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Fig. 1.

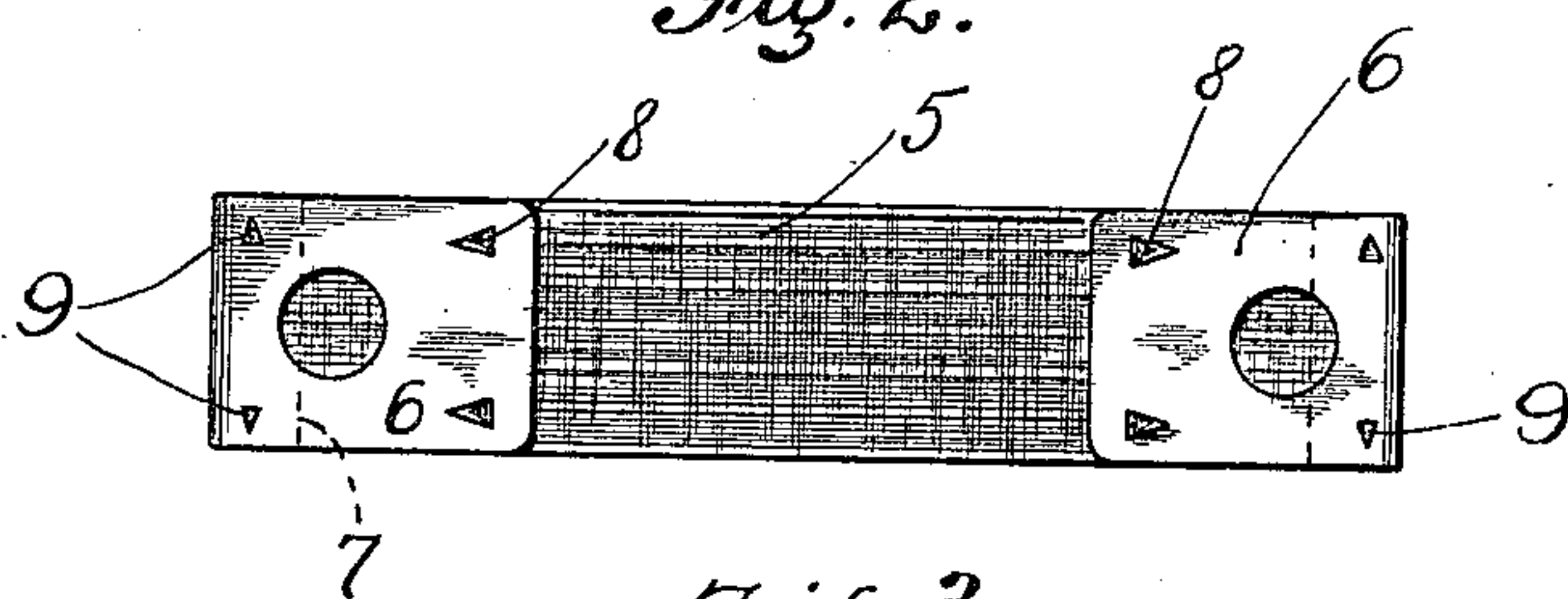


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

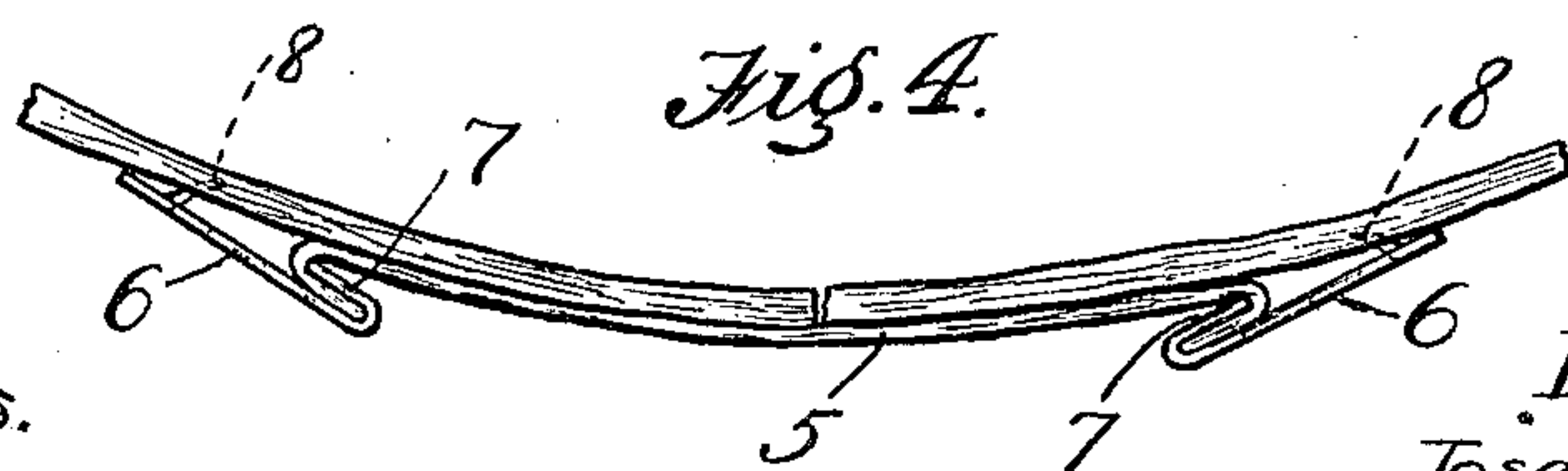


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH C. MARSTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Garment-Clasps, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to garment clasps and particularly to a clasp having a short band with clamps or claws at the ends thereof.

The object of the invention is to improve the construction of the clasps and the means for securing them so that the tension in the band will tend to hold the clasps in engagement. I accomplish these objects by means of the device described herein and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a view illustrating a mode of use of my improved clasp. Fig. 2 is a face view of the clasp. Fig. 3 is an edge view of the clasp. Fig. 4 is a view to be read in connection with Fig. 1 and represents the forward part of the collar as viewed from above, and illustrating how the device holds the forward edges of the collar together.

Heretofore in garments, such as overcoats, tabs have been fastened to the under face of the collars, so that when the collars are turned upwardly around the throat of the wearer, the tab could be utilized to hold the two ends together in an upright position. This method has been somewhat unsatisfactory, owing to the fact that the tabs are unsightly when not in use, and often the button becomes detached from the collar, thus rendering the tab useless.

By the use of my improved clasp the turned up collars of coats may be quickly secured together when desired, and as quickly removed therefrom when the user replaces the collar in its normal condition.

In a practical embodiment of my invention, the clasp consists of an elongated body member or band 5, preferably formed of a webbed elastic and approximately two or three inches long. Each end of this body member is provided with a metallic end 6 formed from any suitable metal and consisting of a body plate 7 provided with a plurality of attaching hooks or spurs 8 formed integrally therewith and inclined as shown.

As shown in Fig. 3 the ends of the band 5

