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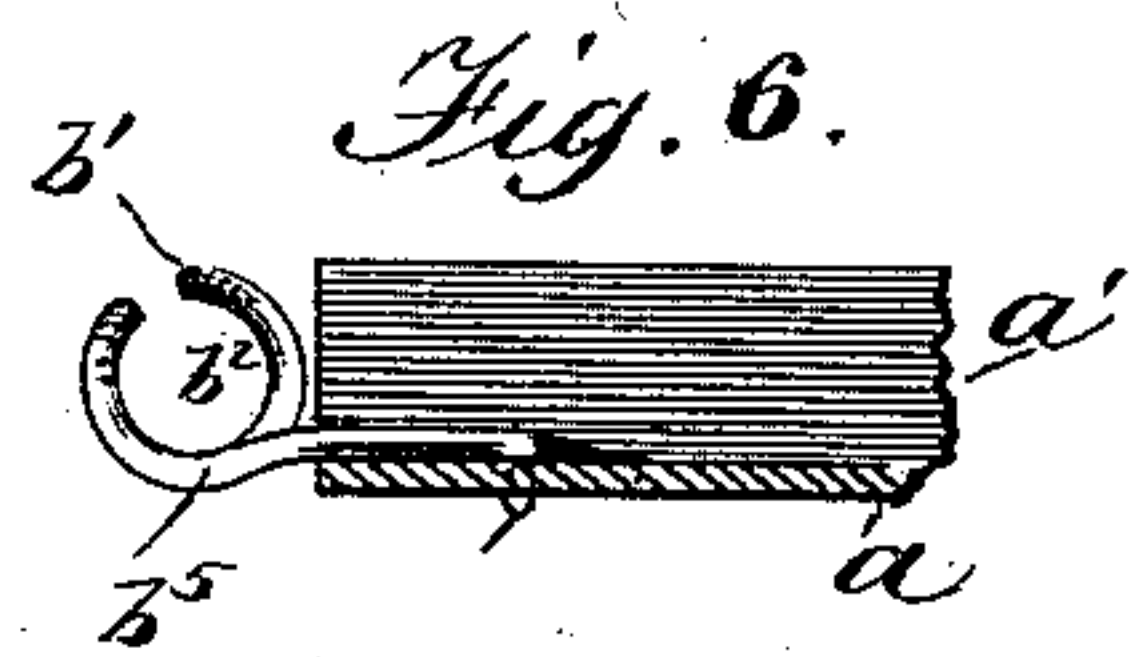
