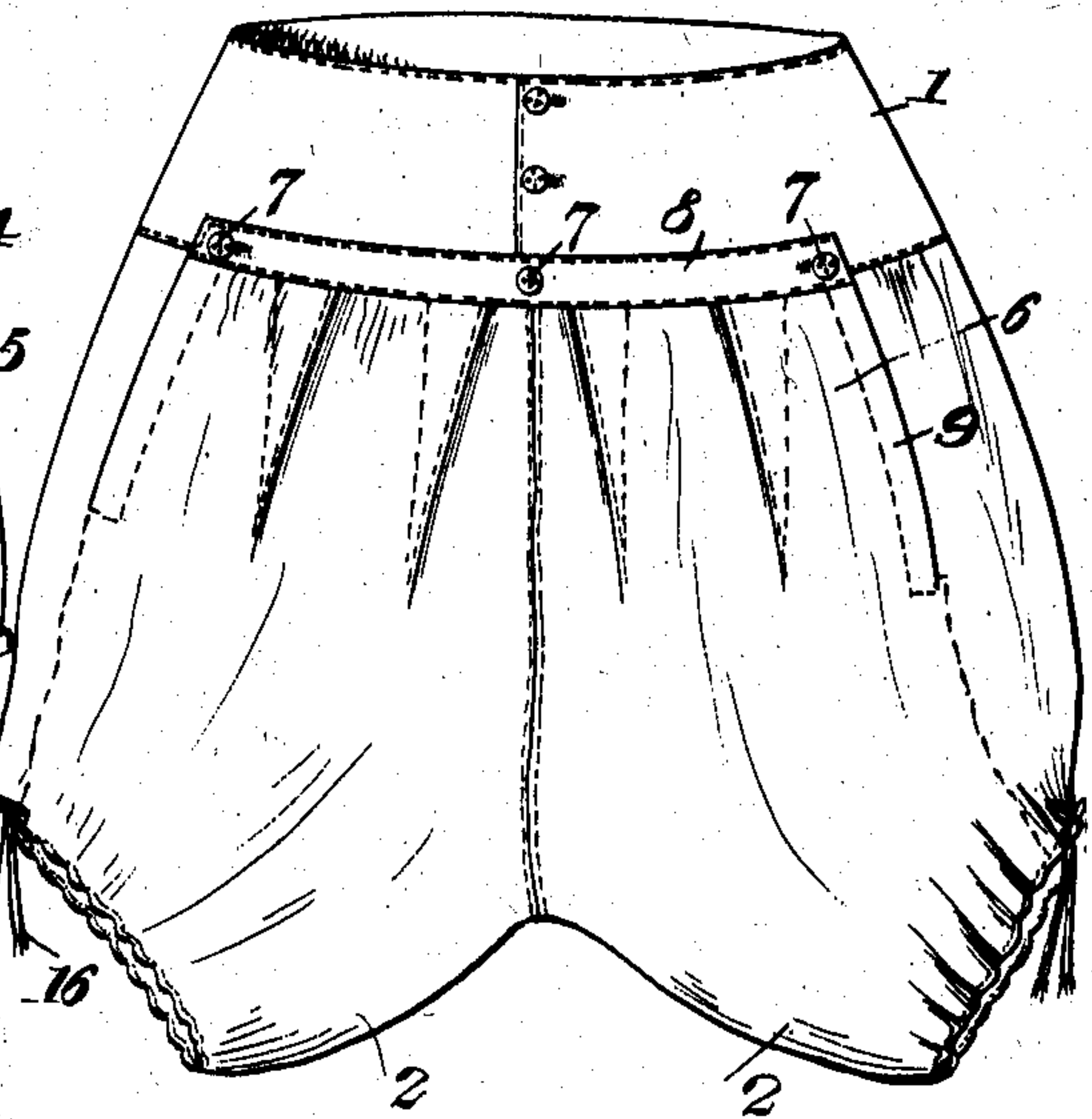
