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TAG.

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Fig. 1.

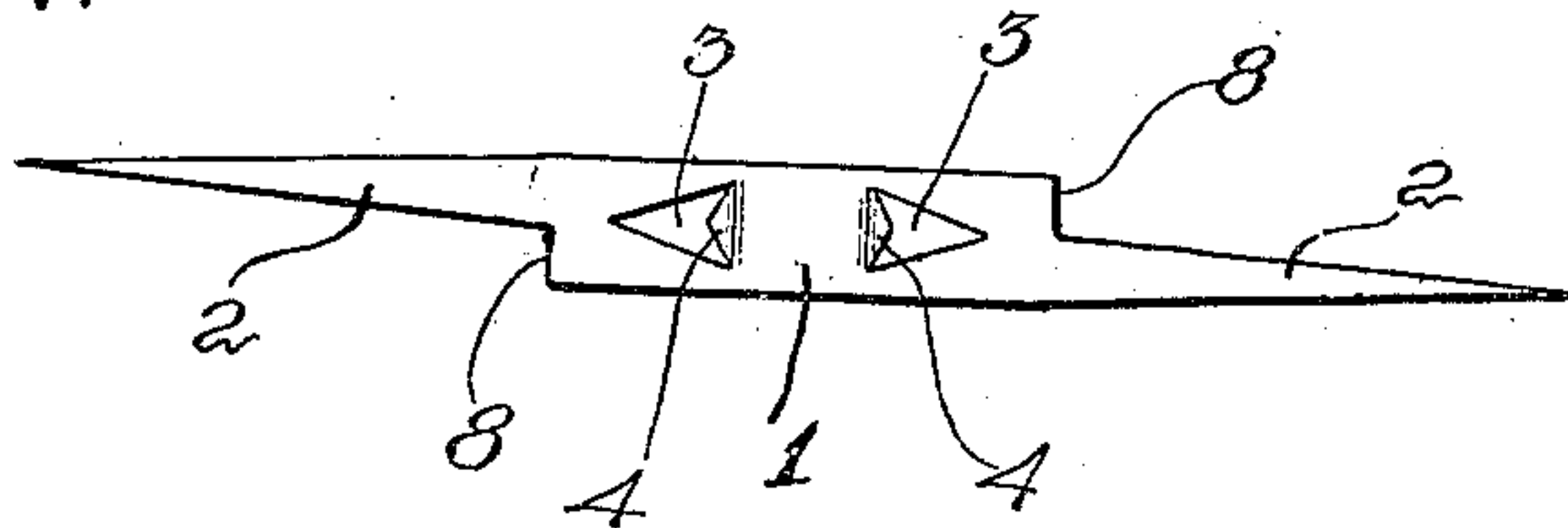


Fig. 2.

