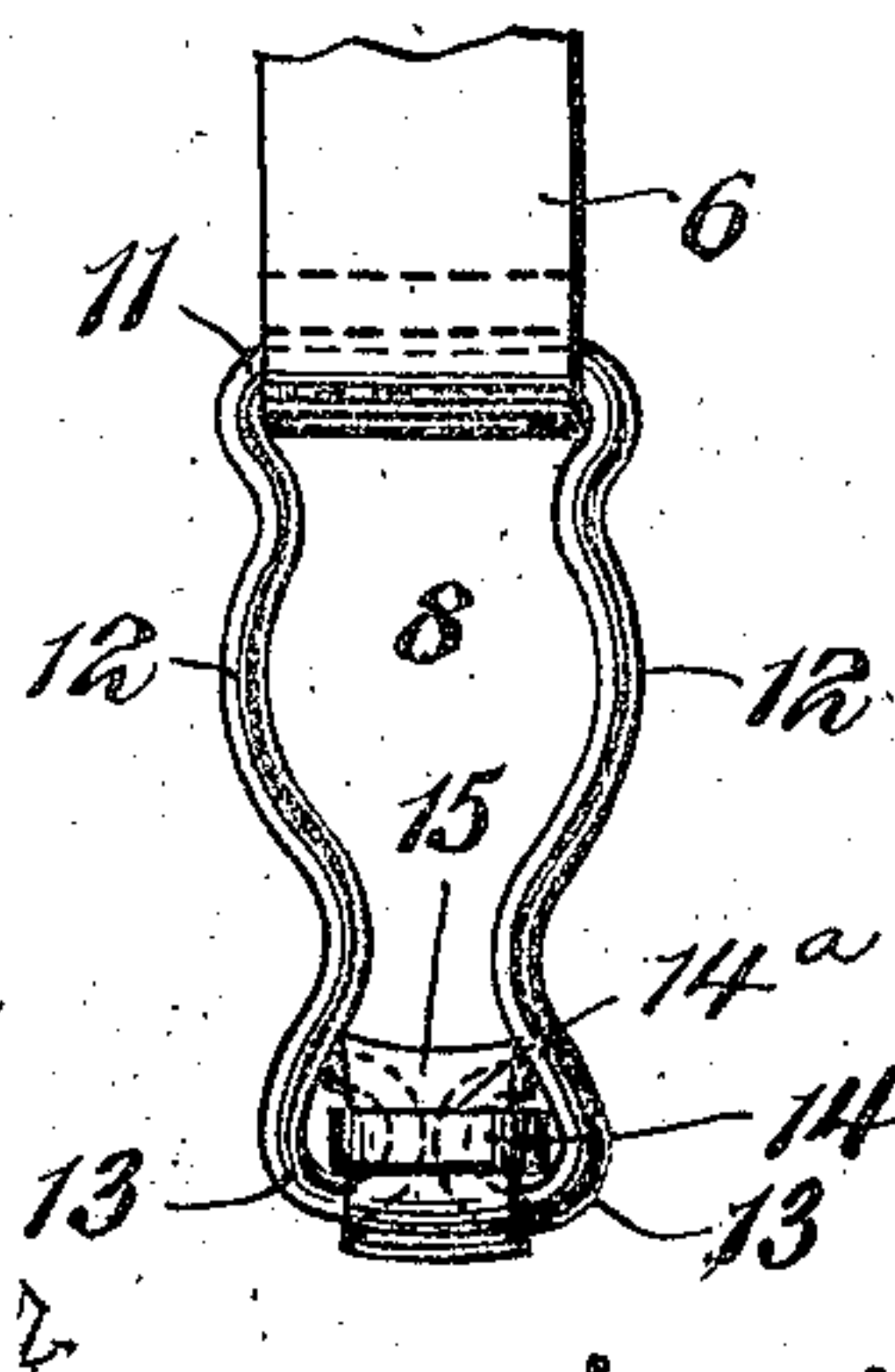
