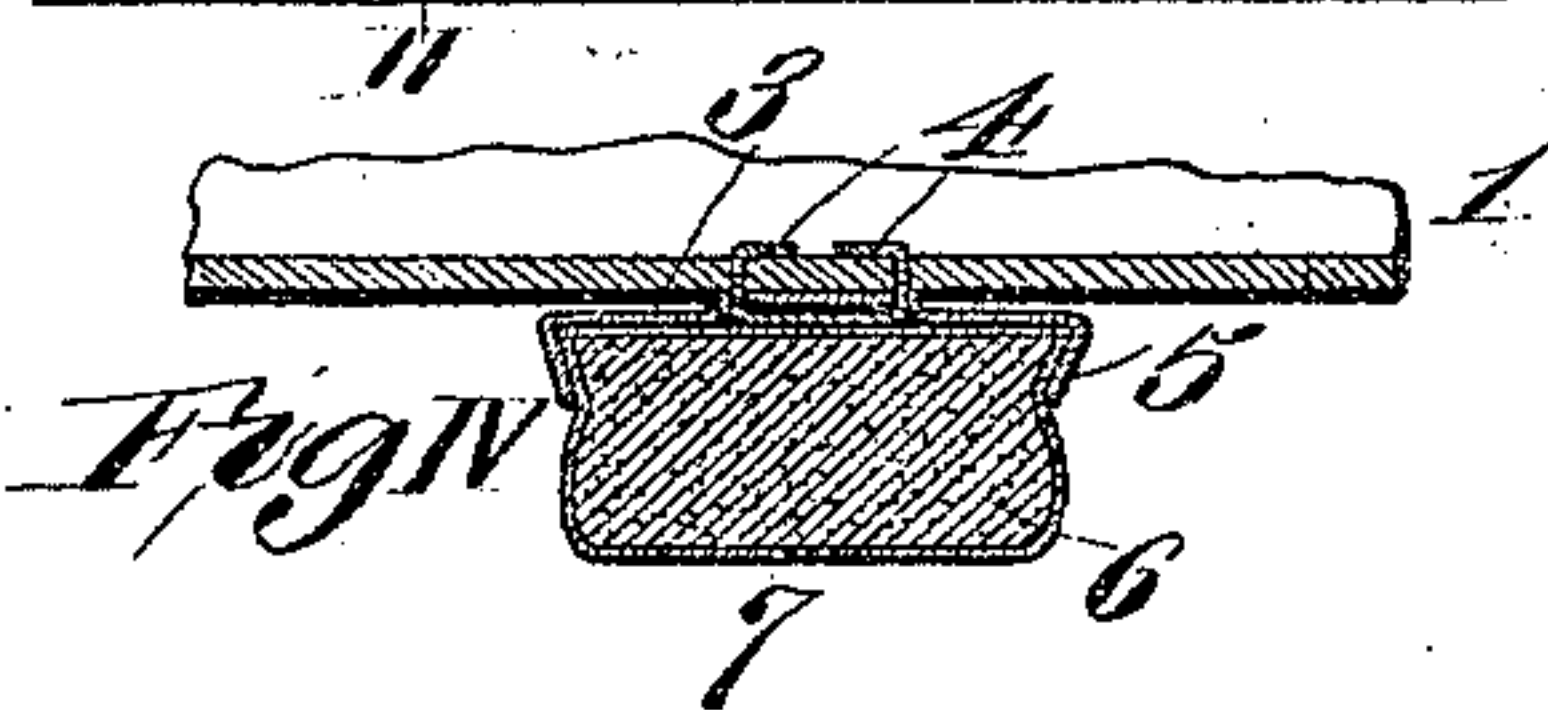
