

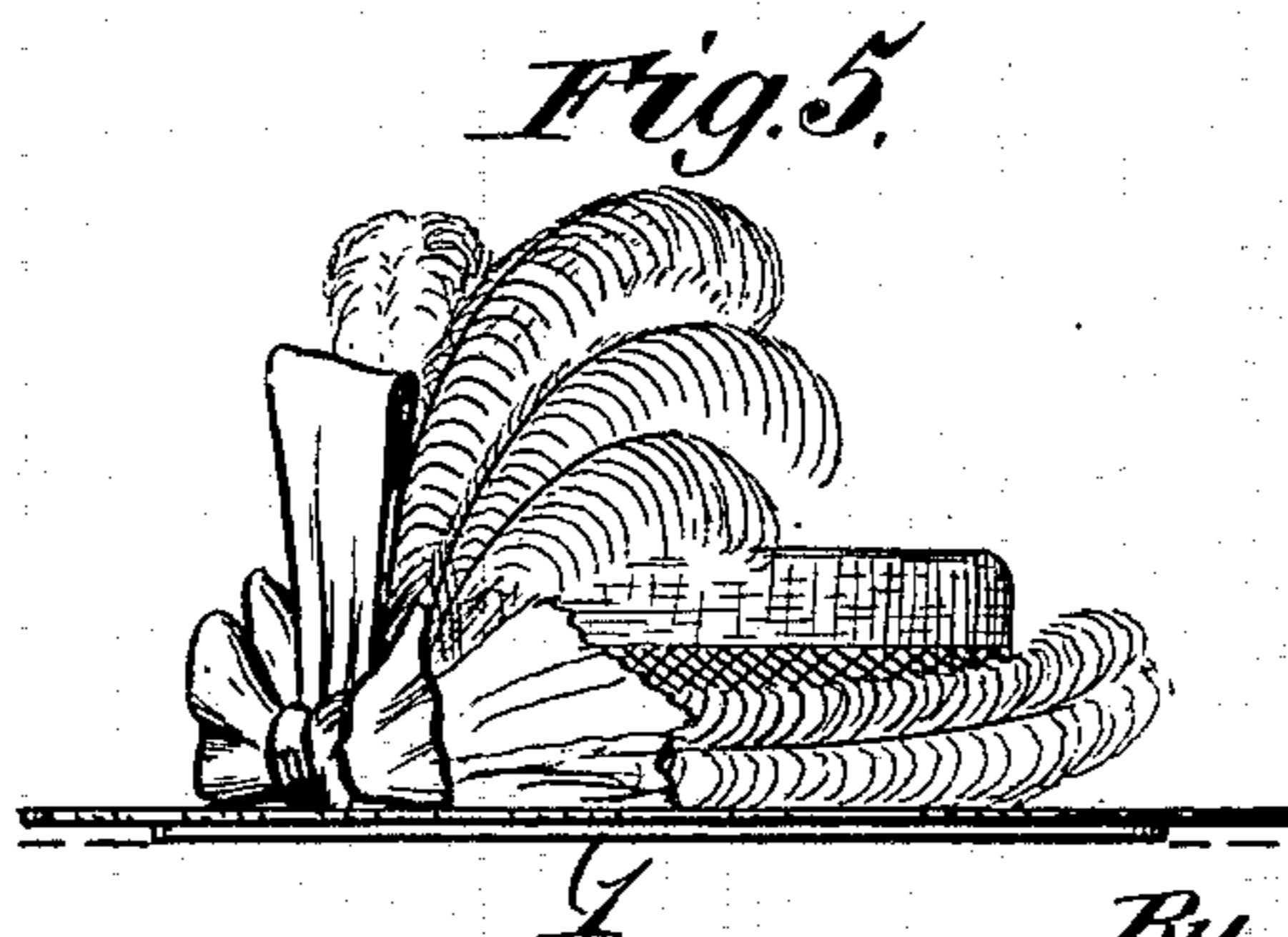
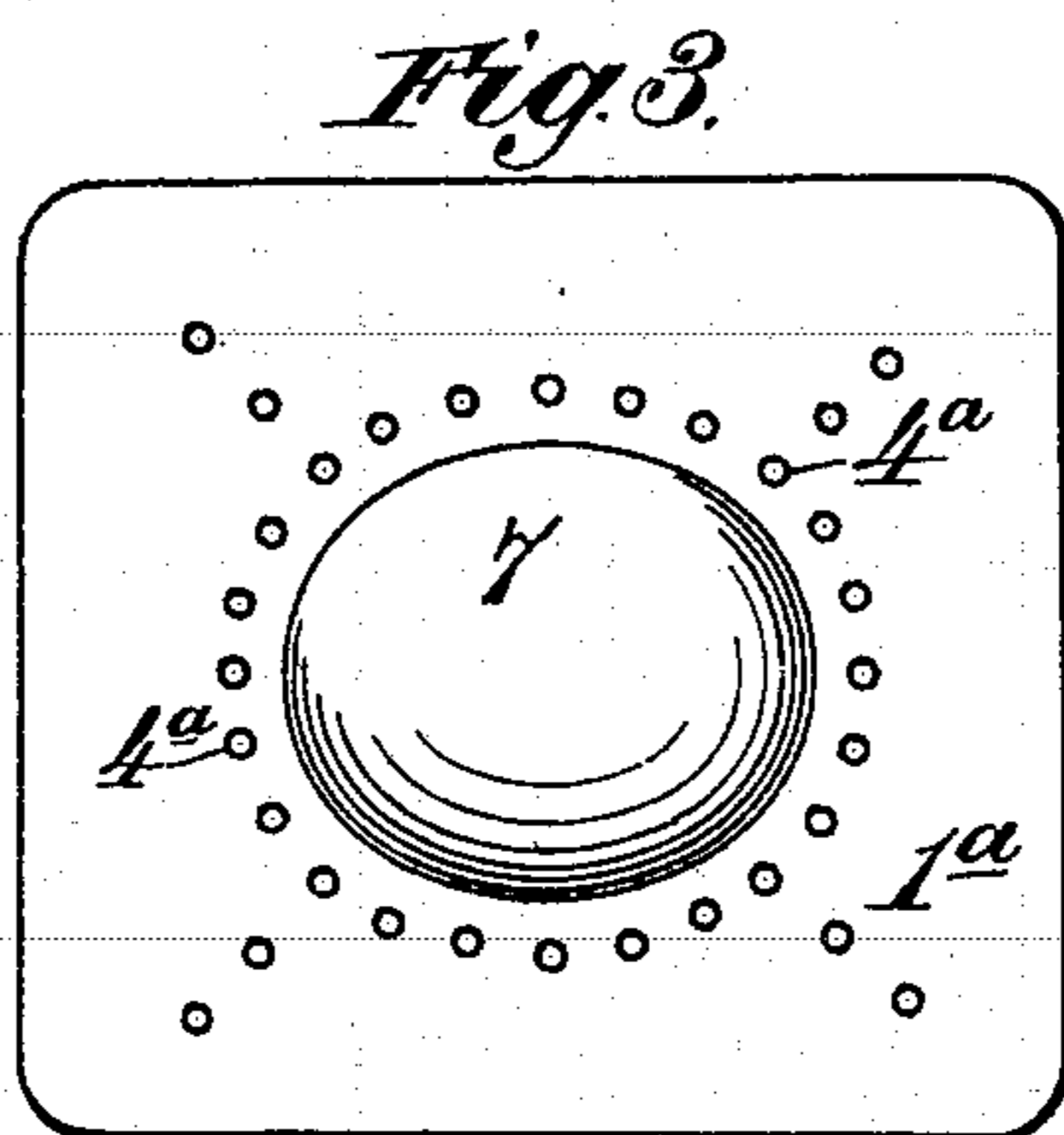
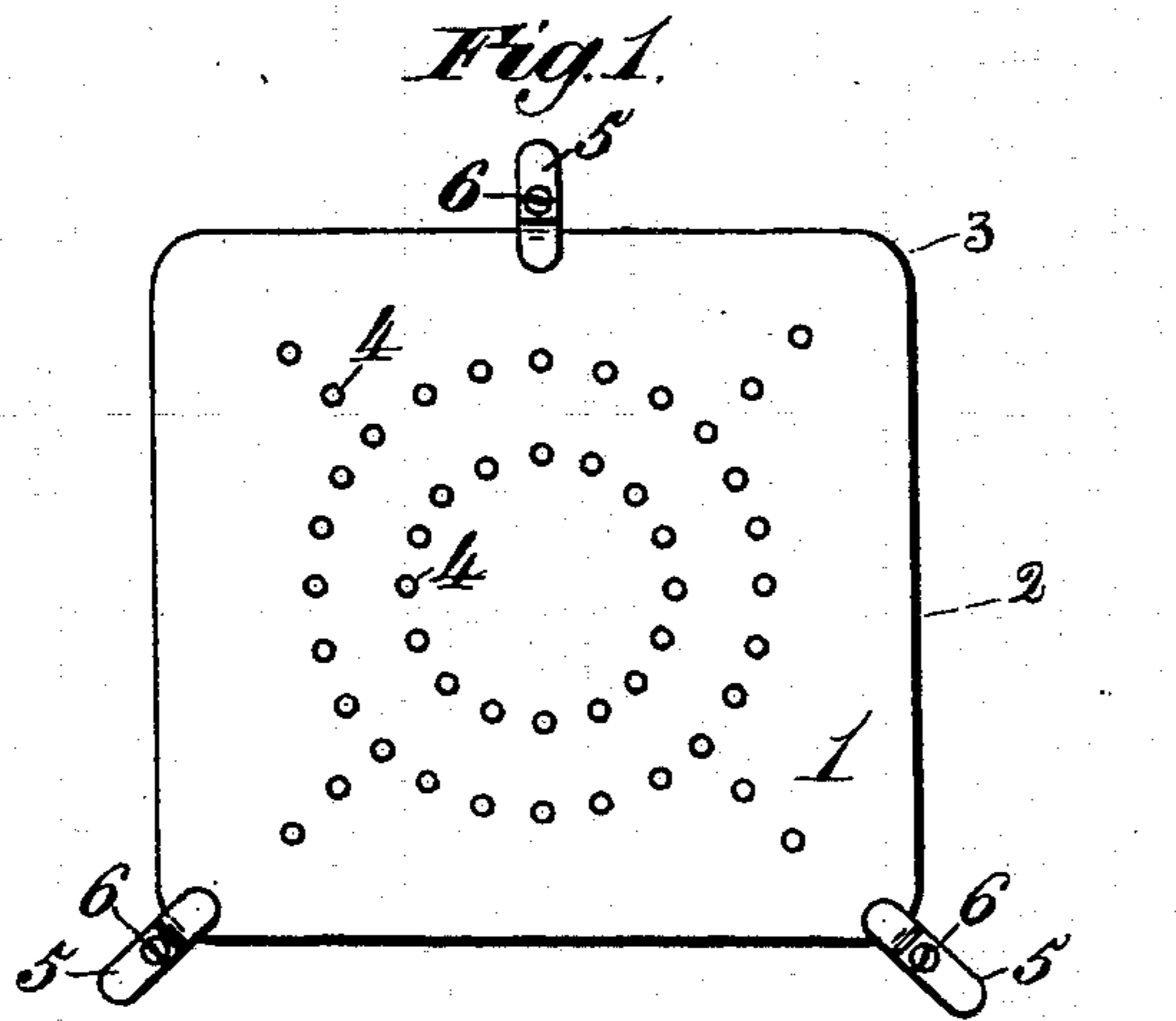
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GRACE M. TINSLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Hat Holders or Packers for Trunks, of which the following is a specification.

