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SLEEVE PROTECTOR.
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Fig. 1.

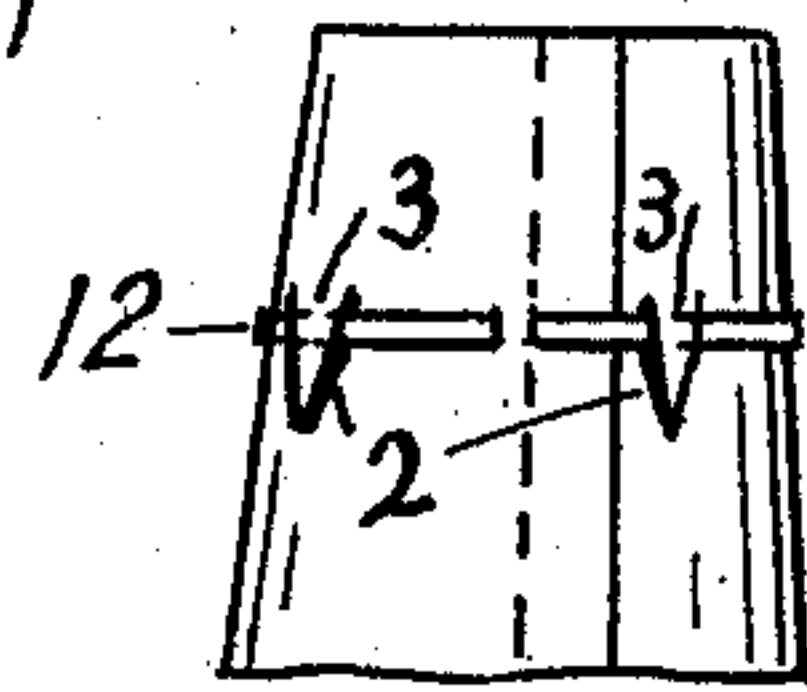
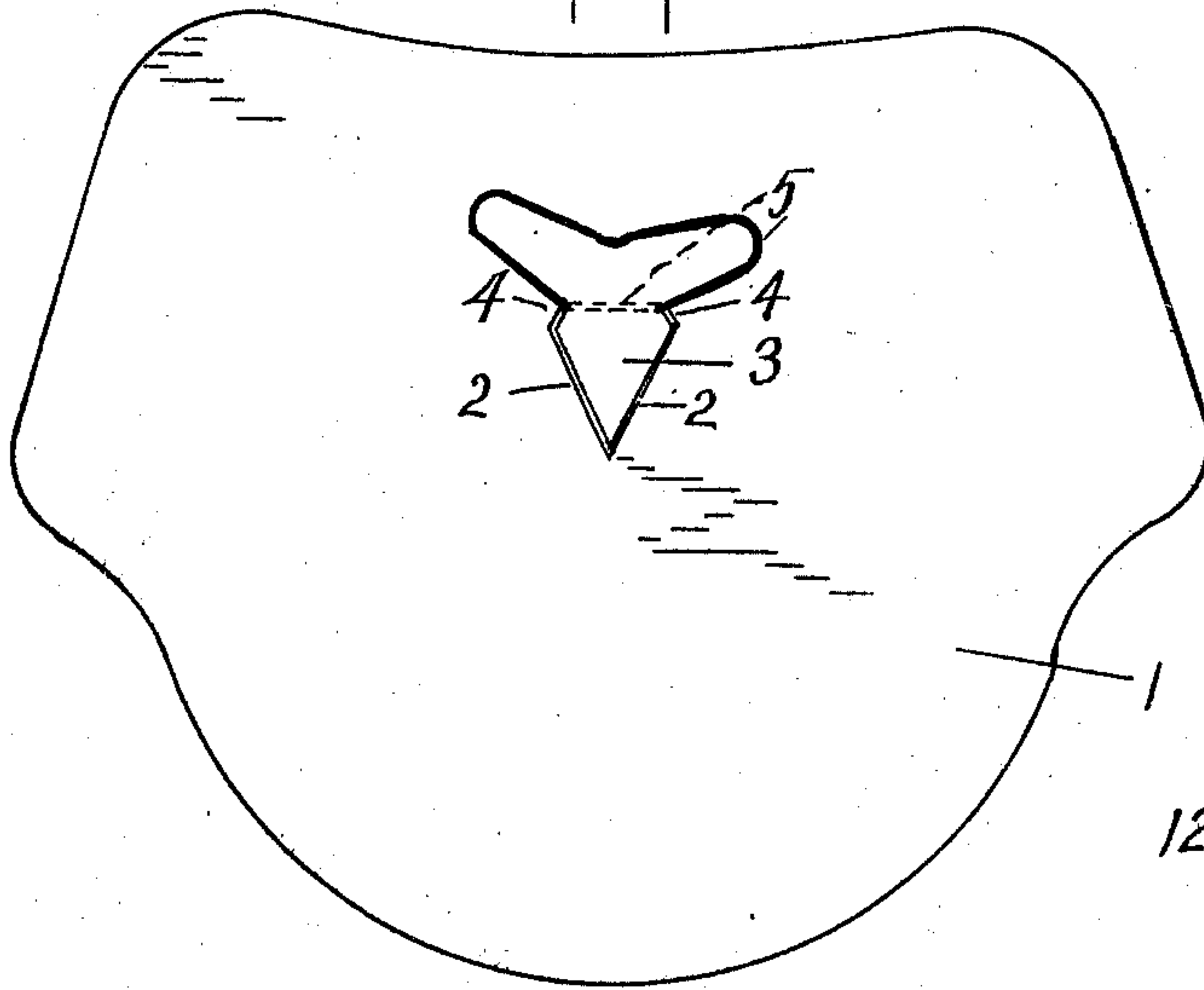


