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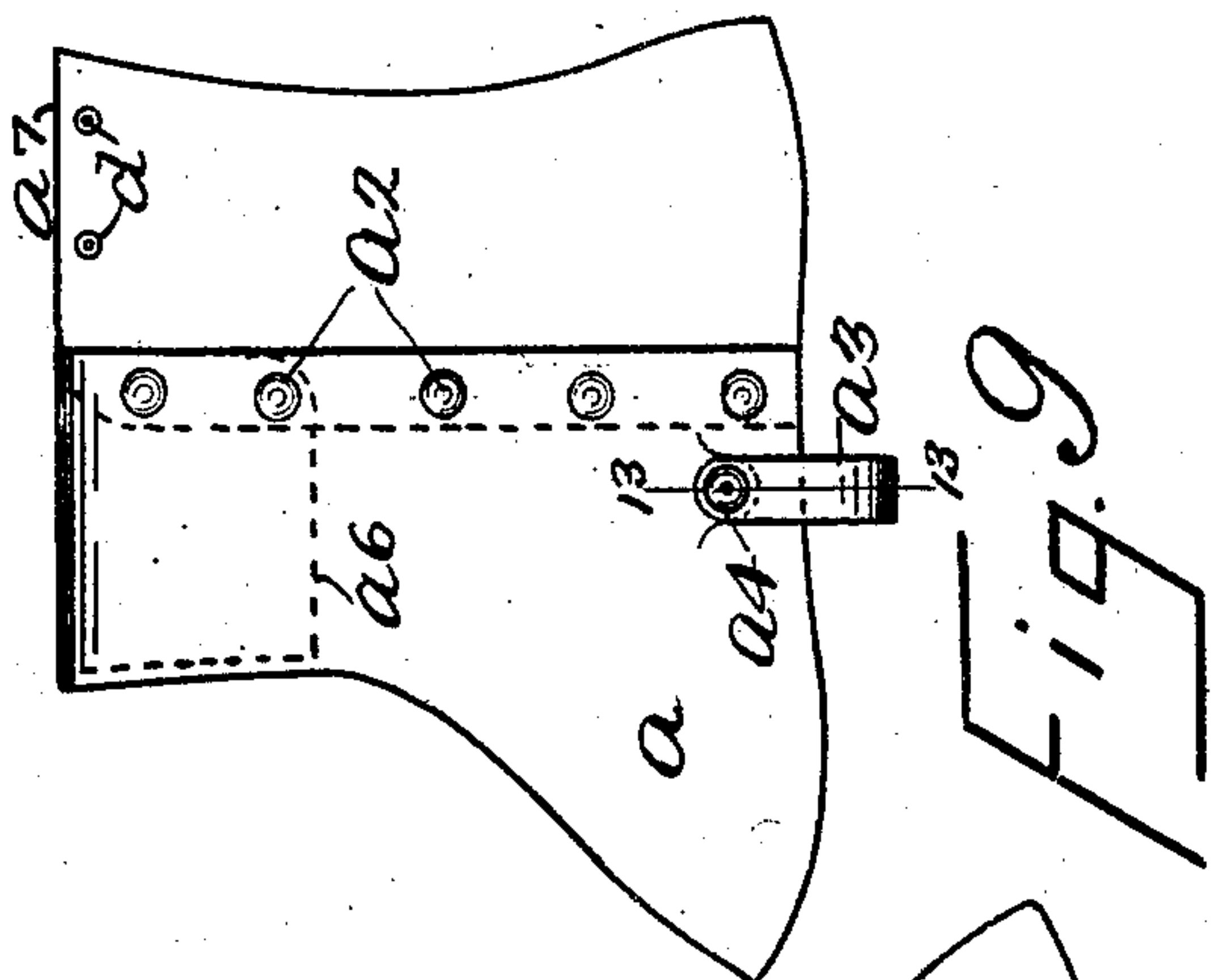


