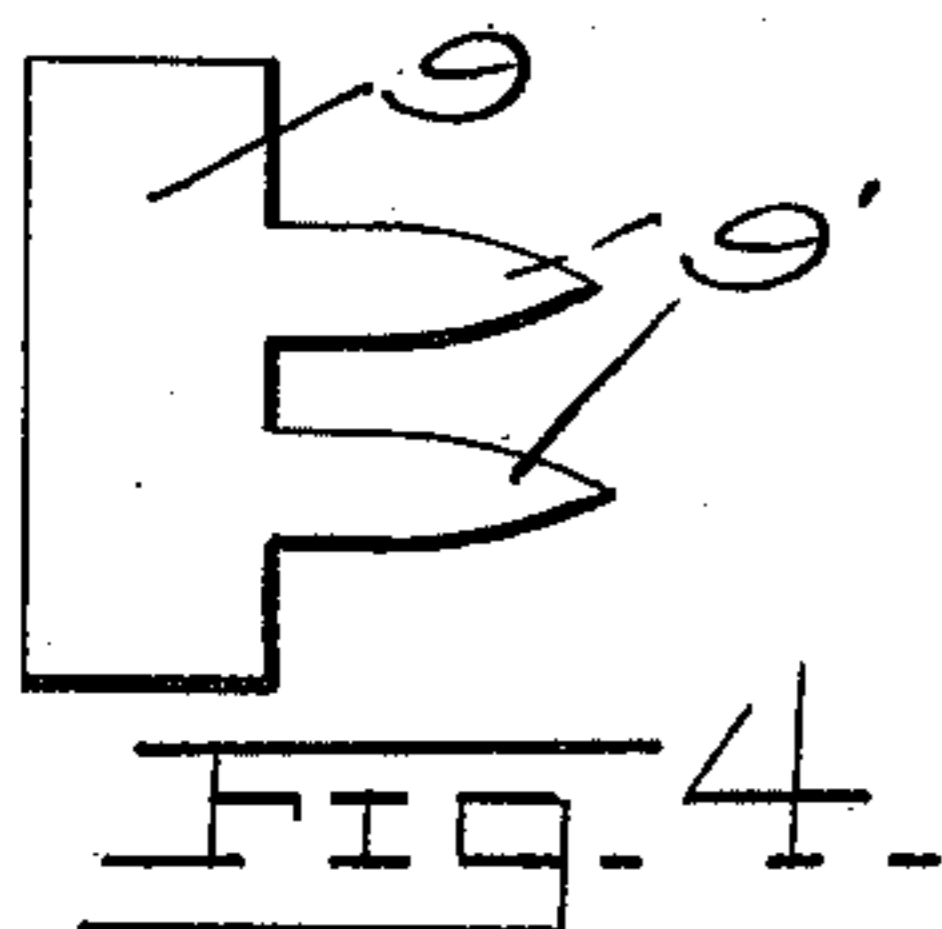
