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Fig. 1.

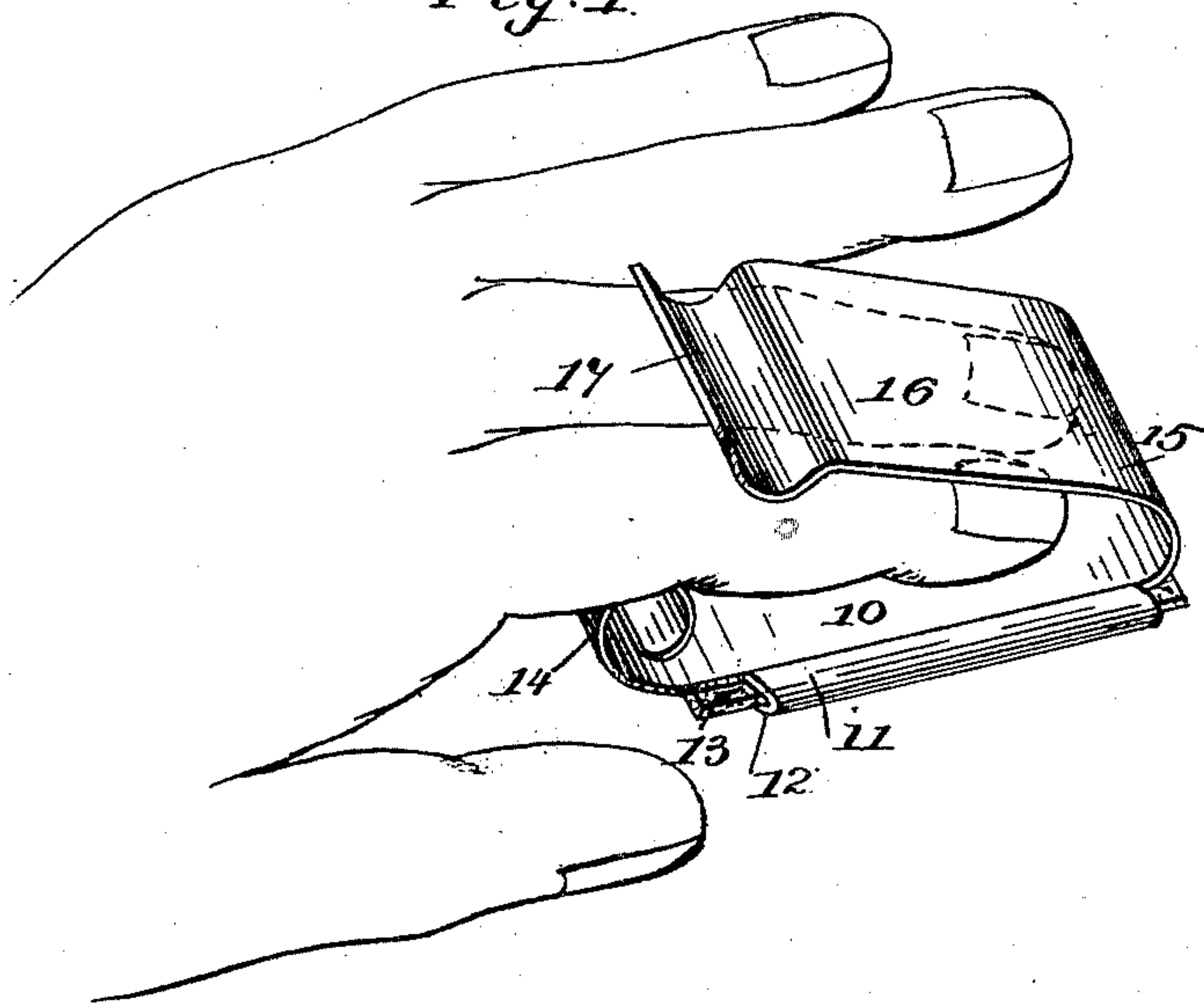


Fig. 2.