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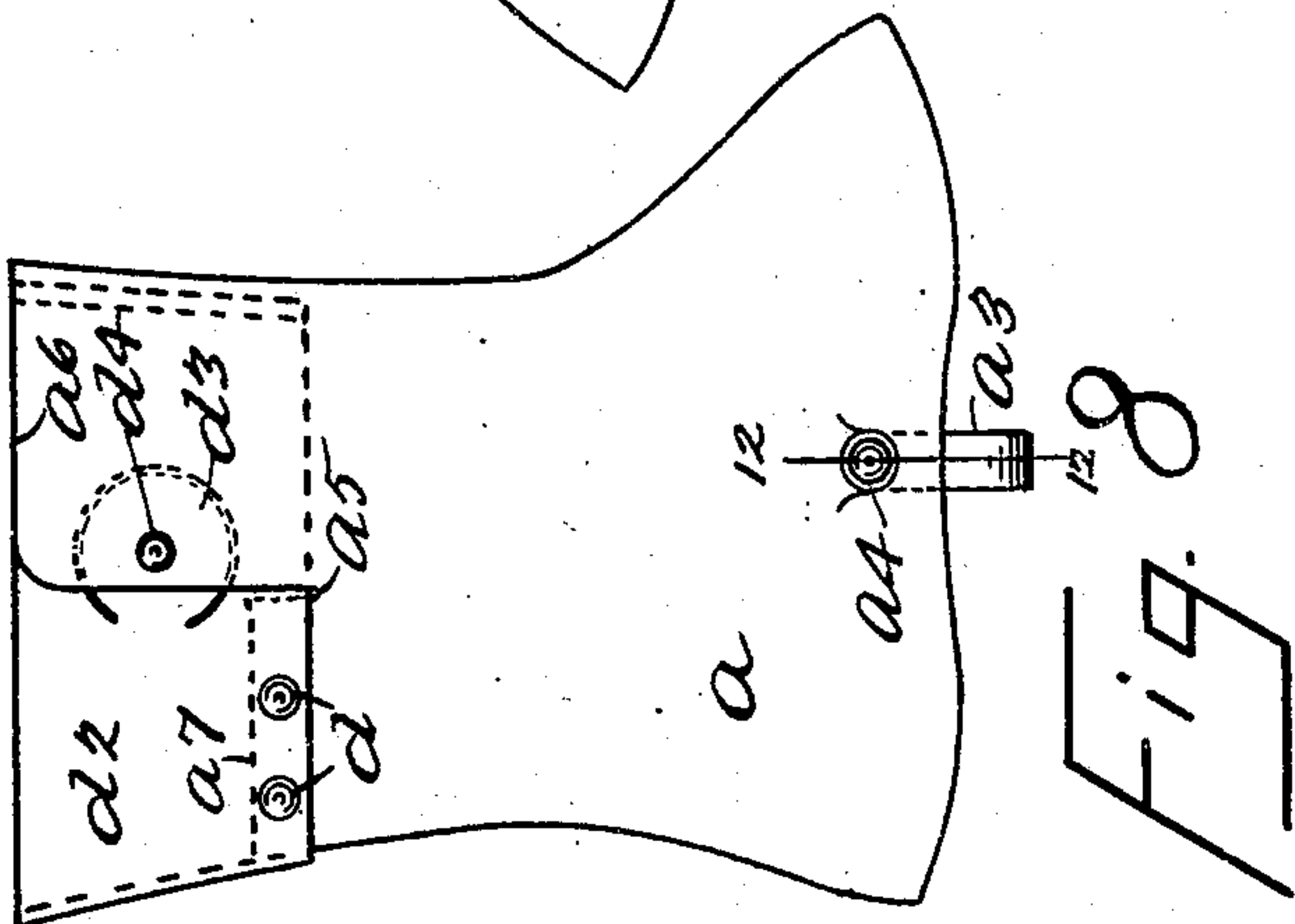


