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Fig. 1.

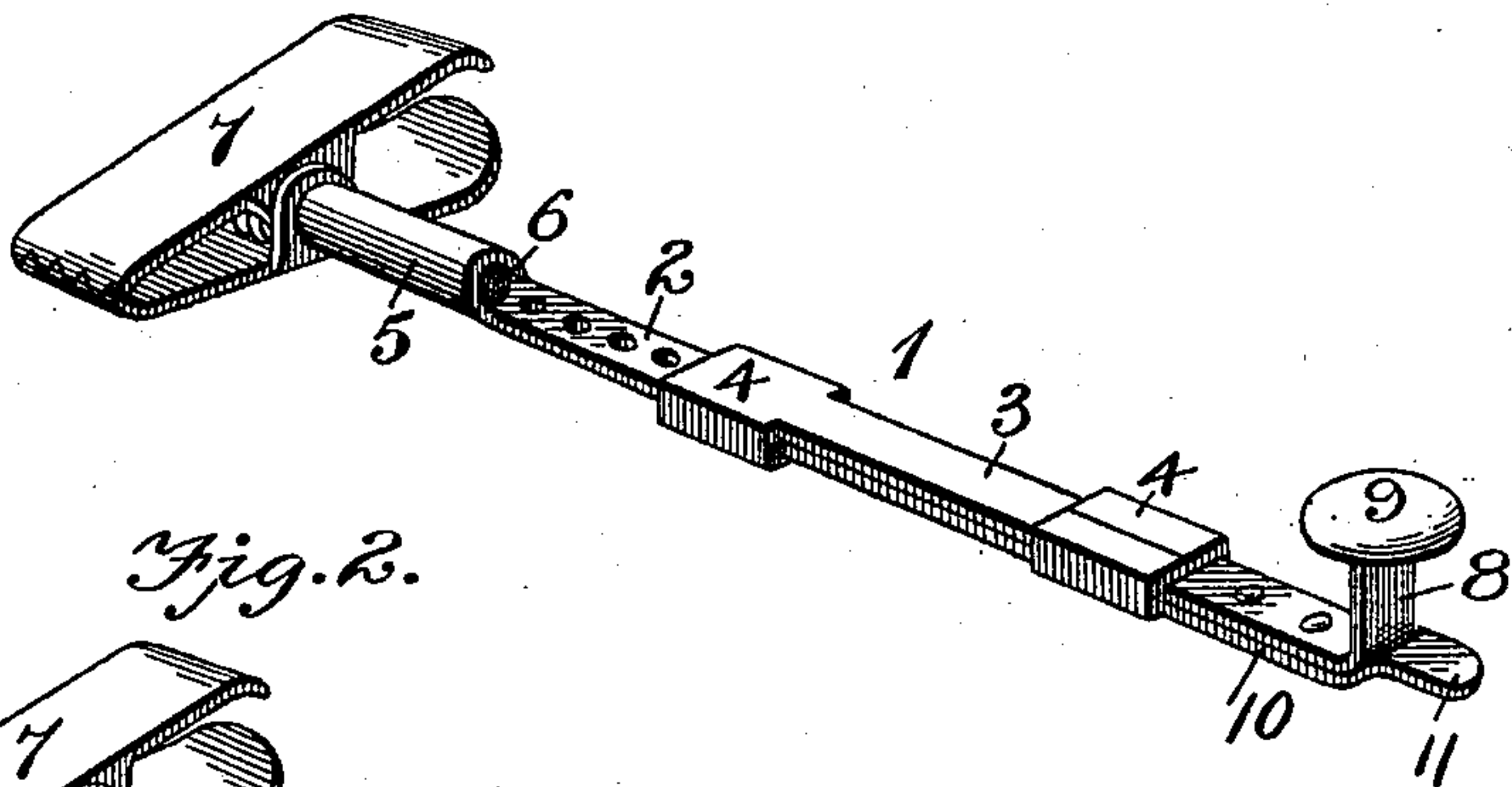


Fig. 2.

