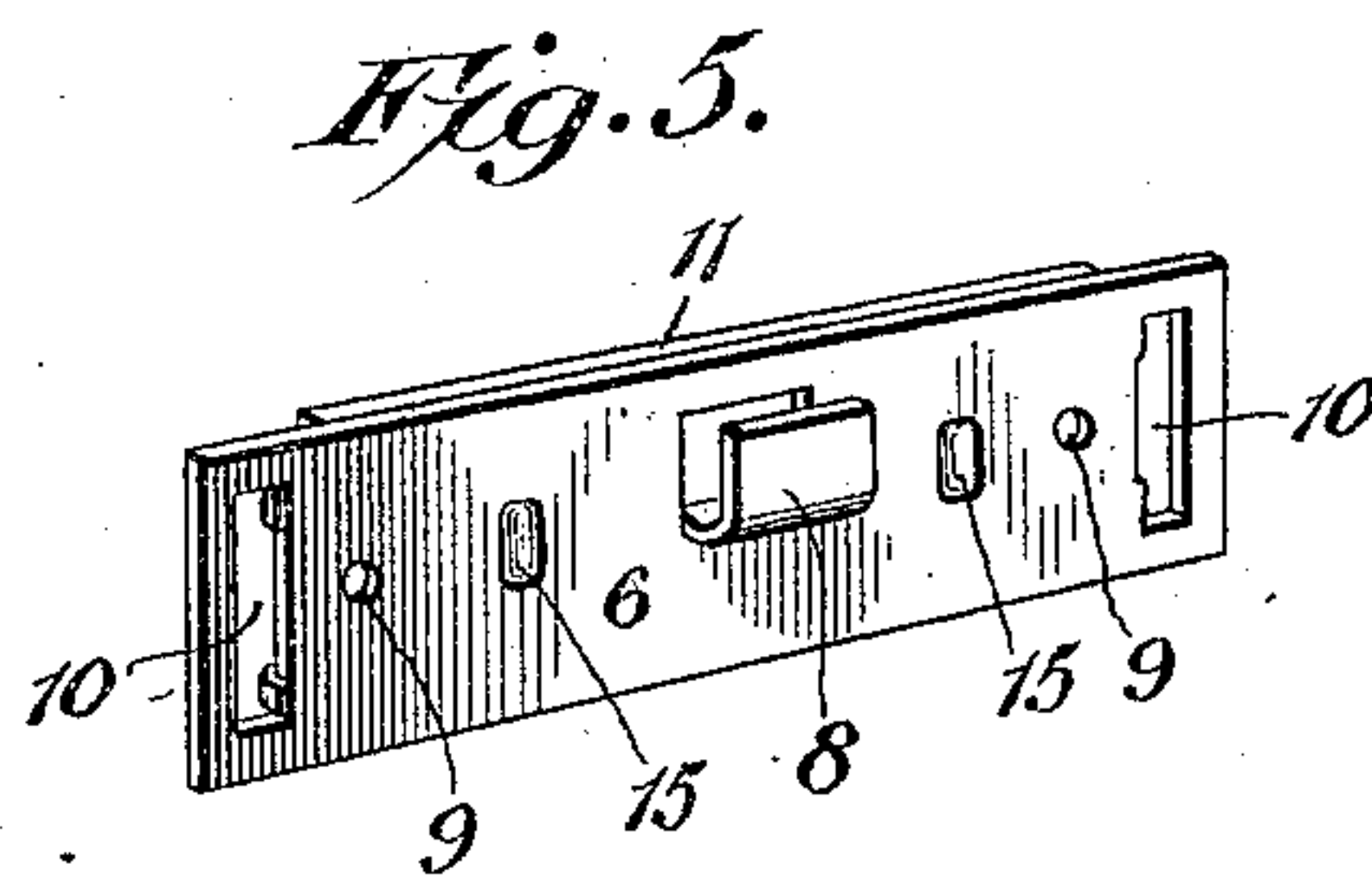
