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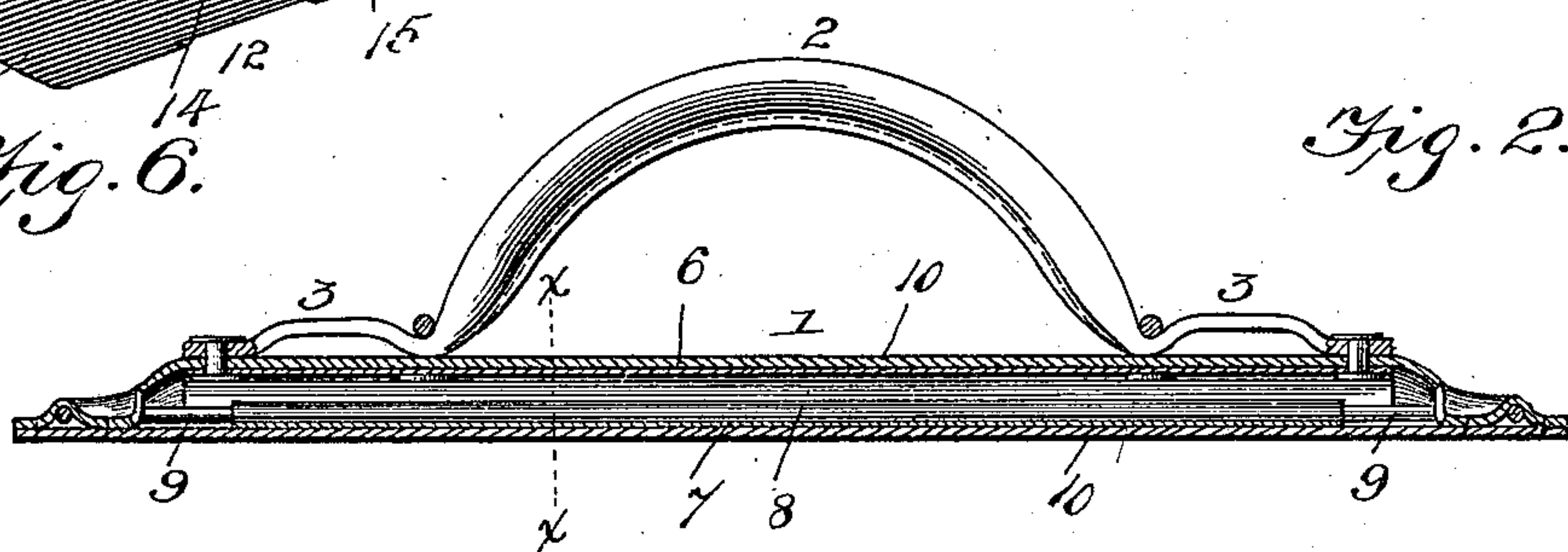
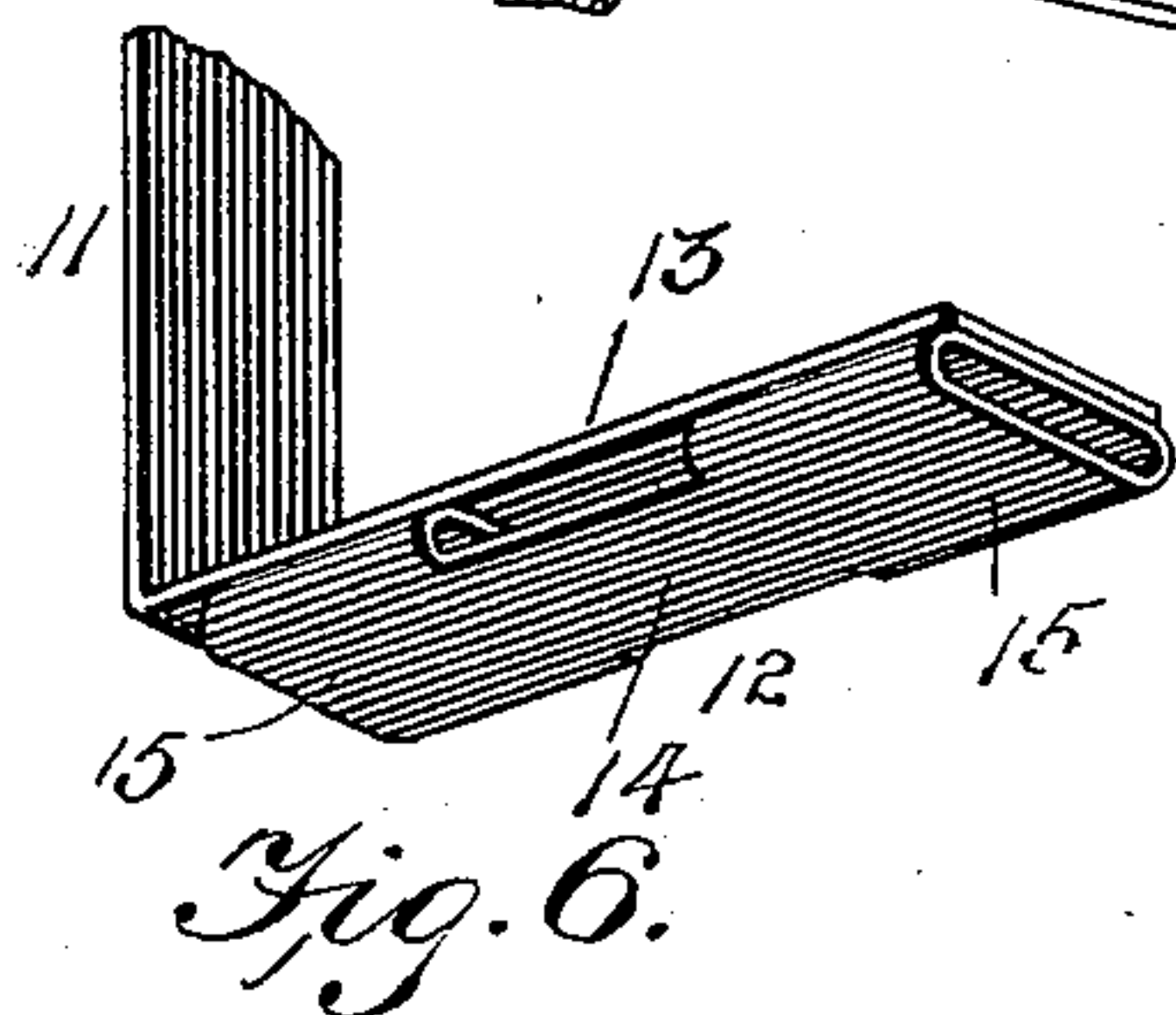
