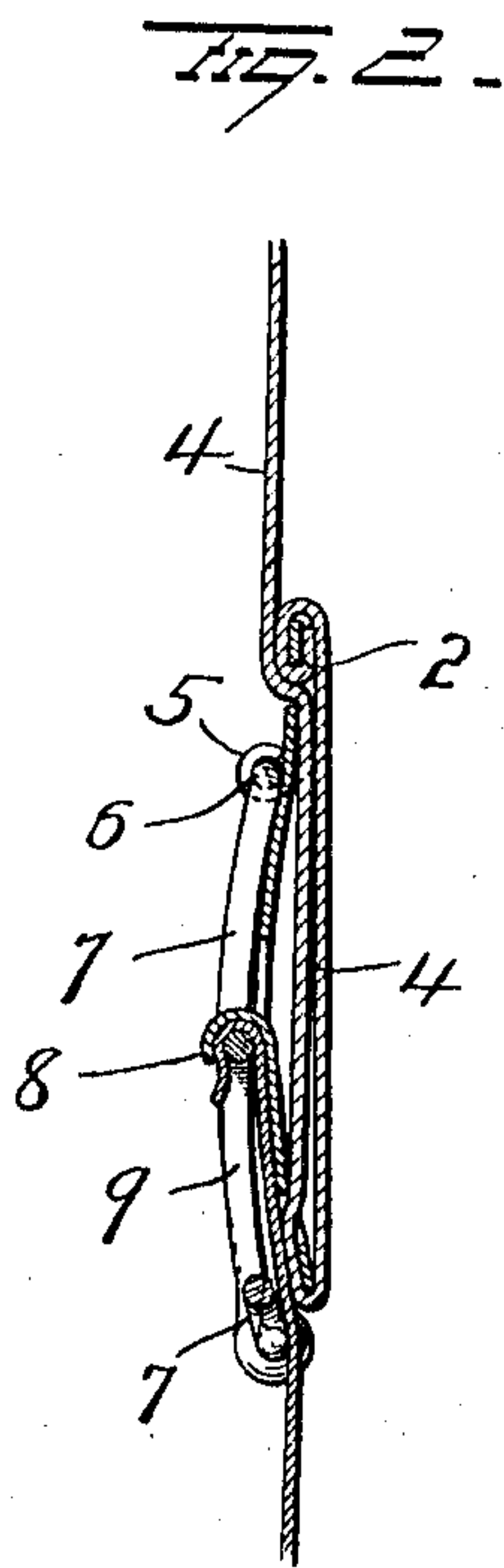
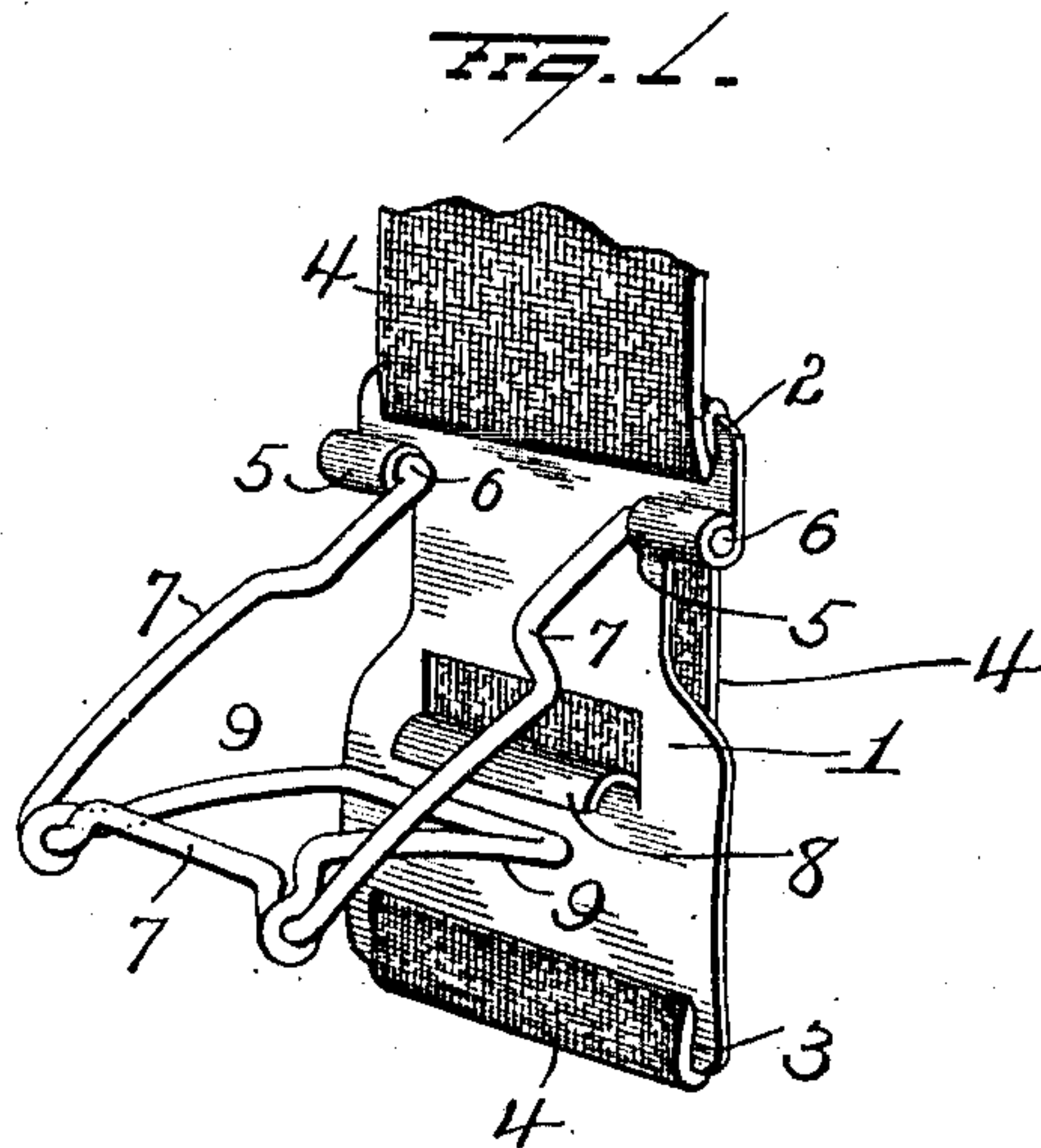


