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FIG. 1

FIG. 2

FIG. 3

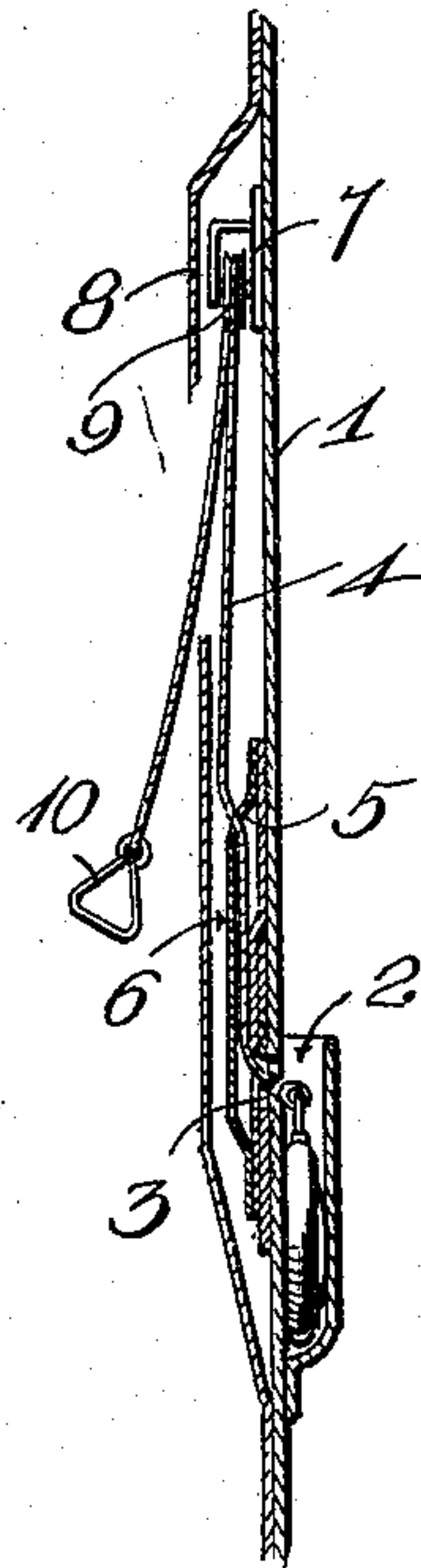
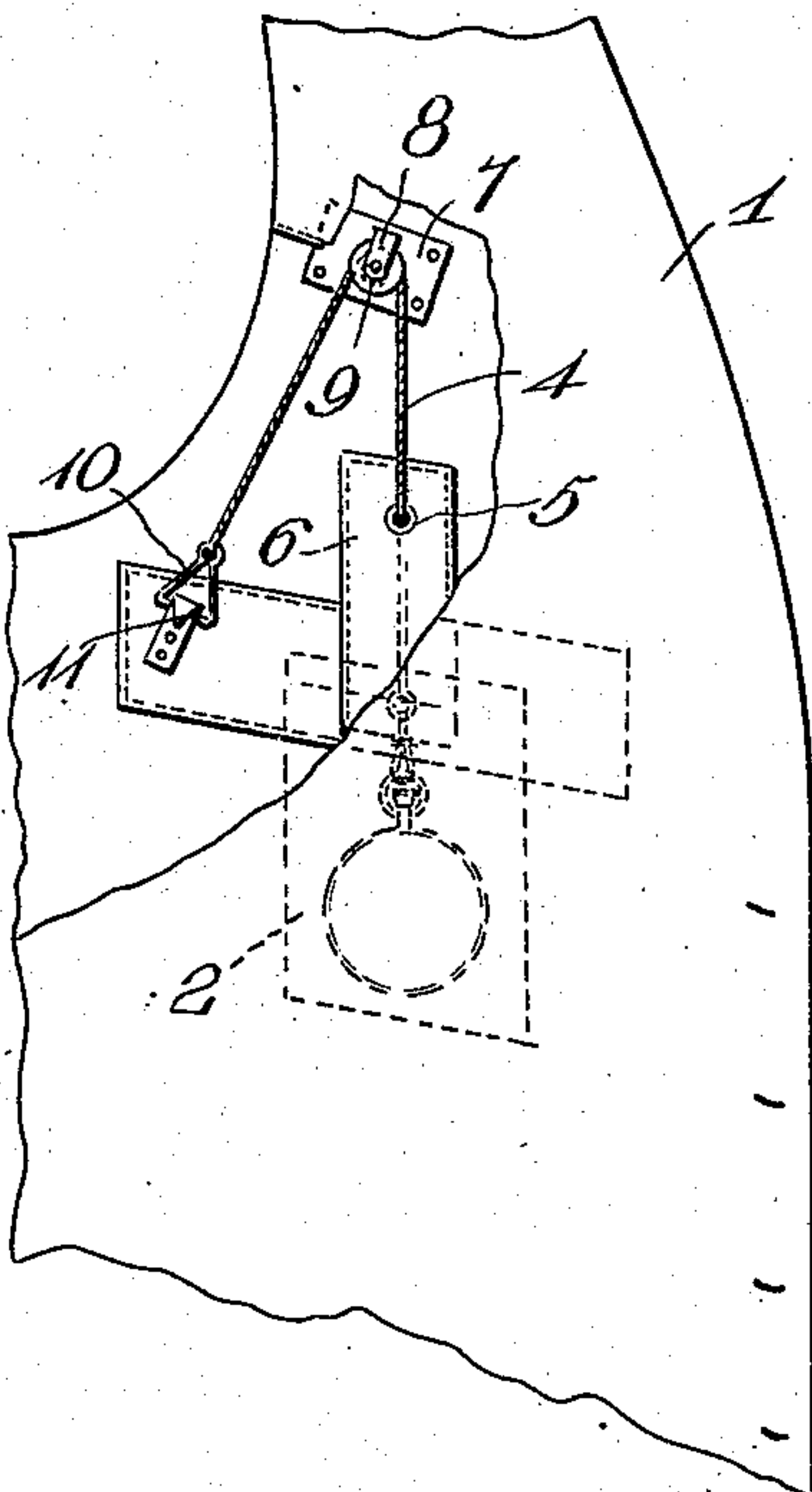
