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Fig. 1.

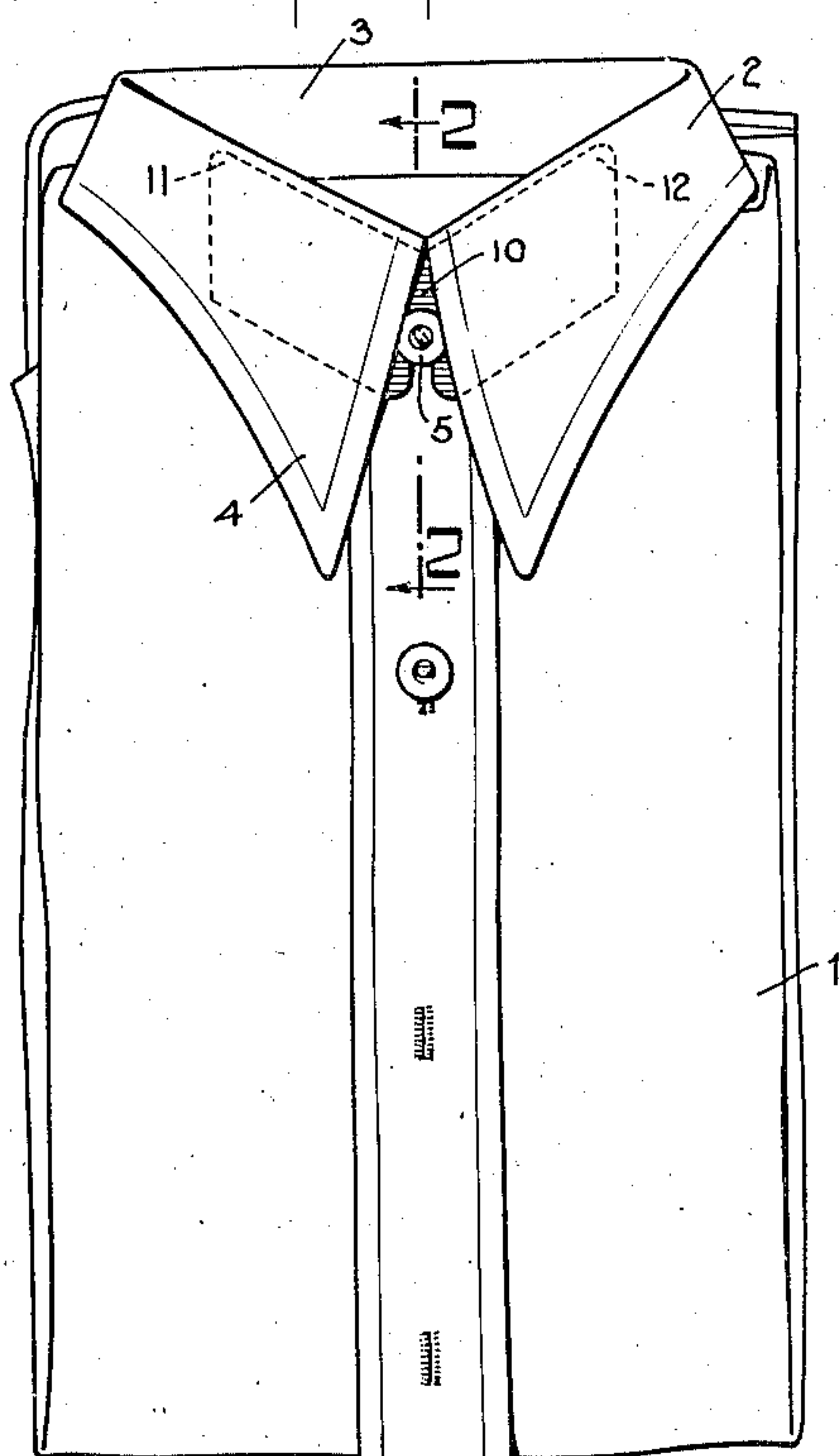


Fig. 2.

