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Fig. 1.

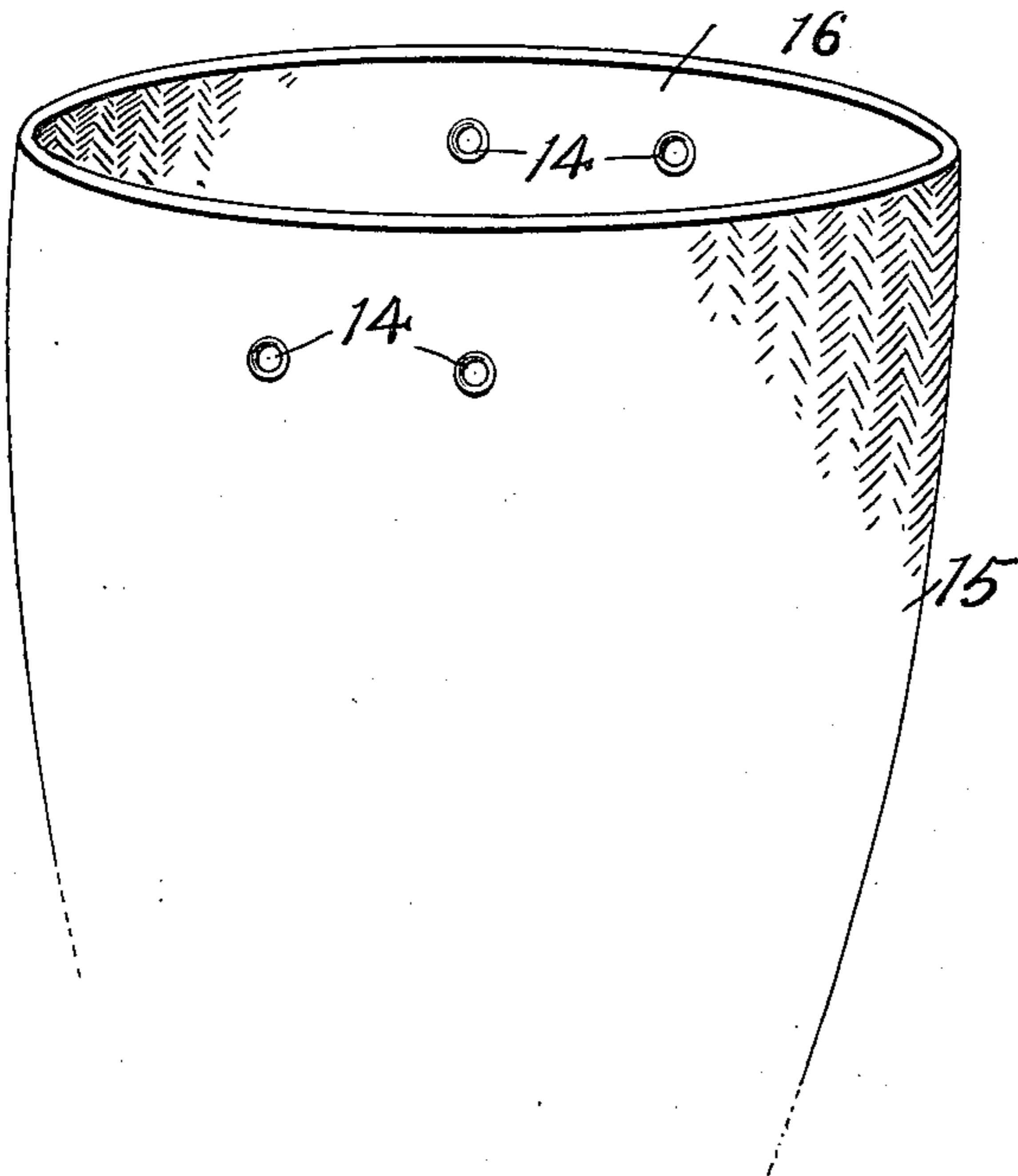