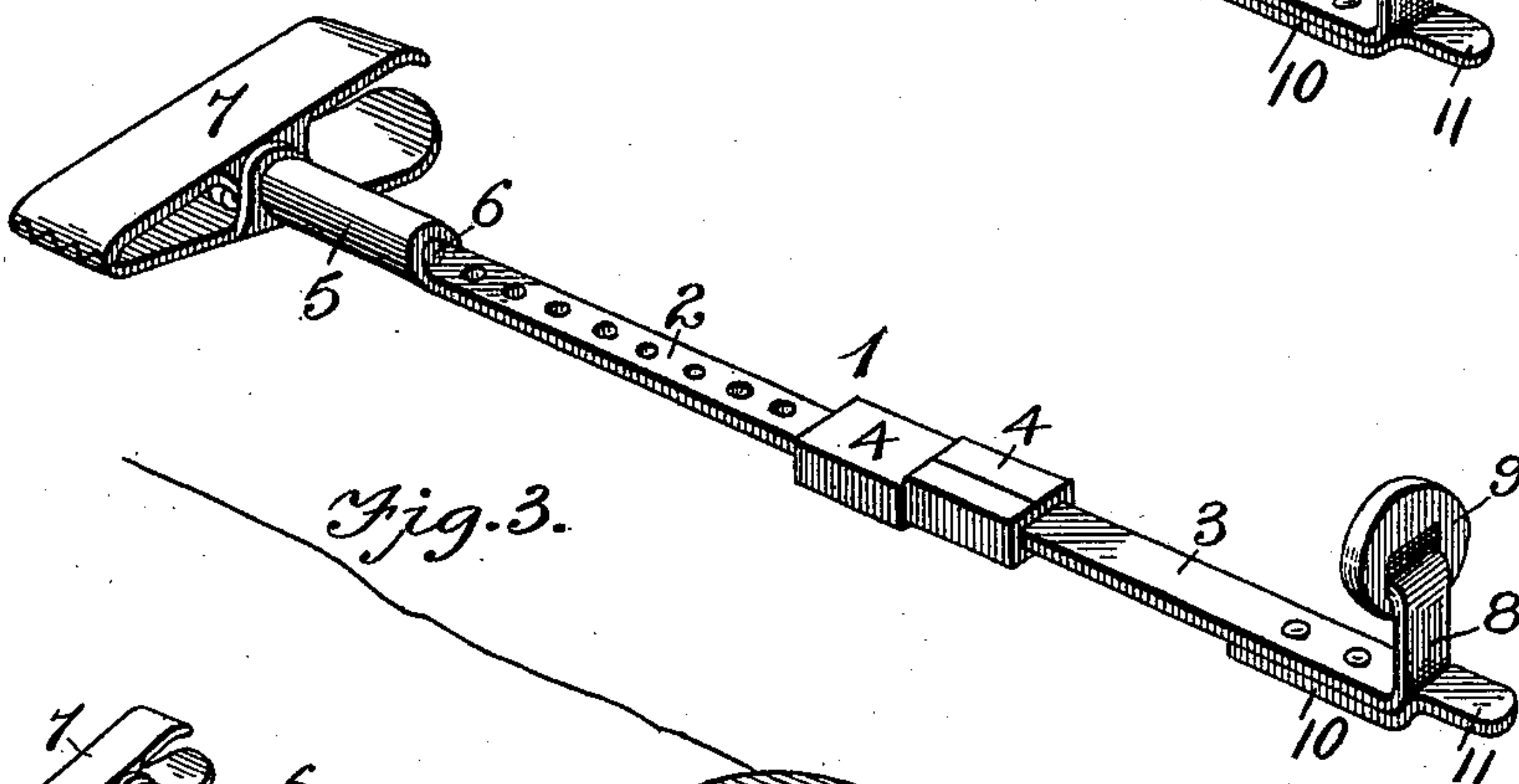
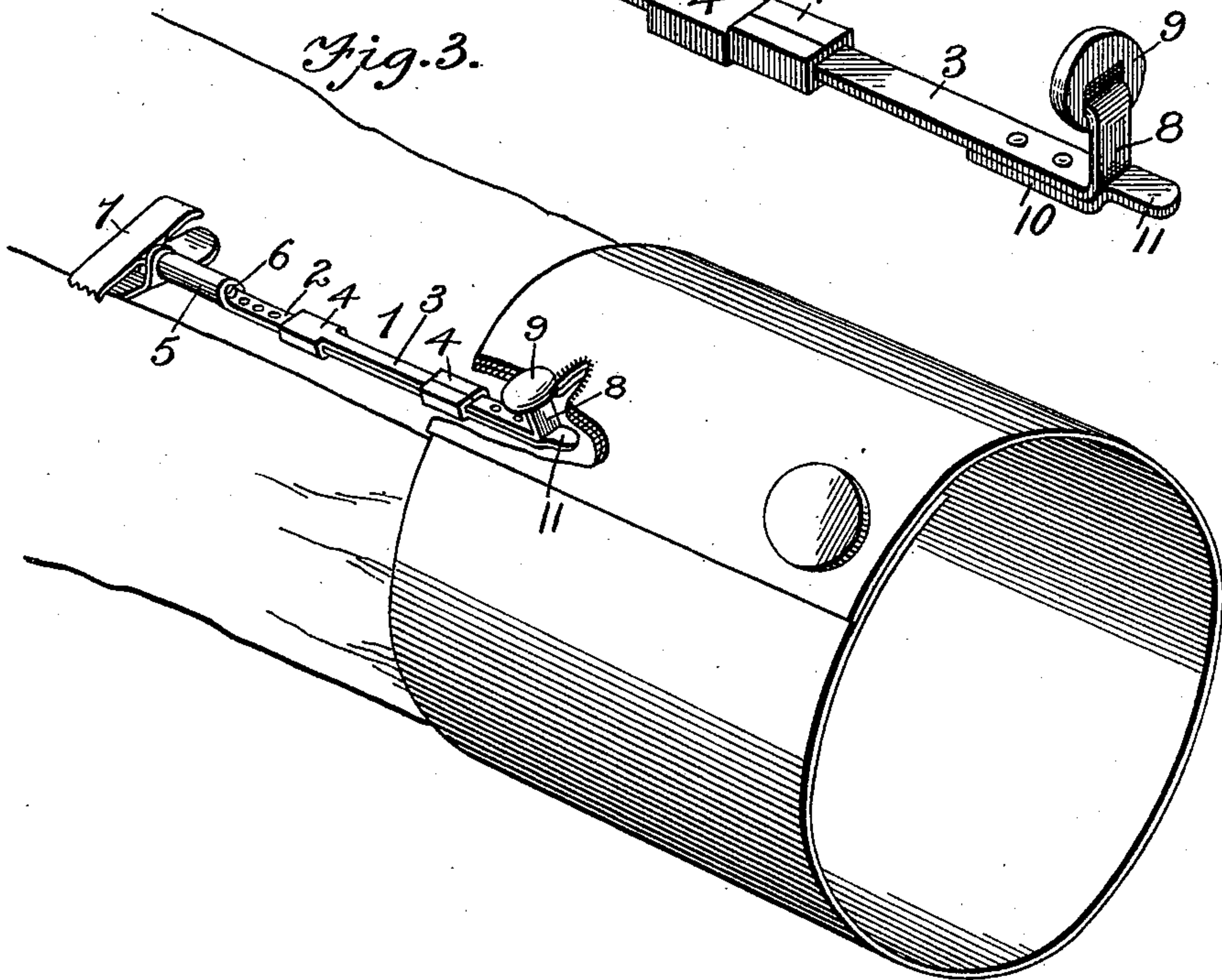