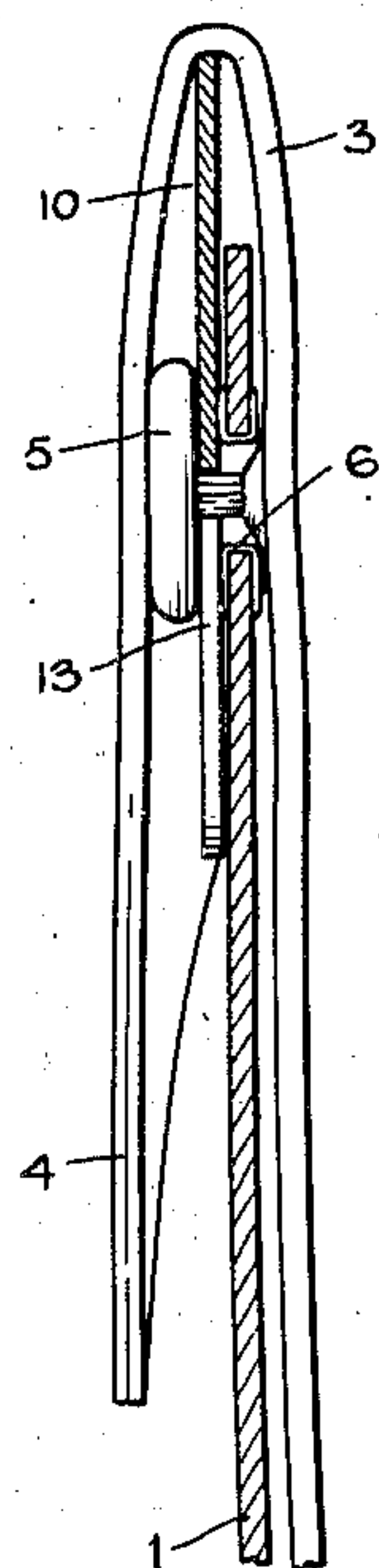
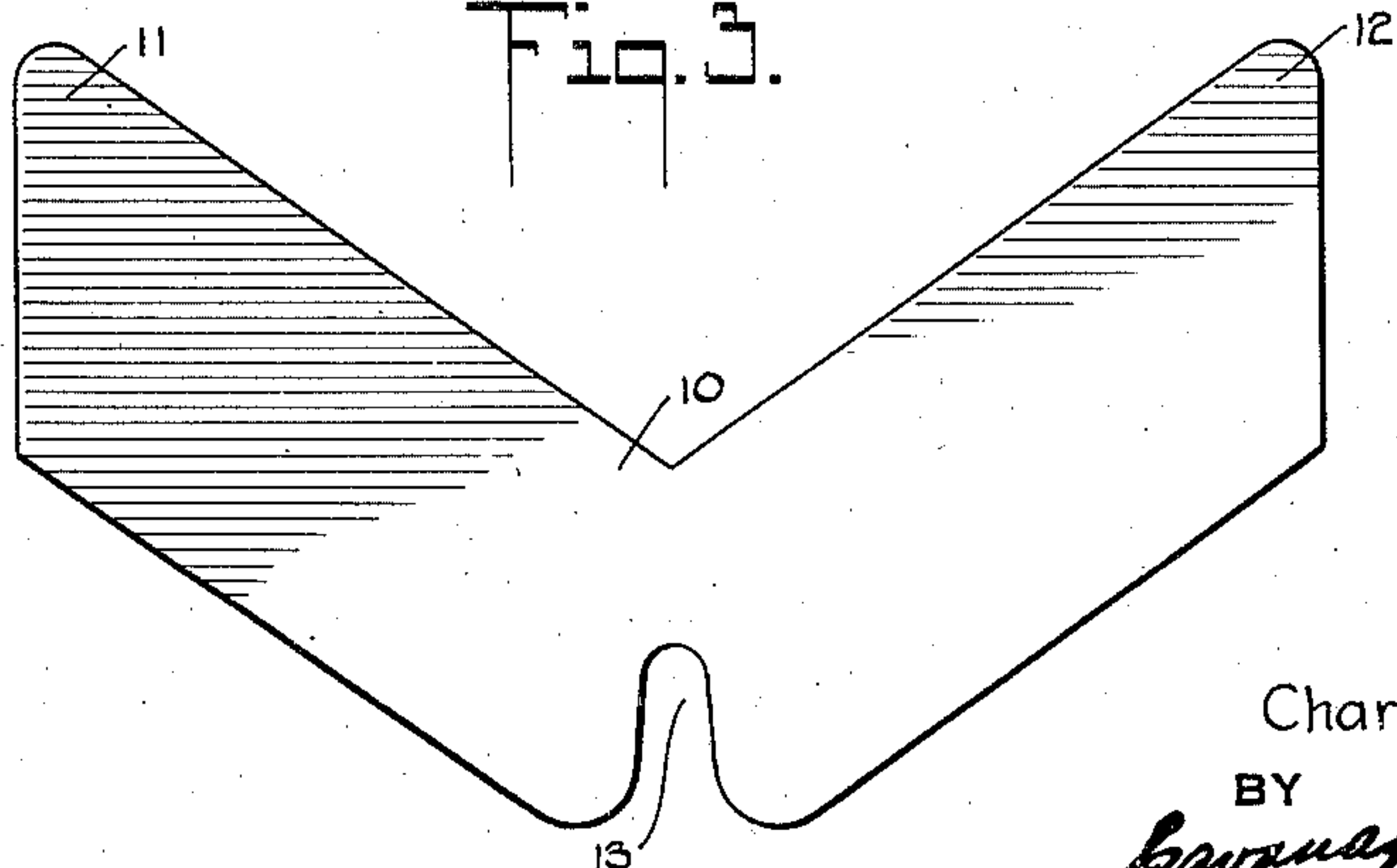


