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Fig. 1.

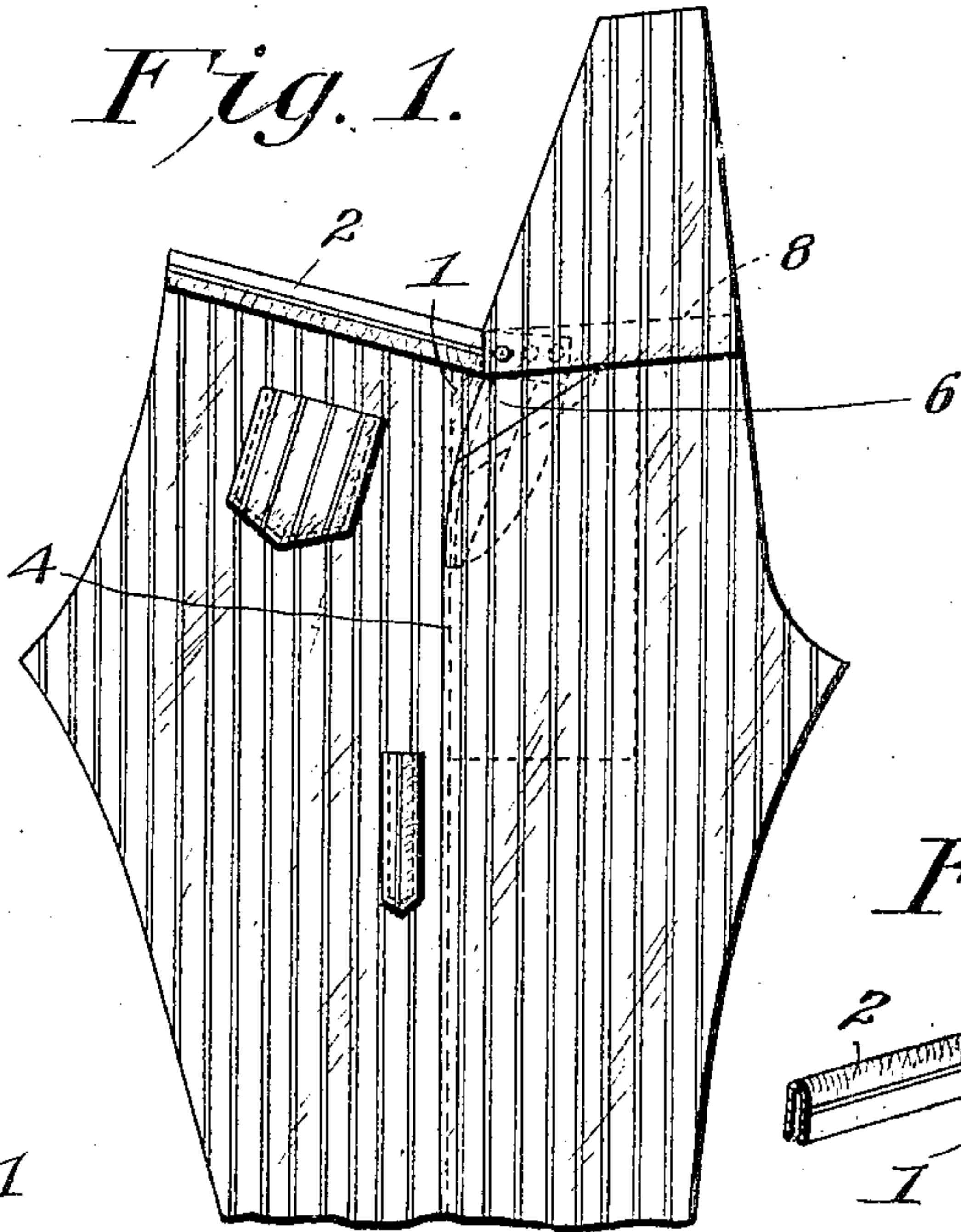


