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Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

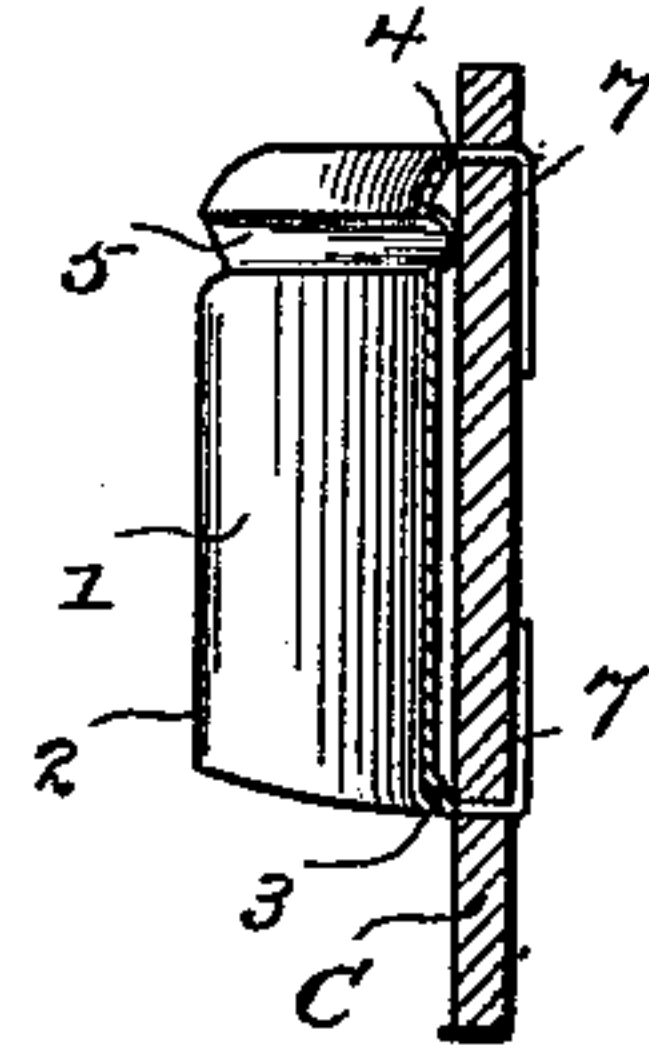
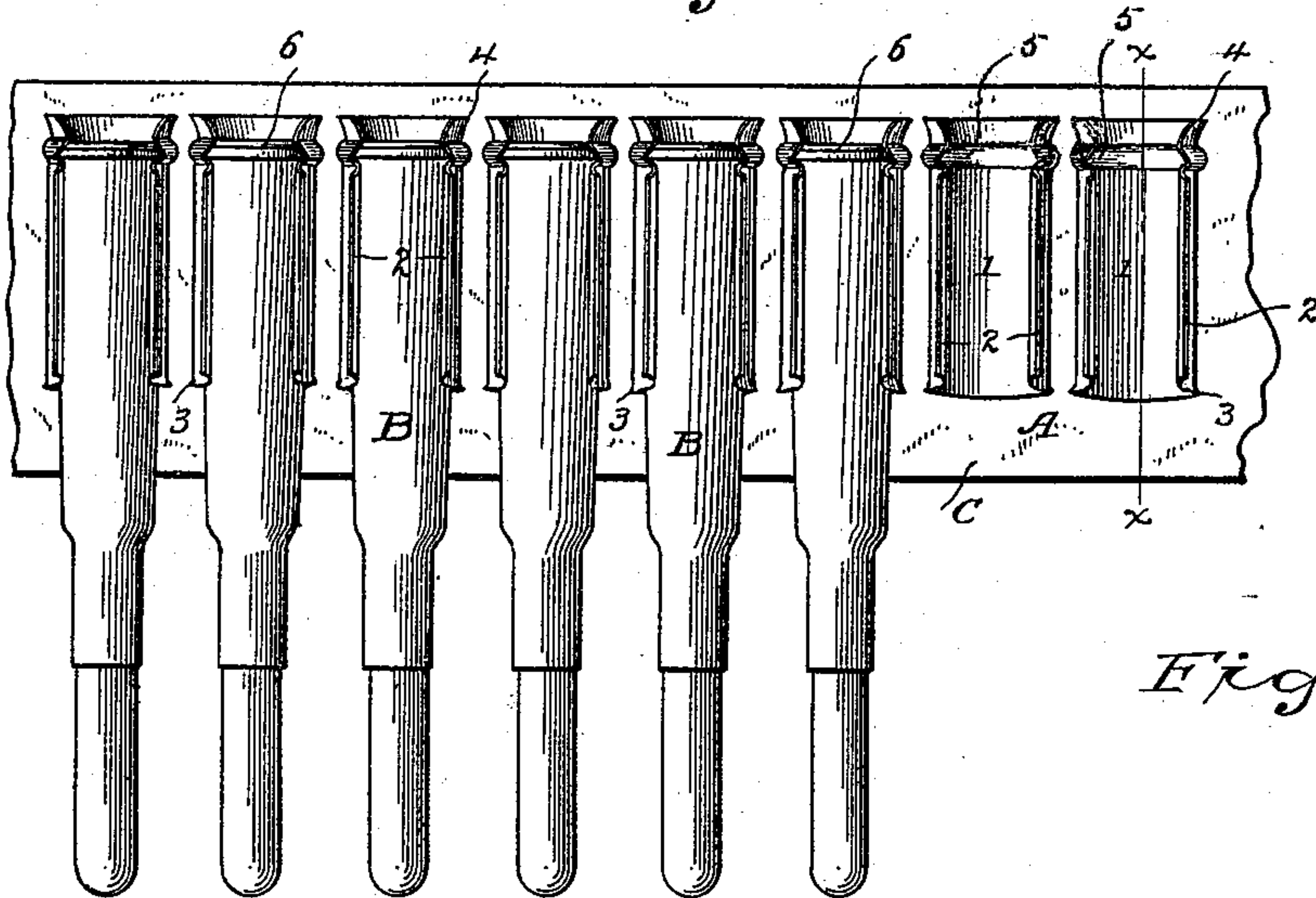


