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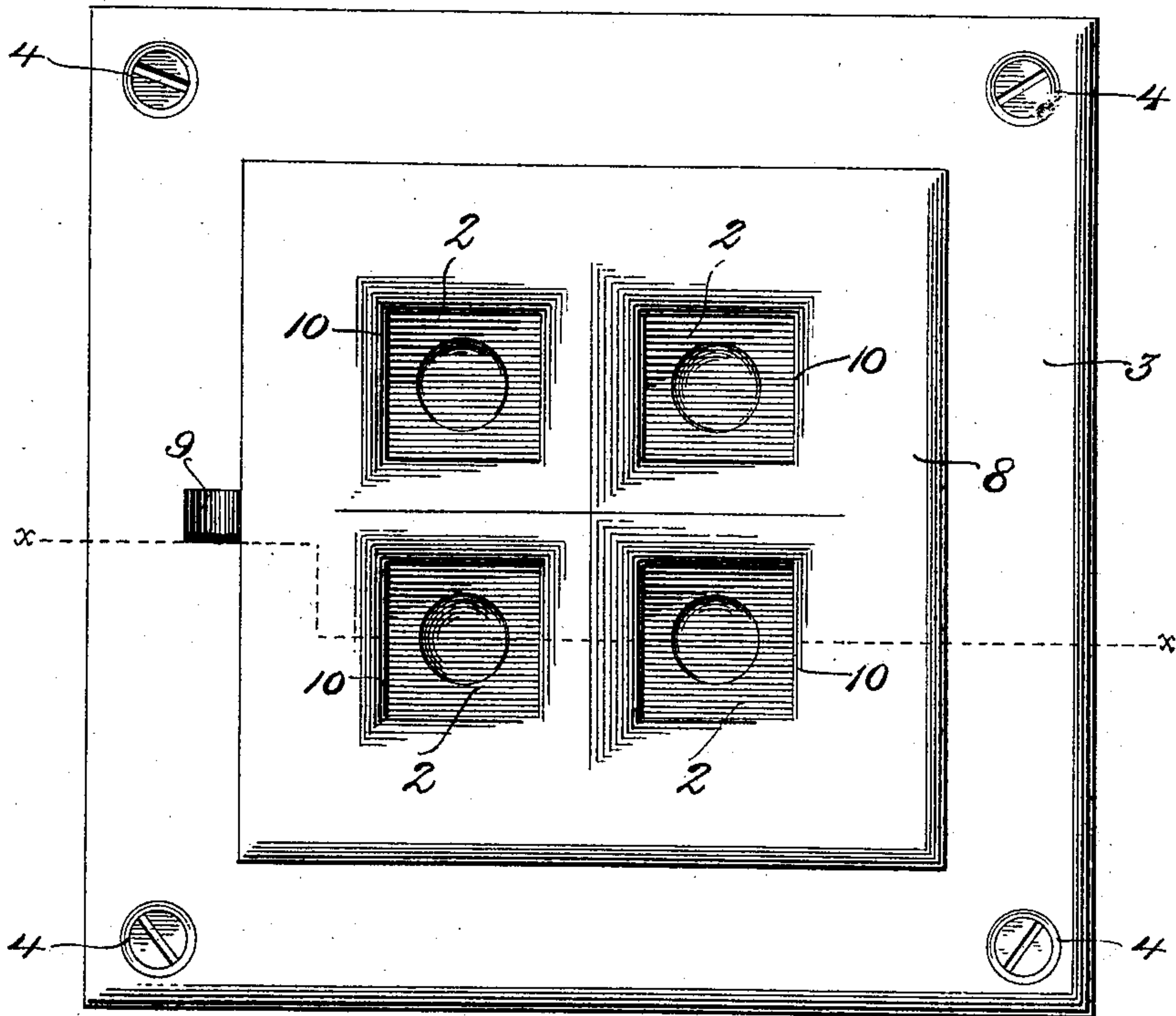


Fig. 1.

