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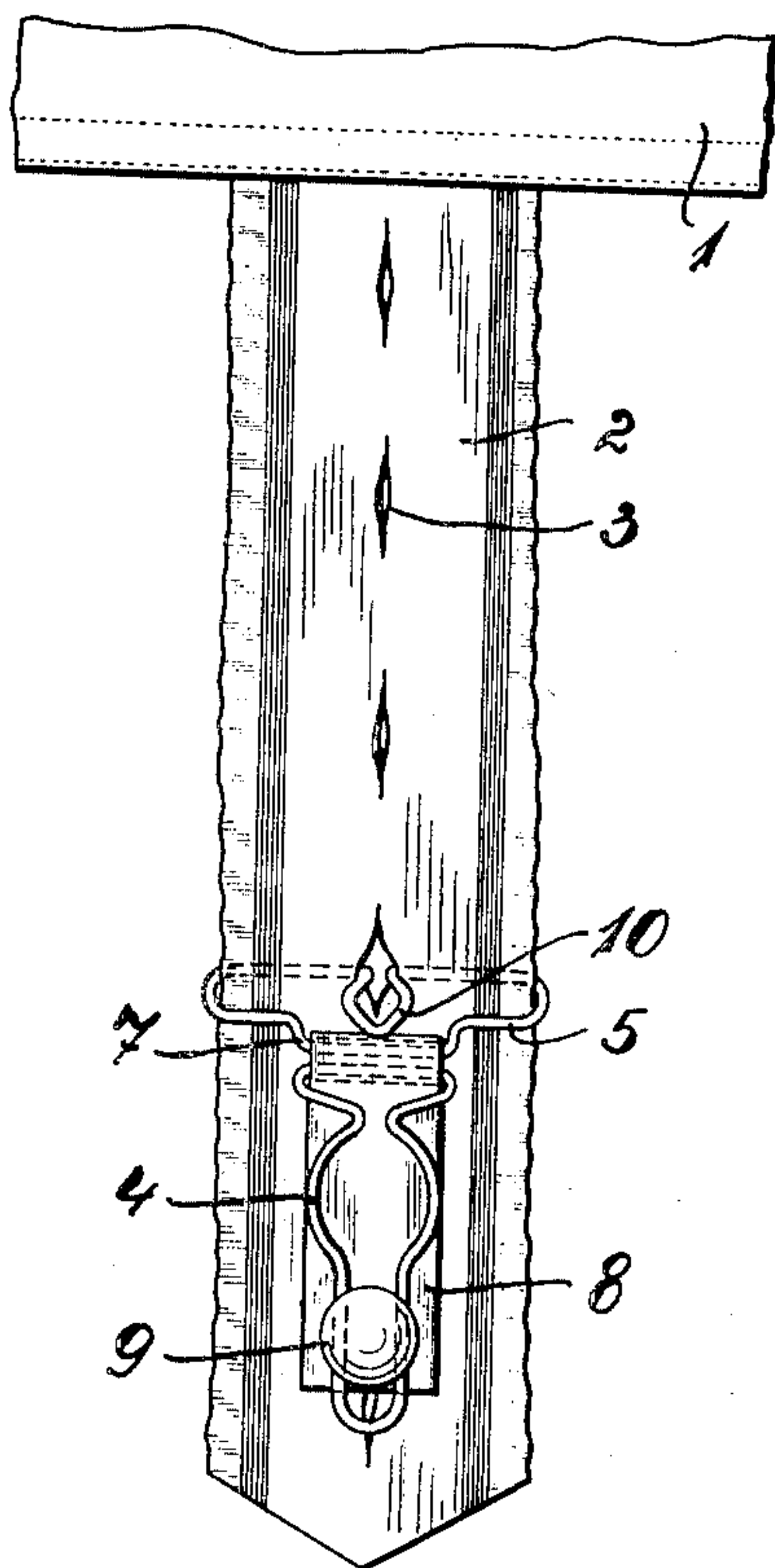
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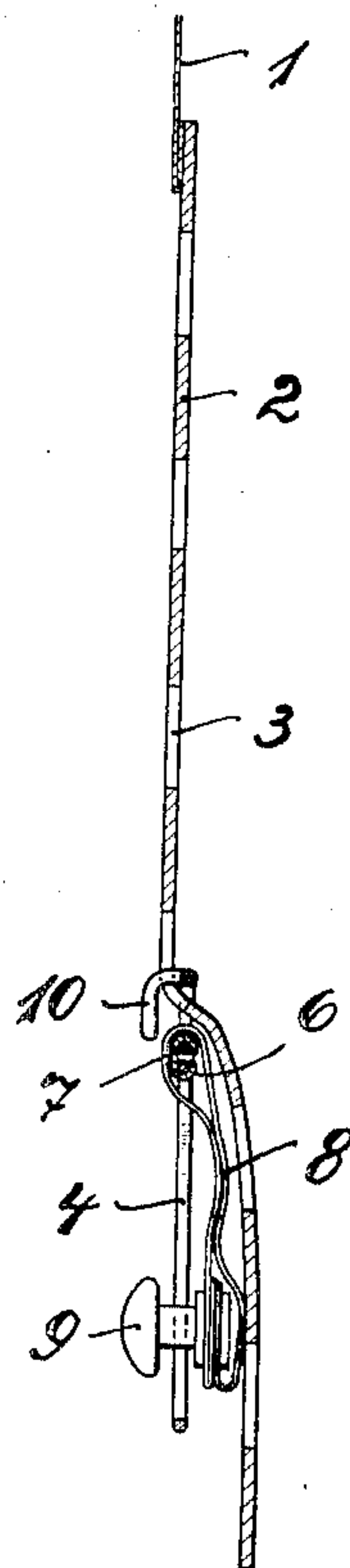
GARTER