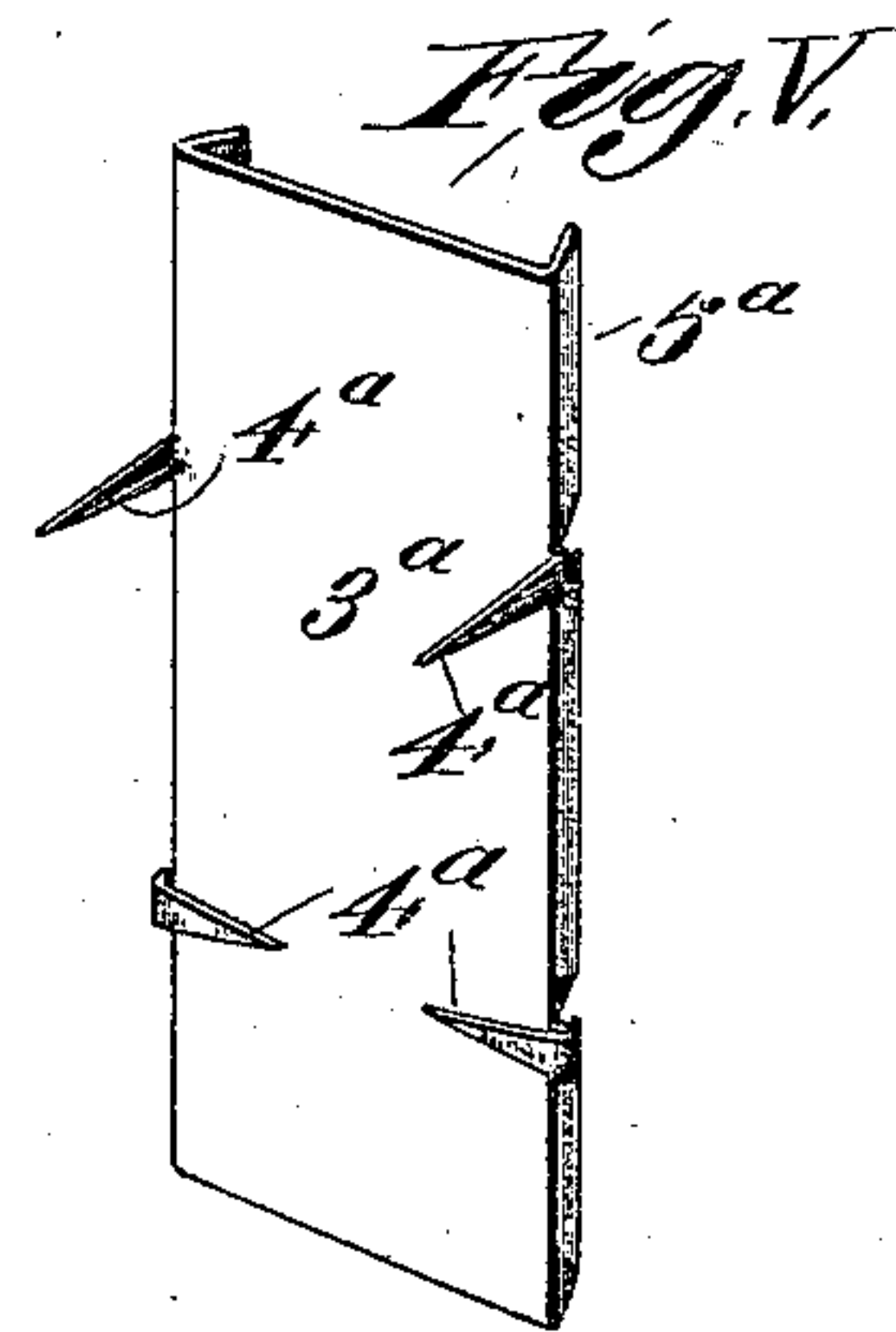
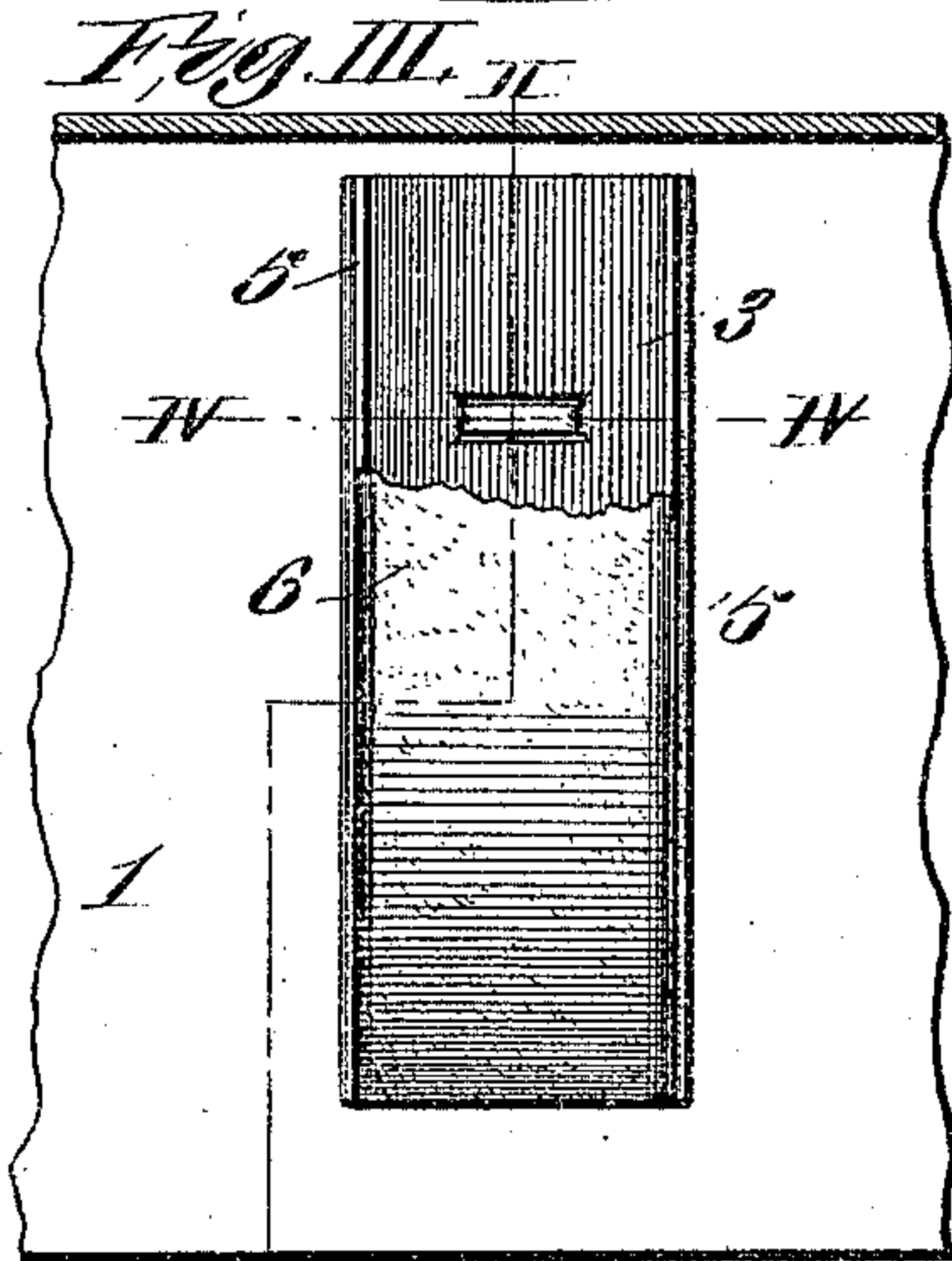