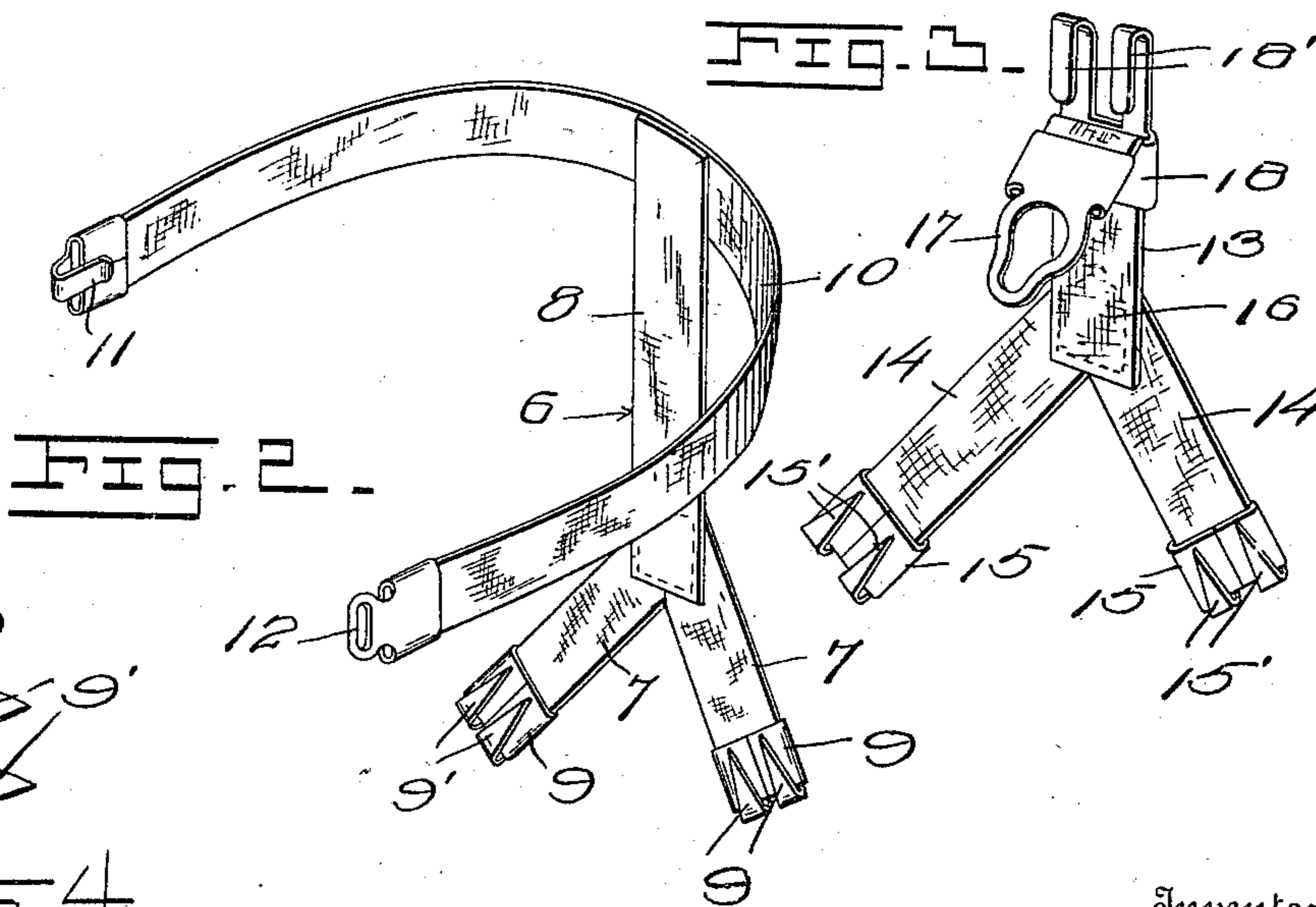