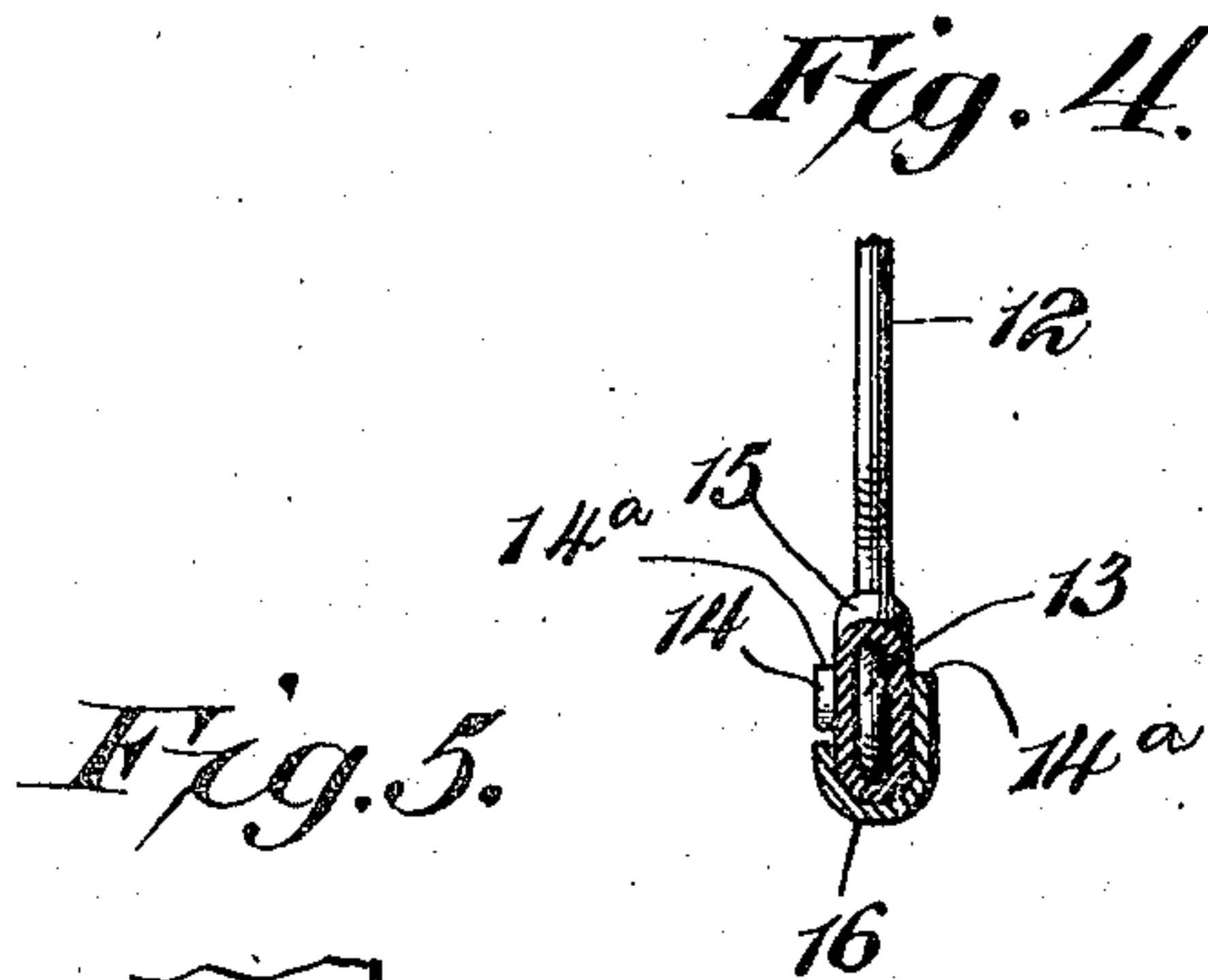
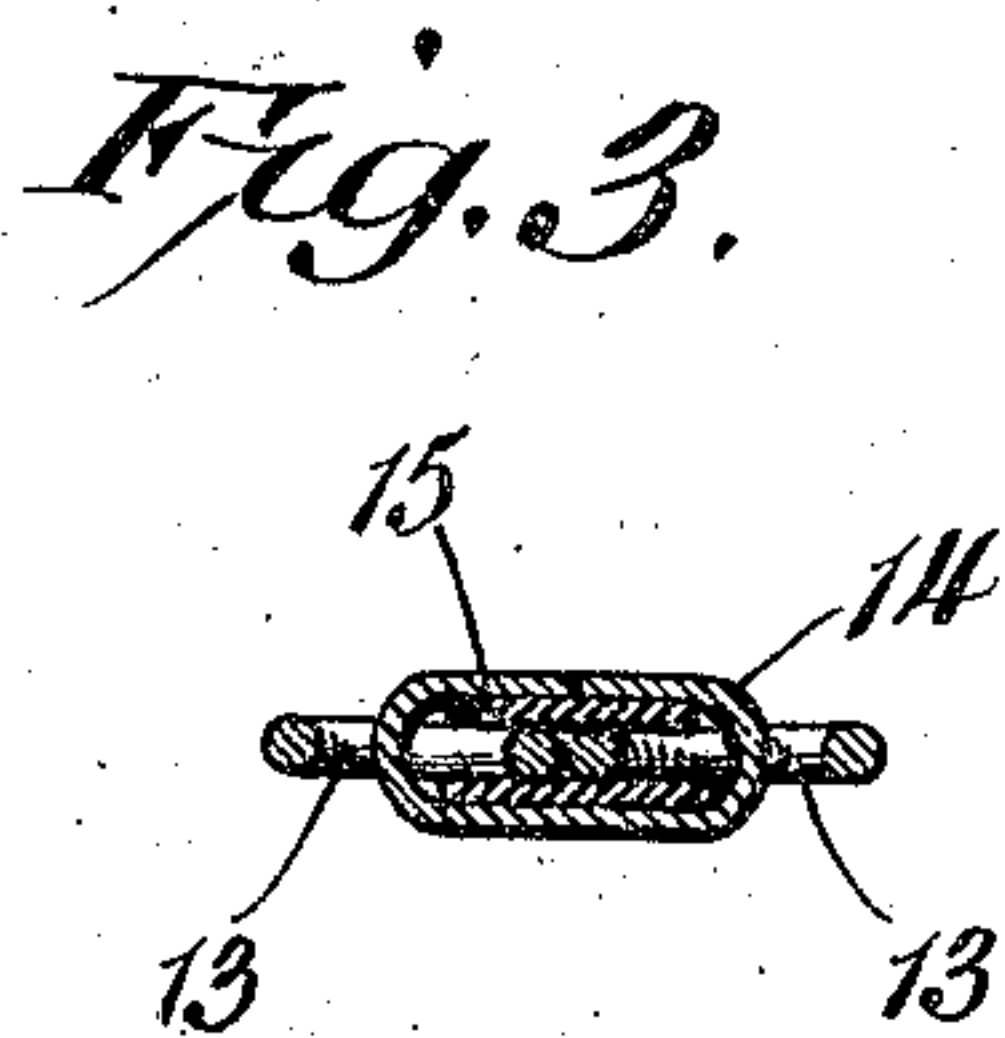
