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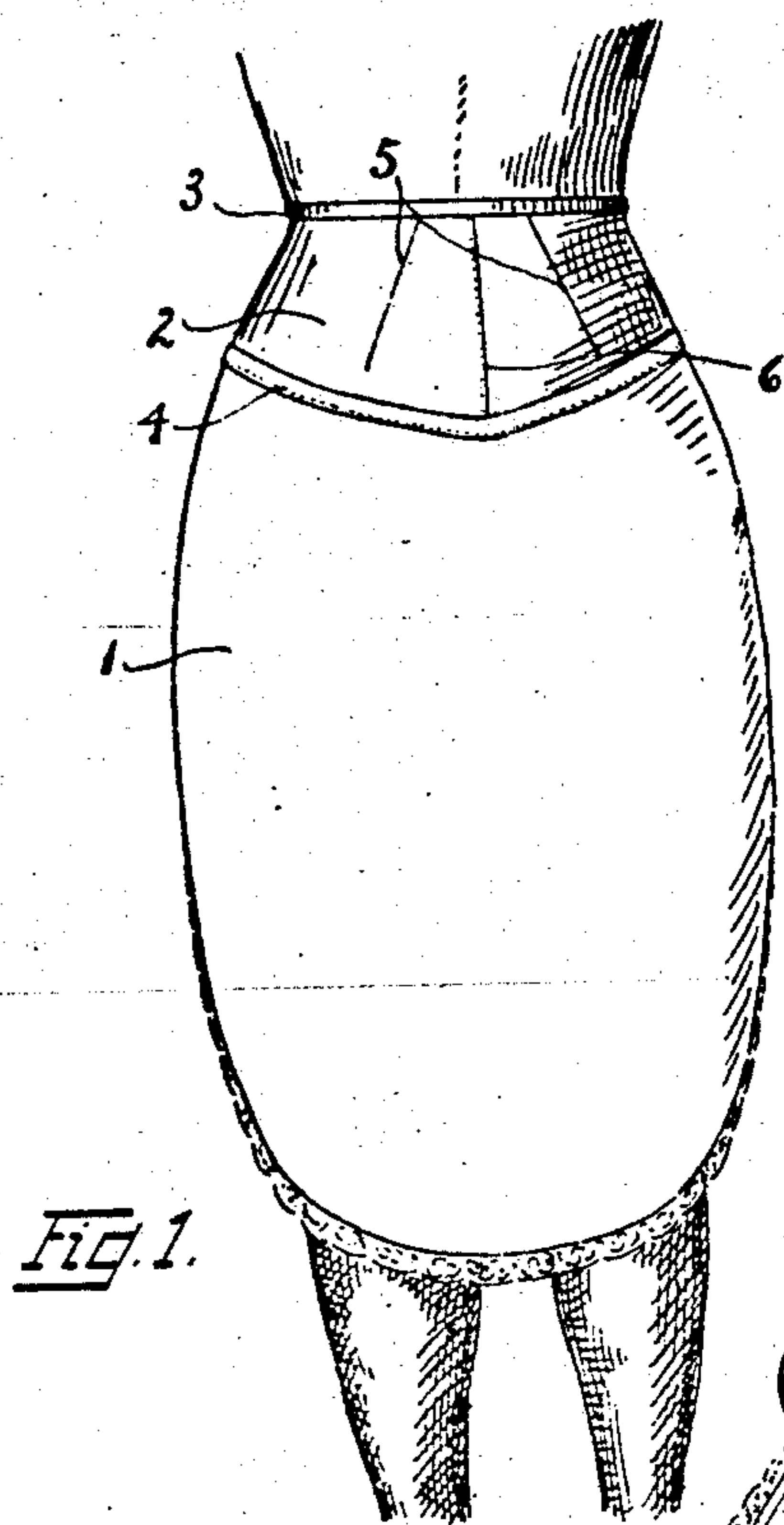


FIG. 1.

