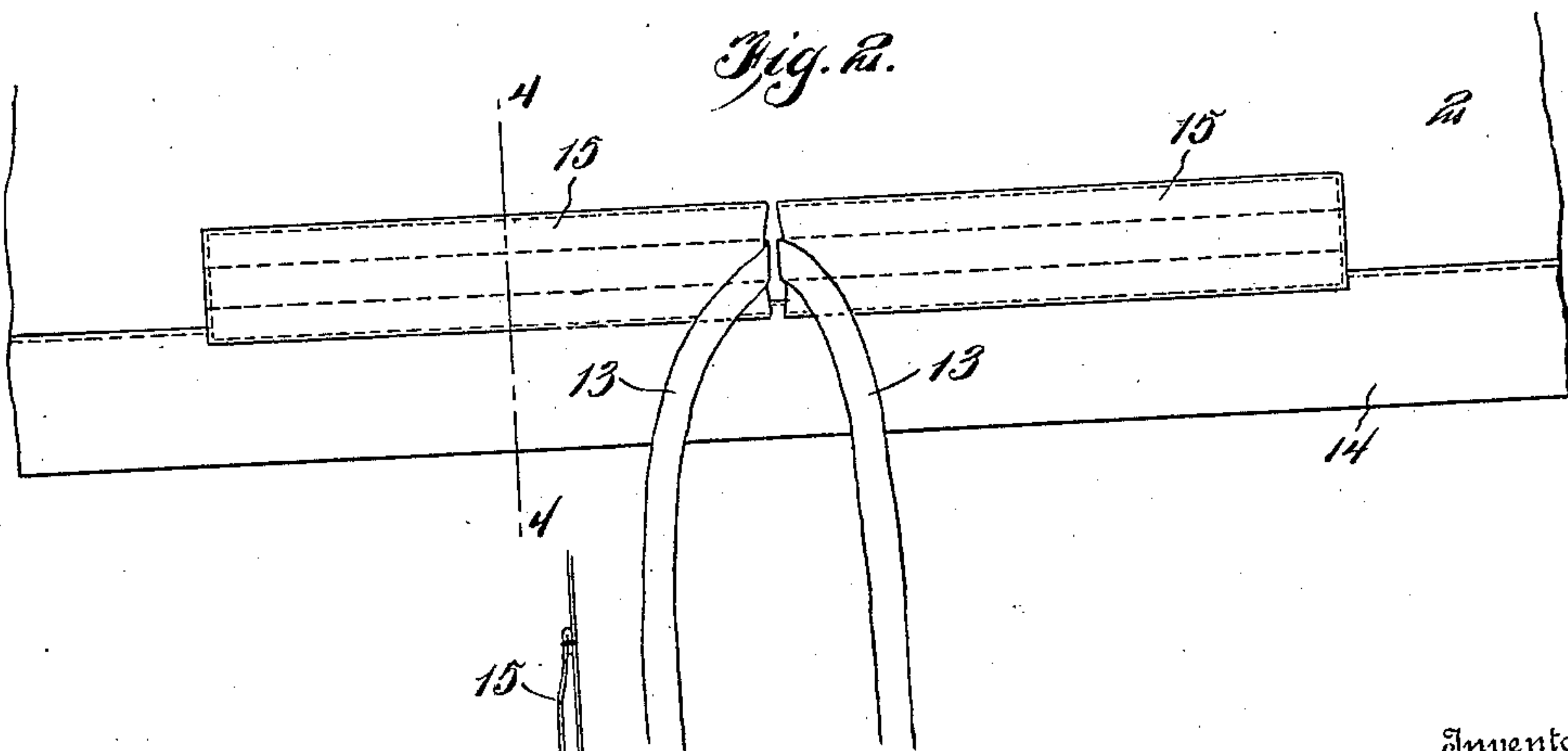
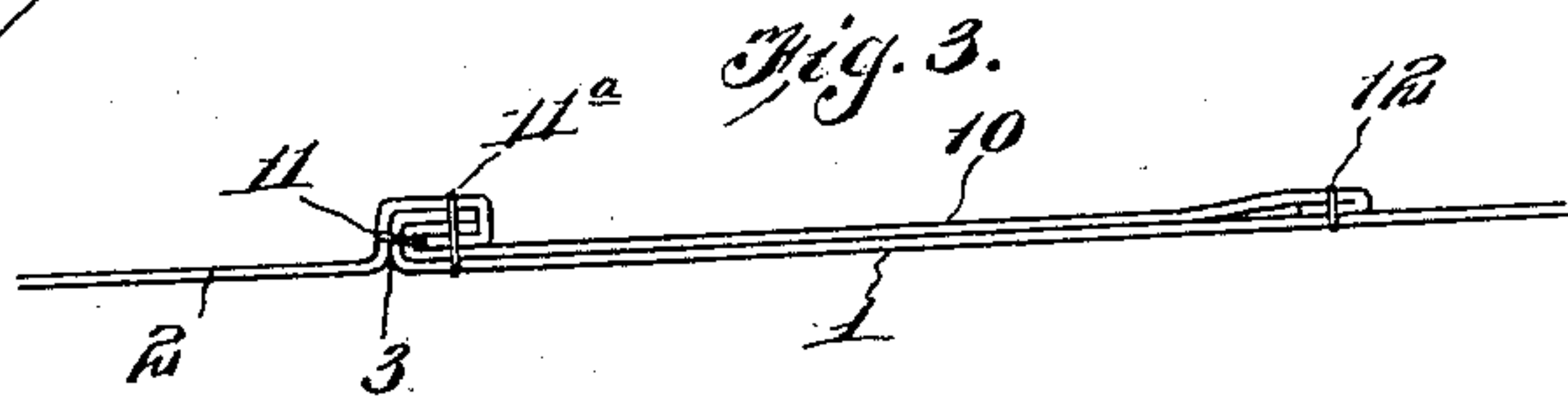