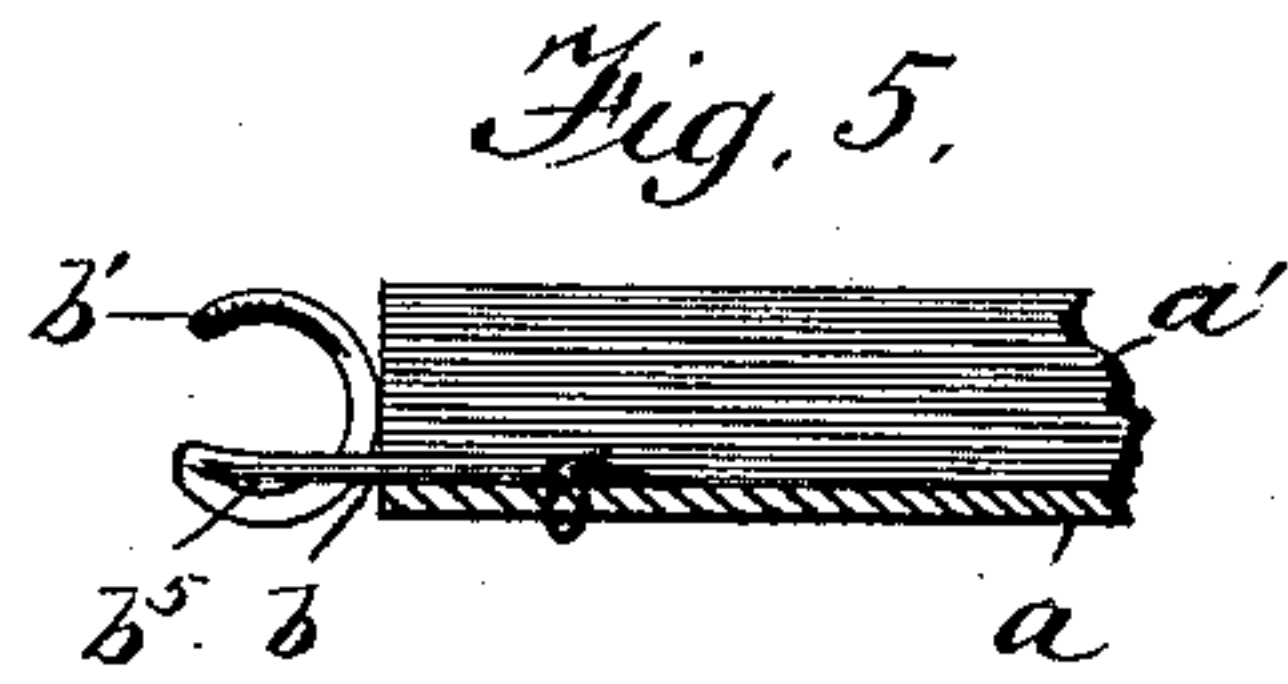
