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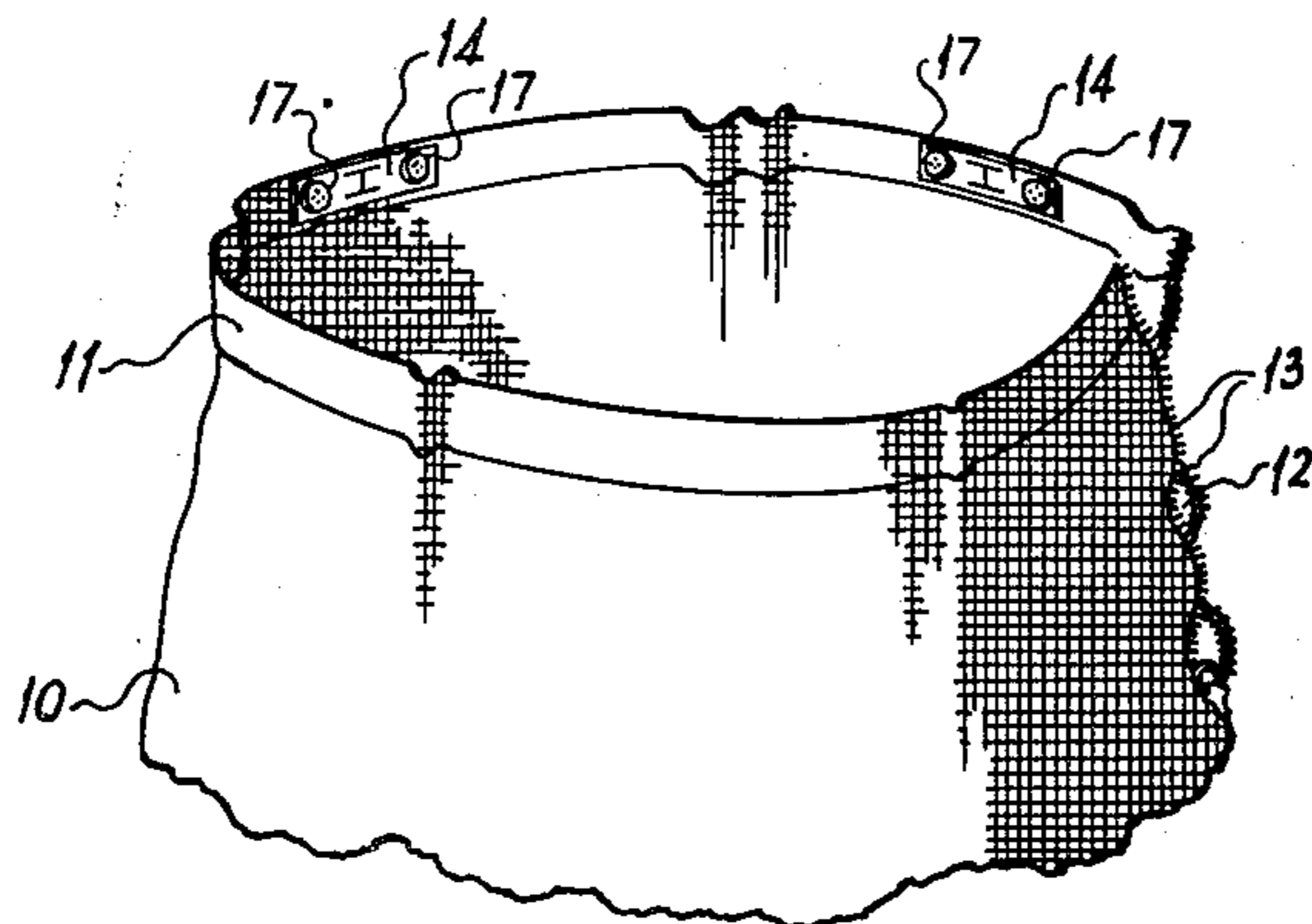