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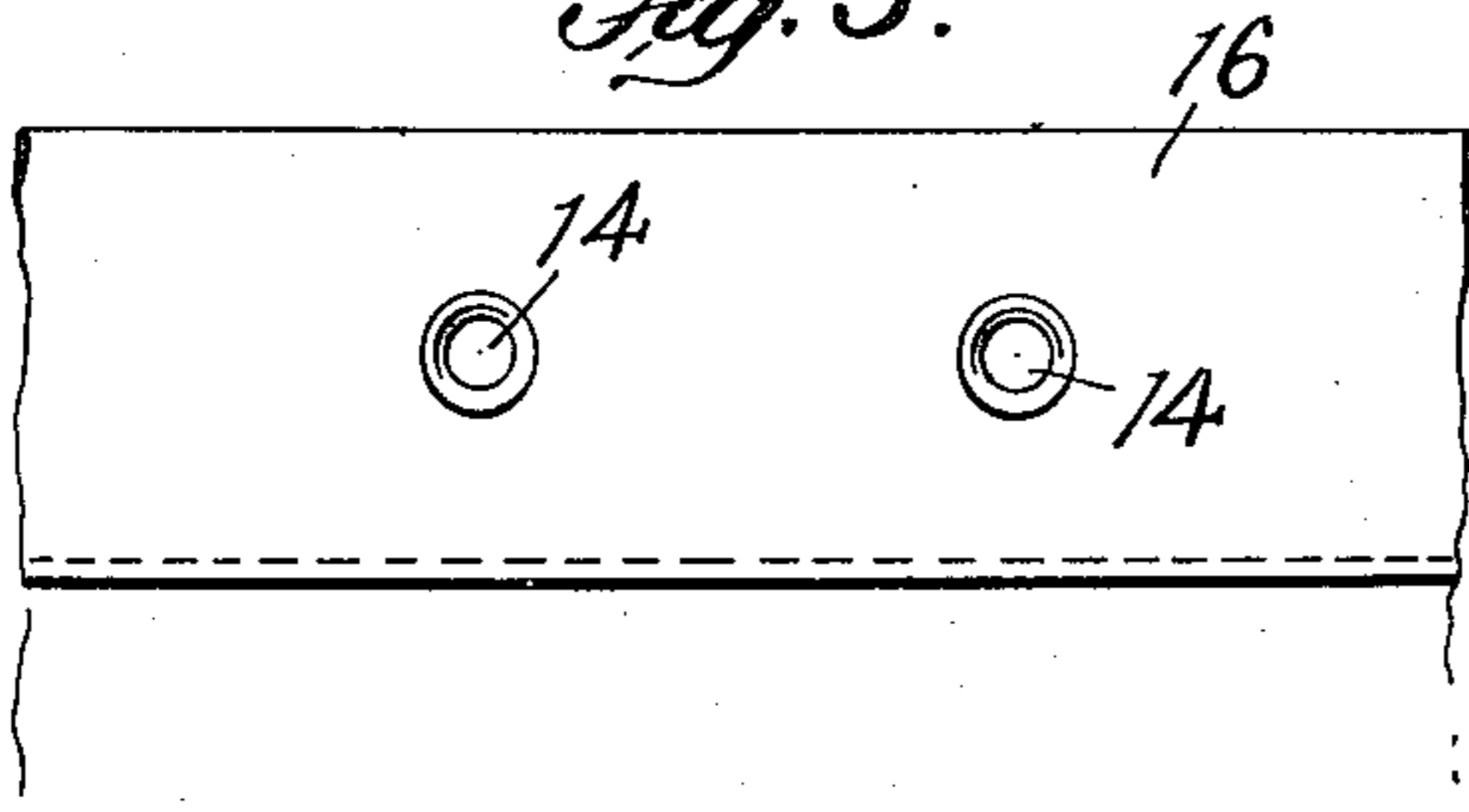
