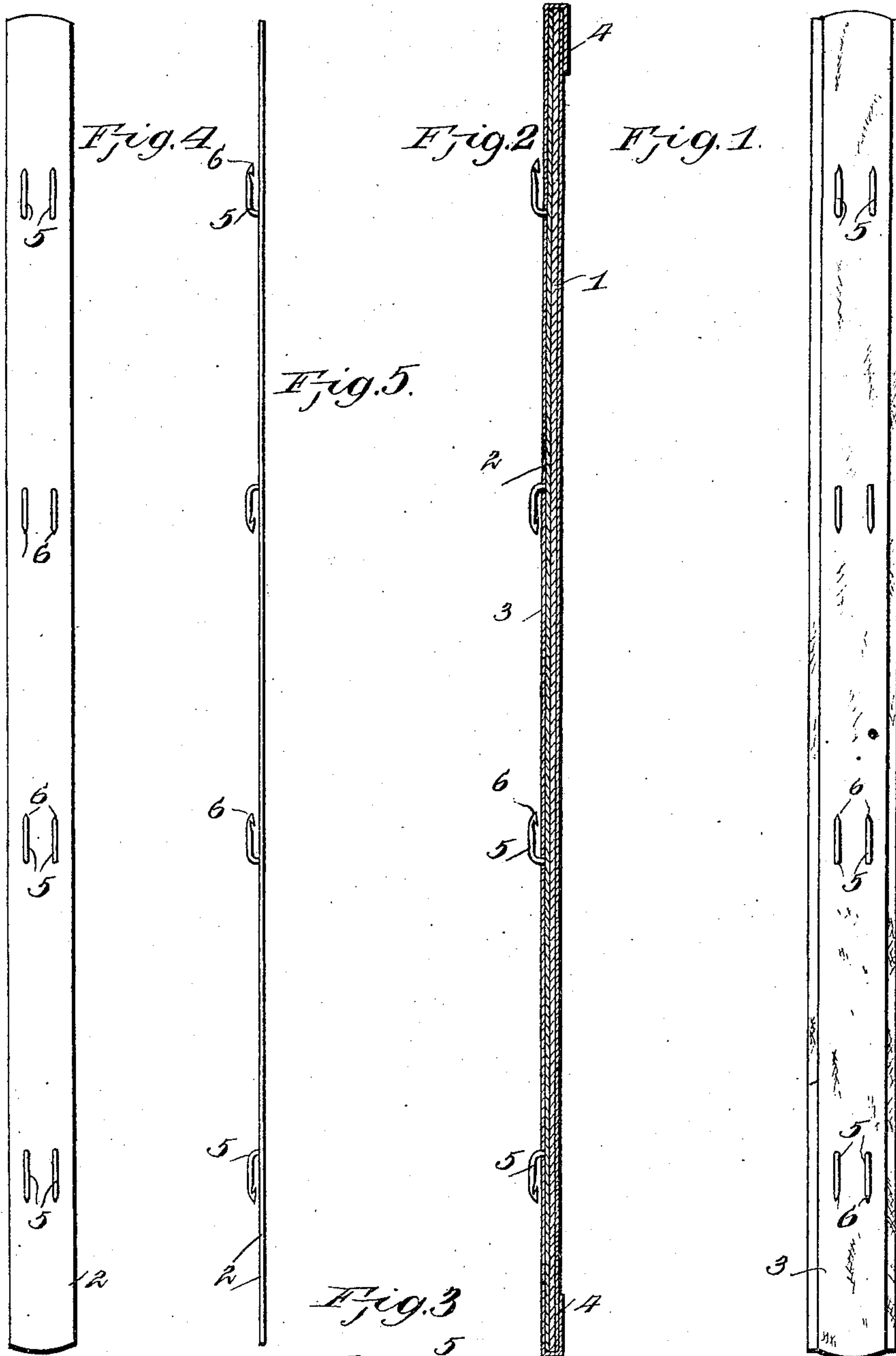


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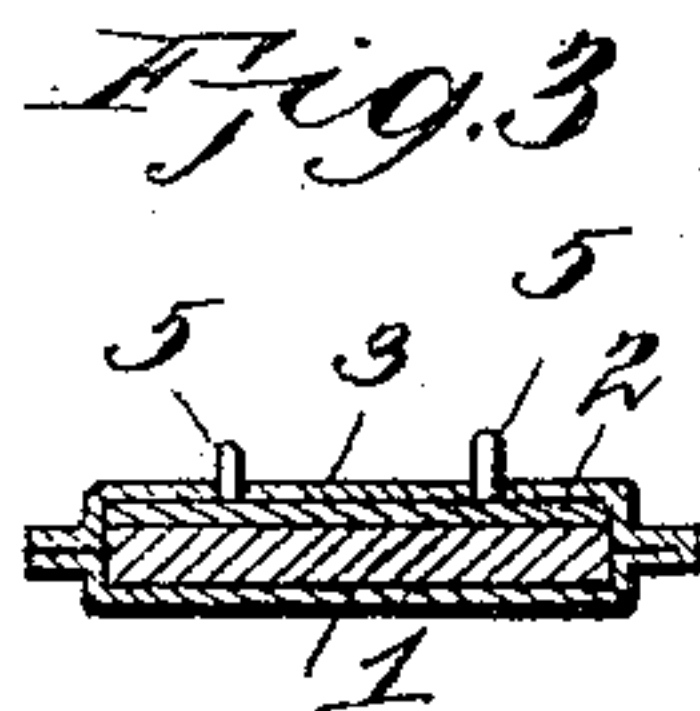
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRIET L. GREGG, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at North Plainfield, in the county of Somerset and State of New Jersey, have invented new and useful Improvements in Garment-Stays, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to garment stays, and has for its object to provide a stay of simple construction adapted to be fastened in position upon the garment without the use of paste, stitches or other auxiliary fastenings, which may be cheaply manufactured, and which when applied to the garment will be firmly and securely held in place.

In the accompanying drawings,—Figure 1 is a front view of a garment stay embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section thereof. Fig. 3 is a cross section. Fig. 4 is a front view of one of the body strips. Fig. 5 is an edge view of the same.

The body of the stay may be of any preferred construction, but is shown in the present instance as consisting of a pair of parallel strips 1 and 2 of bone, steel or any other suitable material, the said strips respectively constituting backing and facing strips arranged to lie in close contact with one another. The backing strip 1 is preferably of greater thickness than the face strip 2 and may be fastened thereto in any preferred manner. The body thus formed is inclosed within a suitable covering or sheathing 3, preferably of fabric, which is folded around the same and suitably secured at its edges and has its end portions lapping over upon the rear ply of the fabric at the back of the stay, as indicated at 4. The edges and ends of the fabric sheathing may be pasted,

stitched or otherwise united, and said sheathing may serve, if desired, as the sole means for retaining the strips 1 and 2 in proper relative position.

The stay is provided with a series of hooks 5 for fastening the same to the garment. These hooks are carried by the facing strip 2 and project through the contiguous ply of the fabric sheathing. The hooks extend in parallel relation to the body of the stay and alternately project in opposite directions and are provided with spurred or barbed terminals 6 to engage the fabric of the garment, the undercut shoulders of the barbs serving to hold the hooks firmly and securely against disengagement. By thus arranging the hooks so as to project in opposite directions the stay will be held from shifting longitudinally in either direction, thus preventing strain upon or injury to the garment.

It will be seen that the construction disclosed provides a simple form of stay which may be inexpensively manufactured and effectually fastened to the garment without the use of paste, stitches or other auxiliary fastenings.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new, is:—

A garment stay comprising a backing strip, a facing strip, a sheathing inclosing said strips, and securing hooks carried by the facing strip and projecting through the adjacent side of the sheathing in a plane parallel with said strips.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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