

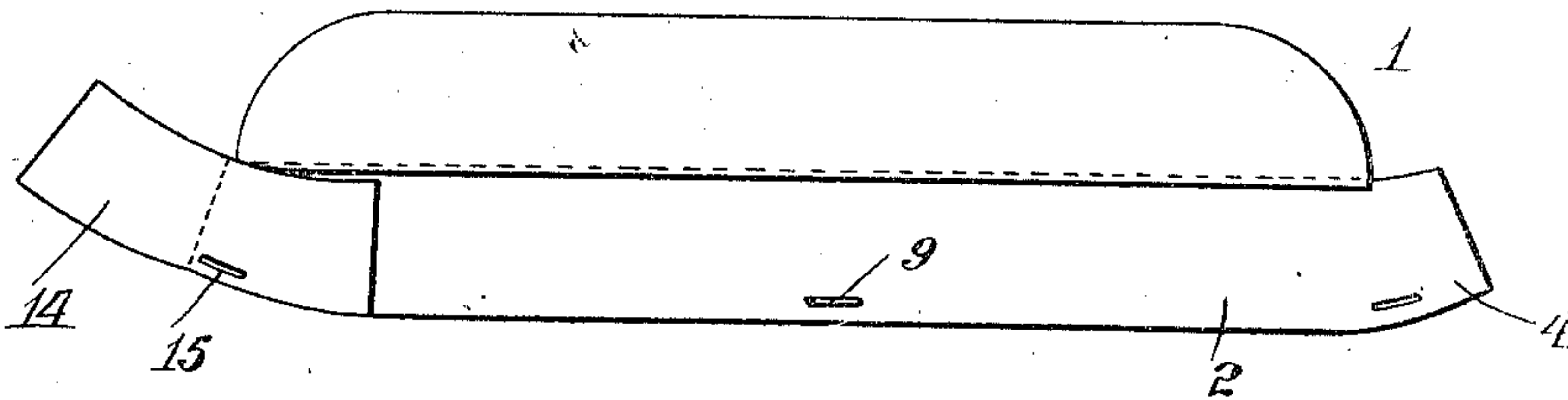
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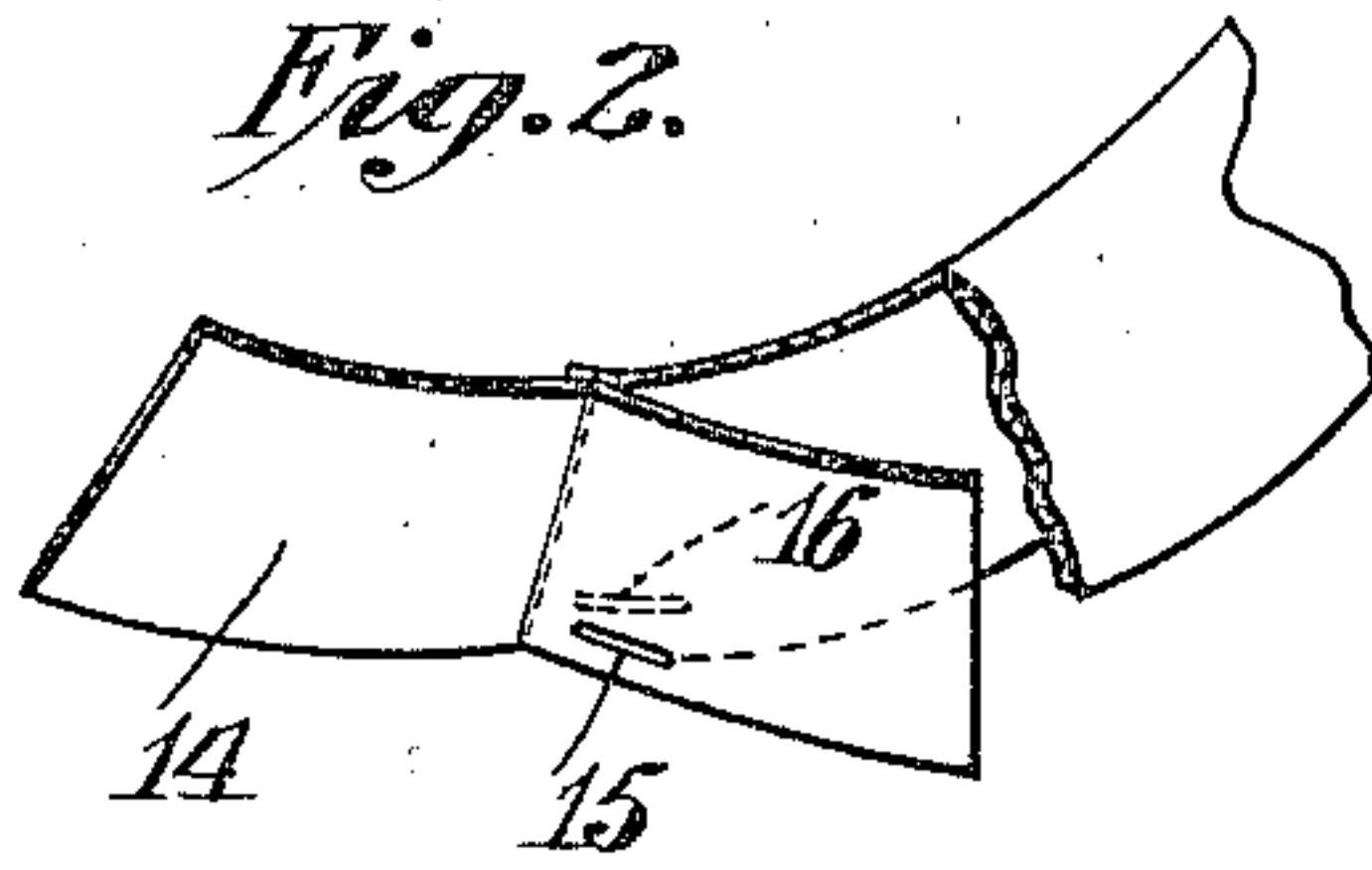
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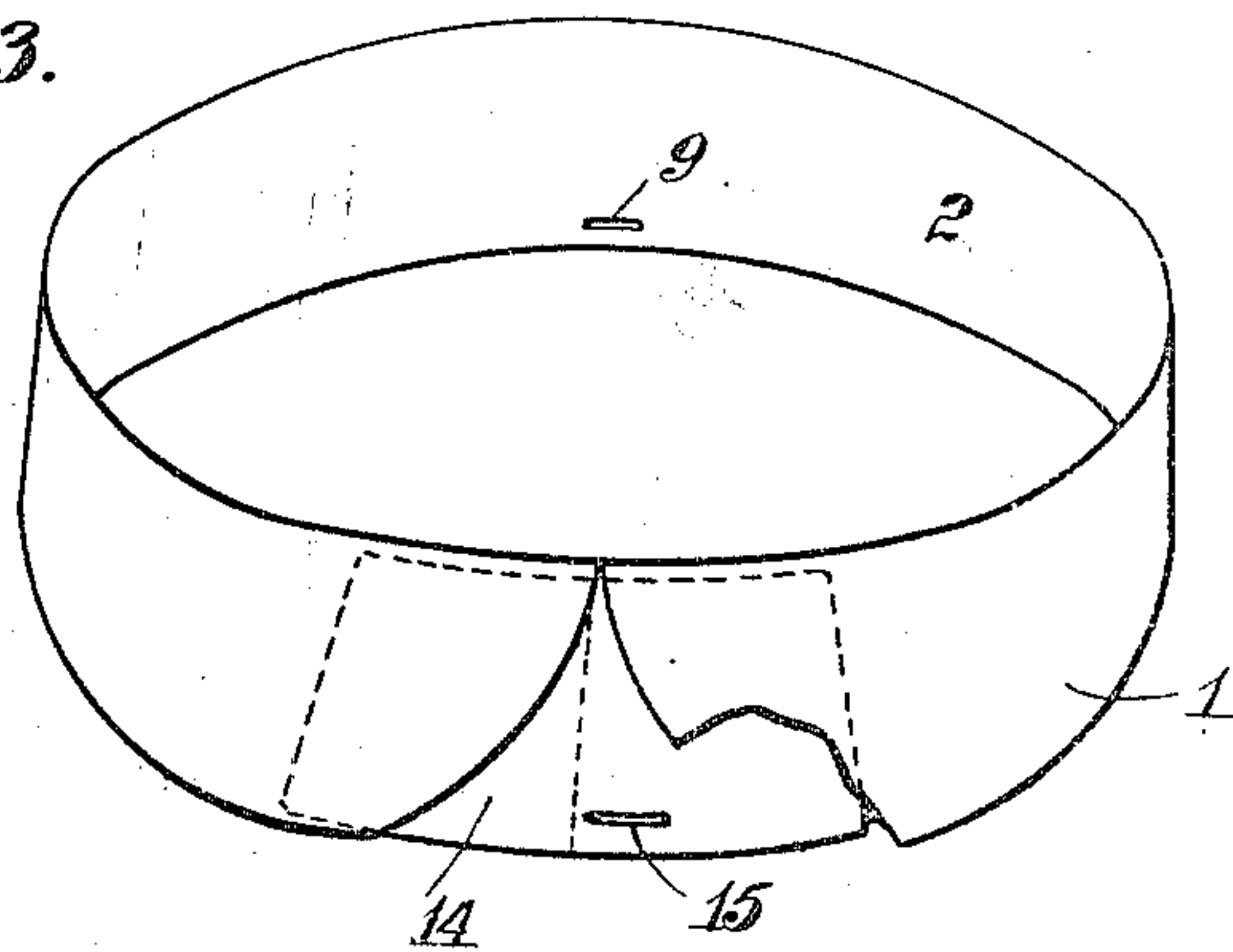
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD J. QUIGLEY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Soft Collars, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to collars, more particularly to soft or negligée collars, and the objects of the invention are to provide a soft or negligée collar which when in use will have many of the advantages of a stiff collar without the use of celluloid strips or similar separate stiffening means, or without the use of additional plies of cloth applied to the neck band about the button holes. Further objects of the invention are to provide the collar with stiffening means that in no way interfere with the appearance, comfort or laundrying of the collar.