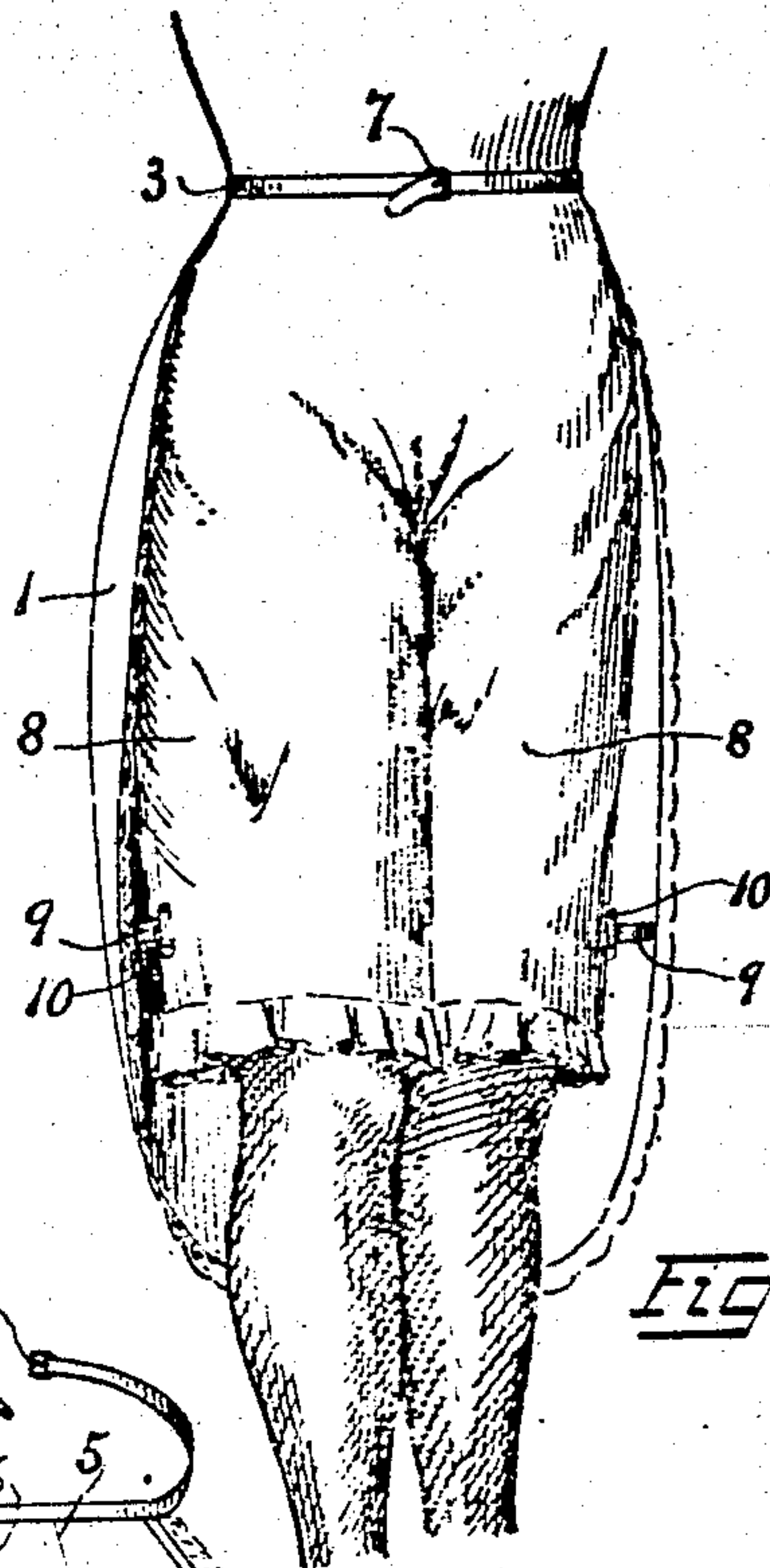


FIG. 2.