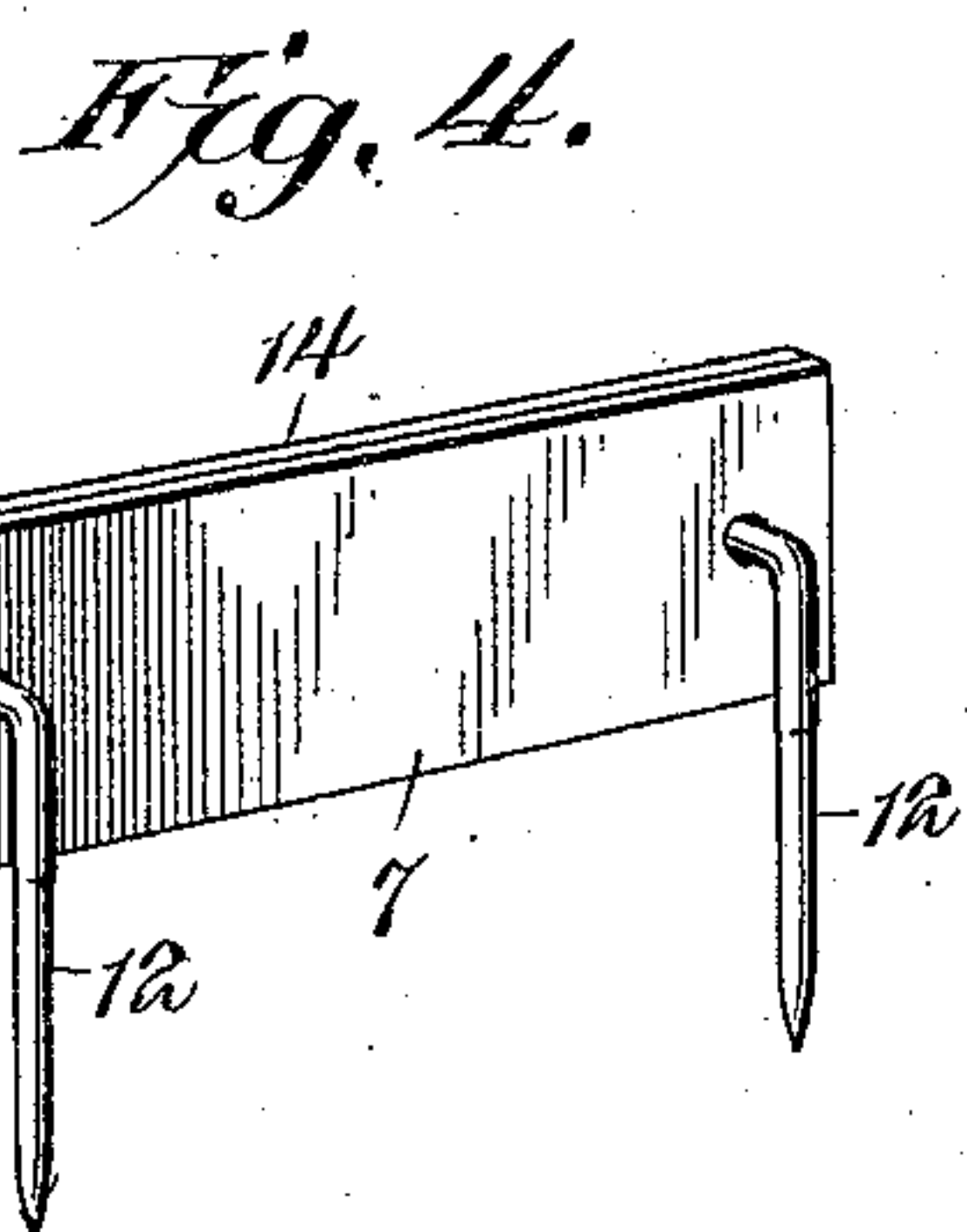
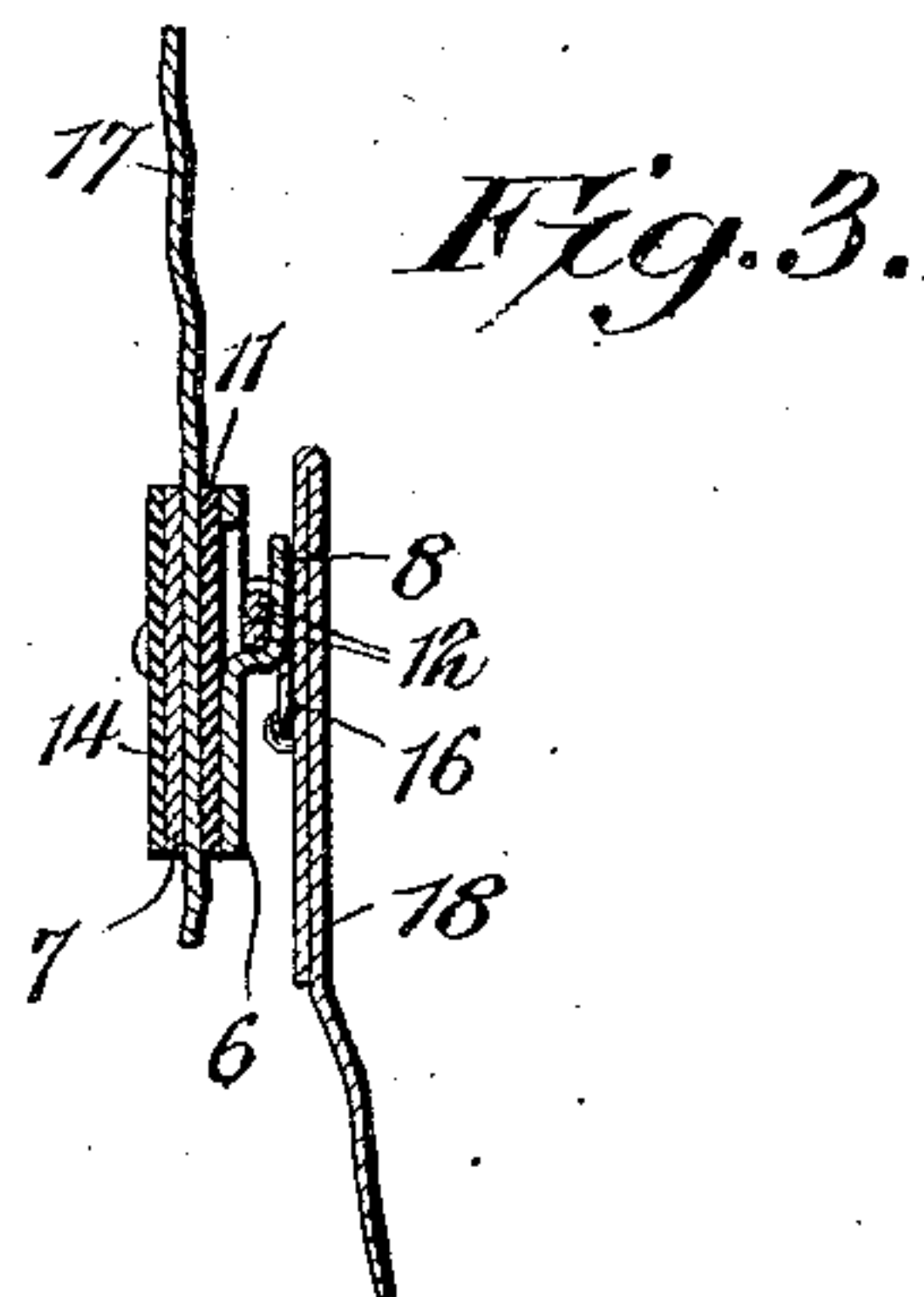
