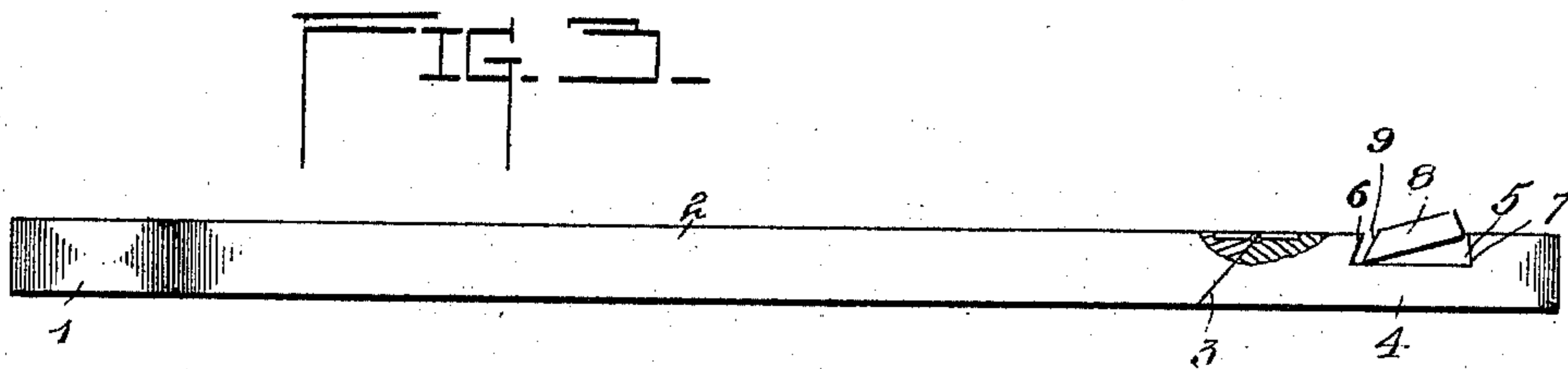
