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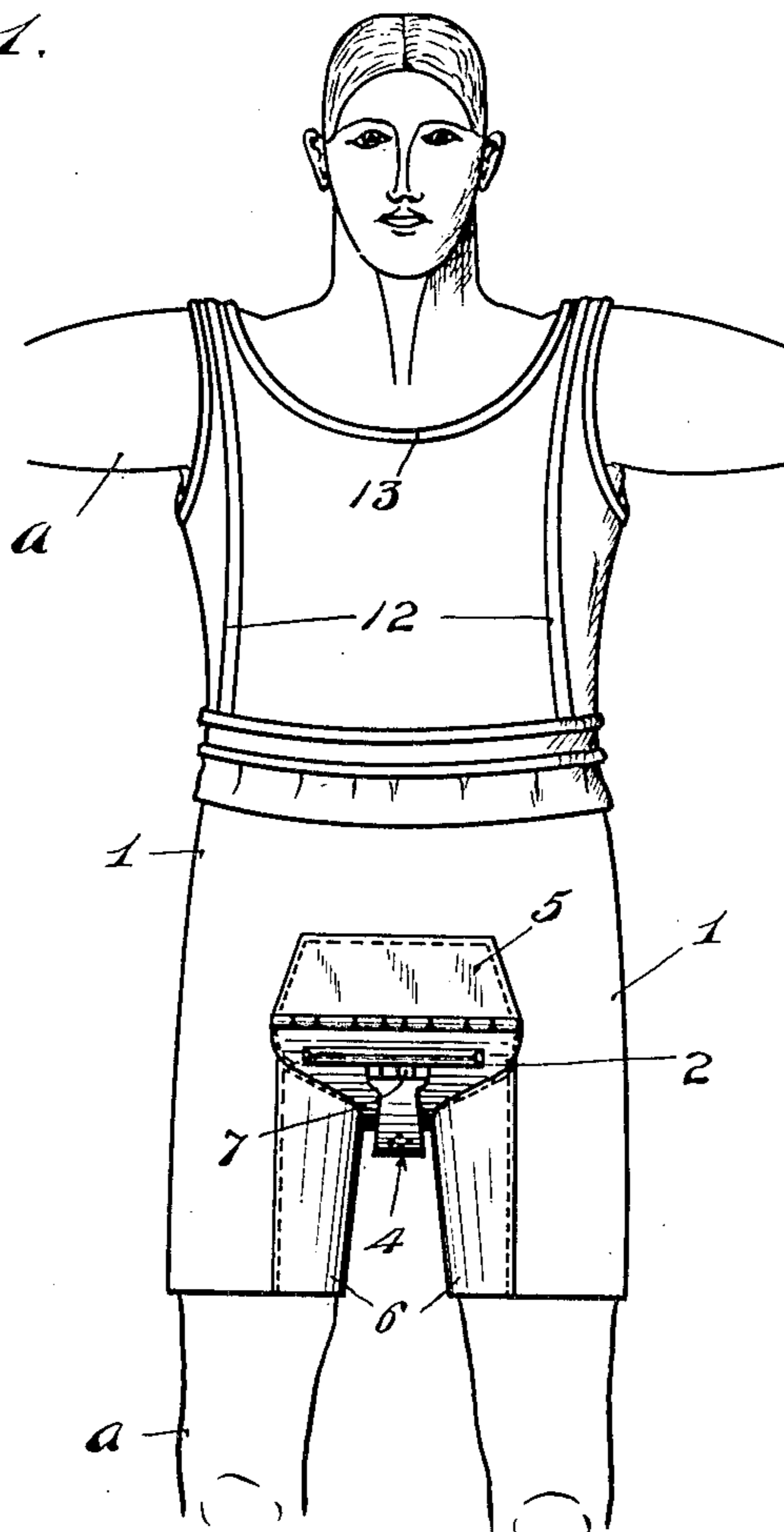
