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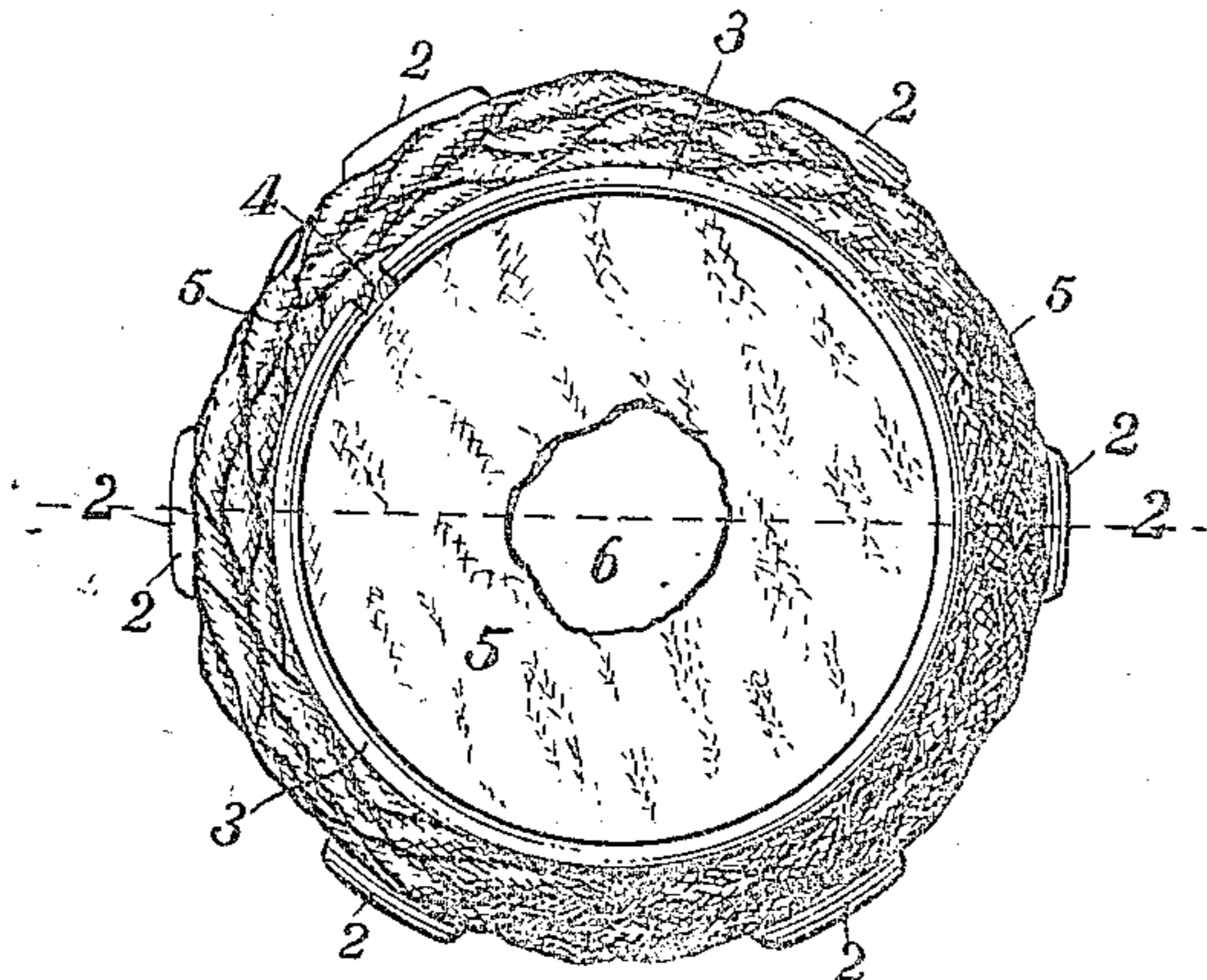