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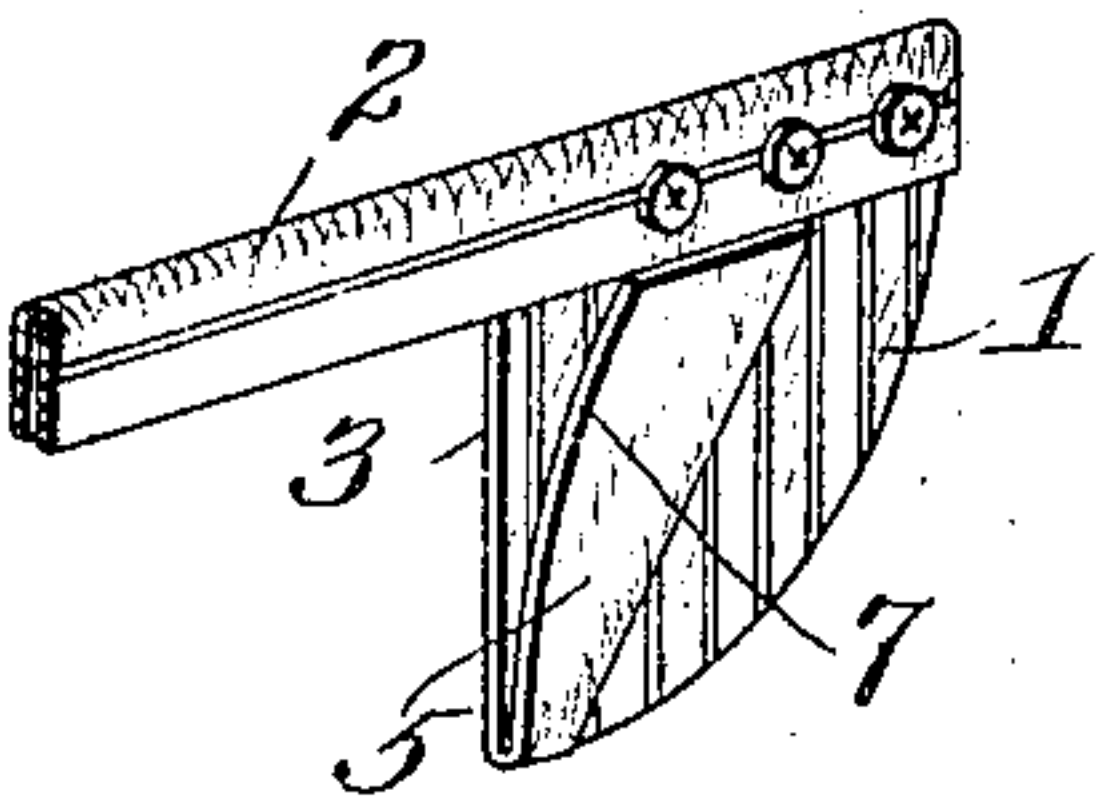


