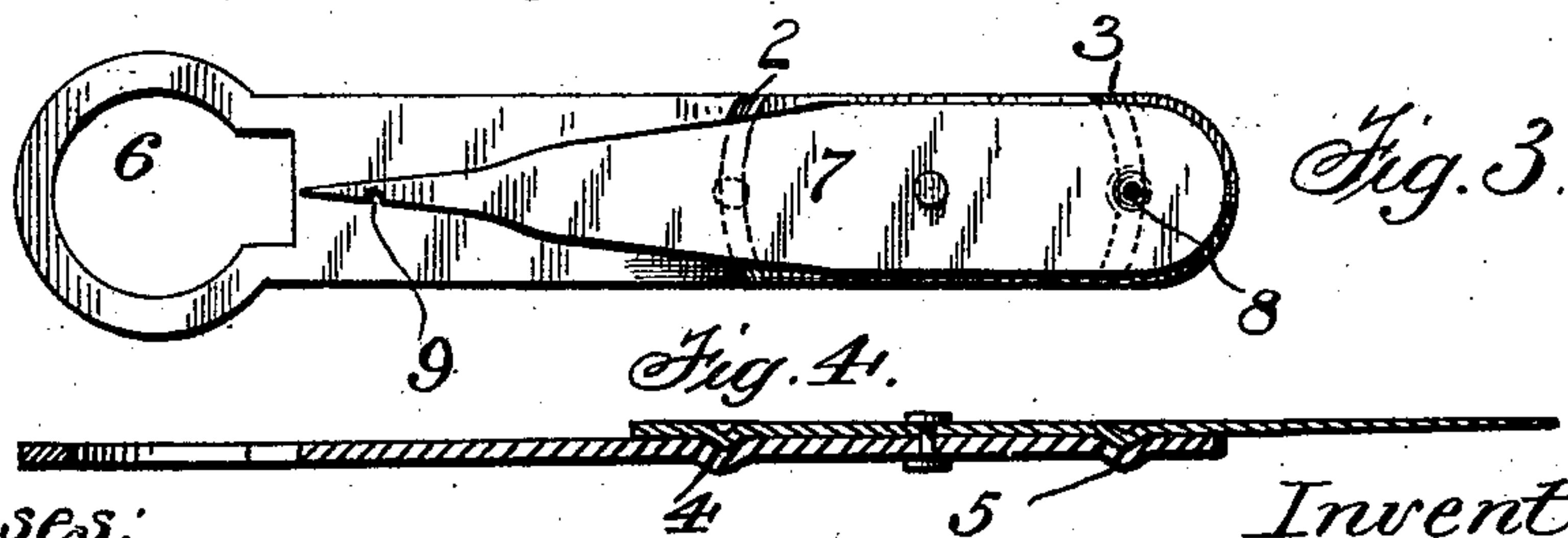
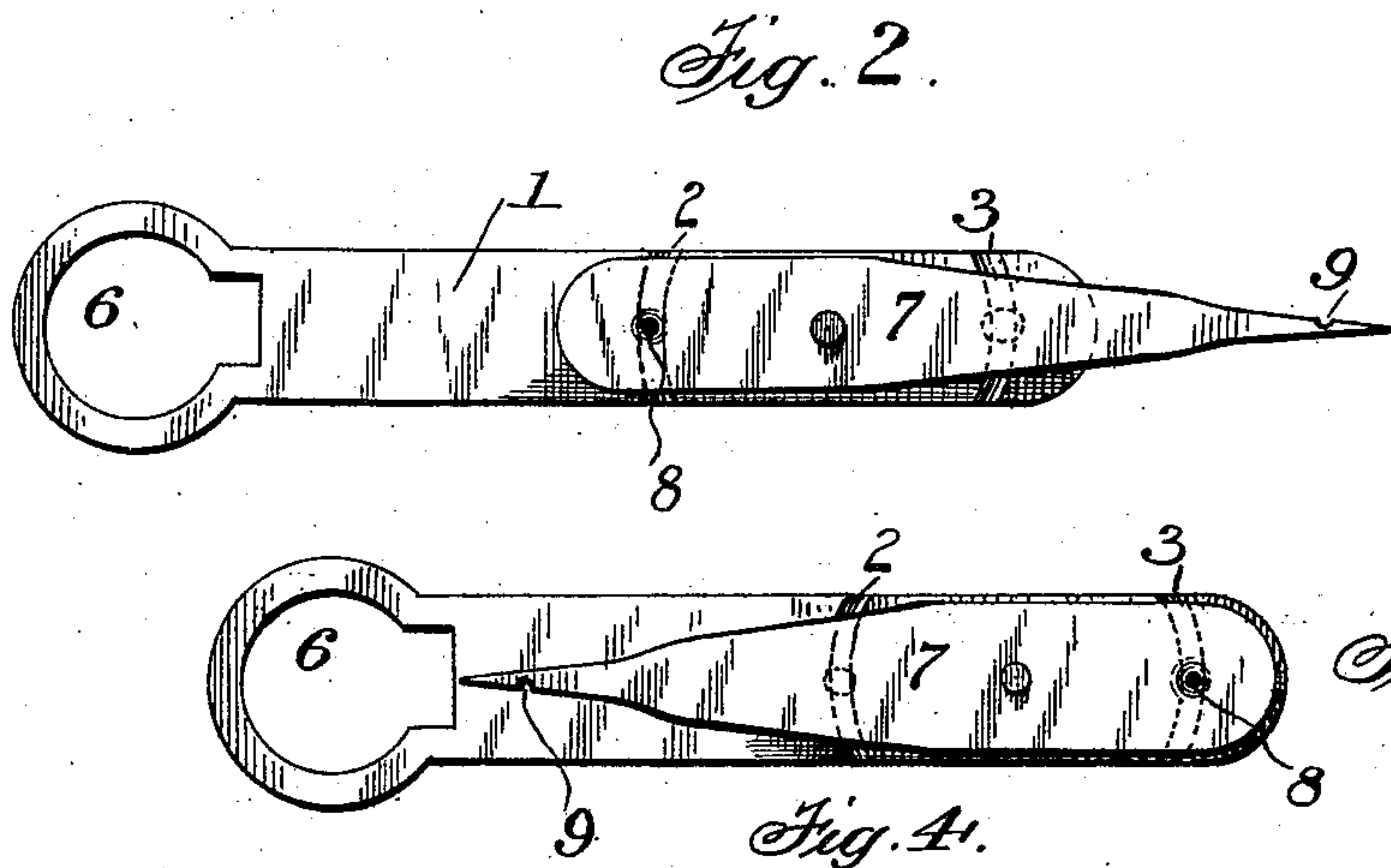
