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Fig. 1.

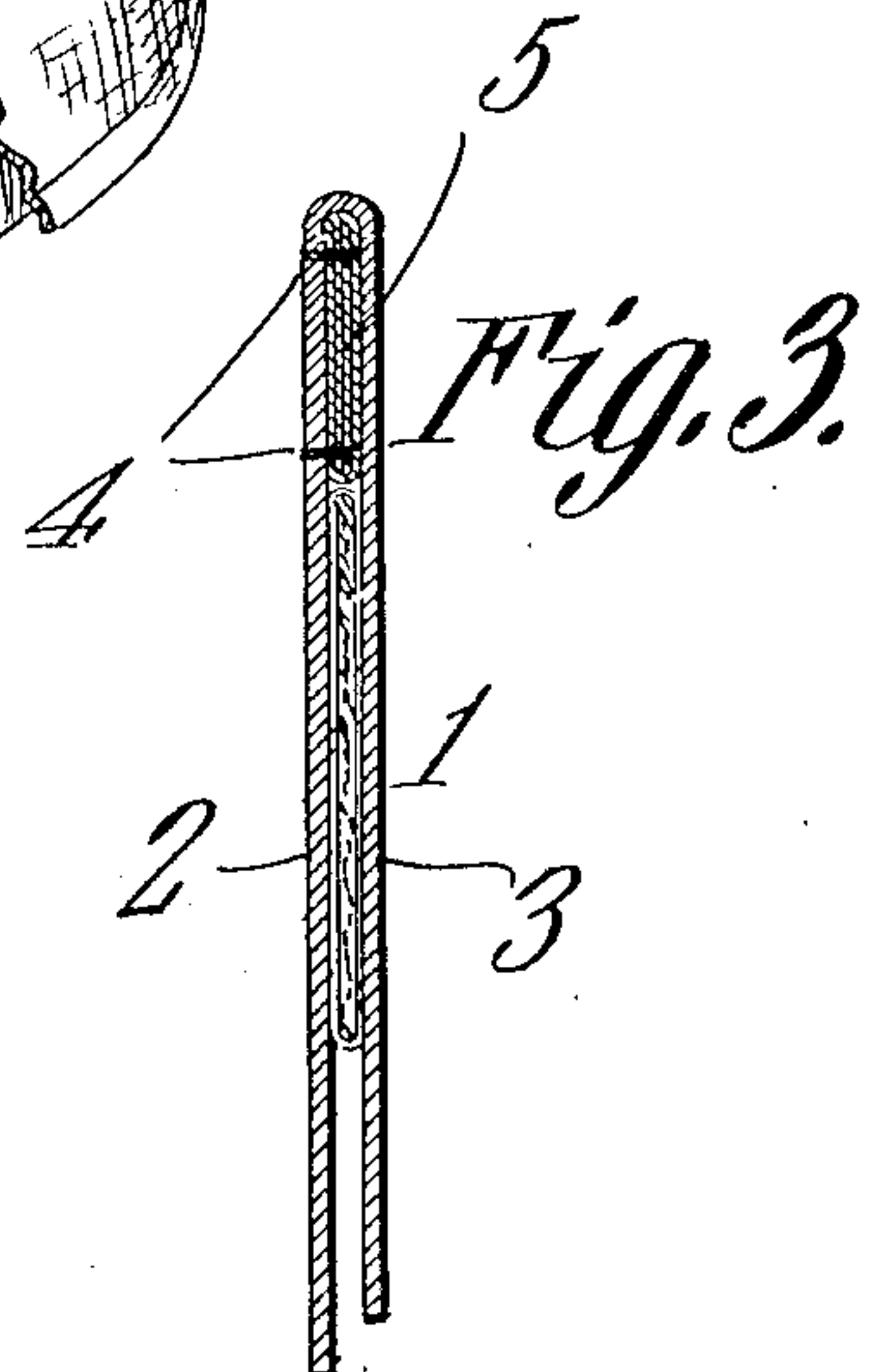
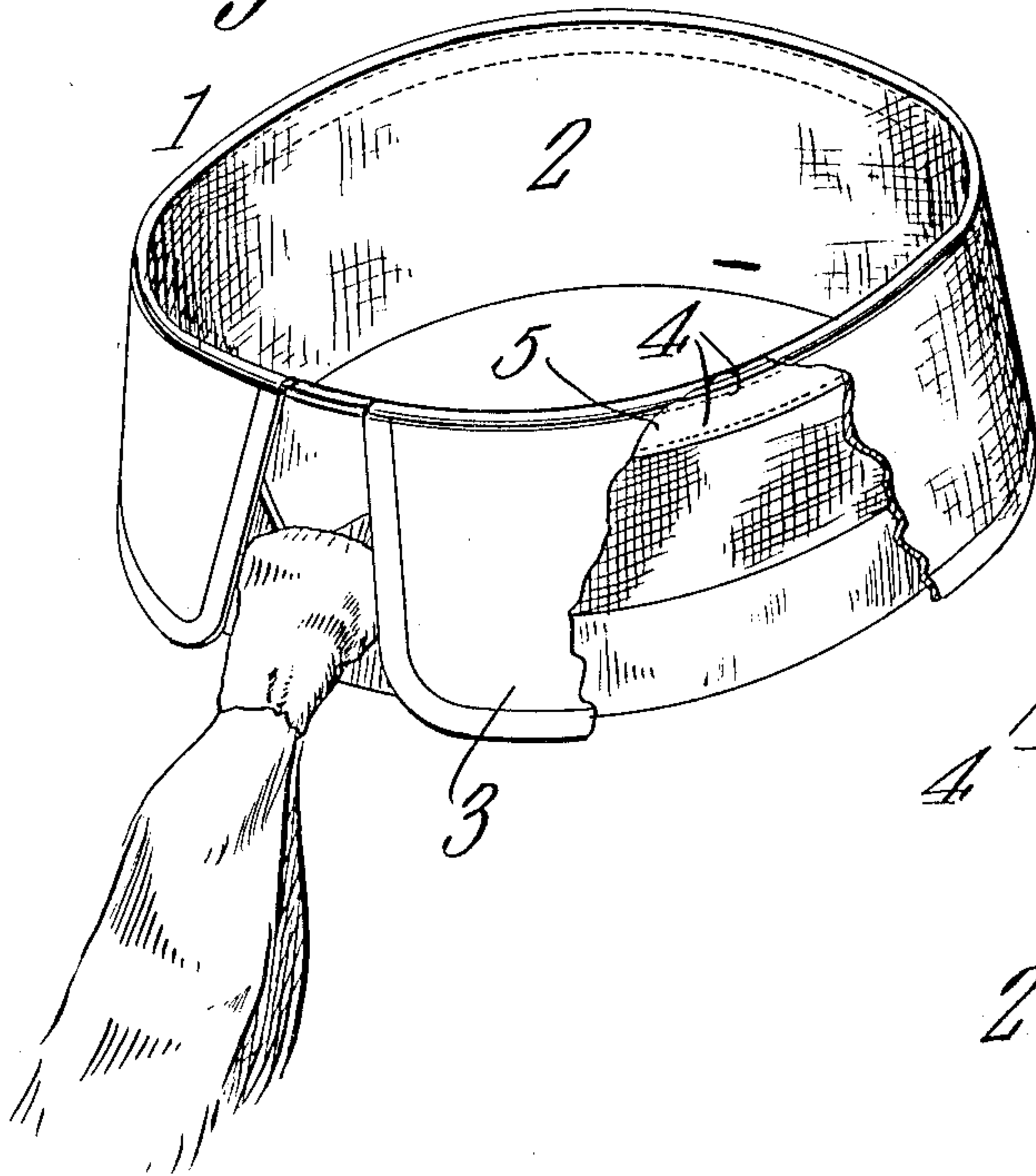


