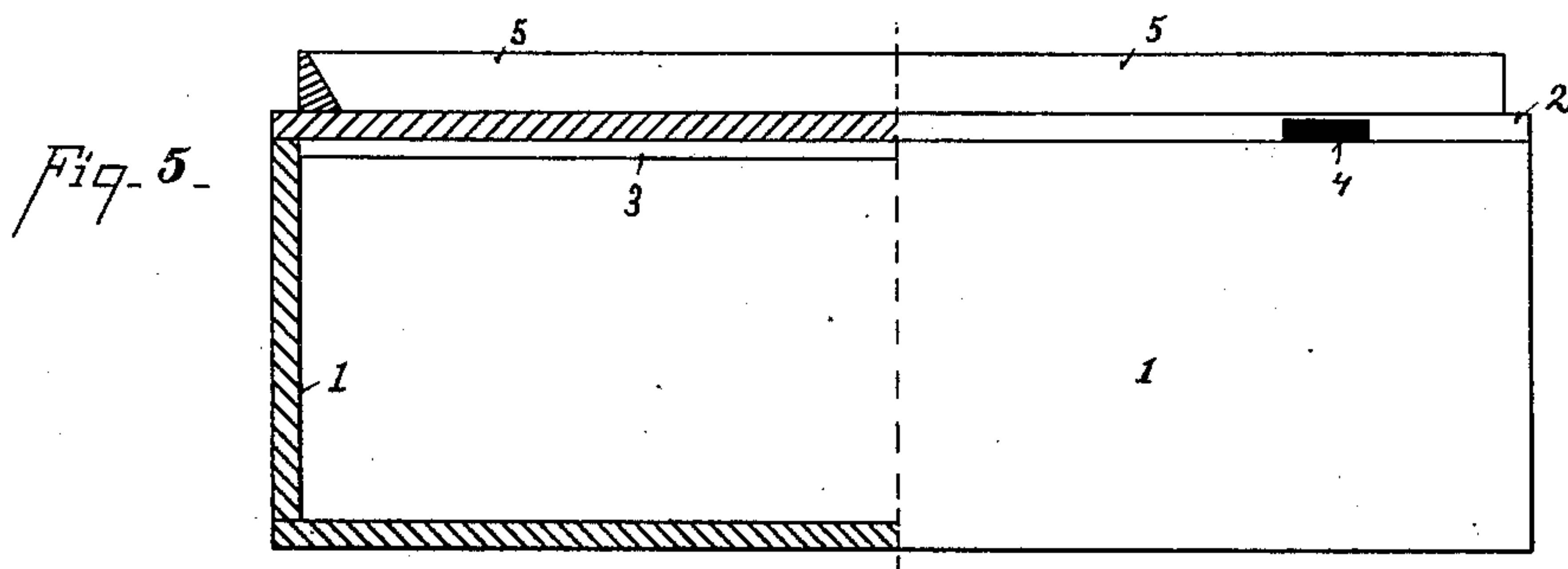
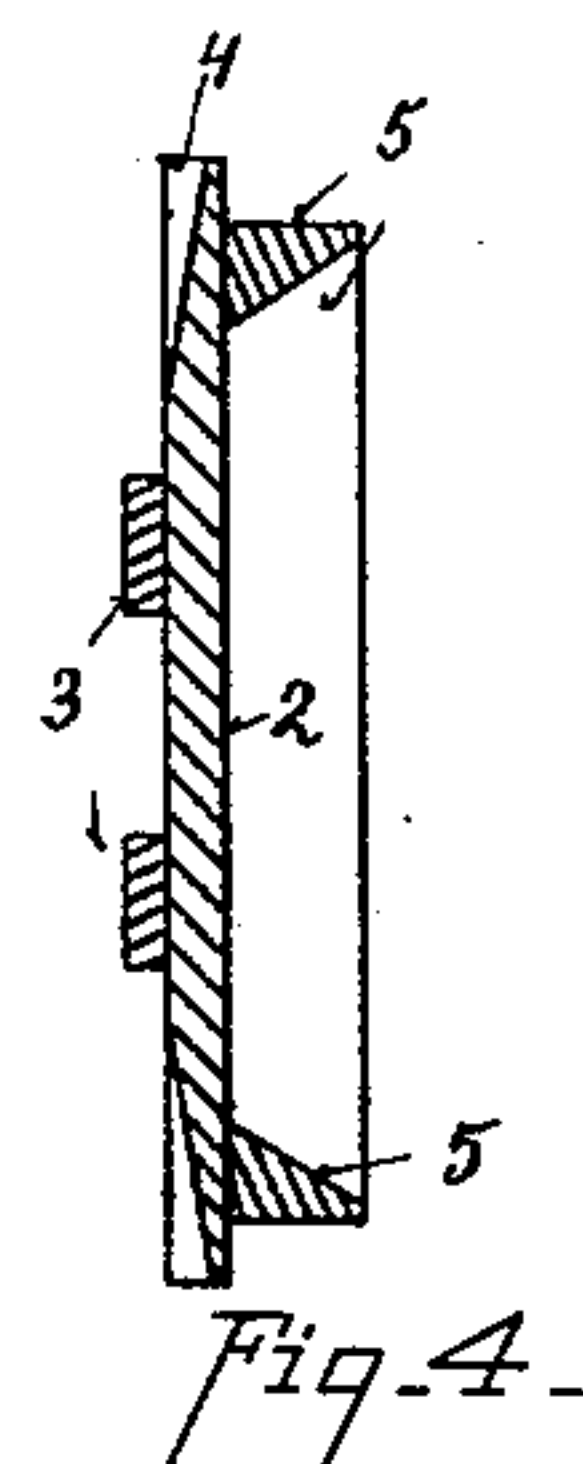
