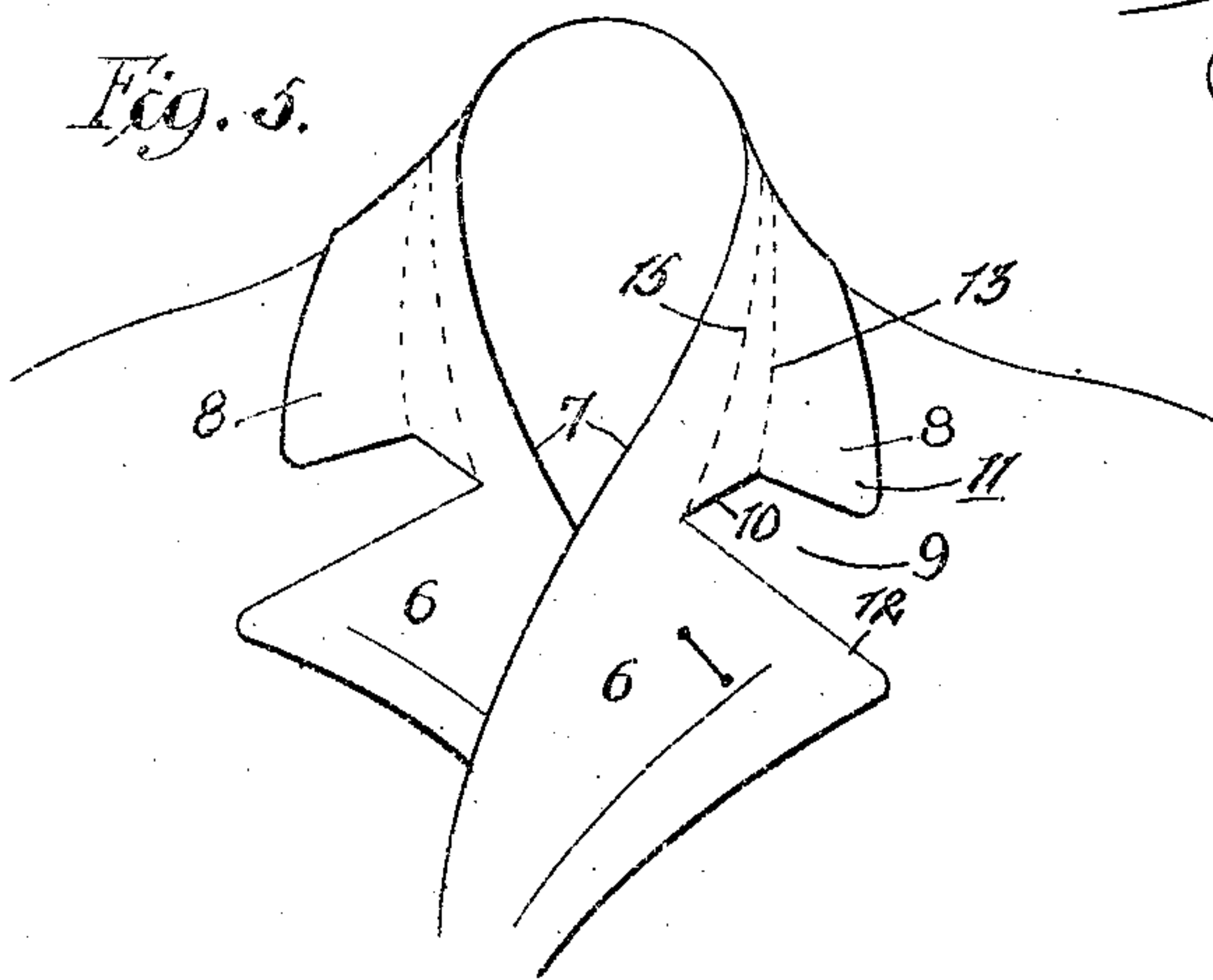