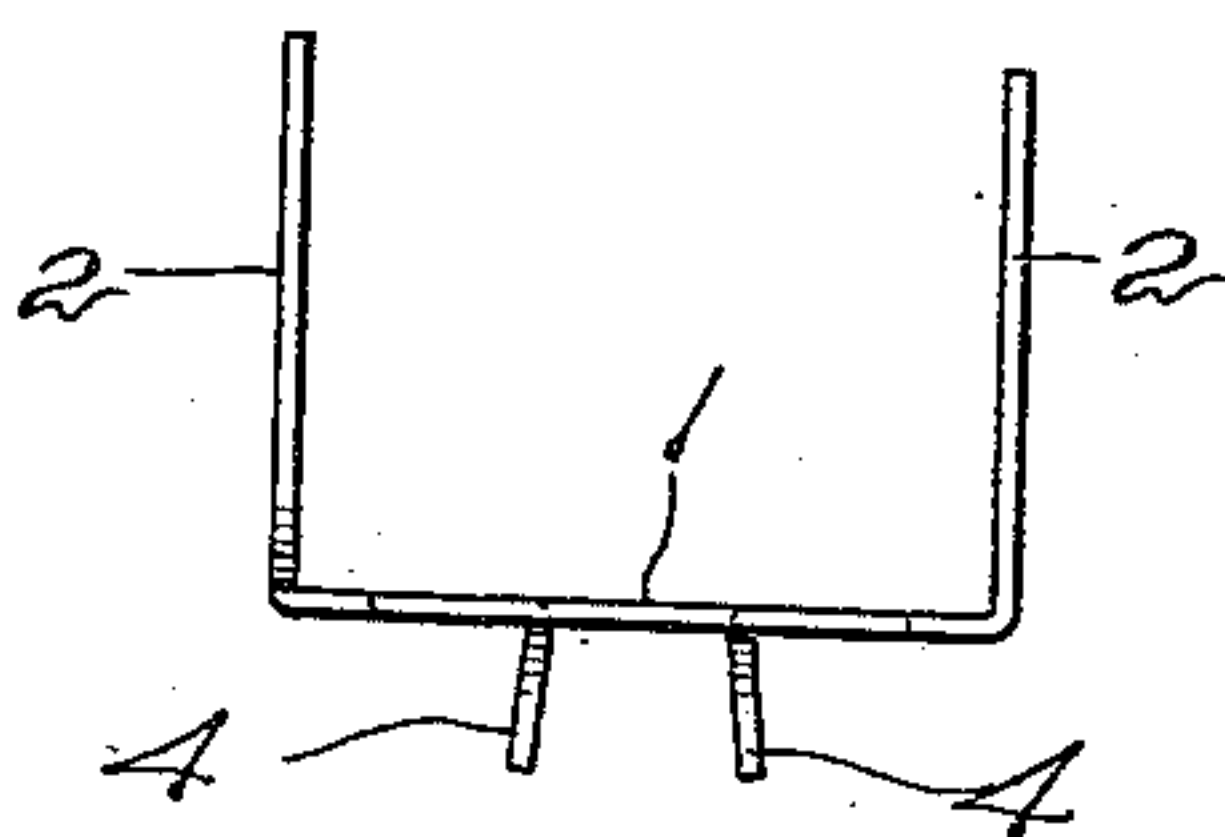


Fig. 3.

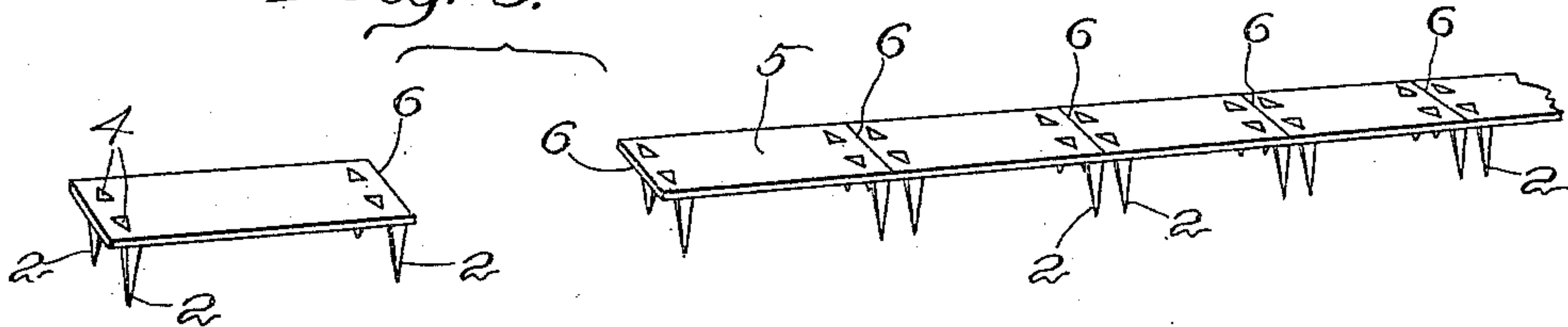


Fig. 4.

