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Fig. 1.

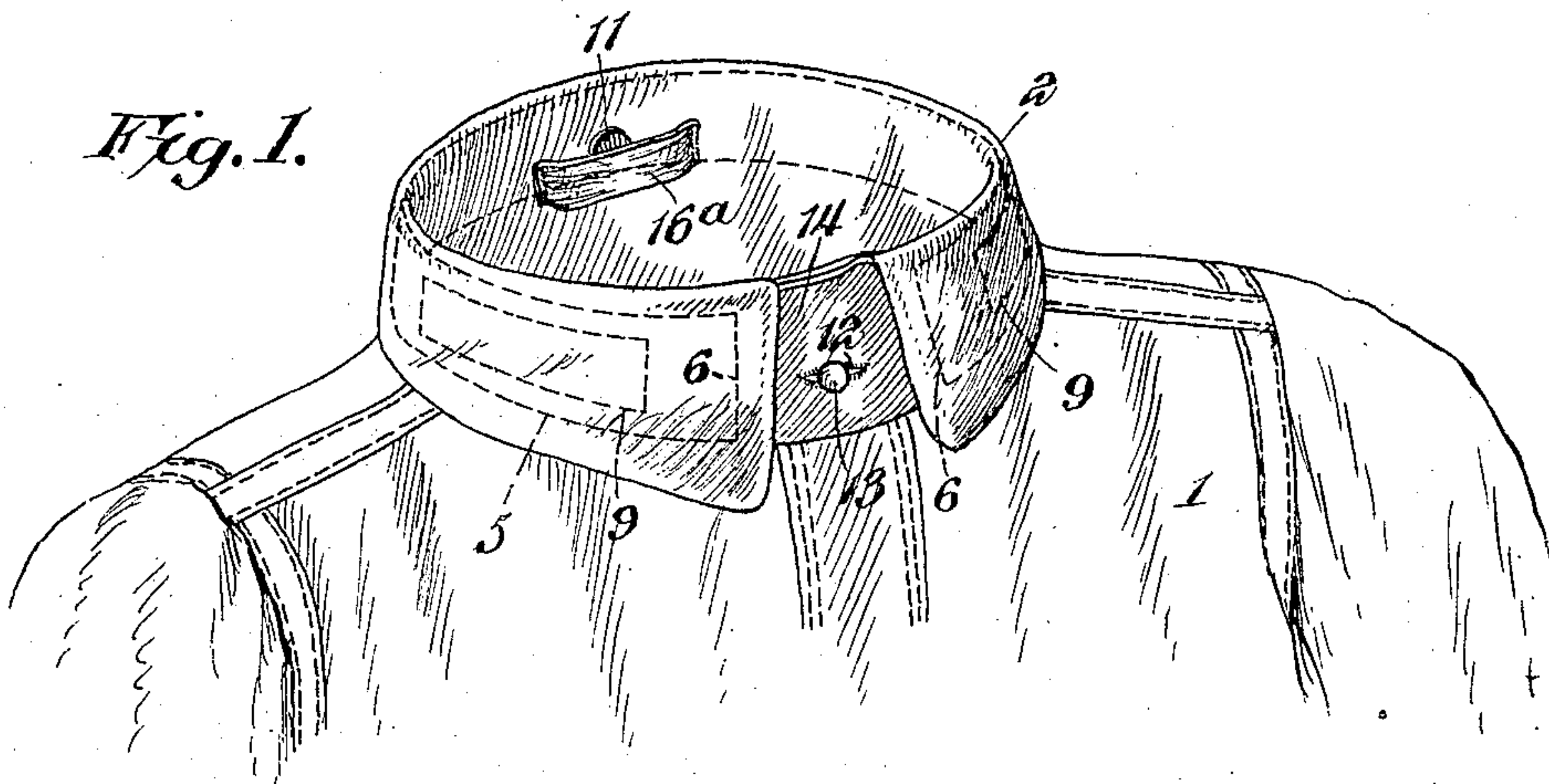


Fig. 2.