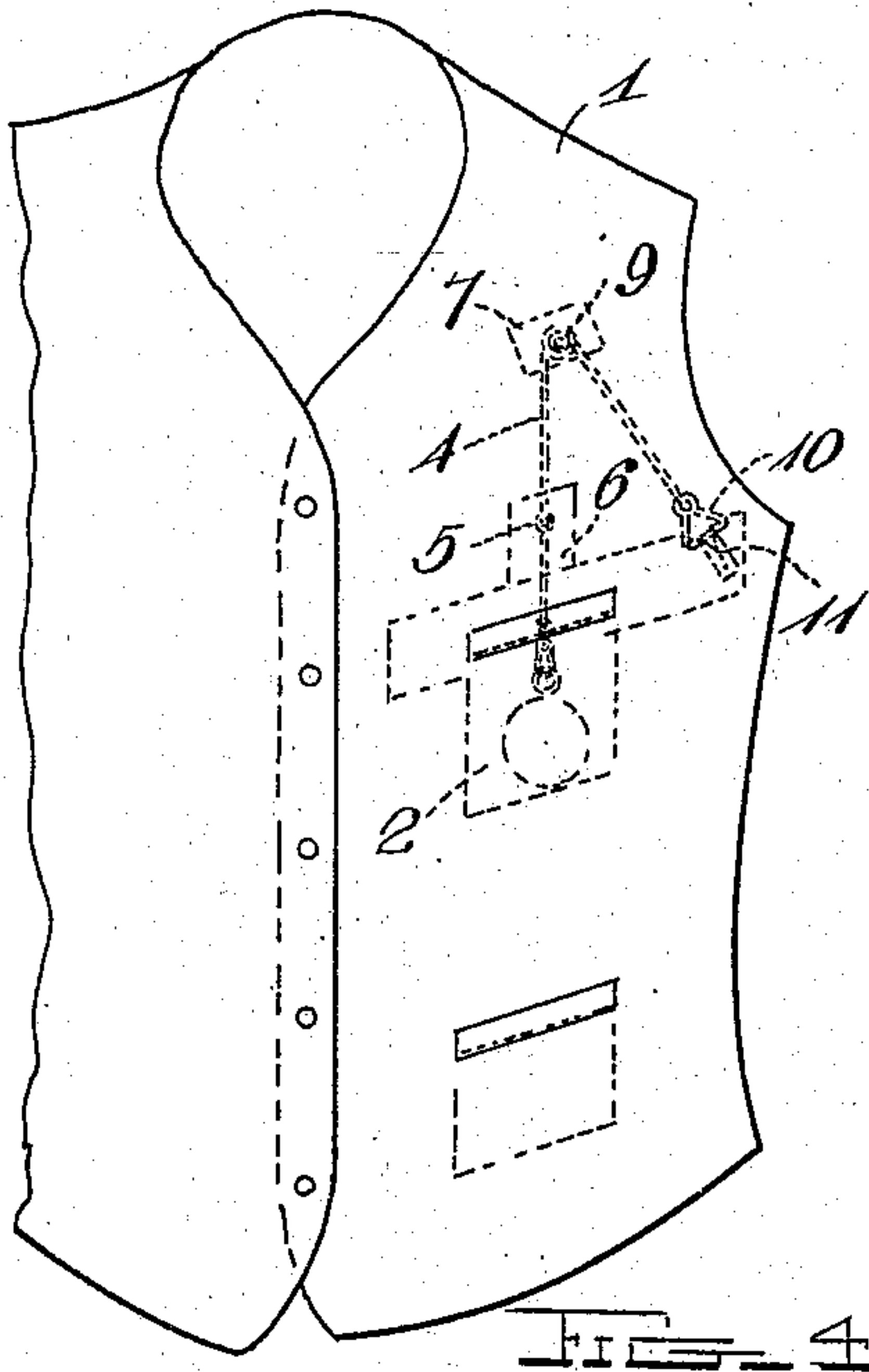