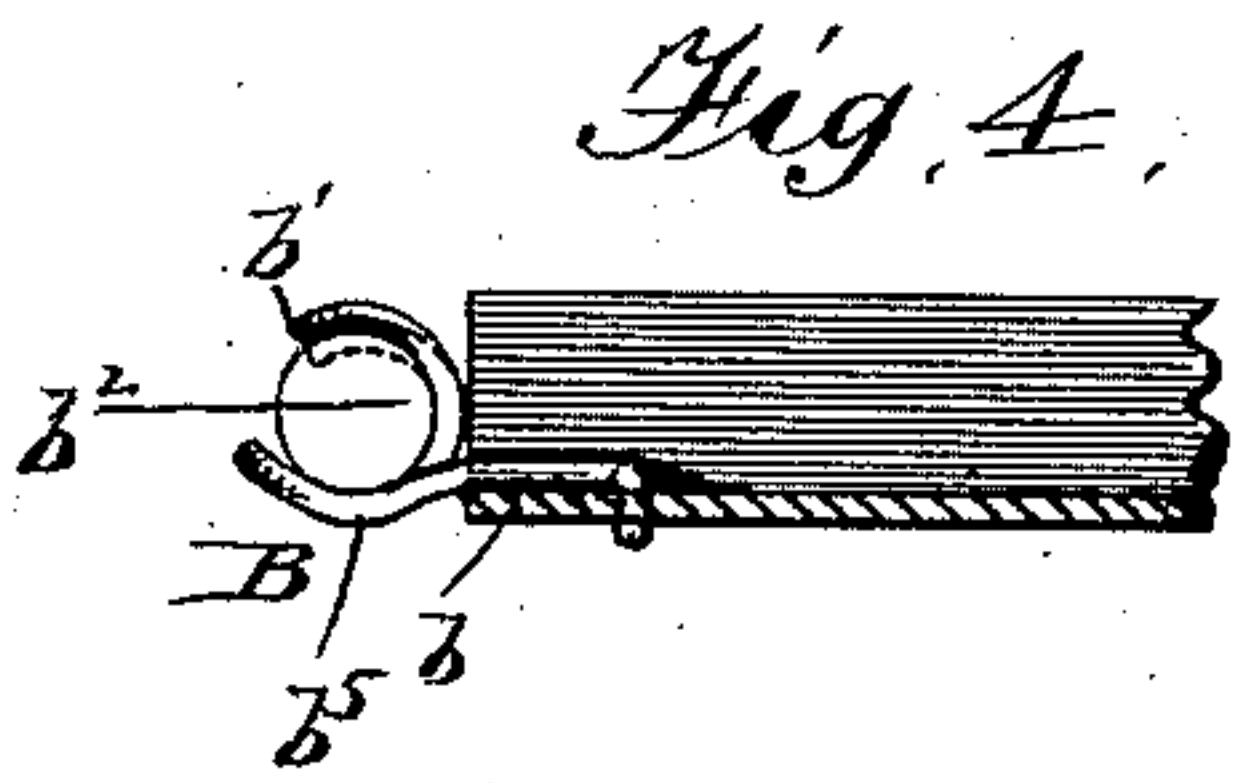
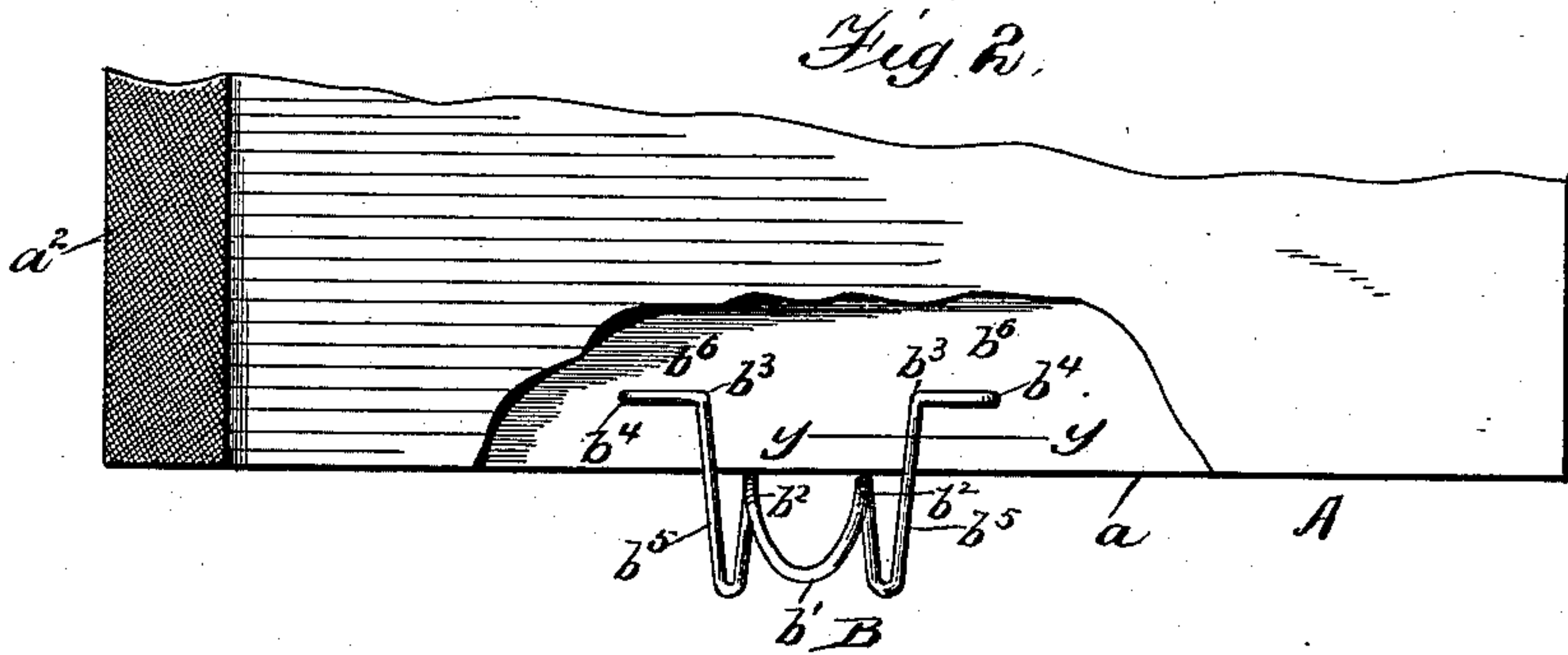
