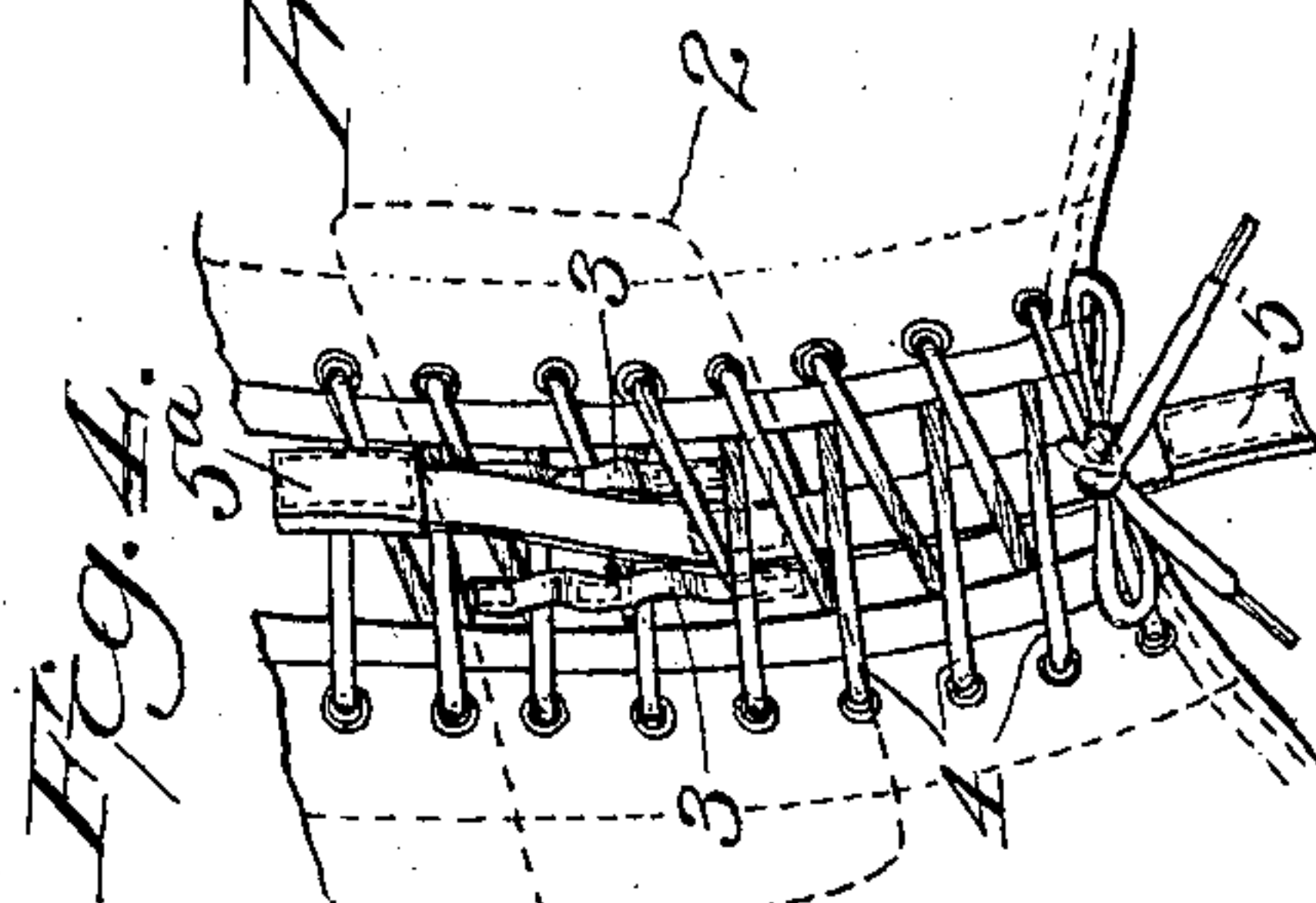
