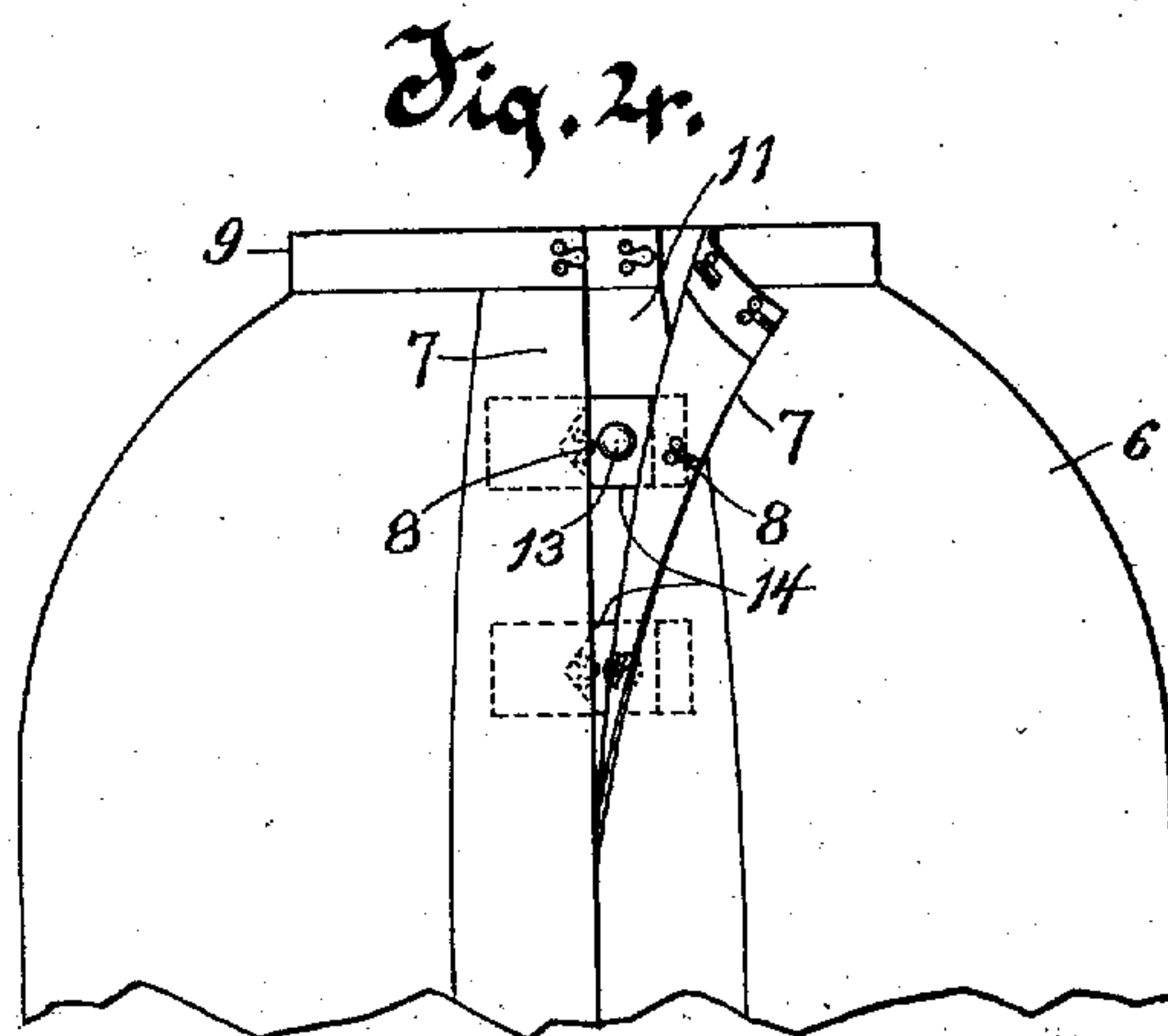