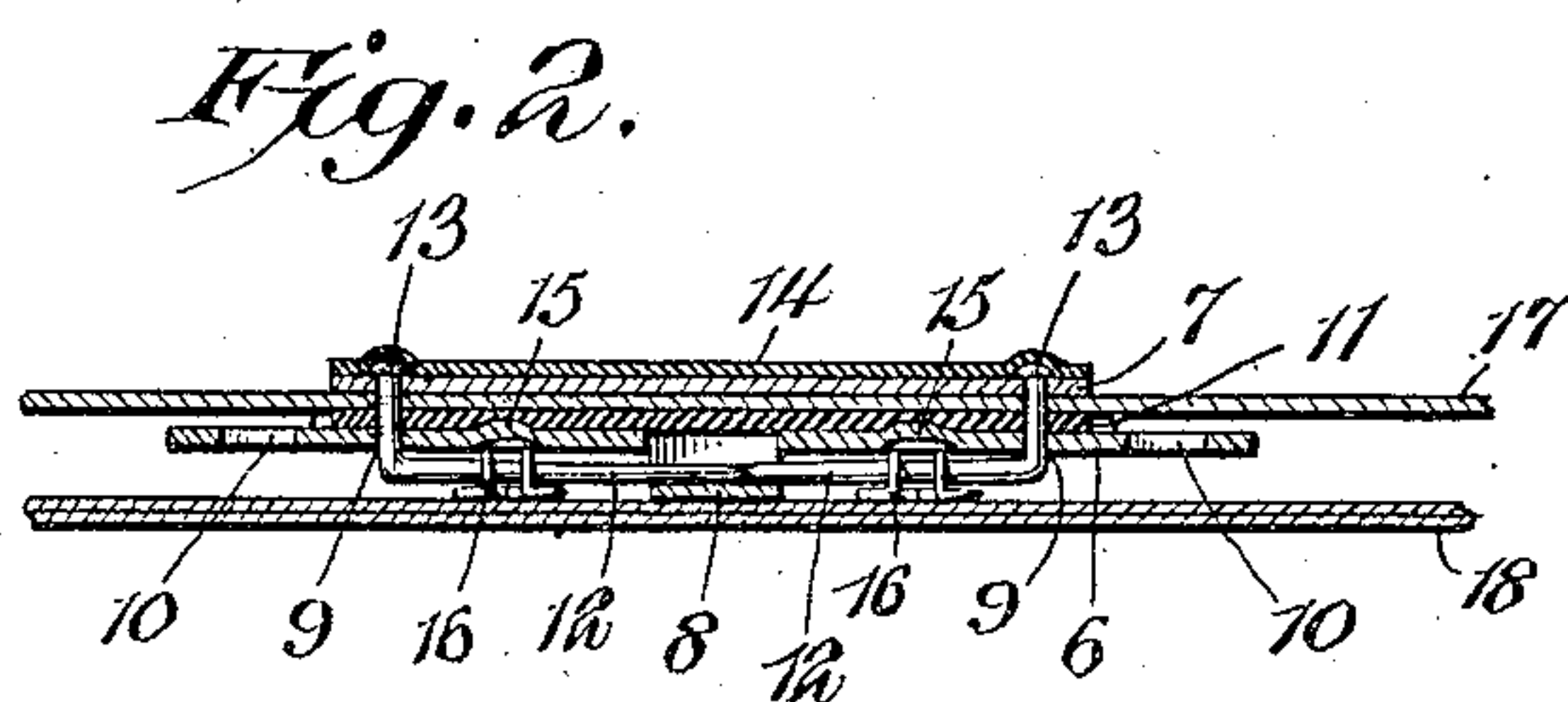