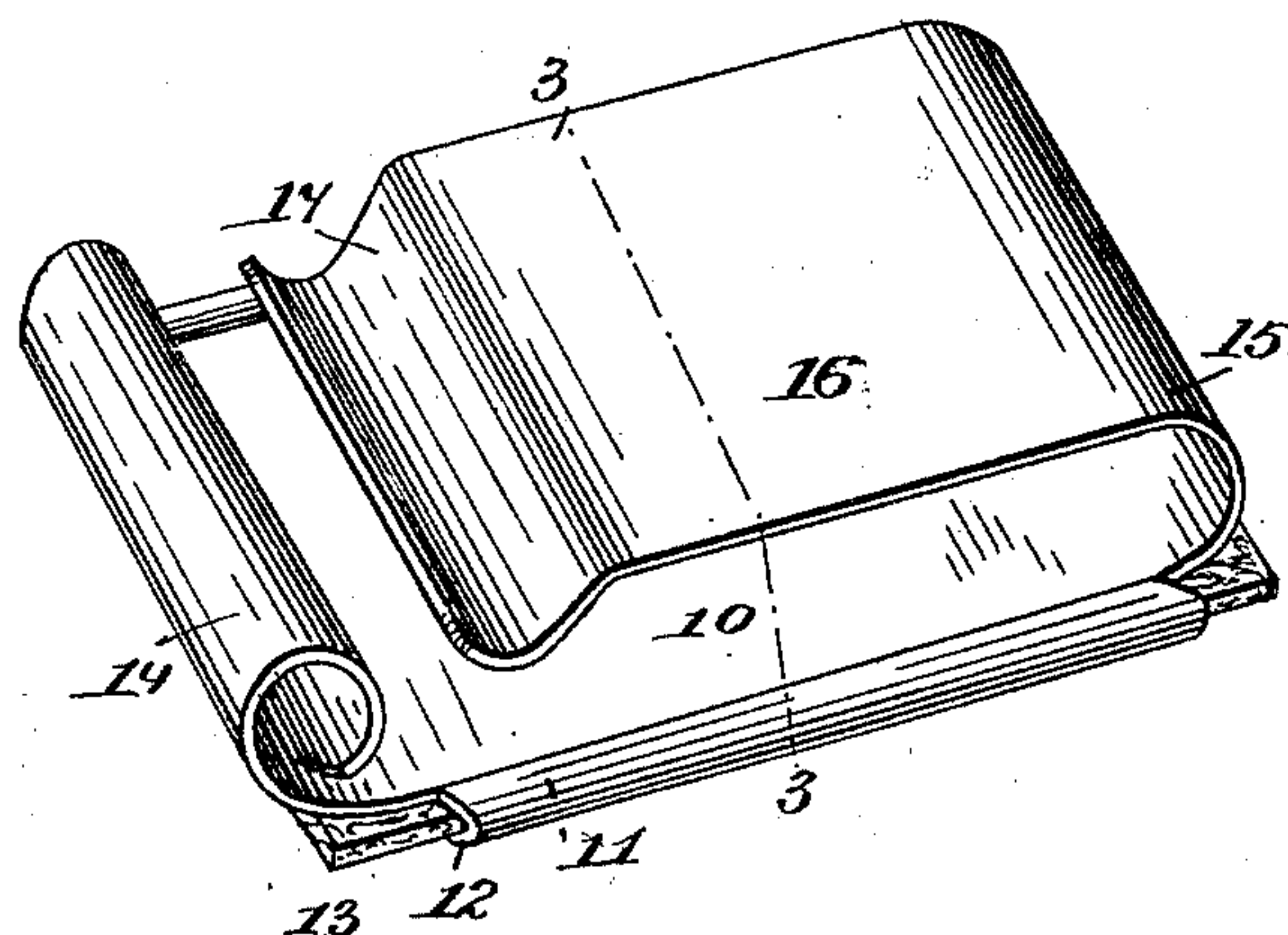
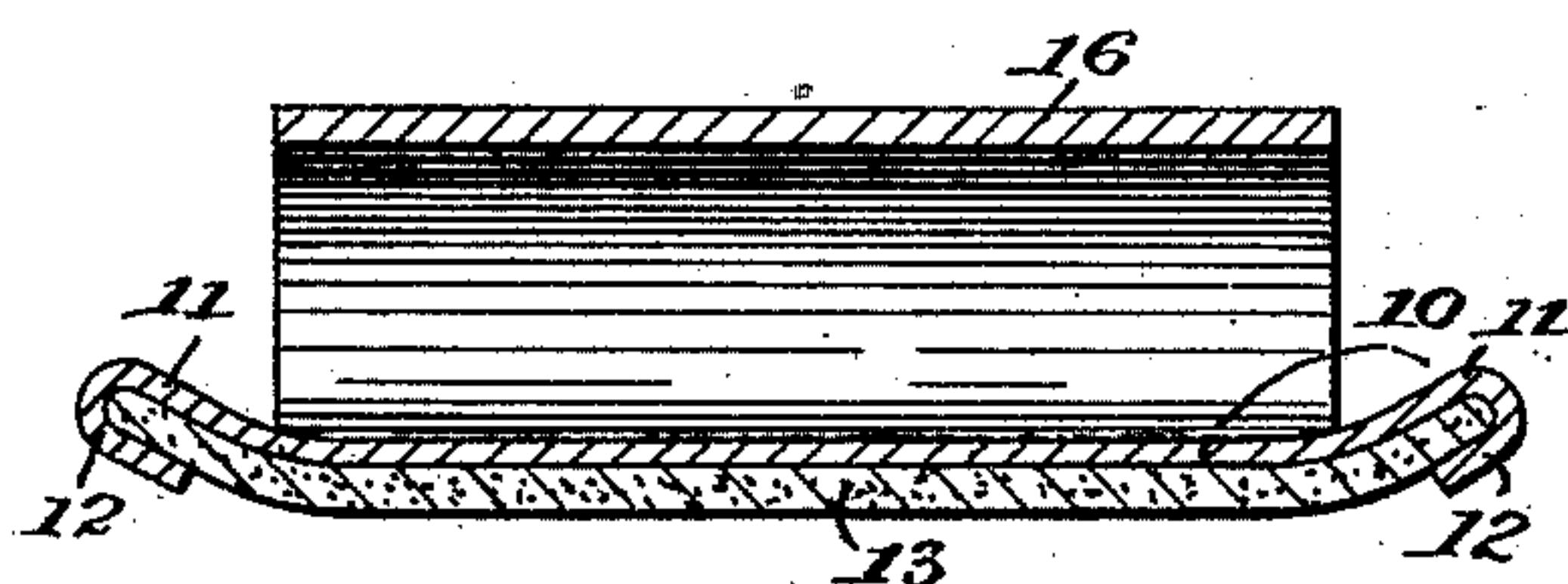