Fig. 3.

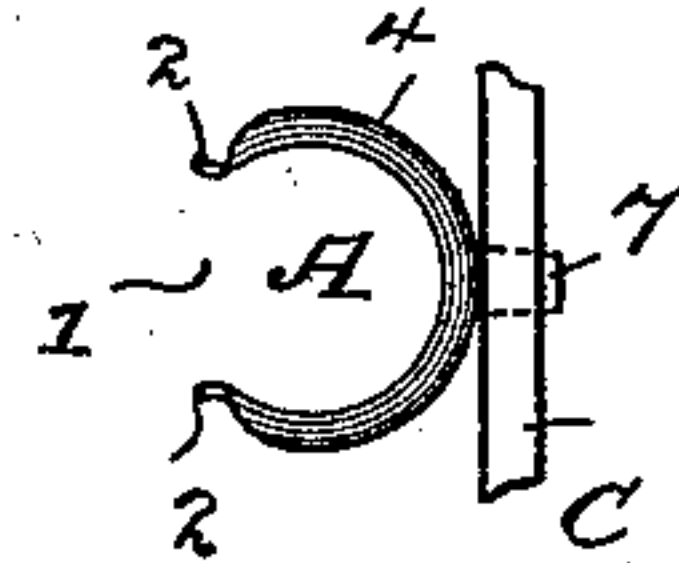
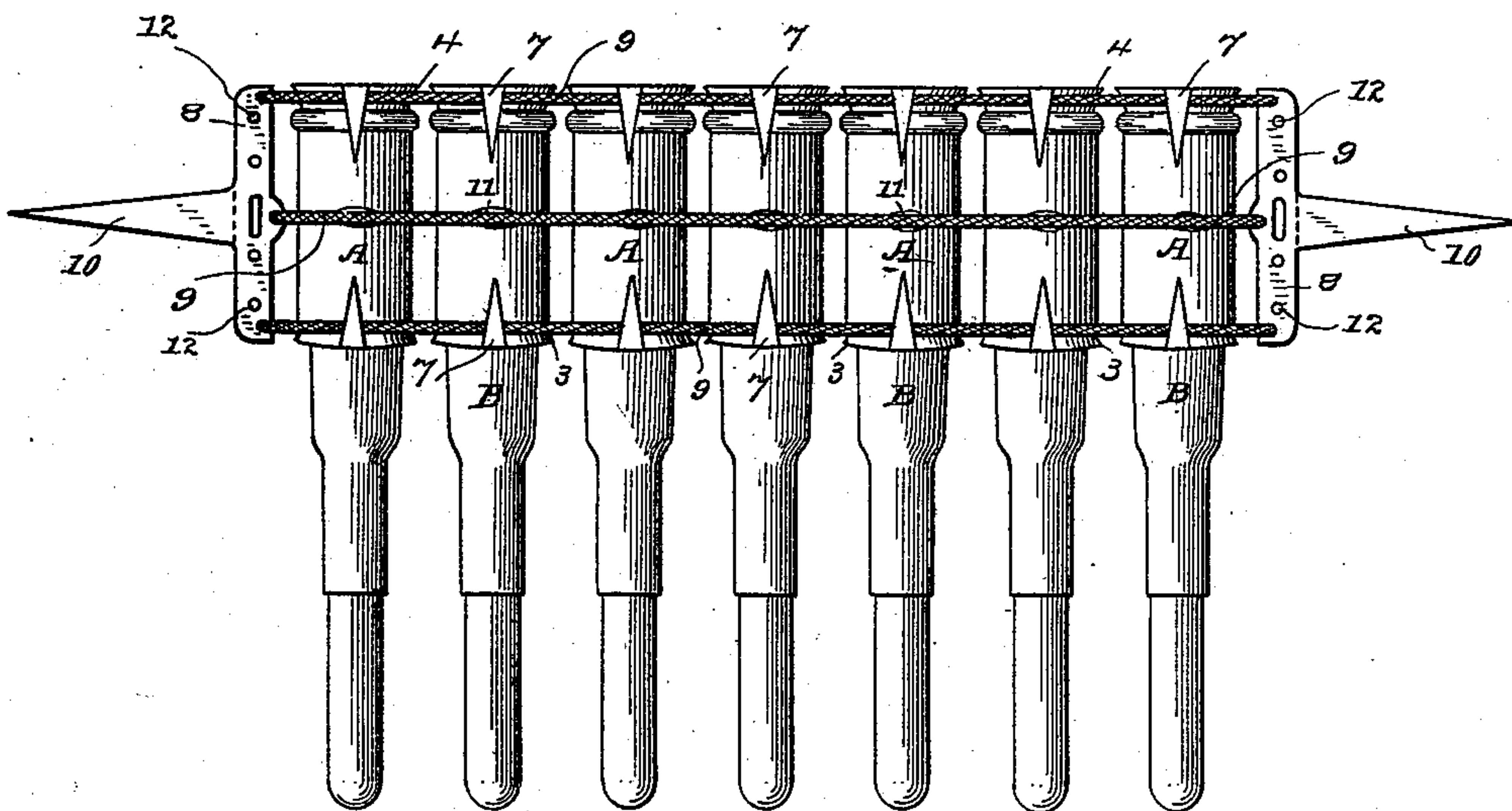


