

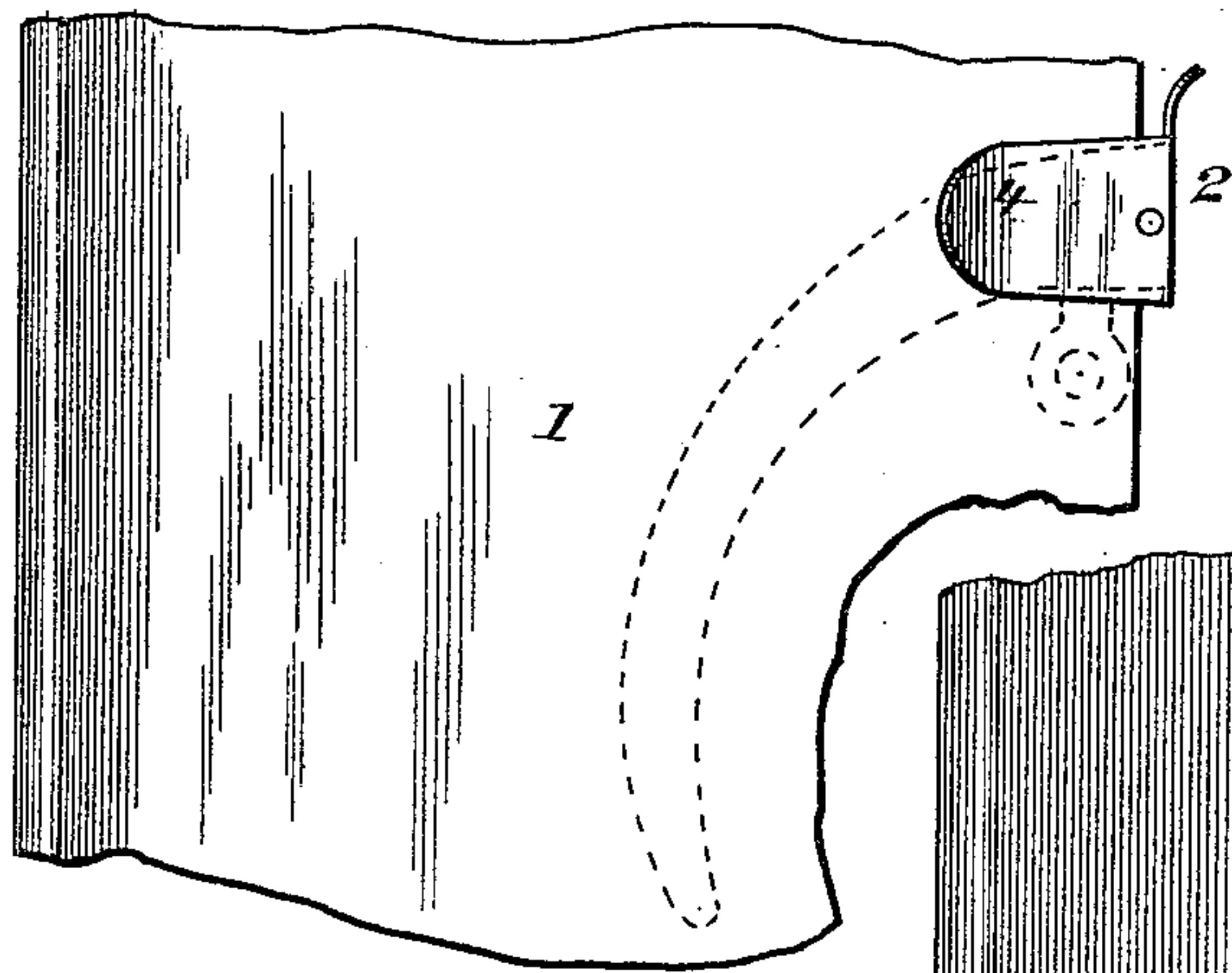
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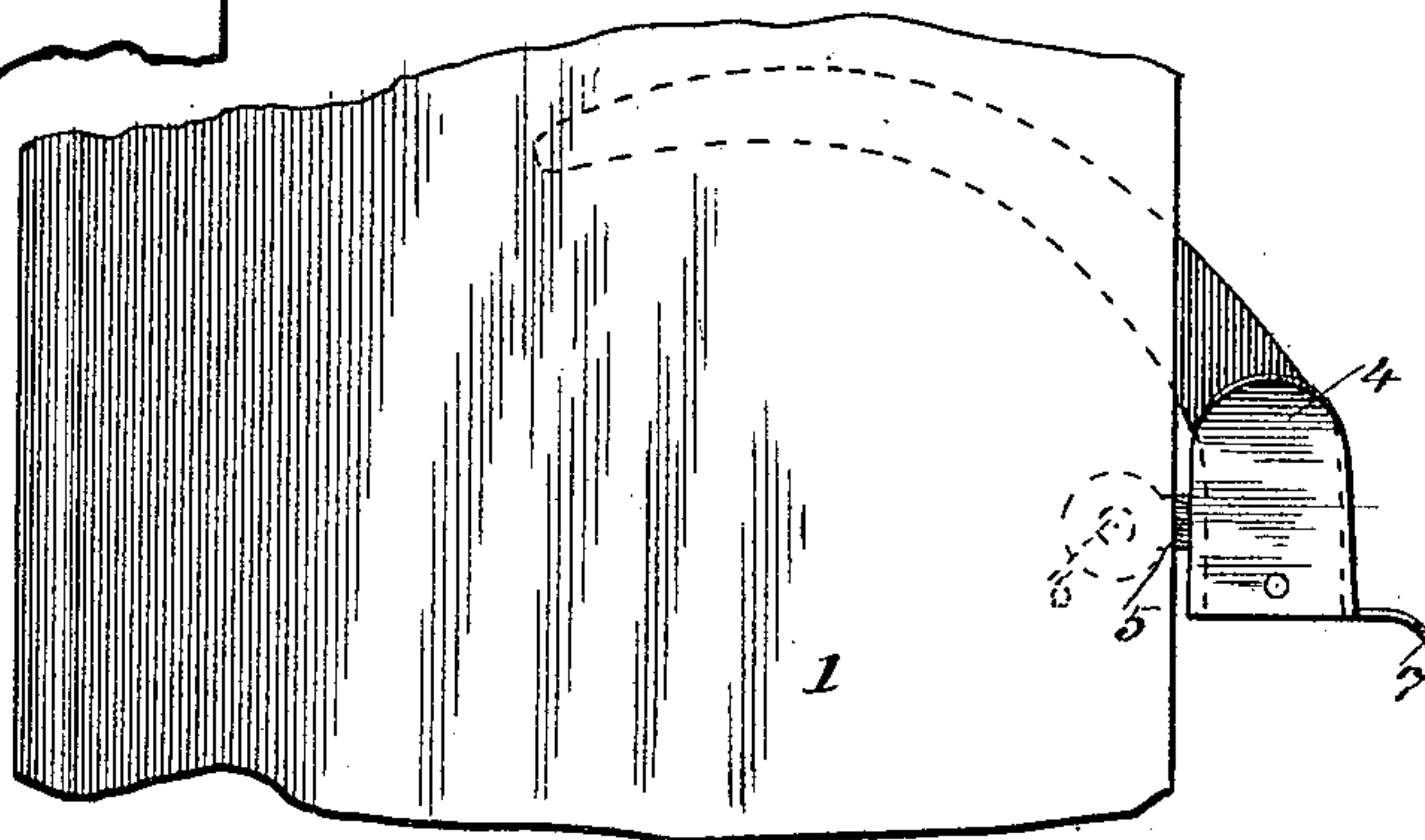