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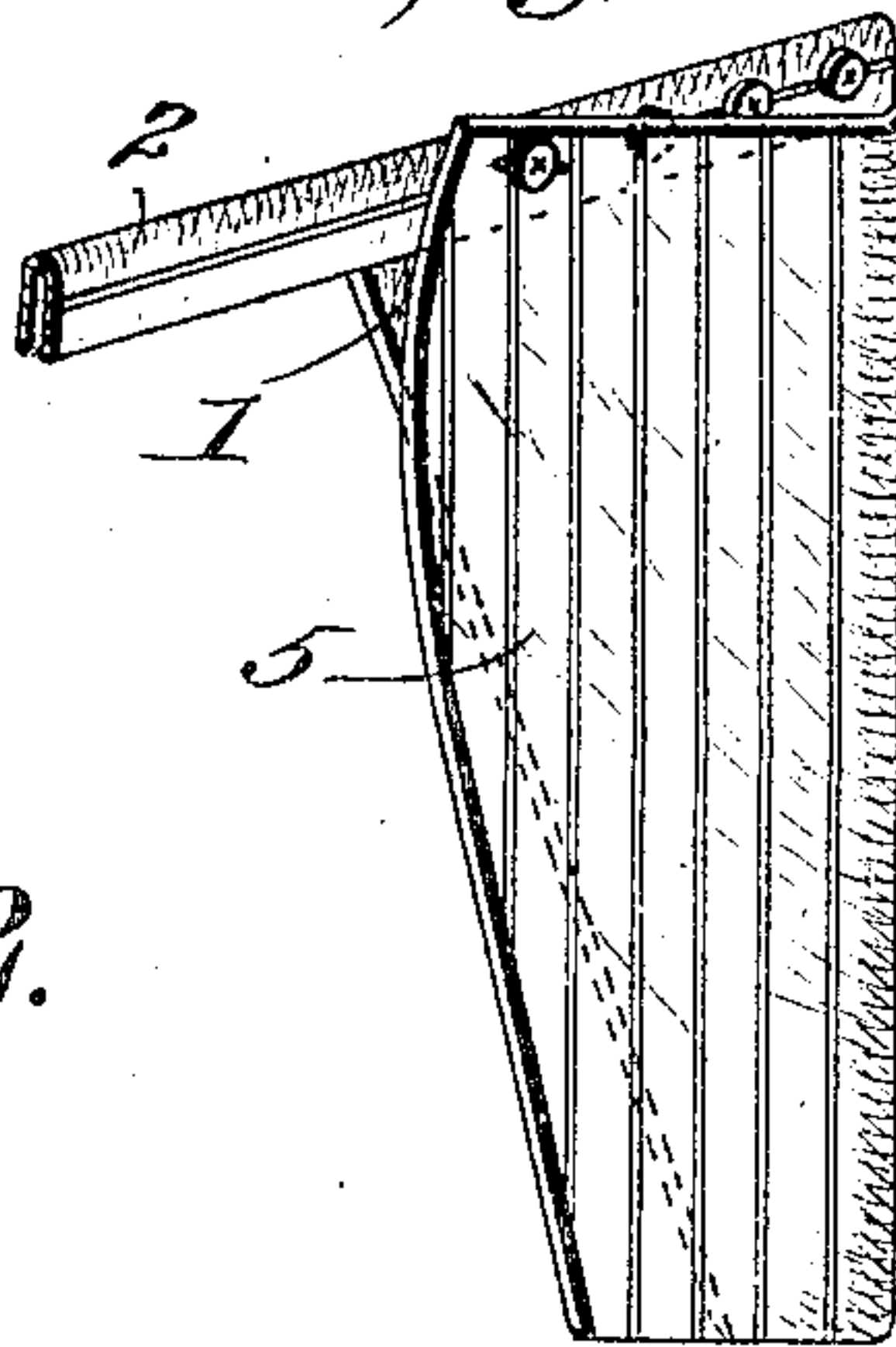


Fig. 2.