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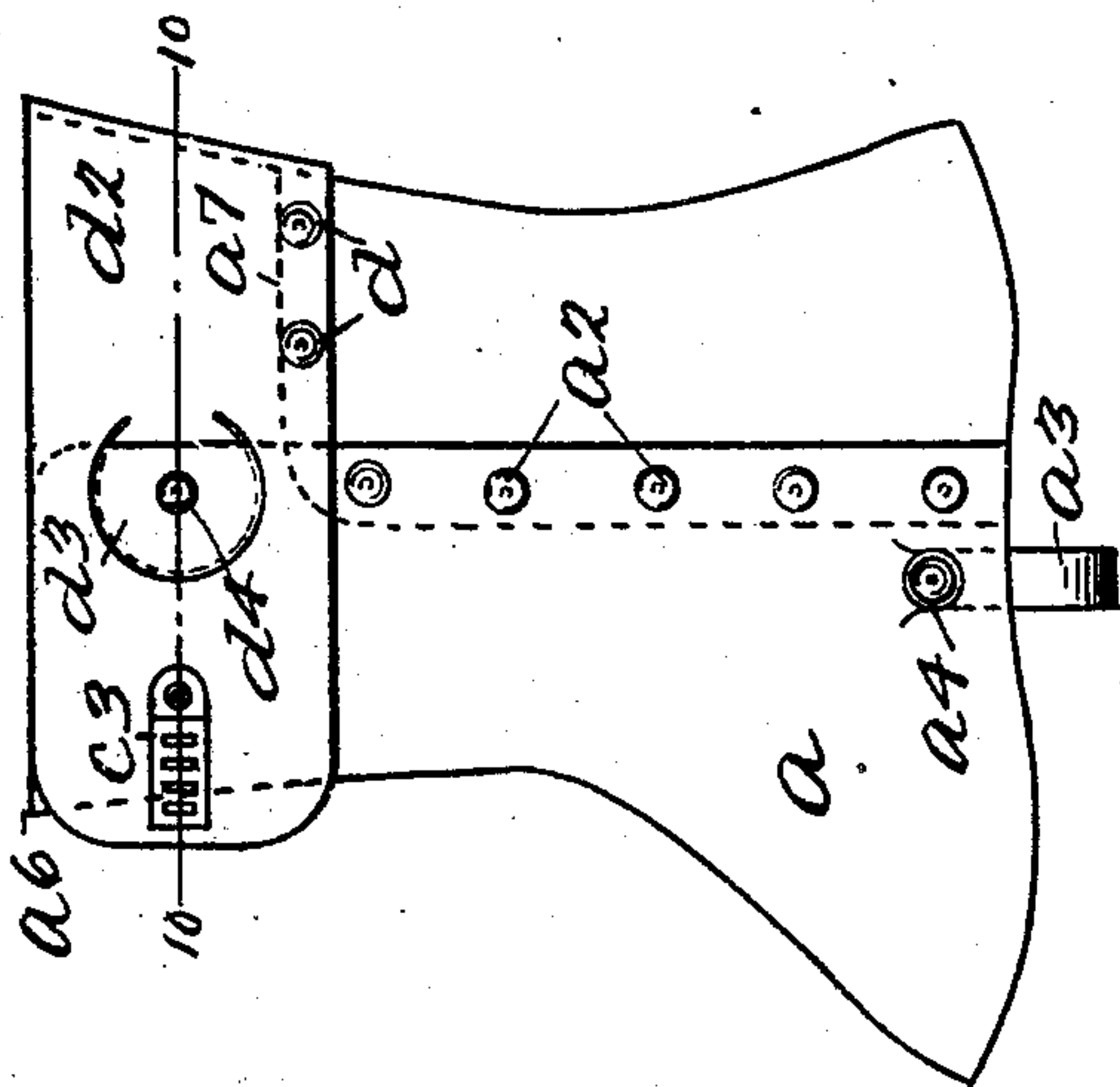


