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 SWIMMING SHIRT.
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Fig. 1.

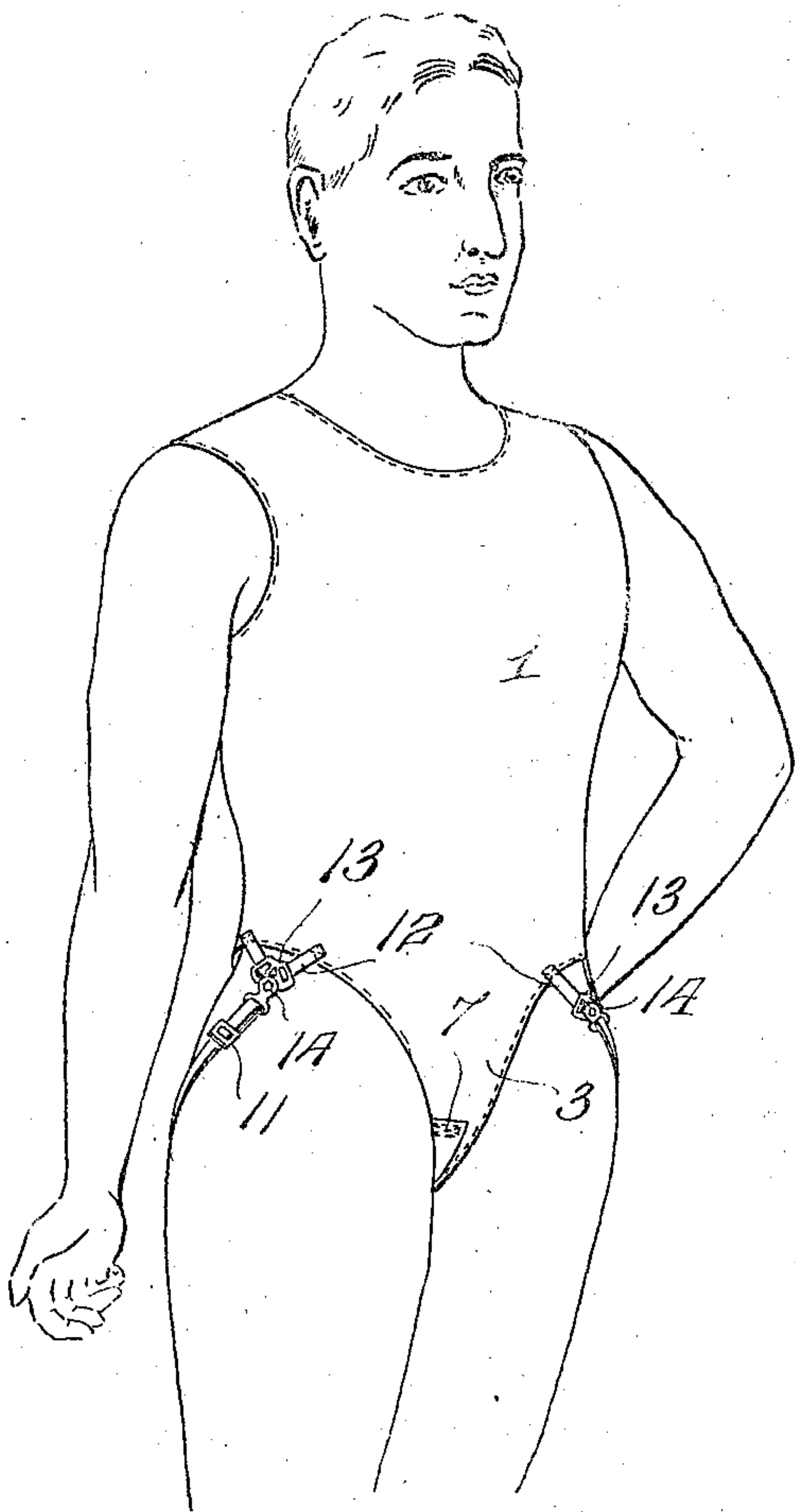


Fig. 2.