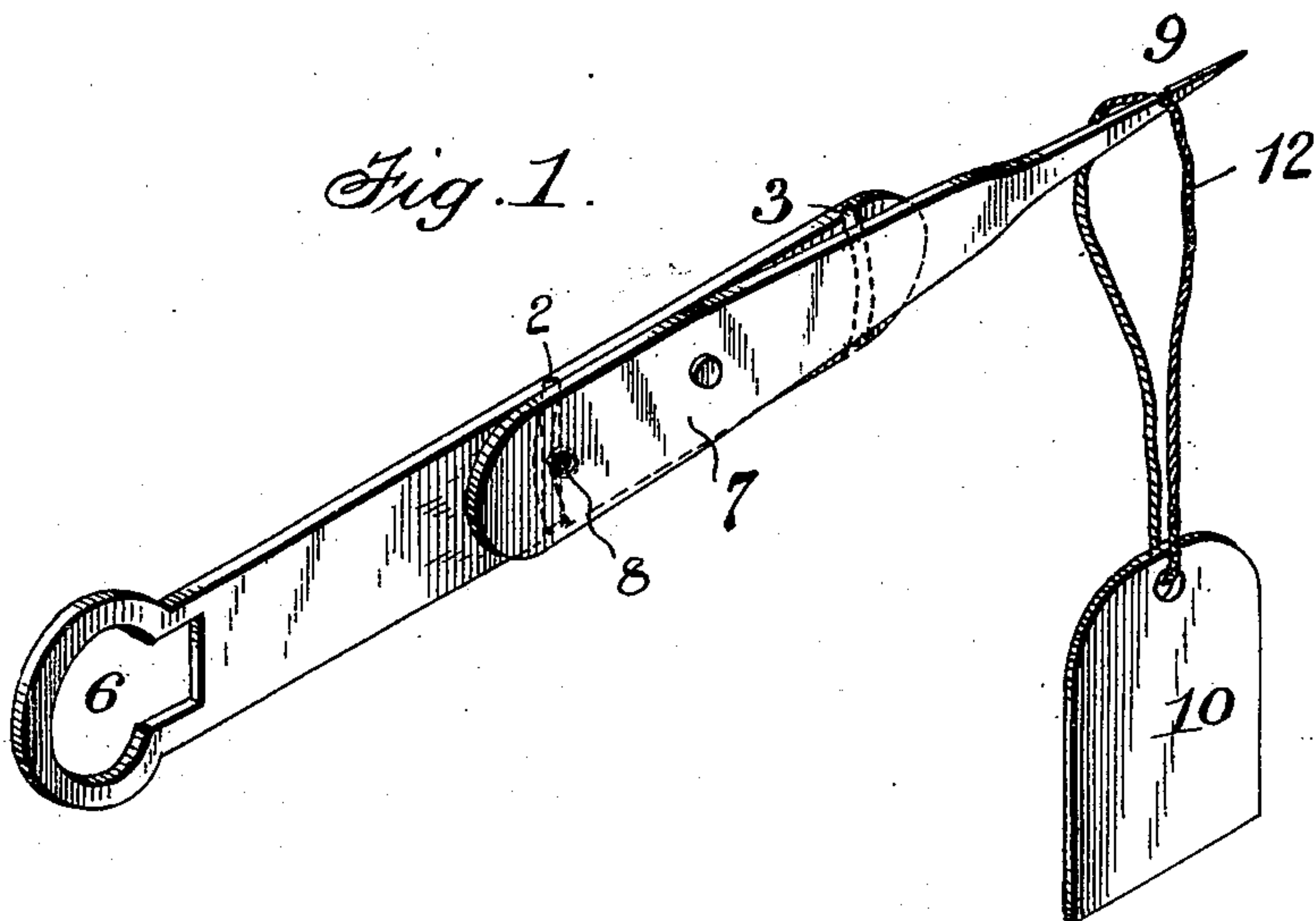