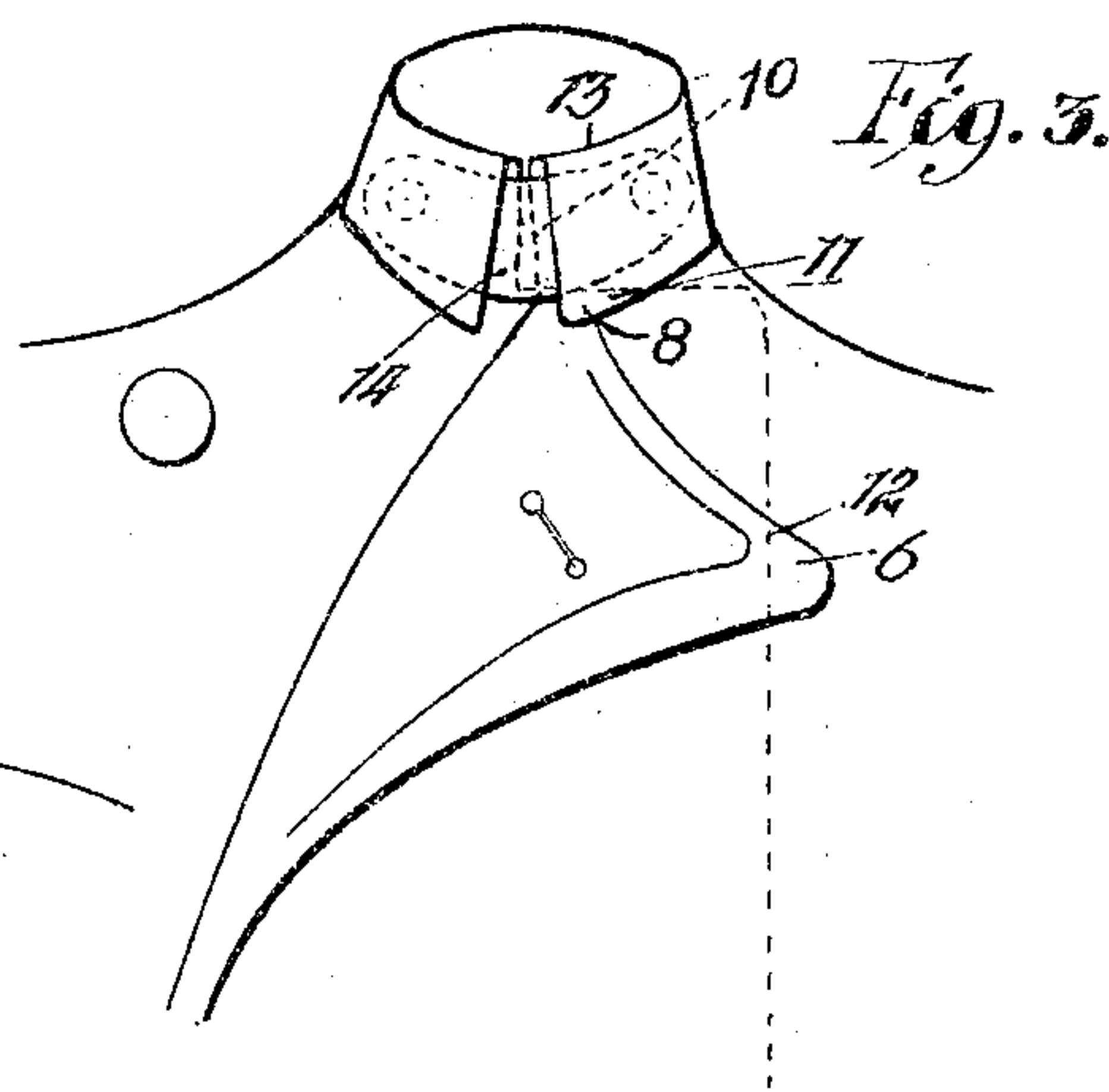
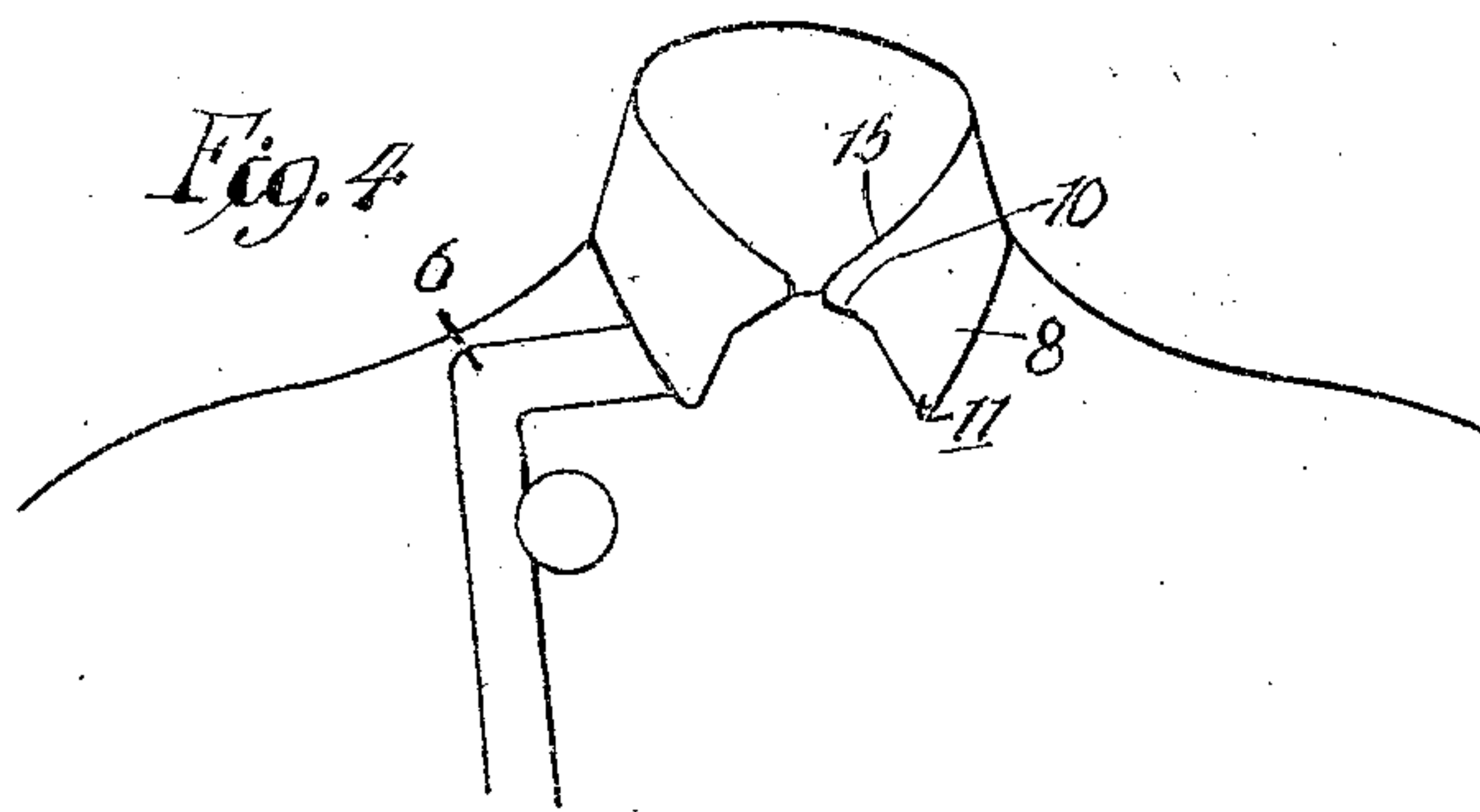