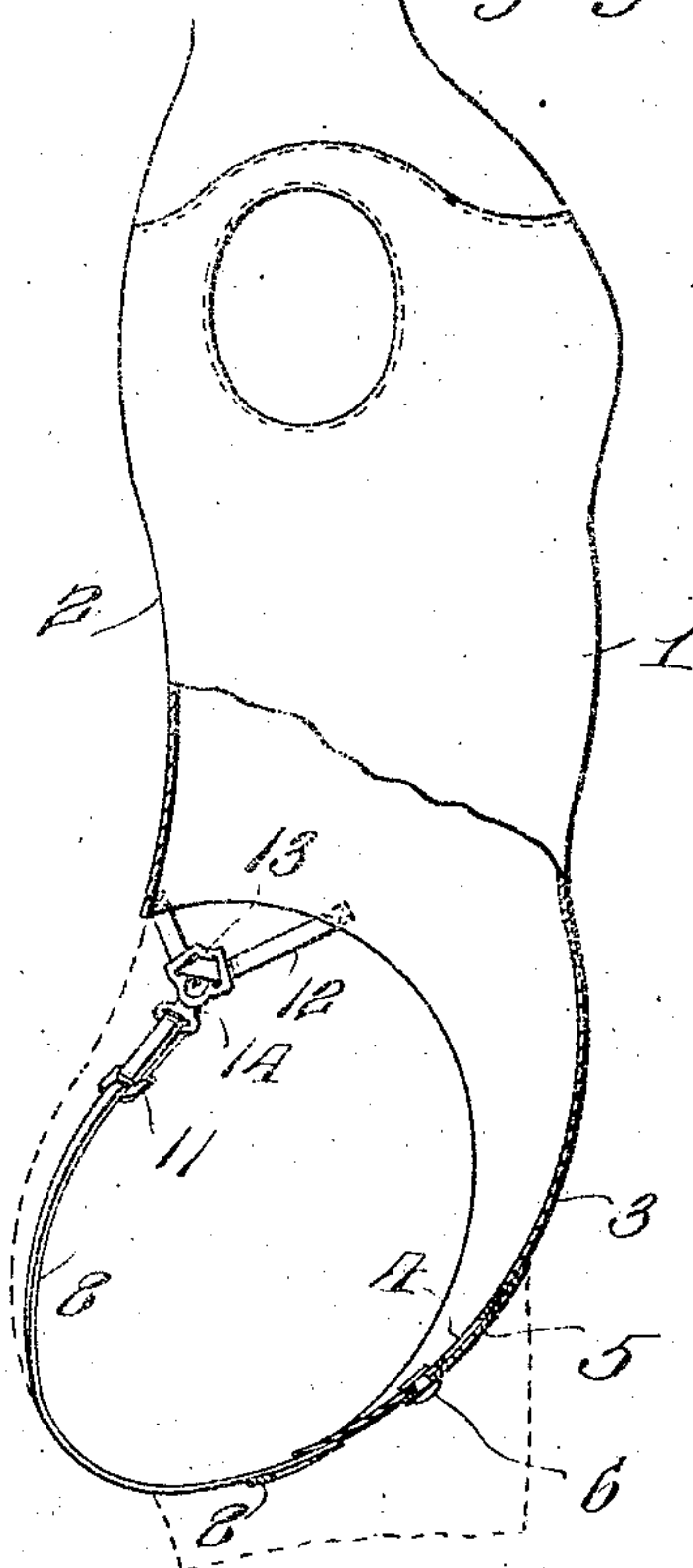


Fig. 3.

