

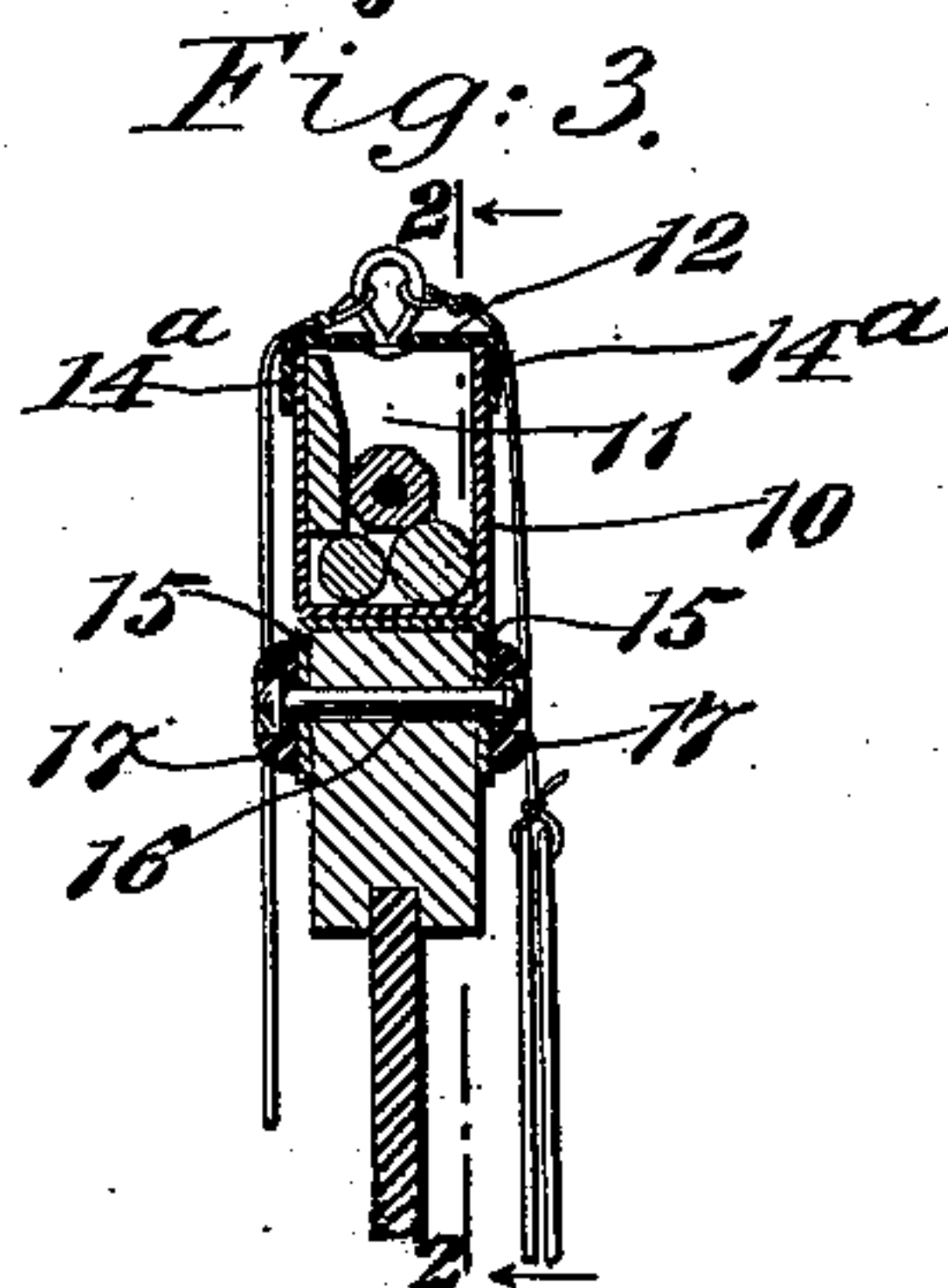
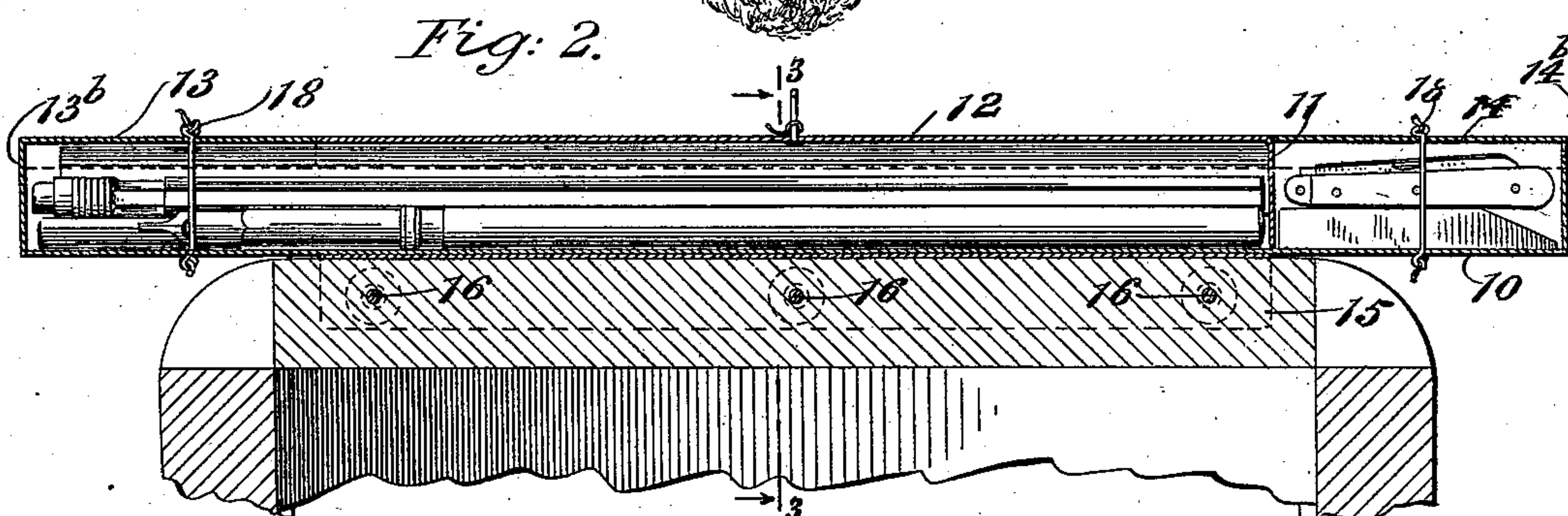
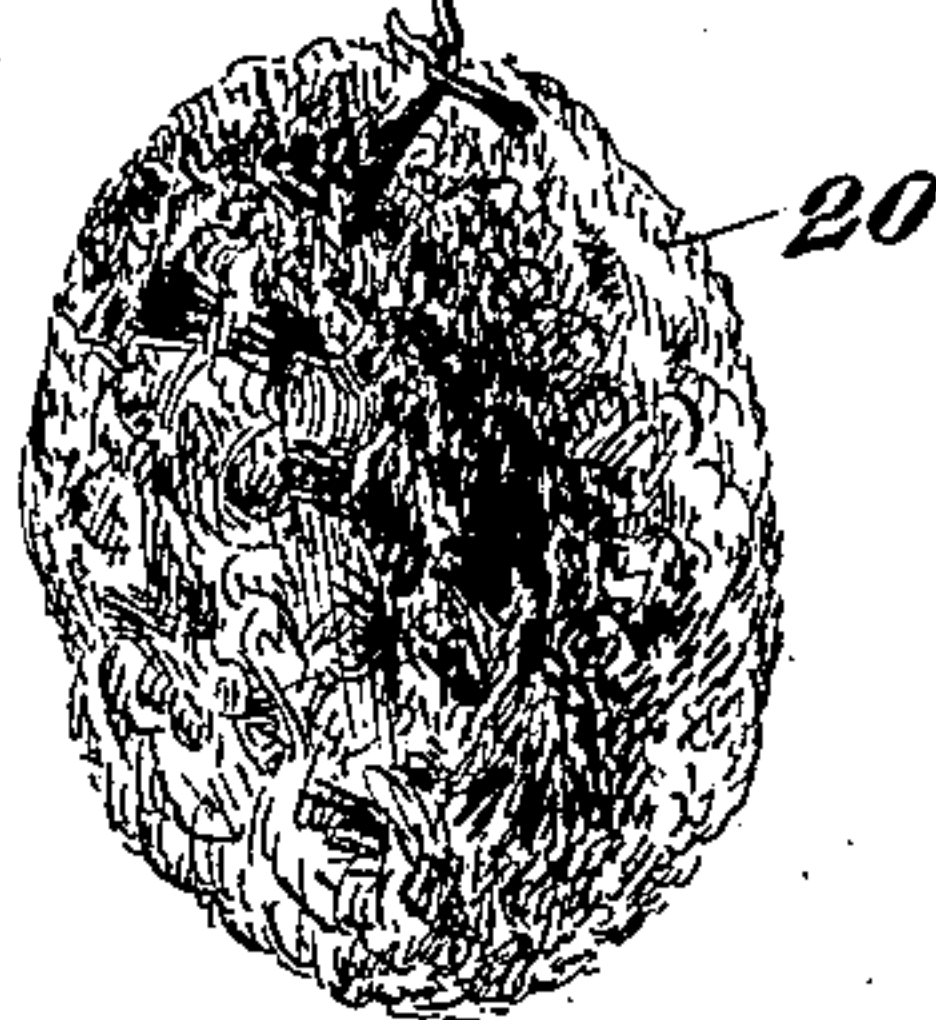
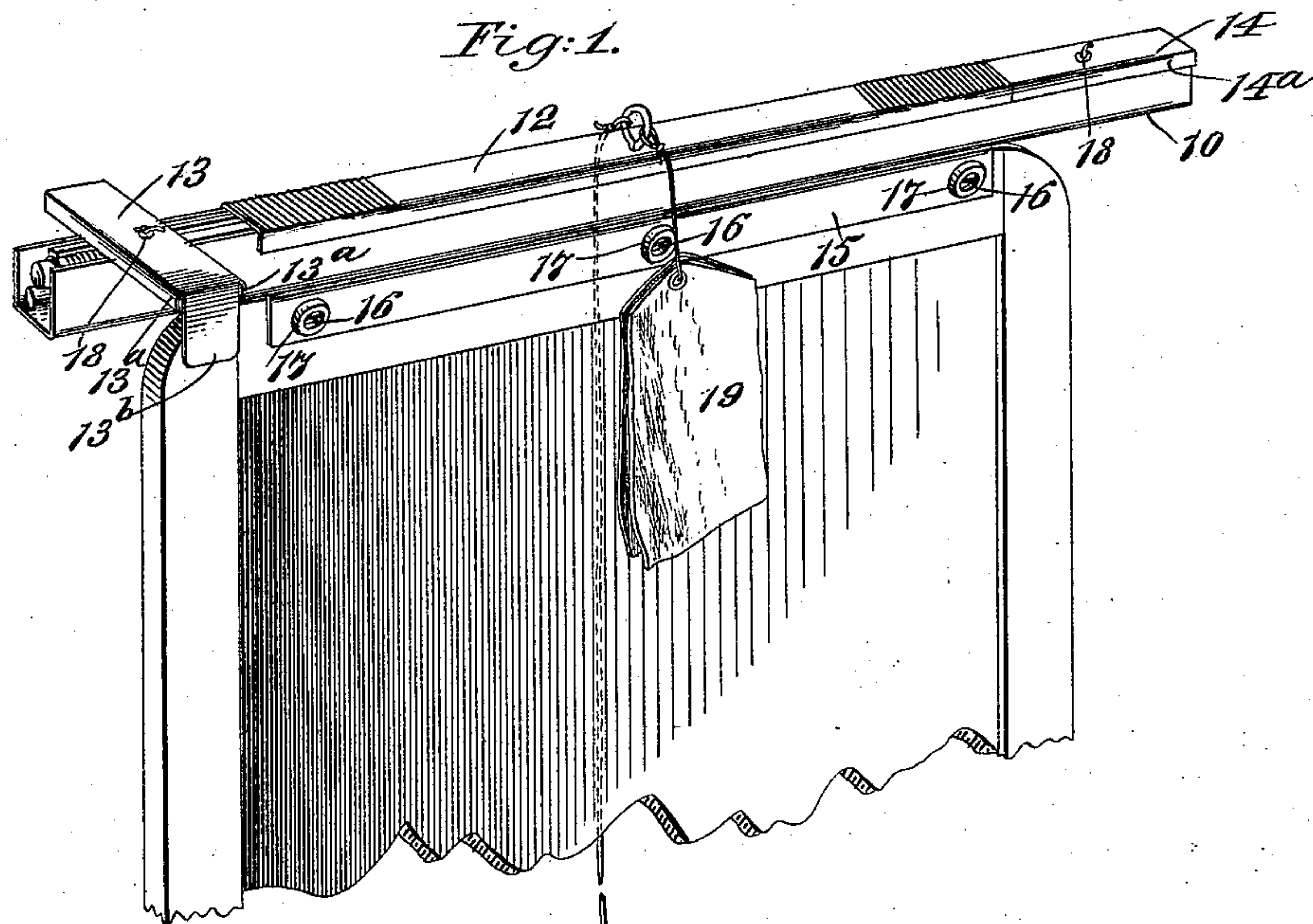
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## PENCIL OR PEN HOLDER FOR SLATES OR DRAWING-BOARDS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, PHILIP EDWARD HANNUM, of Carterville, in the county of Jasper and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Improved Pencil or Pen Holder for Slates or Drawing-Boards, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to an improved device for attachment to a slate frame, drawing board, or back of a writing tablet, which serves as a holder for pen holders, slate pencils, lead pencils, erasers, a rule, knife and other small articles that are necessary accompaniments of a school slate or drawing board.

