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Fig. 1.

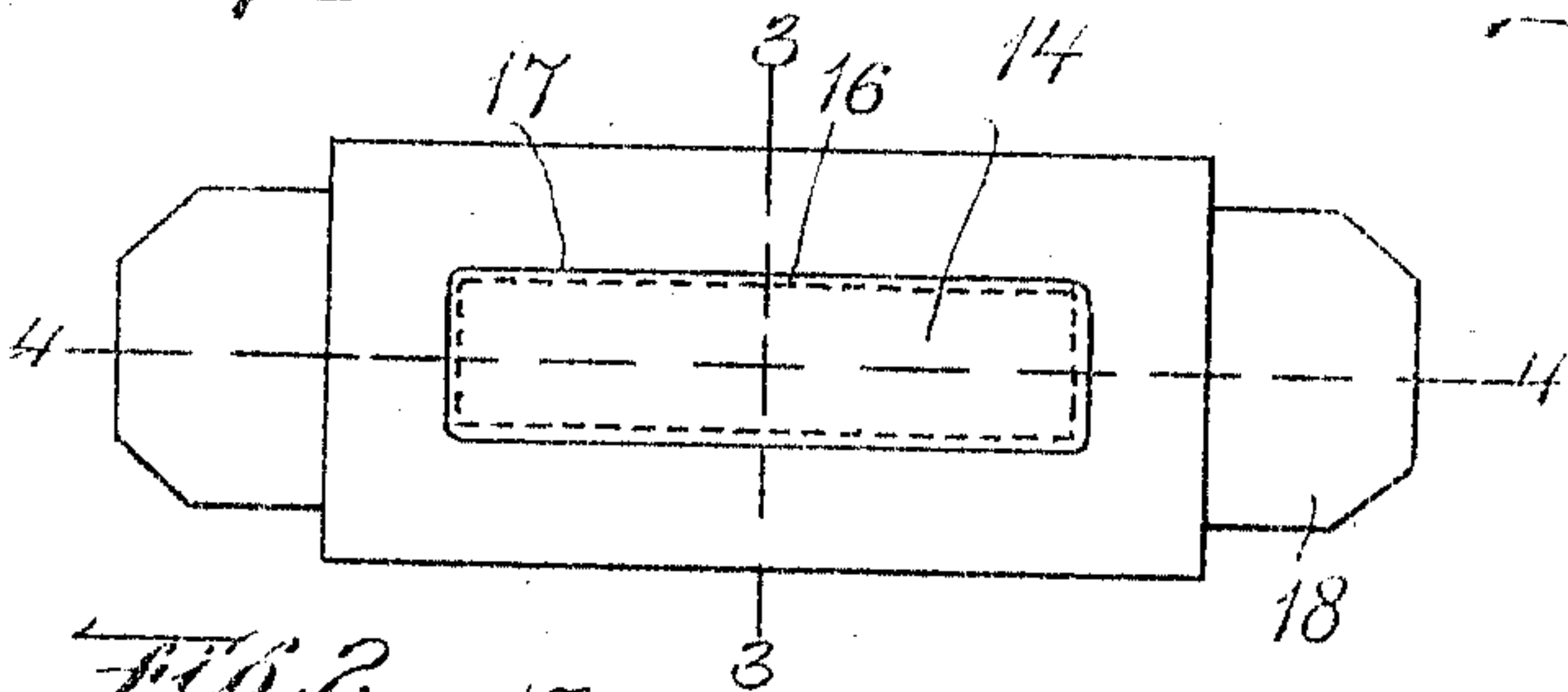


