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Fig. 1.

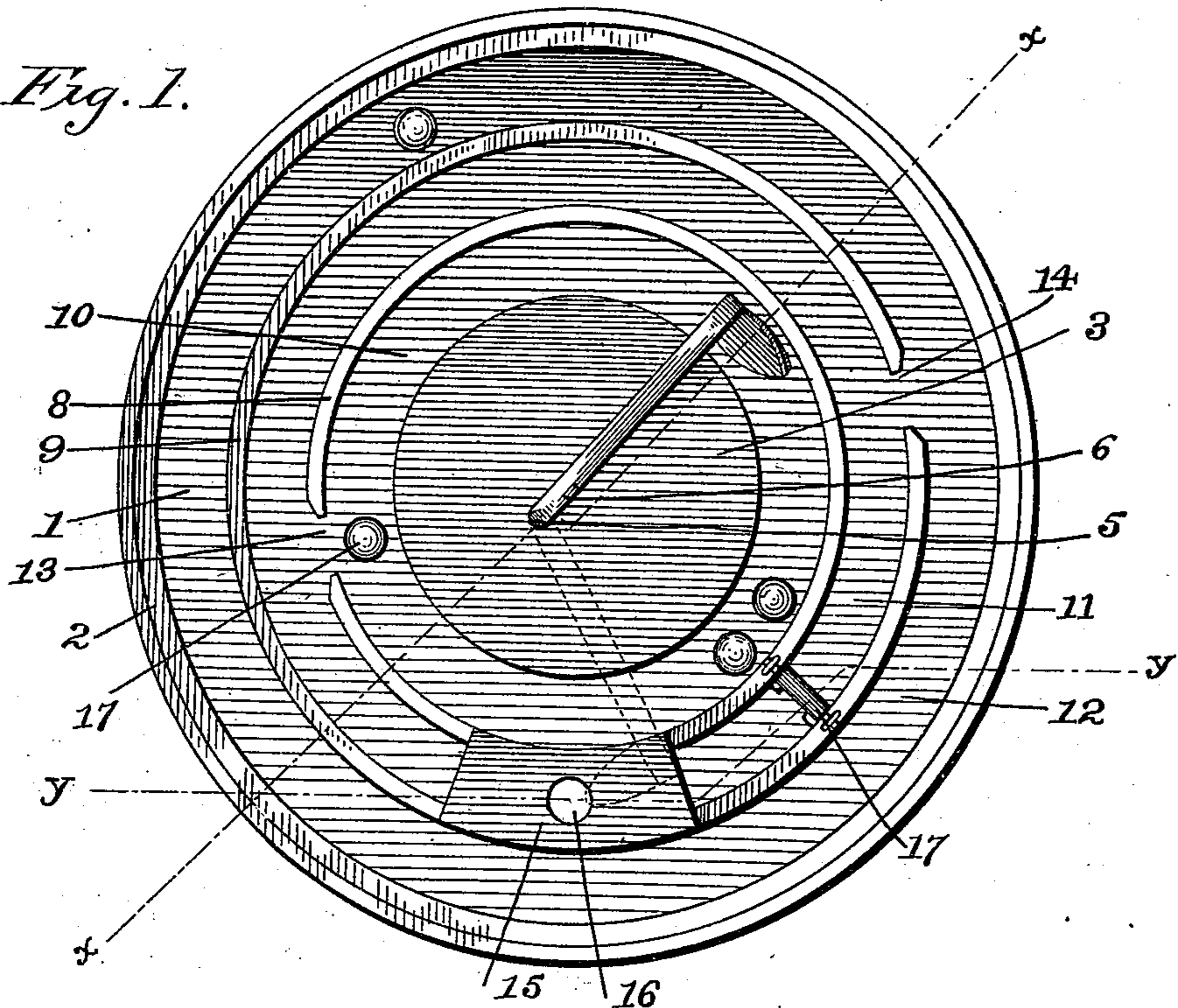


Fig. 2.