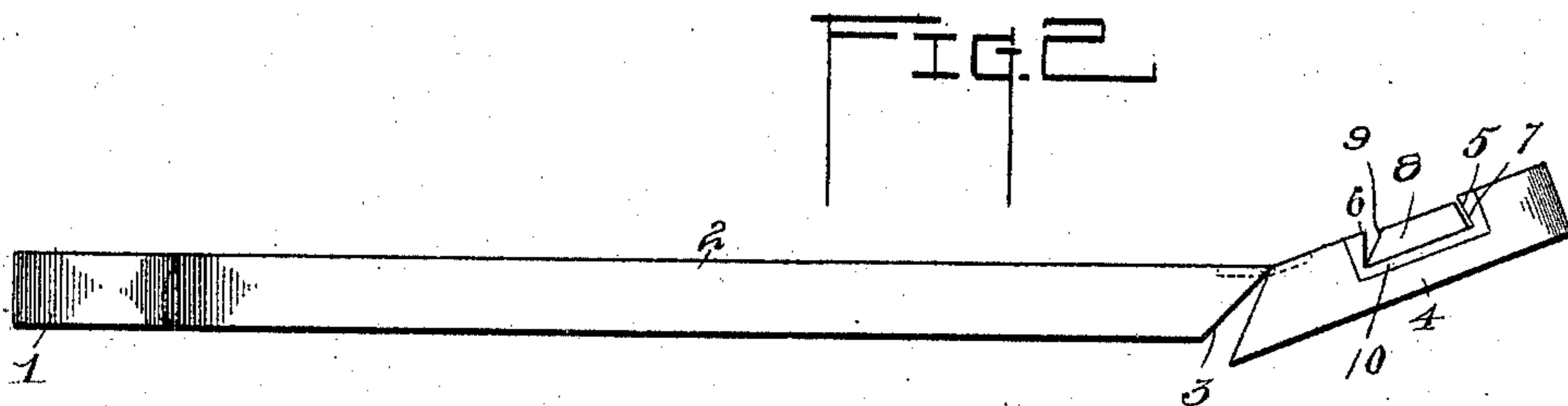
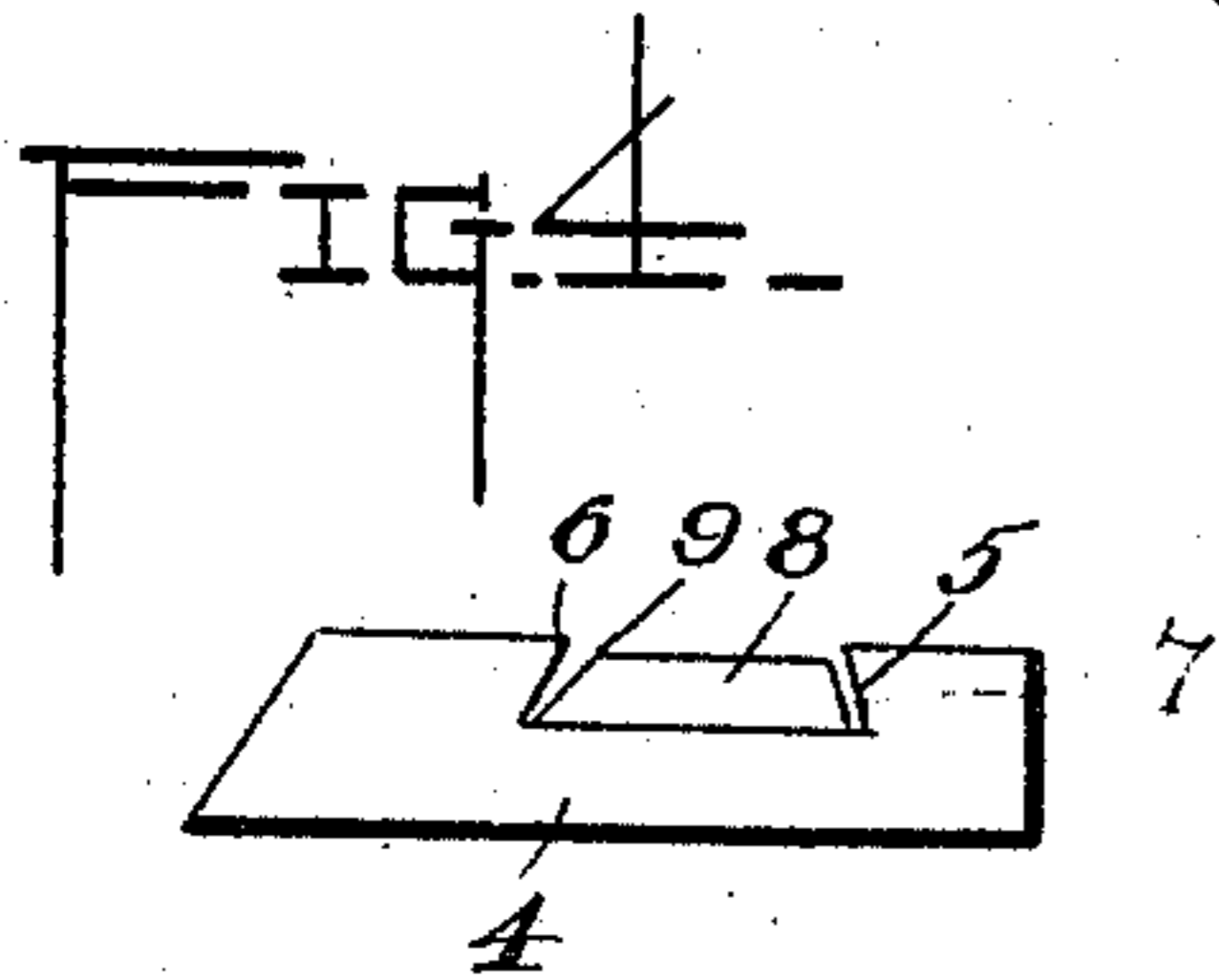
