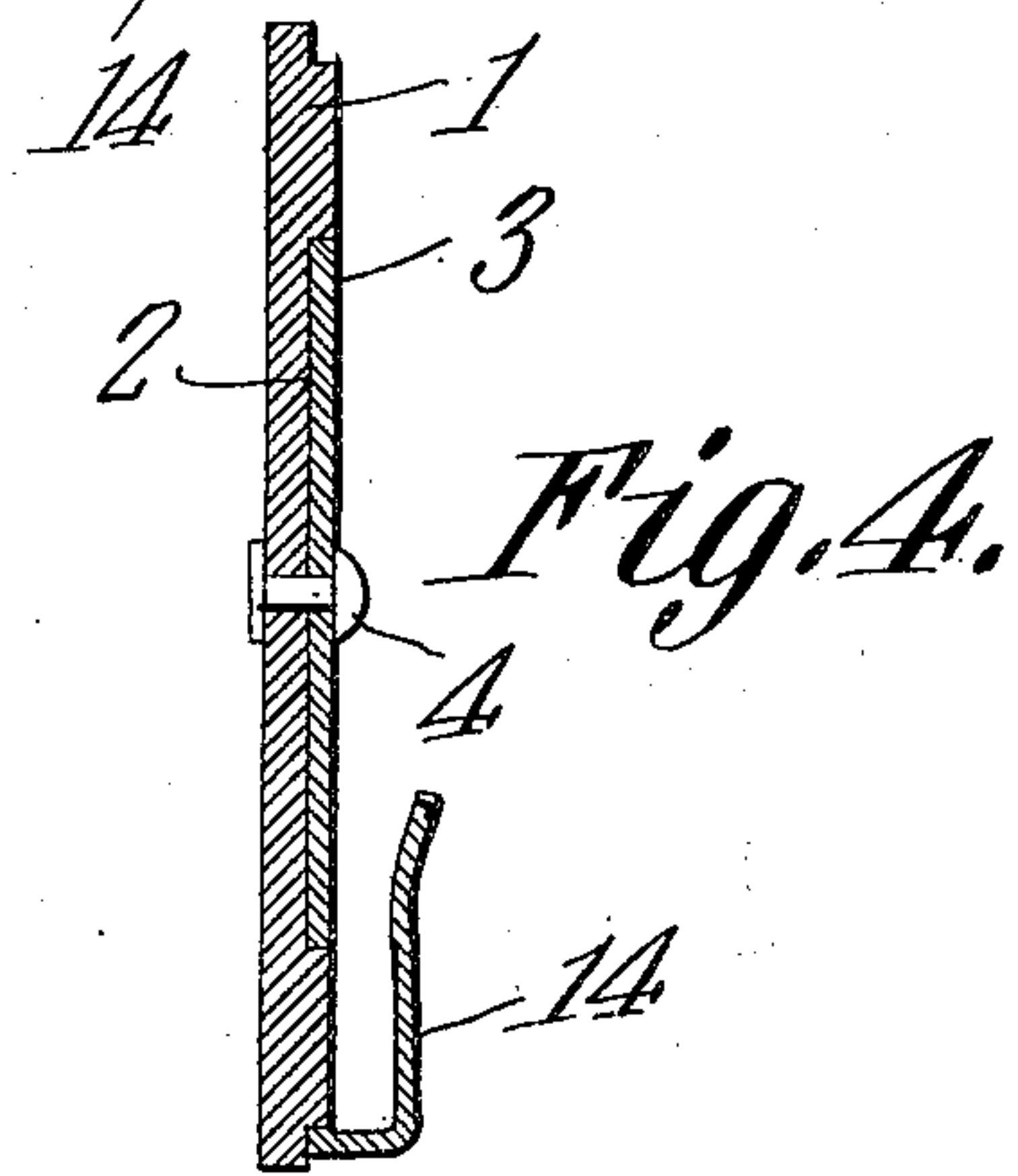