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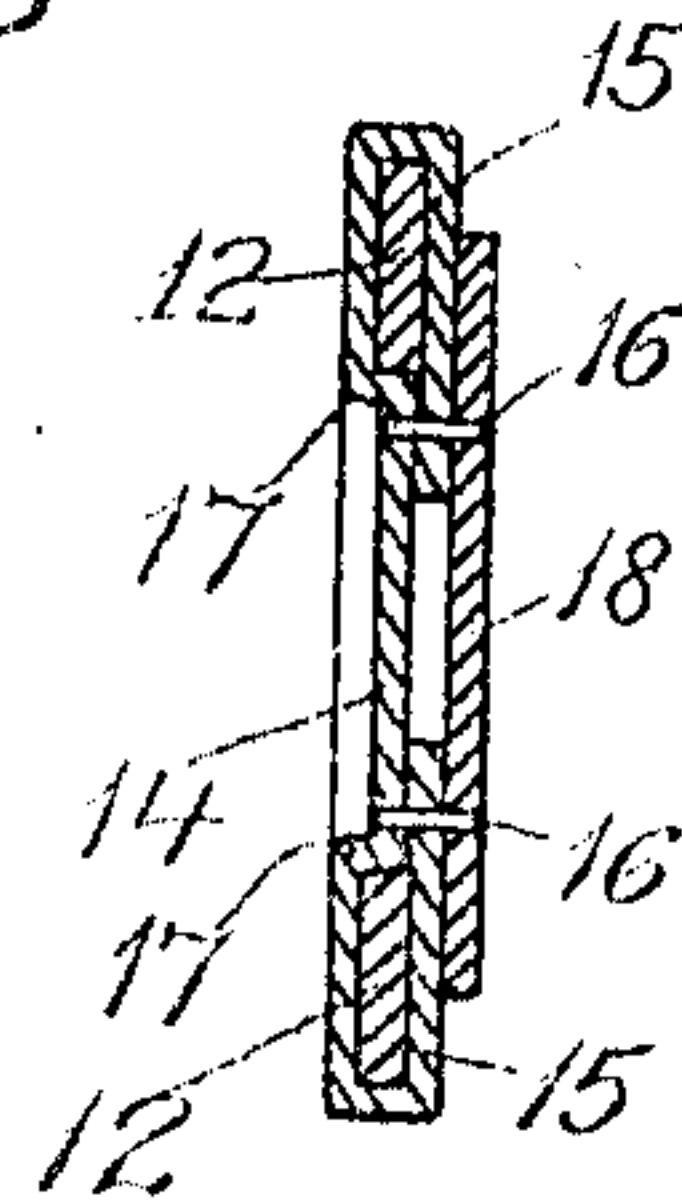