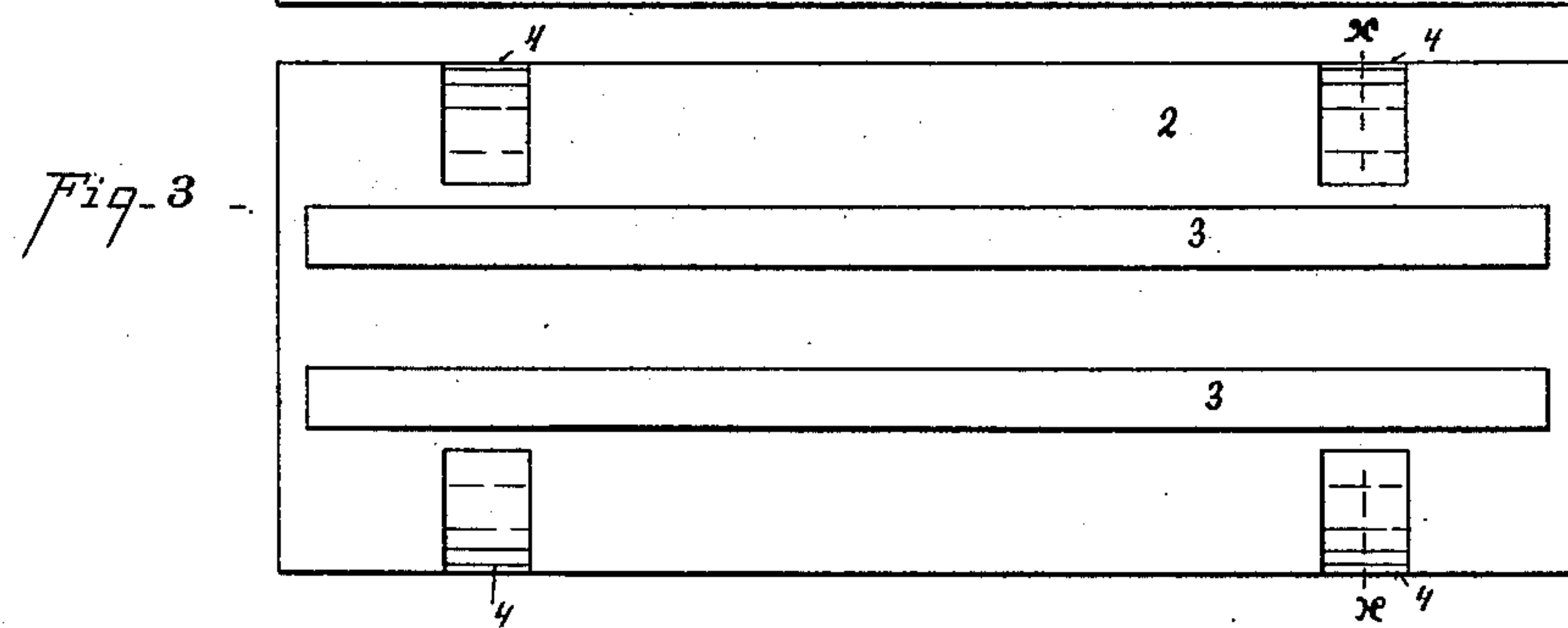