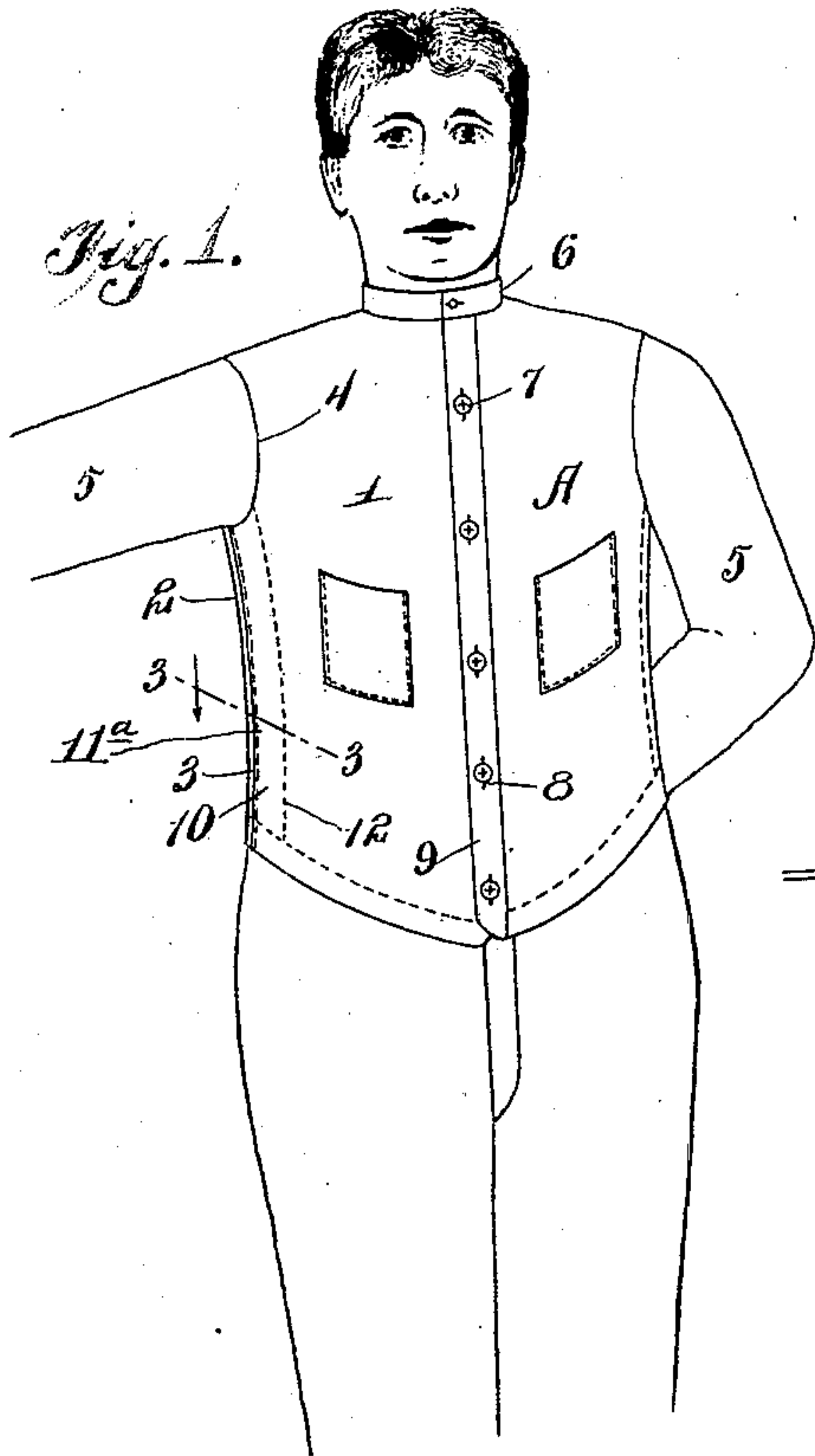