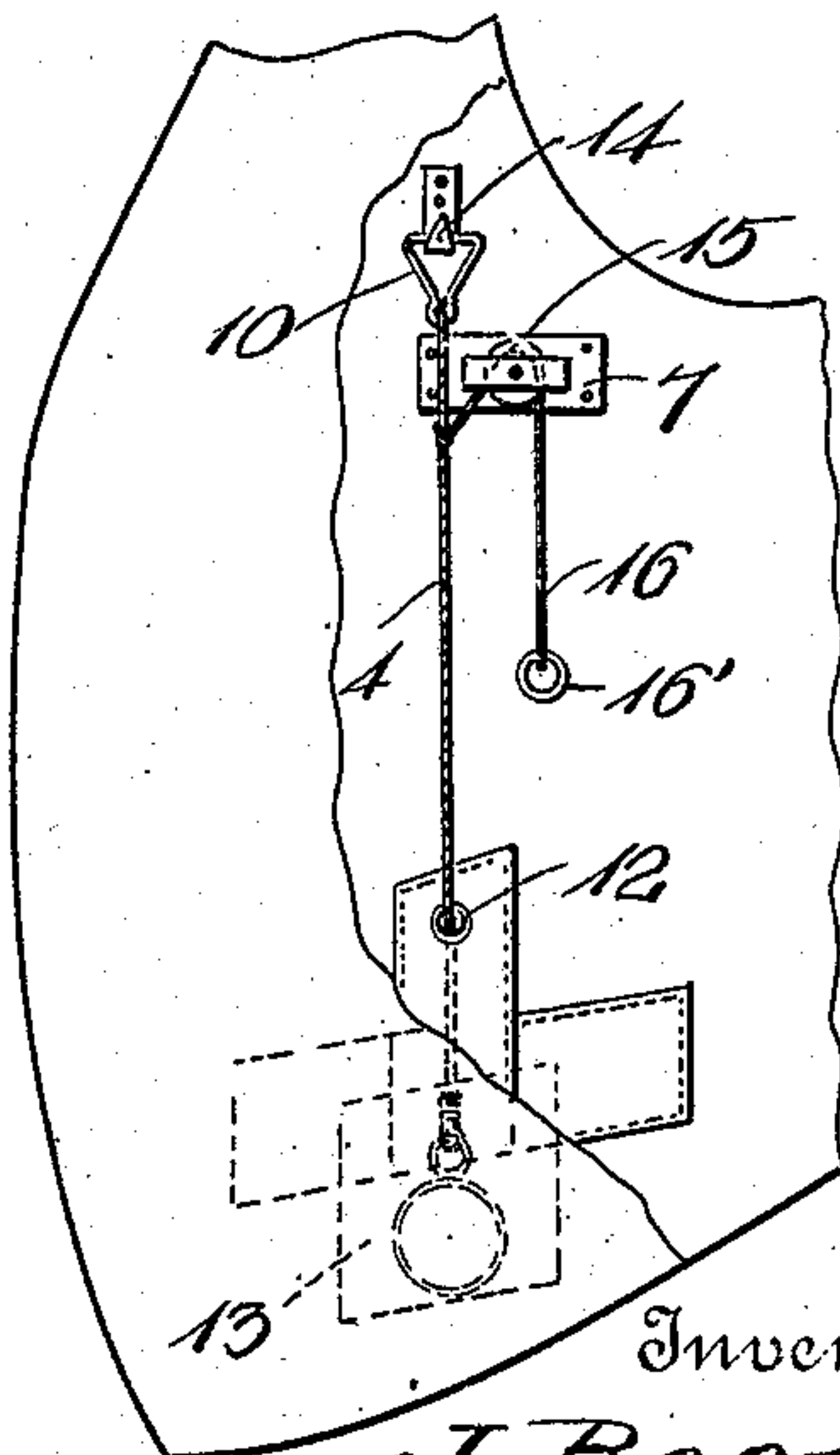
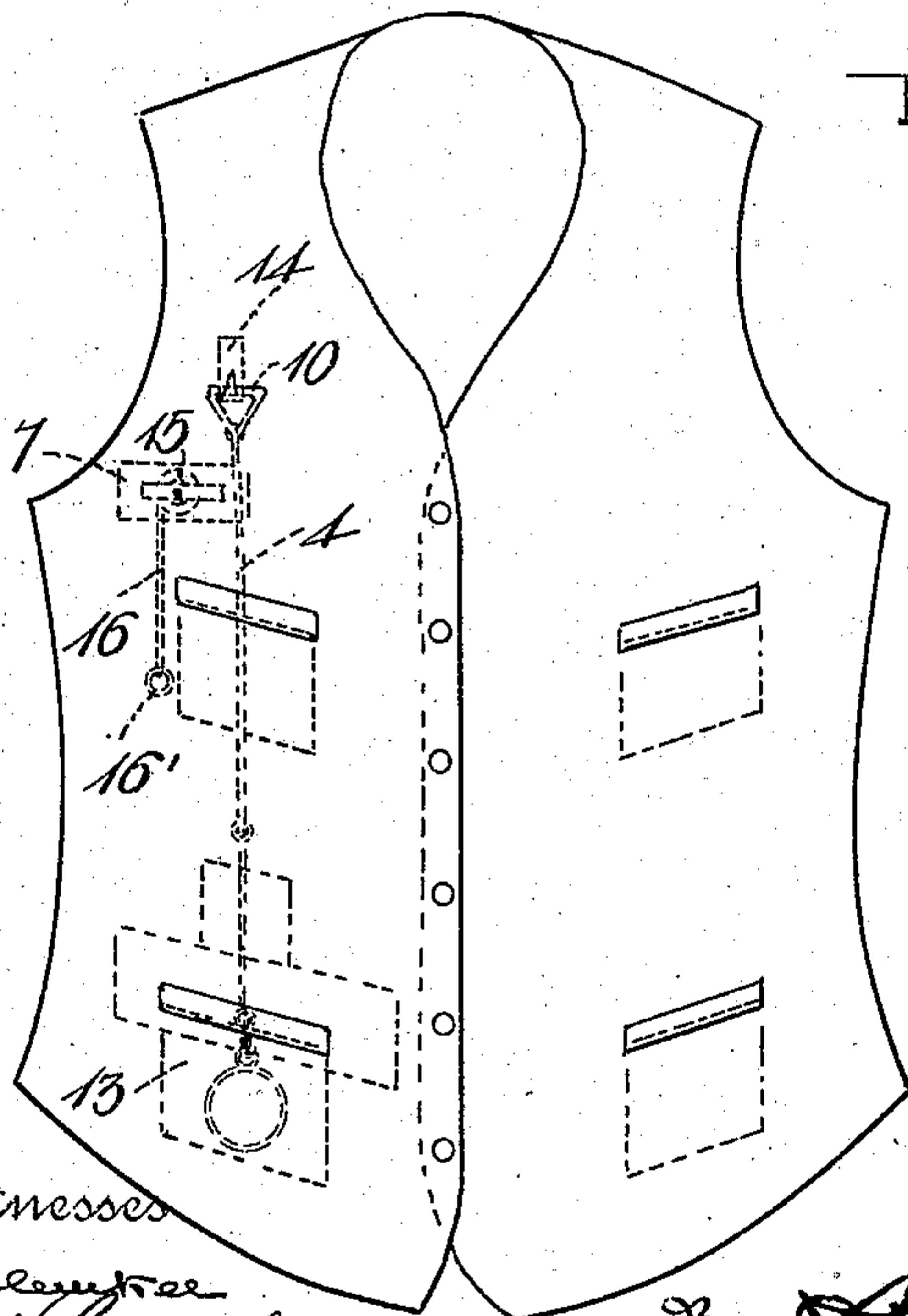