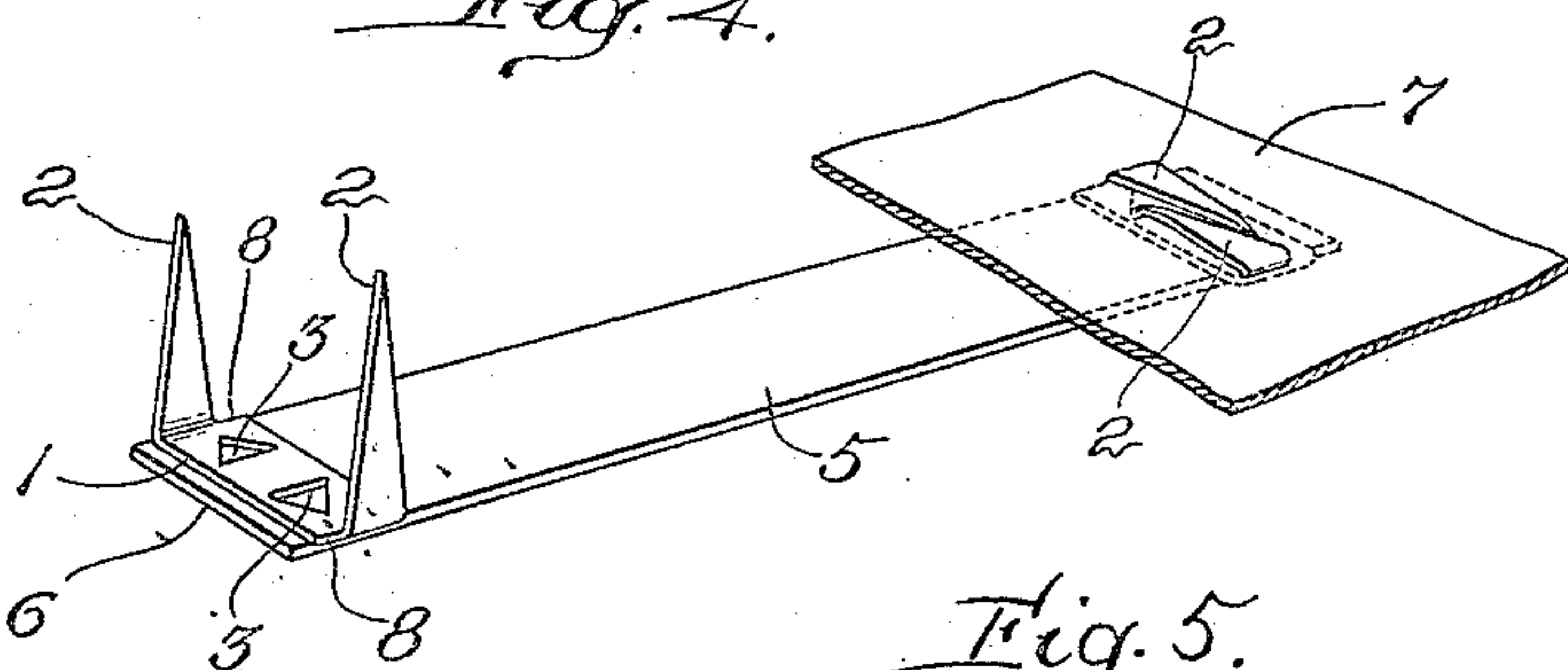
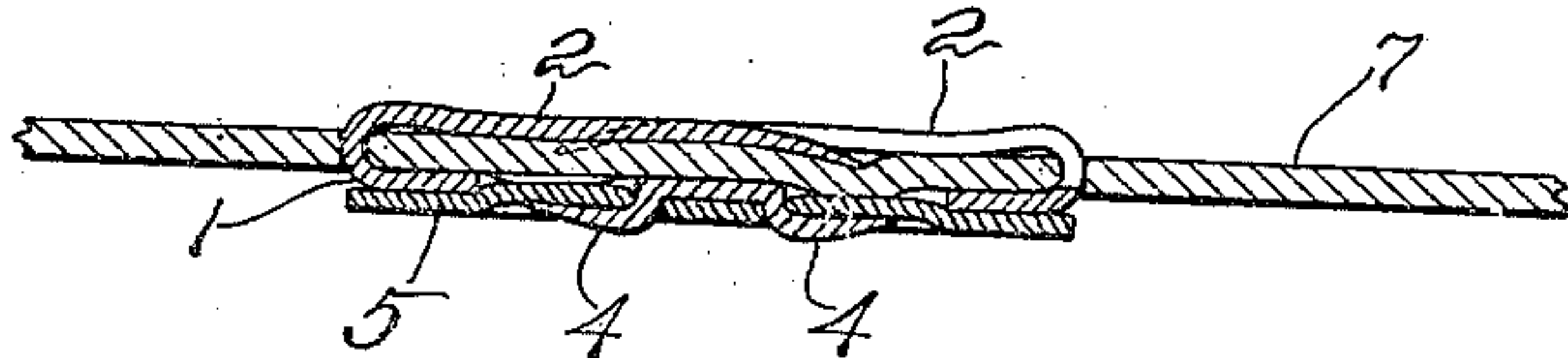