Fig. 1

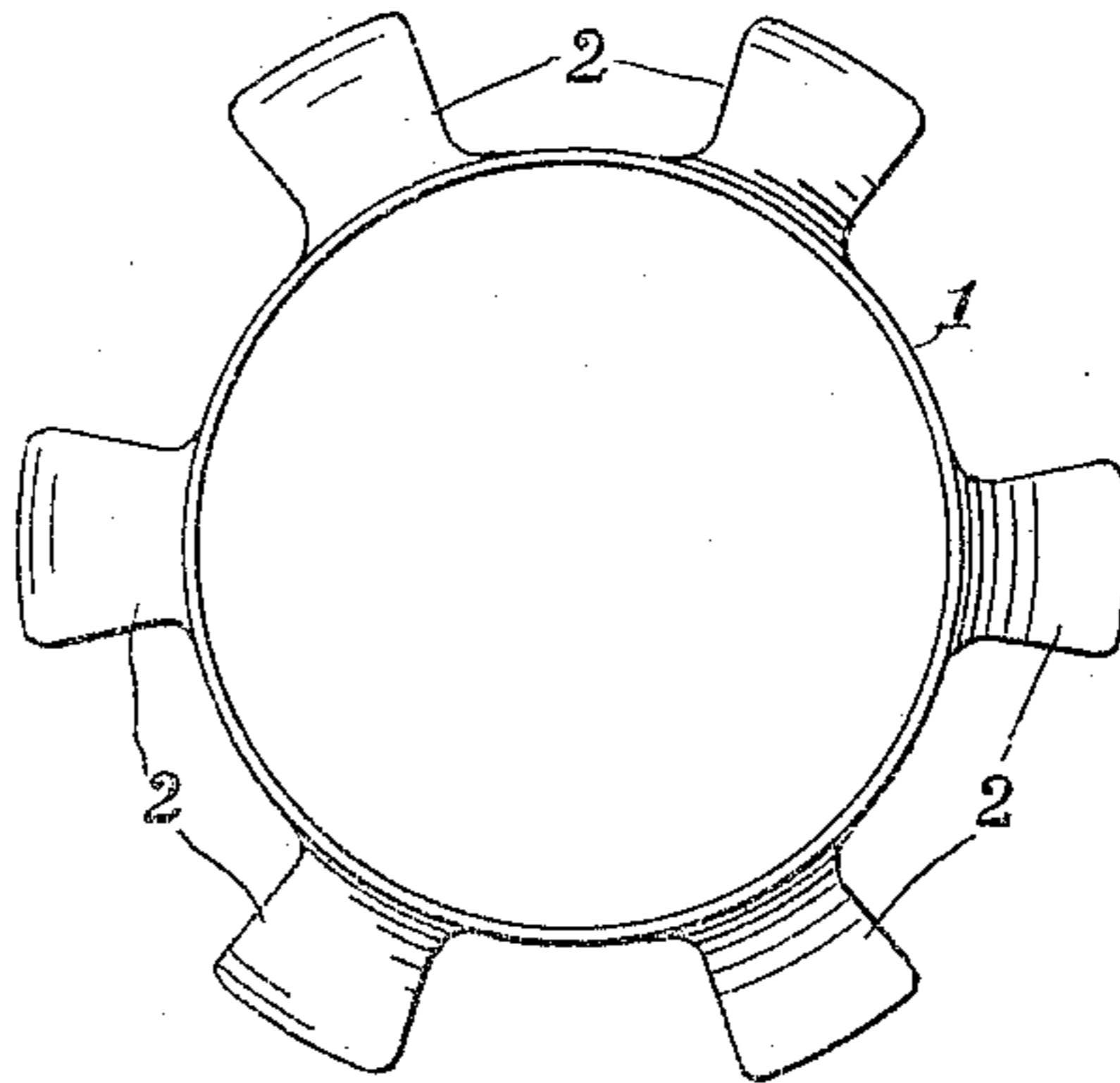


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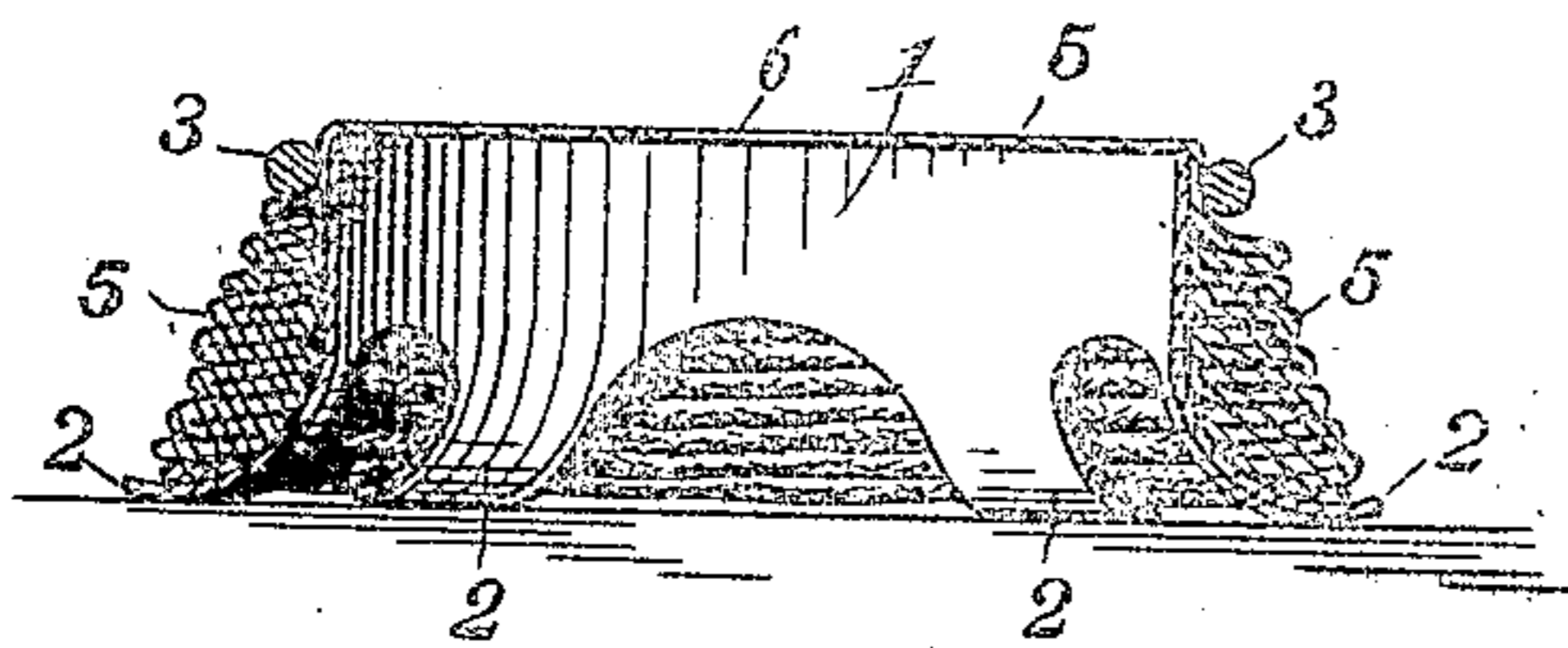