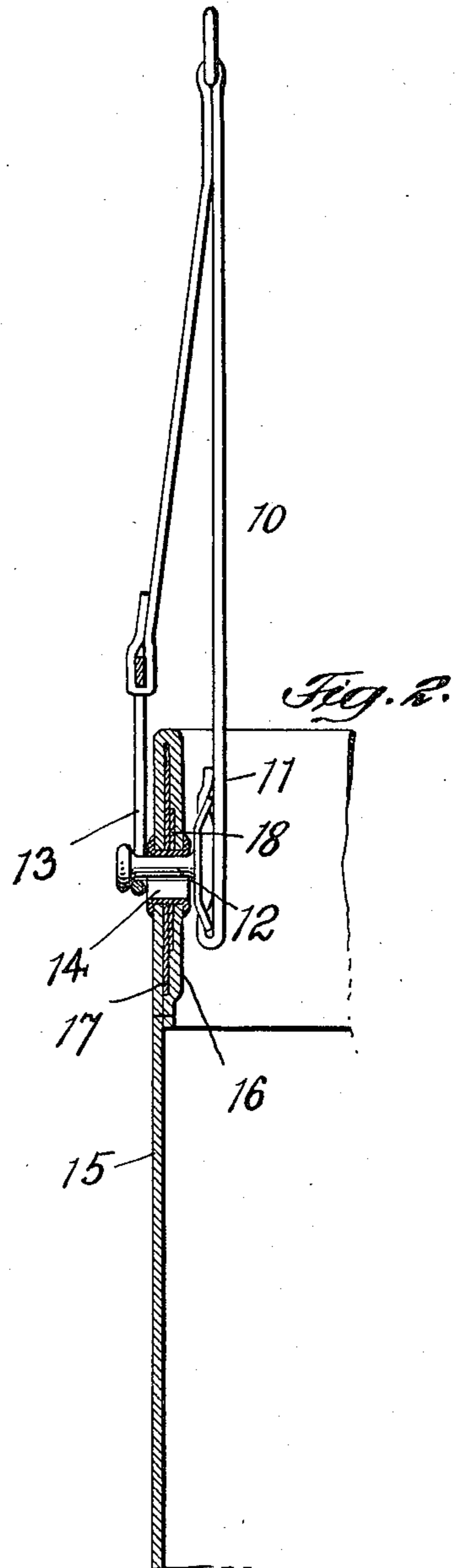
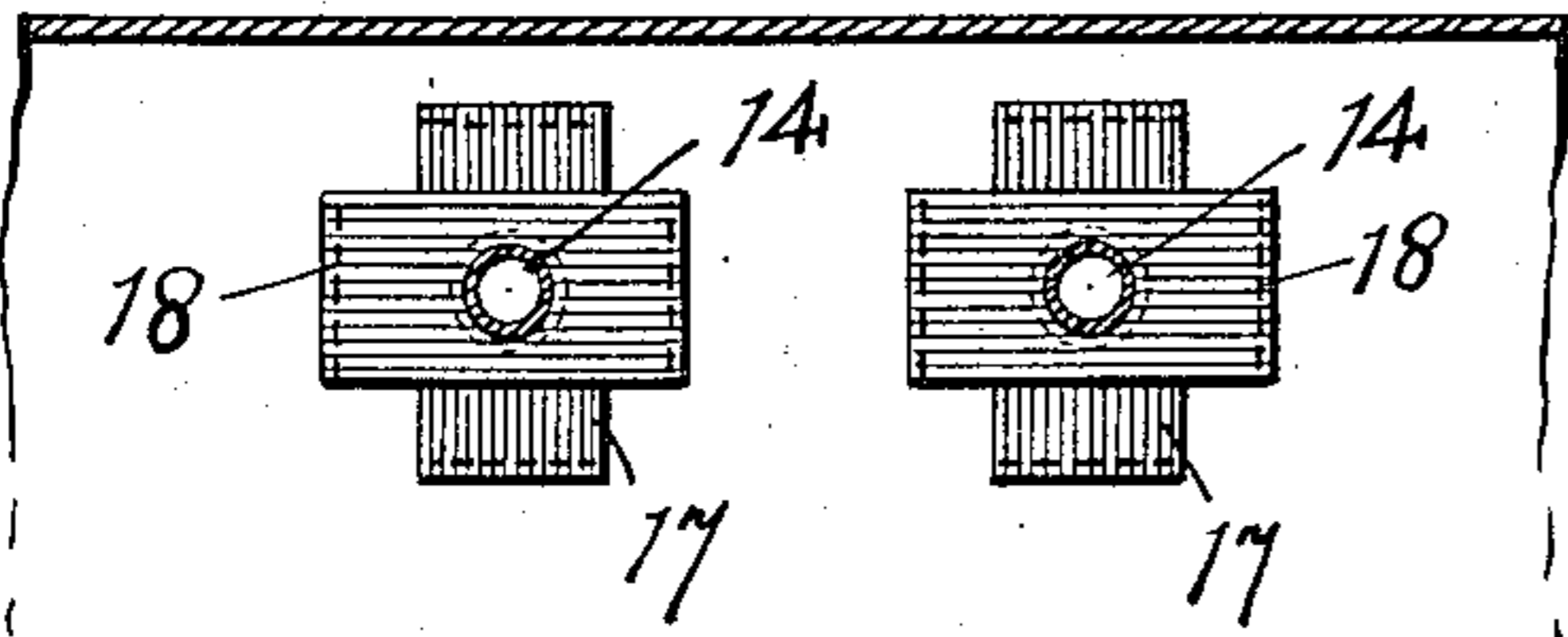