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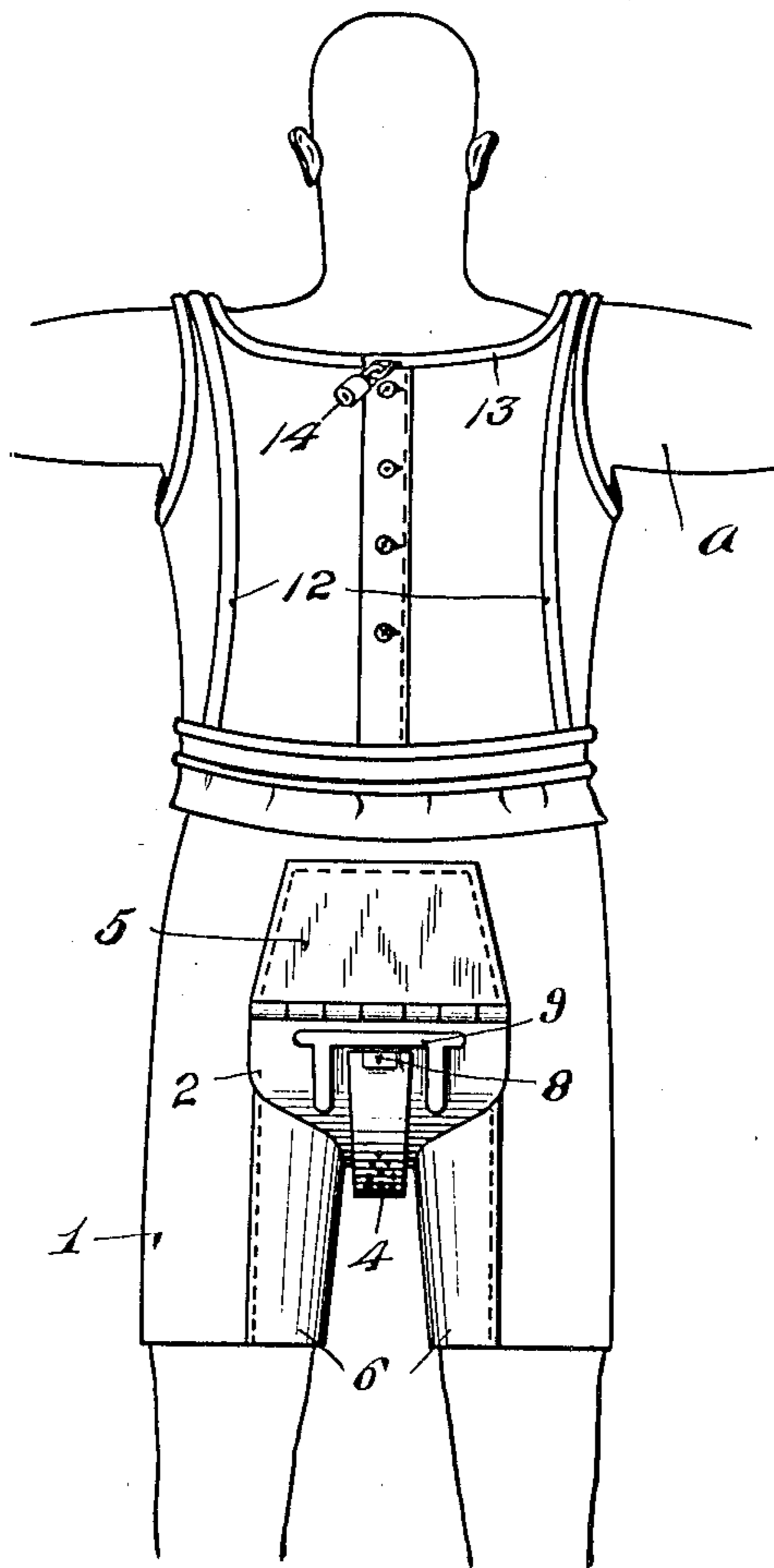