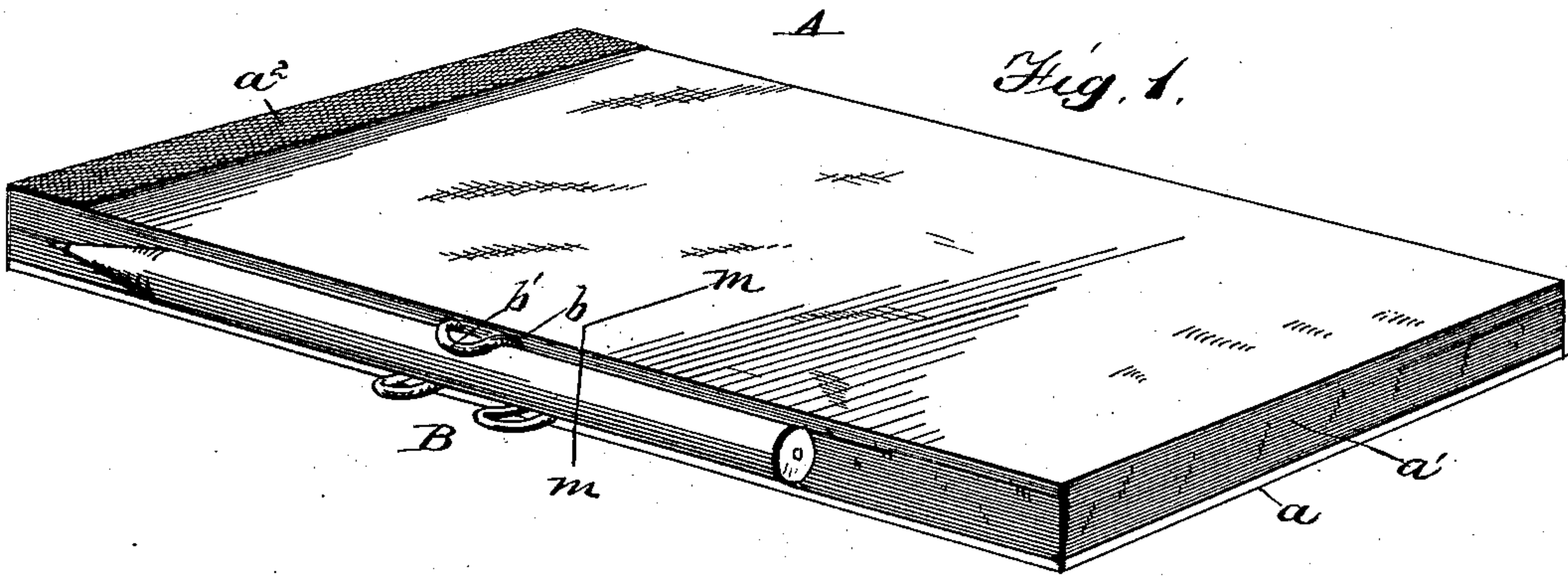
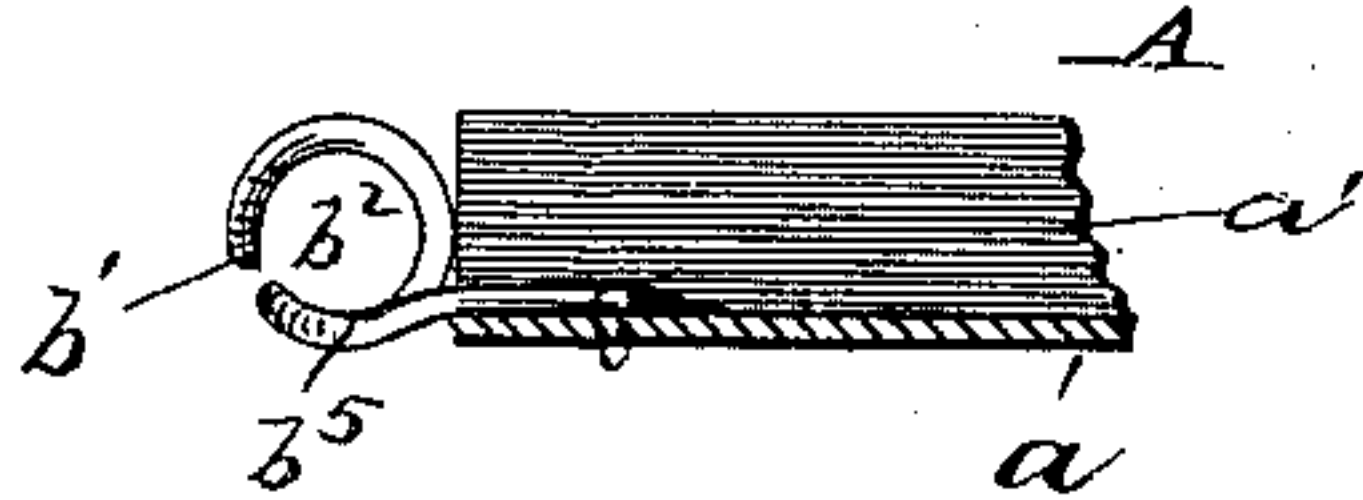