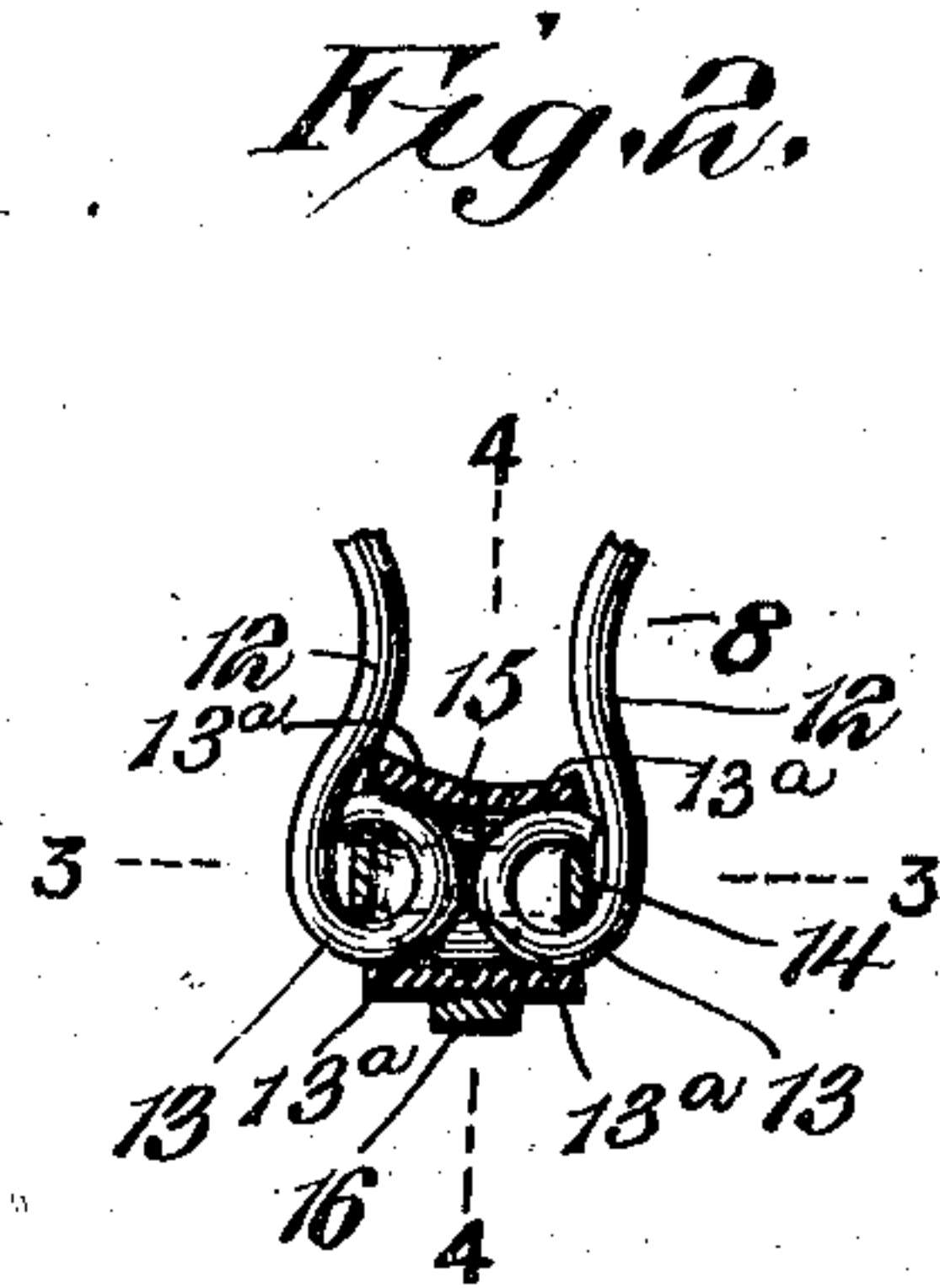
