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Fig. 1.

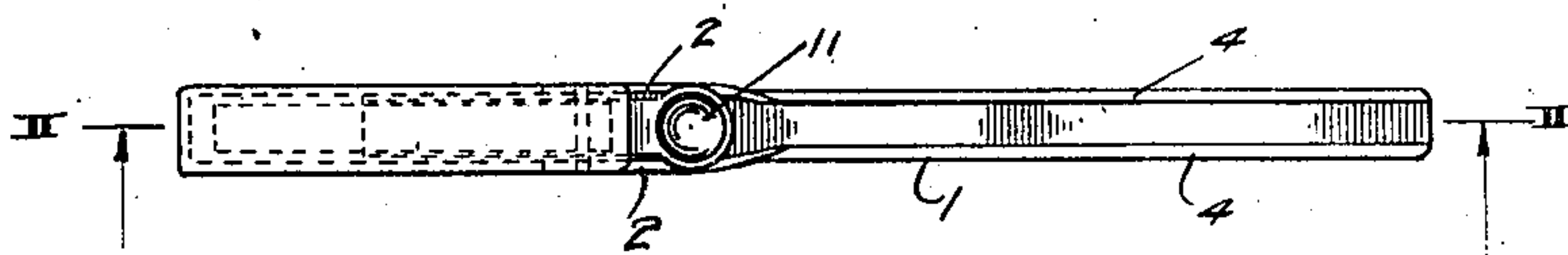


Fig. 2.

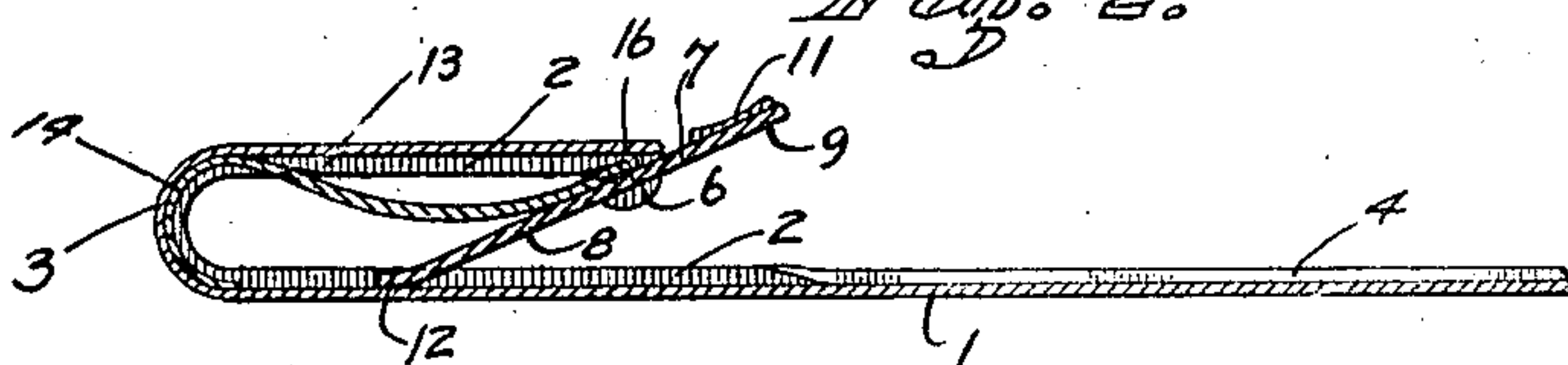


Fig. 3.