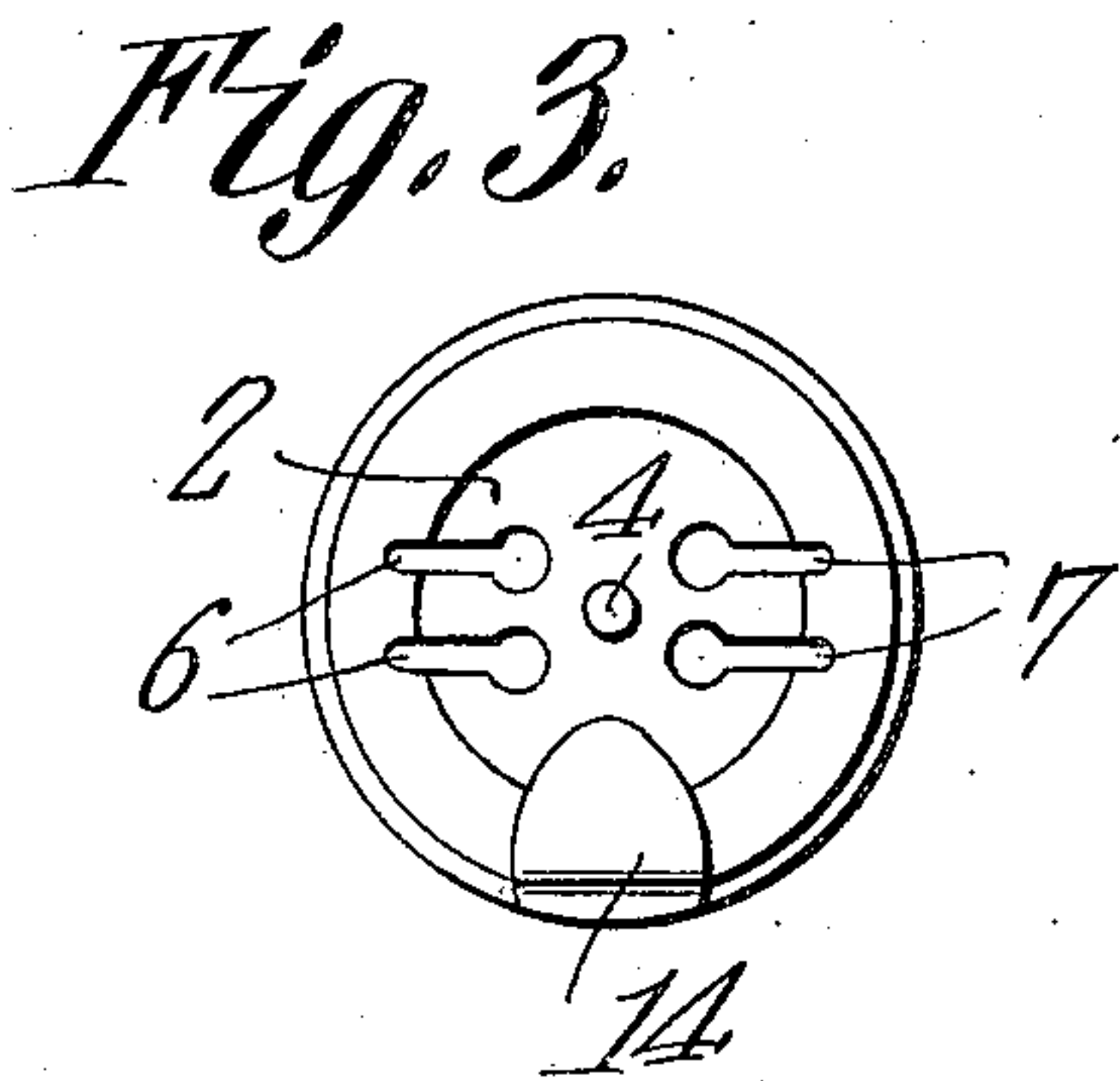
