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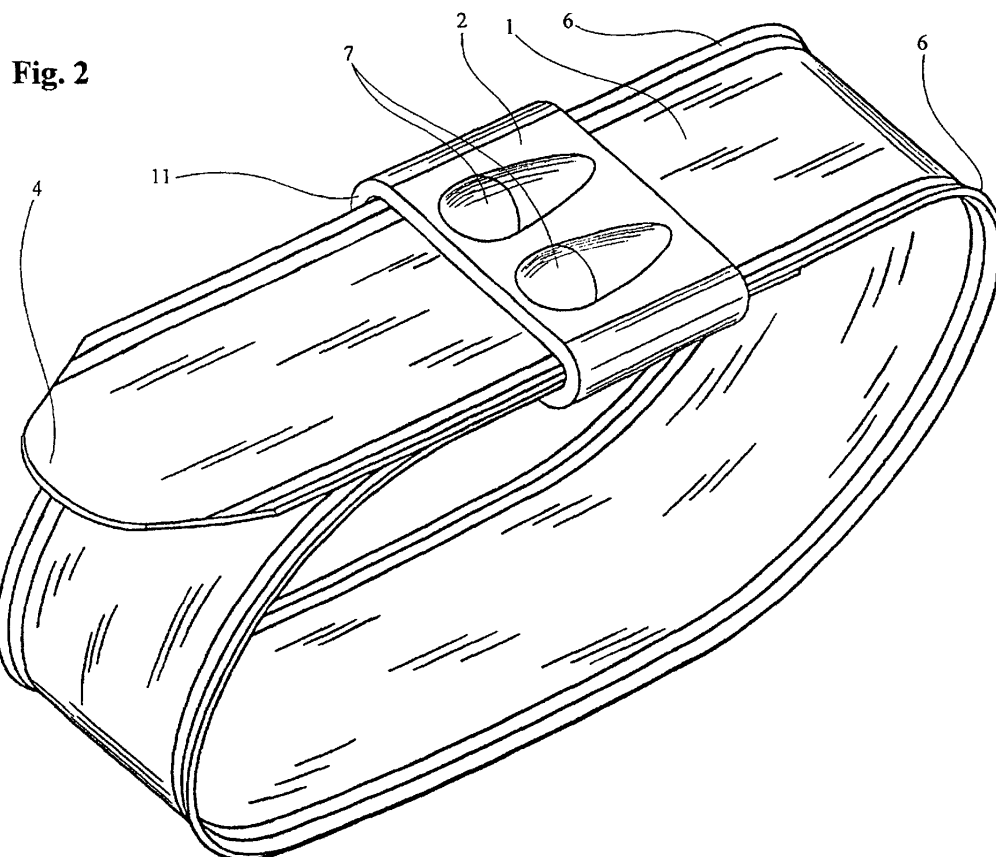
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(54) **Metal band**

(57) This patent is about a metal band, for the bundle tying, consisting of an extended element (1) having

its borders (6) raised up, not to cut in the surfaces of the tied elements; it is equipped at one end with a particular buckle (2).





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