The object of my invention is to provide a neat, shapely and readily attachable device of the character indicated, which when attached to the frame of a slate, or the edge of a drawing board, will afford a convenient receptacle for the compact stowage, and easy, quick removal as needed, of small instruments or articles that are adjuncts of common use, for the purposes of writing with ink or pencils or for drawing, in schools or other places.

To this end, my invention consists in the construction and combinations of parts, as is 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 shown.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvements attached to an end portion of a slate frame, the latter being shown broken. Fig. 2 is an enlarged sectional side view of the slate frame in part, and of the improved holder appliance secured on the end strip of the frame, the section being taken on the line 2—2, in Fig. 3, and Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view, on the line 3—3 in Fig. 2.

The major portion of the novel holder appliance consists of a rectangular case 10, that is preferably formed of sheet metal, but may be constructed of any other available material.

The case 10 is afforded sufficient length to adapt it to contain slate pencils, lead pencils, a pen holder, pens, a small ruler, and if needed a small knife and erasive gum, the latter being held in a small compartment of the case, produced at one of its ends by the introduction therein of a transverse partition wall 11,

shown in Fig. 2. The top wall or cover of the case 10 is divided into three portions, the longest of which is secured permanently on the side walls of the case, at about an equal distance from its ends, and for convenience in manufacturing the device, an end portion of said main cover piece 12, is bent at a right angle and inserted within the case, to form the partition wall 11, before mentioned.