Fig. 5.

Fig. 3.

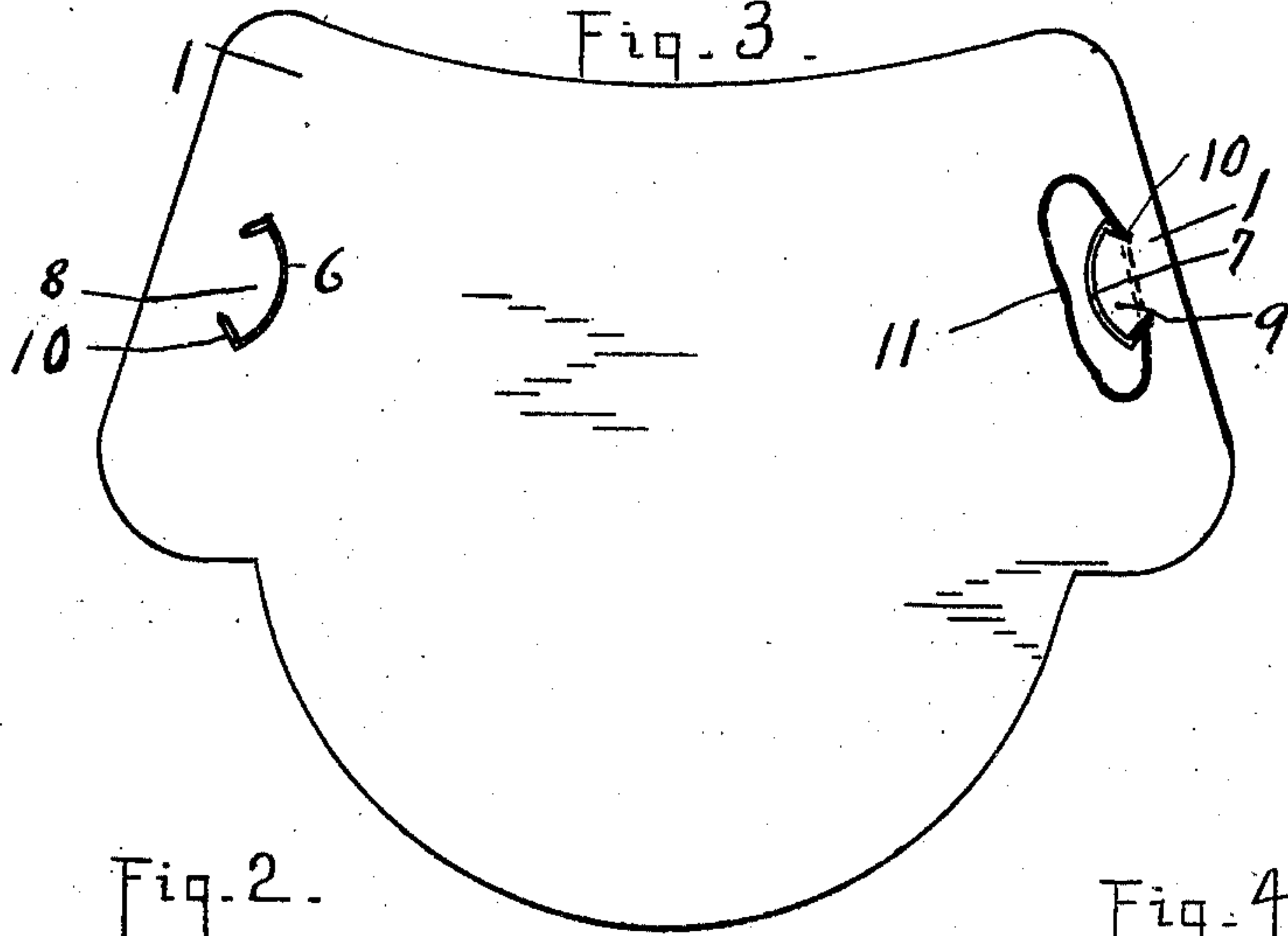


Fig. 2.