Fig. 3.



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## SHIRT-COLLAR SUPPORT

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This invention relates to devices for maintaining laundered articles in the shape and condition in which they are finished at the laundry until they are ready to be used.

5 In recent years men's shirts with collars permanently attached thereto have become very popular. When such shirts are laundered the collars and cuffs are usually starched, because it is the fashion to use shirts  
10 with collars attached for business and informal attire. The stiffness produced depends upon the wearer's taste and may vary from a nearly unstarched condition to a stiff or completely starched condition.

15 Shirts are usually folded into a rectangle after being ironed, with the breast portion forming the top of the folded shirt, and the collar surmounting the rectangle with the front of the neckband thereof turned up at  
20 substantially right angles to the flat breast portion. When shirts so ironed are piled on top of each other, the collars of the lowermost shirts are crushed down out of shape until they lie substantially in the same plane as the  
25 flat breast portion of the shirt. When a collar is crushed in this manner folds and creases are formed in the neckband or in the flapped portion which are unsightly and cause the collar to assume an improper position with a  
30 resultant untidy appearance when donned by the wearer.

It is the object of this invention to provide a suitable brace or support for the collar and especially for the front thereof, so that it may  
35 not be readily crushed out of shape after being laundered and when stacked or piled.

It is also an object to provide such a brace or support that will be cheap to make. This is necessary because they will be used but  
40 once, and then thrown away, and the use of devices of this kind must be charged to improved service, and cannot be put upon the customer's bill.

It is still a further object to provide a brace  
45 or support which can be quickly attached to the shirt by a worker in the laundry without soiling it or wrinkling it.