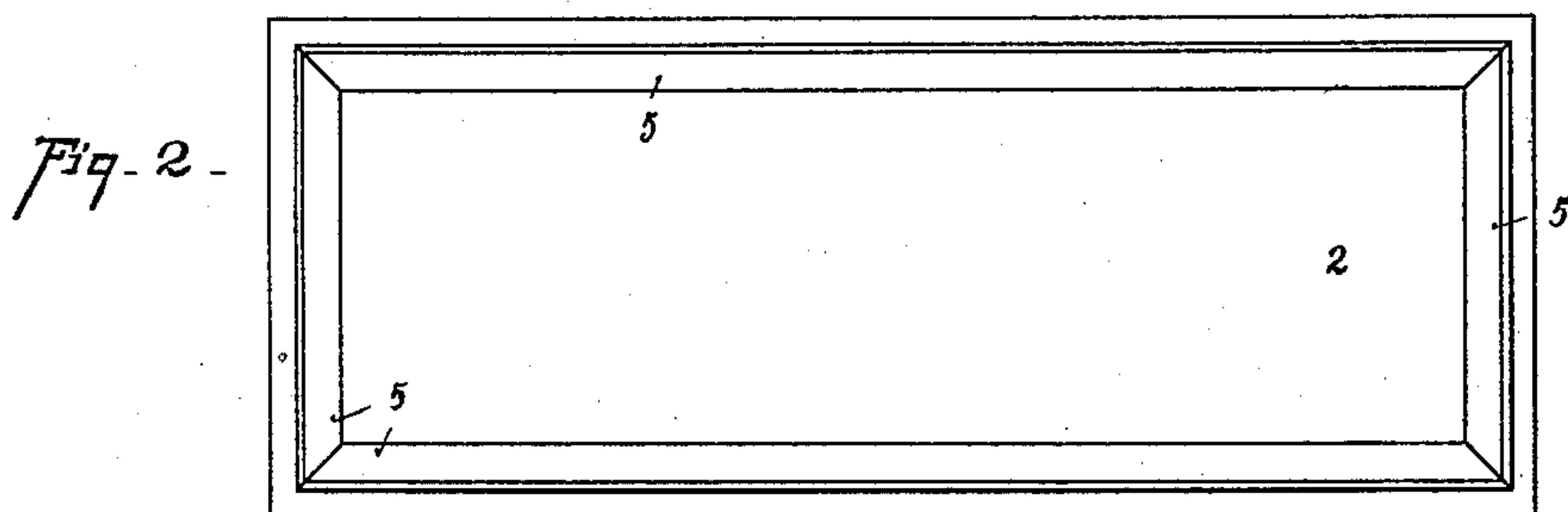
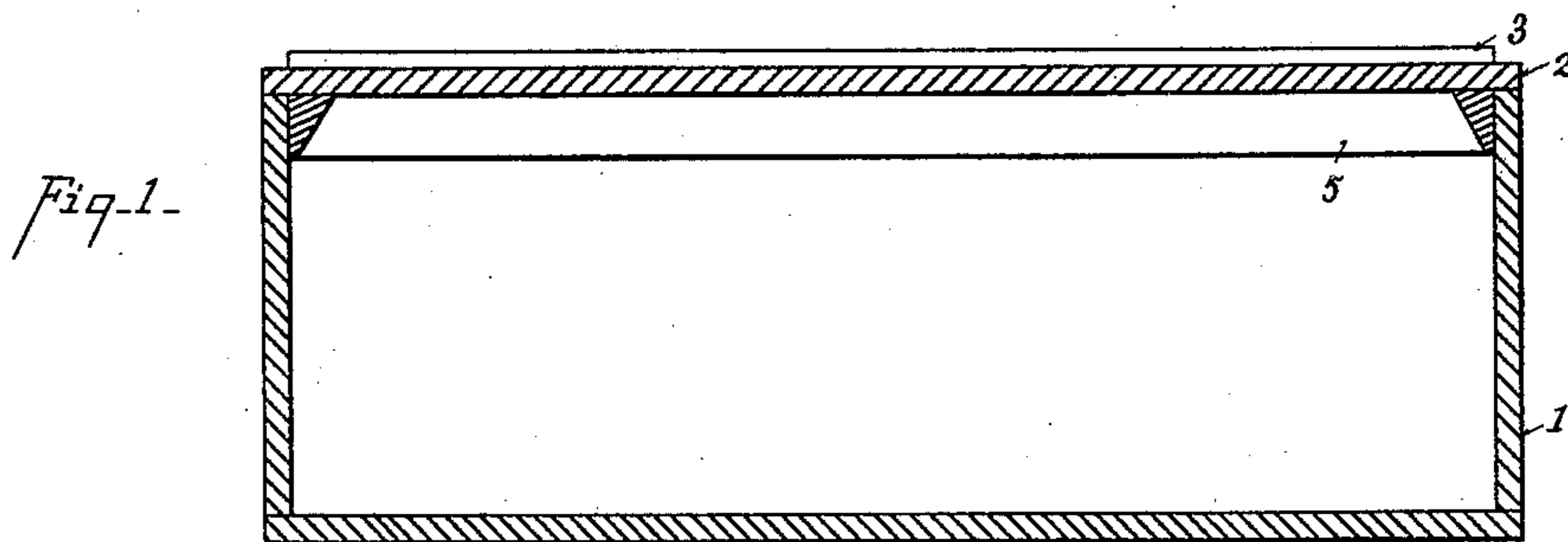