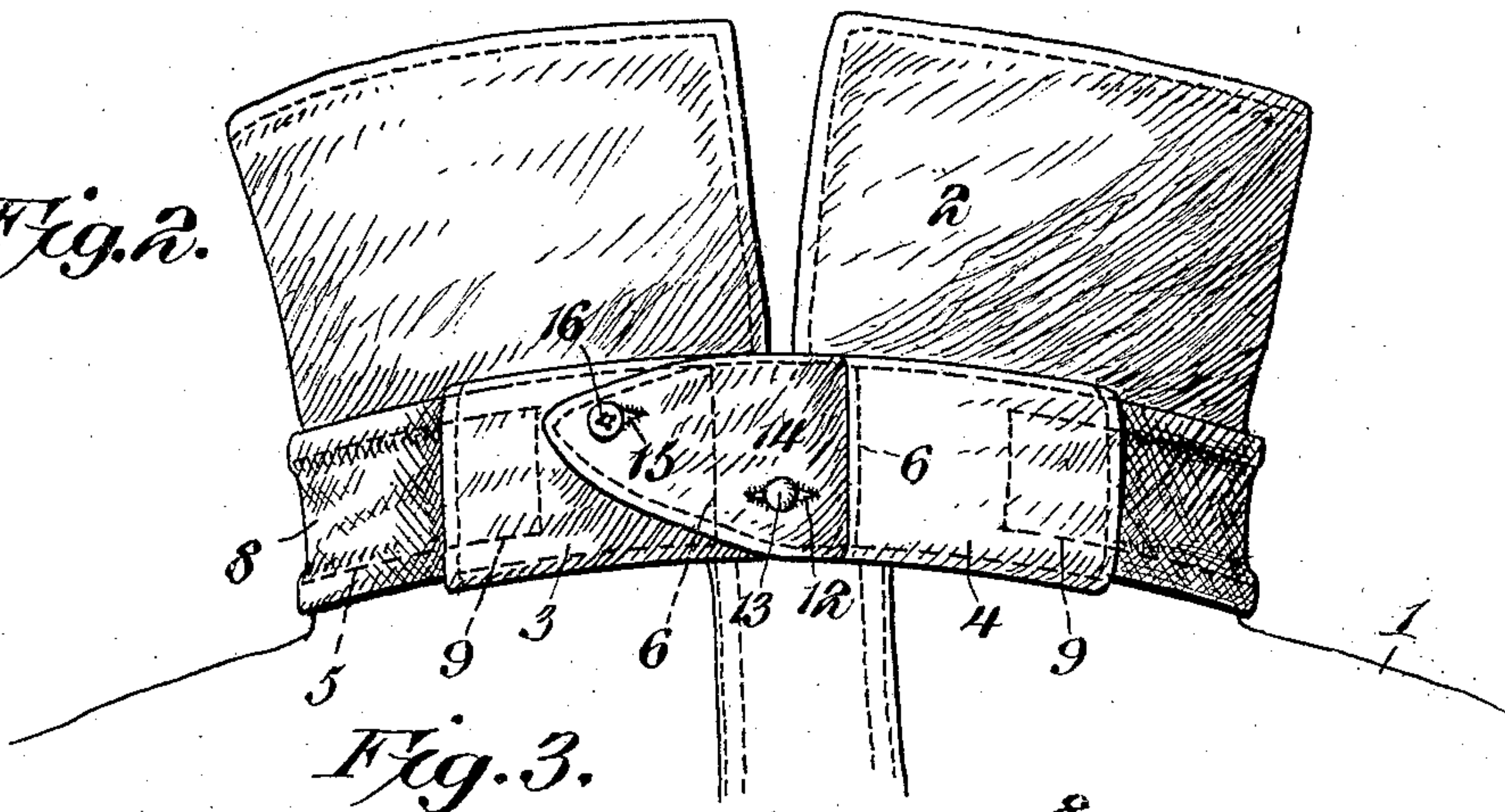


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