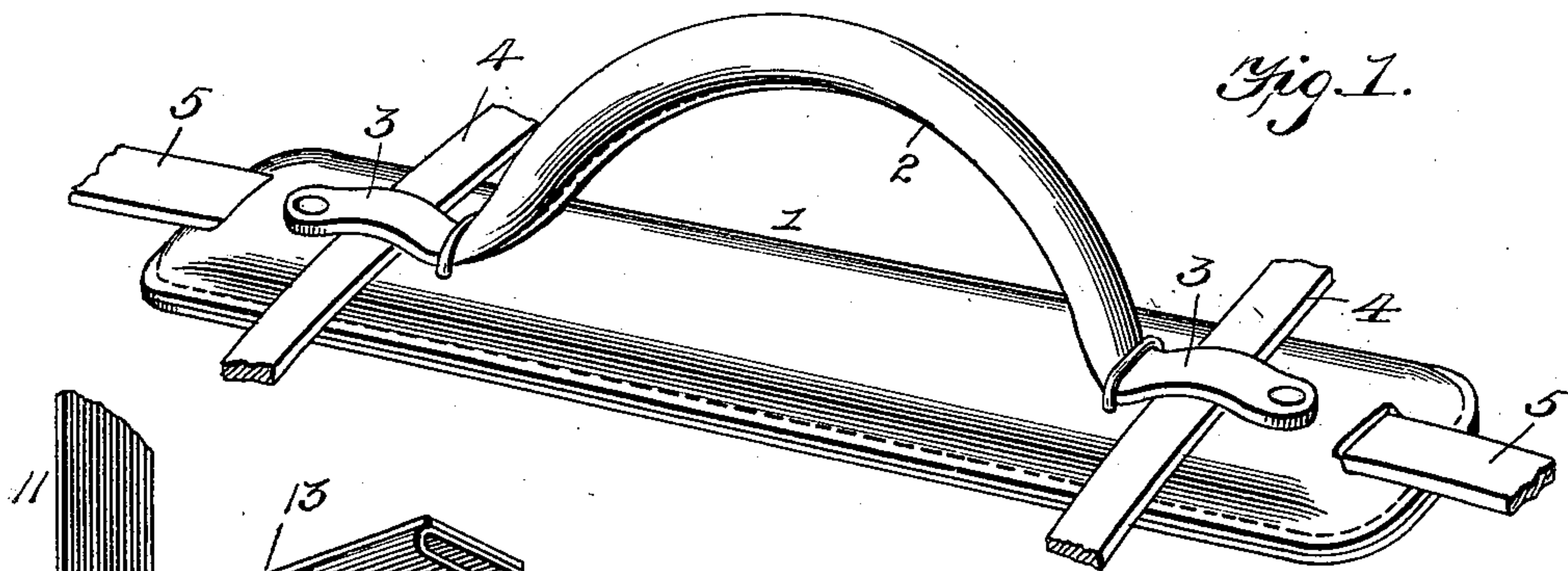


