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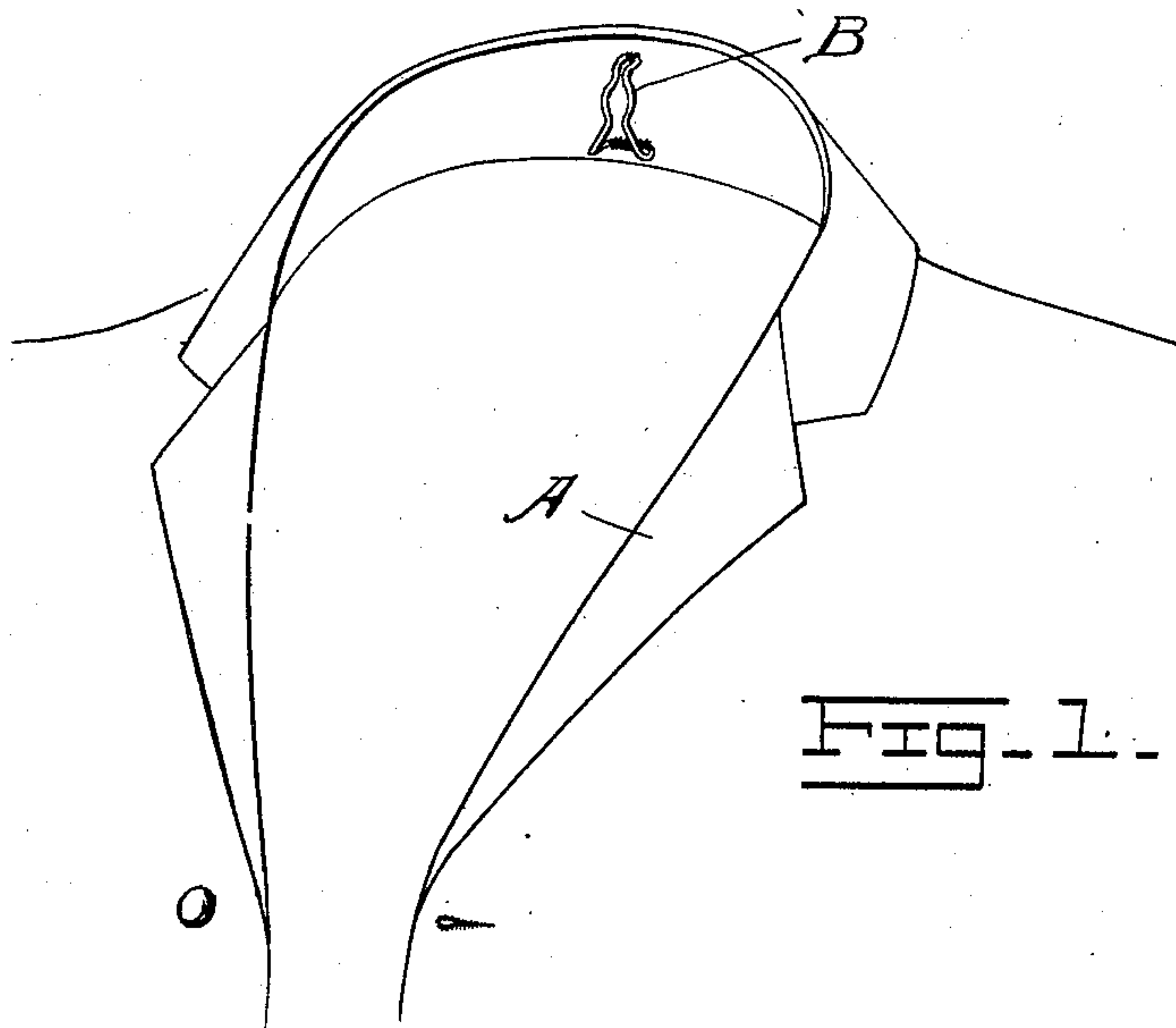


Fig. 1.