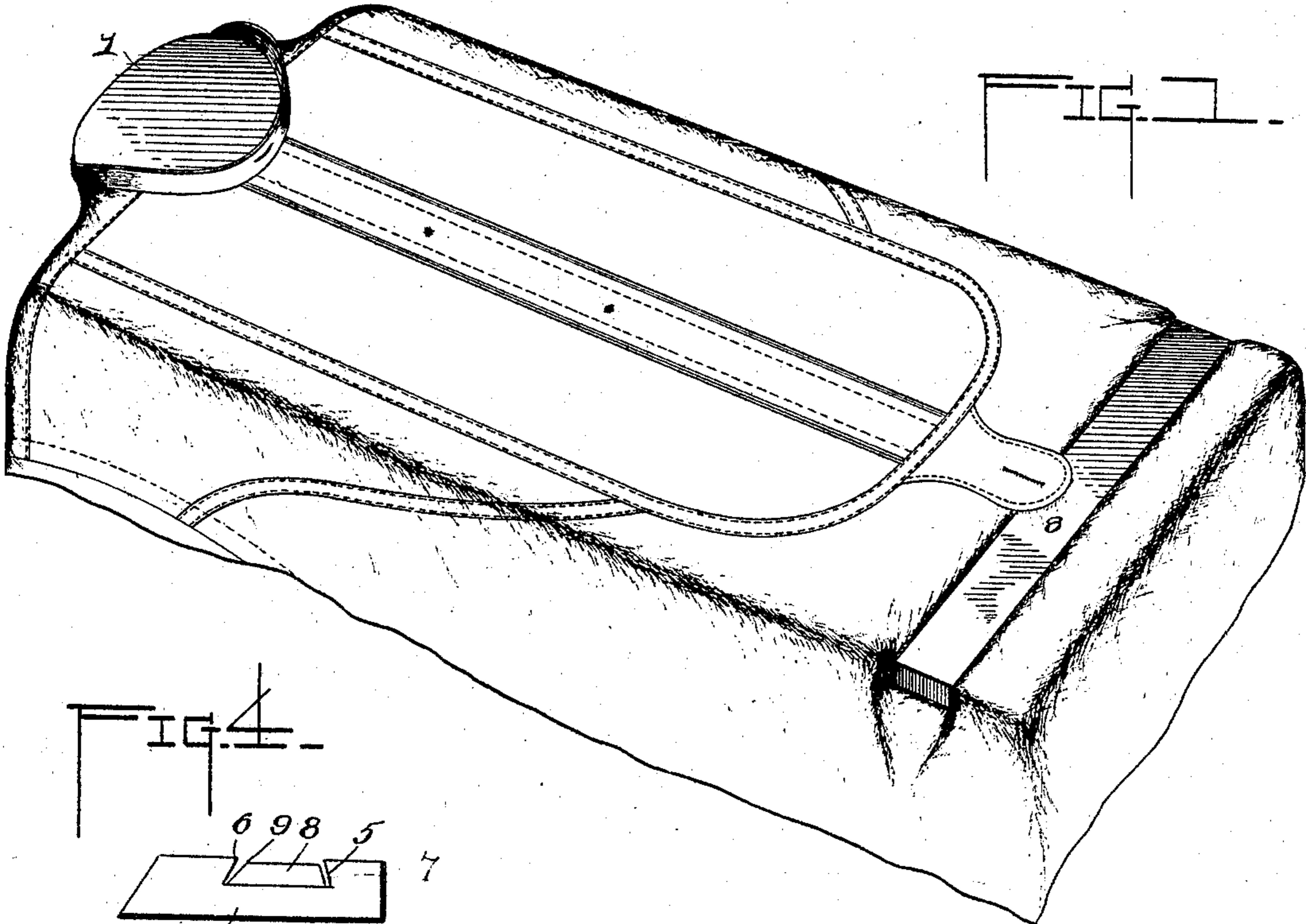