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## TAG-FASTENER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM AUGUST SEIBEL, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Independence, in the county of Buchanan and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tag-Fasteners; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to devices for securing tags with price-marks or other descriptive matter to goods, such as leather, cloth, and dress-goods in general, and its object is to provide an improved construction of the same which shall be simple and economical to manufacture and by which an ordinary tag provided with a string may be readily connected with the goods.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of parts herein-after fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the tag-securer, showing the manner of using the same. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the device. Fig. 3 is a similar view, the needle being closed.

In the said drawings the reference-numeral 1 designates a plate provided near each end on one side with curved grooves 2 and 3, in the center of which are depressions 4 and 5. This plate may be made of metal or other suitable material and at its outer end is formed with a loop 6, which serves as a finger-hold.

The numeral 7 designates a flat needle pivoted intermediate its ends to plate 1, near the front end thereof. One end of this needle is provided with a stud 8, adapted to engage with the depression in the plate. The other end of this needle is tapered to a point and near the pointed end is formed with a groove 9. The numeral 10 designates an ordinary paper tag, and 12 its string.

When the device is not in use, the needle is closed or shut by turning it upon its pivot, so that the pointed end will project inward and the other end be flush with the front end of the plate, as seen in Fig. 3. In closing the needle the stud thereof will travel in the curved groove 2 until it reaches the depression 4 in the center thereof, when it will spring into the same and hold the needle in position.

To use the device, the needle is opened so that its point will project outward beyond the front end of the plate 1, as seen in Fig. 2, the head on the needle engaging with groove 3 and depression 5. The tag-string is now engaged with the groove of the needle, said groove being up, and the point of the needle passed through the goods to which the tag is to be attached, carrying the string with it. The needle is then withdrawn, leaving the string in the goods, and the tag then passed through the loop of the string, whereby it is securely held in place.

By the above device the tag can be readily and quickly secured to the goods and the hole made by the needle will not appreciably affect the same. The tags being of ordinary stiff paper are very much less expensive than metal ones, while answering the purpose just as effectively.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim is—

As an improved article, the herein-described device for attaching tags to goods consisting of the plate formed with a curved groove near the end with a central depression, the pivoted needle pointed at one end and formed with a groove near said point, and the stud secured to the opposite end of said needle; substantially as specified.

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

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