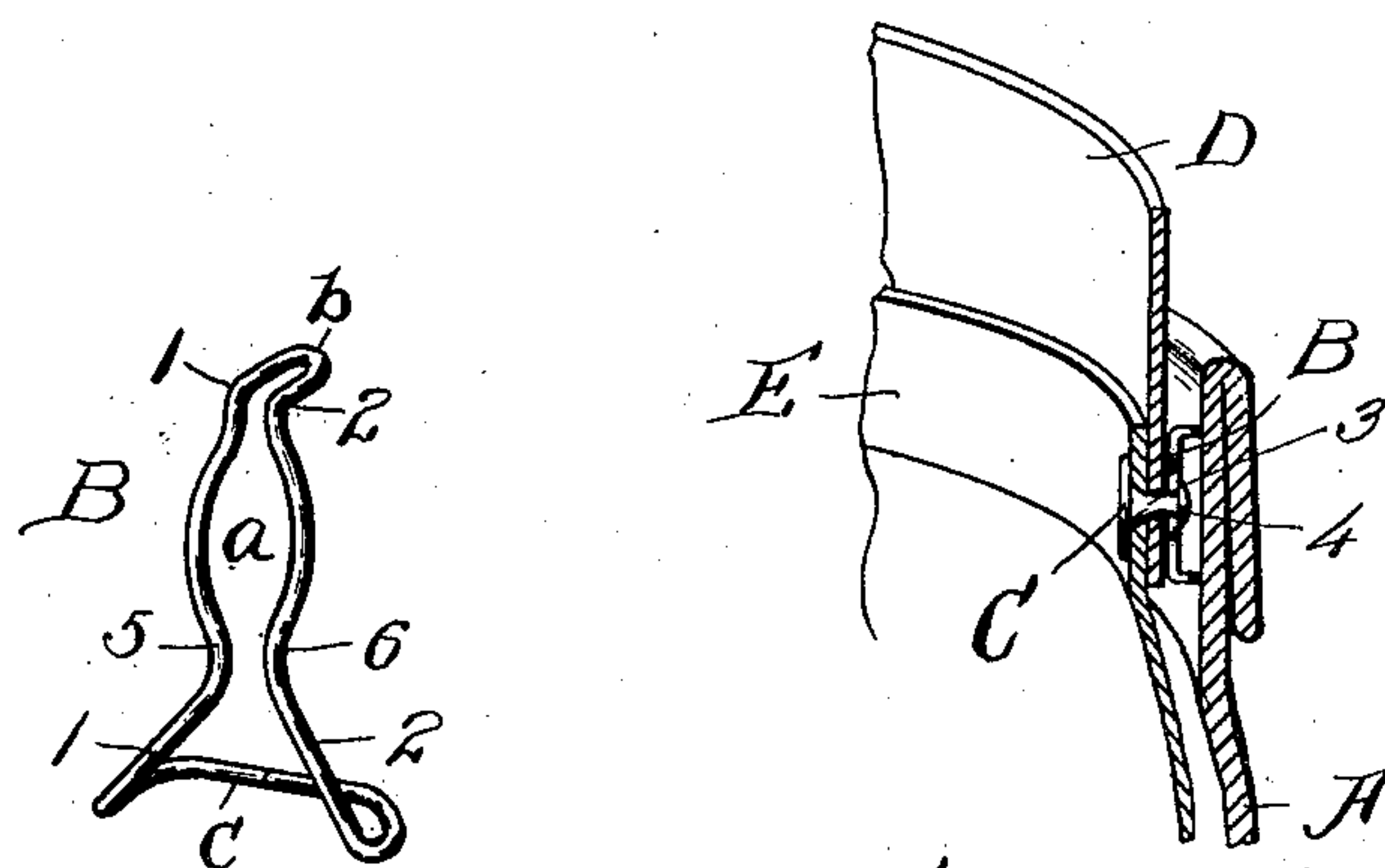


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