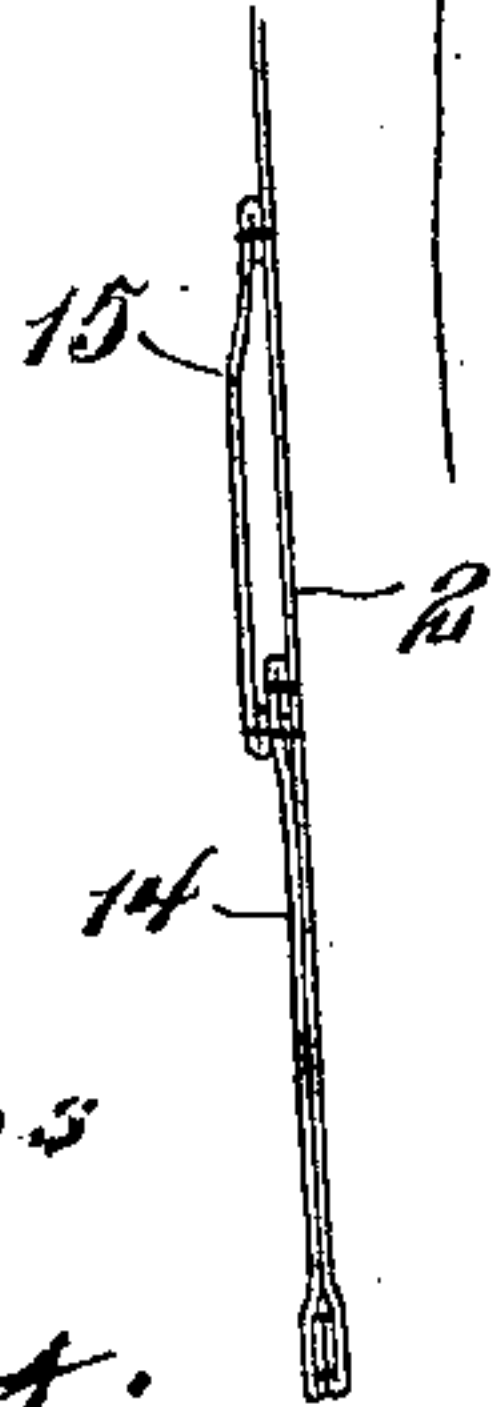
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ELIAS JAFFÉ, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at Baltimore city and State of Maryland, have invented new and useful Improvements in Negligée Vest-Shirts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to male wearing apparel, and more particularly to a negligée vest shirt which combines certain features of the ordinary negligée shirt and vest whereby a neat and attractive outer garment is provided which is comfortable and convenient for the wearer and which permits of suspenders to be used for the trousers without the suspenders showing.