Fig. 3.



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BLOTTING-PAD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT FROST, of Olympia, in the county of Thurston and State of Washington, have invented a new and Improved Blotting-Pad, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to improvements in blotting-pads. It is well known that the more common sorts of pads that lie flat upon the table or desk are very liable to get displaced and mixed up with papers, so that they cannot be conveniently found and used, and, furthermore, most of the blotters or pads in common use cannot be easily operated with one hand.

The object of my invention is to produce an extremely simple and cheap blotting-pad which provides for the easy renewal of the blotting-paper when it has become soiled and which is adapted to fit snugly upon the fingers of a hand of any size, so that it will not interfere with the turning of book-leaves and similar work and will always be ready for convenient use.

To this end my invention consists in a blotting-pad the construction of which will be hereinafter described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the pad as applied to the fingers. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the pad when detached from the hand, and Fig. 3 is a cross-section on the line 3 3 in Fig. 2.

The pad, or, more properly speaking, the pad frame or holder, is preferably made of spring metal, although it may be made of any light strong material capable of being brought into the required shape. The base-plate 10 of the pad is essentially flat and at its outer side edges it is curved upward, as shown at 11, and then doubled under, as shown at 12 in Fig. 3, thus forming slideways on opposite sides, which are adapted to receive and hold a strip of blotting-paper 13, and also giving a convexed effect to the bottom of the pad, so that it may be conveniently applied

to the paper to be blotted. The slideways formed by doubling the edges of the base-plate are open at the ends, as best shown in Fig. 2, so that the blotting-paper 13 may be very easily slipped in and out of place.

The inner end of the base-plate 10 is bent upward, so as to form a nearly-cylindrical roll 14, which is adapted to rest against the under side of the fingers, as in Fig. 1, and from its shape and the springiness of the material composing it it will be very easy to the fingers. The opposite end of the plate 10 is doubled upward, as shown at 15, so as to form a wide spring 16, which extends above and nearly parallel with the plate 10, and which terminates at its free end in a curved flange 17, which flange is produced adjacent to and parallel with the roll 14. It will be seen that the spring 16 and the flange 17 at the end form practically a clamp, which holds the base-plate 10 to the fingers.

To apply the pad to fingers of the hand, the fingers are placed beneath the spring 16 and between the spring and base-plate, the inner portions of the fingers resting upon the roll 14 and between it and the curved flange 17. The spring of the metal will hold the pad firmly in place, and, as it will always be upon the fingers, it will be always ready for use and can be instantly applied to any matter to be blotted.

It will be understood that the device may be made of any width, so as to embrace one finger or all the fingers of the hand, and the form of the spring portion of the clamp may be varied without departing from the principle of my invention.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The improved blotting-pad holder composed of a spring-plate doubled upon itself, whereby one flat portion 16 extends over the other 10, the latter being provided with means for holding the blotting material, as shown and described.

2. A device of the character described, comprising a base-plate having slideways on opposite sides and having one end formed into

a roll and the opposite end doubled upon itself to form a spring, substantially as described.

5 3. A device of the character described, comprising a base-plate having curved slideways on opposite sides adapted to receive the blotter, a roll at one end to form a rest for the fingers, and a spring formed by doubling

the plate at one end, the spring extending nearly parallel with the base-plate and terminating at its free end in a curved flange, substantially as described.

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