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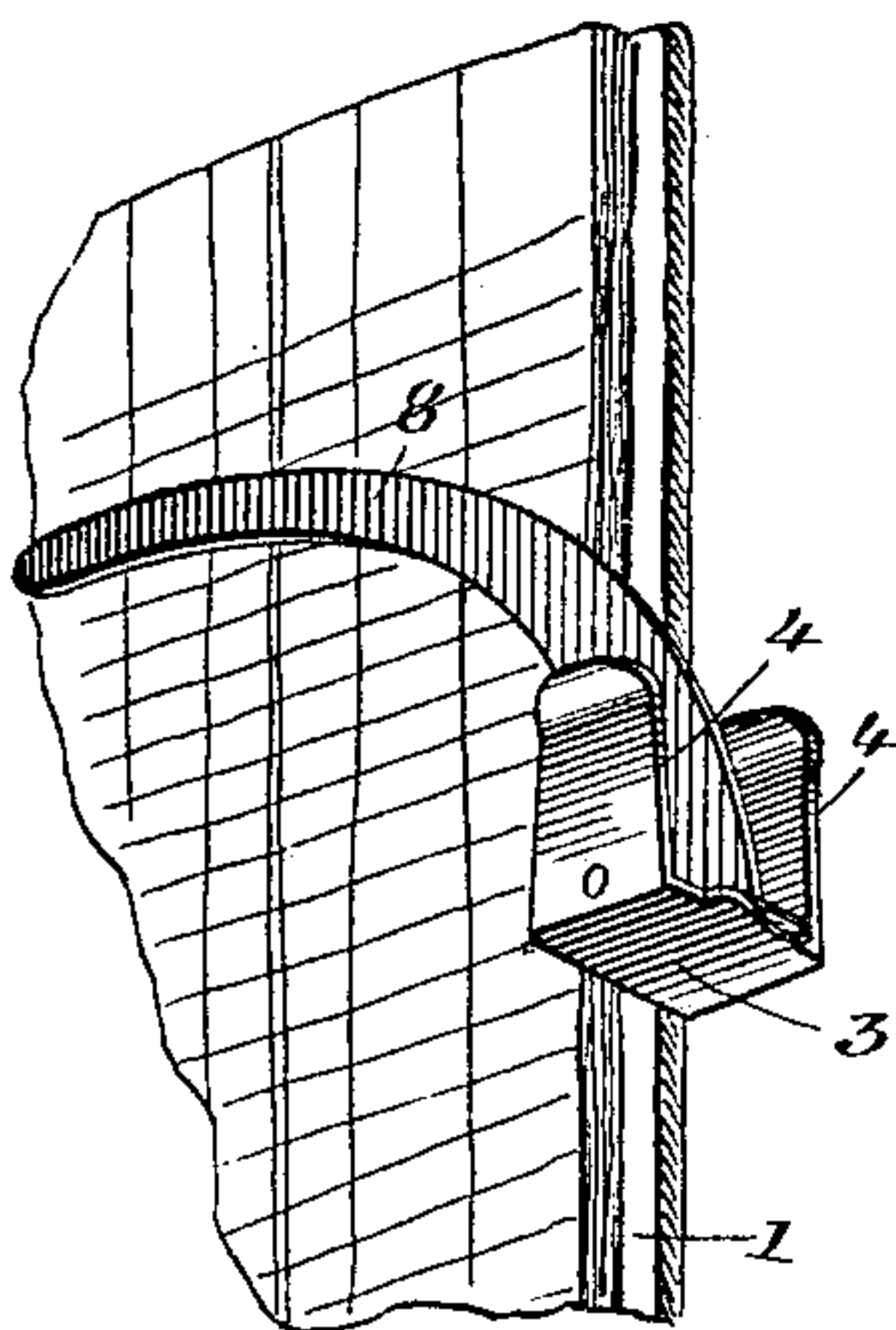
*Fig. 1.*