Fig. 3.



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## CUFF-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN ALBERT PUGH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Waverly, in the county of Morgan and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Cuff-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain improvements in cuff-holders, such as are worn by men for holding the cuffs to the sleeves of a shirt; and the object of the invention is to provide a device of this character of a simple and inexpensive nature which shall permit of securely holding the cuff in place while preventing it from slipping upward on the shank of the holder and permitting the cuff to be conveniently raised or lowered by a simple adjustment of said shank.

With these ends in view my invention consists in an extensible shank comprising elongated members laid flat one upon the other and provided at their inner ends with keepers, which slidably embrace the members of said shank and which are adapted to abut against each other when the shank is drawn outward to limit the extensible movement of the shank, a clamp fitted to the end of one member, and a cuff-engaging device fitted to the opposite end of the other member.

My improved construction of the clamp serves an important purpose in that it makes provision for adjustment of the cuff without detaching the holder from the sleeve. It frequently happens when the device is in service and connected to the cuff and shirt-sleeve that the wearer desires to lower or raise the cuff to make it project beyond the coat-sleeve without the inconvenience of removing the coat in order to obtain access to the holder to adjust the latter on the sleeve; but my improved device obviates this objection, because the shank can be lengthened or shortened, to adjust the cuff as required, without removing the coat or adjusting the holder on the sleeve.