FIG. 1

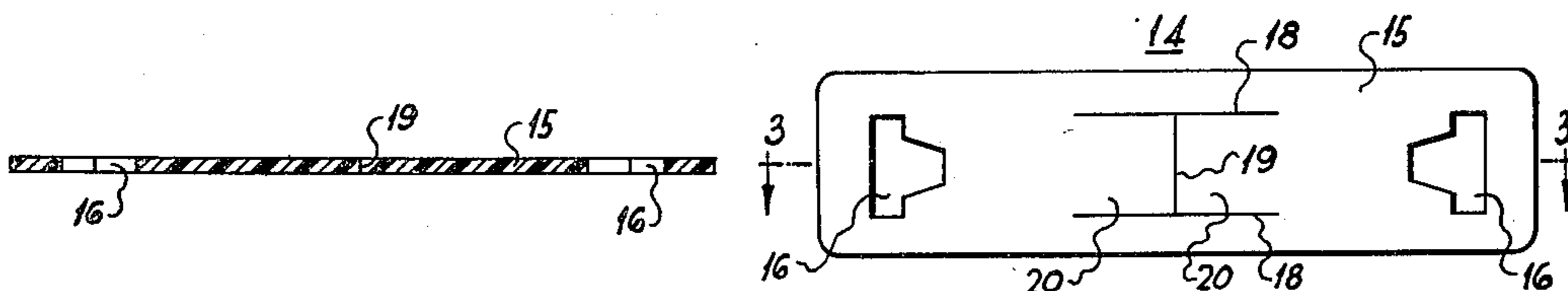


FIG. 2

FIG. 3

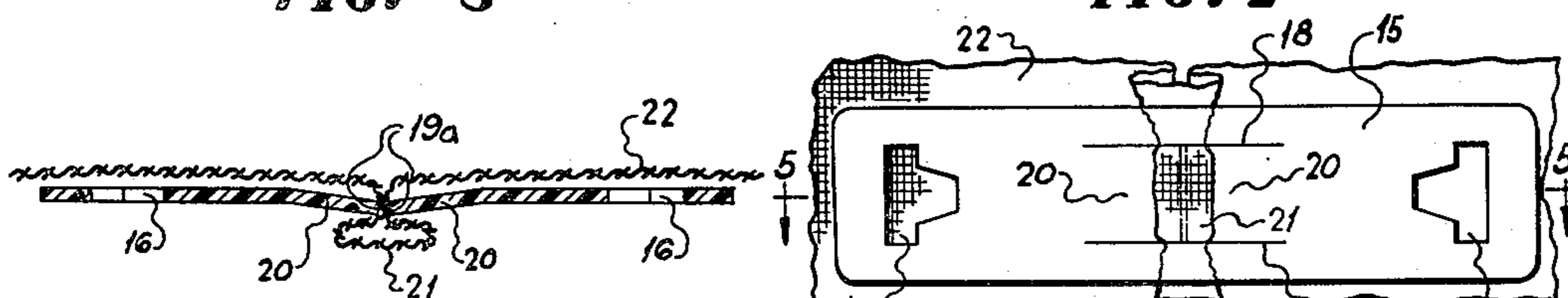


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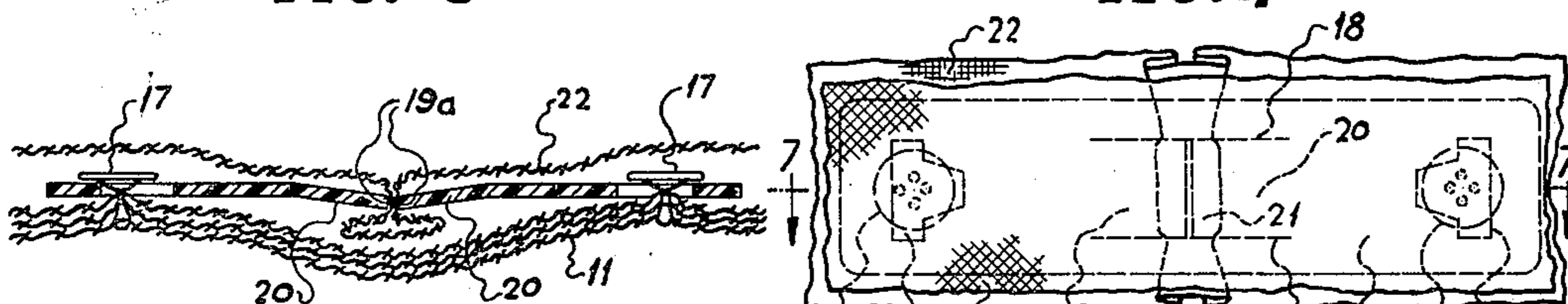