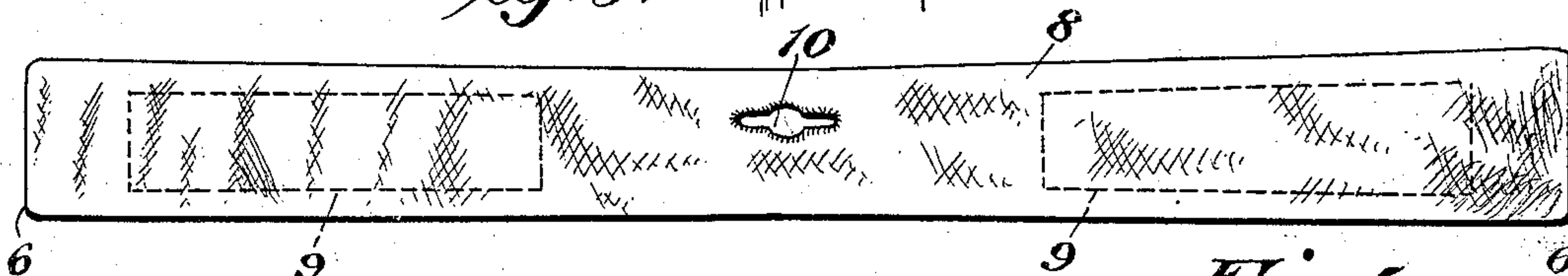
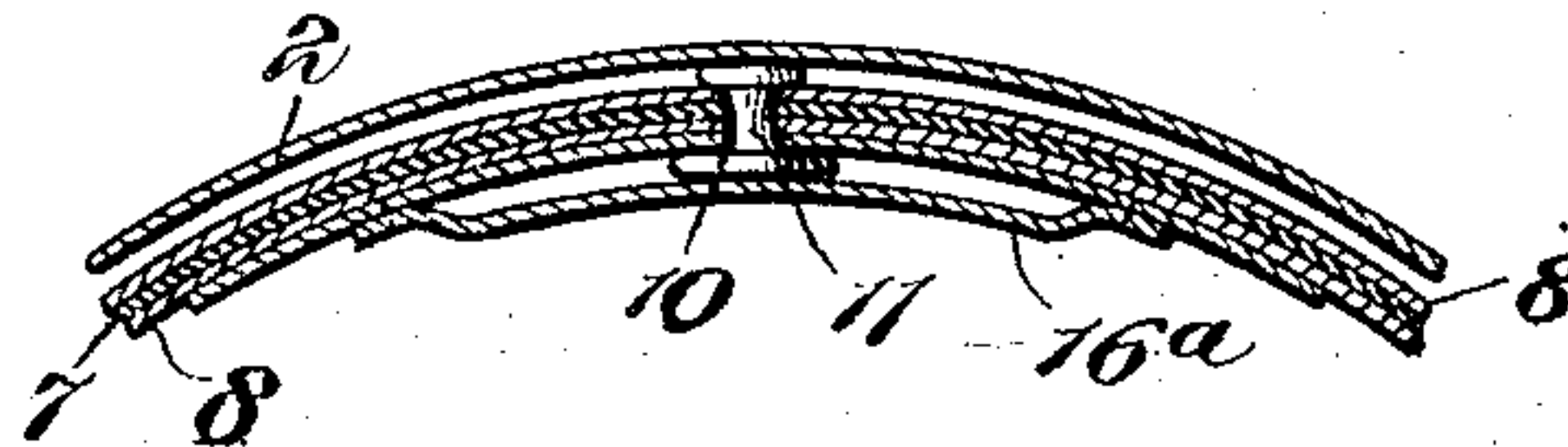
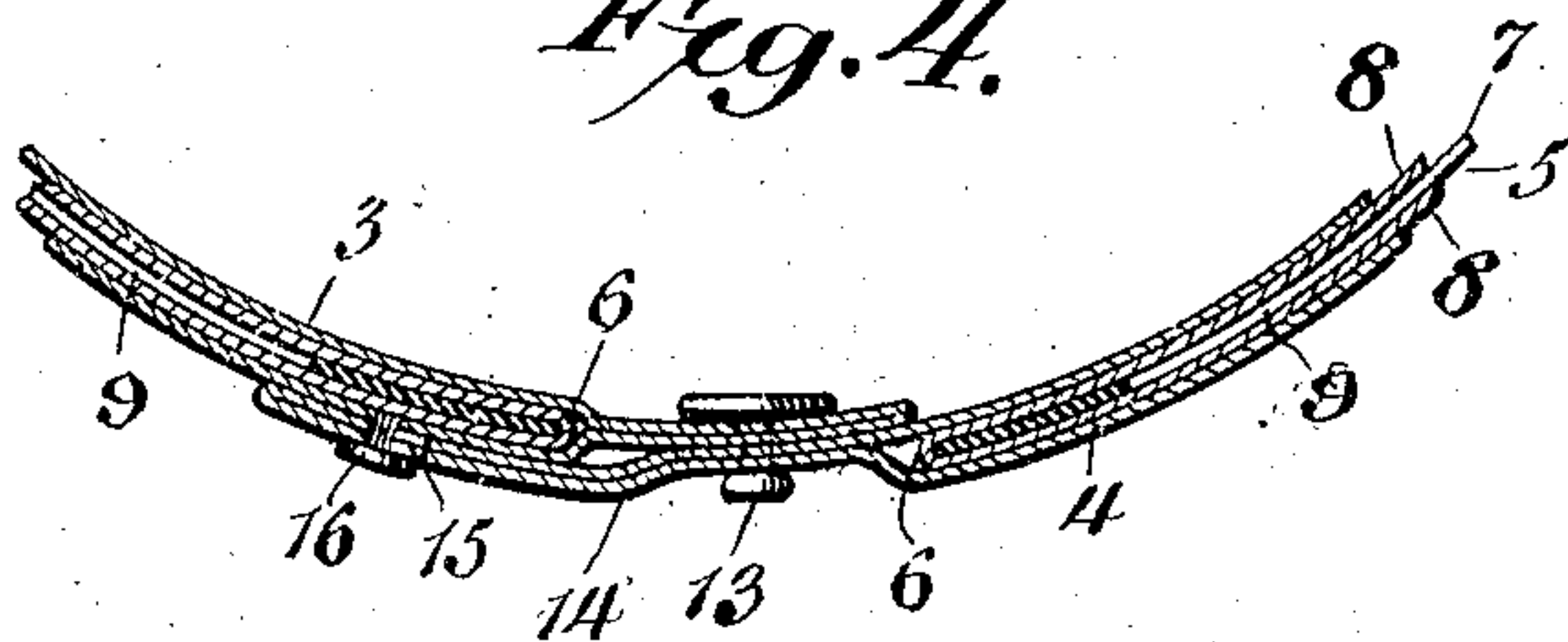


