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Fig. 1.

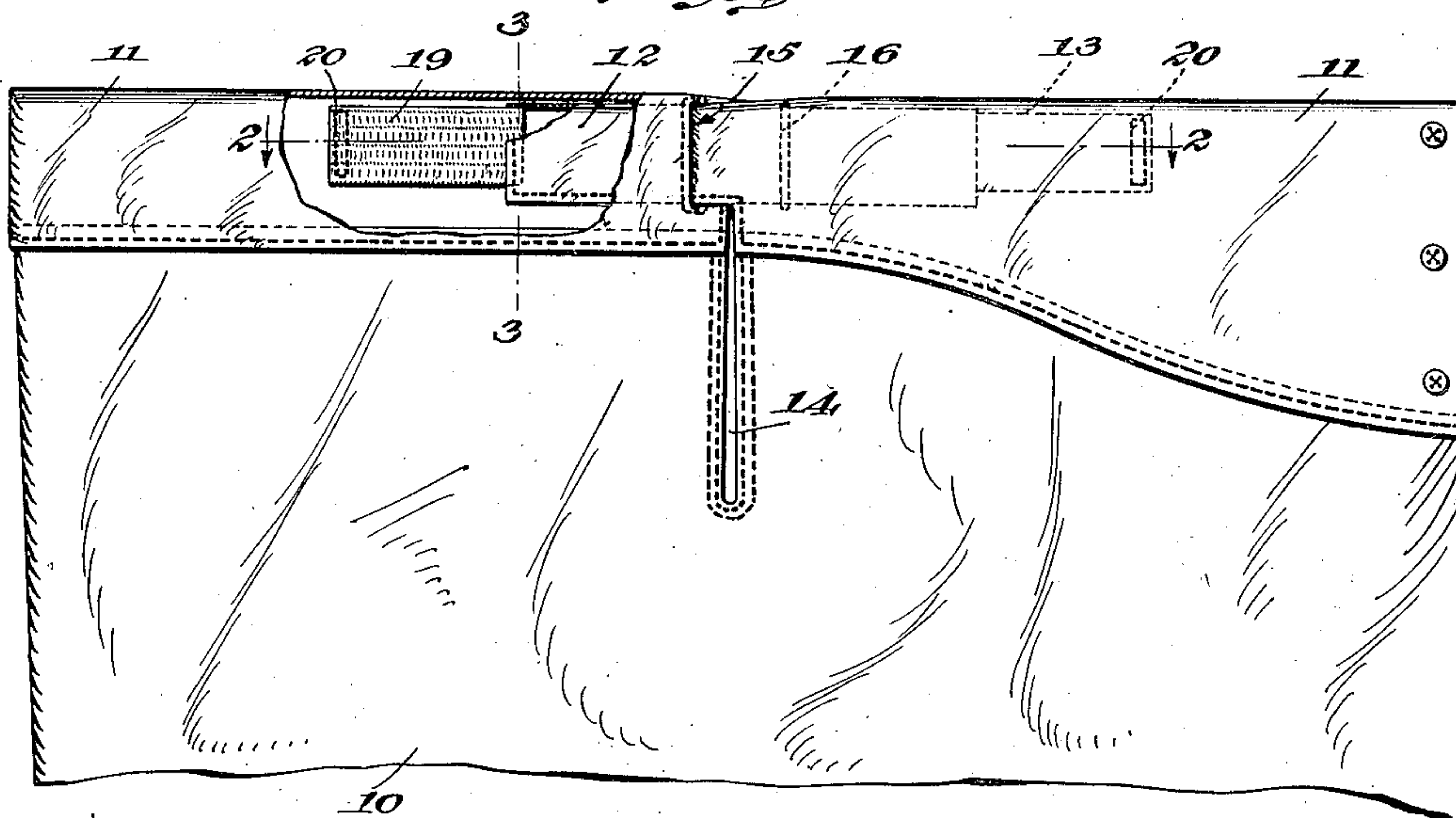


Fig. 2.