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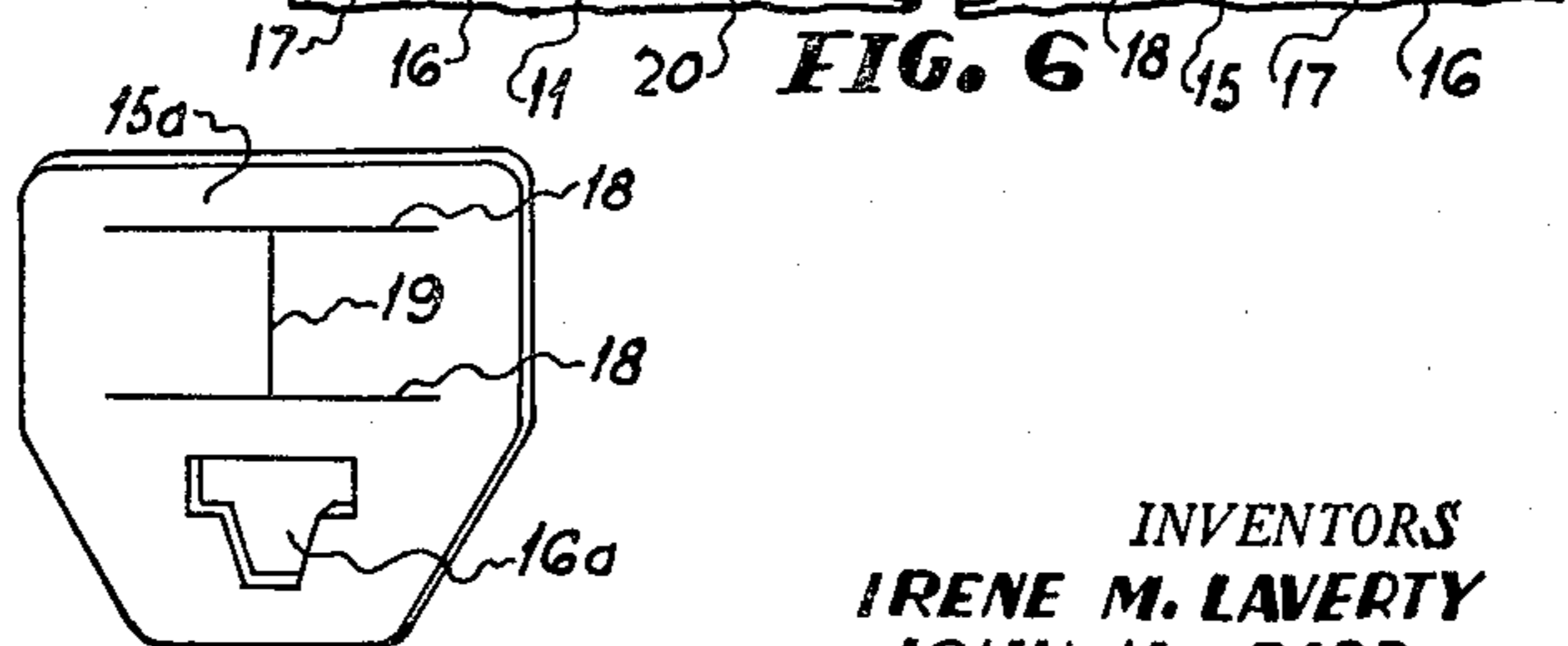


FIG. 8

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This invention relates to clasps for blouses and more particularly to a clasp for holding the lower extremities of a blouse in position within the waistband of a skirt and preventing displacement of such extremities.

It is the principal object of the present invention to provide a clasp for blouses which is simple in construction, may be readily attached to and detached from the waistband of a skirt, and which may be readily secured to and detached from a blouse or the like, when desired.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide a clasp for blouses which, when attached to the waistband of a skirt, does not take up any appreciable space, is flexible so as to conform to the body of the wearer, and requires only a simple manipulation for attachment.

Other objects and advantageous features of the invention will be apparent from the specification and claims.

The nature and characteristic features of the invention will be more readily understood from the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings forming part hereof, in which:

Figure 1 is a fragmentary perspective view of the waistband portion of a skirt showing a plurality of clasps in accordance with the invention attached thereto;

Fig. 2 is a front elevational view of the clasp;

Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view taken approximately on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is a view in elevation showing the gripping of a portion of a blouse with the clasp;

Fig. 5 is a horizontal sectional view taken approximately on the line 5—5 of Fig. 4;

Fig. 6 is a view in elevation showing the gripped portion of the blouse in its relation to the waistband of the skirt;

Fig. 7 is a horizontal sectional view taken approximately on the line 7—7 of Fig. 6; and

Fig. 8 is a view in perspective of a modified form of the clasp.