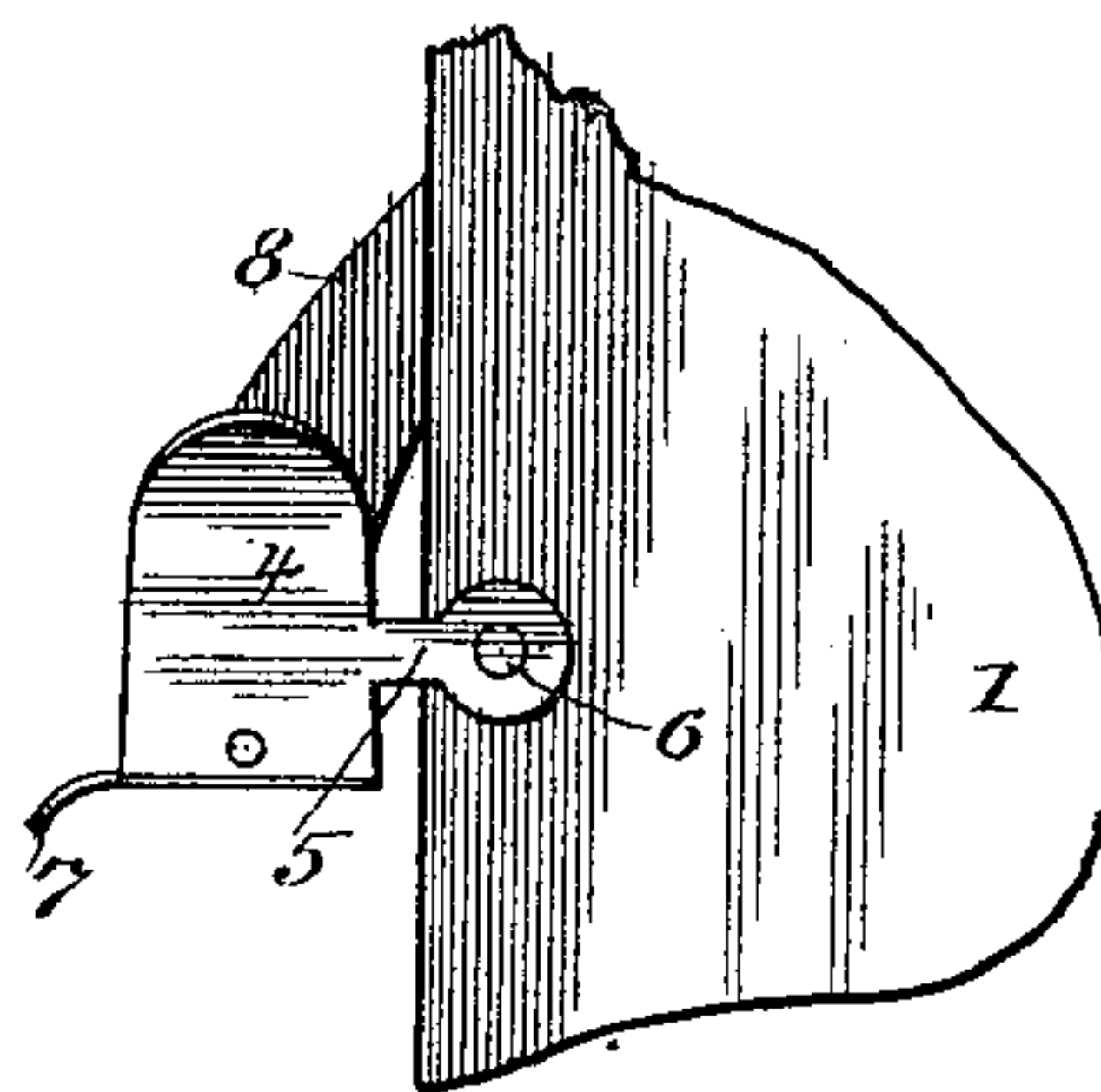
*Fig. 2.*



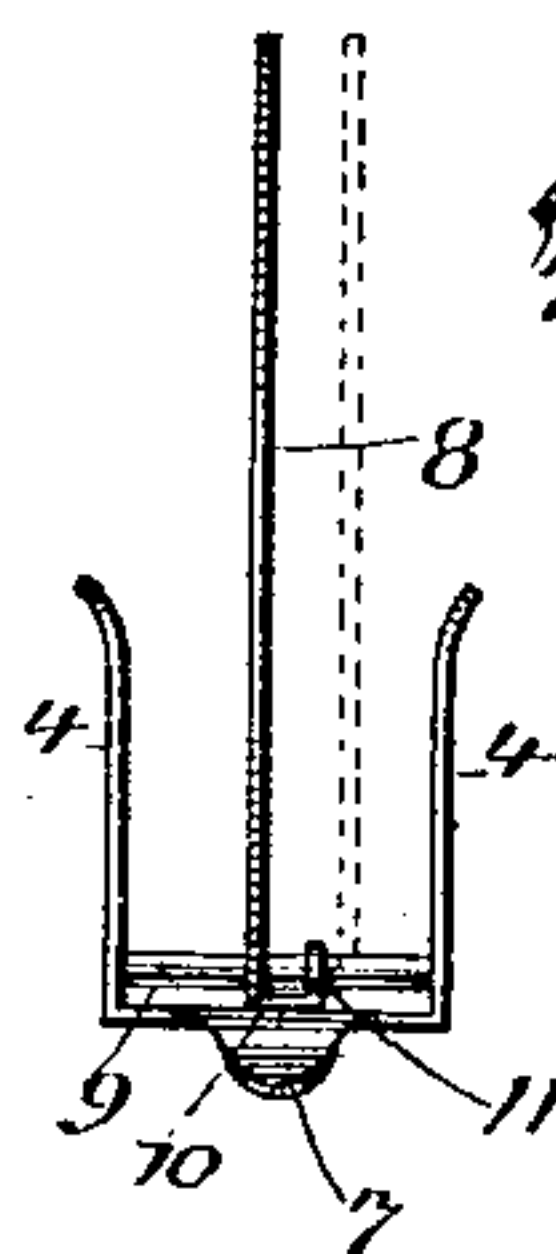
*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



*Fig. 5.*



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## BOOK-MARK AND CLASP.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SAMUEL POWELL, of Chicago, Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Book-Mark and Clasp, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has for its object to furnish a book-mark, by the use of which any part of a book is marked so as to be turned to readily, and a clasp whereby the book and any loose papers therein may be securely clasped and held when desired. My invention is applicable, generally, to various sorts of books, and particularly to depositors' bank-books, pass-books, duplicate-sale ticket-books, receipt-books, &c.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation showing my improved book-mark and clasp applied to a book, the latter being closed, the marking-finger being shown in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a similar view, showing the clasp in position to permit the book to be opened. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the device in the same position as shown in Fig. 2, the book being opened exposing the marking-finger. Fig. 4 is a side elevation of the device from the back of the book illustrating one method of attaching the clasp to the back-cover; and Fig. 5 is an edge view in elevation of the clasp and marker detached.