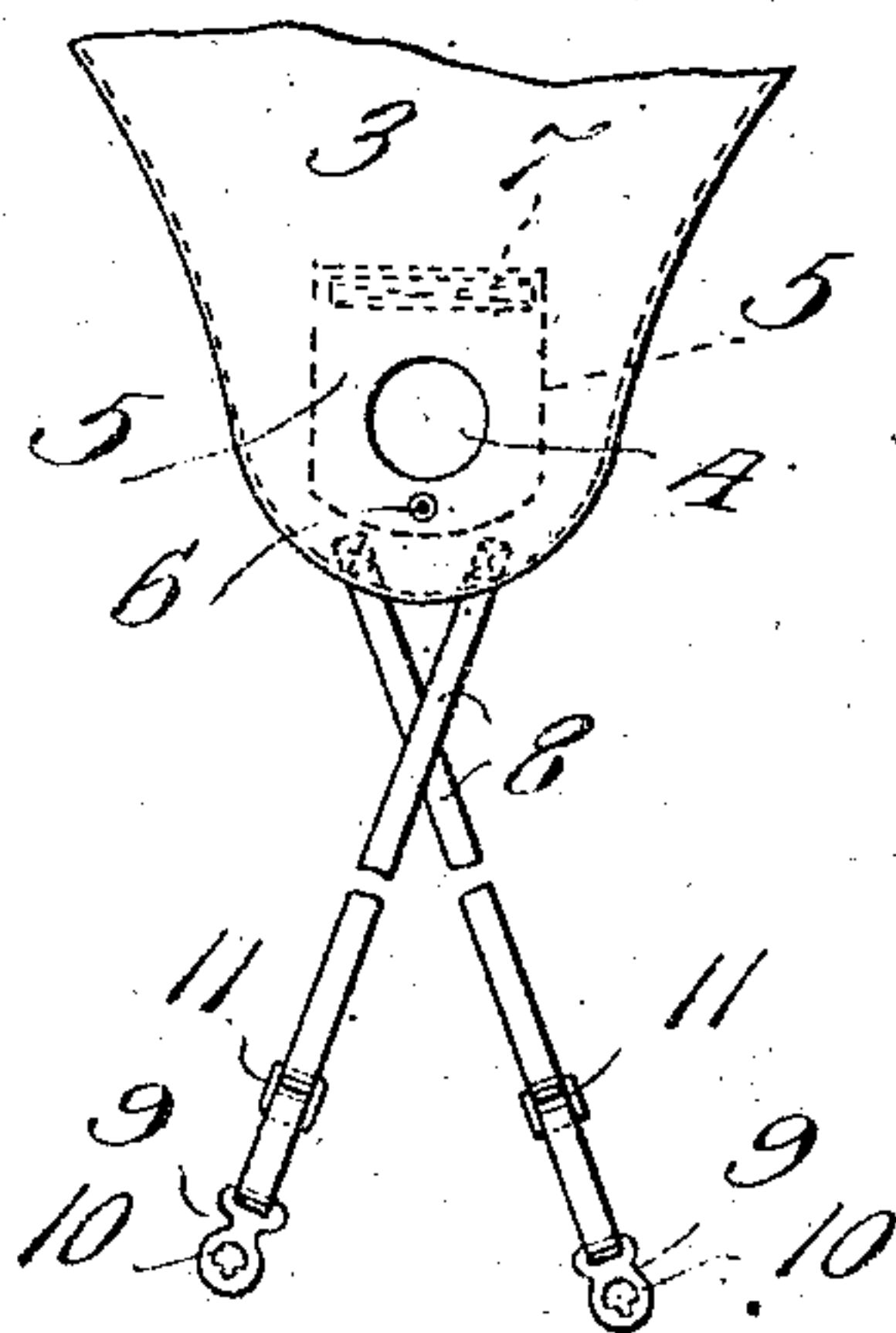
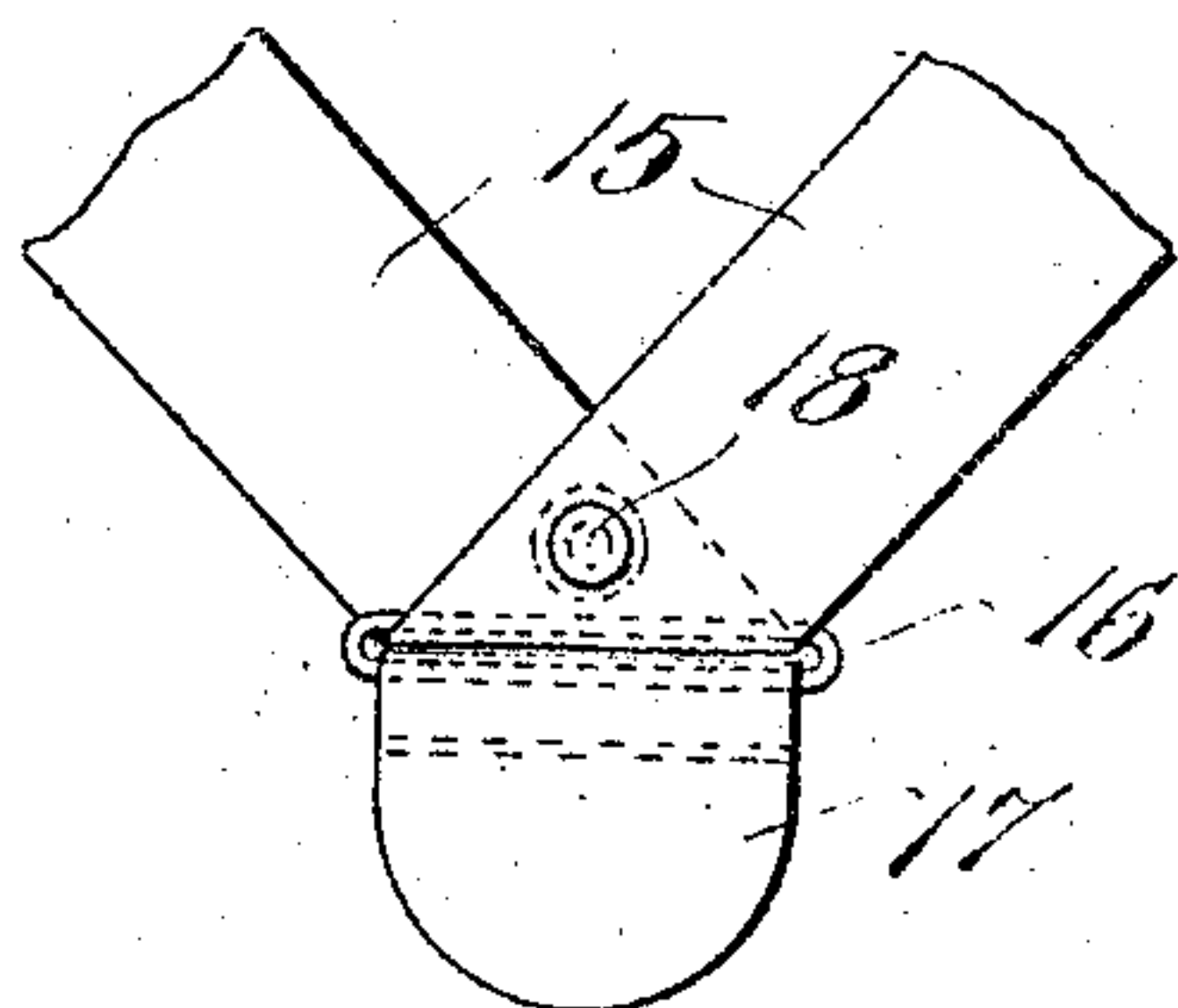