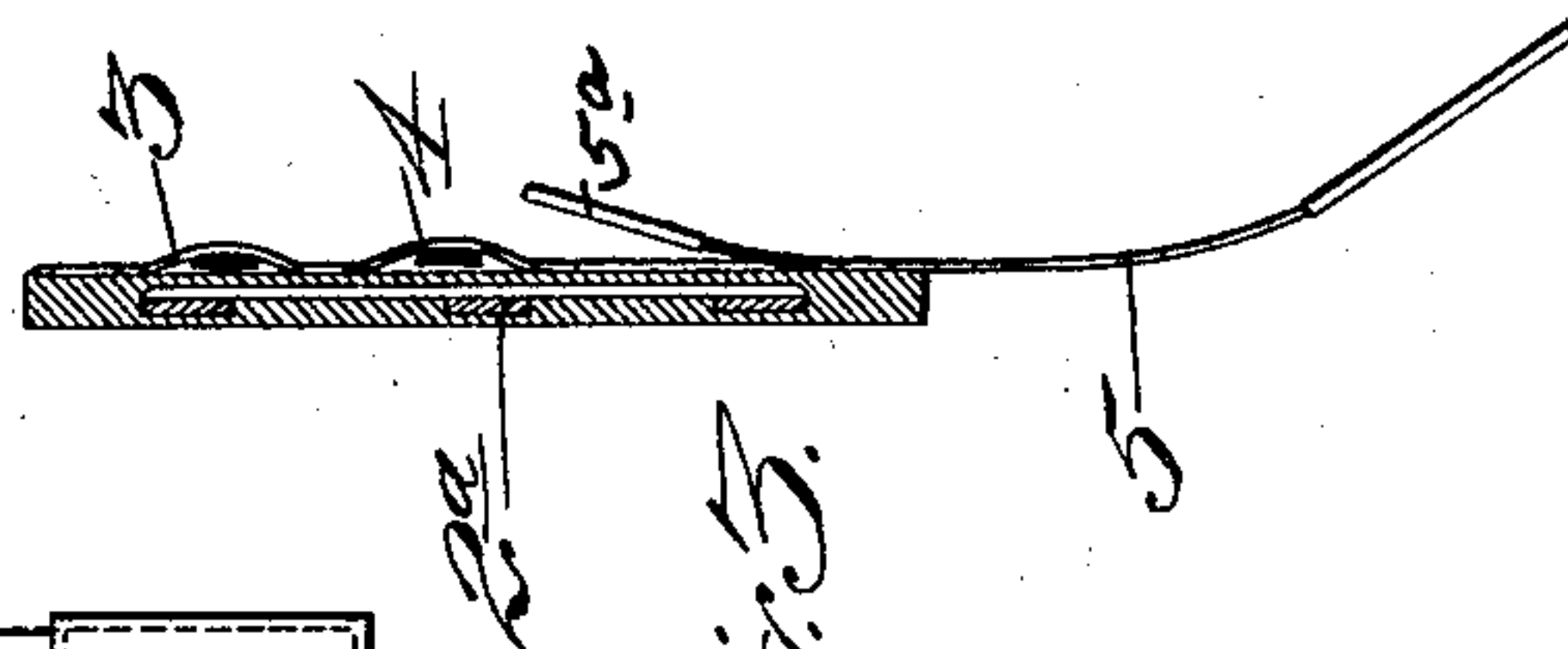
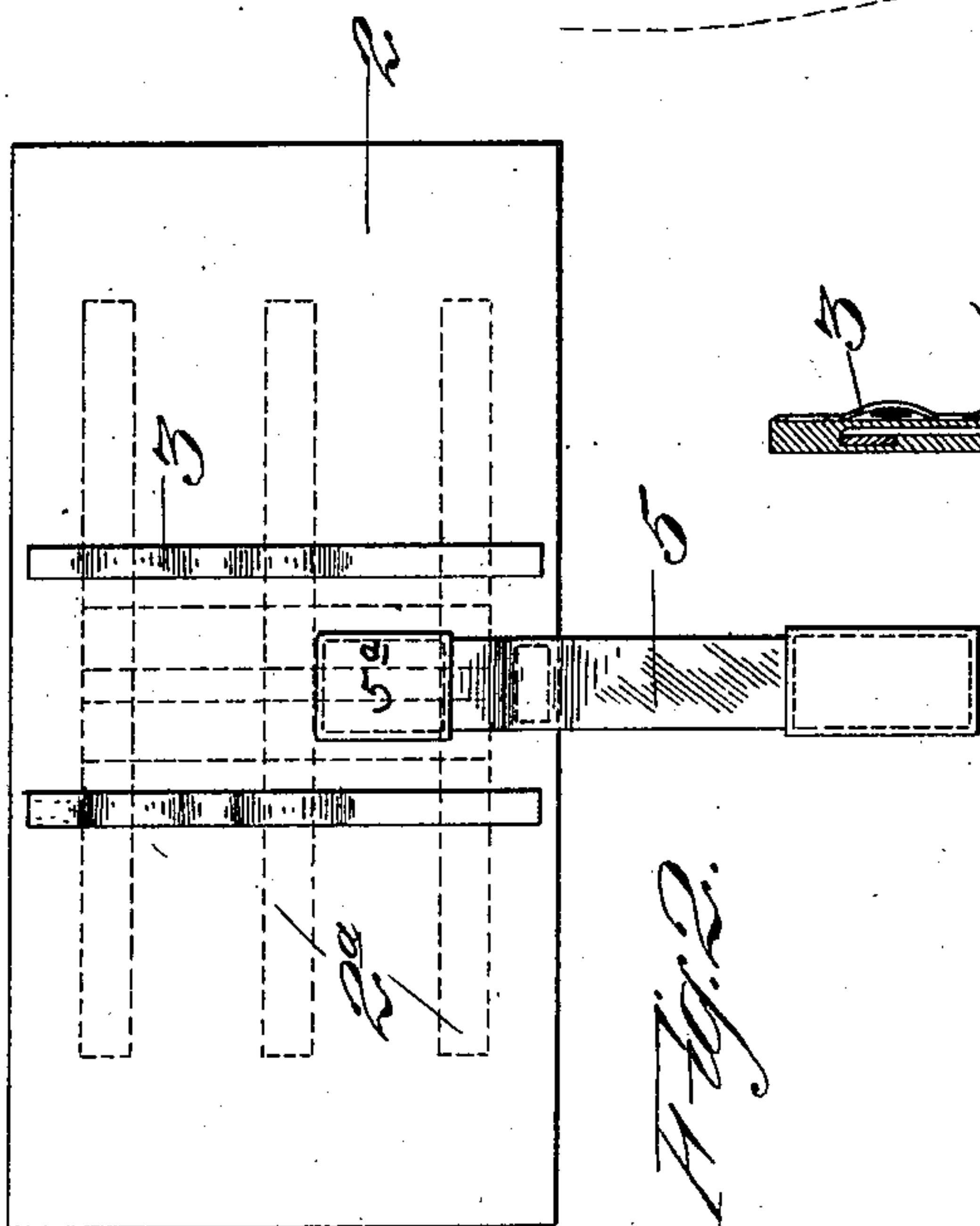