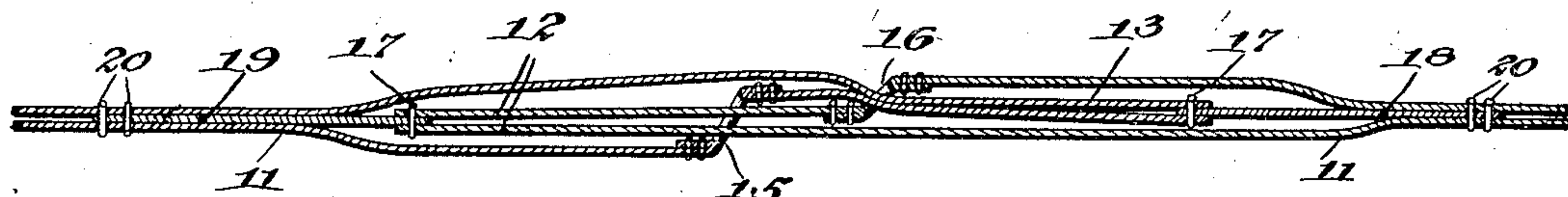


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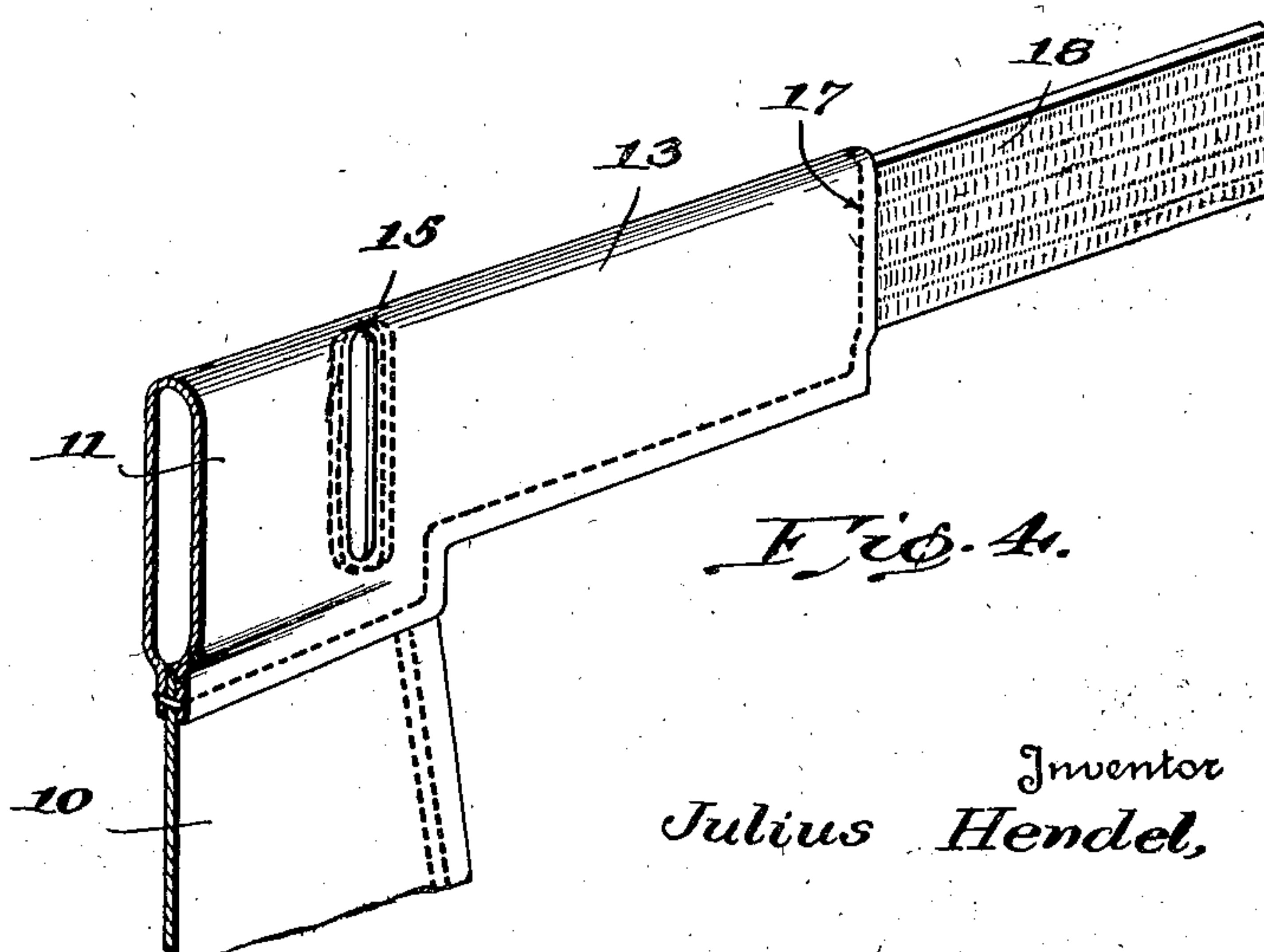
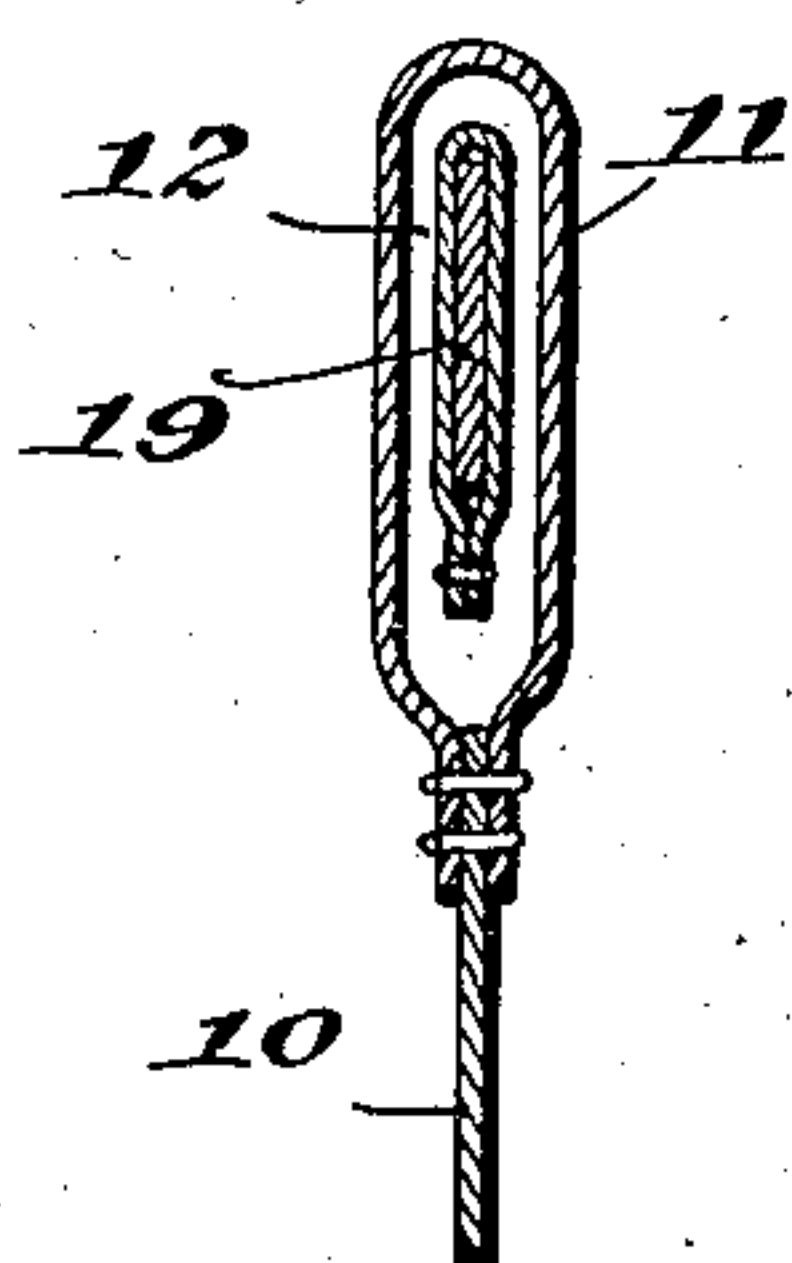


Fig. 4.

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1 Claim. (Cl. 2—237)

This invention relates to improvements in wearing apparel generally and more particularly to nether-garments of all classes and descriptions, such as drawers, pants, skirts, gym pants, athletic garments, trousers and the like.