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM T. ANDERSON, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Swimming-Shirts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to swimming shirts, and one of the principal objects of the invention is to provide a compound garment for swimming and athletic purposes which will not interfere with the movement of the arms or legs, which will not separate from the trunks, which will be held firmly in position upon the body of the wearer, and in which the securing straps will be adjustable for persons of different sizes.

Another object of the invention is to provide an athletic and swimming shirt having an extended front portion to serve as a supporter and straps connected to the lower end of said extended portion to pass around the thighs and to be adjustably connected at the sides of the shirt to hold the garment in place on the body of the wearer.

Still another object of the invention is to provide adjustable and detachable thigh straps for a shirt of the character referred to, means being provided for preventing the chafing of the skin under the metallic connecting devices and to further provide an aperture in the supporter and a cover therefor.

These and other objects may be attained by means of the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating a swimming shirt made in accordance with my invention illustrated on a figure and adjusted in position for use. Fig. 2 is a side elevation and partial section of the lower portion of the shirt shown upon a dotted line figure in position for use. Fig. 3 is a detail front elevation of the supporter portion of the garment with the crossed thigh straps connected thereto. Fig. 4 is a detail front elevation of a modified form of suspender straps to which the thigh straps are adapted to be adjustably connected, said view showing a modified form of this feature of my invention.

Referring to the drawing, the numeral 1 designates the front of the shirt, and 2, the back thereof. As shown, the shirt is armless and extends at the back to a point just

below the waist line, while the front of the shirt is provided with an extended supporter portion 3, said portion having an aperture 4 therein and a flap or cover 5 adapted to be held down to close the aperture by means of a snap fastener 6 or other suitable clasp or button. The flap 5 is connected to the extended portion 3 by means of a line of stitches 7 at the upper edge thereof. Connected to the supporter portion 3 are the thigh straps 8, said straps being preferably crossed and provided at their ends with metal eye plates 9, the eyes of which are provided with enlarged openings 10 and reduced slots leading therefrom, as shown more particularly in Fig. 3. The straps 8 are provided with adjusting buckles or loops 11, by means of which the thigh straps may be quickly adjusted to the desired length to fit persons of different sizes. Connected to the opposite sides of the shirt at points immediately above the hips are the converging suspender straps 12, said straps each comprising a single piece of webbing permanently connected at its diverging ends to the shirt, while the central portion has connected to it a substantially triangular sliding loop plate 13 provided with a stud 14 adapted to be engaged by the openings 10 in the eye plates 9. By this arrangement of parts the thigh straps can be quickly adjusted and readily disconnected to put on and take off the garment.

In Fig. 4 I have shown a modified form of suspender end connection. The divergent straps 15 are supposed to be connected to the shirt in the same manner as the straps 12, and said ends 15 passing through a loop 16, to which is connected a tab 17 to prevent the chafing of the skin by the eye plates 9 when said eye plates are connected to the stud 18 which is secured to the doubled-over portion of the ends 15.

From the foregoing it will be obvious that a swimming shirt made in accordance with my invention can be quickly adjusted to fit wearers of different sizes, can be readily put on and taken off without requiring adjustment of the straps; that the shirt is fitted tightly to the body so as not to interfere with the movement of the limbs and to provide an integral supporter having a hinged flap or cover.

I claim:—

The herein described shirt provided with a front extended portion and a back portion

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extending to the waist line, thigh straps connected to the lower end of said extended portion, said straps being crossed and provided with means for adjustment as to
5 length, suspender ends connected to the sides of the shirt, a metal loop connected to said ends and provided with an outwardly projecting stud, and an eye member connected

to each of said thigh straps for engagement with said studs.

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

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