Fig. 4.



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## CARTRIDGE-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, RICHARD W. EVANS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cartridge-Holders; 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 has for its object to produce a cartridge-holder made of spring metal which will hold a cartridge firmly, but permit its ready removal; will permit a cartridge to be inserted from the top, bottom, or front, and which may be readily attached to or removed from a garment, belt, or other article upon which the user may wish to carry cartridges.

With these ends in view I have devised the novel cartridge-holder of which the following description in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, numbers and letters being used to designate the several parts.

Figure 1 is an elevation illustrating the use of my novel cartridge-holder upon a belt; Fig. 2, a section on the line *xx* in Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a plan view corresponding with Fig. 2, and Fig. 4 is a view illustrating a holder or magazine for cartridges which is adapted for general use where it is desired to handle a small number of cartridges in a body.

A denotes my novel cartridge-holder as a whole, which consists of a curved body formed from spring metal and adapted to partially inclose a cartridge, so as to hold it firmly. The body is provided with an opening at the front, the edges of which are preferably curved outward to form a flange 2, the bottom being preferably curved outward to form a flange 3, and the top being preferably curved outward to form a flange 4, these flanges being provided so as to insure that cartridges may always be conveniently inserted. Near the top of the body and below flange 4 I provide a groove 5, which is adapted to receive the head of a cartridge, the cartridge as a whole being designated by B, and C designating the article to which the holders are attached—as, for example, a belt or garment.

The holders may be attached in place in any suitable manner. As a convenient means for attaching them in place I have shown them as

provided with prongs 7, which may be made of the metal of the holders themselves and integral therewith or may be soldered or riveted thereto, if preferred. These prongs are adapted to be passed through or over the article to which the holders are to be attached and clamped down to retain the holders in place, as clearly shown in the drawing.

In Fig. 4 I have illustrated a magazine for holding a small number of cartridges, consisting of two plates 8, each of which may be provided with a prong or prongs 10 or with holes 12 as a means for attachment, and which are connected by chains, cords or wires 9, over which the prongs 7 of a number of the holders A may be closed. The holders may also be attached to the chains, cords, or wires by solder, as at 11. Prongs 10, when used, are adapted for attachment to a garment or in any place where it is desired to use the magazine.

The use of my novel cartridge-holders will be readily understood from the drawings. It will be seen that cartridges may be readily inserted from the front, top, or bottom of the holders, as the material of which the bodies of the holders are made is sufficiently resilient to permit it to spring outward to receive the head and body of the cartridge, the head of the cartridge being adapted to lie in the groove in the holder, as already stated.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. A cartridge holder consisting of a body having an opening in front, a groove to receive the head of a cartridge and flanges at the side of the opening and at the top and bottom to permit convenient insertion of a cartridge from front, top or bottom.

2. A magazine for cartridges consisting of plates 8, chains or cords by which said plates are connected and holders for single cartridges having openings to receive the cartridges, grooves to receive the heads thereof and suitable means, for example prongs, by which the holders are secured to the chains or cords.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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