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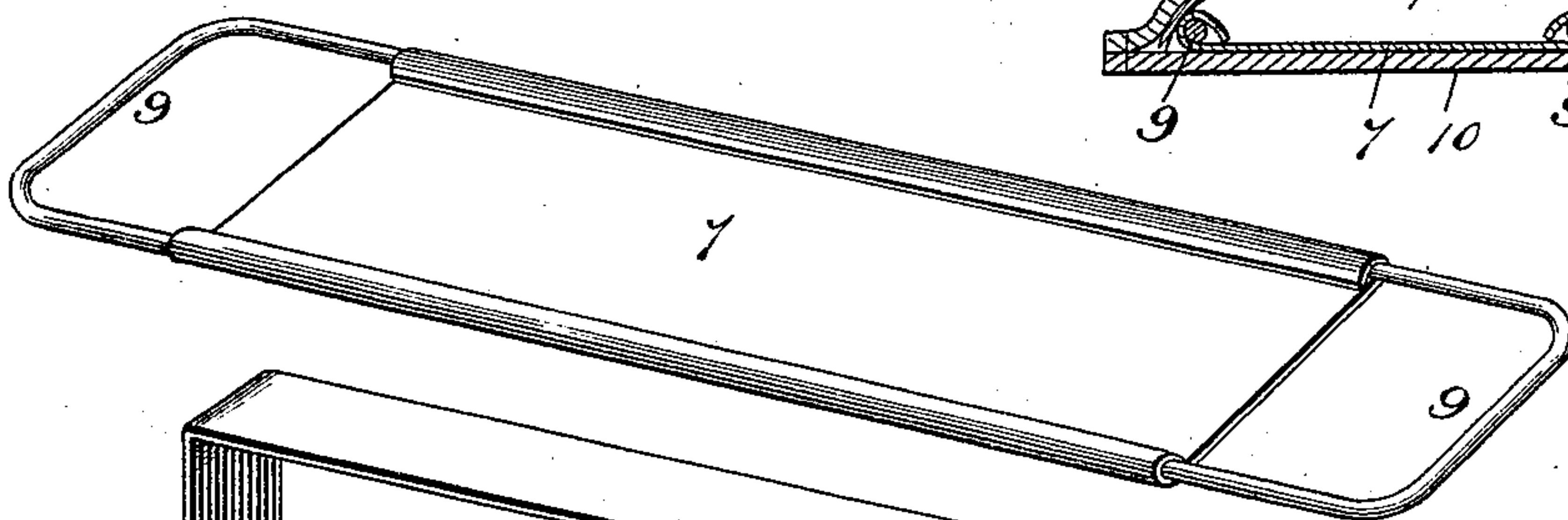
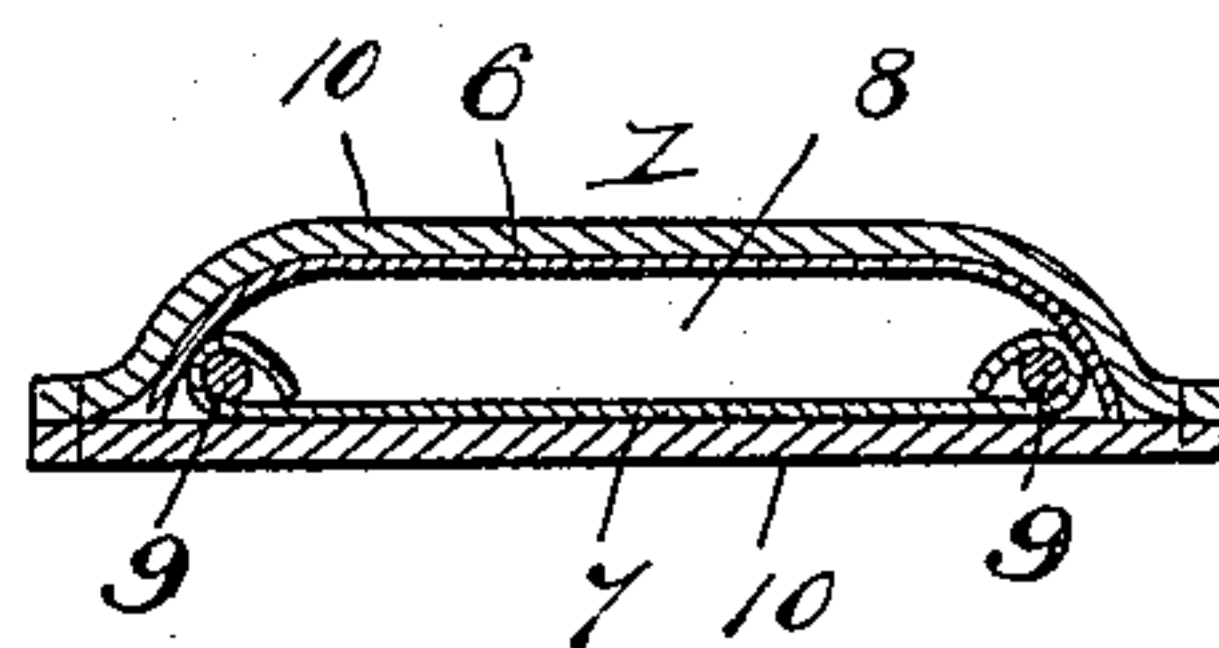