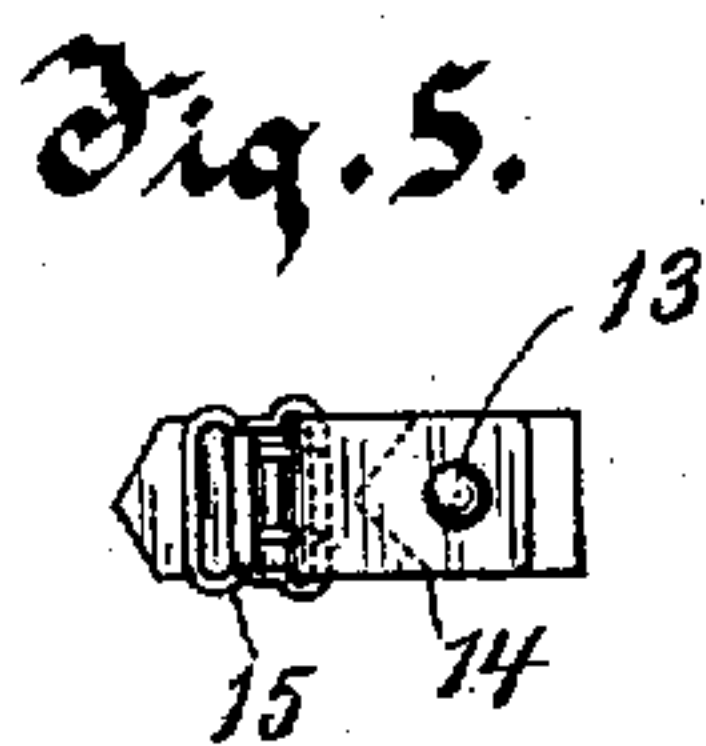
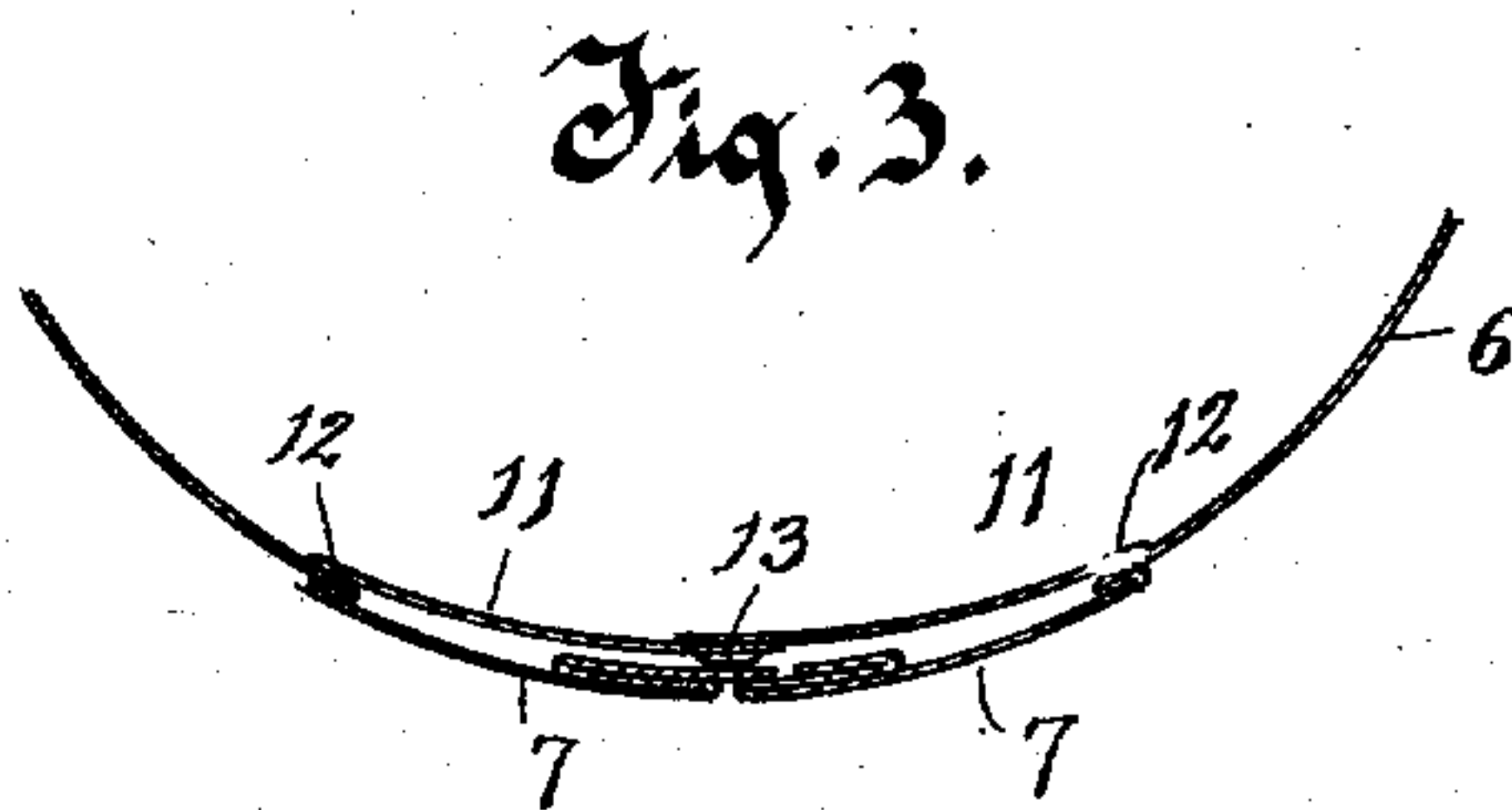