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Fig. 10

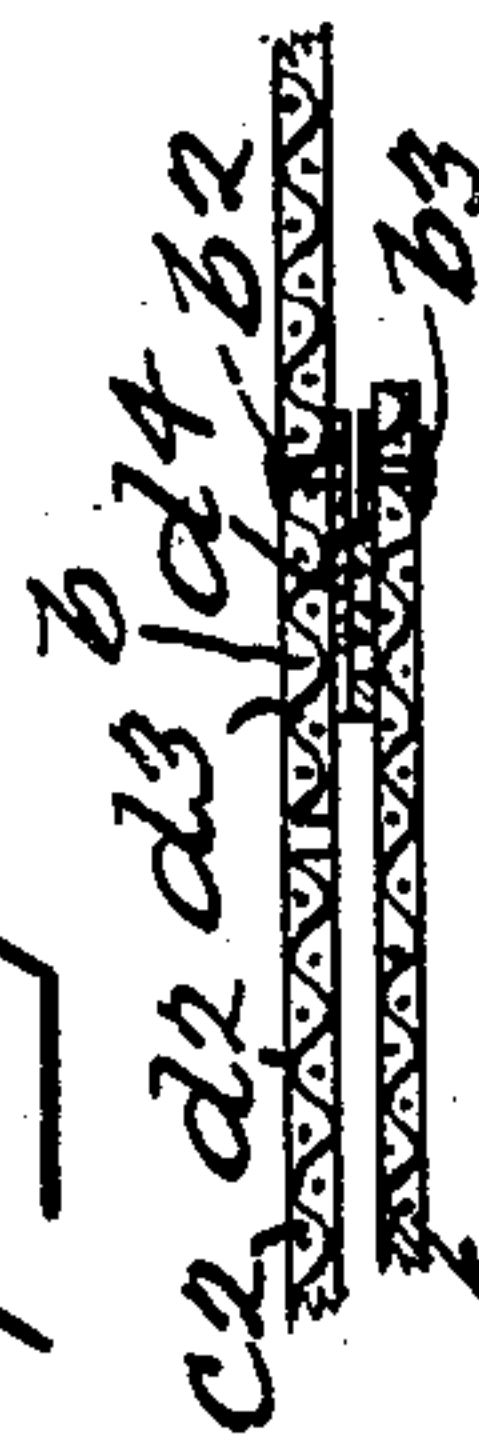


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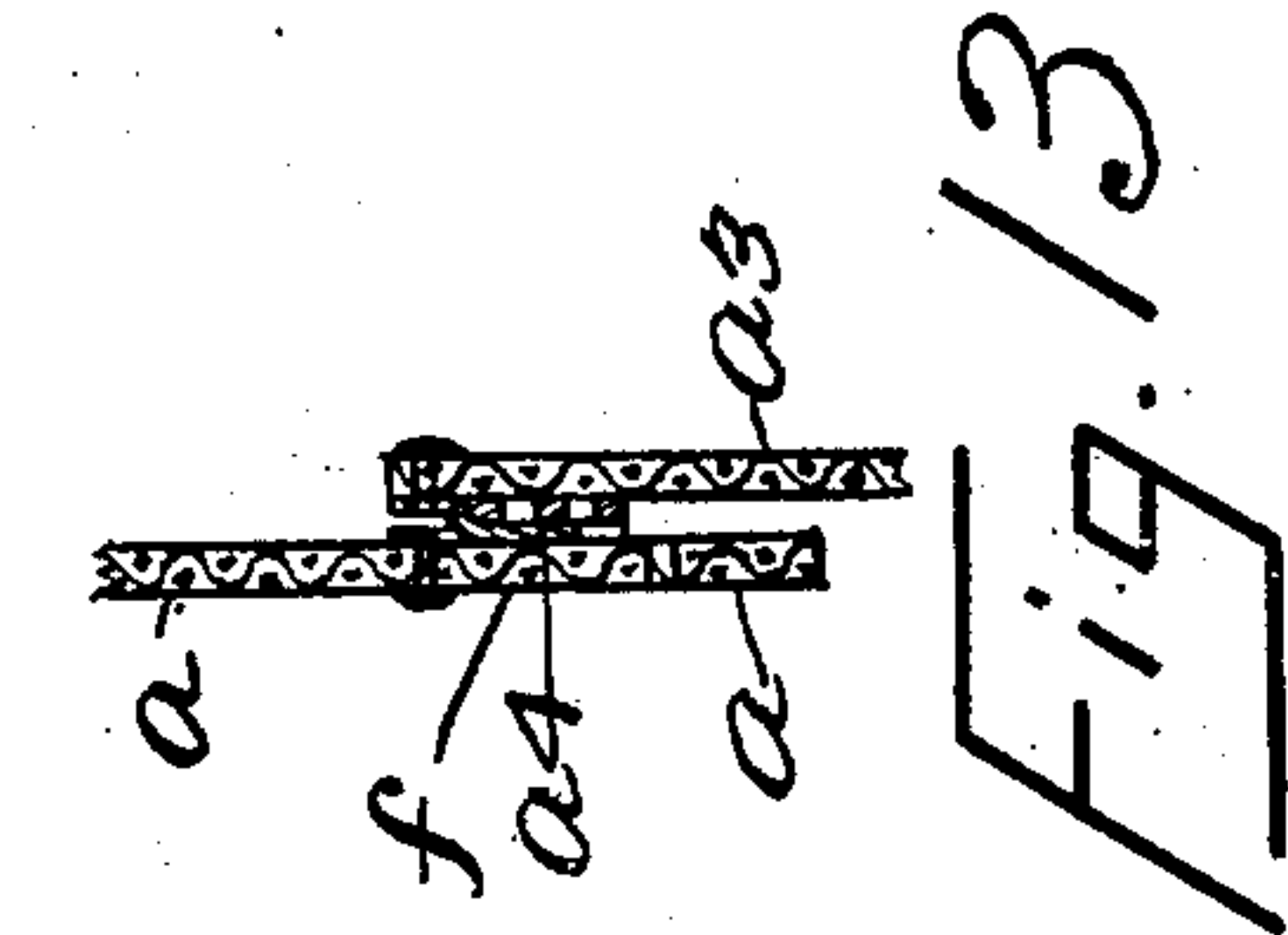