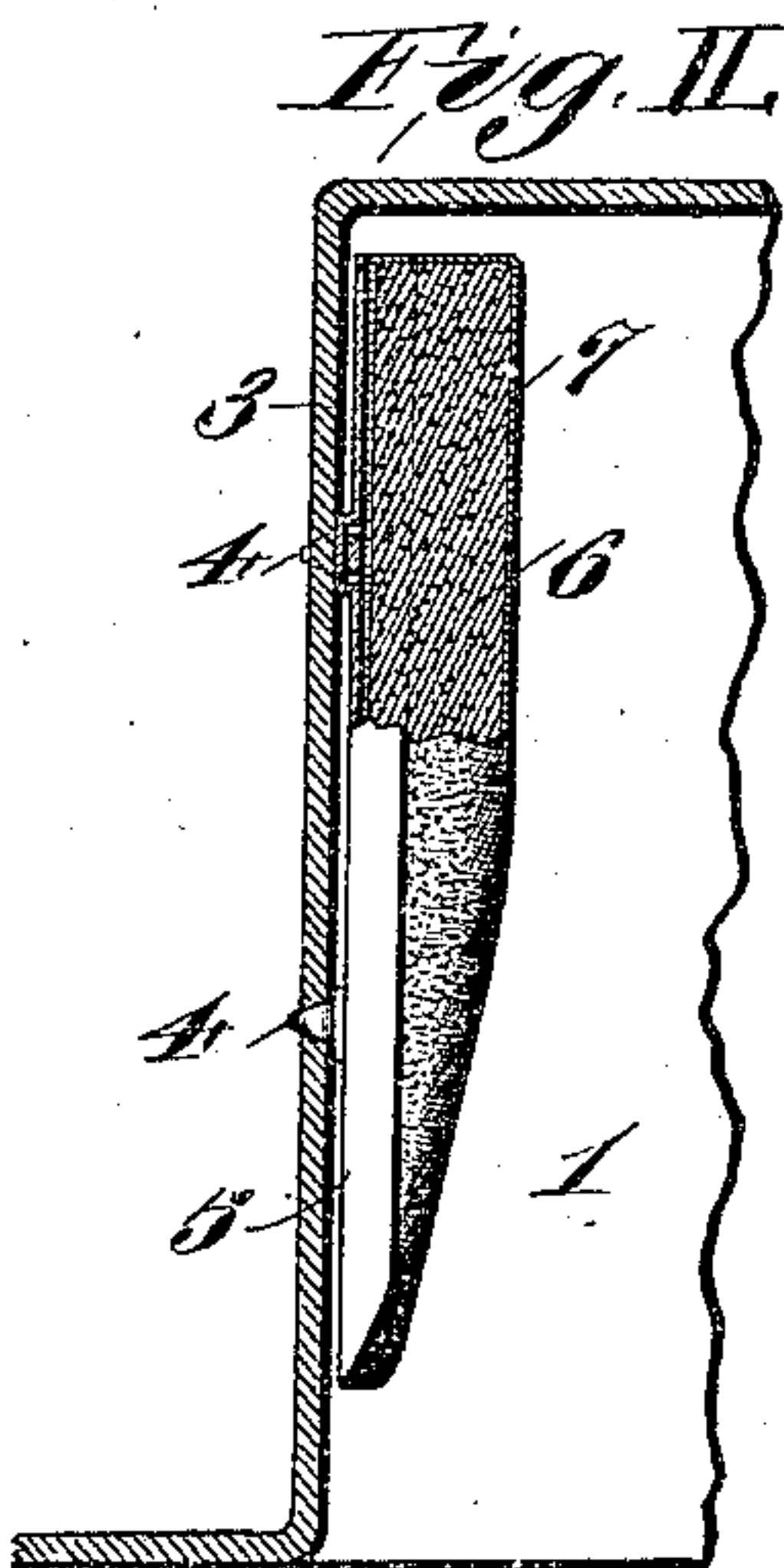