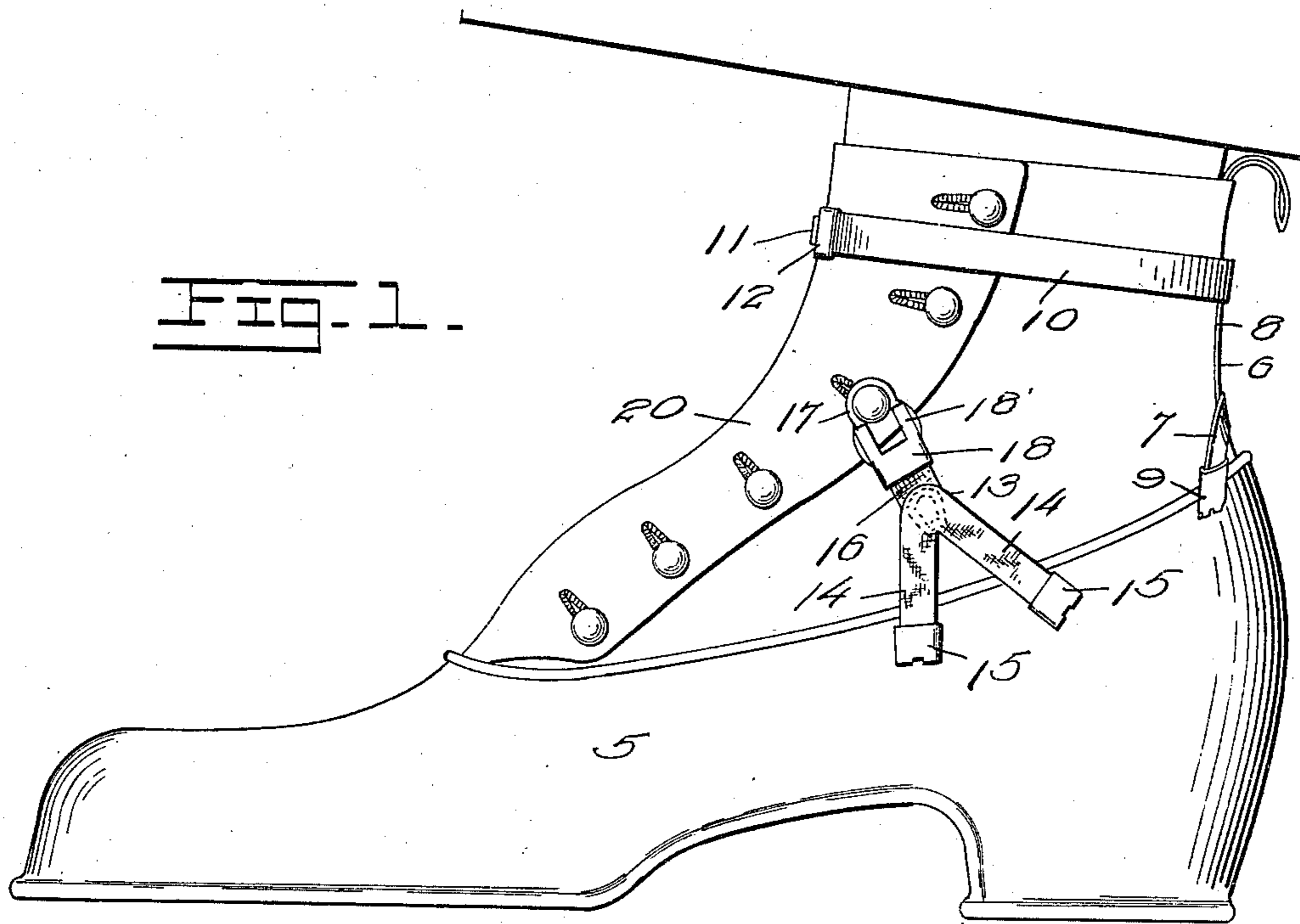