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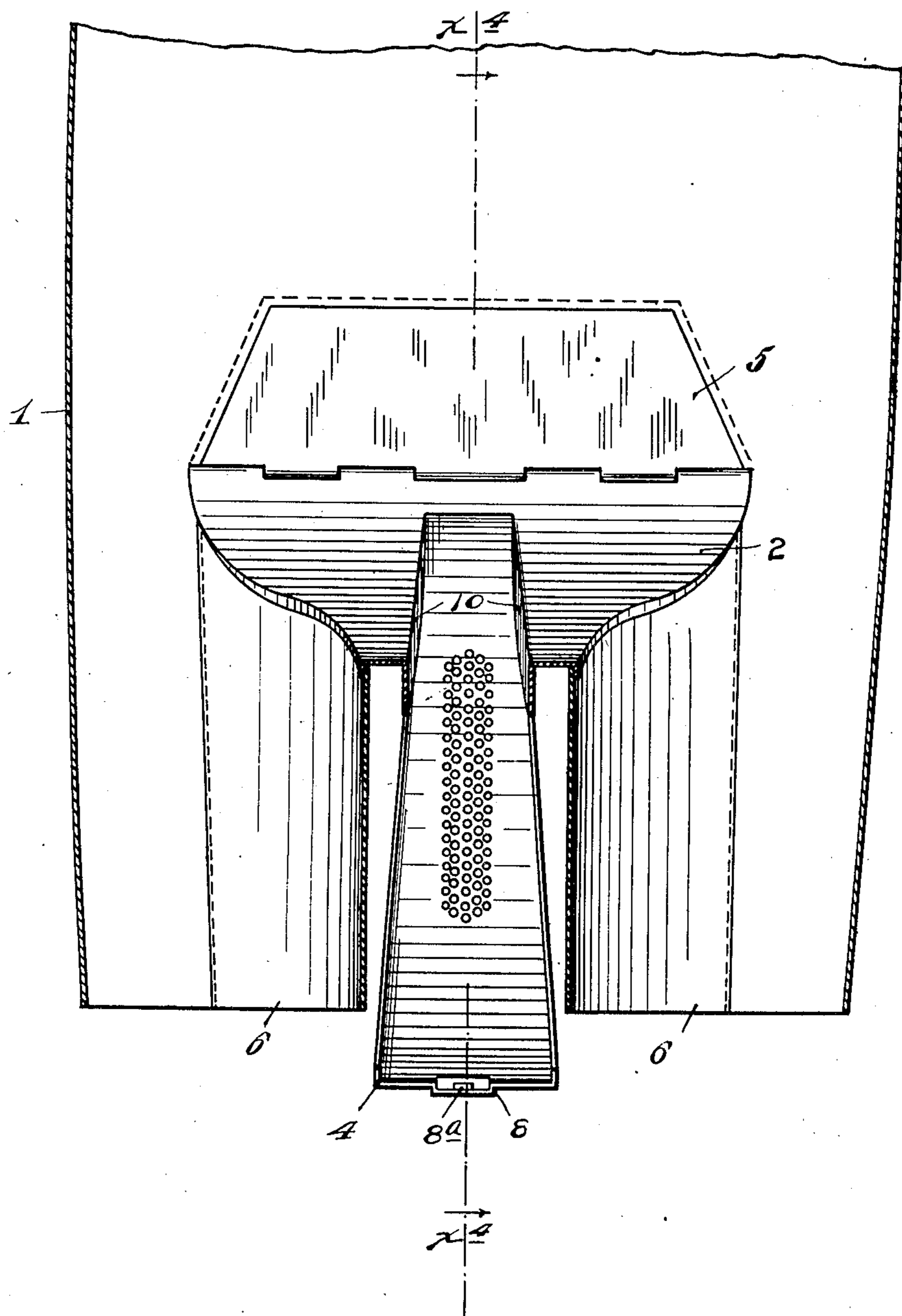
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