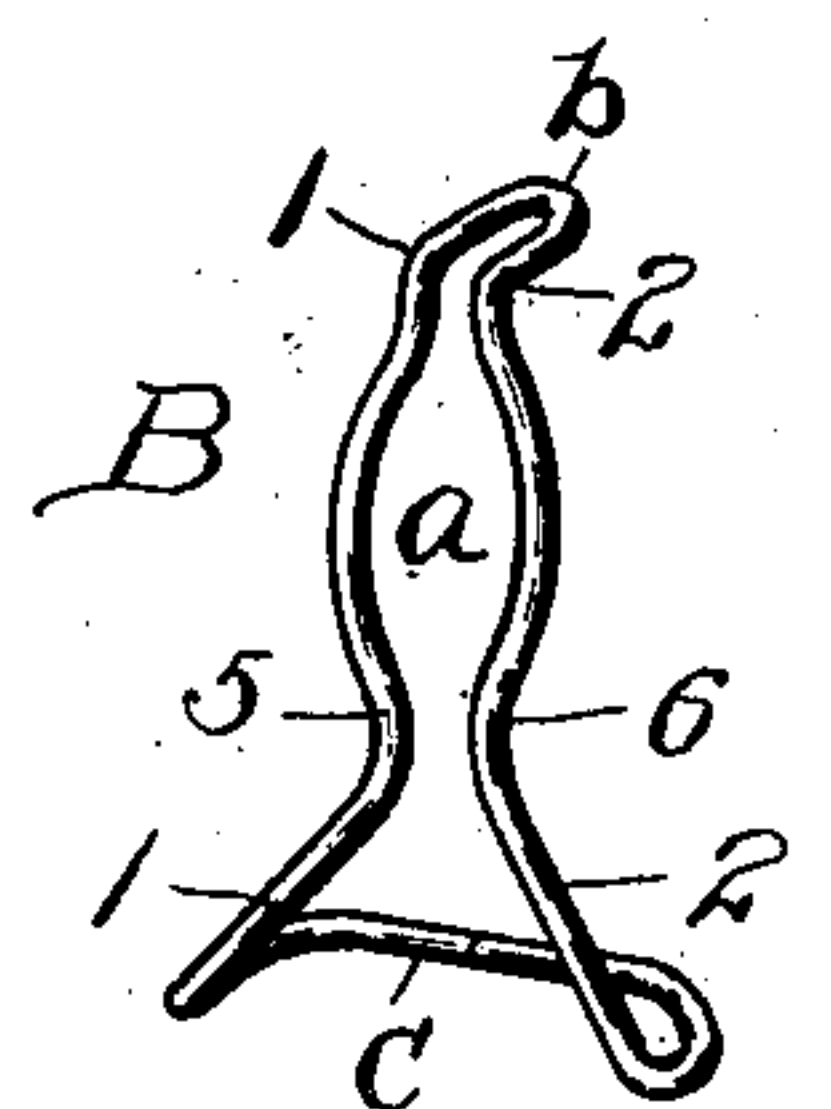