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. STAHL, of Worcester, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clasps; 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.

This invention relates to improvements in clasps such as are adaptable for use with garment supports, garters etc.,—the object of the invention being to provide a clasp which will lie comfortably for the wearer and by means of which the fabric of the garment to be supported can be securely attached thereto without injury to the garment; which will lie flat, and which can be easily operated to release the garment without flexing the clasp as a whole of the supporter with which the clasp is connected.

With this object in view the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts as hereinafter set forth and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view illustrating my improved clasp attached to the webbing of a garter or garment supporter, and Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view.

1 represents the base portion of the clasp which may be made of sheet metal slightly convexed and is provided near its respective ends with elongated slots 2—3 for the passage of the webbing 4 of the supporter. The webbing 4 is attached to the end of the base 1 adjacent to the slot 2 and then passes under said base, over the opposite end thereof, through the slot 3; then between the base and under layer of fabric and finally through the slot 2. If desired the lower wall of the slot 3 may be provided with teeth.

Near its upper end and at respective sides, the base 1 is provided with integral bearings 5 for the reception of pintles 6 at the upper ends of the members of a bail 7. The respective members of this bail are curved slightly so that the bail as a whole will be somewhat convexed and said bail is of suffi-

cient length to project slightly beyond the lower end of the base 1.

The base 1 is cut in its intermediate portion and the metal turned outwardly to form an elongated transversely disposed shoulder 8 to coöperate with the cross-bar of a second bail 9, the arms of which are hinged or pivotally connected with the cross-bar of the bail 7. When the bail 9 rests loosely against the shoulder 8, the bail 7 will be disposed some distance outwardly from the base 1, but when the free ends of the bails are pressed toward the base 1, the flexibility of the members of bail 7 will permit the two bails to be pressed close to the base 1 and if fabric of the garment to be supported be disposed between the cross-bar of bail 9 and the shoulder 8 on the base 1, the device will be clamped securely to said fabric. It will be observed that when the clasp is thus secured to the fabric of the stocking, the pivotal connection between the two bails will be out of alignment with the pivotal connection of the bail 7 with the base 1 and also with the shoulder 8 and thus the clasp will be prevented from becoming accidentally open. As the bails project beyond the lower end of the frame 1, they can be readily engaged by the user and lifted or moved outwardly to release the clasp from the garment without the necessity of flexing the clasp as a whole or of twisting or otherwise turning the garment supporter with which the clasp is connected.

My improvements are simple in connection, can be cheaply manufactured and are easy and efficient in operation.

Having fully described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters-Patent, is,—

1. A clasp comprising a base having a shoulder between its ends, a bail pivotally connected with the upper portion of said base and of a length sufficient to project below the lower end of said base and a second bail pivotally connected with the lower end of the first mentioned bail and adapted to coöperate with the lower side of the shoulder on the base.

2. A clasp comprising a sheet metal base slightly convexed and having a shoulder between its ends and slots adjacent to its ends, a bail having convexed members pivotally



connected with the upper portion of said  
base and a second bail pivotally attached to  
the cross-bar of the first mentioned bail and  
adapted to coöperate with the shoulder on  
5 the base, said bails adapted to project be-  
yond the lower end of the base when the  
clasp is closed.

In testimony whereof, I have signed this  
specification in the presence of two sub-  
scribing witnesses.

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