Fig. 2.

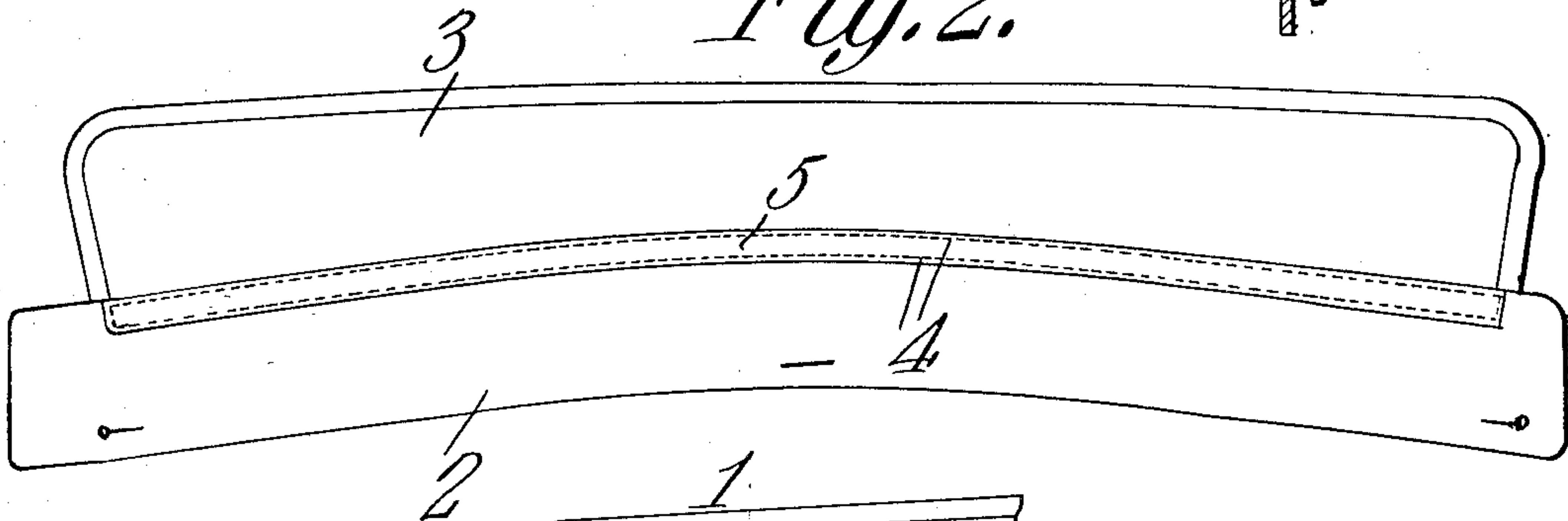
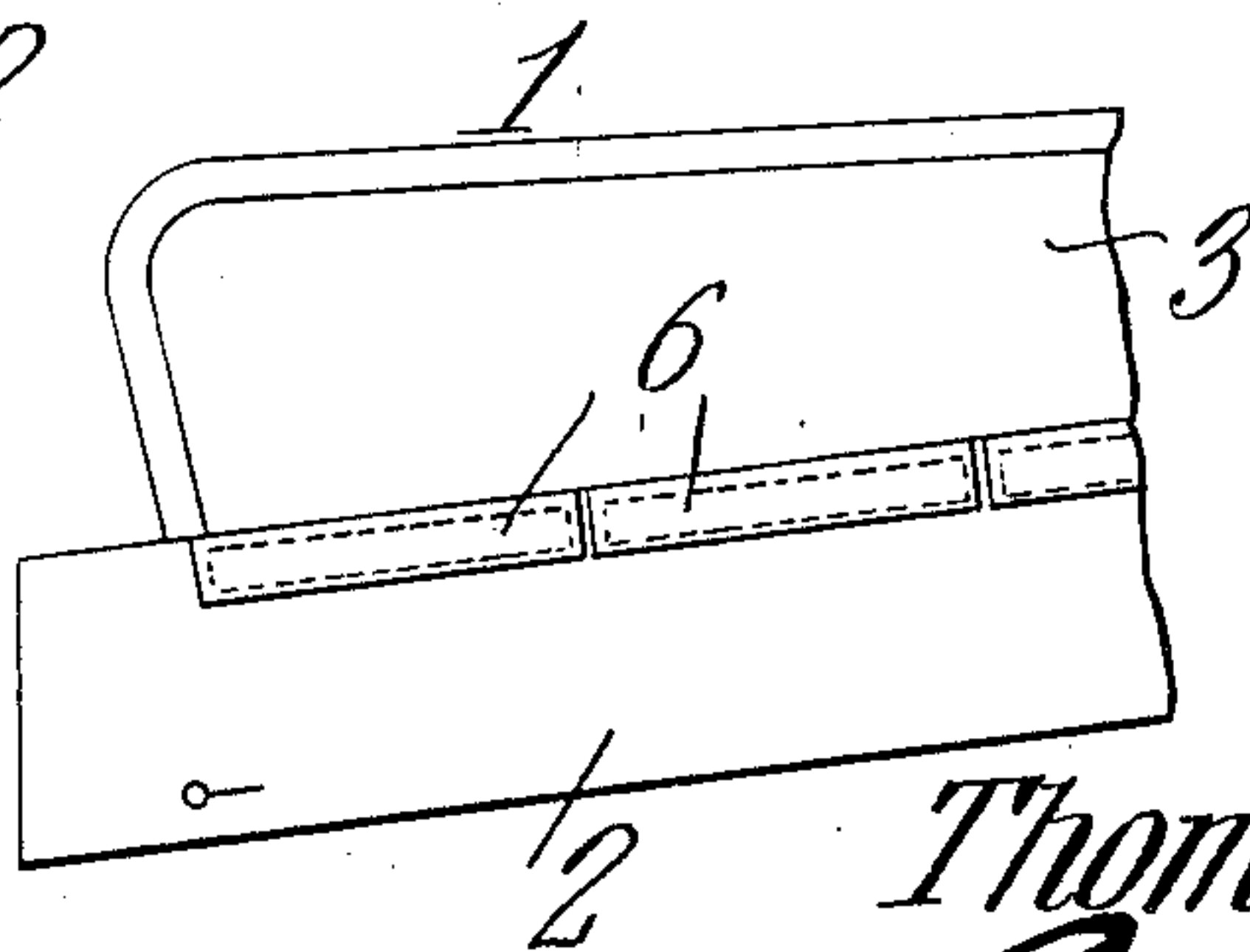