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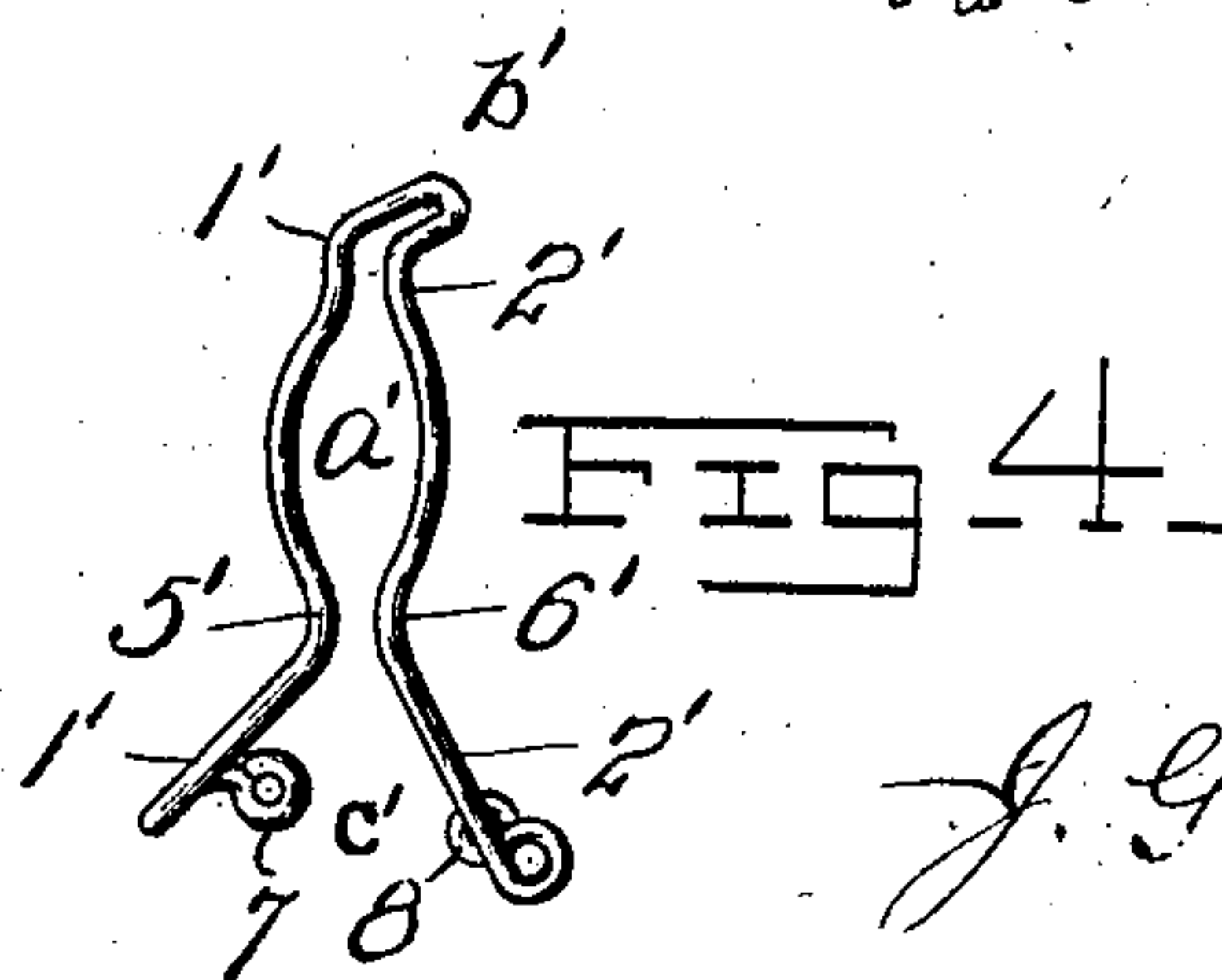


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH GRANT PEASE, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coat-Collar Retainers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to means for retaining the collar of a coat, or similar garment, in proper position, which means comprises a device secured to the inside of the collar of a coat and adapted to engage with the usual collar button employed for securing the linen or other collar to the shirt.

The object of the invention is to provide an improved device of the character described as can be best set forth in connection with the accompanying drawing which serves to illustrate the invention and of which,

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a coat with the improved retainer applied thereto; Fig. 2 is a vertical section through the neck band of a shirt, the usual linen collar and the collar of the coat, the said section being taken through the axis of the collar button for securing the linen collar to the neck band, and the improved retainer is shown secured to the coat and engaging with the collar button, the various parts being shown in the relations which they occupy upon a wearer; Fig. 3 is an enlarged perspective view of the retainer detached from the garment; and Fig. 4 is a view, similar to Fig. 3, of a modified form of retainer.

Referring to Figs. 1, 2 and 3 of the drawing, a represents a coat to the inside of the collar of which is secured the retainer B. The collar button C secures a linen collar D to the neck band of the shirt E in the usual manner and engages with the retainer B to secure the coat collar in position. The retainer comprises a button engaging portion *a* at the ends of which projections *b* and *c* extend at angles to the said portion. The retainer is formed of a single piece of wire which is bent into a loop having the sides 1 and 2. The button engaging portion *a* is formed by bringing the two sides of the loop into proximity so that a slot is formed between them which is adapted to receive the shank 3 of the collar button but which will not permit the passage of the head 4 of the button. Preferably the sides of the loop forming the portion *a* are reversely curved as shown so as to form an eyelet for the recep-

tion of the shank of the collar button, and shoulders 5 and 6 are formed, these shoulders being in such proximity that it is necessary that they be forced apart by the shank of the collar button upon its entering the eyelet, it being understood that the wire of which the retainer is formed is made of steel, iron or other material having sufficient resilience to permit the sides to spring apart. The shoulders 5 and 6, which spring together again after the passage of the collar button, serve to prevent, to a large extent, the accidental withdrawal of the collar button from the retainer.