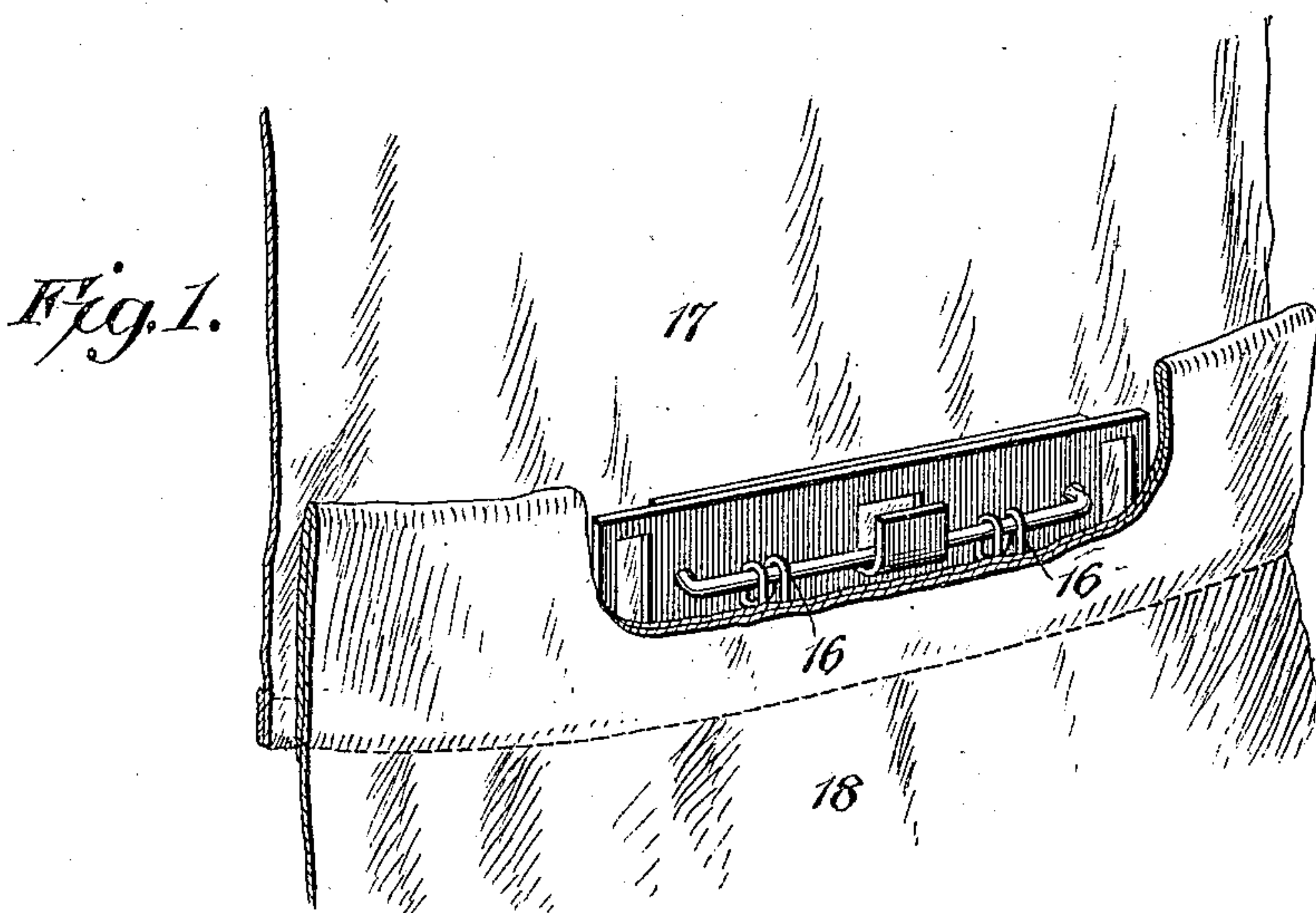