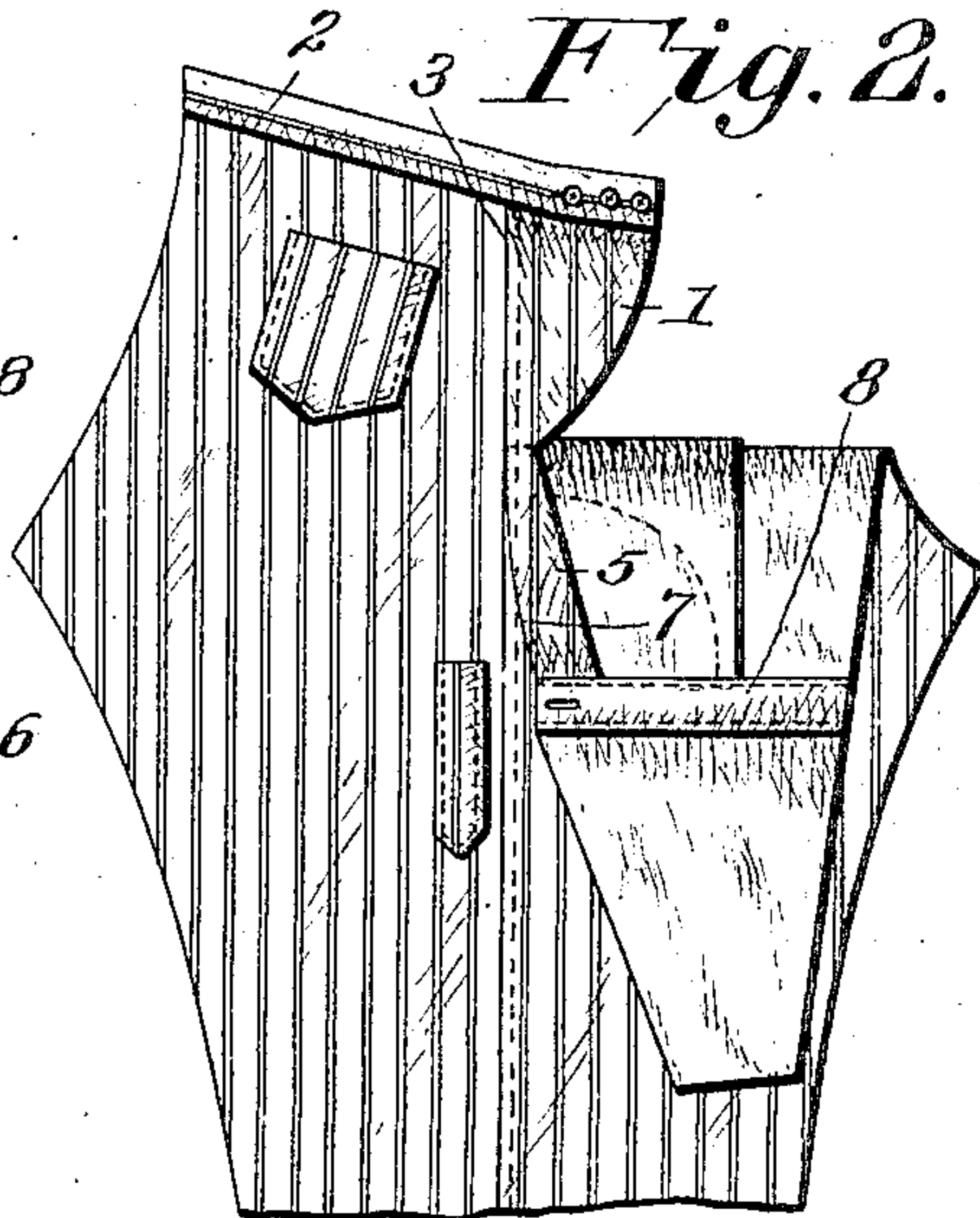