In said drawings, 1 represents the book; 2, the clasp which has the back-piece 3 and the clamping-jaws 4 4.

5 is an extension of one of the jaws whereby the clasp is pivotally secured to one of the covers of the book by means of a pin, bolt and nut, eyelet, or other suitable device, as at 6, so as to swing freely.

7 is a thumb-piece, convenient for operating the clasp.

8 is the marking-finger, which, as shown, is secured to the clasp by means of a wire, 9, which passes through a hole in said finger and has its ends fastened in or to the jaws 4 4, respectively. As illustrated in the drawings, the secured end of the finger 8 is bent at a right angle to the body, as at 10, and again bent to form a short arm, 11, parallel to the body, and this arm 11 has a hole through which wire 9 passes. This method of securing the finger gives it a firm bearing on the clasp while it admits of said finger being adjusted later-

ally, as occasion may require, in marking different parts of the book. It may, however, be pivotally secured to the clasp, or to the pivot 6 direct to either of the jaws 4, or otherwise.

The clasp and finger may be made of any suitable material, such as light metal or rubber, &c. The jaws 4, the back 3, the extension 5, and thumb-piece 7 may all be made from one blank or plate. I prefer to make the finger 8 crooked, preferably curved, as shown, so that it will not entirely leave the book when the clasp is swung back to admit of the book opening. The extension 5 may be made of the form shown where the device is to be attached to a light book, but it may be found expedient to make said extension longer or broader, or both, or simply make the jaw longer so as to pivot it to the cover. It is also obvious that two strips such as the extension 5 may be employed and fastened on either side of the cover, or one on the one and the other on the other side of the cover, and the jaw and part 5 may be made separately, the latter being secured rigidly to the cover and pivoted to the jaw. I prefer to use a removable pin or pivot at 6, so that the device may be removed from one book and secured to another when desired. The forms and proportions of all the parts may be modified as above indicated, or in other details of construction, but I have thought said modifications do not require representation in the drawings.

As before stated, this device is applicable to many sorts of books; but I will point out its uses in connection with a depositor's bank or pass book only. Deposits in bank are usually entered on the depositor's pass-book on consecutive left-hand pages, and the deposits, usually consisting of checks and bills, are placed between the leaves of the book at the proper place of entry to save the time of both depositor and bank-clerk at the bank. In the usual method the depositor in preparing his deposits turns the leaves until the proper place is found, places his checks, ticket, and bills therein, and then secures them by passing a rubber band around the book. After the deposit is made the depositor usually desires to enter or check up the same, and the necessity of turning the leaves to find the entry again recurs. Of course a



rubber band or other like fastening is liable to be lost or mislaid when removed. Now my device is adapted to be secured to the book permanently in position for convenient use.

5 The marking-finger is kept between the leaves of the book at the proper place of entry, and need only be changed when a page is filled. When the checks, bills, &c., are placed in the book, the clasp is pushed down, the jaws embracing the covers and clamping the loose papers contained in the book securely, thereby preventing their loss. When the book is handed to the bank-clerk and he swings the clasp back and opens the book, the finger separates  
10 the current-entry leaf from the unused leaves, which are held down by the finger while the entry is made. The place is readily found again by the depositor when he desires to check up or make another deposit.

20 Although I have shown the book-mark attached to the clasp, it is obvious that it may be pivoted to the book-cover, as before described, and used separately.

I claim—

25 1. A book-mark and clasp, comprising, in combination, a clasp having clamping-jaws

adapted to embrace the free edges of the book-covers, and to be pivotally secured to one of said covers, and a finger or marker pivotally connected to said clasp, substantially as described. 30

2. A book-mark and clasp, comprising, in combination, a clasp having clamping-jaws, whereby to embrace the free edges of the cover when the book is closed, and means for pivotally connecting the same to the book, and a marking-finger connected to said clasp and having a lateral movement on its support, substantially as set forth. 35

3. A combined book-mark and clasp, comprising a clasp having clamping-jaws adapted to embrace the free edges of the book-covers when the book is closed, and a pivotal connection whereby to secure the clasp to the book cover, and a marking-finger pivoted to the clasp at a point intermediate its clamping-jaws, substantially as described. 40 45

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