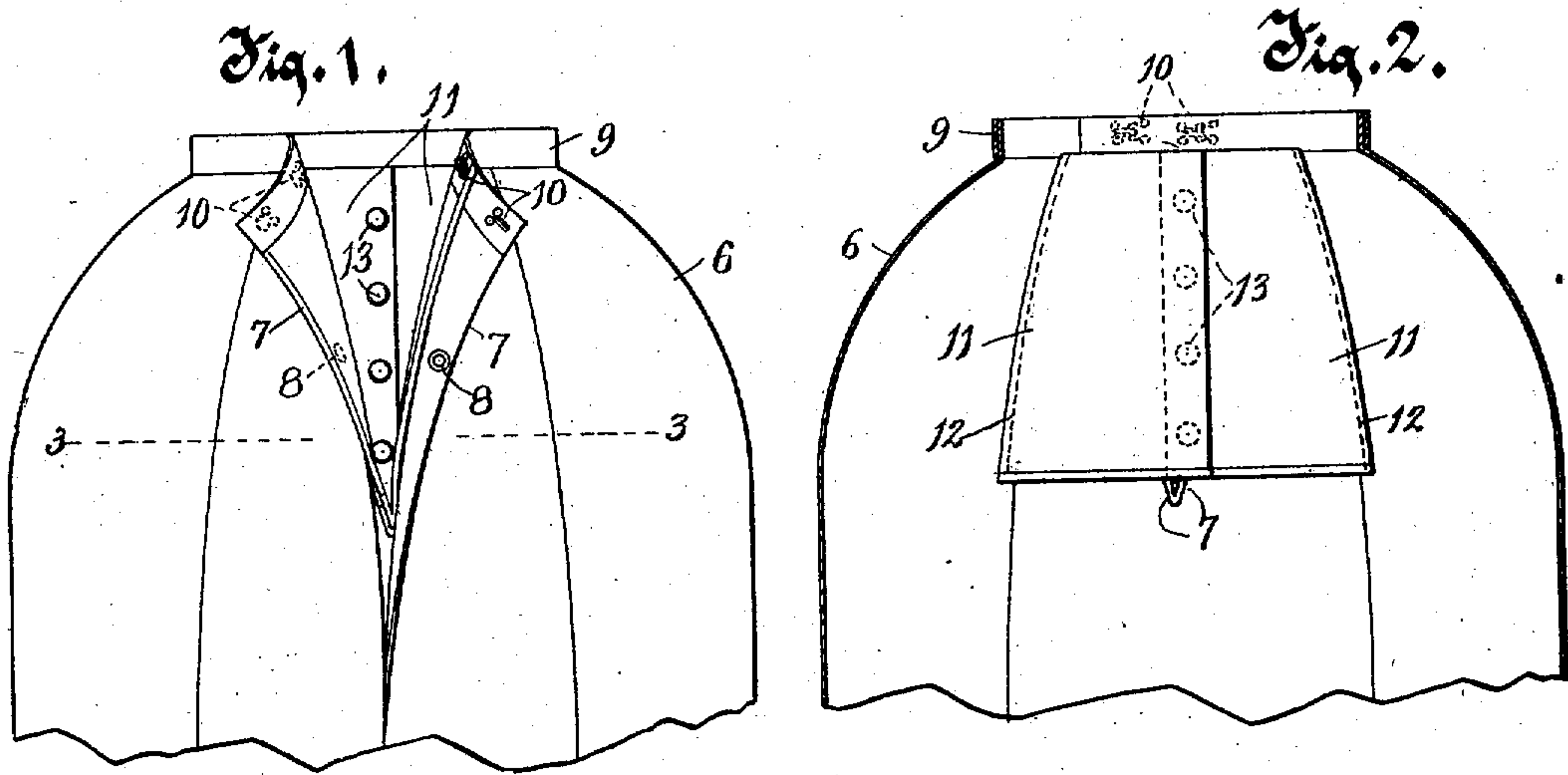