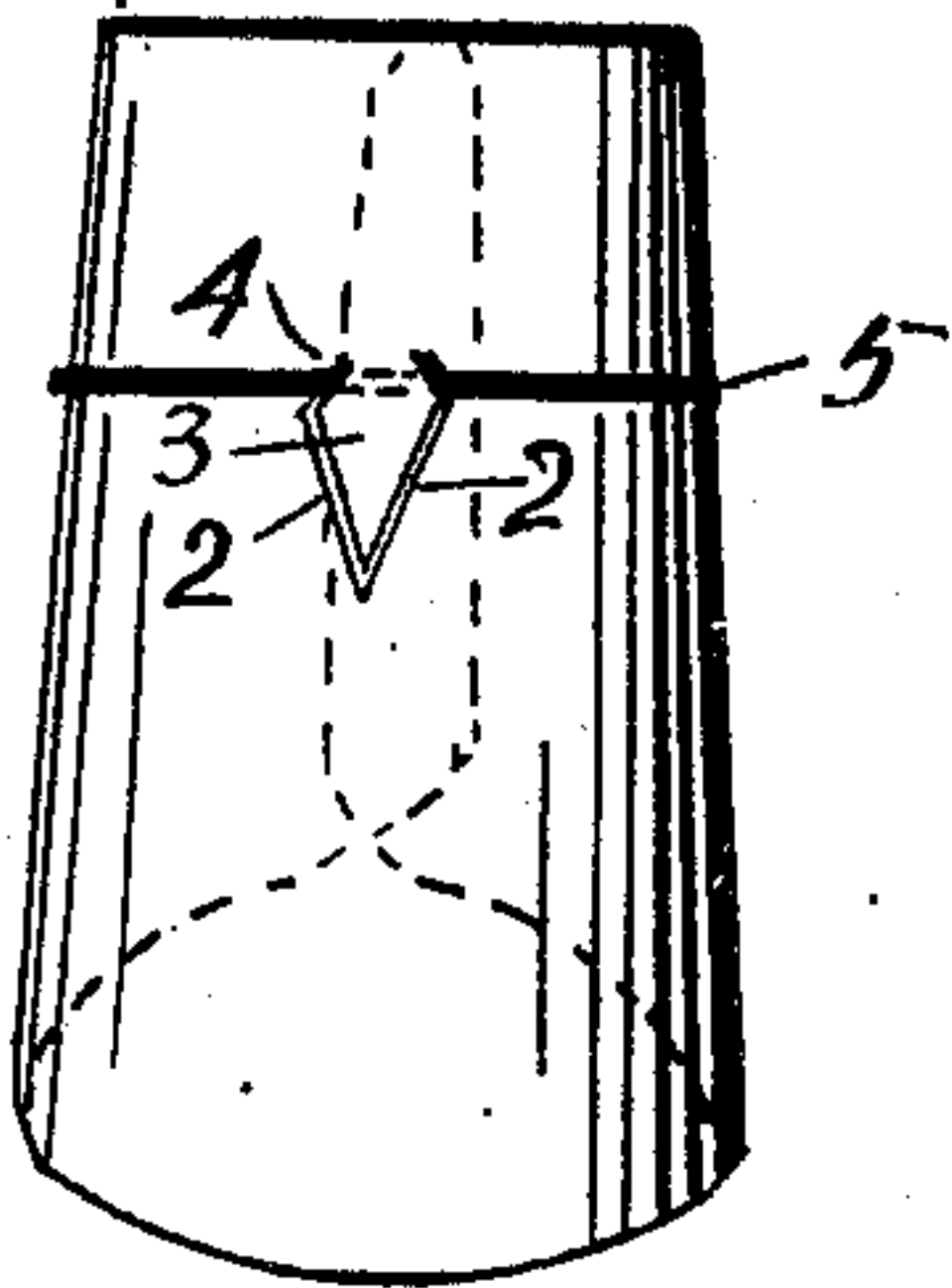
