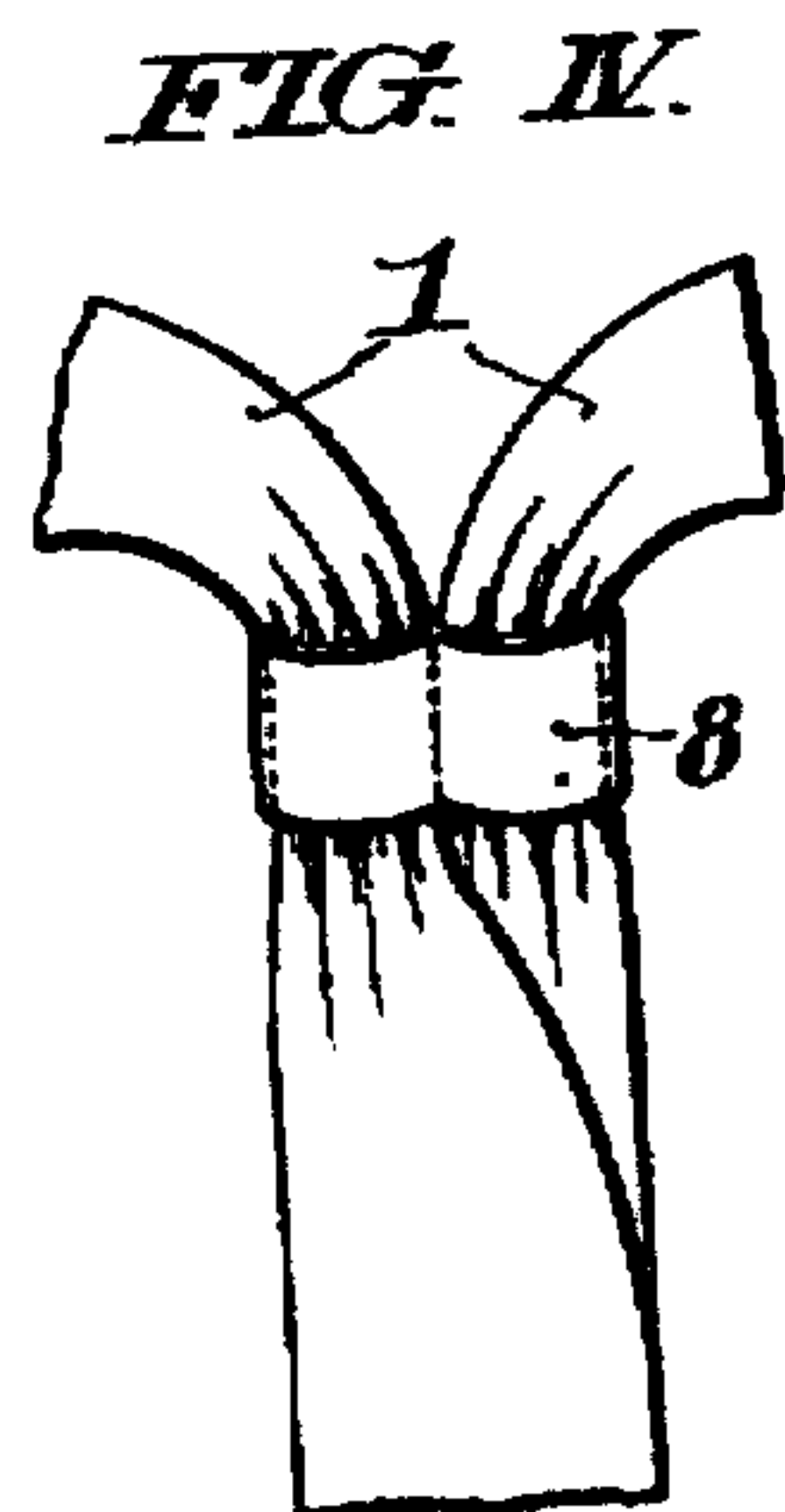