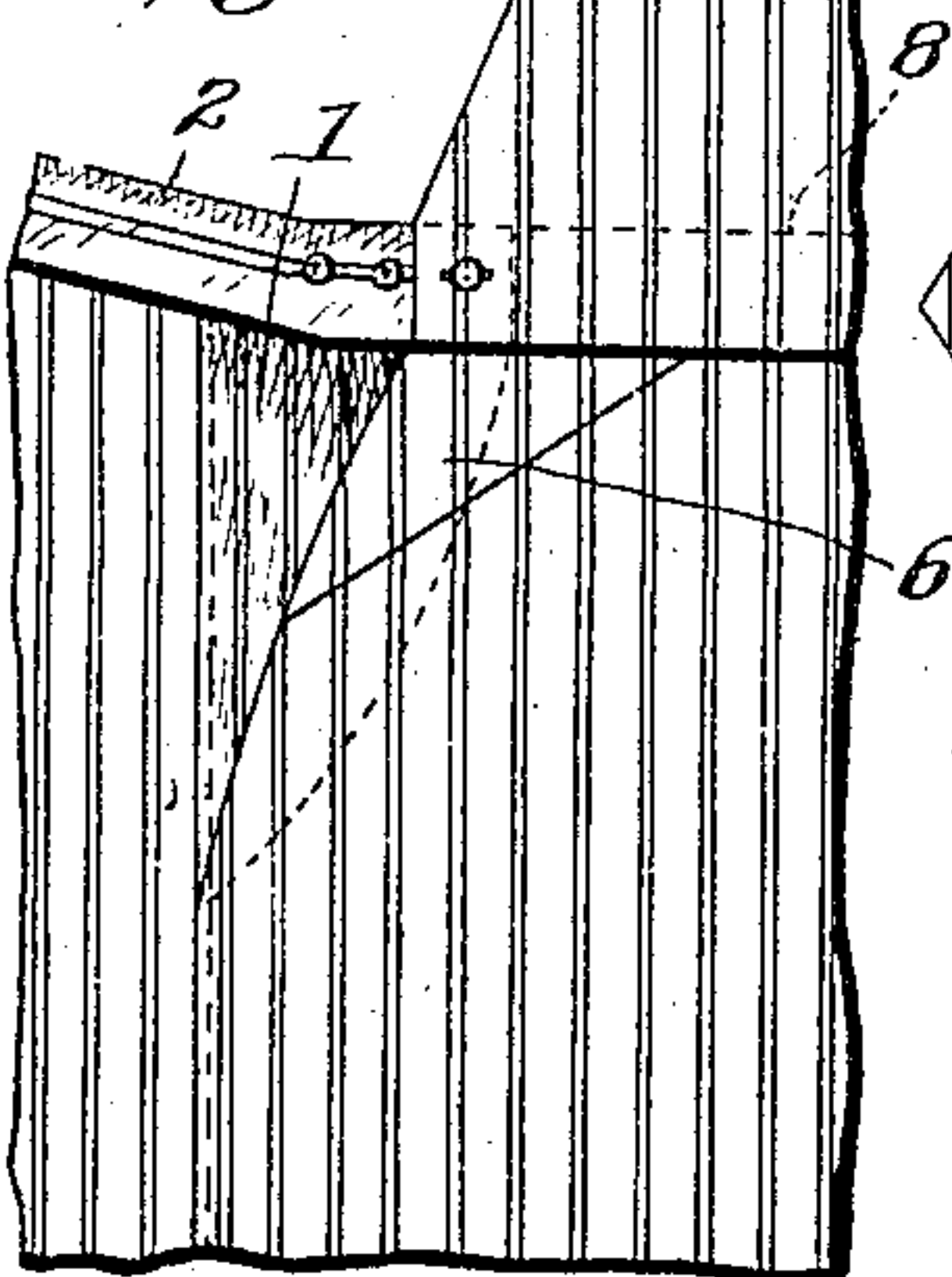


