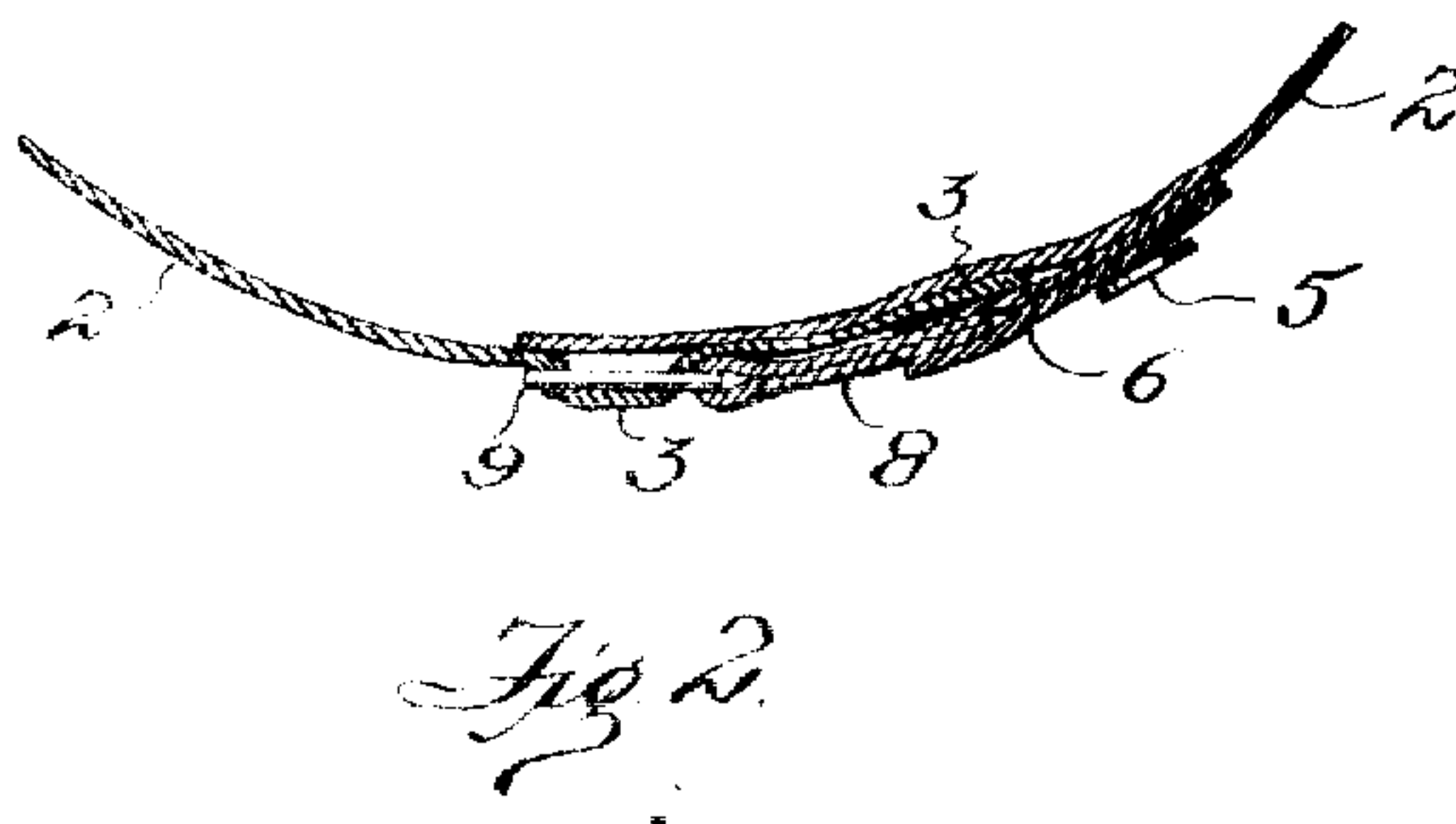
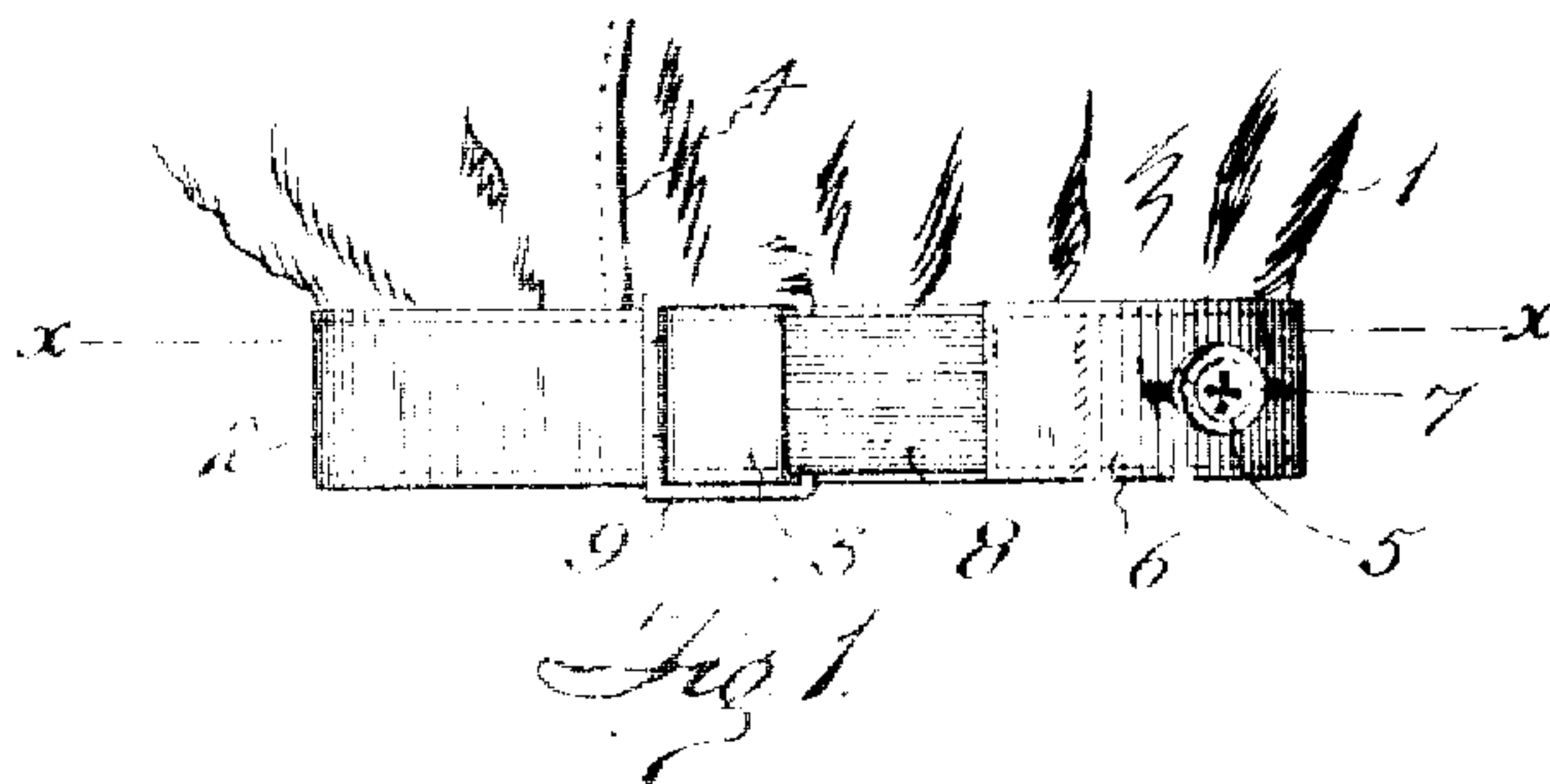