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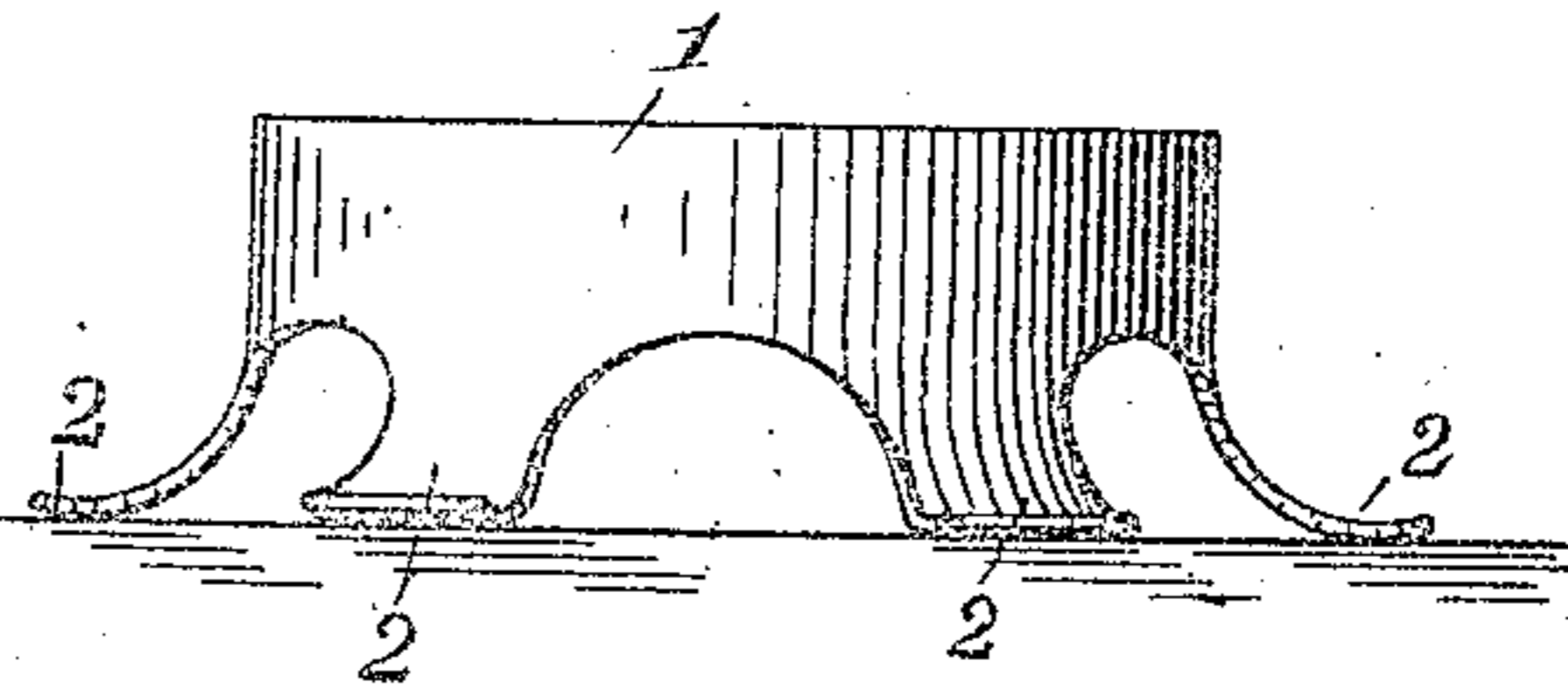