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RACHEL E. WHITE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Overshoe-Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in devices for fastening or holding in position overshoes, rubbers, and the like upon the feet of the wearer.

It is the object of the present invention to provide a device of this character, which may be very quickly attached and will securely hold the overshoe to the shoe, and prevent the same from being accidentally pulled off in walking over a muddy road or street.

A further object is to provide a very simple fastener of this character, which is strong and durable, of great convenience and which may be very inexpensively produced.

With these and other objects in view, the present invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claim, it being understood that changes in the specific structure shown and described may be made within the scope of the claim without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawings forming a portion of this specification, and in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views, Figure 1 is a side elevation illustrating the use of my improved fastener for securing the overshoe on the shoe. Fig. 2 is a detached perspective view of the rear attaching member. Fig. 3 is a similar view of the side member. Fig. 4 is a plan of the blank of the securing members.

In walking over a muddy road or street, the overshoe or rubber is very likely to be pulled from the foot of the wearer by the suction of the mud as the foot is lifted in the act of walking. It is the object of my present invention to obviate this great inconvenience, and to effect this end I provide the overshoe 5 with the rear heel attaching member 6 which is formed of any suitable elastic material. The lower end of the member 6 is formed of two diverging elastic strips or webs 7 which are sewed or other-

wise attached to a single length of elastic 8. The lower ends of the strips 7 are provided with the metallic securing members 9, which are formed with the two spurs or prongs 9' 60 and are adapted to be inserted through the overshoe, upon either side of the central portion of the heel thereof, and adjacent to its upper edge. An elastic band 10 is stitched to the upper end of the strip 8, and is adapted 65 to encircle the ankle of the wearer and to be fastened or hooked in front and upon the shoe. The opposite ends of the band 10 are provided with a hook 11 and an eye 12 whereby the same may be quickly attached 70 to secure the overshoe in position. As an additional means of security the side attaching member 13 is provided, and is somewhat similar in form to the member 5 in that it is provided with the diverging end 75 portions 14 to which are suitably secured the securing members 15 which are formed with the prongs 15' and are adapted to be secured to the upper edge of the side of the overshoe in a like manner to the members 9. 80 The strips 14 are also secured to a comparatively short piece of elastic 16. Upon the upper end of the strip 16 an eye 17 is secured and is adapted to engage over the button of a shoe, when shoes of this character are 85 worn. Also secured to the strip 16 is a retaining member 18, which is formed with one or more hooks 18' which engage over one edge of the upper of the shoe 20, and securely retain the rubber in position on the 90 shoe, and together with the rear attaching members 6 will absolutely prevent any accidental slipping of the overshoe therefrom.

In the operation of the device, after the overshoe has been positioned over the shoe, 95 the rear attaching member 6 is secured around the shoe above the ankle of the wearer, by means of the band 10, and the side attaching member 13 is engaged with the button of the shoe, or with the edge of 100 the upper thereof as the case may be. When the overshoe has been thus attached, the wearer will not be caused the inconvenience and constant anxiety caused by the possible accidental removal of the overshoe. 105

As before stated the web portions of the attaching members may be formed of any desirable elastic material, and may be provided with any number of securing members 9 and 15. 110

From the foregoing it will be seen that I have provided a very simple fastening de-

vice which when properly secured to the overshoe and attached in position upon the foot of the wearer, will absolutely prevent any slipping of the overshoe from the shoe.

5 It may be very inexpensively produced, and may be readily detached from the rubber or overshoe when the same becomes worn out and readily secured to another. It will be apparent that the button receiving eye

10 17 may be replaced by the hook 18, if desirable.

The construction of the securing members 9 and 15 is novel and they are adapted to be produced at a minimum cost by reason

15 of the fact that they may be stamped from sheet material. Each of these comprises a rectangular body portion bent around the end portion of the elastic tape used in this device, and has central spaced lateral prongs

20 projected from one edge and bent inwardly of the end of the tape for hooking engagement with an overshoe as above described. The hook members and the eye members carried at the extremities of the strips 10 and

25 16 are of a construction similar to that of the member 9.

What is claimed is:

The combination with an overshoe, of an elastic attaching member, said member comprising a length of elastic material having

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diverging end portions, metallic securing members secured to said end portions adapted to be inserted through the rear portion of the overshoe adjacent to the upper edge thereof, an elastic band secured to the upper

35 end of said strip and adapted to encircle a shoe above the ankle of the wearer, said band having a hook and eye secured to its opposite ends for engagement with each other, an attaching member adapted to be

40 secured to one side of an overshoe adjacent to its upper edge, said member comprising a length of elastic material having diverging end portions, said end portions having metallic securing members secured thereto, said

45 members having prongs integrally formed therewith and adapted to pierce the overshoe and to be disposed against the inner side thereof, an eye secured to the free end of said member adapted to engage over the

50 button of a shoe, and a hook secured to said member adapted to engage with the edge of a shoe upper.

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

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