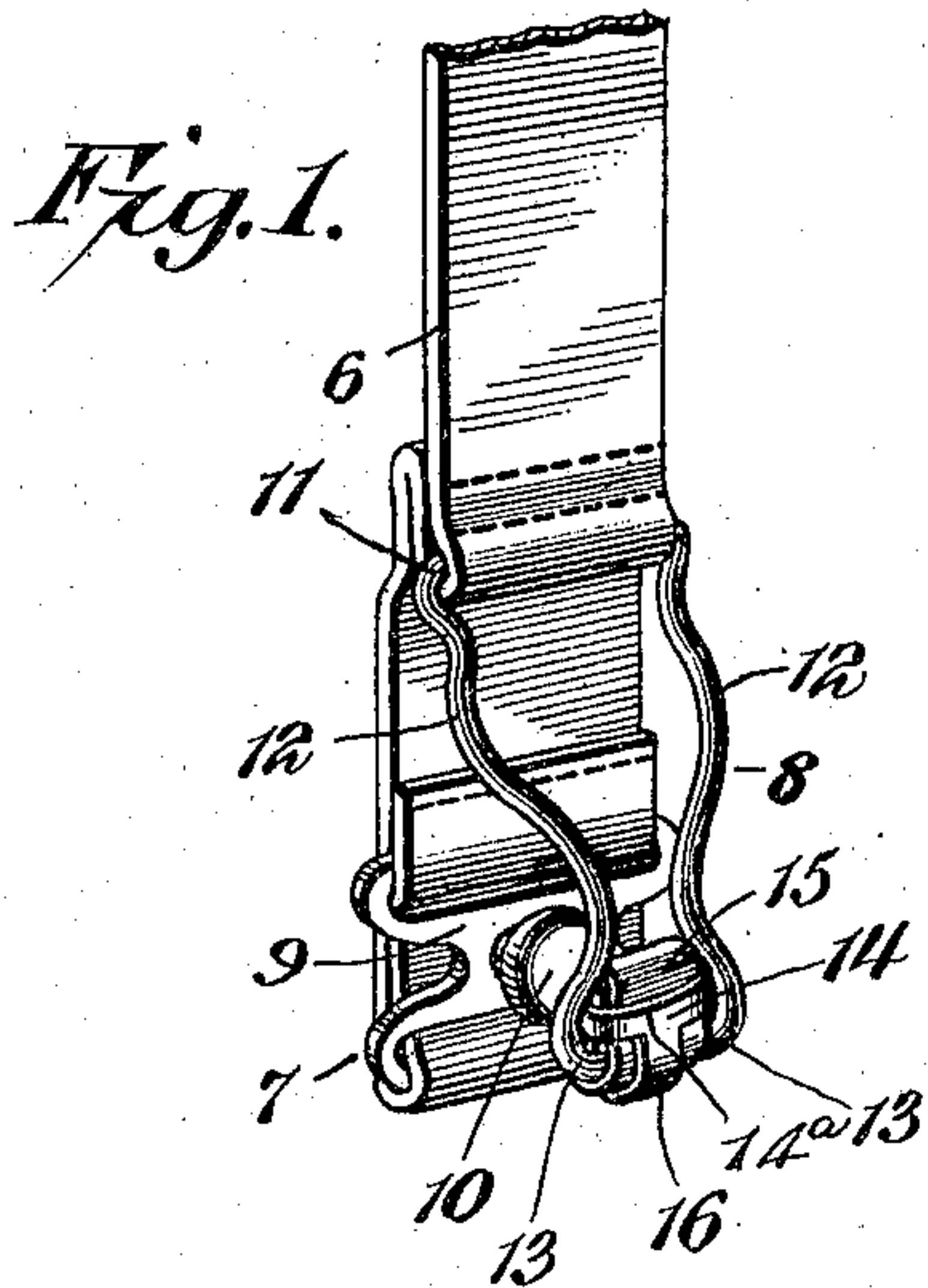