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER S. PEACOCK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Selma, in the county of Fresno and State of California, have invented a new and useful Collar-Stiffener for Negligée Shirts, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to a collar stiffener for negligée and other shirts having soft collars.

The object of the present invention is to improve the construction of devices for stiffening the soft collars of negligée and other shirts, and to provide a shirt of this character having a stiffener adapted to preserve the shape of a soft collar, and prevent the same from laying flat or rolling down, and thereby permitting the collar of a coat from coming in contact with the neck of the wearer and either soiling the coat collar or annoying the wearer.

A further object of the invention is to provide a shirt of this character having a soft collar, which will be cooler and more comfortable than a stiff or laundered collar, and which will enable the various kinds of neckties to fit as nicely on it as they fit a stiff or laundered collar.

Another object of the invention is to provide a shirt having a flexible and elastic collar stiffener adapted to yield to avoid annoying or hurting the wearer, and capable of being readily detached to enable the shirt to be easily laundered.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the construction and novel combination of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended; it being understood that various changes in the form, proportion, size and minor details of construction, within the scope of the claims, may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the drawing:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of a shirt provided with a collar stiffener constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the same, the soft collar being turned up to illustrate the arrangement of the horizontal pockets and the tab. Fig. 3 is a detail view of the collar stiffener. Fig. 4 is a detail horizontal sectional view of the front portion of the shirt. Fig. 5 is a similar view of the rear portion of the shirt.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several figures of the drawing.