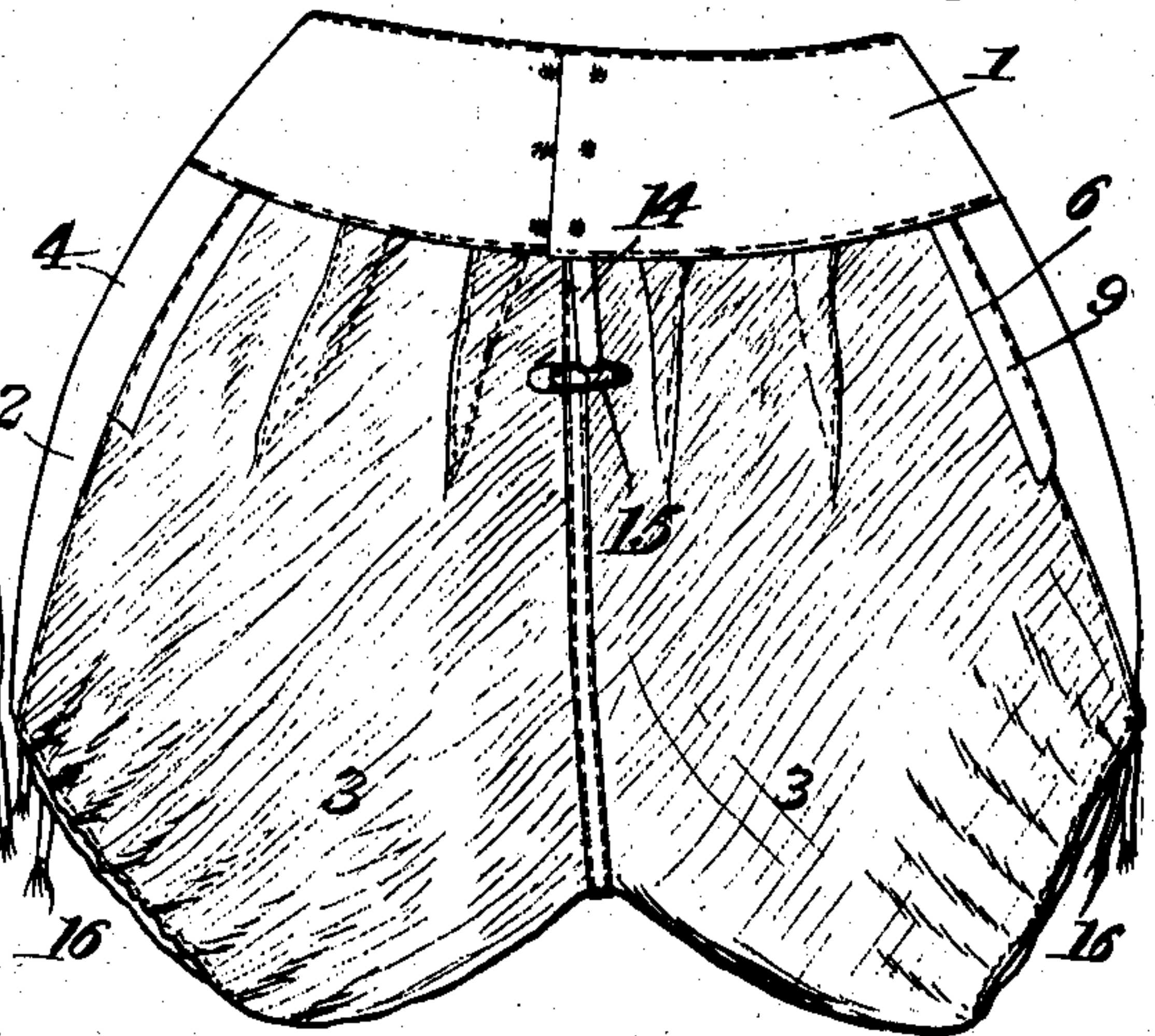