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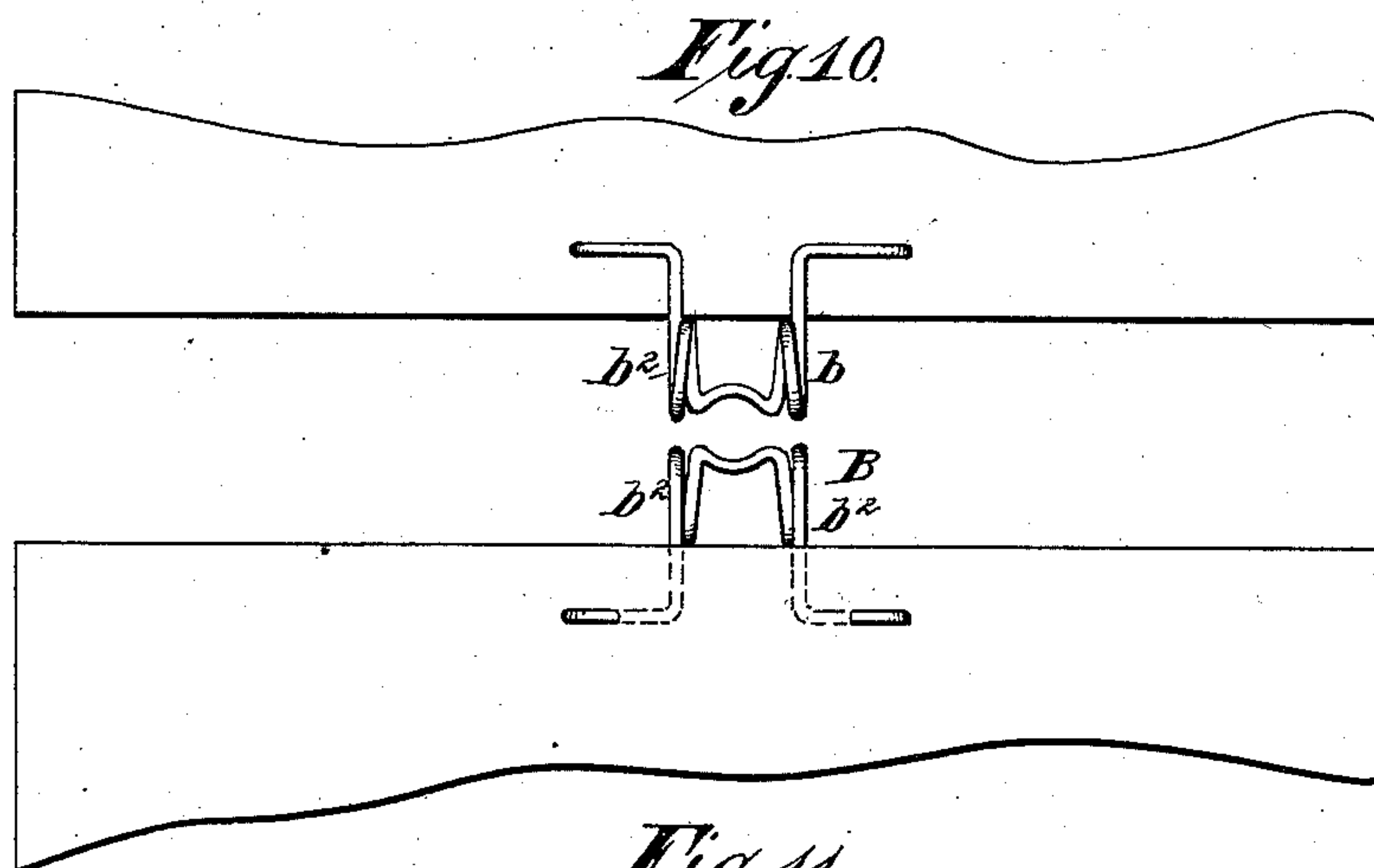
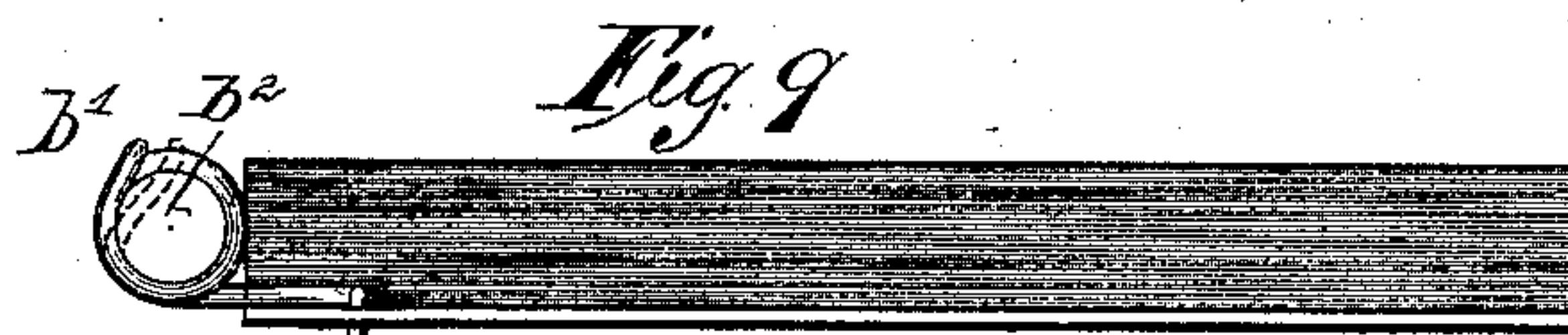
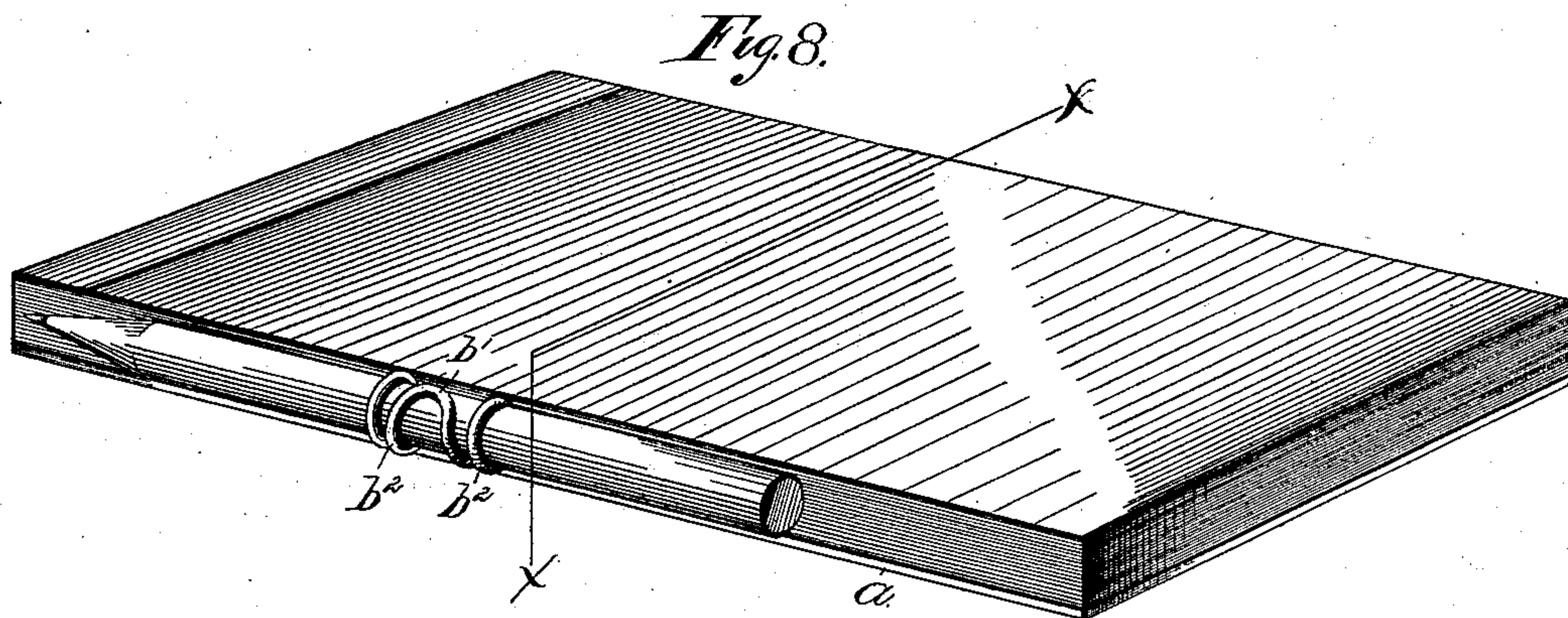
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## PENCIL-CLASP FOR WRITING-TABLETS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ARTHUR D. SCHAEFFER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Dayton, in the county of Montgomery and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Writing-Tablets and Pencil-Clasps, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to combined writing-tablets and pencil-holders; and it consists, essentially, in the construction, arrangement, and combination of the several elements comprised herein, substantially as hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a writing-tablet provided with my improvement. Fig. 2 is a portion of the tablet shown in Fig. 1, partly broken away to show the application of my improvement thereto. Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line *yy* of Fig. 2, to show the manner of attaching the improvement to the tablet. Fig. 4 is a sectional view taken on the line *mm*, looking toward the pencil holder. Figs. 5, 6, and 7 are similar views, showing different positions of said holder. Fig. 8 is a perspective view of a tablet provided with a modified form of my improvement. Fig. 9 is a sectional view on the line *xx* thereof. Figs. 10 and 11 are views, respectively, of a portion of the base-board of the tablet provided with my improvement.