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*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2*



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GARTER

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This invention relates to garters and more particularly to garters which are fastened by sewing or otherwise to a bodice, corset or waist-belt. Essentially the present garter is of the kind which consists of a supporting strap or garter proper provided with a series of button-holes arranged in longitudinal direction and a two-part gripping device for the hose with a hook or clip permitting said gripping device to be carried by any one of said button-holes to adjust the actual length of the garter according to requirement.

In known garters of this kind a gripping device which consists of a flexible knob or button member to be buttoned into an eyelet, the latter as well as the aforementioned hook or clip is made from sheet-metal. The practical value of such an eyelet or clip which is made from sheet-metal by punching is connected with the grave drawback that it is difficult or even impossible to properly round off or smoothen the edges of the sheet-metal punchings or even to remove the burr due to the punching by sufficiently cheap means or tools of manufacture. For this reason punched sheet-metal members will always have more or less rough edges and thus are liable to injure the button-holes through which the sheet-metal hook or clip is forced and also the margins and surfaces of the garter strap which must be pulled through the upper eyelet that supports the gripping device. The lifetime of the garter is thus considerably shortened, the garter soon becoming unsightly and unfit for use.

According to this invention the drawbacks inherent to known constructions of garters are successfully avoided by making the projecting member, such as said hook or clip, which is to be buttoned into the button-holes in the garter-strap as well as the eyelet members of the gripping device from pieces of wire. More particularly, said hook or clip is formed by a bend at the middle of the upper transverse portion of the upper wider eyelet member through which the supporting strap or garter proper is drawn. By so constructing the garter there will be obtained only fully smooth surfaces on the metal-parts with which said supporting strap and the button-holes therein come in supporting contact and in frictionally sliding engagement during wearing the garter, even if the wire-body from which the hook or clip to be engaged by the button-holes in said strap is more or less pressed flat.

In the accompanying drawing Fig. 1 is a front-view of a garter constructed according to this

invention and Fig. 2 a longitudinal central section through Fig 1.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, to the under margin of the bodice, corset or waist-belt 1 there is fastened by sewing or otherwise a supporting strap 2 or garter proper which is made elastic by means of rubber threads woven therinto as usual. The strap 2 is provided along its longitudinal center-line with a series of button-holes 3. The lower eyelet member 4 forming part of the gripping device is elastically rigid as a whole and made in the usual way, for instance, from a piece of wire bent into the shape as shown while the upper eyelet member which forms the support for the gripping device is made in the shape of a transverse eyelet 5 of suitable width permitting the strap or garter proper to be drawn therethrough. The upper eyelet member is connected with the lower eyelet member 4 which member 4 coacts with the button 9 and has a gripping member for engaging the stocking at its upper edge, and the upper and lower eyelets are connected by a sleeve 6 of sheet metal bent around the transverse portion 7 of the upper member and a transverse portion 8 of the lower member at its upper end. A flexible holding strap 8 is laid in the form of a loop around said transverse portion 7, the lower ends of said strap 8 being united with each other and carrying the button 9 which co-operates with the eyelet 4 for gripping the hose.

The wire body of the upper portion of the transverse upper eyelet 5 which acts as a support for the gripping device is provided at its center with a hook-shaped bend 10 having a narrow neck in proximity to said bend and enlarging towards both sides to form an eyelet of hook-shaped conformation, so that it may be hooked or buttoned from above into any one of the button-holes 3, thus permitting to connect the gripping device detachably from and adjustably with respect to the strap 2 or garter proper. In order to permit the strap 2 of being more easily drawn through the upper or supporting eyelet 5 the body of the hook-shaped eyelet 10, as may be seen from Fig. 2, is preferably bent somewhat forward out of the plane of said upper or supporting eyelet 5 and of the under or gripper eyelet 4.

I claim:

1. A garter consisting of an elastic strap adapted to be secured to a bodice, corset, or the like, said strap having holes therein spaced longitudinally thereof, an upper eyelet member through which the strap is threaded, the up-



per transverse portion of said eyelet member having an integral hook approximately centrally thereof extending downwardly at its end and insertable in one of the holes of the strap, an eyelet member suspended from the first mentioned eyelet member, a flexible member suspended from the first mentioned eyelet member and having a button cooperating with the second mentioned eyelet member for clamping a stocking near its upper end.

2. In a garter, an elastic strap having longitudinally spaced apertures, an eyelet member through which the strap is inserted, the said

eyelet member having a transverse portion with an integral hook extending downwardly therefrom, a second eyelet member, means for suspending the second eyelet member from the first eyelet member, said hook being relatively narrow at its junction with the transverse portion of the eyelet and diverging toward its end, a flexible element suspended from the first mentioned eyelet and a button on said flexible element coacting with the second mentioned eyelet for clamping a stocking.

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