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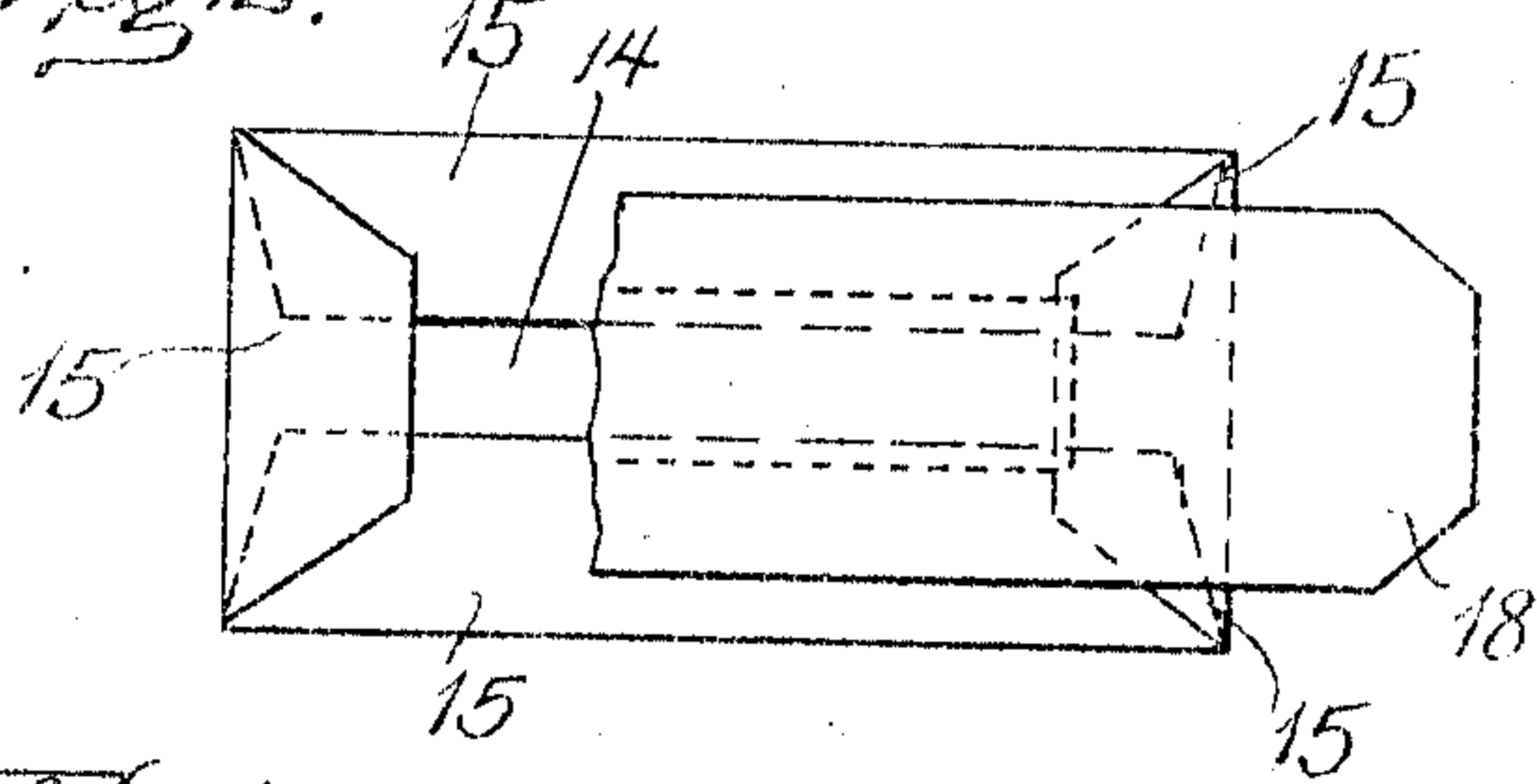


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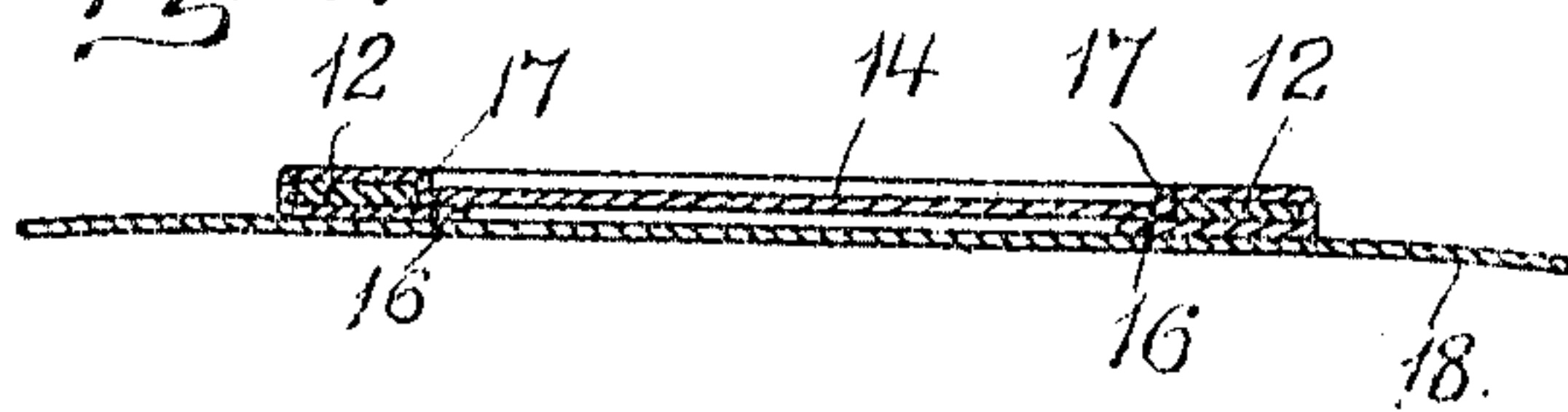