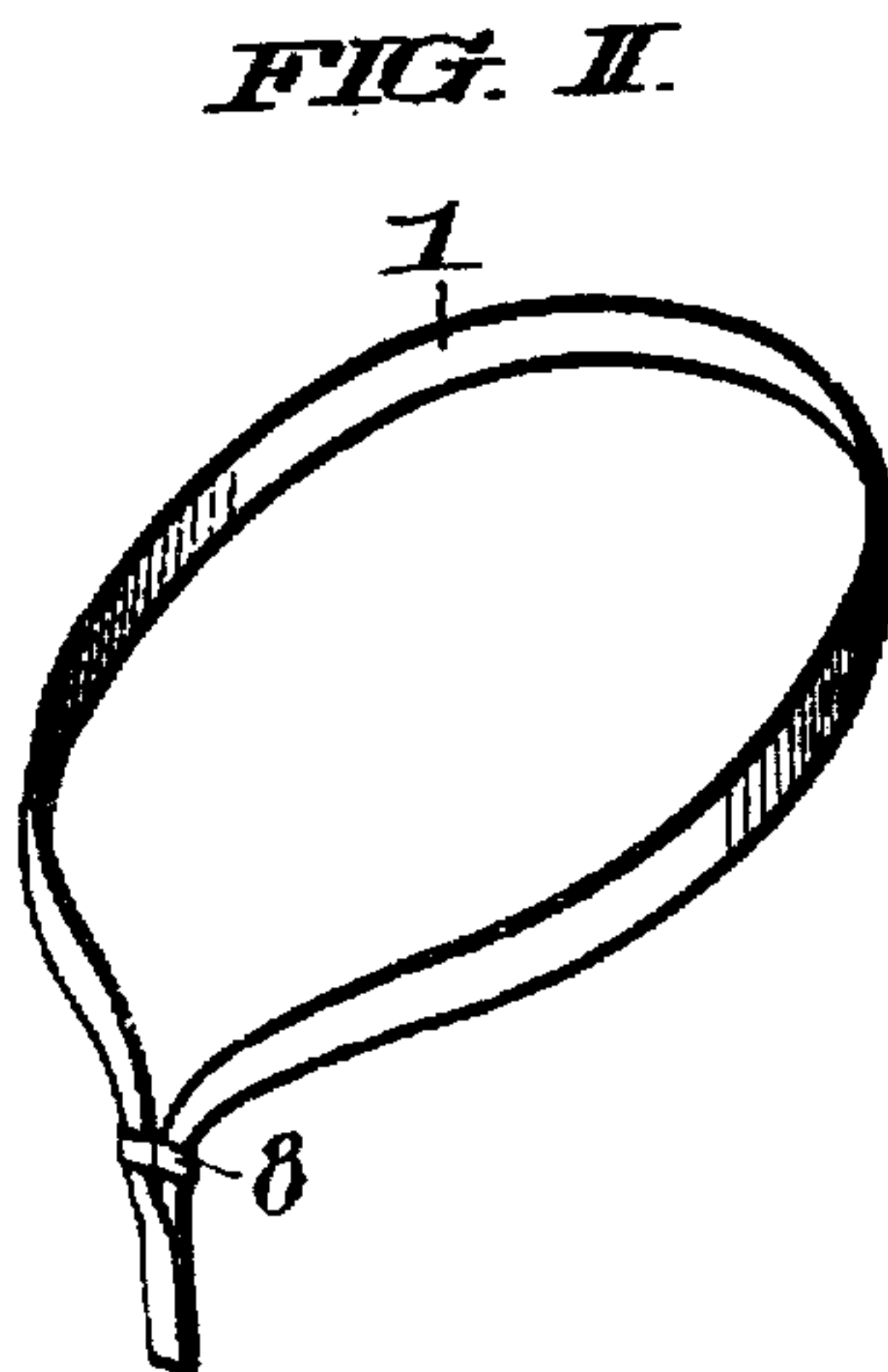
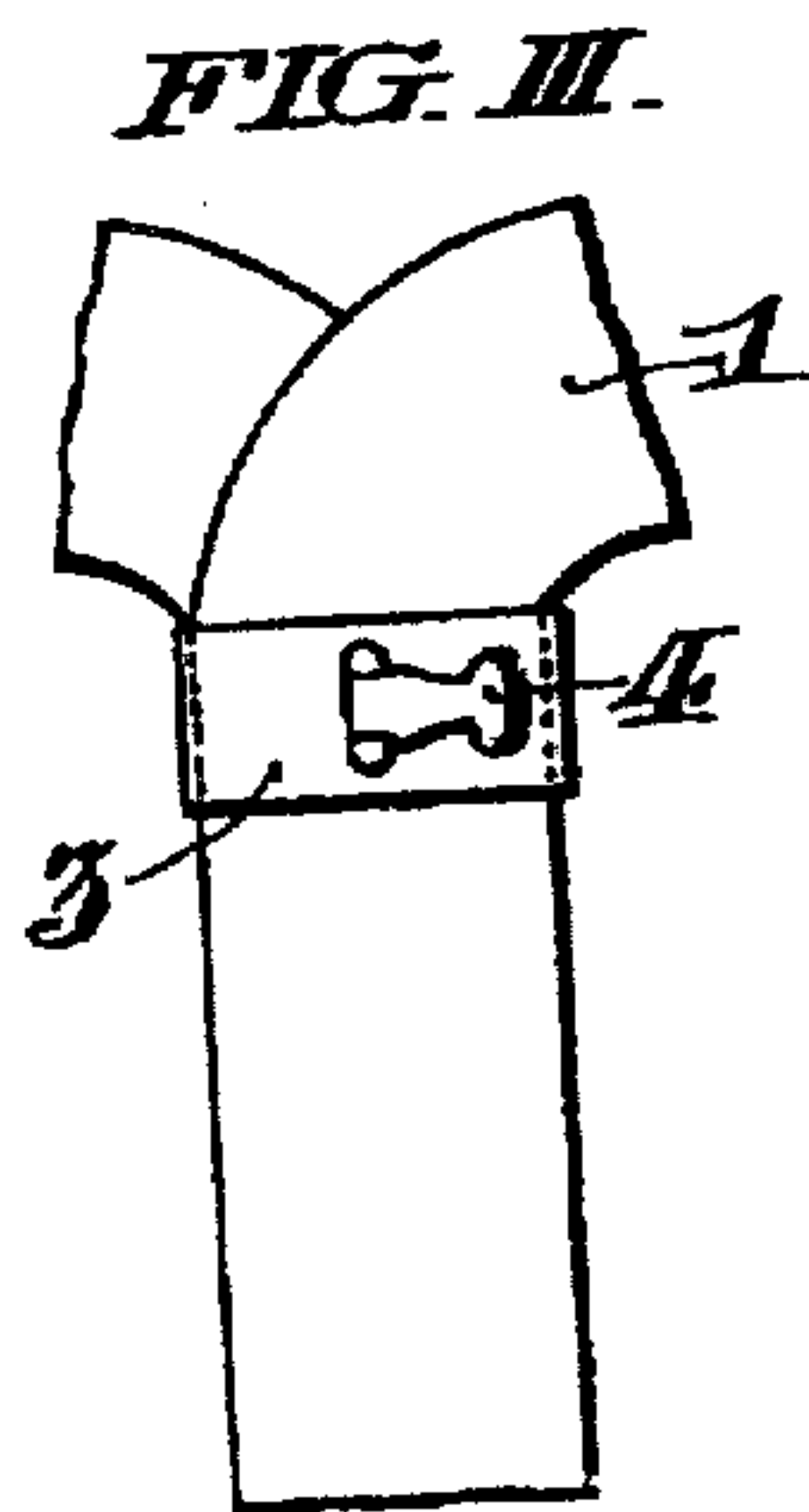