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ELEANOR M. CHAPMAN, citizen of the United States, residing at Dallas, in the county of Dallas and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Buckle-Fastenings, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to new and useful improvements in buckle fastenings, and more particularly to a detachable knee band buckle.

The object of the invention is to provide a buckle fastening of the elastic style which may be readily removed so that when it is applied to washable garments it can be removed when the same are washed, thus preserving not only the elastic, but preventing the buckle from rusting, and avoiding other detrimental results.

It is understood that in washing garments they are generally boiled, which destroys the rubber in the elastic strip, making it necessary to replace the same before the garment can be again worn.

It is therefore one of the features of my invention to overcome this undesirable construction.

Finally, the object of my invention is to provide a device of the character described, that will be durable, efficient, simple and inexpensive to make.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention has relation to certain novel features an example of which is described in the following specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a view of a portion of one of the legs of a pair of trousers showing my invention applied to the knee band, and Fig. 2 is a horizontal sectional view taken on the line X—X of Fig. 1.

In the drawings I have shown my invention applied to the knee band of a pair of trousers, the numeral 1 indicating the lower end of one of the legs; it being understood that the fastening is applied to both legs. While I have thus shown my invention it is obvious that it could be applied to other garments and to other parts of the same.

2 indicates the usual knee band, which has a projecting flap 3 at the usual vent 4. This flap is adapted to be engaged with the buckle hereinafter described. On the band 2 opposite the flap 3 and some distance from the vent 4, an ordinary button 5 is sewed or

otherwise secured to the central portion of said band. This button receives a tab 6 having a suitable button-hole 7 through which the button is passed. A short strip of elastic 8 is looped about a suitable buckle 9 and has its free ends firmly secured into adjacent end of tab 6. It is obvious that by simply disengaging the tab from the button, the elastic and the buckle being supported therefrom, are readily removed from the knee band and as easily applied. Thus when it is desired to wash the garment, it is merely necessary to "unbutton" the tab and remove the buckle and elastic. This is not only a great convenience, but a great saving of time, labor and expense as it is difficult to renew and properly position the buckle and elastic where the same are permanently attached to the garment. It also renders the garment much easier to wash and iron.

It is to be understood that the flap or tongue 3 is engaged with the buckle and may be "drawn up" so as to make the garment fit properly about the leg of the wearer, the vent 4 permitting the band 2 to overlap.

A great many makers of boys' knee trousers omit the elastic from the same on account of its inconvenience when permanently attached to the garment, as herein set forth. The elastic is necessary as where the band is drawn tight about the leg, it tends to retard the proper circulation, thus becoming detrimental.

What I claim, is:

In a device of the character described, the combination with a trousers leg having a slit in the lower portion thereof, of a knee-band extending around the lower extremity of the leg, one extremity thereof projecting some distance beyond the slit forming a tab, a button attached to the knee-band, a cloth tab, provided with a button hole to receive said button, an elastic strip forming a loop its extremities being attached to the last named tab, and a buckle through which the elastic strip passes, adapted to be attached to the first named tab, substantially as shown.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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