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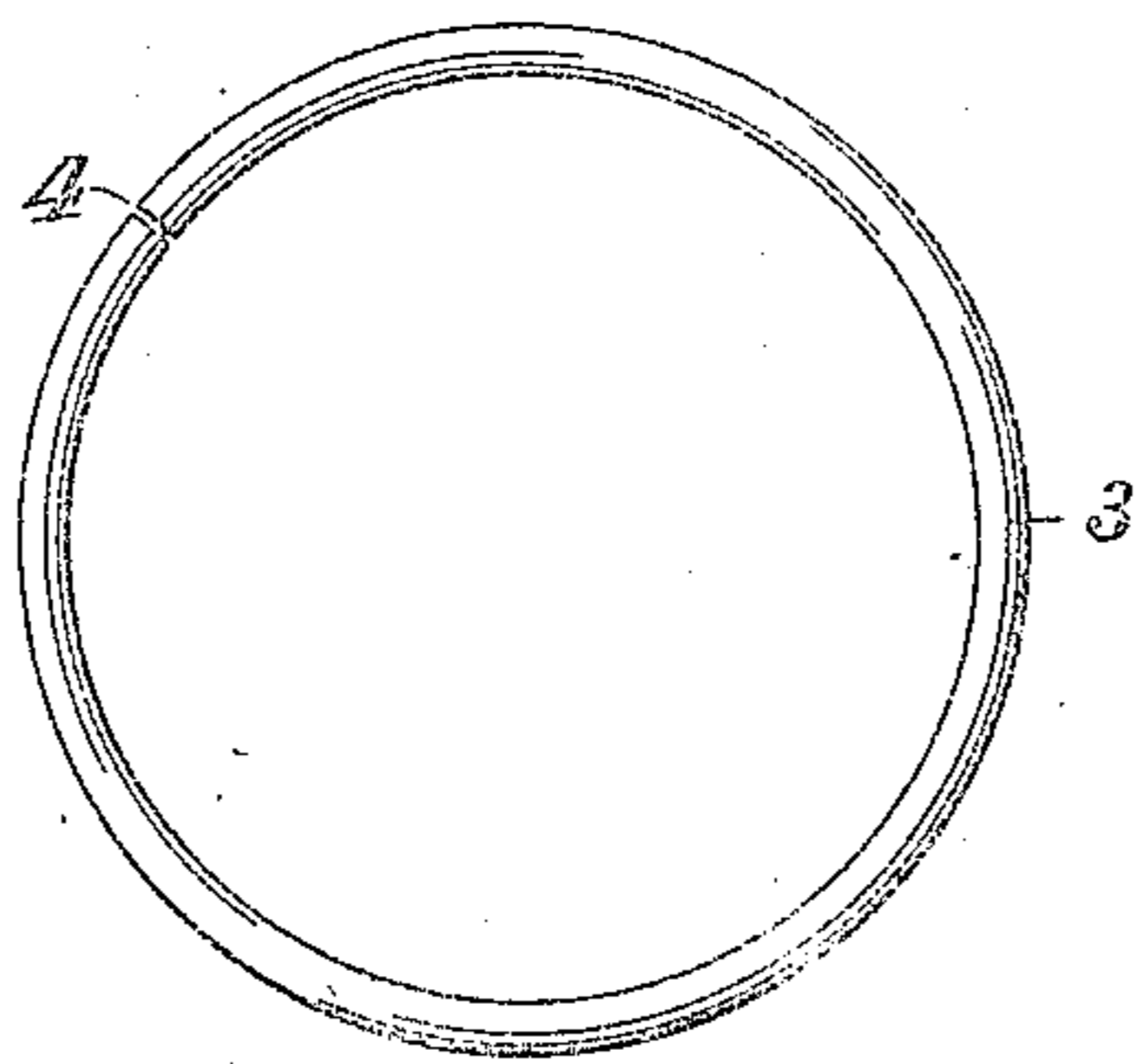