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IRONING-BOARD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, REESE C. A. JONES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Hillsborough, in the county of Montgomery and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Ironing-Board, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to ironing-boards, and more particularly to such as are specially designed for shirt-bosoms, and aims to provide a combined bosom board and stretcher which will hold a shirt-bosom under tension during the ironing process.

The invention consists in combining with a bosom-board a leaf or butt-section hinged or pivoted thereto, the meeting ends being beveled, and the said leaf having a transverse groove in its upper side with undercut edges, the inner edge being at a greater incline than the outer edge, and a key or clamping-strip to be fitted into the transverse groove and having its edges inclined to approximately conform to the inclined edges of the said groove.

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 a bosom-board, showing a shirt in position thereon. Fig. 2 is a side elevation showing the leaf tilted as it will appear when attaching the skirt of a shirt thereto. Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2, showing the leaf in alinement with the board, the manner of applying the key or lock-strip, and omitting the plate or bar, and having an edge portion broken away to show the relation of the hinge. Fig. 4 is an end view of the leaf or butt-section, to show more clearly the difference of inclination between the inner edges of the key and its groove, the key and groove being on a larger scale.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in the several views of the drawings by the same reference-characters.

The bosom-board is oblong in form and has an extension 1 at one end to pass through the neck of the shirt to be ironed, so as to retain the garment in place during the ironing operation, and the opposite end of the bosom-board 2 is cut straight across and beveled, as shown at 3, and a leaf or butt-section 4 is hinged or pivoted thereto, and the end adjacent to the beveled end 3 is of corresponding inclination and matches therewith and engages with the table or support upon which the bosom-board is placed, so as to retain the leaf in alinement with the bosom-board against the tension of the shirt when the latter is in position.

A groove or channel 5 is formed transversely in the face of the leaf 4, and the edges are undercut and of unequal inclination, the inner edge 6 being inclined more than the outer edge 7, so as to secure the key or lock-strip 8 in place when fitted into the groove. The key or lock-strip is constructed to fit loosely in the groove 5, and its edges are inclined to approximately conform to the inclined edges 6 and 7 of the groove, the inner or forward edge 9 being of greater inclination than the beveled edge 6, so as to admit of the rear edge of the lock-strip being tipped when it is desired to apply or remove it from its seat or groove 5. This is shown most clearly in Fig. 3.

The shirt to be ironed is slipped upon the bosom-board and the extension 1 of the latter enters the neck of the shirt and the leaf 4 is tilted, and the skirt of the shirt being drawn over the leaf the key or lock-strip is applied and depresses a portion of the skirt into the groove 5, after which the leaf is turned so as to aline with the bosom-board, thereby stretching the bosom, as will be readily understood. Care should be observed so as not to tilt the leaf too much. Otherwise the shirt will be torn when subjected to tension.

The precise location of the groove or channel 5 is immaterial to the successful operation of the invention so long as it will serve in conjunction with the lock-strip 8 to secure the skirt of the shirt to the leaf, and in some

instances this groove or channel will be formed directly in the leaf, but it is preferred to provide it in a plate or bar 10, which in turn is secured in a transverse seat formed
5 in the leaf. The lock-strip 8 may be of wood, metal, or other material found most advantageous. In the event of a metal strip 10 being employed it will be located so as to come flush with the side or portion of the leaf to
10 which it is applied. This strip 10 serves to strengthen the leaf and prevent warping and a parting thereof in the event of cracking.

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

15 An ironing-board having a beveled end, a leaf hinged to the beveled end of the ironing-

board and having its end of corresponding bevel to match therewith, said leaf having a transverse groove in its face formed with undercut edges of unequal inclination, and a
20 lock-strip fitted in the groove and having its edges of unequal bevel to approximate the edges of the groove, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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