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, BERT A. SEBRING and JOHN W. GRAHAM, citizens of the United States, residing at Pueblo, in the county of Pueblo and State of Colorado, have invented a new and useful Waist-Holder and Skirt-Supporter, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to means for connecting waists and skirts.

The principal object is to provide a novel structure of this character that will constitute an efficient connection, will not tear or injure the fabric, can be readily applied and removed, and is simple in construction, so that it can be readily understood and manufactured at small cost.

The preferred embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of a waist and skirt with the supporter applied thereto, a part of the skirt-band being broken away in order to clearly illustrate the supporter. Fig. 2 is a horizontal sectional view therethrough. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view. Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of one of the clamping sections or plates of the body member. Fig. 5 is a similar view of the other section or plate.

Similar reference-numerals designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

In the embodiment illustrated a body member is employed that is made up of two separate sections in the form of plates 6 and 7. The outer face-plate 6 is provided on its outer side with an upstanding centrally-disposed keeper-hook 8, and openings 9 are located on opposite sides of said keeper-hook. The ends of the plate 6 may, furthermore, be provided with openings 10 to receive a tape or strap in order that the body member may be more securely fastened to the wearer. The inner side of the plate 6 carries a cushion 11, of rubber or other suitable material, which cushion has openings that aline with the openings 9, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 2.