Referring to the drawings, A designates a writing-tablet consisting of the usual base-board, *a*, having a series of leaves, *a'*, secured together and attached to said board by a binder, *a''*, preferably of textile fabric.

B designates the pencil-holder, consisting of a single piece of wire, *b*, bent as at *b'*. The parts of the wire *b*, at each side of the bend *b'*, are curved, as at *b''*, to partially or wholly surround a pencil, the ends of the wire *b* extending inwardly upon the upper surface of the base-board to points *b'''*, and are at said points bent at right angles in opposite directions to each other, and thence extend to points *b''''*, where the wire is again bent and passed through the base-board *a*, the ends *b'''''* of the wires being bent upward and bearing against the lower surface of the said board.

I attach importance to the manner in which

the wire *b*, forming the pencil-holder B, is bent or turned at the point *b'''*, whereby a firm bearing for the body of said holder is secured upon the base-board, and greater distance is insured between the points *b''''*, where the base-board is punctured, as well as permitting the ends of the wire to bear solidly against the lower surface of the base-board at points counterbalanced by the pressure of the parts *b'''''* between the points *b'''* *b''''* upon said base board. I attach importance to the bent part *b'* of the wire *b*, extending partially around the pencil and serving to clamp the pencil between the bent part *b'* and the parts of the wire *b* which extend outwardly from the edge of the tablet, whereby said part *b'* is adapted to bear with sufficient tension against the pencil as torsion-springs to prevent the displacement of the pencil, as will be readily understood.

Figs. 4 to 7, inclusive, represent the pencil-holding loop in different positions, to wit: In Fig. 4 the dotted lines show the normal position of the bend or bight *b'* of the wire, while the full lines represent the bight sprung outwardly when grasping a pencil. In Fig. 5 the curved part *b''* extends below the upper surface of the wire *b*, as at *b''''*, the pencil being held between said part *b''''* and the bight *b'*. In Fig. 6 the part *b''''* is so extended and bent as to nearly meet the bent portion *b'*. In Fig. 7 the part *b'* is extended and bent, and part *b''''* is shortened.

In each and all of the above forms, as well as in Figs. 8 to 11, inclusive, it will be seen that the pressure exerted by the bight *b'* serves to clamp the pencil with sufficient force to hold it in place and yet permit of its ready removal for use.

Modifications in details of construction and proportion of parts herein shown and described can be made without departing from the principle or sacrificing the advantages of my invention.

The portion *b'* may be bent in by the fingers, if required, in order to obtain sufficient friction between the holder and pencil to retain the latter in place, if required, after the pencil-holder has been used or a smaller pencil is inserted.

I do not bind myself to the exact details of construction shown and described, as I am

aware that other modifications thereof can be made without departing from the principle of my invention—as, for example, the function of the parts  $b'$   $b^5$  is not affected by the bend  $b^3$ .

5 What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

In combination with a writing-tablet, a wire pencil-holder consisting of a single wire bent, as at  $b$ , and having arms at each side of such  
10 bent portion, which bear upon and are secured

to the back or cover of the tablet and extend outwardly therefrom, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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