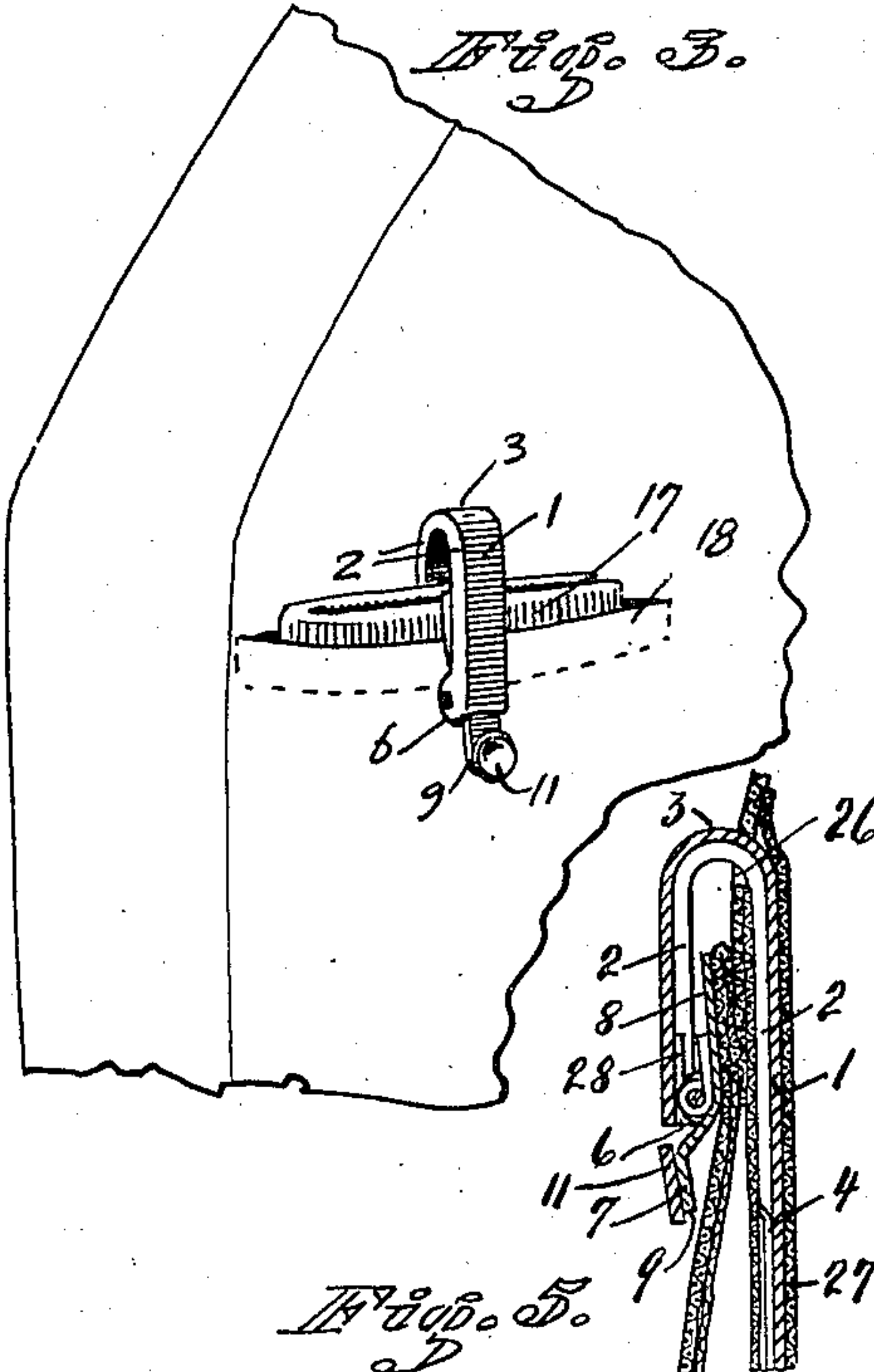


Fig. 4.