The inner plate 7 carries a pair of fabric-engaging pins comprising angular shanks 12, having heads 13 at one end, the other ends being pointed. These pins are pivotally mounted in the ends of the plate 7, a cover or shield 14 preventing their detachment. The shanks are adapted to pass through the openings 9 of the plate 6, and the pointed ends are ar-

ranged to detachably interlock in the keeper-hook 8. The pins are thus disposed longitudinally along the outer face of the plate 6 and are slightly spaced therefrom, as shown in Fig. 2, said plate 6 being preferably provided with inwardly-dished portions 15.

In connection with the body member there are employed hanger members, preferably consisting of upstanding hooks 16, which hooks are arranged to engage over the shanks 12 of the pins when said pins are interlocked with the keeper-hook 8.

In using the device the clamping-plates are placed on opposite sides of one of the garments—as, for instance, a waist—the pins 12 being disposed in parallel relation at substantially right angles to the plate 7 and being passed through the fabric. The plate 6 is then engaged with the pins which are passed through the openings 9, after which the said pins are turned until their free ends are locked in the keeper-hook 8. The hanger members 16 are fastened in any suitable manner, as by sewing, to the band of the skirt 18, and after the body member has been applied to the waist it will be evident that the hooks 16 can be readily engaged over the shanks 12 of the pins. It will be seen that these pins perform a number of functions. In the first place, they serve to clamp the plates together upon the waist, and the cushion 11 being interposed between said plates and bearing against the fabric will securely hold the body member in place without injury to such fabric. At the same time the shanks also pass through the material of the waist, and consequently act as positive holding devices in connection with the cushion. The shanks furthermore act as supporting devices, which are engaged by the hanger-hooks, and when a skirt has been attached to a waist the weight of said skirt being transmitted by the hooks to the pins serves to hold said pins in the keeper-hook 8, thus preventing any danger of the parts becoming separated. The structure is one that is readily applicable to the ordinary waist and skirt, it can be removed and replaced with ease, and, furthermore, is simple, so that not only is it cheap to manufacture, but the manner of its use will be readily understood.

From the foregoing it is thought that the construction, operation, and many advantages of the herein-described invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art without further description, and it will be under-

stood that various changes in the size, shape, proportion, and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a supporter of the character described, the combination with a supporting body member comprising clamping-plates arranged to be placed upon opposite sides of a garment, of a fabric-piercing pin pivotally mounted at one end on one clamping-plate, and a keeper mounted on the other plate and arranged to receive the other end of the pin.

2. In a supporter of the character described, the combination with a body member comprising clamping-sections, of fabric-piercing means for securing the sections together, said means having a portion spaced from the body member and constituting supporting means for engagement by a hanger member.

3. In a supporter of the character described, the combination with a body member comprising clamping-plates, of a fabric-piercing device for clamping the plates upon an article of clothing, and a hanger-hook that detachably engages said device, said hook being separate from the body member.

4. In a supporter of the character described, the combination with a body member comprising clamping-plates, of a pin movably mounted on one of the plates, said pin engaging and having a detachable interlocking connection with the other plate to clamp said plates upon an article of clothing, and a hanger member having a detachable engage-

ment with the pin, said hanger member being attachable to another article of clothing.

5. In a supporter of the character described, the combination with a body member comprising plates, one of said plates having a central keeper-hook, and openings disposed on opposite sides of the same, of pins pivotally mounted on the other plate, said pins having shanks that detachably pass through the openings and detachably engage the keeper-hook.

6. In a supporter of the character described, the combination with a body member comprising clamping-plates, of a cushion located between them, and means for fastening the plates together on opposite sides of an article of clothing, and supporting another article of clothing therefrom.

7. In a supporter of the character described, the combination with a body member comprising clamping-plates, one of which has an upstanding keeper-hook and openings on opposite sides of said keeper-hook, fabric-engaging pins pivotally mounted on the other plate, said pins having angular shanks that pass through the openings, and detachably engage the keeper-hook of the first-mentioned plate, a cushion interposed between the plates, and hanger-hooks that detachably engage the pin-shanks.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own we have hereto affixed our signatures in the presence of two witnesses.

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