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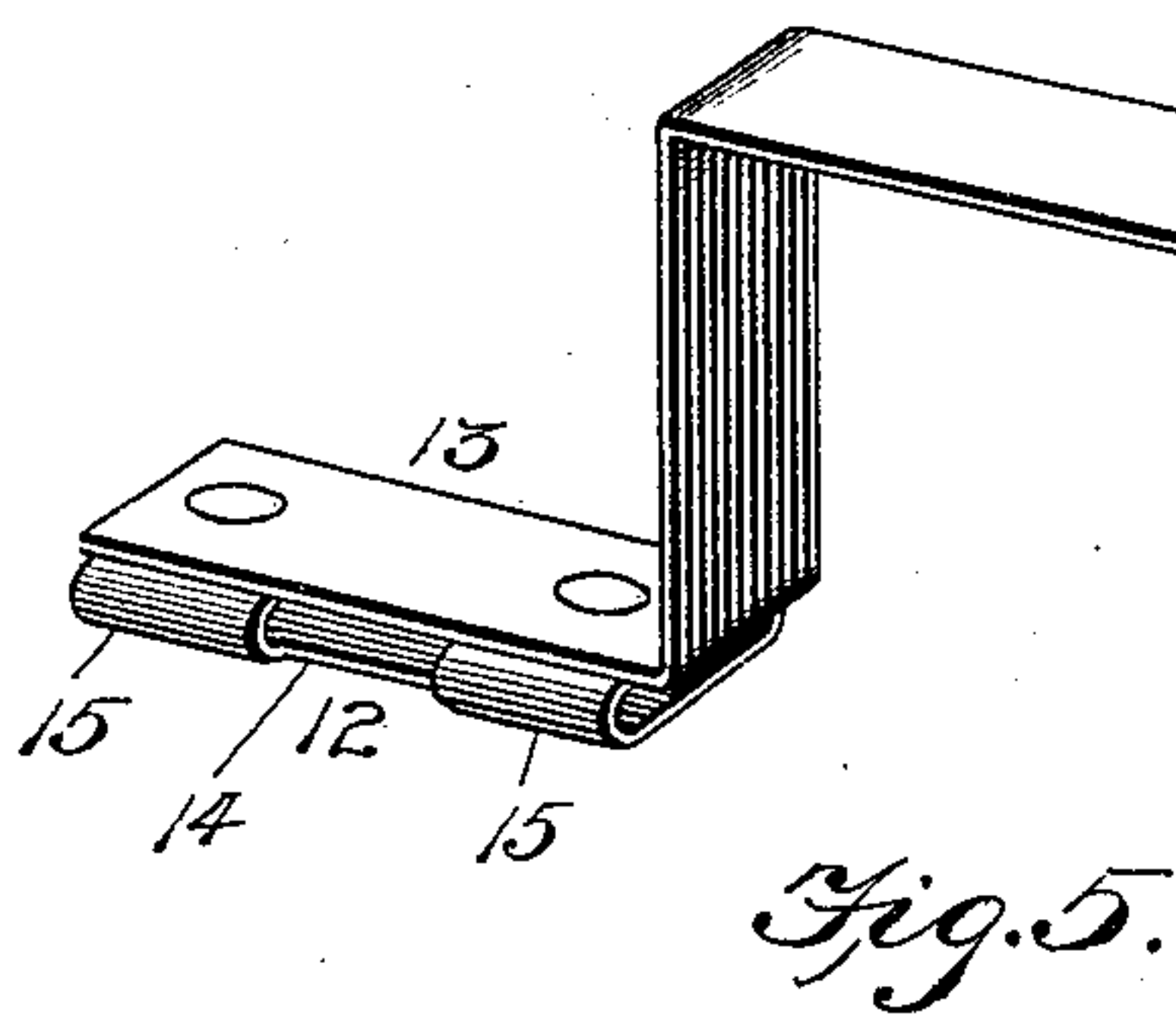