1 designates a negligée shirt, having an attached soft turned down collar 2, consisting of an inner portion or band and an outer or turned over portion, and the said shirt is provided at opposite sides of the front portion of the collar with interiorly arranged horizontally disposed pockets 3 and 4, which are open at their inner or rear ends and which are closed at their outer or front ends. The pockets 3 and 4, which are constructed of

the same material as the shirt and the collar, receive the ends of a stiffener 5, which is concealed within the collar between the inner and outer portions thereof and which extends around the neck, its ends 6 terminating at opposite sides of the front of the collar, as clearly illustrated in dotted lines in Fig. 2 of the drawing. The ends 6 of the stiffener are preferably tapered towards the center thereof, as clearly shown in Fig. 3 of the drawing, and as the stiffener is constructed of flexible, or elastic material, as hereinafter fully explained, the ends 6 are adapted to be bowed longitudinally when introducing them into the pockets, and when the ends are released their side edges will flexibly engage the pockets at the top and bottom thereof, whereby the ends of the stiffener will be retained securely in the pockets.

The stiffener, which is flexible and elastic, consists of an inner thin strip 7 of celluloid or other elastic material, and a covering 8 of silk, or any other suitable fabric. The covering may be omitted, if desired. The elasticity of the stiffener is increased by means of longitudinal side openings 9 of the strip 7, the side openings being located at opposite sides of the collar, and enabling the same to yield to any pressure of the neck, whereby the collar is rendered more comfortable than a stiff or laundered collar. Also this particular construction effectually prevents the stiffener from irritating the neck or otherwise annoying or hurting the wearer. The slots 9, which extend along the tapered portions of the strip, terminate short of the central or back portion, which is provided with a button hole 10 to receive the back collar button 11 of the shirt. The back collar button assists in retaining the stiffener in position, and there is no tendency of the stiffener to become displaced, when secured by the back collar button 11 with the ends 6 properly fitted in the front pockets of the collar.

The shirt, which is open at the front, is provided with the usual button holes 12 to receive a front collar button 13. The shirt is also preferably provided at the front with a tab 14, which extends across the space between the flaps, or outer portions of the collar, to present the smooth appearance of an ordinary lock collar. The tab is provided with a button hole 15, and is secured to the pocket 3 by means of a button 16. The shirt is preferably provided at the back of the collar with a flexible guard strip 16^a, extending across the collar button 11 and secured to the shirt at opposite sides of the same, as clearly shown in Fig. 5 of the drawing. This prevents the back collar button coming in contact with the neck of the wearer.

The collar stiffener enables a soft collar of any desired height to be worn, and it preserves the shape of the collar and prevents the coat collar coming in contact with the neck of the wearer. This avoids soiling the neck of the coat collar, and at the same time prevents the same from annoying the wearer. The im-

proved collar is adapted to receive the various styles of neckties and when the stiffener is detached the collar may be laundered as easily as an ordinary soft collar.

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

1. The combination of a shirt having a soft attached turned down collar provided at the inner portion or band with opposite pockets concealed by the outer or turned down portion of the collar and terminating in a closed end at each side of the front of the collar, a connecting tab extending across the overlapped ends of the collar band and mounted on one pocket and detachably secured to the other pocket, said tab and overlapping ends of the collar band being provided with registering button holes, and a stiffener concealed by the turned down portion of the collar and having its ends fitted in the said pockets.

2. The combination of a shirt having a soft attached turned-down collar provided at the inner portion or neck-band with opposite pockets concealed by the outer or turned-down portion of the collar, and terminating in a closed end at each side of the front of the collar, and a stiffener consisting of a strip of sheet material extending

around the inner portion or neck-band of the collar and having inwardly tapered ends fitting in and frictionally engaging the pockets, said strip being provided with longitudinal openings extending along the tapered portions of the strip and forming compressible upper and lower portions adapted to yield to the pressure of the neck and capable of being compressed to enable the ends of the stiffener to be readily introduced into the pockets.

3. A stiffener for flexible collars consisting of a thin strip of sheet material adapted to be bent around the neck to stiffen and support the inner portion or neck-band of a flexible collar, said strip being provided with inwardly tapered end portions and having longitudinal side openings extending along the tapered portions of the strip and terminating short of the central or back portion, which is provided with a button hole, and a fabric covering for the elastic strip closing the said openings.

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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