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FLORA HOFMEISTER, residing at Racine, in the county of Racine and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Placket-Closures for Skirts, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which are a part of this specification.

10 The main objects of this invention are to relieve the main placket members and their fastenings of strain, to prevent the gapping of the placket or vent between such fastenings, and generally to improve the construction
15 and appearance and increase the utility and convenience of devices of this class.

It consists in certain novel features of construction and in the peculiar arrangement and combinations of parts as hereinafter
20 particularly described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing like numerals designate the same parts in the several figures.

25 Figure 1 is a rear view of a skirt embodying the invention, the main placket members being disconnected and turned back to expose to view the supplementary closure; Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the skirt showing the
30 inside of the supplementary closure; Fig. 3 is a horizontal section of the placket closure on the line 3 3, Fig. 1; Fig. 4 is a rear view of a modification of the placket closure; and Fig. 5 is a detail view of an adjustable flap
35 section or strap to be used in the form of placket closure shown in Fig. 4.

In these drawings an ordinary skirt 6, is represented, having the usual placket members 7, permanently joined together at their
40 lower ends and attached at their upper ends to the waistband 9, which is provided with suitable fastenings, such as hooks and eyes 10. At an intermediate point or points between the waistband and the lower end of the
45 placket opening the placket members are provided as usual, with suitable fastenings 8.

The parts thus far enumerated and the arrangement thereof as shown in the drawing, are common to placket closures now in use.
50 The gapping of the placket opening between the fastenings in such closures occasions great annoyance, and the object of the present invention as above stated, is to prevent such gapping by relieving the main placket
55 members and their fastenings of strain. This is accomplished by providing a supplementary

closure consisting of flaps 11, which are attached by stitching 12, or otherwise, at their outer edges to the inside of the skirt on opposite sides of and at a distance from the
60 placket opening. At their inner edges, which lap one over the other, they are provided at intervals with suitable fastenings 13, arranged to receive and withstand the strain on the skirt adjacent to the placket
65 and to prevent the same from gapping.

The combined width of the flaps 11 when they are connected by their fastenings, is enough less than the combined width of the main placket members 7 when they are
70 brought together between the rows of stitching 12, to relieve them and their fastenings of the entire lateral strain on the skirt and thereby prevent any gapping of the outer
75 placket opening.

In place of the long continuous flaps 11 as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the supplementary closure may consist of a series of narrower flaps or straps 14, as shown in Fig. 4, provided at their inner lapping ends with fastenings 13, and stitched or otherwise attached
80 at their outer ends like the flaps 11, to the inside of the skirt.

Instead of a fixed attachment of the flaps 11 or 14 of the supplementary closure to the
85 skirt, they may be adjustably attached thereto by buckles 15, as shown in Fig. 5, or other adjustable fastenings. By means of this adjustment the supplementary closure may be varied in width to fit the skirt to the wearer
90 and to most effectively take the strain off from the main placket members and their fastenings.

In practice the flaps of the supplementary closure are first brought together and fastened as shown in Figs. 1 and 4, and the main
95 placket members 7 are then brought together and fastened, thus completely covering and concealing the supplementary closure.

I claim:

100 1. A skirt formed in its rear with outside placket members and auxiliary inside placket members both located below and adjacent to the waist line, the outside placket members adapted to fit over the inside placket mem-
105 bers and the inside members being narrower than the outside members so as to take the lateral strain at the rear on the skirt and prevent gapping of the outside placket, substantially as described.

110 2. A skirt formed at the rear with outside placket members and with laterally adjust-

able inside placket members, both placket members being located below and adjacent to the waist line, the outside placket members being adapted to fit over the inside placket members and the latter being narrower than the outer placket members so as to take the lateral strain at the rear on the skirt and prevent gapping of the outer placket, substantially as described.

10 3. In a placket closure for skirts the combination with the main placket members forming parts of a skirt at the rear thereof, permanently joined together at their lower ends and provided with fastenings for detachably connecting them and closing the
15 placket, of a supplementary closure consisting of flaps attached to the inside of the skirt on opposite sides of and at a distance from the opening between said main members and
20 provided with fastenings for detachably connecting them, the combined width of said flaps being enough less than the combined width of the main members to take the strain off from said main members and their fasten-

ings at the rear of the skirt and to prevent gapping between them, substantially as described.

4. In a placket closure for skirts the combination with the main placket members forming parts of a skirt at the rear thereof, permanently joined together at their lower ends and provided with fastenings for detachably connecting them, of a supplementary closure consisting of flaps adjustably attached to the inside of the skirt on opposite sides of and at a distance from the opening between said main members and provided with fastenings adapted to detachably connect them and to take the strain off from the main members and their fastenings at the rear of the skirt and prevent gapping between them, substantially as described.

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

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