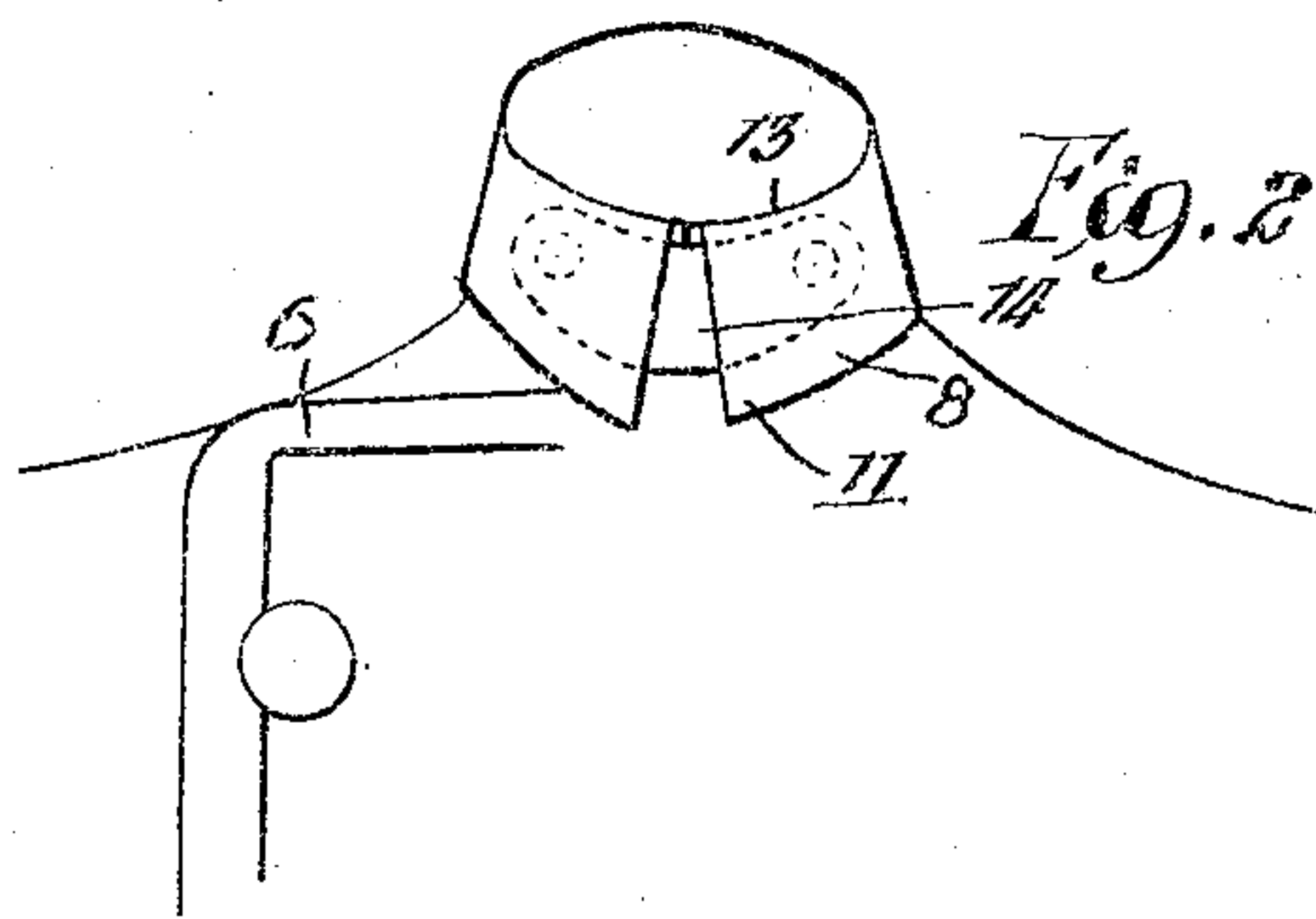