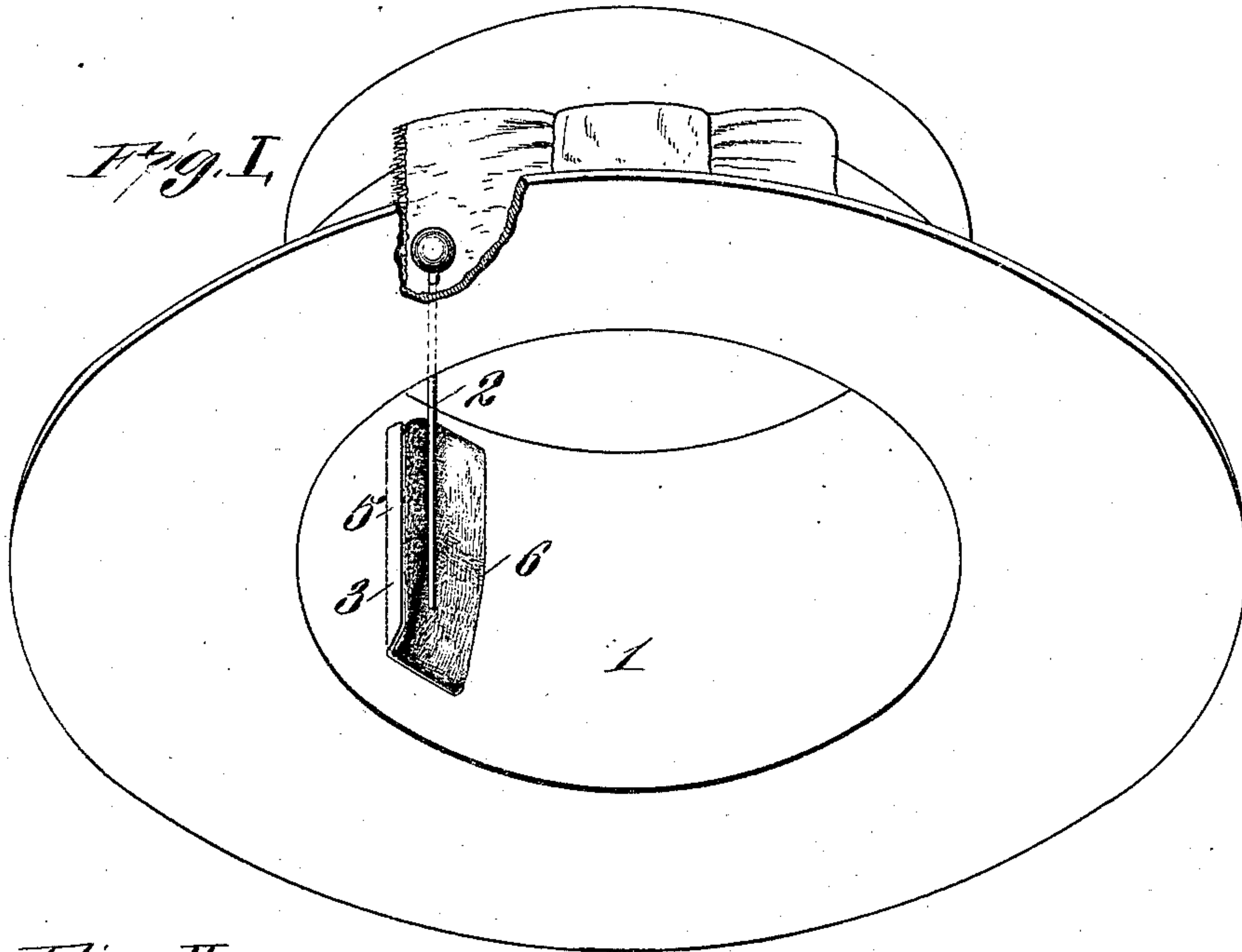