Fig. 13

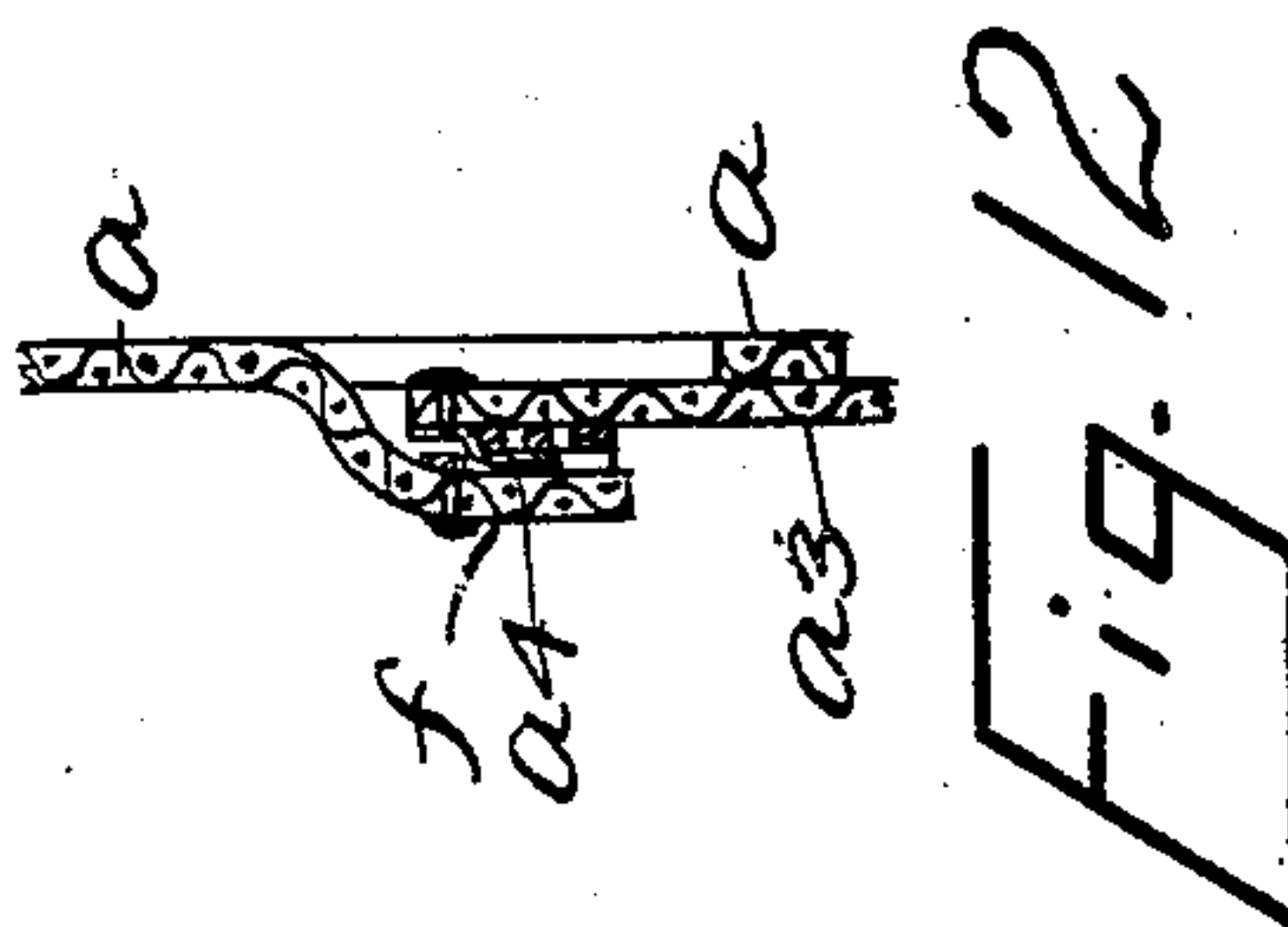


Fig. 12

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HYMAN COHEN, a subject of the Emperor of Russia, and residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Leg-Coverings, of which the following is a specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to leg coverings, particularly of the gaiter type and the object thereof is to provide an article of this class which may be worn over or under the trousers of a wearer; a further object being to provide an article of this class having flaps connected thereto and which may be worn inside or outside the said article at will thereby producing an arctic or a gaiter effect and result; a further object being to provide such an article from which the said flaps may be detached if desired thereby producing the usual gaiter appearance; a still further object being to provide means, in an article of this class, whereby the said article may be worn over or under rubber foot coverings with the securing device within said foot covering and a still further object being to provide such articles which are simple in construction and use, very efficient for the purposes for which they are designed and comparatively inexpensive.

My invention is fully described in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawings form a part, in which the separate parts are designated by the same reference characters in each of the views, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a side view of one form of embodiment of my invention, in one position; Fig. 2 is a similar view of the other side thereof; Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 1 but with the parts in another position; Fig. 4 is a view of the opposite side of the form shown in Fig. 3; Fig. 5 is a section on the line 5—5 of Fig. 1; Fig. 6 is a section on the line 6—6 of Fig. 3; Fig. 7 is a side view of another form of embodiment of my invention, with the parts in one position; Fig. 8 is a view of the other side thereof, with the parts in another position; Fig. 9 is a view similar to Fig. 7, with the detachable parts removed; Fig. 10 is an enlarged section on the line 10—10 of Fig. 7; Fig. 11 is a view similar to Fig. 10 but with the parts differently arranged; Fig. 12 is an enlarged section on the