Fig. 4.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SARAH G. SCHIFF, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Catamenial Garment, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to catamenial garments.

The object of the invention is in a ready and practical manner, and without discomfort to the wearer, positively to preclude the escape of the catamenia, whereby soiling of the garments will be prevented and cleanliness will be assured; furthermore, to provide for the ready changing of a pad or napkin and the answering of calls of nature without necessitating removal of the garment.

With the above and other objects in view, as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction and combination of parts of a catamenial garment, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts, Figures 1 and 2 are views in elevation, taken, respectively, from the front and rear of the exterior of the garment. Figs. 3 and 4 are similar views of the interior of the garment. Fig. 5 is a horizontal sectional view taken on the line 5 5, Fig. 1.

The garment of the present invention is constructed somewhat on the lines of a pair of drawers and is composed in part of material that is impervious to moisture and in part of material that is pervious thereto. Those portions of the garment that will contact with the buttocks, crotch, and abdomen of the wearer are moisture-proof, while those parts that contact with the hips and waist are pervious to moisture. This arrangement is adapted to render the article comfortable to wear, especially in warm weather and in the house.

The materials employed in the construction of the garment may be of any character suited to the purpose, provided they combine lightness and flexibility and will stand successive laundering.

In the form of the invention herein shown the impervious portions of the garment are constructed in part of fabric treated with india-rubber and in part of textile fabric,

while the pervious portions are constructed wholly of textile fabric, forming, preferably, a continuation of that with which the waterproof portions of the garment are assembled. In addition to these features there are two flaps provided, one at the front and one at the rear of the garment, the object of which is to permit ready changing of a napkin or pad and the answering of calls of nature without removing the garment.

Additional features of novelty reside in the provision of means for holding a napkin or pad detachably combined with the garment and in a novel form of thigh-band for sealing the lower ends of the garment-legs against escape of catamenia.

The broad features of novelty above briefly outlined are apparent at a casual inspection of the invention, but the specific points of the invention are not so obvious and will now be described.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates the waistband of the garment, which is provided, as usual, with buttons or equivalent forms of fastening devices to secure it around the waist of the wearer. The band may be made of any suitable material and in any number of plies.

Attached to the band are the "legs" 2, by which term it is intended to include the entire garment below the waistband, the exterior portions of which are composed wholly of textile fabric and the interior portions partly of waterproof fabric 3, assembled with the exterior portions by appropriate lines of stitches. The waterproof fabric, which may be of the kind from which dress-shields are made, covers the entire seat and crotch portion of the rear of the garment, as shown in Fig. 4, and the crotch and the greater part of the abdominal portion of the front of the garment, as shown in Fig. 3, while the portions not so protected and which are constructed of textile fabric form the outer sides 4 of the legs and the abdominal portion 5. The rear of the garment is provided with a flap 6, which may be of any desired size and is held combined with the waistband by suitable fastening devices, such as buttons 7. To strengthen the edges of the flap and flap-opening, the parts are reinforced at 8 and 9 for this purpose, the reinforces 9 being continuous—that is to say, they extend from the waistband entirely around the edges of the flap and to the reinforce 8. The front of the



garment is provided with a second and smaller flap 10, the edges of which are reinforced at 11, as are also the edges of the opening of the garment formed by the flap at 12. 5 The flap 10 is held detachably assembled with the top reinforce 12 by buttons 13 or equivalent forms of fastening devices.

In order to assemble a pad or napkin with the garment, each of the flaps has secured at 10 its upper end a loop 14, preferably of tape, with which are combined safety-pins 15, that are designed to engage the pad or napkin. The lower ends of the legs have combined with them elastic thigh-bands 16, that are 15 disposed in pockets formed for the purpose, and are thus assembled in order to avoid injury when the garment is washed. These bands are preferably strips of covered elastic and may thus be adjusted around the thighs 20 by the wearer.

It will be seen from the foregoing description that the garment of this invention will be positive in effecting the objects sought, so that the wearer will at all times be certain 25 that no mortifying accident can take place. Further, by the manner in which the article is constructed it will be cool and comfortable to wear, will not chafe or otherwise distress the user, will be cleanly, and can be laundered repeatedly without damage. 30

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

1. A one-piece garment of the class described comprising a pair of drawers having 35 enlarged openings in the seat and abdominal portions, flaps inseparable from the garment for normally closing said openings, and

means upon the flaps for attaching a napkin thereto.

2. A one-piece garment of the class described comprising a pair of drawers having 40 its seat, crotch and part of its abdominal portions made of moisture-proof material, said seat and abdominal portions having separate openings therein, flaps inseparable from the 45 garment for normally closing said openings, said flaps consisting of moisture-proof material, and means upon the flaps for fastening a napkin within the garment.

3. A one-piece garment comprising a pair 50 of drawers having separate openings in the seat and abdominal portions thereof, flaps inseparable from the garment for normally closing the openings, loops secured to the inner faces of the flaps, and napkin-engaging 55 devices carried by said loops.

4. A one-piece garment comprising a pair of drawers having separate openings in the seat and abdominal portions thereof, flaps inseparable from the garment for normally 60 closing the openings, said flaps and the crotch, seat and part of the abdominal portions of the garment being moisture-proof, and means for holding the ends of the legs of the garment tightly around the limbs of the 65 wearer.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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