Fig. 4.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EMMA M. NEWTON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New Brighton, Staten Island, county of Richmond, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stockings, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates more particularly to children's stockings and to means whereby the supporting means for the same will not injure the stocking.

In the usual form of hose or stocking supporters and particularly those provided for children, the construction of the supporter is such that the stocking becomes torn or otherwise injured by reason of the nature of the fastening means employed to hold the stocking to the supporter, so that when the stocking is once torn, the injured part soon increases in size thereby making the stocking either useless or unsightly and very often on this account has to be thrown away.

The primary object of the invention is to overcome the objections referred to, and to provide simple means whereby the stocking at the upper portion thereof may have means formed as a part of the stocking and so constructed that the stocking will not only be strengthened, but the usual form of stocking supporter may be employed in such a way that it may be readily fastened thereto or detached therefrom without injuring the stocking in any way.

A further object of the invention is to provide a stocking in which eyelets may be employed and so strengthened that the same will not easily become detached from the stocking, and to provide means whereby in case the supporter should break or for other reasons, a safety pin may be used for holding the stocking properly.

With these and other objects in view, the invention will be hereinafter more particularly described with reference to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and will then be pointed out in the claim at the end of the description.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a fragmentary perspective view of the upper portion of the stocking. Fig. 2 is an enlarged sectional view showing how the stocking may be held to one form of supporter. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary inner view of the stocking; and Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view showing the strengthening means for the eyelets.

The supporter 10 may have the part 11 provided with the usual button 12 over the head of which the clamping member 13 is adapted to pass and be held thereto in the usual or in any preferred way. The head of the button 12 is adapted to pass through an eyelet 14 securely held to the upper part of the stocking or hose 15, the said supporter 10 being usually provided with at least two members 11 adapted to be fastened to different parts of the stocking. As shown, the stocking 15 has the upper part folded over, as at 16, and suitably held so as to strengthen the upper part of the stocking, and between the folded part of the stocking may be arranged strengthening strips or elements 17 and 18. These strengthening elements 17 and 18 may be of flexible material and may extend transversely of each other and fastened to the stocking in such a way as to provide a strengthening body for the eyelets 14 which pass therethrough. A plurality of eyelets are provided and these may vary in number as desired, there being at least one eyelet for each button or supporting member of the hose supporter 10. The drawings show four eyelets and the purpose of providing this number is to arrange the same in pairs on opposite sides of the center of the stocking so that in case the supporter should break for any reason whatever, a safety pin or similar fastening means may be passed through each pair or one of the pairs of eyelets to hold the same to another garment, though ordinarily one eyelet of each pair only is used when the supporter is of the form shown.

The eyelets pass through both the body of the stocking and the folded over part of the stocking and through the strengthening elements or strips 17 and 18, and said eyelets provide a wearing surface for the shank of the button member 12, the openings through the eyelets being of such a size that the head of the button may readily pass there-through. As will be seen, the eyelets serve to strengthen the stocking at this point, and by reason of the same will prevent the stocking from being torn by the fastener as the said fastener does not have to be clamped to the stocking itself; and said eyelets form simple means as a part of the stocking which may be readily applied thereto.

Having thus described my invention, I

claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:—

In a stocking, reinforcing strips secured near the upper edge thereof at the end portions of said strips, one above the other in the form of a cross, the edge portion of said stocking above said strips folded over and secured to the body portion of said stocking below said strips whereby said strips are  
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10 concealed, and an eyelet passing through

said stocking and reinforcing members, said eyelet being adapted to receive the fastening element of a supporter.

This specification signed and witnessed this 13th day of November A. D. 1909.

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