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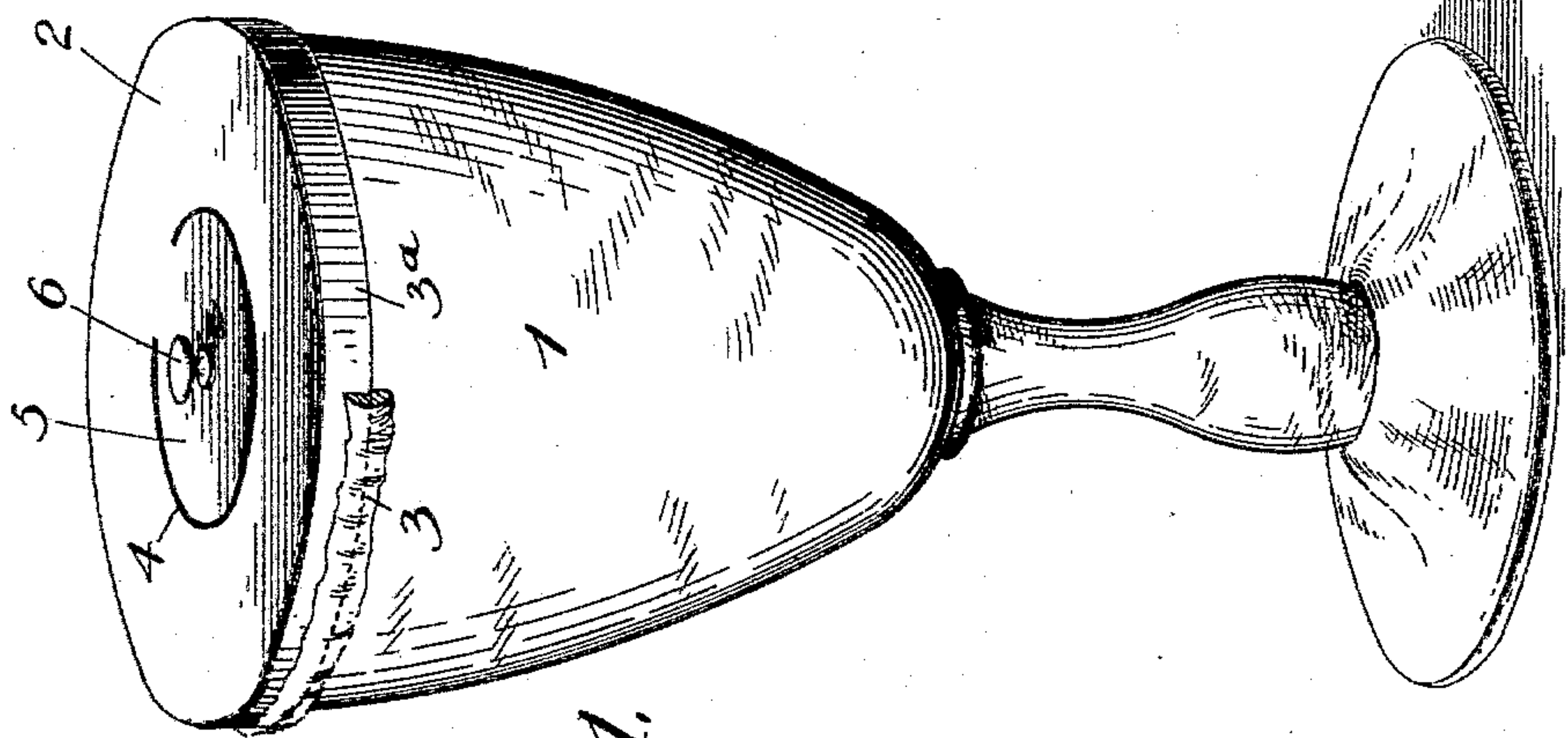