line 12—12 of Fig. 8; and Fig. 13 is a similar view on the line 13—13 of Fig. 9.

In the drawings forming a part of this application, I have shown a gaiter comprising a body member a open at one side and provided with securing devices a^2 thereat and being also provided with foot straps a^3 and securing devices a^4 therefor, and, in the form shown in Figs. 1 to 6 inclusive, said body member is provided with a slot a^5 extending for a predetermined distance at the top of the closed side of said body member, and the securing devices a^2 extend downwardly from a point opposite the lower end of the slot a^5 , the body member being open thereover, thereby forming front and back tongues a^6 and a^7 , respectively.

Connected, preferably permanently, with the back tongue a^7 and at each side of the gaiter, are forwardly directed lugs b which carry one member b^2 of securing devices hereinafter described and the other member b^3 of which is carried by the front tongue a^6 thereby forming a connection between the said tongues.

Connected, preferably detachably by means of securing devices c , to each side of the back tongue a^7 , is a forwardly directed flap c^2 ; said flaps being adapted to pass around the front tongue a^6 and be secured in this position by means of securing devices c^3 , preferably adjustable, on said flaps, and, at the point of connection of the said flaps with the tongue a^7 I provide an opening c^4 in the said flaps conforming to and encircling the lugs b and, by means of this construction, it will be seen that the said lugs may be moved independently of the said flaps and to either surface thereof.

When it is desired to use the article as a gaiter, as shown in Figs. 3, 4 and 6, the front tongue is turned downwardly or away from the leg and the flaps c^2 are wrapped about the leg and the tongue a^6 arranged thereover after which the securing devices b^2 and b^3 are connected and the gaiter is in position for use and presents a neat appearance, snugly fitting the leg of the wearer, and, if desired, the flaps c^2 may also be detached from the body-member thereby making the gaiter lighter and cooler.