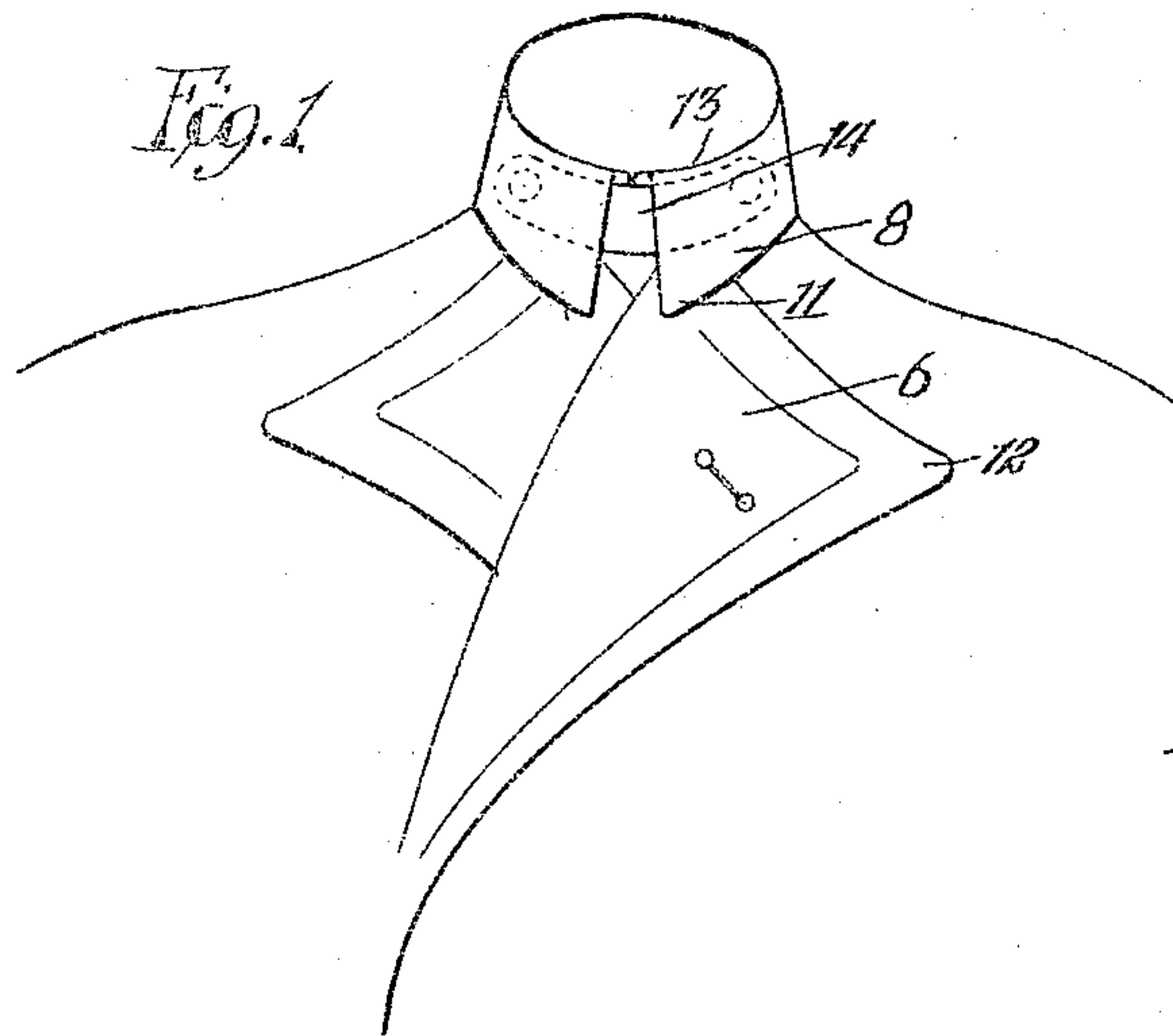