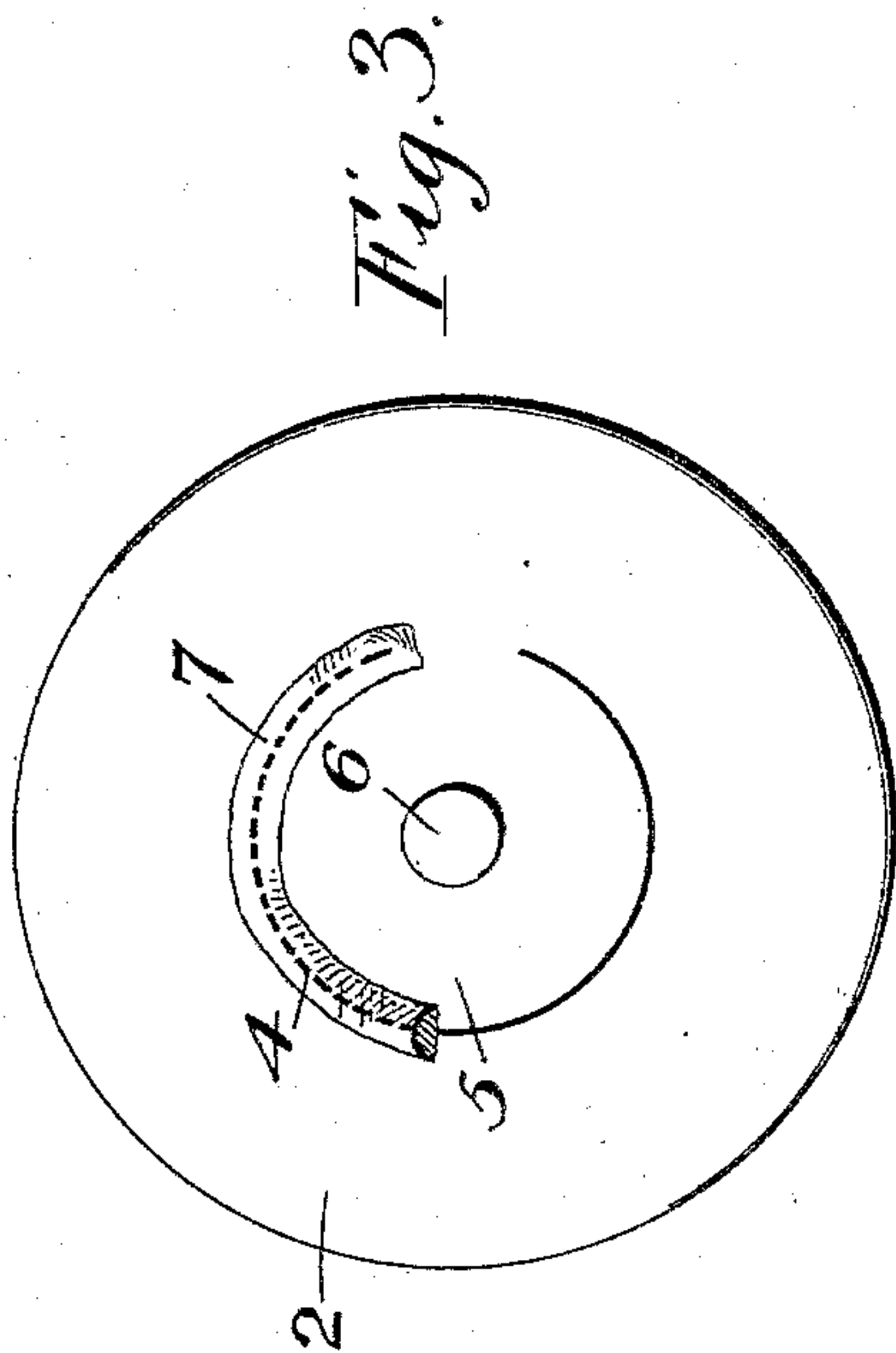
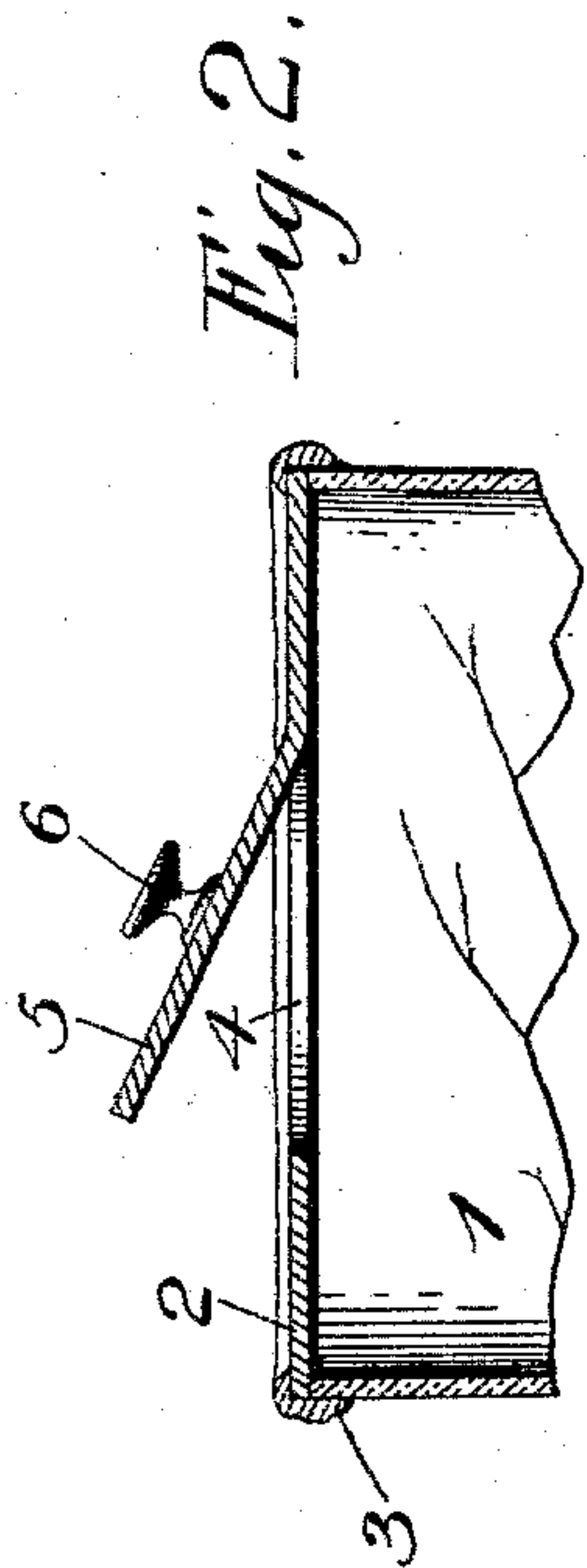