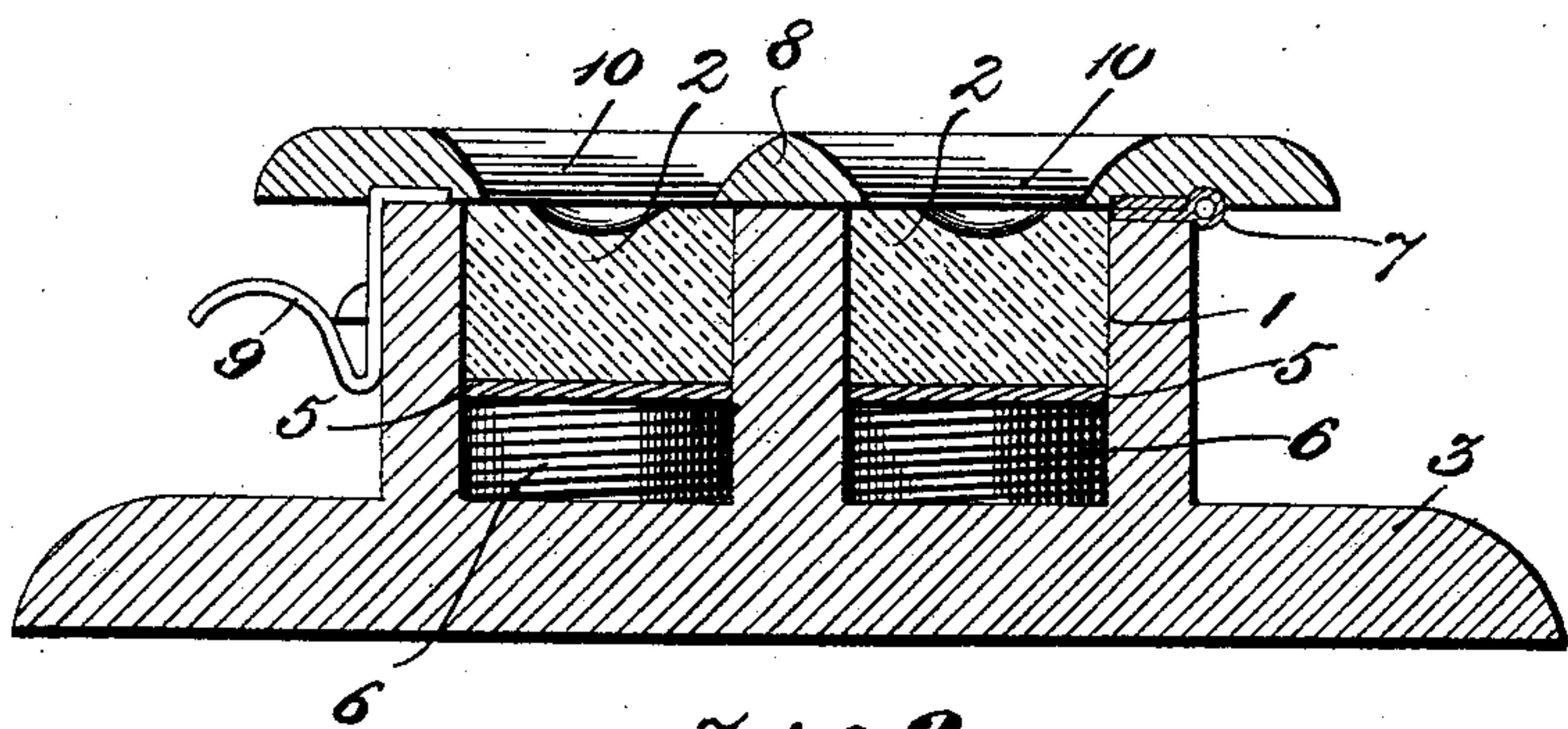


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE B. SIEVERLING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Roodhouse, in the county of Greene and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Billiard-Chalk Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to chalk-holders; and the objects in view are to produce a simple and cheaply-constructed device for holding a plurality of blocks of chalk employed for chalking the tips of cues ordinarily employed in pool, billiard, and other games of a similar nature, to so construct said device as to adapt it to be supported by screws or otherwise against a wall, post, or other fixed object, and to present and retain the blocks of chalk in such manner as to render them readily accessible to the cues of the players, and which, by reason of the fact that the blocks of chalk are contained therein, will prevent the same from falling to the floor and becoming crushed by the feet of the players or becoming otherwise wasted, misplaced, or carried away.

Other objects and advantages of my invention will appear in the following description, and the novel features thereof will be more particularly pointed out in the claim.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a chalk-holder embodying my invention, the same being in position for use. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section thereof on the line *x x* of Fig. 1.

Like numerals of reference indicate like parts in both figures of the drawings.

In practicing my invention I deem it proper to state that I prefer to construct the device, hereinafter described in detail, of metal, though, as will appear, the same may be constructed of wood or any other material suitable for the purpose.

I employ a series of four rectangular pockets 1, the same being of such shape and proportion in cross-section as to adapt them each to receive a block of chalk 2. These

pockets are preferably formed on a rectangular base 3 of greater area than the pockets, which base is at proper intervals provided with screw or bolt holes 4. If formed of metal, the pockets and base may be conveniently integrally cast. The depth of the pockets exceeds that of the blocks of chalk, and in each pocket, back of the block of chalk occupying the same, is a rectangular loosely-fitting follower-plate 5, in rear of which is located a coiled spring 6. Hinged to one edge of the series of pockets, as at 7, is the retaining-plate 8, the same being secured to the series of pockets at its opposite or free end by any suitable securing device—such, for instance, as a spring-catch 9. The plate 8 is provided opposite each pocket with a beveled opening 10, the openings being slightly smaller than the pockets with which they register, and therefore overlapping the blocks of chalk and serving to retain them in their respective pockets.

To chalk one's cue, it is simply necessary to introduce the tip through one of the openings 10 until the same is in contact with the block of chalk. Then by giving the cue a gentle rolling motion or rotation the chalk will impart a sufficient quantity of the same to the tip, as will be obvious. It will be observed that in this manner the chalk can always be positively located, cannot fall upon the floor, and that a great saving is effected. As the chalk wears away it is fed forward to the openings 10 by the coiled springs 6, which latter serve also as cushions and prevent the chalk from being crushed and broken by careless applications of the cues thereto, so that as a result the entire block of chalk may be used without any great amount of waste.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

In a chalk-holder, the combination with the rectangular base 3 having screw-receiving holes by which it may be secured to a support, and provided with the series of four rectangularly-arranged chalk-receiving pockets 1 beyond which said base extends, of the follower-plates 5, and coil-springs 6, located in the pockets and adapted to support the chalk

blocks 2, the retaining-plate 8 hinged at one side of the pockets 2, and having flared or bevel openings 10 coincident with and smaller than the same and adapted to overlap the
5. chalk blocks, and a fastening device for retaining the free end of the plate 8 in a closed position against the said springs.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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