The chief object of the present invention is to provide a novel, simple, durable, efficient, and economical hat holder or packer for trunks, which possesses such characteristic features that a hat can be sewed or stitched thereto and the holder or packer can then be firmly, but detachably, secured in the trunk till, tray, or box through the medium of simple thumb-buttons to effectually prevent the hat moving or tossing about and being damaged by forcible contact with either parts of the trunk till, tray, or box or any article or articles placed therein.

The invention consists in a hat holder or packer for trunks composed, essentially, of a comparatively thin, but strong and durable, sheet of material designed to rest against the bottom or side of a trunk till, tray, or box and constructed with numerous thread-holes for facilitating the sewing or stitching of the hat-brim thereto and devices for engaging the edges of the holder or packer to retain it in position on the bottom or against a side of the trunk till, tray, or box, as will more fully hereinafter appear in detail.

The invention is illustrated by the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the improved hat holder or packer, showing also the buttons designed to be placed upon the bottom or side of the trunk till, tray, or box for engaging the edges of the holder or packer to retain it in position. Fig. 2 is an edge view of the same. Fig. 3 is a plan view showing a modified construction. Fig. 4 is an edge view of the modified construction; and Fig. 5 is an edge view of the holder or packer, showing a hat sewed or stitched thereto preparatory to securing the holder or packer in or to the trunk till, tray, or box.

In order to enable those skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will now describe the same in detail, referring first to Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings, wherein the numeral 1 indicates the hat holder or packer,

which is composed of a flat sheet of comparatively thin, but strong and durable, cardboard, pasteboard, strawboard, or analogous sheet material suitable for the purpose in hand. The holder or packer is preferably constructed with straight edges 2 and rounded corners 3 and is formed with numerous thread-holes, as at 4, for the passage of a needle and thread, by which the hat-brim can be sewed or stitched to the holder or packer. The sewing or stitching of the hat-brim to the holder or packer will not damage the most delicate hat, and the latter will be firmly held in position in such manner that when the holder or packer is attached to or connected with the bottom or a side of a trunk till, tray, or box it is impossible for the hat to move or toss about, whereby it is protected from damage by forcible contact with other parts of the trunk or articles therein.

The hat holder or packer is attached to or connected with the bottom wall or a side of the trunk till, tray, or box through the medium of thumb-buttons 5, designed to be pivoted through the medium of the pivots 6 to the bottom wall or to one side of the trunk till, tray, or box, so that when the holder or packer to which the hat has been sewed or stitched is placed in position in the till, tray, or box the thumb-buttons can be turned to engage the edges of the holder or packer, and thus firmly hold it in a fixed position.

This improved hat holder or packer entirely avoids the difficulties heretofore encountered by ladies and gentlemen in packing their hats in trunks and effectually avoids damage to the hats during transportation of the trunks, which is obviously desirable, important, and advantageous.

Any-sized hat can be sewed or stitched to the improved holder or packer for the reason that the latter is constructed with a large number of thread-holes at various points throughout its area, some of which will always lie under the hat brim, irrespective of the size of the latter, and thus enable the hat to be sewed or stitched to the holder or packer through the medium of a simple needle and thread.

In Figs. 1 and 2 the hat holder or packer is represented as perfectly flat throughout its extent; but if the shape of the hat is not pre-

cisely suitable to the form of holder or packer represented in Figs. 1 and 2 the holder or packer may be formed integral at its center with a convex elevation, as at 7, Figs. 3 and 4, produced through the medium of suitable dies. The flat parts of the sheet 1^a, Figs. 3 and 4, surrounding the convex elevation 7, are provided with the numerous perforations 4^a for the passage of the needle and thread in the same manner as described with reference to Figs. 1 and 2.

The convex elevation 7 will fit into the crown of the hat, and, if desired, the crown may be sewed or stitched to this convex elevation to more effectually secure the hat in a fixed position on the holder or packer.

An important advantage of my invention resides in the fact that the holders or packers can be very economically manufactured by cutting them from or otherwise forming them of sheets of comparatively thin, but strong and durable, cardboard, pasteboard, strawboard, or analogous sheet material. The hat can be quickly attached by sewing or stitching it to the holder or packer, the thread being passed through the hat and the thread-holes by a simple needle, and the holder or packer can be conveniently and rapidly attached to and detached from the trunk till, tray, or box by simply turning the buttons therein to engage or disengage the edges of the holder or packer.

By constructing the holder or packer of a comparatively thin, but strong and durable,

sheet of cardboard, pasteboard, or strawboard it occupies but little room and fulfils all the conditions required to effectually prevent the hat moving or tossing about in the till, tray, or box during transportation of the trunk, as before stated. The flattened construction of the holder or packer renders it susceptible of being attached to either the bottom wall or one side of the till, tray, or box in a trunk, which is desirable and advantageous.

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

A hat holder or packer for trunks, consisting of a comparatively thin, but strong and durable, sheet of material designed to rest against the bottom or side of a trunk till, tray or box, and provided with numerous thread-holes for sewing or stitching the brim of a hat thereto, said thread-holes being arranged radially at varying distances from the center of the sheet whereby it is adapted to hats of different sizes, and fastening devices, substantially as described, for detachably engaging the edges of the holder or packer to retain it in position on the bottom, or against the side of the till, tray or box, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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