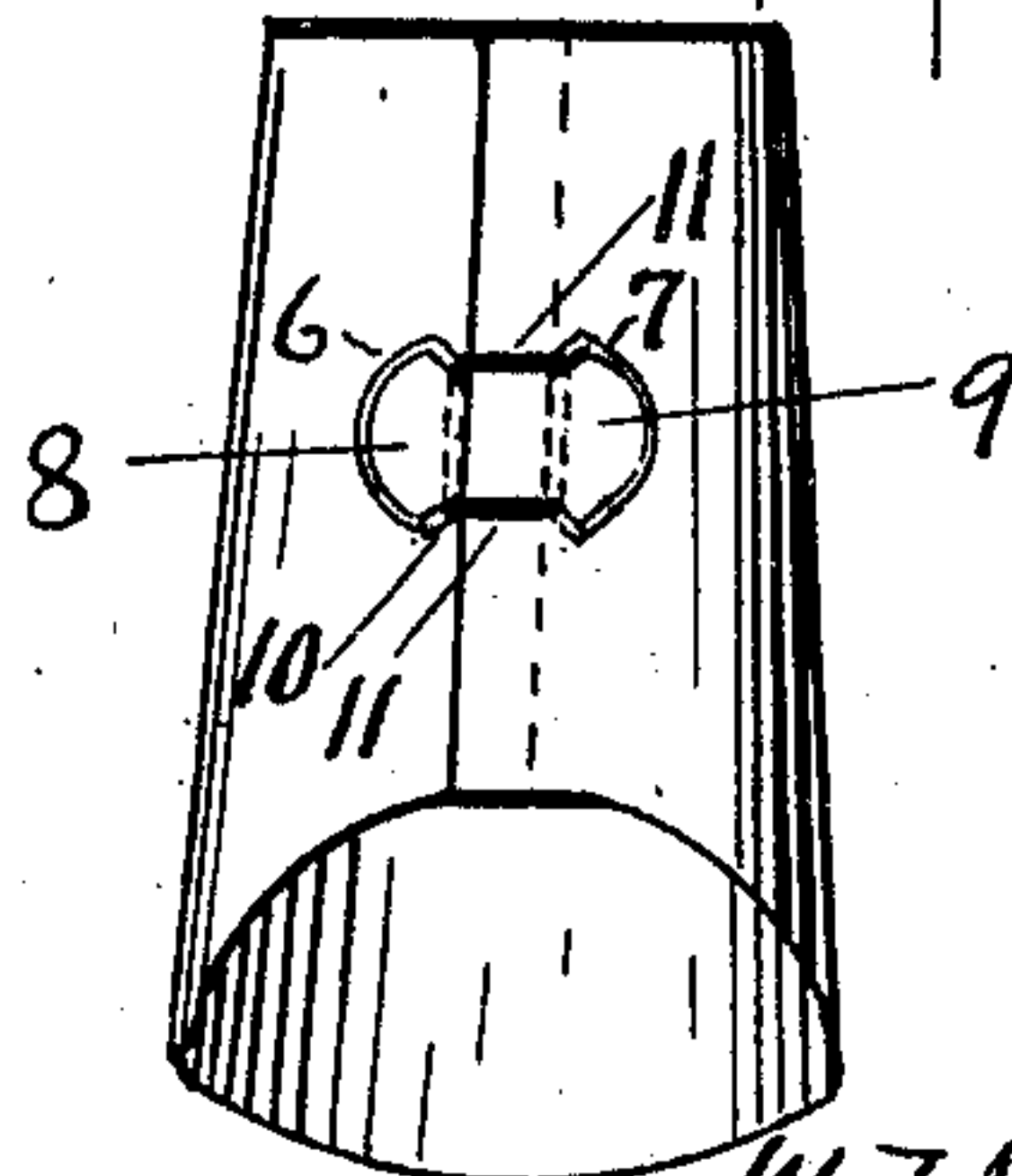