Nether-garments of this class have heretofore been commonly made with a buttoned closure in the front and various types of adjustable means at the sides and/or back so that the waist-band might be tightened in place to make the garment more or less self-supporting. Also, certain forms of resilient inserts have been provided for similar purposes but these, as well as most of the aforesaid adjustable means, have usually been exposed to view as to be unsightly and so arranged as to cause a puckering or bunching of the garment material that is uncomfortable to the wearer, or to be subject to breakage or tearing under sudden strain.

The primary object of the present invention, therefore, is to obviate these objectionable features and disadvantages and to provide a means to give to a garment a smooth and snug fit about the waist and an evenly distributed elastic or resilient action to the waist band, the yielding nature of the support afforded the garment by the means permitting the waist band to readily conform to the waist of the wearer without any undue restriction to normal expansion and contraction of the stomach.

Another object of the invention resides in the provision of a resilient waist band structure wherein the resilient or elastic means employed will be completely housed within the usual fold of a waist band and connected to adjacent portions thereof so as to function in the desired manner and without in any way causing any portion of the waist band to pucker or bunch.

With these and other equally important objects and advantages in view, the invention resides in the certain new and useful arrangement and construction of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described, set forth in the appended claim, and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the upper portion of a nether-garment embodying the invention, a portion of the waist-band being broken away to show the manner of attaching and housing the resilient or elastic members therein,

Figure 2 is a horizontal section taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1,

Figure 3 is vertical section taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 1, and,

Figure 4 is a perspective view of one of the self-adjusting ends of the waist band.

Referring to the drawing, wherein like characters of reference designate corresponding parts in the several views thereof, the embodiment of the invention, as is exemplified therein, is comprised in a garment body 10 which has a usual waist-band 11 at its top, except that the band is split and formed with adjacent elongated end portions 12 and 13 to overlap across the upper end of a slit 14 formed vertically of the garment. As shown, these elongated portions 12 and 13 may be of a slightly reduced width from that of the waist band proper.

Immediately inward of the elongated portions 12 and 13, one side fold only of each of the waist band sections 11 is provided a vertical slot, the slot 15, as shown, being at the outer side of the left-hand waist-band section and the slot 16 at the inner side of the right-hand waist-band section.

Secured at one end in the open ends of the elongated portions 12 and 13, as by the stitchings 17, are identical lengths of a resilient material, such as elastic webbing or the like, 18 and 19, and these, together with the elongated portions 12 and 13, are passed inwardly of the slots 16 and 15 respectively and until the vertical edges of the slit 14 are brought into substantial parallelism. When thus disposed, the elongated portions 12 and 13 and the attached resilient members 18 and 19 are in the overlapped relation as before stated and they are substantially housed within the respective sections of the waist-band 11, in which position the free ends of the resilient members 18 and 19 are secured to the latter by the stitchings 20.

By this arrangement of the parts, it will be readily apparent that, when the resilient members 18 and 19 and the sections of the waist-band 11 are normally disposed, the resilient, self-adjusting connection so provided forms a substantially smooth continuation of the waist-band and that there is no abnormal fullness, bunching or puckering of the garment at or below the waist-band, and this is equally true when the resilient members 18 and 19 are placed under strain during the wearing of the garment. When the resilient members 18 and 19 are under tension or strain, incident to the wearing of the garment, the elongated portions 12 and 13 have sliding movement in the slots 15 and 16, while the members 18 and 19 remain completely housed within the folds of their respective sections of the waist-band 11.

Without further description, it is thought that the features and advantages of the invention will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art, and it will of course be understood that
5 changes in form, materials and minor details of construction may be resorted to, without departing from the spirit of the invention or its scope as claimed.

I claim:

- 10 A garment of the class described, comprising a body having a slit extending vertically through its top edge, a sectional waist-band on the top edge of the body and having elongated

end portions extending in overlapping relation and cross-wise of said slit, said waist-band sections having slots adjacent the connected ends of said elongated portions for the insertion
5 therein of the free ends of said elongated portions, and a resilient member secured at one end to the free end of each of said elongated portions and at its other end to a respective waist-band section whereby to be completely
10 housed within the latter when the same and said elongated portions are in assembly.

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