At one end of the button engaging portion *a*, the extremities of the loop sides 1 and 2, are bent at an angle to the portion *a* and form the projection *b*. The extremities forming the projection *b* are placed so close together that the passage of the head of the collar button therebetween is obstructed. At the other end of the portion *a* the extremities of the loop sides are also bent at an angle to the said portion and form the projection *c*. The loop side extremities forming this projection are however separated, as shown, to a sufficient extent to form an opening for the passage of the head of the collar button.

The retainer is secured to the inside of the coat collar so that the projections *b* and *c* abut against the garment and serve to cause the portion *a* to stand out so that there is clearance for the button head between that portion and the coat. This facilitates the engagement and disengagement of the device to and from a collar button and also prevents the outward bulge in the garment which, without such clearance, would be caused by the pressure of the button head against the coat. While the retainer may be secured to the coat in various ways, it is preferably sewed thereto, the threads passing through the loop at its ends as shown.

The coat having been placed upon the wearer, the head of the collar button may be passed through the opening in the projection at one end of the retainer to a position between the retainer and the coat, the button shank passing into the slot. The parts will then have the relative positions as shown in Fig. 2. Outward movement of the coat collar away from the linen collar will now be prevented by the engagement of the button head with the retainer and downward movement or sagging of the coat collar will be avoided. A tendency to sag may cause the

sides of the retainer slot to be forced apart but the abutment of the button head against the projection *b* affords a positive stop.

While, as hereinbefore indicated, the shoulders 5 and 6 will ordinarily prevent undue elevation of the coat collar when the retainer is secured to the coat as shown, if for any reason it is desired to secure a positive stop against such elevation, the retainer may be secured to the coat in a reversed relation from that shown.

Referring to Fig. 4 of the drawing, the modified form shown therein comprises a button engaging portion *a'* and projections *b'* and *c'* corresponding respectively to the similar portions of the retainer shown in the other figures. In fact, the modification shown in Fig. 4 is precisely like the other form, and is applied and operates in the same manner, except that in the modification the ends of the wire forming the retainer are bent to form the eyes 7 and 8 which facilitate the fastening of the retainer to the coat and hold it securely in its relation thereto. The particular location of the eyes 7 and 8 with relation to the projection *c'*, is not material. Instead of the wire extremities of which they are formed being bent inwardly as shown, they may be bent outwardly or made to assume any other desired position.

What I claim is,—

1. The combination with a coat of a collar retainer secured thereto comprising a wire bent into a loop, intermediate portions of the sides of said loop forming a button engaging portion having a slot adapted to receive the shank of a collar button but not to permit the passage of the button head, the extremities of the sides of said loop being bent at angles to said button engaging portion and forming projections abutting against said coat, the loop side extremities which form the projection at one end being separated so as to permit the passage therebetween of the head of a collar button.

2. The combination with a coat of a collar retainer secured thereto comprising a wire bent into a loop, intermediate portions of the

sides of said loop forming a button engaging portion having a slot adapted to receive the shank of a collar button but not to permit the passage of the button head, the extremities of the sides of said loop being bent at angles to said button engaging portion and forming projections abutting against said coat, the loop side extremities which form the projection at one end being separated so as to permit the passage therebetween of the head of a collar button and the loop side extremities forming the projection at the other end being placed close together so as to obstruct the passage of a collar button head therebetween.

3. A coat collar retainer comprising a wire bent into a loop, intermediate portions of the sides of said loop forming a button engaging portion having a slot adapted to receive the shank of a collar button but not to permit the passage of the button head, the extremities of said loop sides being bent at angles to said button engaging portion to form projections therefrom, the loop side extremities forming the projection at one end being separated so as to permit the passage of a collar button therebetween and the loop side extremities forming the projection at the other end being placed close together so as to obstruct the passage of the collar button head therebetween.

4. The combination with a coat, of a collar retainer secured thereto, comprising a wire bent into a loop, intermediate portions of the sides of said loop forming a button engaging portion having a slot adapted to receive the shank of a collar button but to prevent the passage of the head of said button, the extremities of the sides of said loop being bent at angles to said button engaging portion and forming projections abutting against said coat.

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

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