The invention has for one of its objects to provide a garment of this character which is comparatively simple and inexpensive of construction and so designed as to be retained in position without need of fastenings for attaching it to the trousers or other parts.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a garment which is finished at its bottom like a vest to extend over the trousers at the waist which is provided with stiffening or reinforcing strips or ribs at the sides of the garment and extending from the armholes to the waist to cooperate with the reinforcement or button-hole plait at the front of the garment, which, by being heavily starched, will effectively hold the garment down around the trousers and prevent the garment from working up, the garment having a take-up device in the back so as to snugly fit the garment around the waist.

With these objects in view and others, as will appear as the description proceeds, the invention comprises the various novel features of construction and arrangement of parts which will be more fully described hereinafter and set forth with particularity in the claims appended hereto.

In the accompanying drawing, which illustrates one of the embodiments of the invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the garment shown applied to the body of the wearer. Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail view showing the take-up device or drawing strings arranged at the back of the garment. Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional view on line 3—3, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a sectional view on line 4—4, Fig. 2.

Similar reference characters are employed to designate corresponding parts throughout the views.

Referring to the drawing, A designates the garment which is fashioned after certain features of a negligée shirt and vest and comprises a front section 1 and a back section 2 stitched together by the side seams 3 extending from the armholes 4 to the waist line, the garment being provided with sleeves 5 like an ordinary shirt, and a collar band 6, or an attached collar, if preferred. The front and rear sections 1 and 2 of the garment are of such length as to extend over the waist portion of the garments like an ordinary vest, and the front section is split down the front and fastened together by buttons 7 that engage in button holes 8 in the reinforce or plait 9. Arranged at the sides of the garment are vertical stiffening strips or ribs 10 of any suitable washable material and arranged within the garment concealed from view, the strips being of such length as to extend from the armholes to the waist of the garment. As shown in Fig. 3, one edge of the strips 10 is fastened to the body of the garment at the seam 3 by the row of stitching 11 which secures the front and rear sections together and the strip extends forwardly from the seam 3 and is secured to the front section 1 of the garment by the row of stitching 12, the free edges of the material at the seam 2 being bound together by a second row of stitching 11<sup>a</sup>. The reinforcing pieces 10 or ribs, together with the front plait 9, take up considerable starch in the laundering of the garment and become sufficiently stiff to hold the garment down over the trousers without the need of any fastenings, and the strips 10 being located at the sides, are concealed to a great extent by the arms. The back section of the garment, as shown in Fig. 2, is provided with a take-up device so that a snug fit around the waist can be obtained. For this purpose, drawing strings 13 are secured to the back section of the garment adjacent the waist band 14 thereof, the inner ends of the strings being arranged in casings 15 secured to the inner surface of the garment. The two strings are drawn together to the proper point and tied whereby the back of the garment is gathered to cause the proper set at the hips and over the abdomen. Since the take-up device is located at the inside of the garment it is concealed from view and a neat and pleasing effect is produced. Since the vest shirt extends over the trousers, suspenders can be worn for supporting the



trousers and the garment will completely conceal them.

The vest shirt, which is to take the place of the ordinary negligée shirt, is made of washable material like the latter and the bottom thereof extends over the waist portion of the trousers and is entirely free at all points from the latter so that the wearer can freely move or bend the body without restriction.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:—

1. A washable negligée vest shirt made as a single piece garment and comprising a body open down the front from the neck to the waist and having arm openings, sleeves secured in the arm openings, said body being of such length as to extend over the waist portion of the trousers and having its bottom free at all points from the latter and composed of front and rear sections connected together by side seams extending from the bottom of the arm holes to the waist of the garment, internal stiffening strips extending vertically from the bottom of the armholes to the waist and secured at all points to the said body at the said side seams and adapted to be starched to hold the waist portion of the garment down, and a take-up device con-

sisting of casings secured to the back portion of the garment and made of flexible material and tie strings in the casings arranged with their free ends extending out of the same to be tied into a knot whereby the back of the garment can be adjusted to the waist portion of the wearer.

2. A washable negligée shirt for men made as a single piece garment and having a body cut after the pattern of a vest, sleeves attached to the body, internal stiffening strips or ribs secured to the body and extending vertically along the sides thereof, a plait extending vertically down the front of the body and cooperating with the said ribs to form the sole means to maintain the garment in position around the waist of the wearer, the body being of such length as to extend over the waist portion of the trousers, and a take-up device arranged at the back of the shirt adjacent the waist portion thereof and disposed at the inside of the garment to be concealed from view.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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