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE MARQUA, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Burial-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a reversible lid for burial-cases, so that one side can be used for shipping purposes and the other for cushioning the top of the case.

Another object of my invention is to provide suitable means for lowering the lid onto the case itself, all of which will be fully set forth in the description of the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a central longitudinal vertical section of my improvement in position for shipping. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the lid in reversed position. Fig. 3 is a top plan view of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a section on line *xx*, Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a central vertical section, partly in elevation, of Fig. 2.

1 represents an ordinary burial-case, in which the coffin or casket is placed. The usual manner of employing burial-cases is to lower the case into the ground and then the coffin into it and place the lid on the case, inclosing the coffin therein.

2 represents a reversible lid. It is provided with longitudinal strengthening-strips 3 and a series of recesses 4, formed by rabbeting away the wood, as shown in section, Fig. 4.

5 represents a series of molding-strips formed around the edges of the lid on one side. When the case is to be shipped, the lid is used with the strip side up, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, but is used with the reverse side up for burial purposes.

In order to deaden the sound or prevent the noise of clods of earth falling upon the coffin, I cushion the upper side of the lid before it is lowered on the case. The recesses 4 allow space for straps, so as to lower the lid, and they may be readily detached without disturbing the cushioned lid. The cheapest and best mode of cushioning the lid is to fill the top of it with earth, which is held in place by the strips 5. Then the lid is lowered upon the case and the grave filled, thereby deadening and destroying the sound of the falling earth upon the case. Other modes of cushioning may be employed upon the lid, but this is the cheapest and best.

The strips 3 may be omitted if the lid is very thick; but as it has to sustain so much weight of earth, and to prevent the lid from breaking in, the heavy strengthening ribs or strips are employed.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In combination with the burial-case 1, the reversible lid 2, having the recesses 4 upon the under side and the cup-shaped lid upon the upper side for holding the cushioning material, substantially as specified.

2. In combination with a burial-case, the lid 2, having its upper side recessed or provided with projections 5, so as to form a receptacle for cushioning material, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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