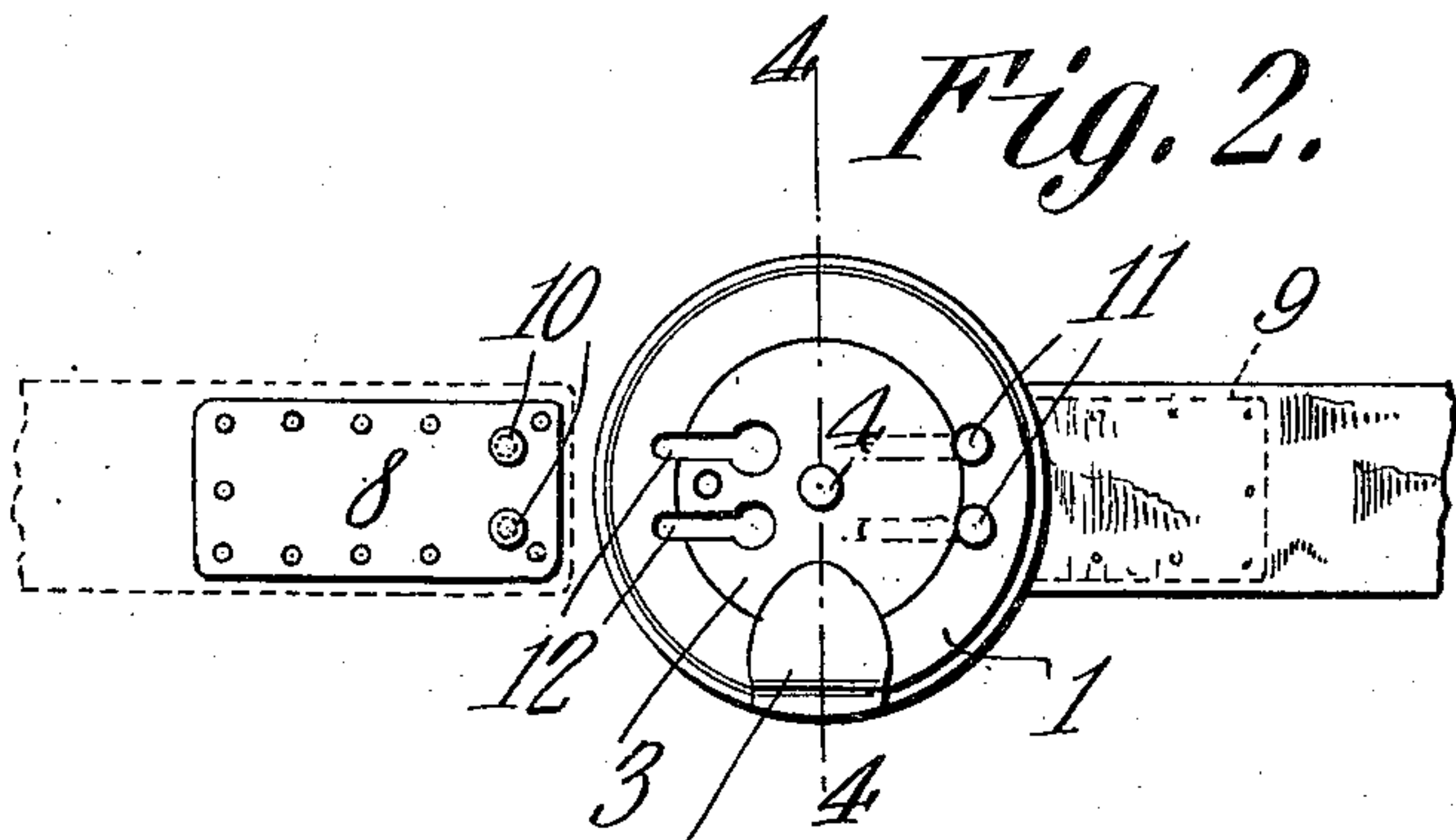