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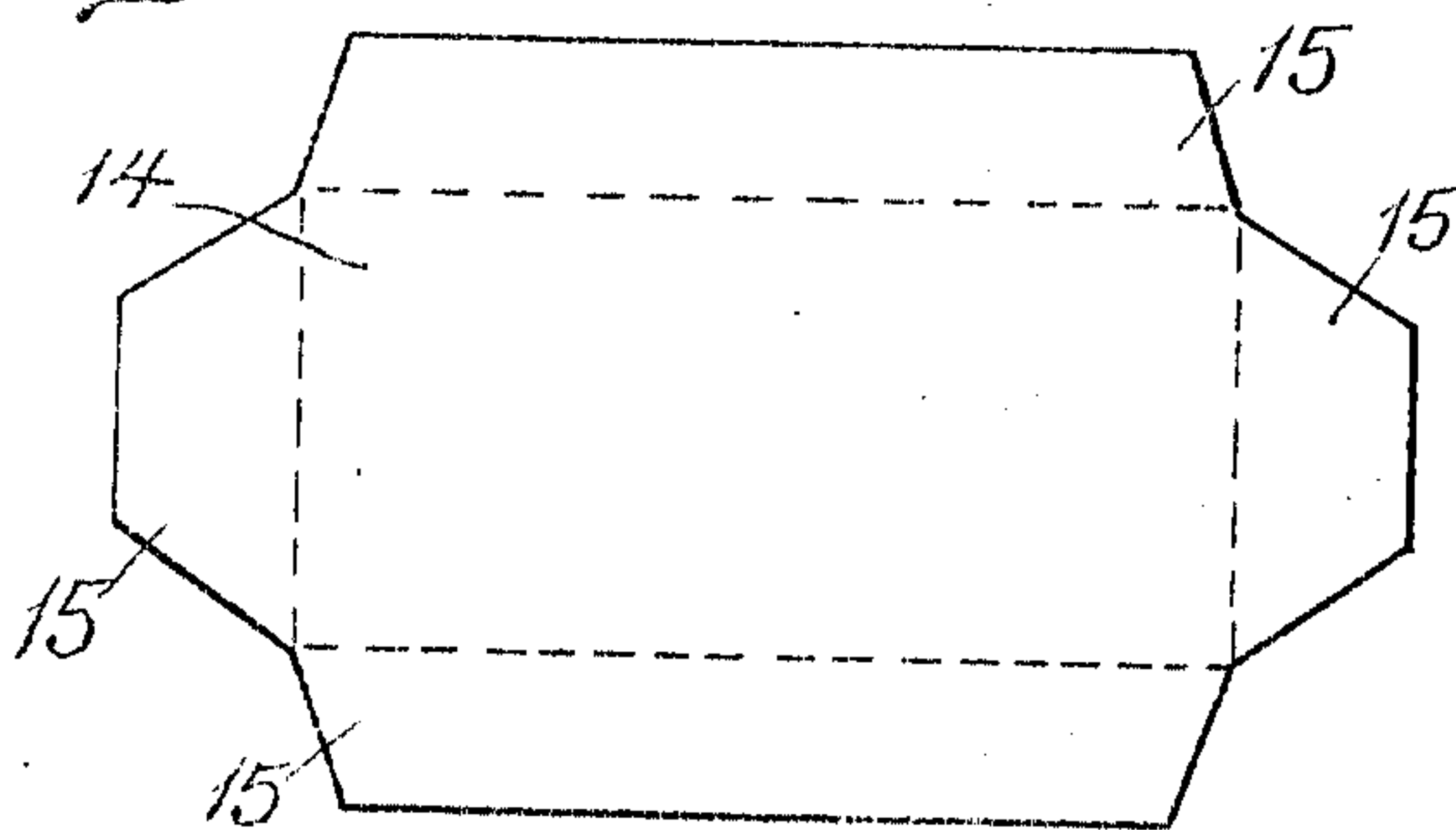
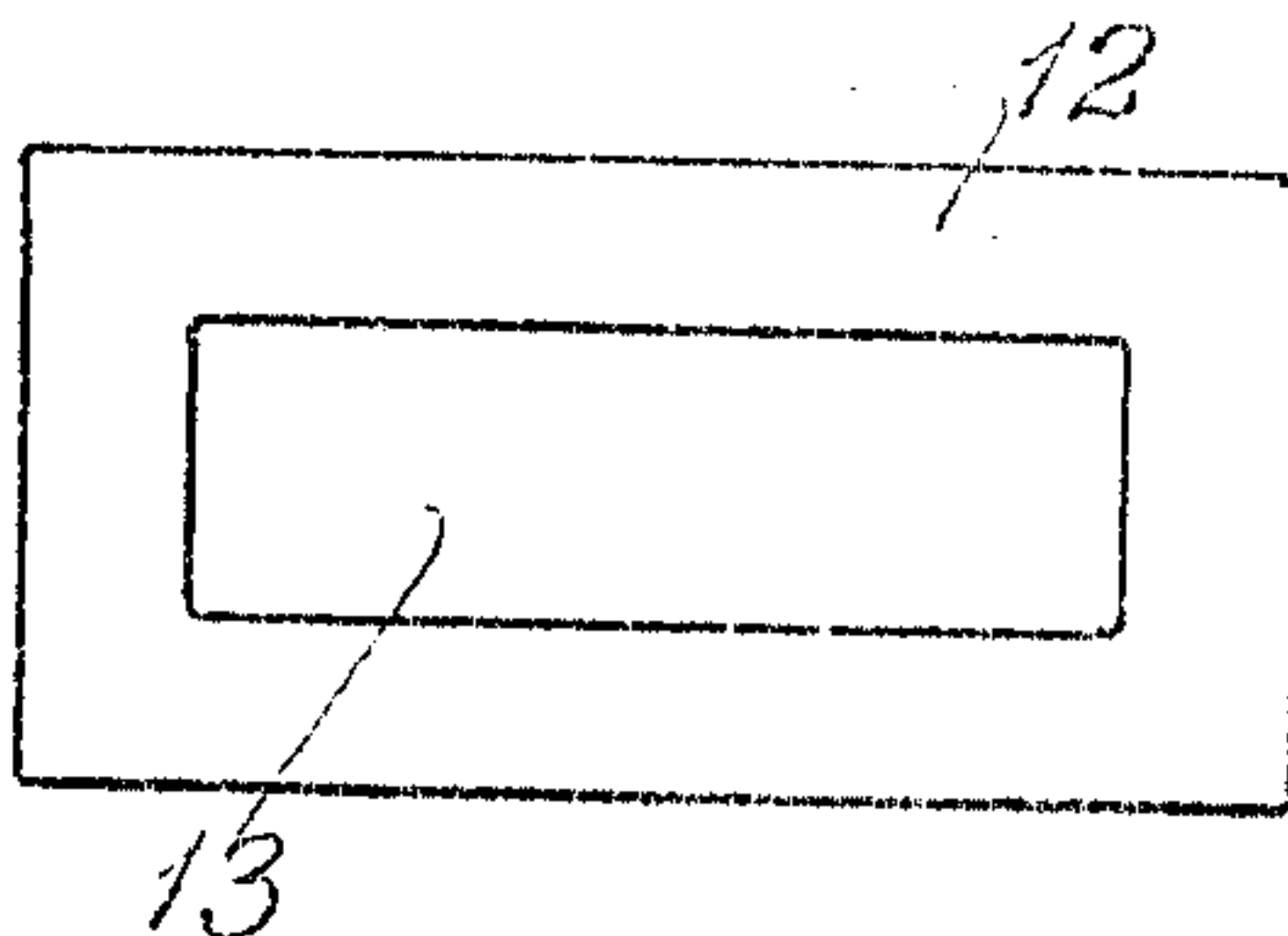