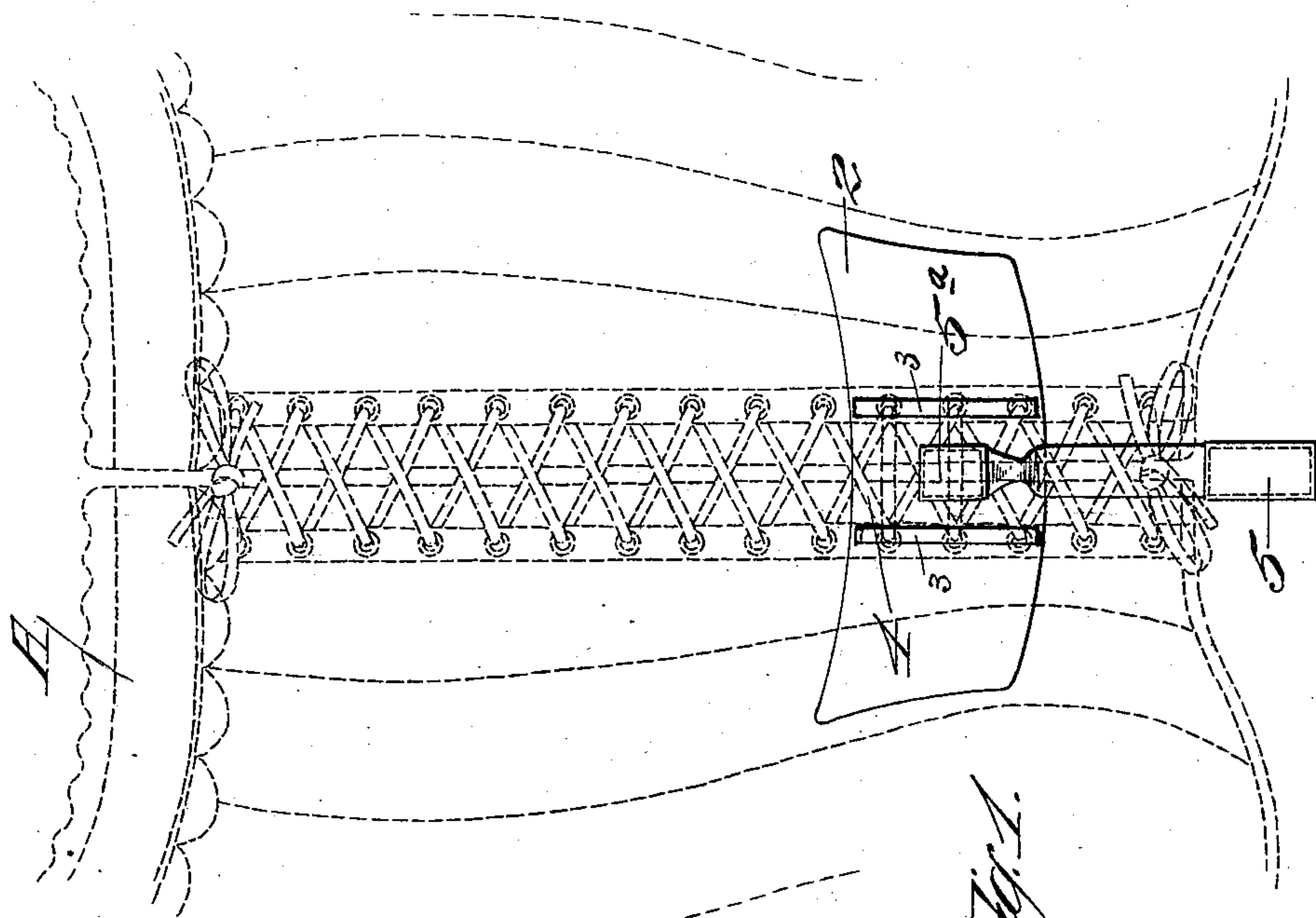