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS J. RIDGWAY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Carthage, in the county of Jasper and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Collar, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improvement in fold or overturned collars for men's wear, the object of which is to provide a collar with a strip fastened to the top of the band at the fold to provide an abutment for the necktie and prevent it entering between the top fold of the collar and being there caught and held so firmly as to make it impossible to draw the necktie endwise. The strip also holds the outer fold of the collar away from the band sufficiently far to enable the necktie being placed around the neck and between the folds of the collar after the latter has been buttoned on the shirt. The strip may be made of fabric of suitable thickness or of thinner material folded, and in one continuous piece or of several pieces placed end to end. The strip may also be made of metal or other material suitable for the purpose.

In the accompanying drawing: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a collar and necktie, a portion of the outer fold being broken away to show the application of the invention. Fig. 2 is a view of a collar opened out to show the position of the strip with respect to the collar. Fig. 3 is an enlarged cross sectional view through the improved collar showing a necktie in place. Fig. 4 is a view of a modification.

Similar reference numerals are used to designate the same parts in all the figures.

The collar 1 may be any style of fold or "turn over" collar which comprises a neck band 2 and an outer fold 3. To the top of the neckband, between it and the outer fold 3 where the latter turns over is stitched, as at 4, or otherwise fastened a narrow strip 5 of fabric of one or more thicknesses depending upon the nature of the material used. The strip 5 which extends substantially from end to end of the collar is of uniform width and thickness and rounded or square at the ends as desired. The ends of the strip 5

terminate in fact just short of the ends of the outer fold 3 so as not to be visible when the collar is in use. By means of this strip a clear space is left between the neck band and the outer fold into which a necktie may be easily placed after the collar has been buttoned to the shirt. The bottom of the strip forms an abutment which prevents the necktie from riding up into the fold and becoming lodged there by the binding action of the neck band and the outer fold. This portion of the space is entirely filled by the strip, below which there is plenty of room for the necktie to move endwise as its ends are drawn by the wearer to properly position the tie before fastening it.

An optional way of making the strip is shown in Fig. 4, where it will be seen that instead of a single piece, the strip is divided into sections 6, their ends being placed more or less closely together. With this form of the invention, certain sections may be made thicker than others, and placed at the back of the collar or in other parts where the tendency to bind the necktie is greatest.

A metal strip may be substituted for the fabric strip and temporarily fastened to the collar so that it may be removed when the collar is to be laundered.

It will be observed that in all forms of the device, the strip is not incorporated in any manner with the collar, but, on the contrary, it is fastened in place after the collar is otherwise finished, thus enabling the strip being placed on the market and sold independently of the collar to be afterwards sewed in place in collars not provided with the strips.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed is:—

A collar having a neckband and an outer turnover fold, a strip consisting of sections of different thicknesses sewed to the top of the neckband between said neckband and the turnover fold.

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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