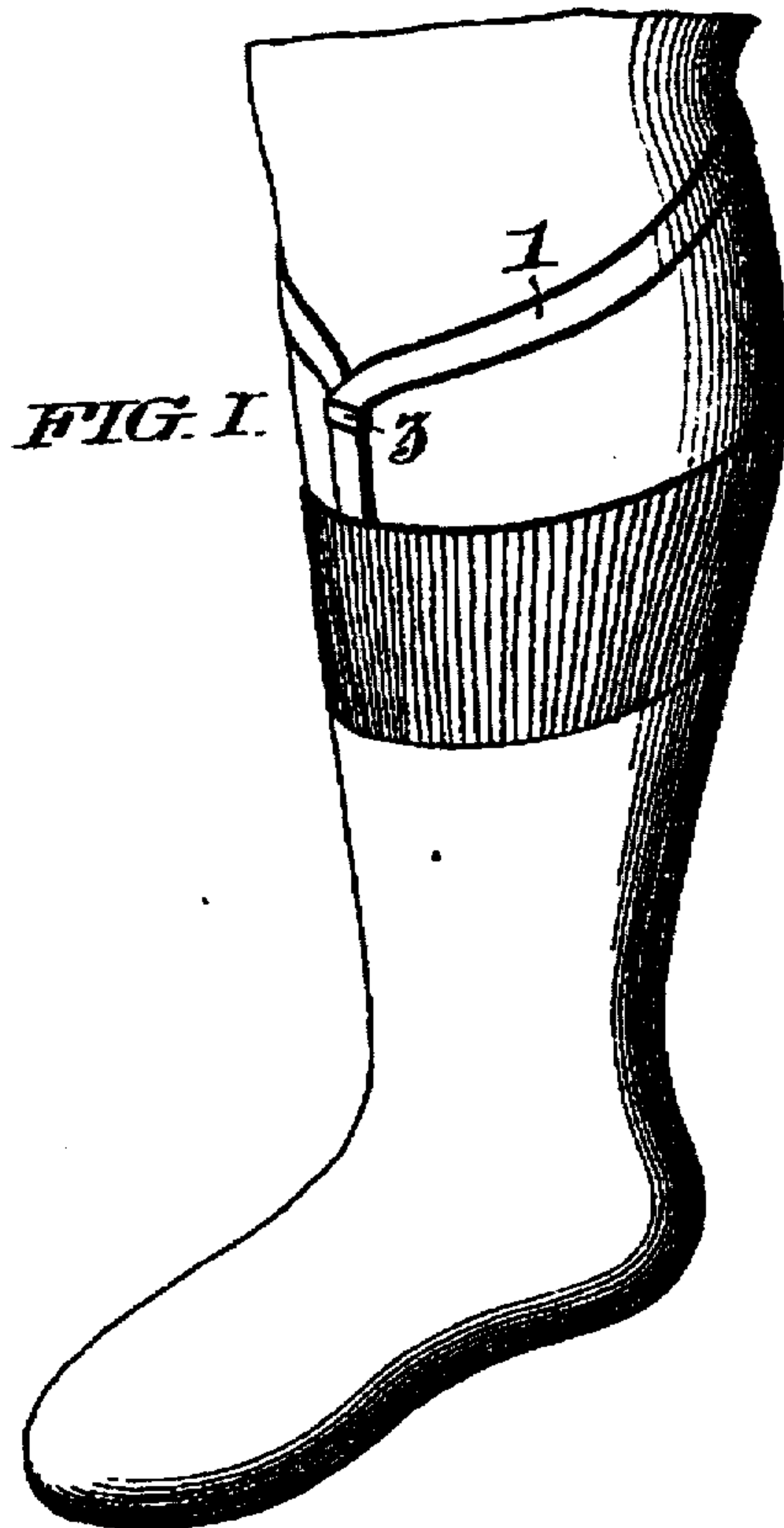