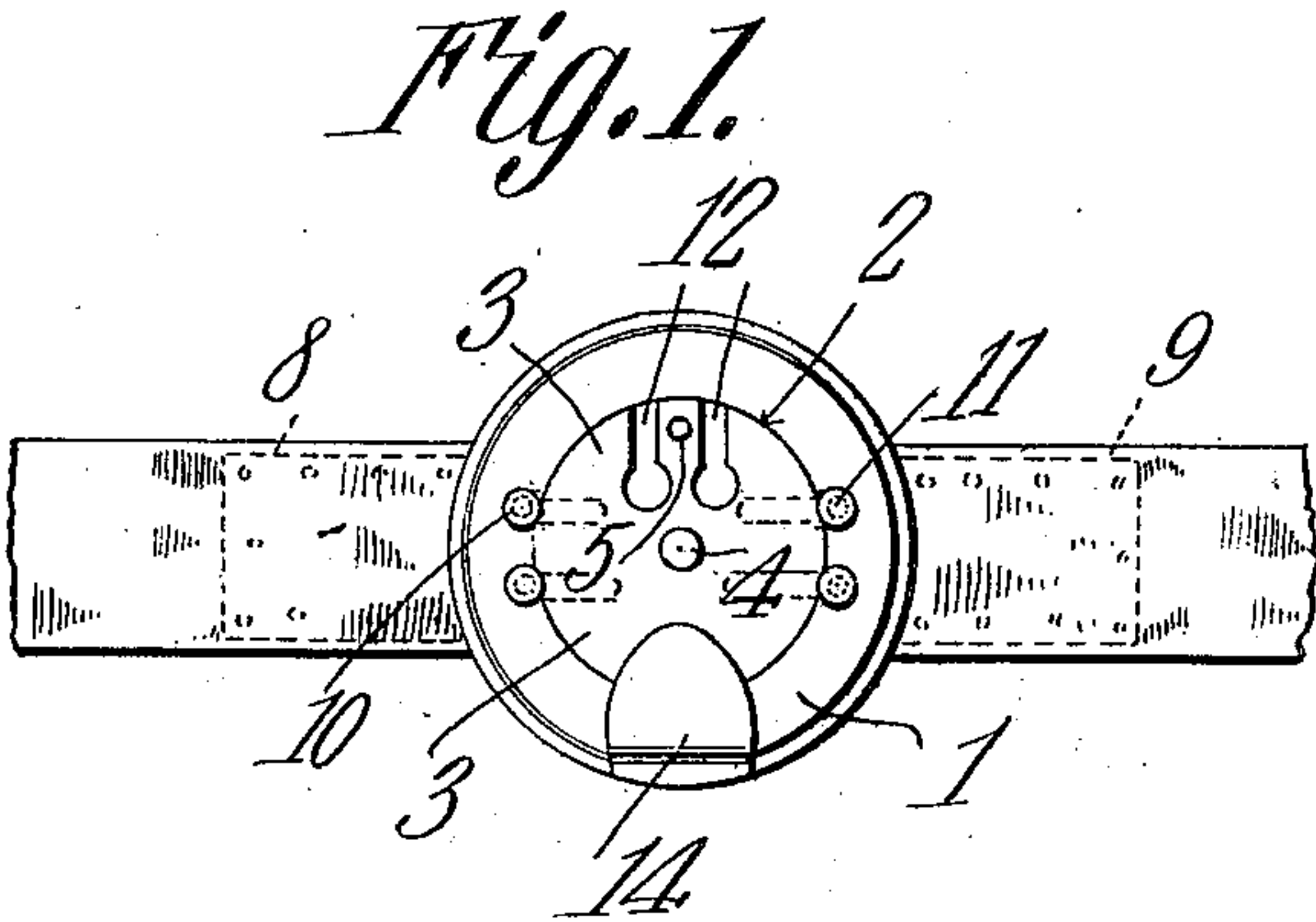