It should, of course, be understood that the description and drawings herein are illustrative merely, and that various modifications and changes may be made in the structure disclosed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Like numerals refer to like parts throughout the several views.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings, a portion of a skirt is shown at 10, having a waistband 11, and a side placket 12 which may be along one of the side seams of the skirt 10,

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with a separable slide fastener 13 along the edges of the placket 12 for closing the same.

The clasp 14, in accordance with the invention preferably includes a body portion 15, made of any suitable light weight flexible sheet material, transparent cellulose acetate of a thickness of the order of 0.020 inch being satisfactory.

As shown in Figs. 1 to 7, inclusive, the clasp body 15 is substantially rectangular in shape, and for a specific size of clasp may be about three and one half inches long by about one inch in height. The clasp body 15 is provided, inwardly from each end, with T-shaped slots 16, for engagement with spaced buttons 17, sewed or otherwise secured to the inner face of the waistband 11, at the desired spacing, which for the specific size of clasp referred to above will be of the order of two and three quarter inches apart, and located on the back portion of the waistband 11 about two inches from the side seams of the skirt 10.

At the midportion of the clasp body 15, a pair of spaced horizontal slits 18 are provided, these preferably being incisions or cuts made through the body 15 without removing any material from the body 15. The incisions or slits 18, for the specific size of clasp referred to above, are preferably about one inch each in length and are shaped apart about $\frac{1}{8}$ inch. The slits 18, intermediate their ends are connected by a vertical incision or slit 19, similar in character to the slits 18, thus providing a pair of resilient tongues 20 which are separable along the vertical slit 19 and the ends 19a of which are adapted for gripping, as hereinafter explained.

The clasp 14a shown in Fig. 8, has similar incisions or slits 18 and 19, in the body 15a thereof, providing tongues 20, as before, but in place of the pair of T-shaped slots 16, a single slot 16a is provided, below the slits 18 and 19, for detachably securing the clasp 14a to a button 17.

In use, after the buttons 17 have been sewed to the inner face of the waistband 11, a crease 21 is pinched in the back of a blouse 22 to be anchored, at the waist line, and, for the dimensions referred to above, about three inches to the rear of the side seams (not shown) on each side of the blouse. The tongues 20 are then first pressed outwardly, that is to say towards the place where the waistband 11 will be, to grip the crease 21, and then pressed inwardly to engage and hold the crease 21.

The blouse may then be put on by the user, and before the placket 12 is closed by the sepa-

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nable fastener 13, the slots 16 are hooked over the outside edges of the buttons 17.

The blouse will then be firmly anchored in position with respect to the skirt 10, will not become dislodged upon movement of the wearer, and will continuously present a more attractive appearance that if not so anchored.

If it is desired to release the blouse 22 from its anchored relation to the skirt 10, the button or buttons 17 are tilted and separated from the T-slots 16 or 16a and the clasp 14 or 14a may be left attached to the blouse 22 until it is to be used again.

We claim:

1. A clasp for securing a blouse to the waist-band of a skirt comprising a thin flat stiff resilient body portion having means for detachably securing said body portion to the skirt, said body portion having a pair of spaced incisions of equal length and an incision connecting the midportions of said spaced incisions to provide a pair of resilient tongues meeting at the connecting incision for the reception of a portion of the blouse therebetween, the side marginal edges of the tongues in normal non-gripping position being contiguous to the corresponding edges of the body portion and the end marginal edges of the tongues being contiguous to each other.

2. A clasp for securing a blouse to the waist-band of a skirt comprising a thin flat stiff resilient body portion having means for detachably securing said body portion to the skirt, said body portion having a pair of spaced parallel horizontally disposed incisions of equal length and a vertical incision connecting the midportions of said spaced incisions to provide a pair of resilient

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tongues meeting and having their end edges interengaging at the vertical incision for the reception of a portion of the blouse therebetween, the side marginal edges of the tongues in normal non-gripping position being contiguous to the corresponding edges of the body portion.

3. A clasp for securing a blouse to the waist-band of a skirt comprising a thin flat stiff resilient body portion having an opening therethrough for detachably securing said body portion to the skirt, said body portion being incised in an H-shape to provide a pair of interengaging resilient gripping tongues having facing gripping edges, the side marginal edges of the tongues in normal non-gripping position being contiguous to the corresponding edges of the body portion and the end marginal edges of the tongues being contiguous to each other.

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