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEON J. RODGERS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coat-Collars, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates more particularly to overcoat collars; and the object of the invention is to so cut and fit the collar and the lapels of the coat that the coat may be worn in a number of different ways, thereby adapting it for changes in the weather and enabling the coat to serve as a dress coat, automobile coat, or military coat without change or modification, save only in the position in which the collar and lapels are worn. The collar and lapels are so arranged that the coat will fit the wearer smoothly and perfectly regardless of the particular manner in which it is worn, which perfection of fit is due to the cut of the collar, which can be folded on either one of two different lines, enabling it to be used either with or without a tab, which permits of a very considerable degree of adjustment.

The invention consists in the features of construction and combination of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings Figure 1 is a view of the coat with a military collar and both lapels folded back; Fig. 2 a view of the coat with a military collar and both lapels folded over, constituting an automobile coat; Fig. 3 a view of the coat with a military collar and one of the lapels folded back and the other one folded over; Fig. 4 a view of the coat with a turn down collar and both of the lapels folded over; and Fig. 5 a view of the coat with the collar turned down and both of the lapels folded back.

As shown in Fig. 5, the coat, as ordinarily worn in fair weather, or for dress purposes, is provided with a pair of lapels 6, which, when the coat is worn open, fold along the lines 7--7. The lapels merge into a collar 8. In the respects above mentioned the coat does not materially differ from a coat of ordinary style.