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM L. HALL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Boston, Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tags, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention involves labels or similar devices in which a strip or tape is to be fastened in place upon a fabric, and particularly to laundry labels or tags intended to be removably fastened to the cloth of any article or garment during the handling in the laundry, as a means of identification. In use of this sort, it is desirable to have an article adapted to receive accurate and easily identified marking, which can be readily applied and removed without injuring the garment and without forming a feature of danger to other garments or to parts of machinery with which it might become snagged or fouled. With a view to providing a simple and inexpensive device of this sort, I have evolved my present invention in which I have provided for fastening means capable of readily engaging with a garment, but so proportioned as not to mutilate the same. This feature, together with a certain proportioning of the parts and manner of arrangement for assembly, I will more fully set forth in the specification which follows. In this specification, and in the drawings which form a part thereof, I have set forth as illustrative of my invention an embodiment thereof in the form of a laundry tag.

Throughout the drawings and specification like reference numerals indicate corresponding parts, and in the drawings the embodiment above mentioned is illustrated in the following manner.

Figure 1 is a plan view of a fastener for a tag with prongs laid flat; Fig. 2 is a side elevation of a fastener in position to be applied to a tape; Fig. 3 shows a plurality of tags formed in a continuous strip prior to separating; Fig. 4 shows a tag applied at one end to a fabric, and with the other end free, and Fig. 5 is a central section of a tag and fastener applied to a fabric.

1 is a fastener body provided at each end with a pointed prong 2 of about one-half the width of the body at its point of juncture therewith. The pointed prongs 2 are arranged at opposite diagonal corners of the body portion 1. 3 are openings in the body portion 1, from which are struck up pointed tabs 4, which are adapted to engage with a

strip 5. The fasteners are set in the strip by an automatic press and cut off along the indicated line 6 in Fig. 3, so that each tag is formed of a tape section 5, provided at each end with a pronged fastener which is adapted to engage with the fabric 7 of a garment.

In setting the fastener, the prongs 4, 4, which slightly incline away from each other, are driven through the tape 5, and turned down so that they are partly returned within opening 3, which is formed when they are struck up. The tags are furnished detached, as shown to the left of Fig. 3. In use, a tag is applied to the garment and the prongs 2, 2, thrust through the fabric of it and folded down on the back side. The prongs 2 are of such a length that when they are folded down in the position shown to the right in Fig. 4, (in which the prongs appear thrust through and bent down on a garment) their points will overlie the opening 3. These points will, therefore, cause the material of the garment to be pressed down into the opening, and the points will incline downwardly toward the opening as shown in Fig. 4 and thereby be protected against catching in any article of clothing, and thereby prevented from either damaging the articles or from becoming unclaspable. It is to be noted that the points are further protected by the form and arrangement of the article, as each prong occupies only approximately one-half of the end of the body portion 1, leaving next to it a shoulder 8, which acts as a guard for the point of the opposite prong when it is bent down. The shoulder 8 by extending across the line of the point of the opposite prong 2 will protect said point against any longitudinal pressure, especially as the points of the prongs 2 are slightly depressed over the openings 3. By the arrangement of the tabs 4, which are partially returned to the opening, 3 the face of the tag, as shown in Fig. 5, is nearly smooth and can be ironed over with perfect facility, and the entire fastener is capable of being compressed, without forming an undesirable bunch or lump in the garment.

Various modifications may be made in the proportion of the fasteners, and the arrangement of the tags, all without departing from the spirit of the invention.

What I therefore claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is,

1. A fastener for a garment marker comprising a body portion, a pair of upwardly

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directed strip engaging tabs struck up in
said body portion and leaving separate and
independent openings therein, a marking
strip pierced by said tabs, said tabs being
5 bent down thereon over said openings, and
a pair of oppositely disposed and down-
wardly directed fastening prongs at the ends
of said fastener body, and adapted to force
the garment material into the recesses of
10 said strip engaging tabs when bent down in
place to fasten said marker to a garment.

2. A fastener for a garment marker com-
prising a body portion, a pair of strip en-
gaging tabs struck up in said body portion,

and leaving separate and independent open- 15
ings therein, and a pair of oppositely dis-
posed fastening prongs at the ends of said
body, and adapted to force the garment
material into said openings of said strip en-
gaging tabs when bent down in place to 20
fasten said marker to a garment.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature
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