Fig. 6.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES S. CLINCH, of Lynn, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ornament or Imitation Buckles for Shoes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to ornaments adapted particularly for low cut shoes, the ornament resembling a buckle without having the usual functions of a buckle.

The invention has for its object to provide a desirable ornament of this character adapted to be economically manufactured.

The invention consists in the improvements which I will now proceed to describe and claim.

Of the accompanying drawings which form a part of this specification,—Figure 1 represents a front view of an ornament embodying my invention; Fig. 2 represents a rear view of the same, a part of the attaching strip hereinafter referred to being broken away; Fig. 3 represents an enlarged section on line 3—3 of Fig. 1; Fig. 4 represents a section on line 4—4 of Fig. 1; Fig. 5 represents a side view of the blank from which the facing piece, hereinafter referred to, is made; and Fig. 6 represents a side view of the frame hereinafter referred to.

Similar reference characters indicate the same or similar parts in all the figures.

My improved ornament comprises two chief parts, namely, an open frame 12 which is preferably formed from a single piece of flexible material such as press board or sheet metal, the frame members surrounding an opening 13, and a facing piece 14 comprising a body portion formed to cover one side of the frame 12 and its opening, and having flaps 15 adapted to be bent along the dotted lines in Fig. 5 over the edges of the frame and against the inner side thereof, the width of the flaps being greater than the width of the members of the frame, so that the outer edges of the flaps overlap the frame members and overhang the frame opening, as indicated by Fig. 3. The facing piece may be made of any suitable ornamental material such as enameled leather or textile fabric. In assembling the said parts the body portion of the facing piece of the frame and the flaps are bent over the edges of the frame and against the rear side thereof, the flaps being preferably temporarily confined

by cement. The central part of the body portion of the facing piece is then pressed into the frame opening against the edge portions of the flaps and united to said edge portions by stitches 16 which extend parallel with the inner edges of the frame members and in close proximity thereto, as indicated by Figs. 1, 3 and 4. The offset part of the facing piece constitutes a panel, the margin of which is formed by shoulders 17 which include the inwardly bent material of the facing piece. Said shoulders are rendered permanent by the stitches 16.

18 represents an attaching strip of leather or other suitable flexible material which is placed against the flaps 15 at the rear side of the ornament, and united thereto and to the facing piece by the stitches 16, the ends of said attaching strip being free, as shown by Fig. 4, and constituting tabs by which the ornament may be attached to a shoe upper.

When the described ornament is in use it is curved longitudinally so as to rest in arched form on the instep portion of the shoe upper.

It is obvious that the described ornament comprising the frame 12 and facing piece 14 may be secured to the shoe by other means, the attaching strip 18 being omitted. Said strip constitutes the best attaching means of which I am at present aware.

I claim:—

1. An imitation buckle comprising a flexible open frame, a facing piece formed to cover one side of the frame and the opening surrounded thereby and provided with flaps which are bent over the edges of the frame and against the rear side thereof, the flaps being wider than the members of the frame, so that their outer edges overhang the frame opening, and stitches extending through the frame opening and uniting the edge portions of the flaps to the body portion of the facing, the central part of said body portion being offset into the frame opening to form a shoulder conforming to the inner edges of the frame members and confined by said stitches which make the said shoulder permanent.

2. An imitation buckle comprising a flexible open frame, a facing piece formed to cover one side of the frame and the opening surrounded thereby and provided with flaps which are bent over the edges of the frame and against the rear side thereof, the flaps

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10 stitches and an attaching strip secured to

the body portion and its flaps by the said
stitches, and having free ends adapted to be
attached to a shoe.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my
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