The peculiar feature of the coat of the present invention, which enables the collar to be fitted to different positions indicated, is the notch 9 intermediate the collar and the lapel, which, instead of being cut in the usual V shape, is cut to provide an inner straight

edge 10 which is cut at a very considerable angle to the upper or collar edge 11; and the lower or lapel edge 12. The edge 10, as shown, extends at an obtuse angle with respect to the edge of the collar and at an oblique angle with respect to the lapel, being so arranged that when the collar is worn military fashion, as shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, the edges 10 will occupy a substantially vertical position and lie in close proximity to one another, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 3. When in this position the collar will be turned along the outer fold 13 which extends from the upper angle of the straight edge 10 and around to the back of the collar. When the collar is adjusted to this position a tab 14 is worn under the fold of the collar and overlying the straight edges 10 thereof, which holds the collar in vertical position and gives it the stiffness required to maintain its proper position around the neck of the wearer. With the collar thus adjusted, as a military collar, the lapels can either be turned back wholly, or in part, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, or overlapped, as shown in Fig. 2. When overlapped, the chest and neck of the wearer will be fully protected against the action of the elements, the neck being especially protected by the double fold of fabric of the collar which, in this position, will be elevated to protect the wearer up to the line of the jaw. Furthermore, the collar will be held snugly and firmly by the provision of the tab, which affords the necessary stiffening to maintain the collar in its adjusted position, and at the same time protects the wearer against the admission of wind, snow or rain through the opening between the vertical edges of the collar thus adjusted.

When it is desired to wear the coat with the turn down collar, as shown in Fig. 4, the collar is turned along the fold 15, as shown in Fig. 5, which extends from the lower or acute angle of the edge 10 around the back of the collar, so that when folded along this line the collar will occupy a lower position than that previously described, and expose more of the neck of the wearer, which is a convenient method of wearing the collar in moderate weather, or when it is desired to avoid the military style. When the coat is worn as in Fig. 5, it will differ only slightly in appearance from a coat of the ordinary cut, so that it may be suitably worn for dress or similar purposes.

The peculiar cut of the notch 9, which provides two inner angles and an inner connecting edge, affords two lines instead of one along which the collar can be folded, and also affords a space for the proper positioning of a tab; thereby permitting variations in style, which would be impossible in a coat having the usual V shaped notch between the collar and lapel. The coat is one which presents a perfect fit in whatever position the collar and lapels are worn, and at the same time provides for various adjustments which are desirable in a coat intended for wear under various conditions of weather.

Although the drawings illustrate the invention as applied to a man's coat, it is not intended to be limited strictly to men's coats, but is intended to be applied to top coats worn by women and boys.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A coat provided with a collar and lapels and having intermediate the collar and lapels

in each side a notch, said notch having three straight edges, the upper and lower edges being substantially parallel, and the inner straight edge located at an angle to said upper and lower edges.

2. A coat having a military collar and lapels, and having intermediate the collar and lapels on each side a notch, said notch having three straight edges, the upper and lower edges being substantially parallel, the inner straight edges cut at an angle with respect to the edge of the collar and lapel and occupying substantially a vertical position when the collar is worn military style, the collar being folded down along a line extending from the upper termini of the inner vertical edges, and a tab having its ends underlying the turn-down collar and overlying the inner vertical edges.

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