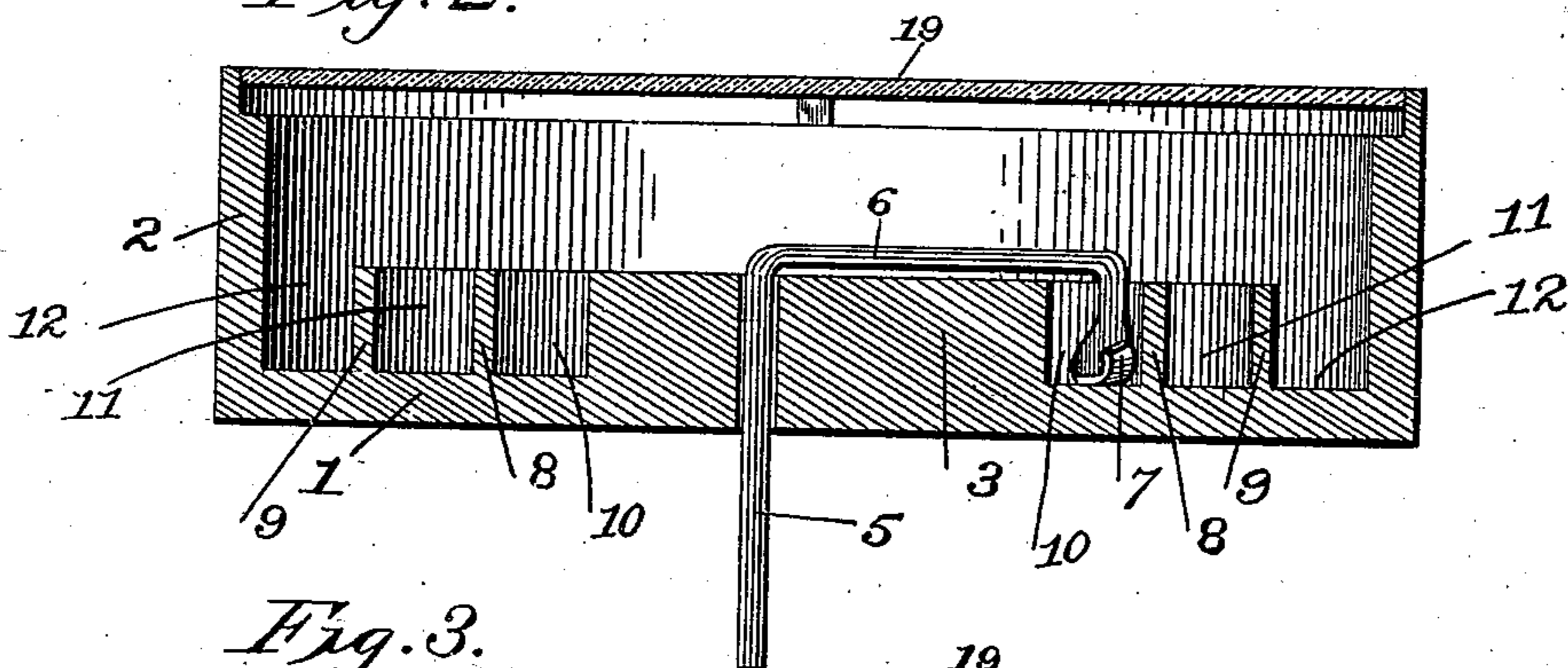
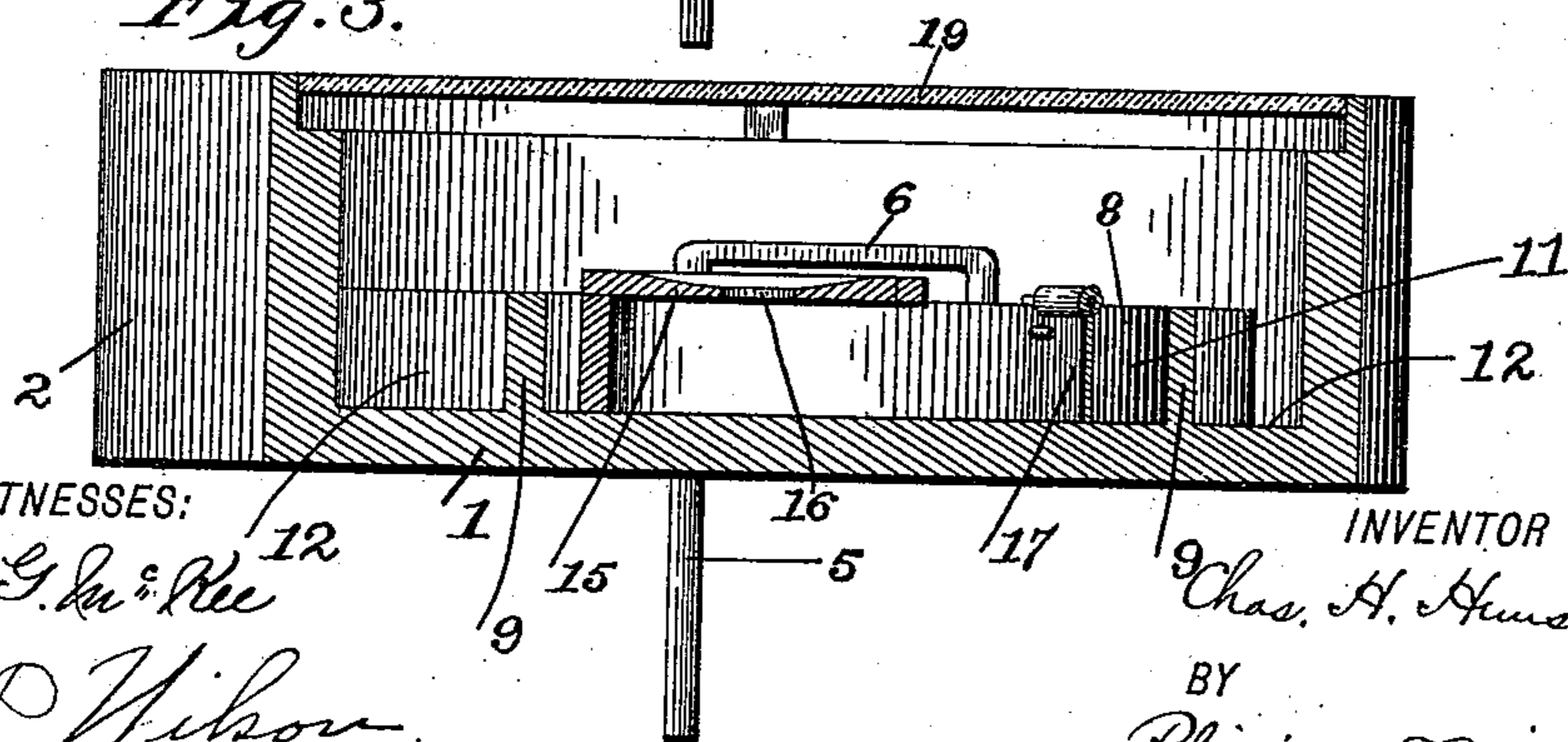