The invention further consists in the provision of means on one member of the extensible shank to facilitate the engagement of the cuff with the holder, which means operates to good advantage without regard to the extensible adjustment of the shank. One member of the extensible shank is bent at an angle to form a stud, which has a head for in-

sertion in the buttonholes of the cuff, and to this angular end of the member is attached a rigid tongue which extends beyond the angular stud. This tongue is in a separate piece from the extensible shank, and it is bent and shouldered to fit snugly against the face and angular bend of the shank, to which it is united in a suitable way. The tongue protrudes from the shank of the cuff-holder, and it serves a twofold purpose—as a means for confining the lateral movement of the cuff between itself and the headed stud and as a lever to facilitate the connection of the holder to and its removal from the cuff.

The invention also contemplates certain novel features of the construction, combination, and arrangement of the various parts of the improved cuff-holder, whereby certain important advantages are attained and the device is made simpler, cheaper, and otherwise better adapted and more convenient for use, all as will be hereinafter set forth.

The novel features of the invention will be carefully defined in the claim.

In order that my invention may be the better understood, I have shown in the accompanying drawings one embodiment thereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my improved cuff-holder, the sections of the shank thereof being slid lengthwise, so as to decrease the length of said shank as much as possible; and Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1, but showing the sections slid in the opposite direction, so as to increase the length of the holder. Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the manner of applying the improved holder to cuff and a sleeve.

In the drawings, 1 indicates the shank or body portion of the improved cuff-holder, which is formed of two sections or members 2 and 3, said members being made, as herein shown, in the form of elongated metal strips having flattened surfaces and adapted to slide one along the other, one end of each section or member being provided with a keeper 4 to embrace the sides of the other member or section to hold the two sections of the shank together.

As shown in the drawings, the keepers 4 are each formed of lugs or ears integral with the end portion of one of the sections of the



shank, these lugs or ears being bent up from the surface of the respective section and being bent toward each other over the outer face of the other section of the shank.

- 5 On the end of the section 2 of the shank is formed a bearing 5 to receive a pivot-pin 6, whereon is swiveled a clasp 7, of a well-known construction, having jaws to engage the edge of the wristband or other portion of the shirt, 10 and at the opposite end of the cuff-holder the section 3 of the shank is provided with a bent portion 8, arranged substantially at right angles to the body portion thereof, on the extremity of which bent portion 8 is arranged 15 a button or head 9, which may, if desired, be spring-actuated and pivotally mounted upon the portion 8 of the section 3 in a well-known way, so as to permit it to be more conveniently passed through the opening in the cuff. 20 On the under side of the section 3 of the shank of the cuff-holder is secured a plate or strip 10, of metal, held in place by means of rivets or equivalent devices, and the extremity of this plate or strip 10 projects, as indicated at 11, beyond the bent end of the section 3, so as to form a stop adapted to be engaged by the cuff in case the same should slip down upon the bent portion 8 of the section 3, so that the cuff is held in place between 30 said stop 11 and the button or head 9, which passes through the buttonhole of the cuff, as is clearly shown in Fig. 3.

- From the above description it will be seen that the cuff-holder constructed according to 35 my invention permits the cuff to be securely attached to the wristband or sleeve of the shirt and also permits the cuff to be adjusted

up and down without disengagement of the devices by means of which the cuff and cuff-holder are held. Moreover, the construction 40 of the improved cuff-holder is of an extremely simple and inexpensive nature and is especially well adapted for the purposes for which it is designed, and it will be obvious from the above description that the invention is susceptible of some modification without material departure from its principles and spirit, 45 and for this reason I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the precise form and arrangement of the parts herein set forth. 50

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

As a new article of manufacture, the extensible cuff-holder herein shown and described, comprising a two-part shank having 55 the members 2, 3, and the clasps 4, 4, fitted on the members to slidably connect the same together, said member 3 provided at one end with an offstanding lug 8, a clamp attached 60 directly to the outer end of the member 2, a button attached to the offstanding lug 8 of the member 3, and the offset plate 10 fastened to the member 3 and having one end extended beyond the lug 8 to form the protruding 65 tongue 11, substantially as described, for the purposes 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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