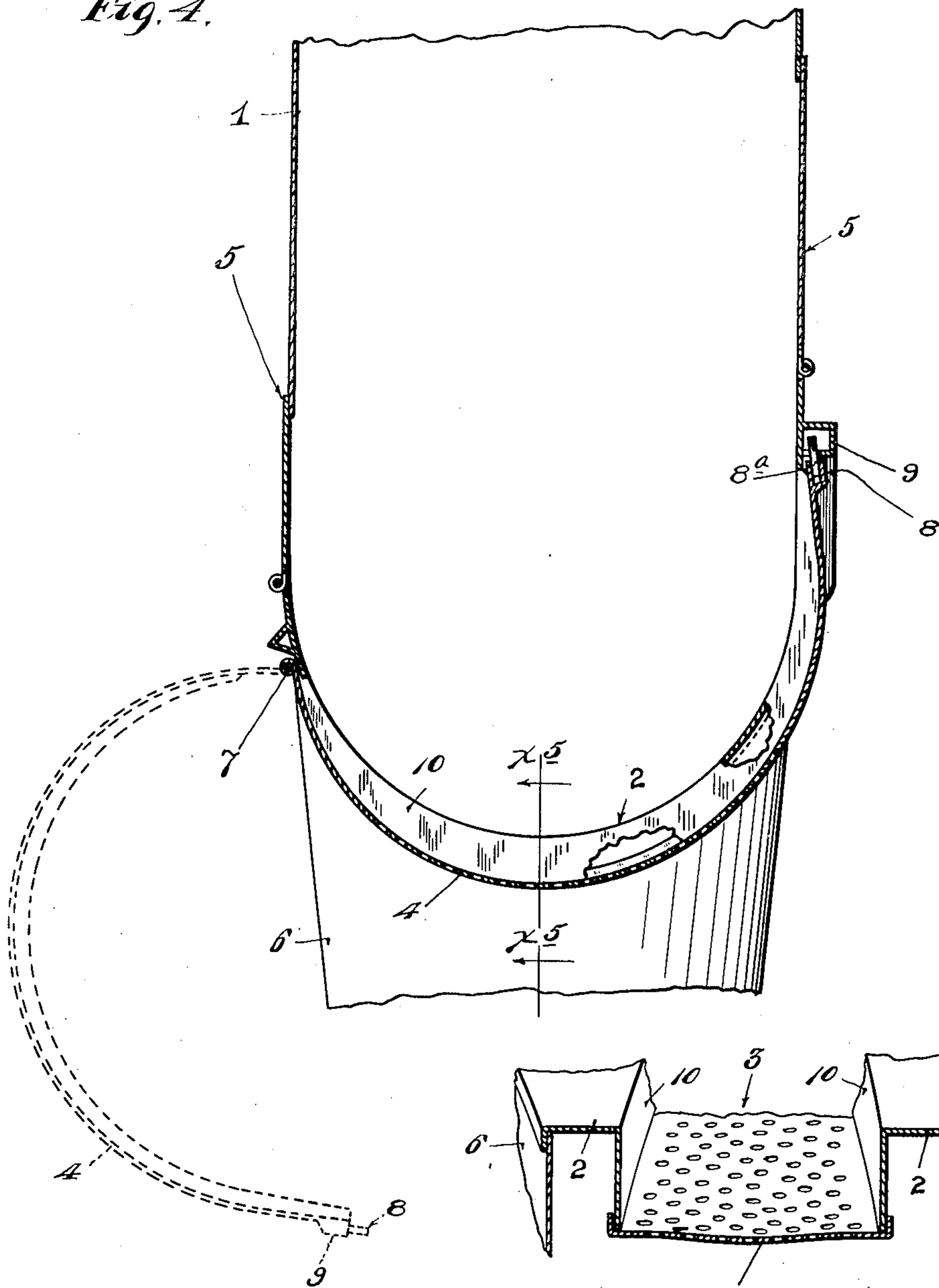
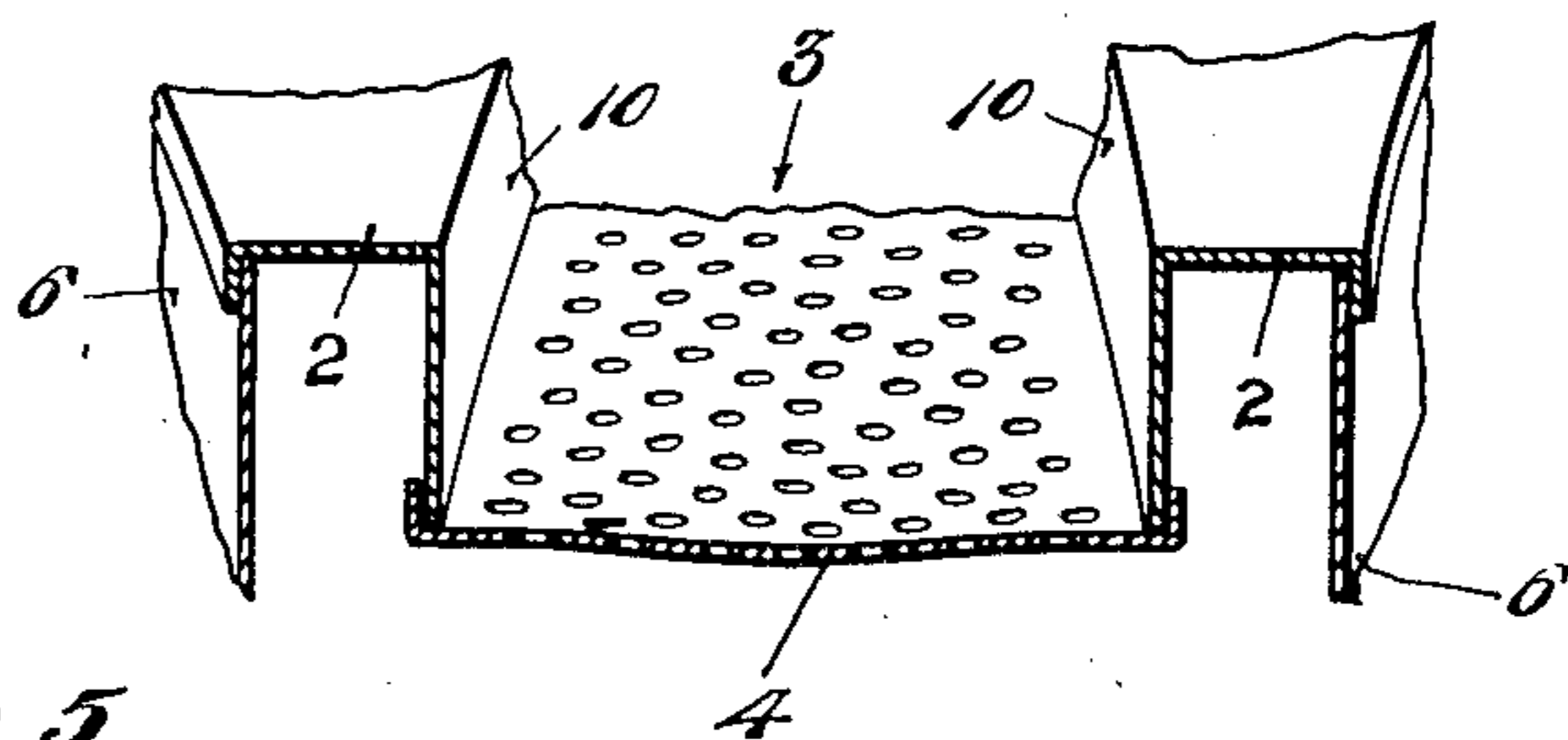