Another advantage is, that this support  
50 speeds up the shirt folding operation, because when the operator inserts the support

beneath the collar, it throws and holds the latter in such position that the folding operation may be proceeded with speedily and conveniently without the operator stopping to brush or smooth or adjust the collar and the adjacent portions of the shirt. 55

The above and additional objects will appear and be better understood from the following description.

The invention is defined in the claims. 60

A satisfactory embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a folded shirt with a collar attached showing the collar support  
65 in place;

Fig. 2 is a sectional view through 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a plan view of a collar support.

Looking at Fig. 1 of the drawing, 1 shows  
70 a shirt with a collar 2 permanently attached thereto. The shirt is shown folded in the manner usually employed by laundries after washing and ironing preparatory to wrapping and delivery to the owner. The collar  
75 is made up of the usual neckband 3 and turned-down flap portion 4 and is united in front by the conventional button fastening comprising a button 5 on one side of the collar, and a button-hole 6 on the other. 80

The collar support 10 comprises a pair of angularly disposed arms 11 and 12. The angularity of the arms 11 and 12 relative to each other is such that they will fit snugly between the flap and the neckband of  
85 the collar and conform to the angle formed by each side of the collar as it diverges upwardly from the button-hole, as shown in Fig. 1. A slot 13 is formed at the mid-point of the junction of the diverging arms 11 and  
90 12 at the lower (looking at Fig. 3) or obtuse side of the collar support. Slot 13 is adapted to fit under collar button 5 and to serve to brace or hold the collar support in a position relative to the collar whereby it is  
95 effective to engage the underside of the fold formed at the junction of the top of the flap and neckband and serve to support the collar and maintain it in an unwrinkled position until the wearer desires to use it. 100



The collar support may be made of any stiff material, such as cardboard or stiff paper. Because of the fact that it is used but once and then thrown away, I have found that a stiff paper or light cardboard is economical and practical.

While I have herein shown the support as applicable to and used in connection with men's shirts having collars attached thereto, I wish it to be understood of course that it is not limited to this particular purpose, as it may be employed in connection with other similar articles of wearing apparel, such as boys' waists, ladies' shirtwaists having collars attached, and other similar garments.

Although I have shown a practical embodiment of the invention, it is obvious that the same is susceptible of various modifications, and I reserve the right to the use of such of these as may come within the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A shirt collar support for preserving the laundered condition of the collar portion of a collar-attached shirt prior to wear thereof, comprising a blank having oppositely disposed arms adapted to fit between the flap and the neck band of a turn-down collar in folded laundered condition, the said blank being generally V-shaped at its top to engage the V-shaped fold formed at the junction of the flap and neck band, and means formed in said blank for engaging a button of said shirt to brace or hold the blank in shirt collar supporting position.

2. A shirt collar support for preserving the laundered condition of the collar portion of a shirt prior to wear thereof, comprising a blank having a pair of angularly disposed supporting arms limited in size so as to fit between and be located wholly in the region of the flap and the neck band of a turn-down collar in folded laundered condition, one arm extending upwardly to one side of the center of the collar and the other arm extending upwardly to the other side of the center of the collar, the said arms being disposed at such an angle relative to each other as to have the top of the blank engage the fold formed at the junction of the flap and neck band when the collar is in flattened condition, and means for detachably connecting said blank to said shirt adjacent the collar thereof to brace the blank upwardly toward said fold and hold the blank in shirt collar supporting position.

3. A shirt collar support for preserving the laundered condition of the collar portion of a shirt prior to wear thereof, comprising a blank made of sheet material having oppositely disposed arms limited in size so as to fit between and be located wholly in the region of the flap and the neck band of a turn-down collar when folded in laun-

dered condition, the said blank being generally V-shaped at its top to engage the V-shaped fold formed at the junction of the flap and neck band when the collar is in flattened laundered condition, and means formed in said blank for positively engaging a part of said shirt to brace or hold the blank in shirt collar supporting position.

Signed at New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, this 8th day of May, A. D. 1929.

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