The shorter cover pieces 13, 14, are alike in construction, each consisting of a sheet metal piece that is rectangular before it is bent into form, and has its parallel side edges turned in the same direction at right angles to the intermediate portion, thus producing two parallel border flanges on each cover piece, as shown at 13<sup>a</sup>, 14<sup>a</sup>, in Figs. 1 and 3. There is a sufficient length afforded each cover piece 13, 14, to permit these parts to have an end flange 13<sup>b</sup>, 14<sup>b</sup>, turned in the same direction as the side flanges, and when impinged on the latter, at the ends of the same, produce end walls for the cover pieces that will seal the open ends of the case 10, when the parts 13, 14 are adjusted to close the case 10, as represented in Fig. 2, the border flanges of said cover pieces then loosely embracing the side walls of the case so as to hold them aligned with the intermediate portion 12.

The preferred means for attaching the case 10 to the edge of a slate frame, or border of a small drawing board, comprises two parallel clamping plates 15, that are bent from a single piece of sheet metal and spaced apart, so that when the flat intermediate web portion which is integral with the clamping portions is secured on the bottom wall of the case, the clamping flanges or plates 15, will lie about in the same planes with the side walls of the case, as shown in Fig. 3.

The clamping flanges 15 are oppositely perforated to permit an insertion of small securing screws or rivets 16, which may pass through the frame, as represented in Fig. 3. The securing screws or rivets have their enlarged ends embedded in the cupped washers 17, the latter being made of gum, or other slightly yielding material that will act as a buffer and sound preventer, these elastic cushion-like washers being clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 3.

The cover pieces 13, 14, are each preferably



secured in position on the case 10, by a piece of cord that is elastic, as indicated at 18, in Figs. 1 and 2; and these pieces of cord being passed through opposite perforations of the cover pieces and bottom of the case 10, near the centers of the parts 13, 14, have knots formed on their ends which project exteriorly of the case and cover pieces, the elastic strands being stretched sufficiently while forming the knots on their ends, to adapt said cords by their contraction to retain the pieces 13, 14, in closed adjustment on the open end portions of the case. When either cover piece is to be moved to permit access to the articles within the case, said cover piece is gripped by the fingers and thumb of the operator and lifted so as to slightly stretch the taut cord 18, which will allow the elevated cover piece to be turned at a right angle to its position when adjusted to close the case, which will dispose the lifted piece across the case and open the end of the case for the ready removal of articles within it. The closure of either or both ends of the case which have been uncovered as stated, can be effected by aligning the loose cover pieces with the fixed piece 12. Wire springs may be substituted for the cords 18.

If desired, the fixed top wall 12, may have its end portions serrated or otherwise roughened to afford means for the sharpening of a slate pencil or the sharp pointing of a lead pencil, and a small knife may be carried in the small end compartment of the case along with a gum eraser, to facilitate the erasure of ink or pencil marks.

For convenience in use, a pen wiper, shown at 19, and a sponge 20, may be removably secured to the top or side wall of the case 10,

near its longitudinal center, each by a wire strand or other flexible connection, so that there will be all the necessary conveniences for writing or obliteration of such marks, connected with the slate, and a pen wiper for use in case the device is applied to a writing tablet.

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

1. A pencil case comprising a hollow body having one end open and a portion of its top wall adjacent to said end also open, a cover-piece of a length adapted to close the opening in the top wall of the body and having an end flange adapted to close the open end of the body and side flanges adapted to embrace the sides of the body on each side of the opening in the top wall thereof, and an elastic cord connected at one end to the under side of the cover-piece and at its other end to the body, and adapted to hold said cover-piece normally in place, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, with an elongated sheet metal case open at each end, having a transverse partition near one of said ends, and also provided with a cover piece shorter than the case and secured thereto intermediate of its ends, of two loose cover pieces each flanged to embrace the sides and close the ends of the case, and elastic cords that clamp the loose cover pieces on the ends of the case and permit said cover pieces to be transversely adjusted on the top edges of the case near its ends, substantially as described.

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