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELLEN E. PERKINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Beaver Bay, in the county of Lake and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sexual Armor; and I 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.

It is a deplorable but well known fact that one of the most common causes of insanity, imbecility and feeble mindedness, especially in youth, is due to masturbation or self abuse. This is about equally true of both sexes.

Physicians, and more particularly physicians, nurses and attendants associated with insane asylums, have long found this habit the most difficult of all bad practices to eradicate, because of the incessant attention required of them in respect to the subjects in their care. In fact it has been found practically impossible to give to any such unfortunate person that constant personal attention which is, under heretofore tried methods of treatment, necessary to accomplish the redemption of such persons from such habits. Therefore, with persons who have carried on such disastrous practices until serious ailments of the mind have resulted, there has been but little hope of cure. These are all facts but too well known by persons whose professions have made them familiar with this subject.

My profession has made me very familiar with this subject, and the many melancholy human tragedies of this character, which have transpired before my own eyes, have impressed upon me the great necessity of a device which will aid those concerned in the treatment of such cases, in the cure from this disastrous practice, and which will at the same time give the person under treatment all necessary personal liberty. This matter of personal liberty of the patient is of very great concern, because in the proper treatment of disorders and afflictions of the mind the greatest personal liberty and the least possible chastisement or confinement is an absolute necessity.