Fig. 1.

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SNUFF-PACKAGE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILBER S. SHAW, a citizen of the United States, residing at Dallas, in the county of Dallas and State of Texas, have invented a new and useful Snuff-Package, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain improvements in snuff-packages adapted for the retail trade, its object being to provide a receptacle in which the snuff can be packed and kept in proper condition until used, and after the snuff has been removed the receptacle will serve as a useful article of tableware.

With this object in view the invention consists of a goblet, tumbler, or similar article adapted to receive and hold a given quantity of snuff and provided with a cover secured to the receptacle by sealing-wax or other similar breakable sealing substance to tightly close the open end of the receptacle, said cover being formed of spring sheet metal and provided with an integral outwardly-opening portion to afford access to the interior of the receptacle in order that the snuff may be removed as desired without breaking the seal of the cover, and which outwardly-opening portion will normally maintain its closed position.

The invention will be fully described hereinafter and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a snuff-package made in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section of the same. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the cover or lid.

Similar reference-numerals indicate similar parts in the several figures of the drawings.

In the drawings I have illustrated the receptacle as being in the form of a goblet; but it is to be understood that such receptacle may be in the form of a tumbler, wine-glass, or any other article of tableware suitable for the purpose and also that the receptacle may be of any desired size, it being my intention to pack the snuff in quantities varying from one to six or eight ounces.

The receptacle is indicated by 1 and the

lid or cover by 2. This latter will preferably be formed of spring sheet metal and be secured to the receptacle by means of sealing-wax or other similar breakable sealing substance, (indicated by 3,) whereby the package will be closed air-tight. The cover may be provided with a flange 3^a, as in Fig. 1, or be a simple disk, as in Fig. 2, as preferred. As clearly shown in Fig. 3, the cover is cut on the arc of a circle, (indicated by 4,) and the metal included within the cut forms an outwardly-movable closure or flap 5, connected to the main portion of the cover, and forms a part thereof, and owing to the resilience of the metal of which the cover is formed the closure or flap will have a spring hinge connection therewith and normally maintain its closed position. To facilitate the opening of the closure or flap, I provide the same with a knob 6, which serves as a finger-hold. To effectually exclude air from the snuff from the time it is packed until delivered to the consumer for use, the cut 4 in the cover may be covered with a thin film of wax, as indicated at 7 in Fig. 3, and which can easily be removed by the consumer when the flap is to be opened.

One common way of packing snuff for the retail trade is to put it in two, four, and six ounce bottles, the stoppers of which are covered with sealing-wax to effectually exclude air, and my improved package is especially designed to supersede packages of this character, and by the use of my invention much time and labor will be saved in filling the packages, since the snuff can be placed in a tumbler or goblet very easily and without the use of funnels, which are necessary when bottles are used.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that I have provided a snuff-package adapted for retail purposes from which the snuff can be conveniently removed for use without undue or prolonged exposure of the contents to the air; also, that when the snuff has been used up the receptacle will form a useful article of tableware and be of great benefit to the purchaser after having accomplished its original purpose. It is obvious

that instead of cutting the flap or closure on the arc of a circle it may be of any other outline desired.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is—

1. A snuff-package, comprising a receptacle of the class described, and a spring-sheet-metal cover fitted over the open end of the receptacle and secured thereto by a breakable sealing substance, said cover having a cut therein, and the metal included within the cut forming a flap adapted to open outwardly to afford access to the interior of the receptacle, said flap having a spring connection to the main portion of the cover and normally maintaining its closed position with its edges in contact with the edges in the main portion of the cover formed by the cut, whereby the receptacle is closed substantially air-tight, for the purpose specified.

2. A snuff-package, comprising a receptacle of the class described, and a spring-sheet-

metal cover fitted over the open end of the receptacle and secured thereto by a breakable sealing substance, said cover having a cut therein, and the metal included within the cut forming a flap adapted to open outwardly to afford access to the interior of the receptacle, said flap having a spring connection to the main portion of the cover and normally maintaining its closed position with its edges in contact with the edges in the main portion of the cover formed by the cut, whereby the receptacle is closed substantially air-tight, a breakable sealing substance to temporarily seal the cut in the cover, and a finger-hold on the flap, substantially as described.

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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