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. HUNSICKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Souderton, in the county of Montgomery and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in puzzles, the object of the same being to produce a device of this kind which will serve as an amusing pastime.

The invention consists, essentially, of an apparatus for carrying out the game or puzzle, the same being a casing, circular in horizontal section, having upwardly-extending flanges around the sides thereof, and covered with glass or other transparent material, so that the operative parts of the mechanism may be seen therethrough, but are kept within the inclosure. The bottom piece is formed with a central disk rising upwardly therefrom and two concentric partitions arranged between said disk and the outer flanges of the casing, said partitions having openings at opposite points therein, through which balls or bullets may be permitted to pass from the outside groove formed by said partitions to the inner one. At one point in the concentric partitions I locate an apartment adapted to hold the balls, having an opening in the top thereof, and in the groove between said concentric partitions, adjacent to said compartment, I locate a gate, which is adapted to open and permit the passage of the balls in one direction, but prevent their passage therethrough in the opposite direction.

In connection with the foregoing parts I employ a scoop, which is formed on the end of a flanged rod projecting eccentrically through the central disk of the casing and extending down through the bottom thereof, whereby the same may be operated by hand to elevate the balls to the innermost groove and deposit them in the apartment referred to.

The invention also consists in other details of construction and combination of parts, which will be more particularly hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a plan view of my apparatus with the glass top or cover removed. Fig. 2 is a vertical cross-section of the same on the line xx of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is a similar section taken on the line yy of Fig. 1.

Like reference-numerals indicate like parts in the various views.

My game is to be known as "King Grover's Fishing-Pond," and the different parts thereof are intended to represent the pond, fish, boats, and fishing-pole.

By reference to the drawings it will be seen that 1 represents a casing having a flat bottom and an annular flange 2, extending around the outside thereof. Centrally mounted on this casing is a circular disk 3, having a perforation 4 passing therethrough and through the bottom of the casing, through which passes a rod 5, extending below said casing and adapted to be operated by hand. This rod has an outwardly-extending flange 6, to which is connected at its end a depending scoop 7, for a purpose which will appear later.

8 9 represent two concentric partitions between the disk 3 and the flange 2, forming between them grooves 10, 11, and 12, respectively. The partition 8 is provided with an opening 13 at one point, and the partition 9 is provided with a similar opening 14 at a point diametrically opposite the opening 13. At one point in the groove 11 between the partitions 8 and 9 I locate a compartment 15, closed at one end and having a small opening 16 in its top. At a point a short distance from the open end of said compartment is a gate 17, which is adapted to open in a direction away from the compartment 15 and be closed in the opposite direction.

In connection with the apparatus just described I employ a series of balls or marbles 18. The casing 1 is covered by a sheet of glass 19 to prevent the balls from slipping out and at the same time enabling all the operative parts of the device to be seen from above. The grooves in the casing I term the "fish-pond," the balls the "fish," the rod and scoop "the pole and line," and the compartment 15 the "boat."

In playing the game the balls 18 are placed in the outer groove 12, and the object is to

get the same through the opening 16 into the compartment 15. The balls are first passed through the opening 14 in the partition 9 into the groove 11, and then through the opening 5 13 in the partition 8 into the groove 10. By raising and lowering and swinging the scoop 7 by means of the rod 5, to which the same is connected, the balls or bullets are one by one elevated and dropped into the opening 16 10 in the compartment 15. When all the balls have been thus placed in said compartment, the game has been completed.

The gate 17 permits the passage of the balls from the compartment 15, but prevents them 15 from entering the same by a short cut from the groove 11.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

The herein described game or puzzle consisting of a casing having a circular flange 20

around its outer edge, a central disk mounted therein, concentric partitions provided with oppositely disposed openings forming grooves between said disk and said outer flange, a compartment in one of said grooves having 25 an opening in the top thereof, a gate in said groove adapted to open outwardly from said compartment, a series of balls and a scoop connected with the outer end of a rod passing downwardly through said disk and adapted 30 to be operated by hand from the outside, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses. 35

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