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM F. REICHENBACH, a resident of Rochester, in the county of Monroe and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sleeve-Protectors; 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 pertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to devices for protecting the cuff-end of sleeves to prevent soiling or wearing of the sleeves of garments, or of cuffs.

The object of the invention is to provide an effective device for said purpose with improved and simplified means securing the same in use.

The invention consists in the construction hereinafter described and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing which illustrates the invention and forms a part of the specification,—Figure 1 is a view of one form of the device before being bent into cuff-shape; Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the same in the shape assumed in use; Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 1 of a modified construction; Fig. 4 is a front elevation of the modification in the shape assumed in use. Fig. 5 is a partial front elevation of a modification.

Numeral 1 denotes a piece of suitable sheet material, preferably heavy paper, cut a size and shape to adapt it to be bent into cuff-shape over a cuff or sleeve in use by a wearer. It should be sufficiently large to permit the edges to overlap when the device is on, and the form preferably gives a taper to the protector. The forms shown in Figs. 1 and 3 are suitable but may be varied without departing from the invention.

At a point between the longitudinal edges of the sheet the latter is slitted, as indicated at 2, forming a longitudinal tongue 3, shown as pointed, but this shape is not essential. The root of the tongue is uncut except that, preferably, the slits are extended slightly diagonally toward each other from the opposite sides, as shown at 4.

Numeral 5 denotes a rubber or other elastic band one side of which is pulled under tongue 3 to secure the band to the protector. The notches formed by the inclined cut 4 tend to prevent the band from working loose when the device is out of use.

When this sheet is bent into cuff-shape the free side of the elastic band is stretched over the end of the device so as to surround it and hold it with overlapping edges, as indicated by broken lines in Fig. 2.

A light metal spring-ring 12 is shown in Fig. 5 secured to the protector by tongues 3.

In the modification, Fig. 3, the sheet is slitted at a plurality of places, as at 6, and 7, forming two tongues 8 and 9 which extend in a transverse direction away from the longitudinal edges of the sheet. In this instance the tongues are rounded instead of pointed, but preferably have the notches at the root, formed by the inclined slits 10. An elastic band 11 is secured to the device by one of said tongues. When the protector is bent into cuff-shape the band 11 is stretched and engaged over the other tongue, as clearly shown in Fig. 4. In this form the elastic does not surround the whole device but only extends under the two tongues. This arrangement of the fastening band limits the extend of the overlap of the edges of the device.

As stated the invention is not limited to the shape of the sheet, nor to the shape of the tongue or tongues.

I consider it broadly new in a device of the character described to secure a holding device (whether elastic or not) to the protector by a tongue of the character described. Evidently a new elastic band or other fastener can be easily substituted for an old one when necessary. The fastener may be arranged to hold the protector in cuff-shape either before or after the protector is on.

Having described the invention what I claim is:—

A sleeve protector comprising a sheet of suitable material and form to be bent into cuff-shape, one or more tongues formed of said sheet material, one end of each tongue being integrally connected with the body of the sheet, and means for holding the sheet thus bent secured to the sheet by such a tongue behind which said means is slipped.

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

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