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GERTRUDE FLEMING SHANKLAND, citizen of the United States, residing at Oakland, in the county of Alameda and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Corset-Attachment Back-Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a device attachable to corsets which is especially designed to protect the back of the wearer, and also providing an elastic attachment for the lower ends of shirt waists and like garments.

It consists in the combination of parts, and in details of construction which will be more fully explained by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a back view of a portion of a corset, showing my attachment. Fig. 2 is a separate view of the attachment. Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the connected parts. Fig. 4 is a broken rear view of a corset showing the upper end of the elastic extending through the space between the corset lacings.

My device is intended as a protection and support for the back of the wearer, and also to provide an elastic attachment for waists and light over-garments which terminate at the waist-line.

In the drawing, the corset A may be of any usual or desired construction.

2 is a sufficiently rigid and elastic part, which may be made of any desired material suitable for the purpose.

I have found that with an exterior surface of what is known as buckram and interior transversely disposed bars of framework, made of featherbone or similar material, 2^a, these will produce a sufficiently stiff and at the same time elastic structure which will fit itself to the form of the wearer. This is made of any suitable or desired size, and it has straps 3 fixed upon the outside at intervals, which allows intermediate open spaces between the straps and the surface of the brace so that the corset lacings 4 can be passed through these open channels, and thus retain the part 2 in position, usually across the small of the back. This part is supported inside of the corset, and in addition to its own supporting effect, it prevents the pressure of the corset bones, and the pinching of the skin, which occurs when the corsets are tightly laced and drawn together.

Attached to the lower edge of this part is a piece of elastic 5, the upper end of which is

adapted to have the lower edge of a shirt-waist or other garment attached to it by pinning or otherwise. The lower end of the piece 5 may be attached to and form a support for any garment.

A sufficient length of elastic extends above the point of attachment to the part 2 to allow for the tension upon the garment so attached when the wearer is leaning over, and changing position, and on returning to the normal upright position, the elastic will immediately pull the garment into desired position, and thus maintain the fit across the back and prevent it from pulling up and becoming disarranged.

The upper end of the elastic 5^a may pass out through the space between the corset lacings as shown in Fig. 4 to enable it to engage the shirt-waist or other garment.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

1. An elastic plate and back support having transversely extending stays and loops arranged substantially at right-angles to the stays and adapted to receive the lacing of a corset, and means on said plate for the attachment of the lower edge of shirt-waists and like garments.

2. An elastic plate and back support having means for the attachment of the lower edge of shirt waists and like garments, said plate having open spaces through which corset lacings may be passed to secure the plate to a corset.

3. An elastic plate and back support having open spaces through which the lacings of a corset may be passed to attach the plate to a corset, said plate having a flexible strip secured to it and forming an attachment for the lower edge of shirt waists and like garments.

4. An elastic plate and back support having open channels through which may be passed the lacings of a corset whereby the plate is attached to the corset, said plate having a flexible strip attached to it and said strip having a loose upper end, for the attachment of the lower edge of shirt waists and the like, and said loose end being elastic to allow for the tension upon the attached garment, when the wearer is changing position.

5. A corset attachment consisting of a stiff elastic plate having vertically disposed tapes stitched thereto at intervals, with

spaces between the lines of stitching for the insertion of fastening tapes, and an elastic vertically disposed strip attached to the plate and forming an attachment for the lower edge of shirt waists and like garments.

6. In a device of the character described, a plate formed of an elastic interior grill or frame-work, and a smooth exterior covering, loops vertically secured thereon, adapted to

receive corset lacings, and a flexible elastic 10 strap vertically attached to the plate.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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