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN F. OREWILER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Garment-Supporter, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in garment supporting means, and more particularly the loop members of clasps for garters and the like.

The principal object is to provide a novel loop member which is provided with a yielding cushion, said cushion being effectively supported on the loop member, yet permitting the yielding expansion thereof during the introduction or removal of the stud and eliminating the danger of cutting or excessively wearing the fabric during the attachment of the supporter to or its removal from such fabric.

In the accompanying drawing:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of one embodiment of the invention. Fig. 2 is a detail sectional view through the lower portion of the same. Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a view in elevation of another embodiment of the invention.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawing.

In the embodiment illustrated in the first four figures, the usual webbing designated 6 has suitably secured thereto a stud member 7, and a loop member 8. The stud member 7 includes a base 9 provided with a suitable headed stud 10. The loop member is preferably formed of wire, and includes a cross bar 11, having convergently disposed side arms 12, said side arms terminating in inwardly extending eyes 13. The loop member is constructed of yielding material to permit the movements of the side arms 12 towards and from each other, the resiliency of the material, however, normally holding the inner sides of the eyes 13 in substantial engagement. The outward movement of the arms is limited by a keeper element in the form of a metallic substantially continuous link 14, that passes through the eyes 13, and preferably has its ends substantially abutted. This link, while permitting the movement of the eyes away

from each other, still limits such movement, as will be apparent particularly by reference to Fig. 2. A tubular cushion 15 of rubber or any other suitable material is located between the side arms, and has its ends surrounding the inwardly extending portions of the eyes and covering the upper and lower edges or portions 13^a thereof. This cushion is in turn surrounded by the keeper link; consequently, it will be apparent that the various elements are securely maintained in position. The upper portion of the cushion projects beyond the inner edges 14^a of the keeper link, and extends entirely across the space between the arms, thus forming a yielding abutment for the stud, and not only doing away with the necessity of covering said arms, but at the same time, allowing the lateral movements of the same.