When it is desired to use the article as an arctic and over the trouser legs, the tongue a^6 is turned downwardly and the flaps c^2 backwardly and the trouser legs wrapped

around the legs of the wearer, after which the tongue a^6 is arranged over the said trouser legs and the securing devices b^2 and b^3 connected, thus holding the trouser legs in position, after which the flaps c^2 are passed forwardly over the said tongue a^6 and secured by the devices c^3 , thus producing the arctic effect for rough weather.

In Figs. 7 to 9 inclusive, I have shown another form of embodiment of my invention, wherein the back tongue a^7 is much shorter than the front tongue a^6 and is adapted to support, by means of securing devices d , a fabric band d^2 which encircles the leg of the wearer, either inside the tongue a^6 or outside the same in the manner described in the other form of construction, said band being provided with independently movable lugs d^3 which correspond with the lugs b in function and are adapted to be connected with the front tongue a^6 by means of securing devices d^4 , preferably of the adjustable type, shown in detail in Figs. 10 and 11, in the two positions of the parts, these figures being also enlarged fragmentary views of Figs. 5 and 6, wherein the securing devices are not shown but merely the relation of the parts in the different positions thereof. I also utilize the independently movable lug principle in connection with the foot straps a^3 , as shown in detail in Figs. 12 and 13, and in which use I provide lugs f preferably integral with the body member a and adapted to pass to either surface thereof, said lugs f and the ends of the straps a^3 carrying the members of securing devices a^4 , preferably adjustable, and in this manner, I dispense with the necessity of the usual buckle on the foot strap and am enabled to arrange the said strap inside or outside the lower edge of the gaiter, in the former arrangement to permit the gaiter to be placed over a foot covering with the said strap within the same and in the latter arrangement to hold the lower edge of the gaiter snugly in position for use with or without the foot coverings.

It will be seen that my gaiter can be used in either of two positions, with the trouser legs inside or outside the same, and with or without the flaps or the band d^2 , according to the weather conditions and in the form shown in Figs. 7 to 9, when the band d^2 is detached, the front tongue is turned downwardly inside the body member and the gaiter, when secured in position, cannot be distinguished from the usual construction.

The securing devices shown, where no adjustability is desired, are of the usual glove fastener construction but I do not limit myself to any specific form thereof nor to that of the adjustable fasteners as plain buttons and button holes may be used as may any other equivalent without impairing the functions or appearance of my gaiter and many other changes in and modifications of the

forms of construction shown and described may be made without departing from the spirit thereof or sacrificing its advantages.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. A leg covering, comprising a body member, flaps thereon means for securing said flaps together over said body member and means for securing said body member over said flaps.

2. A leg covering, comprising a body member, flaps detachably connected therewith, means for securing said flaps together over said body member and means for securing said body member over said flaps.

3. A leg covering, comprising a body member open at one side and provided with a vertical slot in the opposite side, flaps connected with said body member and means for securing said flaps inside or outside said body member.

4. A leg covering, comprising a body member provided with oppositely arranged vertical slots, flaps on said body member and adapted to pass through said slots and means for securing said flaps inside or outside said body member.

5. A leg covering, comprising a body member provided with oppositely arranged slots, flaps detachably connected with said body member and adapted to pass through said slots and means for securing said flaps inside or outside said body member.

6. A leg covering, provided with upwardly directed tongues, flaps connected with one of said tongues and adapted to be connected with each other and means for connecting the other of said tongues with said flaps thereon or thereunder.

7. A leg covering, provided with upwardly directed tongues, flaps detachably connected with one of said tongues and adapted to be connected with each other and means for connecting the other of said tongues with said flaps thereover or thereunder.

8. A leg covering, provided with upwardly directed tongues, flaps connected with one of said tongues and lugs connected with one tongue and adapted to be connected with the other of said tongues.

9. A leg covering, provided with upwardly directed tongues, flaps detachably connected with said leg covering and lugs connected with one of said tongues and detachably connected with the other tongue.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of the subscribing witnesses this 7th day of January, 1908.

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