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD POWELL, of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garters for Half-Hose, whereof the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to a launderable garter which is permanently attached to a sock, and which must therefore always be laundered with it. This is both sanitary and convenient.

To this end my invention consists of a loop of tape, or other textile fabric, with its ends permanently attached to the upper edge of the sock, without the employment of any part which may not be laundered with as much ease as the sock. The loop thus attached to the sock is somewhat larger than its top, and in order that this loop when encircling the limb of the wearer may be sufficiently constructed to serve as a garter, a slide ring or constriction embraces both sides of the loop, and by its adjustment regulates the tension of the garter.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure I, is a perspective view of a sock provided with a garter embodying my invention, illustrating the method of its application. Fig. II, is a similar view of a garter of a slightly differing construction. Fig. III, shows in enlargement the removable metal band which forms part of the construction illustrated in Fig. I. Fig. IV, shows in similar enlargement, the launderable double band which forms part of my invention as shown in Fig. II.

To the upper edge of the sock is attached the loop 1, of tape or ribbon or other suitable launderable fabric or material. This loop is intentionally somewhat larger than is necessary to enable it to encircle the leg of the wearer the excess allowing for the requisite adjustment.

In order to secure the required adjustable constriction of the garter I provide, in the embodiment thereof shown in Fig. II, a metal band 3, which embraces both sides of the loop and forms a sliding ring, which, by

its upward motion constricts the garter. To fix it in place a pivoted thumb latch 4, is fastened on one side of the band and when snapped in place holds the band in the place in which it is set. In this embodiment of my invention the band 3, is slipped off the garter whenever the sock is to be laundered, and replaced upon another one, but the garter itself being fixedly attached to the sock is necessarily washed with it.

In Fig. II, I have shown the same garter, but in place of the metal band there is employed a fabric band 8, and this may be constructed of tape, somewhat similar in size to that of which the garter is formed. In this case the band is intended to be laundered with the garter. It should therefore be nonremovable, and to this end its sides are stitched together between the two sides of the garter which it encircles, this stitching serving the double purpose of preventing its removal and also rendering its hold upon the garter the firmer, so that when it is slipped up to the proper position to constrict the garter it holds its position without further pressure.

It will be observed that in both cases, the strap or loop of the garter is a permanent member of the sock to which it is attached not ordinarily to be removed therefrom, and therefore necessarily laundered with the sock, a measure which tends to promote cleanliness.

While I have illustrated two convenient means which may be employed to constrict the garter, I desire that it be understood that my invention is not thus limited, but that other means may be employed for this purpose.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:—

1. A sock having permanently attached to its upper edge a limb-encircling garter, wholly composed of launderable fabric, in combination with a band embracing both sides of said garter and adjustable upon it for the purpose of regulating its constriction.

2. A sock having permanently attached to its upper edge a limb-encircling garter,

wholly composed of launderable fabric in combination with an adjustable and non-removable band of launderable fabric surrounding both sides of said garter, and adjustable upon it for the purpose of regulating its construction.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto

signed my name, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, this eighth day of March, 1909.

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