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES REEP, a citizen of the United States, residing at Centerville, in the county of St. Joseph and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Watch-Guards; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention comprises certain improvements in watch guards, and is particularly adapted for use in connection with vests.

One of the objects of this invention is the production of a simple and efficient device adapted to be connected with a vest after the same has been slightly altered, and so constructed that it will prevent the theft of a watch contained in one of the vest pockets and having connections with the device.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts, as will be more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claims, and in the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation showing my improved watch guard connected with the upper left-hand pocket of a vest; Fig. 2 is an interior view of the connection of my improved watch guard to a vest pocket; Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view; Fig. 4 is a view of my improved watch guard connected to the lower right-hand pocket of a vest; and Fig. 5 is an inside view of the connections for said pocket.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

I have illustrated the preferred embodiment of my invention in the drawings, in which 1 designates a vest, of the regulation kind worn by men.

2 designates an upper left-hand vest pocket, which is formed with an opening, 3, through which a cord, 4, is arranged to extend from the pocket to the interior of the vest. The cord 4 is connected to the clip of a watch which is arranged to be seated in the pocket, 2, and extends upwardly from the interior side of the vest to a second opening 5, formed in a reinforcing strip, 6, which is preferably composed of strong canvas and

sewed or securely attached to the inside of the vest. The canvas, 6, extends above the opening, 5, and a securing plate, 7, is secured thereon. The securing plate 7 is formed with an extension, 8, and a pulley, 9, is mounted on the securing plate and between the extension and said plate. The cord, 4, is passed over the pulley and provided with a ring, 10, which is secured to the inner end of said cord. Normally the cord, 4, and the ring, 10, depend from the pulley, 9. When ring 10 is drawn down and attached to hook 11 the watch will be drawn up through opening 3 and being thus secured, cannot be removed from the pocket or detached from the cord or hasp.