are attached to the plates 6 by clamping them under flanges 7 formed on the outer edges of the plates. Opposite the flanges the plates are provided with integral spurs 8 which hold the band more securely, on account of the manner of securing the plates to the band, the plates tend normally to lie over the ends of the band as shown, and the aforesaid spurs 8 incline toward the ends of the band and tend to bury their points in the band. When placed in position the spurs 8 of one end 6 are forced into the garment at one side, and the elastic body 5 is then elongated and the spurs on the other end 6 are forced into the other side, the elastic body maintaining a constant tension on the ends and preventing displacement of the clasp. In doing this the plates are swung outwardly from the position in which they are shown in Fig. 3 so that when applied to the garment the tension of the band 5 is applied at the edges of the flanges and the band forms bends around the flanges which tend to swing the plates inwardly and hold the spurs 8 in engagement with the garment.

In practice I have found my improved clasp especially desirable in a number of situations other than above described, it being readily adapted to fastening or securing bandages around a person's head, thus doing away with knots, in holding coat or shirt sleeves in a drawn up position, securing the bottoms of trousers tightly around the ankle when using a bicycle, holding stockings in place, and in fact in many other situations too numerous to mention. When a number of these devices are attached together with their flat sides adjacent the spurs 8 bury themselves in the bands so that they are protected.

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

1. A clasp adapted to be attached to a garment comprising a pair of plates having spurs adapted to engage with the garment and an elastic band connecting said plates arranged so that the tension of said band tends to swing said plates and maintain said spurs in engagement with the garment.

2. A clasp comprising a band, end plates attached to the extremities of said band and normally projecting inwardly toward the middle of said band, said attachment adapted to permit the plates to swing away from

the band, said plates having spurs on the inner sides thereof adapted to engage a garment, said spurs being on the sides of said plates adjacent to said band whereby the
5 tension of said band when the clasp is applied to a garment tends to rotate said plates and hold said spurs in engagement with the garment.

In witness that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto subscribed my name this 1st 10 day of March, 1910.

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