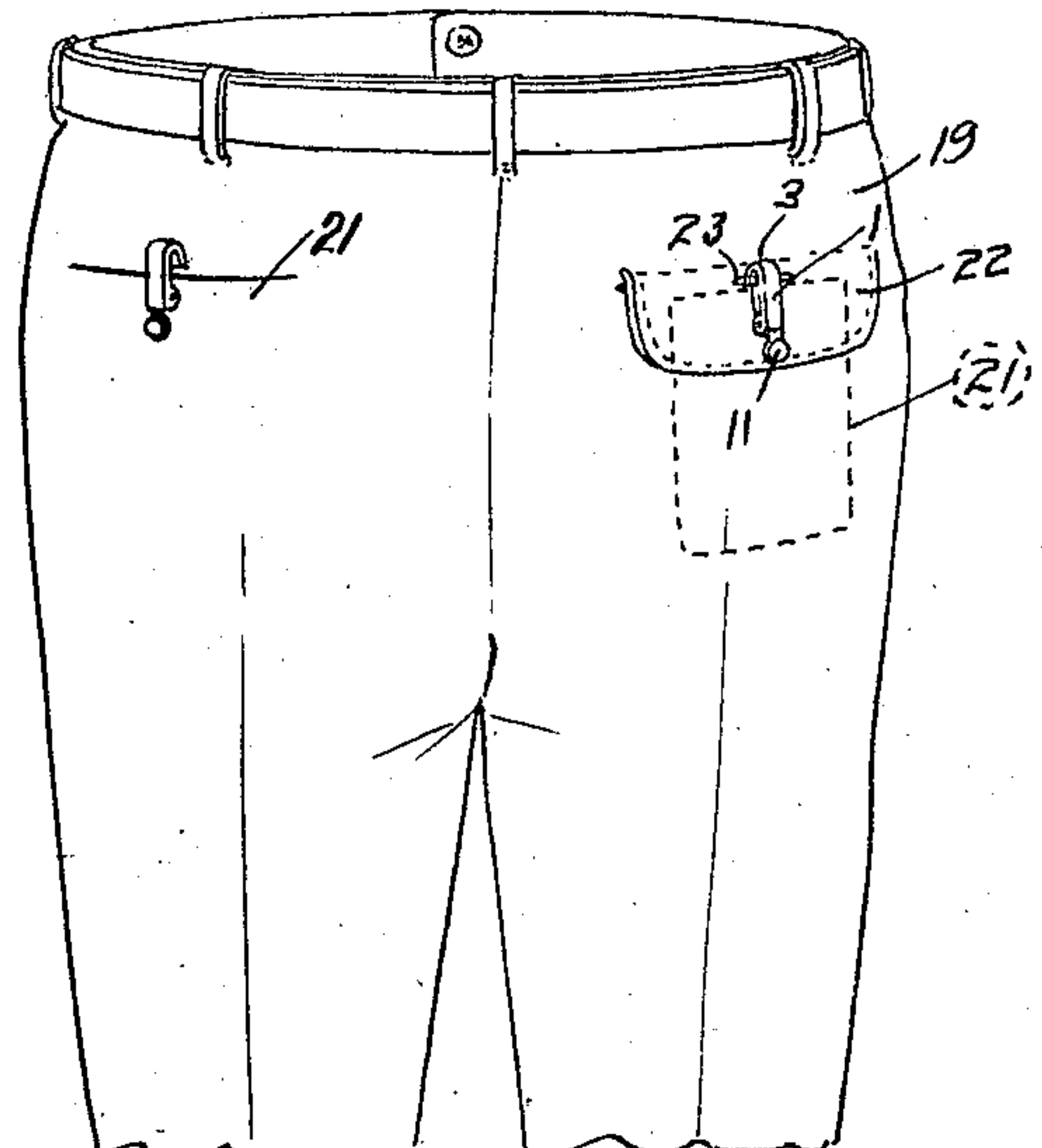
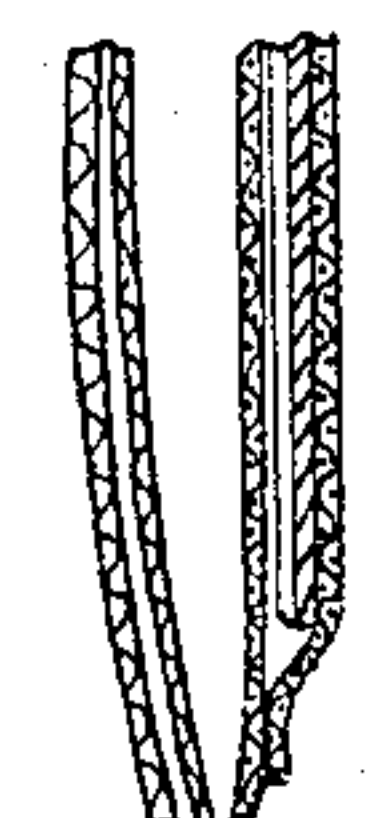


Fig. 5.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH ADAMICH, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of San Francisco, county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented a new and useful Safety Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to improvements in safety holders or clasps and its particular object is to provide means for securing various articles to the pocket of a garment. If a person carries a plurality of miscellaneous papers and letters in his pocket it often happens that some of them drop out of the pocket accidentally while dressing or undressing or on other occasions. My device is particularly designed to secure such articles, letters or miscellaneous papers to the material forming the pocket so that they can be released only by positive action on the part of the person carrying the articles. My device is particularly adapted for securing a pocket book or card case or similar device to the material of the pocket, and may also be used for securing the flap of a pocket to the same and for securing the front portion of a pocket to the main material.