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY P. HUBBELL, of the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Cushions for Hat-Fasteners, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

My invention relates to a cushion for securing the ordinary fastening for securing ladies' hats or bonnets to the head of the wearer; and my invention consists in features of novelty hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

The object of my invention is to provide a hat or bonnet that employs the common hat-pin with a cushion in which the point of the pin is secured in the interior of the headwear, instead of being projected through the crown, and thus avoiding by the many insertions of the hat-pin an unsightly appearance to the headwear and its trimmings.

Figure I is an under perspective of a hat with my device applied thereto. Fig. II illustrates a vertical section taken on line II II, Fig. III, through the hat-crown and a portion of the fastener-cushion. Fig. III is a face view of the cushion, the upper portion being broken out to show the securing-plate. Fig. IV illustrates a cross-section taken on line IV IV, Fig. III. Fig. V illustrates a modification of the cushion-securing plate.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates a hat to which my invention is applied, and 2 a hat-pin of any common form. 3 designates an imperforate plate provided with prongs 4 through the medium of which the plate may be secured to the crown of the hat. These prongs are preferably of the form of a staple, as shown in the drawings; but I do not wish to limit myself to the use of staples, as it is evident the prongs might be attached or formed upon the plate in other ways. The plate 3 has its side edges 5 bent inwardly, in which position they are adapted to embrace the outwardly-inclined edges of the cushion 6 and hold it securely in place.

The cushion 6 I preferably form of cork; but I do not wish to limit myself to this ma-

terial, as it is evident other materials having the desired qualities might be used and be as efficient for the purpose. The cushion 6 is preferably inclosed in a cover 7 of cloth or other suitable material that will give an attractive finish to the exterior of the cushion.

In attaching the cushion to the hat the prongs 4 are passed through the crown of the hat and are then bent over to securely fasten them in position. The hat-trimming—such, for instance, as ribbon—is then placed around the crown of the hat and covers the ends of the prongs, and no portion of the fastener is therefore visible on the exterior of the hat.

In Fig. V, I have shown a modification of the cushion-plate in which 3^a designates a plate similar to that 3, with the exception that the prongs 4^a are formed from the material of the plate.

It will be understood that on the insertion of the point of the pin into the cushion 6 the point readily enters the soft cushion, but it is prevented from going through the hat by reason of the hard nature of the plate 3, which lies between the cushion and the hat. Hence there is no danger of the pin-point being passed through the hat and producing the injuries and unsightly appearance that occur in the use of a hat-pin passed entirely through the hat.

I claim as my invention—

1. In a hat fastener, the combination of an imperforate back plate provided with means for attachment to the hat and having side portions, and an exposed soft pad held to said back plate by means of said side portions; substantially as set forth.

2. In a hat fastener, the combination of an imperforate back plate provided with prongs by which it is attached to the hat and having inwardly inclined side edges, and an exposed soft pad formed with outwardly inclined side edges at its base forming a dove-tail joint with said inwardly inclined side edges of the back plate; substantially as set forth.

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