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, GEORGE ECKEL and WILLIAM H. TEGEDER, citizens of the United States, residing at Indianapolis, in the county of Marion and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Overalls; and we do hereby 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.

Our invention relates to new and useful improvements in wearing-apparel, and more particularly to that class of garments known as "overalls;" and our object is to provide an attachment for the garment now in use whereby the size of the waistband may be increased or decreased.

Other objects and advantages will be hereinafter made clearly apparent in the specification and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, which are made a part of this application, we have shown the preferred forms of our invention.

In said drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of a portion of a garment, showing our improved attachment secured thereto in dotted lines with the trousers-flap closed. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the trousers-flap open and our improvement in full lines. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of our improved attachment removed from the garment. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a slightly-modified form of attachment; and Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 1, showing the size of the garment increased to its largest capacity.

In cutting garments of this class it is customary to place a large quantity of goods upon a cutting-table and then mark off the different patterns or sizes and cut the same-sized patterns straight down through the different strips of cloth, so that when the cutting is completed there will be a certain number of garments of the same size in one pile and the same number of garments of a different size in other piles. It has been found in practice, however, that the merchants do not care to handle a large stock of odd-sized garments, and therefore make calls for small quantities of different-sized waist measures, resulting in the cutter being compelled to lose a large amount of time in cutting the small orders of odd sizes, and to this end we have provided an insert-piece which is adapted to be secured to the well-known form of garment now in use.

The body portion 1 of the insert-piece is secured to the waistband 2 of the garment, while the straight edge 3 of the body portion 1 is secured to the garment along the usual seam-line 4, while the auxiliary portion 5 of the insert-piece is secured to the flap portion 6 of the garment by stitching or otherwise, the edge 7 of the auxiliary portion 5 being flush with the edge of the flap portion 6 and substantially parallel with the edge 3 of the body portion 1 when the garment is worn at its smallest size.

Heretofore the waistbands 2 of garments of this class have not been extended beyond the seam-line 4 and are provided with single buttons at this point, to which the flap is secured, so that if the waistband is too small a gap is produced between the edge of the garment proper and flap secured thereto and the overalls do not thoroughly protect the clothing worn under them; but with our attachment secured to the garment the flap 6 may be adjusted to a considerable distance and yet not leave any of the clothing worn beneath the overalls exposed, owing to the fact that the body portion 1 of the insert-piece is so constructed as to compensate for the expansion of the flap. The flap 6 is also provided with a reinforcing-strip 8 at a point in line with the waistband 2, and on this strip we provide a securing means adjusted to engage a plurality of keepers on the extended end of the band 2, and in this instance we have shown buttons on the band 2, and the strip 8 is provided with a suitable button-hole, through which the buttons are adapted to alternately take.

In Fig. 4 of the drawings the insert-piece is constructed slightly different from that shown in the other figures, in that the body 1 and portion 5 are not separated at their inner edge and fold back on each other, so that when the insert-piece is secured in a garment the gap at the intersection of the waistband and the flap is entirely closed, thereby making it impossible for any dust or the like to pass between the flap and other parts of the garment into contact with the clothing worn beneath the overalls.

To further illustrate the advantages of our improvement, we desire to state that the standard waist measures of garments of this class are thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-six, thirty-eight, forty, forty-two, forty-six, and forty-eight inches, and if the merchant has a call for a garment with an odd-sized waist

measure it becomes necessary for the cutter to take a single piece of goods and cut the garment therefrom, thereby losing considerable time. By using our insert, however, in connection with the above-mentioned standard sizes, any-size waistband can be had from thirty-two inches or smaller to fifty-two inches—that is to say, if the waist measure is thirty-two inches, by attaching our improvement the waist measure can be increased to thirty-six inches, or thirty-four inches to thirty-eight inches, &c.

It will now readily be seen that by employing our improved insert-strip that the garments can be cut by the standard-sized patterns and the same garment made to fit several sized waists, and it will also be seen that the size of the garment may be increased to fit over coats or the like, the main object being to form a complete covering for the clothing worn below the overalls and at the same time increase or decrease the waist measure as desired.

What we claim is—

1. The combination with a garment of the class described, of an insert-piece having a body portion, two edges of which are straight and one edge thereof curved, and an auxiliary portion integral with said body portion, one edge of which is straight and in line with one straight edge of said body portion, said body

and auxiliary portion being secured to the garment.

2. The combination with a garment of the class described, having a waistband and a flap portion, of an insert-piece comprising a body portion adapted to be secured to the waistband and having its free edge curved, an auxiliary section integral with and of less width than said body portion and adapted to be secured to said flap and means to adjustably secure said flap to the band whereby the size of the garment may be increased or decreased.

3. The combination with a garment of the class described having a waistband and flap; of an insert-piece comprising a body portion secured to said band and body of the overalls, and an auxiliary portion integral therewith and secured to said flap, and means to adjustably secure said flap to said waistband whereby the size of the garment will be increased.

In testimony whereof we have signed our names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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