The preferred form of my invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which Figure 1 shows a plan view of my safety holder, Figure 2 a section through the same taken along line II—II of Figure 1, Figure 3 a perspective view illustrating the use of my device, Figure 4 a perspective view illustrating the use of my device in a different connection, and Figure 5 a sectional view showing a holder of a slightly different construction in a different connection. While I have shown only the preferred form of the invention it should be understood that various changes or modifications may be made within the scope of the claims hereto attached without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Referring to the drawing in detail it will be seen that my device primarily consists of a strip of material (1) provided with marginal flanges (2) bent into U shape as shown at (3) with the flanges (2) presented inwardly. The strip of material is bent in such a manner that one of the two legs is considerably longer than the other leg and the flanges (2) of that portion of the longer leg extending beyond the short leg are

turned on the material as shown at (4) to present a smooth surface.

The flanges of the shorter leg terminate in parallel lips (6) adapted to have pivotally supported therein the handle (7), one end (8) of which extends into the space controlled by the two legs of the U shaped strip while the other end (9) extends beyond the length of the short leg and is provided with a suitable button (11) preferably made of mother of pearl. The extreme end of this handle is slightly curved as shown at (12) and the width of the handle is such that the extreme end may lie in the channel formed by the flanges of the strip (1).

Between the handle and the short leg and resting in the channel formed by the flanges of the same is provided a spring (13) curved to fit into the bend of the U shaped member as shown at (14) and tending to force the inner end of the handle into engagement with the long leg of the U shaped member or with any material or object disposed between the two legs. The free end (16) of the spring is adapted to slide in the channel of the short leg between the same and the pivot of the handle.

The manner of using my holder is illustrated in Figure 3 in which a pocket book (17) is shown as being inserted in the pocket (18) with my holder embracing both pocket book and the material forming the pocket. My holder is shown in this illustration in an intermediate position and it will be readily seen that if pressure is brought to bear on the top of my device while the pocket book is held in position my holder will slide downwardly on the pocket book as well as on the material forming the pocket and will firmly secure the pocket book to the material of the pocket so that it can be removed only by depressing the extreme end (9) of the handle.

In Figure 4 are shown two different uses for my device. The trousers (19) are provided with pockets (21), one of which has a flap (22) adapted to overlie the material forming the pocket. As used at the present time this flap is often secured by means of a button. My device furnishes an excellent means for securing the flap to the material forming the pocket. To use it a hole (23) is seamed into the upper portion of the flap and the long leg of my holder is inserted through the hole into the pocket so as to



engage the inside of the same. The short leg engaging the outside of the flap together with the spring bearing on the handle will firmly hold the flap to the pocket.

5 The other pocket shown in Figure 4 has no flap and my device is used for securing the front section of the pocket to the rear section, as is illustrated with more detail in Figure 5. A hole (26) is provided in  
10 the rear section, preferably slightly above the front section, and communicates with a long narrow pocket (27) adapted to receive the long leg of my holder. It will be readily seen that if the long leg of my  
15 holder is passed through the hole (26) into this narrow pocket the short leg will pass over the front section of the pocket and the spring arrangement will serve to force the front section against the rear section,  
20 thereby locking the pocket. The advantage of this combination is that if it is desired to get to the contents of the pockets, it is only necessary to raise the holder sufficiently far so that its short leg clears the front section of the pocket, while the long leg is  
25 still engaged with the narrow pocket disposed behind the rear section.

Attention is called to the fact that the holder shown in Figure 5 varies slightly

from that shown in Figure 2 in so far as a 30 coiled wire spring (28) is substituted for the leaf spring shown in Figure 2.

I claim:

1. In combination with a piece of fabric having a pocket formed therein, means for 35 closing opposing walls of the pocket upon objects contained in the pocket comprising a strip of material bent into U shape and presenting a long leg and a short leg adapted to straddle the walls of the pocket, a 40 handle pivoted in the short leg and yielding means for forcing the handle upon the adjacent wall of the pocket.

2. In combination with a piece of fabric having a pocket formed therein, means for 45 closing opposing walls of the pocket upon objects contained in the pocket comprising a strip of material bent into U shape and presenting a long leg and a short leg adapted to straddle the walls of the pocket, a 50 handle pivoted in the short leg and yielding means for forcing the handle upon the adjacent wall of the pocket, the fabric having a second pocket formed therein adja- 55 cent the first pocket for receiving and guiding the long leg.

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