The lower portion of the cushion may be reinforced if desired by a retaining clip 16, carried by and preferably forming an integral part of the link, said clip extending about the lower side of the cushion, as shown. This clip, however, may be dispensed with, as shown in Fig. 5, the remaining portions of the structure shown in said figure, being, however the same as already described, and therefore the same reference numerals are employed.

There are distinct advantages for the present device. It will be apparent that the fabric engaged over the stud will slide freely between the side arms, and said arms being rounded, there is thus little danger of cutting such fabric. When, however, the stud is seated in the loop member, the fabric will bear against the tubular cushion, which yields sufficiently to prevent injury, and at the same time has sufficient friction to properly hold. The said cushion is, however, reinforced and supported by the metallic keeper, so that there is little danger of displacement.

From the foregoing, it is thought that the construction, operation, and many advantages of the herein described invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art, without further description, and it will be understood that various changes in the size, shape, proportion, and minor details of construction may be resorted to within the scope of the appended claims without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

Having thus fully described my invention,

what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. In a garment supporter, a loop member having side arms with eyes extending inwardly toward each other, and a cushion into the opposite ends of which said eyes project.
2. In a garment supporter, a loop member formed of wire and having convergent side arms provided with inwardly extending eyes, and a tubular cushion located between the arms and having its ends surrounding the inwardly extending portions of the eyes and covering the upper and lower portions thereof.
3. In a garment supporter, a loop member having laterally movable side arms provided with terminal eyes that are disposed in the same plane with the arms, and a substantially rigid metallic and continuous keeper loop extending transversely of the arms, and through the eyes thereof, said loop permitting the lateral movement of the side arms, and said eyes having a sliding movement towards and from each other in and longitudinally of the loop.
4. In a garment supporter, a loop member formed of wire and having converging side arms provided with inwardly extending eyes, and a substantially rigid metallic keeper link extending through the eyes and having its ends abutted, said eyes being slidable in the link towards and from each other.
5. In a garment supporter, a loop member having side arms provided with eyes, a cushion portion that surrounds upper and lower portions of the eyes and forms an abutment for a stud placed between the arms, and a keeper element connecting the eyes.
6. In a garment supporter, a loop member having side arms provided with eyes, a cushion element having portions inclosing parts of the opposite sides of each eye, and a keeper element having portions extending through the eyes.
7. In a garment supporter, a loop member having side arms provided with eyes, a cushion element, and a keeper element, one of said elements surrounding portions of the eyes between the arms, the other passing through said eyes.
8. In a garment supporter, a loop member having side arms provided with eyes, a tubular cushion having its ends surrounding upper and lower portions of the eyes between the

arms, and a keeper connecting the eyes and passing therethrough.

9. In a garment supporter, a loop member formed of wire and comprising converging side arms provided with inwardly extending eyes, a tubular cushion element located between the arms and surrounding the inwardly extending portions of the eyes, and a keeper link surrounding the cushion element and passing through the eyes.

10. In a garment supporter, a loop member having side arms, a cushion located between the side arms, and a keeper connecting the side arms and having a portion that extends between said arms disposed exteriorly of the cushion.

11. In a garment supporter, a loop member having side arms provided with terminal eyes, a keeper connecting the arms and engaged in the eyes, and a cushion embraced by the keeper.

12. In a garment supporter, a loop member having side arms provided with terminal eyes, a keeper link connecting the arms and passing through the eyes, and a cushion located within the link and having a portion projecting therefrom between the arms.

13. In a garment supporter, a loop member having side arms provided with inwardly extending terminal eyes, a cushion element located between the arms and surrounding the inwardly extending portions of the eyes, a keeper link passing through the eyes and surrounding the cushion, and a retaining clip carried by the link and extending about the outer portion of the cushion.

14. In a garment supporter, the combination with side arms having terminal eyes, of a keeper link connecting the eyes, and a cushion located between the sides of the link and between the side arms, said cushion projecting beyond the inner edges of the link between the side arms and constituting a yielding abutment for a stud placed between the arms.

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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