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## SHAWL-STRAP.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LOUIS PHELAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Francisco, in the county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented a new and useful Shawl-Strap, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to shawl-straps, and has for its object to provide a new and useful arrangement of straps for safely binding baskets, boxes, bundles, packages, and the like, while involving at the same time the construction of a handle or keeper, making provision for the retention of the straps in their original applied position.

For a full understanding of the merits and advantages of the invention reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings and the following description.

The improvement is susceptible of various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof, and to a full disclosure of the invention an adaptation thereof is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved shawl-strap or parcel-holder, the end portions of the straps being broken away. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the bar or plate, the straps being omitted. Fig. 3 is a cross-section on the line X X of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a detail view of the lower section entering into the formation of the bar or plate. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a modification. Fig. 6 is a detail view of an end portion thereof.

The same reference-numerals denote corresponding and like parts in all the figures of the drawings, in which—

1 indicates the bar or plate; 2, the handle secured thereto, so as to provide end loops 3; 4, the transverse straps passing laterally through the end loops 3, and 5 the longitudinal strap crossing the straps 4 at right angles and extending through a longitudinal loop or passage of the bar or plate 1. The transverse straps 4 are passed laterally around the parcel, package, or bundle, and the longitudinal strap 5 encircles the same lengthwise, thereby fixing the position of the handle and straps and maintaining them in the original adjusted position.

The bar or plate 1 may be variously constructed, and as shown comprises a top section 6 and a lower or bottom section 7, and between these sections is formed the passage 8, constituting in effect the longitudinal loop through which the strap 5 extends. These sections 6 and 7 may be formed of any suitable stout material, sheet metal being preferred because of the ease of manipulating the same. The top section 6 is arched between its edges, so as to form the passage 8, and is of a width corresponding to the lower or bottom section. To give additional strength and rigidity to the bar or plate, the lower section 7 is attached to a wire frame 9, which corresponds in shape to the outline of the completed bar or plate, the edge portions of the sheet-metal section 7 being bent around the side members of the frame 9 and the latter having its end portions projecting a short distance beyond the ends of the sections 6 and 7. The sheet-metal section 7 is applied to the bottom side of the wire frame 9, and its edge portions are bent upwardly, inwardly, and around the side members of the frame, thereby giving to the lower section a flat surface at its bottom side and increasing the depth of the passage 8 corresponding to the thickness of the wire frame, as will be readily understood. These sections 6 and 7 are held together in any convenient manner, preferably by inclosing them by a covering 10, which is stitched along its edges, said covering being of leather or other suitable material and having openings at its ends for the passage of the strap 5.

In the modification shown in Figs. 5 and 6 the bar or plate is deflected between its ends to form the handle 11, and keepers 12 are attached to the end portions 13 thereof. These keepers 12 comprise strips 14 and end loops 15, and the space between the loops 15 is closed by the end portions 13. The longitudinal strap 5 is passed through the loops 15, and the transverse straps 4 are passed through the spaces or loops formed between the strips 14, end portions 13, and the loops 15. If preferred, the keepers and handle-bar may be formed together, and the latter may have any desired shape and configuration, according to the taste of the manufacturer. The holder illustrated in the modification can be covered



and embellished in any desired manner and may be cast or formed of a sheet-metal strip or plate struck up into the required form.

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

1. A shawl-strap or package-holder comprising a plate or bar having a longitudinal passage and end loops, a longitudinal strap operating freely in the passage, and transverse straps crossing the longitudinal strap and passing loosely through the end loops exterior to the handle, substantially in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

2. A shawl-strap or package-holder comprising a bar or plate formed of top and bottom sections held together and having a longitudinal passage formed therebetween, a handle secured to the plate or bar and providing end loops, a strap passing loosely through the longitudinal passage, and transverse straps operating freely through the said end loops and crossing the longitudinal strap at about right angles, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

3. A shawl-strap or package-holder comprising a plate or bar formed of an upper and a lower section, a frame having its side members secured to the edge portions of the lower section and having its ends projecting beyond the extremities of the sections, the latter hav-

ing a longitudinal passage formed between them, a handle attached to the bar or plate and forming end loops, a strap extending through the longitudinal passage, and other straps crossing the first-mentioned strap at right angles and passing through the said end loops, substantially as set forth for the purpose described.

4. A shawl-strap or package-holder constructed substantially as herein set forth, the same comprising upper and lower sections, the former being arched between its edges, and a wire frame applied to the latter and having its end portions projecting beyond the extremities of the sections, a covering applied to and securing the sections together, a strap passing loosely through the space formed between the two sections, a handle having attachment with the plate or bar and providing end loops, and transverse straps crossing the first-mentioned strap at about right angles and passing through the end loops, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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