When a person desires to remove a watch for inspecting the time, he unhooks the ring, 10, from the hook, 11, when the watch will fall to normal position in pocket and then may be freely removed. This movement causes the cord, 4, to be moved over the pulley, 9, until it is prevented from further movement by the ring, 10, coming into engagement with the extension, 8. After a person has inspected the time by the watch, and desires to replace the same in the pocket, 2, he grasps the ring, 10, and pulls the cord, 4, over the pulley, 9, to its original position and hooks said ring on the hook, 11, thereby securely locking the watch to the vest. When the watch is thus securely locked, it will be impossible for a pickpocket to remove a watch from the pocket, 2, and any attempt to do this will immediately notify the owner of the fact. The pulley, 9, securing plate, 7, and the cord, 4, are covered by the lining of the vest with the exception of the ring, 10, which is allowed to extend through the lining, and the point of the hook, 11, which extends through an opening, formed in the lining so that the two may be readily connected. The pulley 9 and the hook 11 are positioned near the vest arm hole.

In Figs. 4 and 5, I have illustrated the manner in which my improved watch guard is connected to a lower right-hand vest pocket, and in these figures the operating cord, 4, is arranged to extend through an opening, 12, formed in the vest and communicating with the lower right-hand pocket, 13, and extend above the opening to a hook, 14, secured to the interior of the vest in substantially the same manner as the hook, 11, but above a pulley, 15, which is secured to the vest by a securing plate similar to the securing plate,

7. The pulley, 15, is preferably positioned on the interior of the vest near the right-hand armhole, and the operating cord is provided with a ring similar to the ring, 10, which is arranged to connect with the hook, 14. The operating cord extending through the pocket, 13, is connected with a branch cord 16, which passes over the pulley, 15, and enables the return of the ring 16' of the operating cord to the hook, 14, when said ring has been removed therefrom. When it is desired to remove the watch from the lower vest pocket the same may be accomplished by releasing the ring 10 from the hook 14 and grasping the watch by the cord, and it is obvious when said ring is engaged with said hook any attempt to remove the watch will be resisted by the cord 4.

The cord openings may be formed by buttonhole work or by eyelets, and the pulley is preferably formed of thin metal so as to lie snugly against the vest material, and it is evident that my invention may be applied to other garments besides vests without departing from the spirit thereof.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

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

1. A watch guard comprising a cord having connections with a watch, one end of said cord extending inwardly through a vest

opening and being provided with a ring secured thereto, and a hook having connections with the vest arranged to be connected with the ring.

2. A vest formed with an opening, through which a cord is arranged to extend, a cord provided with a ring having connections with a watch extending through the opening, a pulley engaged by the cord secured to the interior side of the vest, and a hook engaged by the ring secured to the interior side of the vest.

3. The combination with a vest formed with an opening through which a cord is arranged to extend, said opening communicating with one of the pockets of said vest, a pulley secured to the vest in proximity to one of the armholes of said vest, said cord being arranged to move over the pulley, and means for limiting the movement of the cord and for locking the inner end of the cord to the vest.

4. The combination with a vest formed with a pocket opening through which a cord is arranged to extend, the cord having connections with a watch extending through the opening upwardly on the interior side of the vest, a pulley secured in proximity to one of the armholes and on the interior side, means for reinforcing the vest where the pulley is secured to the vest, means for locking the inner end of the cord to the vest, and means for returning the cord to its normal position.

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

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