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARSHALL M. GRAHAM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Butte, in the county of Silverbow and State of Montana, have invented a new and useful Garment-Buckle, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in buckles, and more especially to that class used for fastening various parts of wearing apparel, and it has for its object to provide an improved buckle of this character that is capable of effectually locking the parts of an article of wearing apparel in secured relation, so that accidental disengagement cannot occur, although the device may be easily manipulated, the buckle being so constructed that it is composed of few parts that may be cheaply manufactured and are not liable to become broken.

To these and other ends, the invention comprises the various novel features of construction and combination and arrangement of parts, which will be hereinafter more fully described and pointed out particularly in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1 is a front elevation of a buckle constructed in accordance with the present invention. Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 showing one of the fastening members unlocked and detached. Fig. 3 is a detail view of the body of the buckle showing the locking plate removed. Fig. 4 represents a section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2, on an enlarged scale.

Corresponding parts in the several figures are indicated throughout by similar characters of reference.

The buckle shown in the present embodiment of the invention comprises a body 1 which may be of any desired outline and ornamented in different ways, it being provided with a central circular recess 2 to receive a circular locking plate 3, the exposed face of the latter preferably lying flush with the surrounding edges of the body portion in order to avoid sharp edges that would be liable to catch on the garments. The locking plate is revolvably connected to the body portion of the buckle by a rivet or other suitable means 4, a projection 5 extending beyond the face of the locking plate and providing a handle by means of which the plate may be rotated.

The body portion is provided with one or more slots to receive appropriately shaped

projections on the fastening members, two diametrically opposed pairs of slots, 6 and 7, being shown in the present instance whereby both ends of the part to be secured may be attached to and detached from the buckle, although it will be understood, of course, that a single slot or pair of slots may be employed so that one end only is detachable, the other end of the part to be secured being permanently connected to the buckle. These slots are of a keyhole form, that is to say, they are each provided with a relatively large opening arranged toward the center of the plate or body portion, the portions of the slots extending toward the edges of the body portion being reduced or narrowed, the reduced portions of the slots extending beyond the recess.

The attaching members, which are secured to the opposite ends of the parts to be fastened, are composed, in the present instance, of perforated plates 8 and 9 which are stitched; or otherwise secured, to the parts to be fastened, these plates having projections 10 and 11 attached thereto and having heads adapted to pass through the enlarged portions of the slots in the body of the buckle, narrowed, or reduced portions, of the projections operating in the reduced portions of the slots. The locking plate has a pair of slots 12 which correspond in shape to those in the body of the buckle, and when the locking plate is turned into a given position, the slots thereof will register or coincide with those of the body portion of the buckle, permitting the headed projections on the respective attaching member to be applied and removed, as shown in Fig. 2, whereas, when the slots of the locking plate occupy a position intermediate the slots of the body portion, the headed projections on the attaching members will be held from movement in their respective slots and hence they will be locked in coöperative relation with the buckle. If so desired, a hook 14 may be arranged on the upper or lower edge of the body portion of the buckle whereby the latter may serve to secure other portions of the wearing apparel in place.

A buckle constructed in accordance with the present invention may be made and sold cheaply, and in use it is capable of being easily operated to positively lock or unlock the parts to be secured, the revoluble locking plate coöperating with the projections to prevent movement thereof toward the enlarged ends of the slots that would permit



their unlocking, the enlarged portions of the slots being preferably arranged inwardly or toward the center of the buckle as it facilitates the application of the headed projections, the tension of the garment or other part to which they are applied serving to draw them into the reduced portions of the slots.

What is claimed is:—

10 1. A buckle comprising a body portion, and a member adapted to be detachably connected thereto, one of the parts having a headed projection thereon, and the other part having a slot provided with an enlarged  
15 portion to receive the head of the projection, and a reduced portion to receive a narrower portion of the projection, and a revoluble locking plate having its periphery arranged to cooperate with the said projection to confine it within the said slot and provided with  
20 a slot corresponding to and adapted to register with that first mentioned.

2. A buckle comprising a body portion having diametrically opposed pairs of slots  
25 formed therein each of which is enlarged toward one end and reduced toward the opposite end, an attaching member having a headed projection thereon adapted to cooperate with each slot, and a circular locking  
30 plate centrally pivoted on said body portion and arranged to cooperate with the said projection to lock it in the reduced portion of either slot.

3. A buckle comprising a body portion  
35 having a pair of keyhole slots therein, at-

taching portions having headed projections thereon adapted to cooperate with the respective slots of the body portion, and a circular locking plate pivoted on the body portion and having a keyhole slot therein arranged to register with either of the slots of the body portion. 40

4. A buckle comprising a body portion having a circular recess formed in one side thereof and provided with a slot extending  
45 toward the periphery thereof and having an enlarged portion at its inner end, an attaching member provided with a headed projection adapted to cooperate with said slot, and a locking plate revolubly fitted into the circular recess of the body portion and having  
50 a slot therein corresponding to and adapted to register with the slot in the body portion.

5. A buckle comprising a body portion provided with pairs of diametrically opposed  
55 slots enlarged at their inner ends, and attaching members having pairs of headed projections adapted to cooperate with the respective pairs of slots, and a locking plate revolubly mounted on the body portion and  
60 having a pair of slots corresponding to and adapted to register with either pair of slots in the body portion.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature  
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