I have provided a simple and efficient device which accomplishes the objects above noted, and in the accompanying drawings have illustrated the device in the form in which it has been actually used and found highly efficient for the purposes had in view.

In the drawings like characters indicate like parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the drawings:—Figure 1 is a view in front elevation showing the device applied to a person. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the parts shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail in front elevation, and with some parts broken away, showing the segmental trap door of the device, turned downward and backward as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 4. Fig. 4 is a vertical section taken on the line $x^4 x^4$ of Fig. 3, the trap door of the device being shown in its closed position, by full lines and in its opened position by dotted lines, and Fig. 5 is a transverse vertical section taken on the line $x^5 x^5$ of Fig. 4.

The character *a* indicates the body of a person to whom the so-called armor is applied.

The numeral 1 indicates a cloth garment made preferably in form much like an armless short legged bathing suit.

The metallic part of the armor is secured to the crotch portion of the garment 1 and comprises two principal parts, to wit, an inverted arch shaped thin metal crotch plate 2 having a central opening or segmental slot 3, and a segmental gate 4, so called, which normally closes said opening or slot 3. Said crotch plate 2 at its upturned front and rear extremities is provided with hinged extension plates 5, which as well as the side edges of said arch plate 2 are stitched or otherwise securely attached to the trunk portion of the garment 1. The inner portions of the legs of the garment 1 are preferably covered with heavy leather reinforcements 6, the upper edges of which are securely attached to the sides of the arch plate 2.

The segmental gate 4 at its upturned front end is attached to the front of the arch plate 2, by a hinge 7, and at its upturned rear end is provided with a key actuated lock 8 having a lock hook 8^a that is adapted to enter a perforation in a hollow head 9 secured on the upturned rear portion of said arch plate 2. Preferably the arch plate 2, at the sides of its segmental opening 3, is provided with depending parallel segmental flanges 10, against which the said gate 4 is seated when closed. The said gate 4 is perforated so that liquid matter may be passed there-through, with the said door locked in its normal position. At certain times, and for obvious reasons, it becomes necessary to en-

5 tirely open the passage or slot 3 of the arch plate 2, and when this becomes necessary the said gate 4 must be unlocked by the proper person, and may then be turned forward and upward much farther than shown by dotted lines in Fig. 4.

10 The shirt portion of the garment 1 is preferably reinforced by shoulder straps 12 and a neck strap 13, which straps are preferably of leather. The ends of the neck strap 13, at the rear of the garment may be connected by a small padlock 14, so that it will be absolutely impossible to remove the garment, without first unlocking said padlock. The
15 hinged plate extensions 5, while forming part of the metallic armor, give increased flexibility thereto.

In actual practice I have found that an armor or device of the character above described, when properly made and fitted to a patient, may be worn with very little, if any, discomfort, and that when properly covered by over garments the fact of its application will not be noticeable. It has been
20 found to be an entirely satisfactory device for the purposes had in view.

What I claim is—

30 1. A sexual armor, comprising a flexible garment, a rigid arch plate applied in the crotch thereof and having a segmental central slot, a gate for opening and closing said slot, and a lock for normally securing said gate in its closed position, as and for the purposes set forth.

35 2. In a sexual armor, a garment having a metallic crotch portion formed with a central

slot, and having a gate normally closing said slot, and provided with a lock for securing said gate in its closed position, as and for the purposes set forth.

40 3. In a sexual armor, a garment having a metallic crotch portion, formed with a central slot, and having a perforated gate, and provided with a lock for securing said gate in its closed position, as and for the purposes set forth.

4. In a sexual armor, a flexible garment having a metallic crotch portion formed with a central slot, and having a perforated segmental gate hinged to one end portion thereof and provided at its other end portion with a lock for securing said gate in its closed position, as and for the purposes set forth.

5. The combination with a flexible garment 1, of a metallic arch plate 2 applied to the crotch thereof and having depending flanges 10 with a central slot 3 between the same, plate extensions 5 hinged to the front and rear ends of said arch plate and secured to said garment 1, the perforated segmental gate 4 hinged to the front portion of said arch plate and normally engaging said flanges 10 and closing said slot 3, and a lock applied to the rear portion of said gate for securing the same in a closed position, as and for the purposes set forth.

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

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