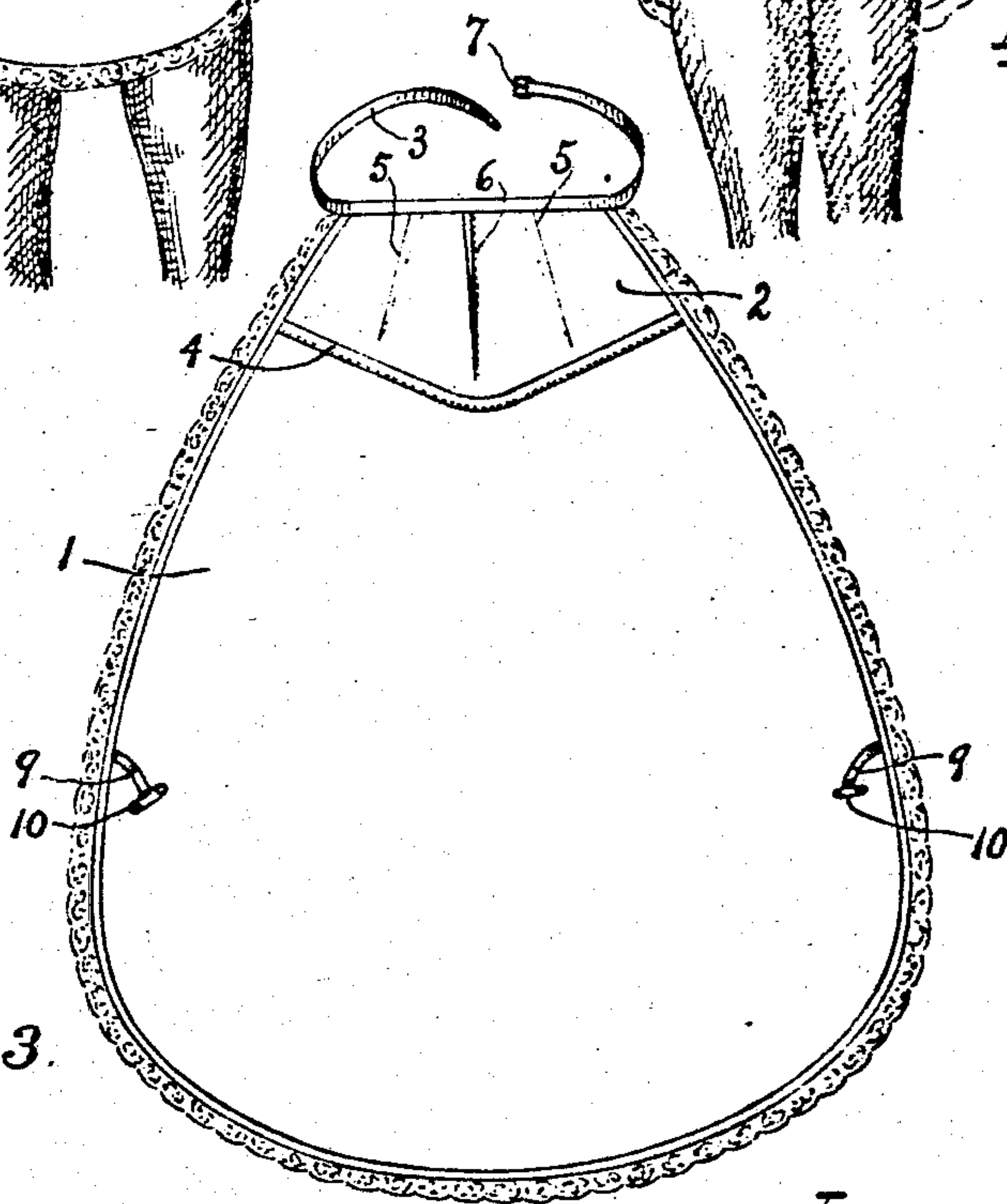


FIG. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALICE M. AIKEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sanitary Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in sanitary protectors,—an appliance to be worn over the drawers and corsets and under the skirts of women in connection with the ordinary catamenial bandage and accessories during the period of menstruation, or in anticipation of the recurrence of such period, to prevent staining of the outer garments.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a generally-improved protector, of light material, which can be easily and quickly applied or removed, and when being worn causes no inconvenience, is sanitary, not liable to disarrangement, and does not detract from the appearance or effect of the outer garments in any position or posture which may be assumed by the wearer.

The improved protector is designed to cooperate with, connect to, and maintain a proper position at all times relative to, the drawers, or other equivalent and contiguous apparel of the wearer. The appliance is suspended from the waist, by means of a waistband which encircles the corset, and is of such material, shape, and configuration as to enable it to be conveniently worn and situated exteriorly of the drawers at the rear of the body for the performance of the functions and ends above referred to.

With these ends in view, the invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement, and combination of parts, hereinafter described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and particularly pointed out in the appending claims.

Referring to the drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1, is a rear view of the improved protector as it appears applied to the body of the wearer. Fig. 2, a front view illustrating manner of attachment and relative position with respect to the drawers of the wearer. Fig. 3, a view of the inner or under portion of the protector detached, giving a more detailed view of the rubber or impermeable shield and permeable yoke portions thereof.

The improved protector comprises an impermeable shield portion 1, and a permeable

yoke portion 2, contracted at its top portion as hereinafter described and provided with a waistband 3.

The shield portion 1, is of a single ply of light impermeable material, such as rubber fabric or the like, and, preferably, smooth on the inner or under side and having the general outline shown most clearly in Fig. 3, of the drawings.

In order to give the protector the proper shape or configuration to conform to the general contour of the body of the wearer as shown most clearly in Fig. 3, and, also provide for a circulation of air below the waistline (the shield being of impermeable material) the shield portion is cut away at its top to provide for the yoke portion 2, of suitable permeable material, and secured thereto by means of the horizontally-extending seam 4; and the yoke portion 2, is given the proper form or contour by having its upper portion contracted and folded into downwardly and laterally-extending tapering plaits or folds 5, on each side of a median seam 6, the folds being on the inner or under side of the yoke portion as shown most clearly in Fig. 3, of the drawings.

The improved protector is secured in proper position to be worn by passing the waistband about the waist the free ends thereof meeting in front and being secured by means of a buckle 7, or other suitable and convenient fastening device. In order that the shield portion of the protector may cooperate with, and be secured and maintained in proper relative position with respect to the drawers 8, of the wearer, in any position or posture which may be assumed, and yet permit of a free and natural movement of the limbs, the side or marginal edges of the lower portion of the shield 1, are provided with tabs or straps 9, carrying in their free ends "safety-pins" 10, or other convenient fastening devices, adapted to be secured in the lower outer sides or portions of the drawers 8, as shown most clearly in Fig. 2, of the drawings.

It is obvious that the arrangement just described prevents any extended lateral movement or displacement of the shield and insures the protector being beneath the wearer when in a sitting position, and when in a standing position at the rear of the person, thus shielding and protecting the clothing of the wearer from being soiled.

Having thus described my invention, what

I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is,—

A protector, comprising a permeable yoke portion provided with a median seam and
5 having its upper portion contracted and folded into downwardly and laterally-extending tapering plaits or folds on each side of said median line, and an impermeable portion comprising a single ply of material de-
10 pending from said yoke portion, said yoke

portion being provided about its upper edges with a waistband and said shield portion being provided with attaching-tabs near the depending end thereof.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my 15 signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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