I will now proceed to describe my invention with reference to the accompanying drawings and will then point out the novel features in claims.

In said drawings:

Figure 1 is a plan view of a collar made in accordance with the invention, the collar being shown laid out flat.

Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of one end of the collar shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the collar shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the collar being shown closed as in use, a part of the front of the collar being broken away.

In the present instance 1 designates the top or outer portion and 2 the neck band or inner portion of the collar which is usually made of two or more plies of linen, silk or cotton sewn together and cut to form a turned down collar.

The collar shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 is provided with a front stiffening member 14 preferably made of several plies of cloth, or other suitable material, cut as shown, and secured midway of its length to one end of the collar band 2, the end tab being removed as clearly shown in Fig. 1, a suitable button hole 15 being provided which regis-

ters with the button hole 16 in the end of the neck band.

The front stiffening member 14 is preferably starched, if made of cloth, and when in use is folded into position, as shown in Fig. 3, to support the soft unstarched front portions of the collar, it being noted that the front stiffening member 14 is made of sufficient height and width to accomplish this purpose.

While the invention has been described with particular reference to the details of construction, the same is not to be considered as limited thereto as many changes can be made and still fall within the scope of the invention set forth in the following claims.

What I claim is:—

1. A soft turned down collar comprising a top portion and a neck band provided with button holes, a stiffening member secured transversely midway of its length to one end of said neck band, said stiffening member having a button hole which registers with the button holes in the ends of said neck band when the stiffening member is folded into position to support the front of the collar, said stiffening member being arranged to overlap the ends of said neck band.

2. A soft turned down collar having a collar band with button holes at each end, a stiffening member having a button hole adapted to be starched, secured transversely midway of its length to one end of said collar band, said stiffening member being of the same width as said collar band and being shaped to conform to the upper folded edge of the collar when said stiffening member is folded over the end of the collar band to which it is attached, to support the front of the collar, and to completely cover the adjacent ends of said collar band.

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

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