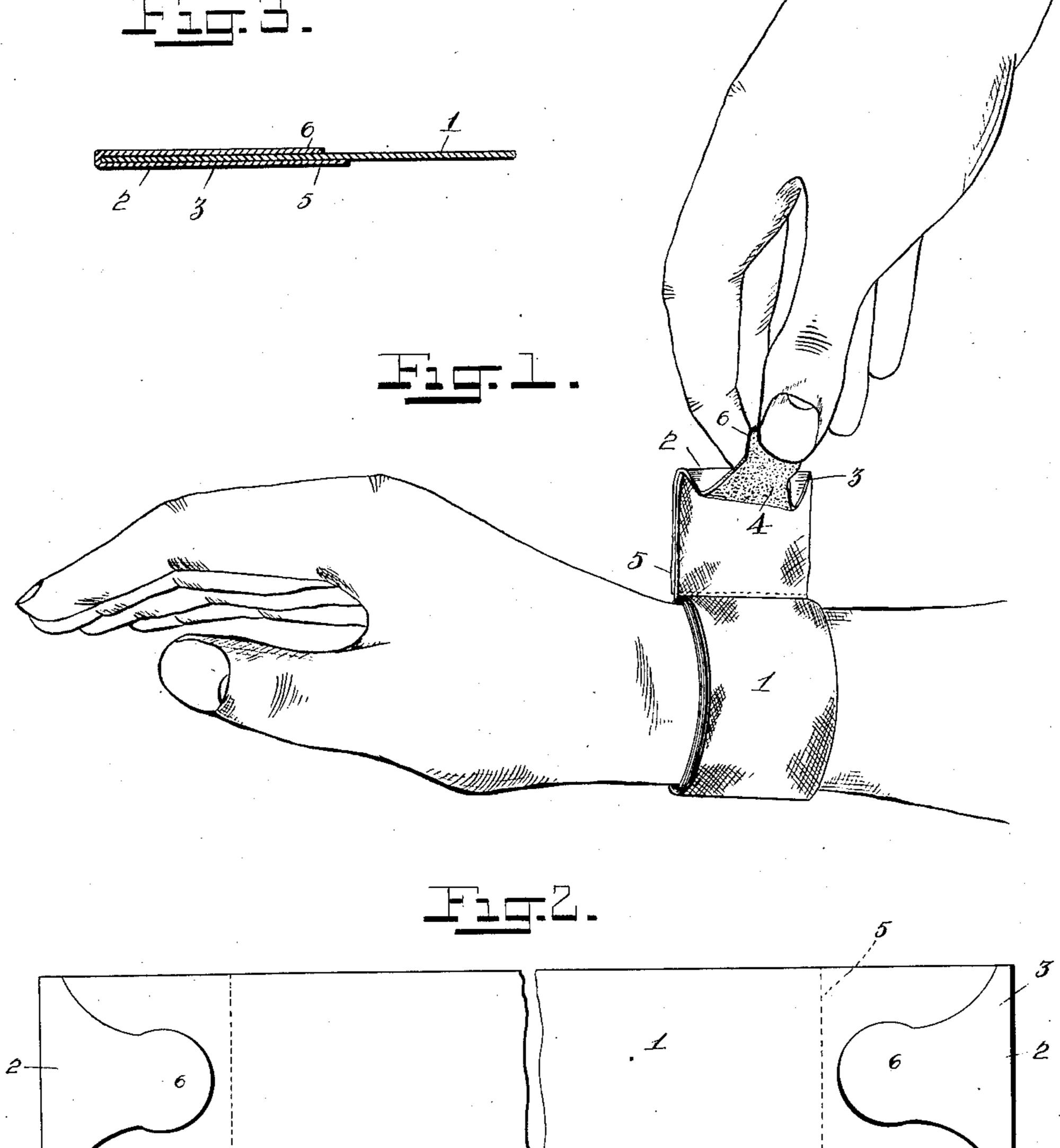
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Homer Monroe Mace, a citizen of the United States, residing at Catskill, in the county of Greene and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Surgical Bandages; and I do 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.

This invention relates to improvements in surgical bandages, and consists in the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

The object of the invention is to provide a bandage of simple and inexpensive construction having means at its ends whereby they may be readily attached or secured to facilitate the application of the bandage and to prevent the same from slipping and thus drawing the dressing from the wound.

The above and other objects which will appear as the nature of my invention is better understood, are accomplished by means of the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a view, showing the application of the invention; Fig. 2 is a plan view of the improved bandage; and Fig. 3 is a detail longitudinal section through one of the ends of the bandage.

The bandage 1 may be made of any material and of any size, but preferably consists of a strip of fabric of the 30 desired width and length and having at both of its ends adhesive plasters 2, by means of which said ends may be attached either to the part being dressed or to the bandage itself. These adhesive plasters are composed of fabric 3 covered upon one face with an adhesive ma-35 terial 4 which will adhere to the bandage or to the part being dressed and they are preferably shaped as clearly shown in the drawing, one end 5 being square and the other end 6 tapering or of substantially triangular shape. These plasters are doubled upon themselves adjacent to 40 their centers and the ends of the bandage strip 1 are placed between their doubled or folded portions 5, 6, so that the adhesive material will adhere to the bandage and thus be protected until the bandage is ready for use. The small end 6 of the two plasters on the same bandage 45 are arranged upon the same side of the latter and are

adapted to be pulled up from the bandage and applied to the part to which it is desired to attach the bandage.

In using the bandage, the end or tab 6 of the plaster at one end of the bandage is pulled up from the same and pressed upon the part of the body about which 50 the bandage is to be wrapped. The bandage is then wrapped around in the usual manner to secure the proper dressing upon the wound and the tab 6 on the final end of the bandage is then pulled up as shown in Fig. 1, so that it may be used for securing said end of the 55 bandage. The adhesive material 4 on the plasters is such that it will stick to the skin, fabric or any other surface. The provision of these adhesive plasters on the ends of the bandage greatly facilitates the application of the same, since its initial end may be held while the 60 wrapping of the bandage is being done and its final end may be temporarily held in the proper position while the bandage is being permanently secured by pins or stitching. These adhesive plasters also effectively prevent slipping of the bandage after it is applied and hence 65 slipping of the dressing from the wound.

Various changes in the form, proportion and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention as defined by the ap- 70 pended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters-Patent, is:—

A bandage comprising a strip of fabric provided at its opposite ends with adhesive plasters, each folded upon and 75 adhering to the opposite faces of said strip ends, the adhesive coating of said plasters being composed of a material capable of adhering to the bandage fabric and to the part being dressed, one end of each plaster being of a width corresponding to the width of the bandage fabric to provide for the smooth even winding of the bandage, and the other end of said plaster being tapered and engaging the other face of the fabric end between the side edges thereof to facilitate the separation from said fabric, when desired for use, the tapered ends of said plasters being arranged on 85 the same side or face of the fabric, whereby one end of said bandage may be secured to the part being dressed, and the other end to the fabric when applied.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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