Fig. 5.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERMAN R. GRAF, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Jackson, in the county of Jackson and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holders for Mending Stockings; and I do hereby 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:

My invention relates to improvements in holders for mending stockings; and its object is to provide a simple and practical device, and to provide the same with various new and useful features, hereinafter more fully described and particularly pointed out in the claims.

My invention consists essentially of a straight tubular inner member having outwardly projecting lower portions to retain the stocking thereon, and a clamping ring adapted to yieldingly surround the upper part of the tubular portion and hold the stocking stretched over the end of the tubular portion, as will more fully appear by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1. is a plan view of my device as it appears when in use; Fig. 2. a transverse vertical section of the same on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.; Fig. 3. a plan view of the inner member only; Fig. 4. a side elevation of the same; and Fig. 5. a plan view of the clamping ring only.

Like numbers refer to like parts in all of the figures.

1 is a short tubular inner member straight and smooth on the outside and adapted to go within the stocking to be mended and with its upper edge surrounding the opening or hole to be darned.

2 is a series of downwardly and outwardly turned projections integral with the tubular portion 1 and extending from the lower part of the same and adapted to support a stocking or other garment when placed upon its end.

3 is a ring of resilient material, preferably round spring steel, divided at one side as at 4 whereby the same is slightly yieldable to spring outward and firmly surround the up-

per part 1 of the inner member and to clamp the stocking 5 therebetween as illustrated in Fig. 1, which shows a stocking placed on the device with the hole to be mended in the axis of the tubular portion, the surrounding material being stretched over the top of the same and securely held by the ring 3. When thus arranged, the device is turned in reverse position with the part of the stocking placed upon a sewing machine bed, and the hole darned by moving the device under the needle of the same, or the hole may be manually mended in any convenient manner.

It will be noted that the device is very simple consisting of only two integral parts; also that the tubular part is straight and has no flange, or teeth to either cut or tear the fabric; that the ring is thus required to yield but slightly, and a steel ring divided at one side can be used thus insuring both strength and durability in this part of the device; and that the ring also forms a flange to hold the fabric between itself and the outwardly turned members.

What I claim is:

1. A holder for mending stockings, comprising a straight tubular upper portion extended outward at the lower portion to support a stocking thereon, and a ring of resilient material divided at one side to closely surround the said upper tubular portion and to extend outward beyond the upper edge thereof to form a flange, whereby the fabric is stretched over the end of the tubular portion and also held on the outside of the tubular portion.

2. A holder for mending stockings, comprising an upper straight tubular portion, downwardly and outwardly curved projections integral therewith and spaced apart at regular intervals, and a ring formed of resilient material and divided at one side, and also adapted to closely surround the said upper portion and to extend outward therefrom and beyond the upper edge thereof to form a flange around the same.

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

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