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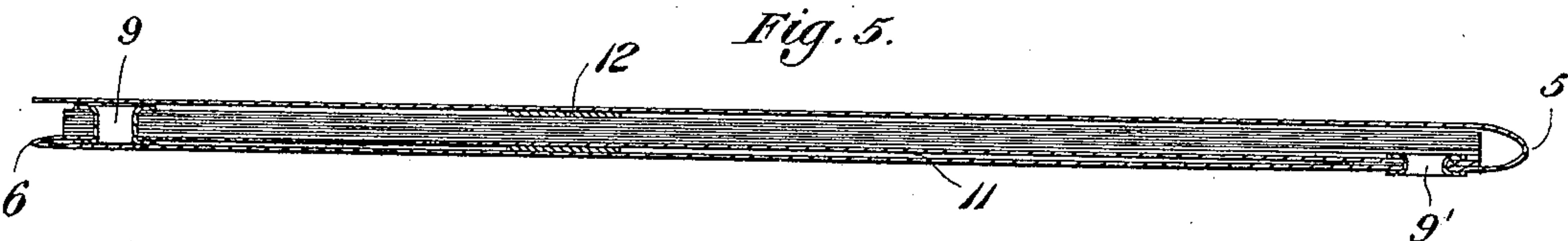
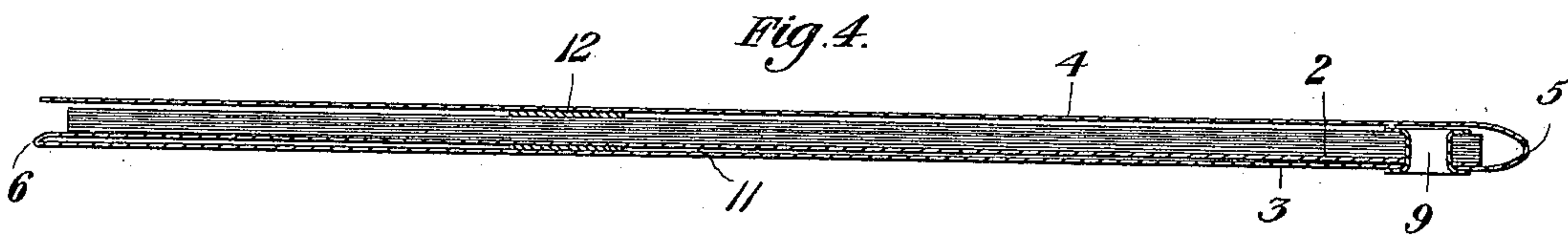
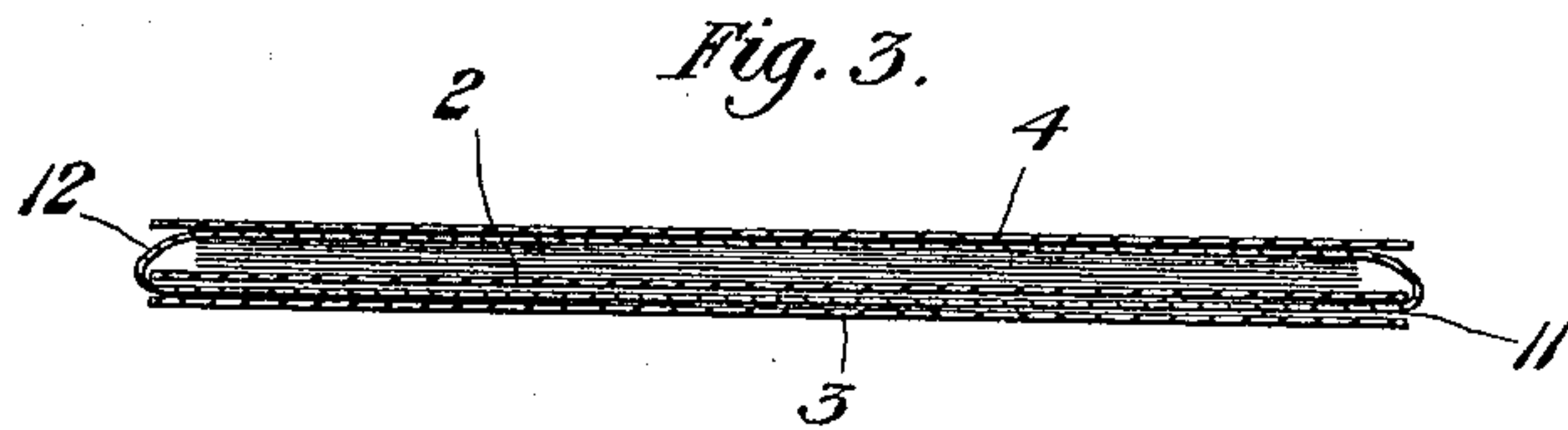
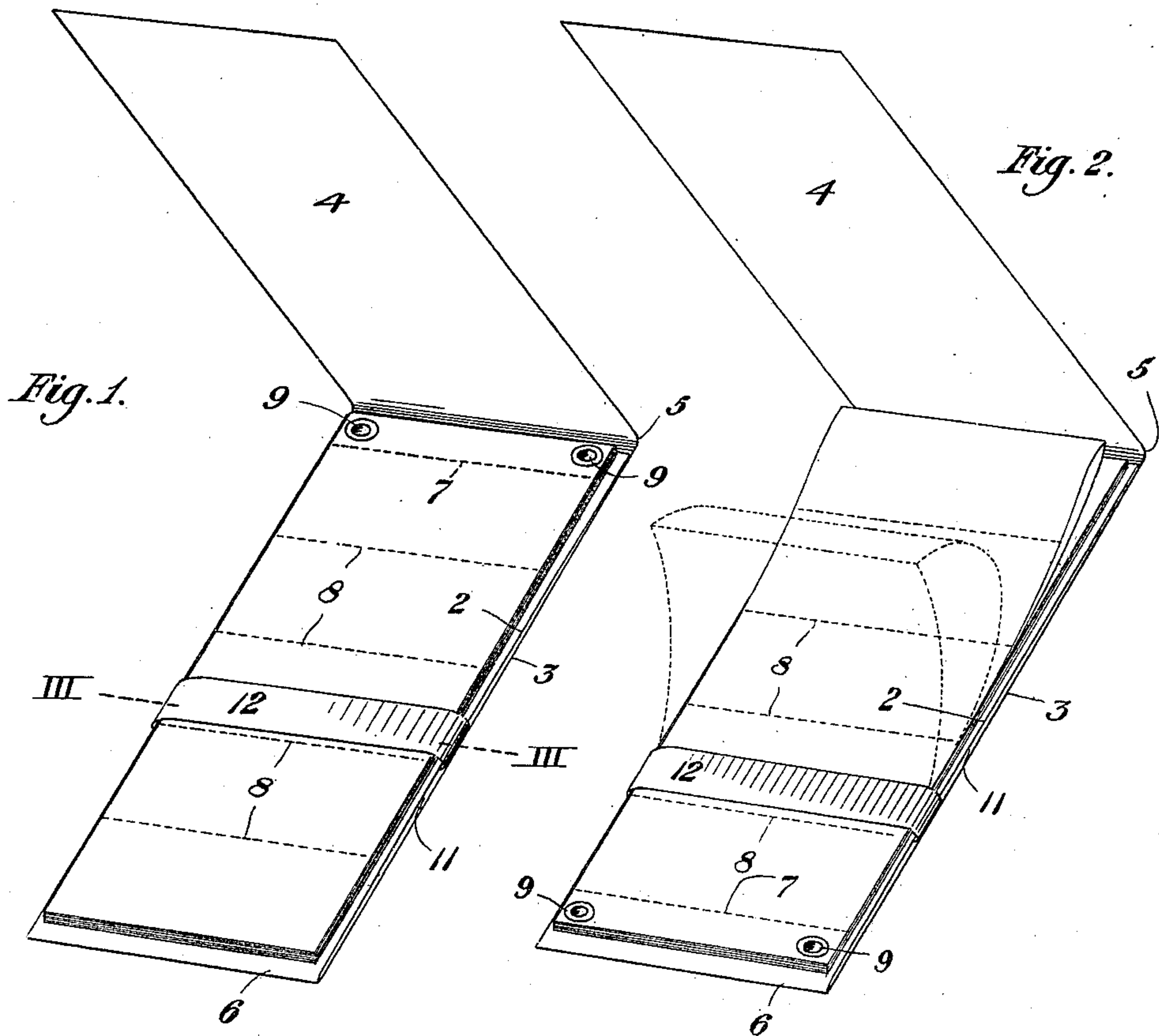
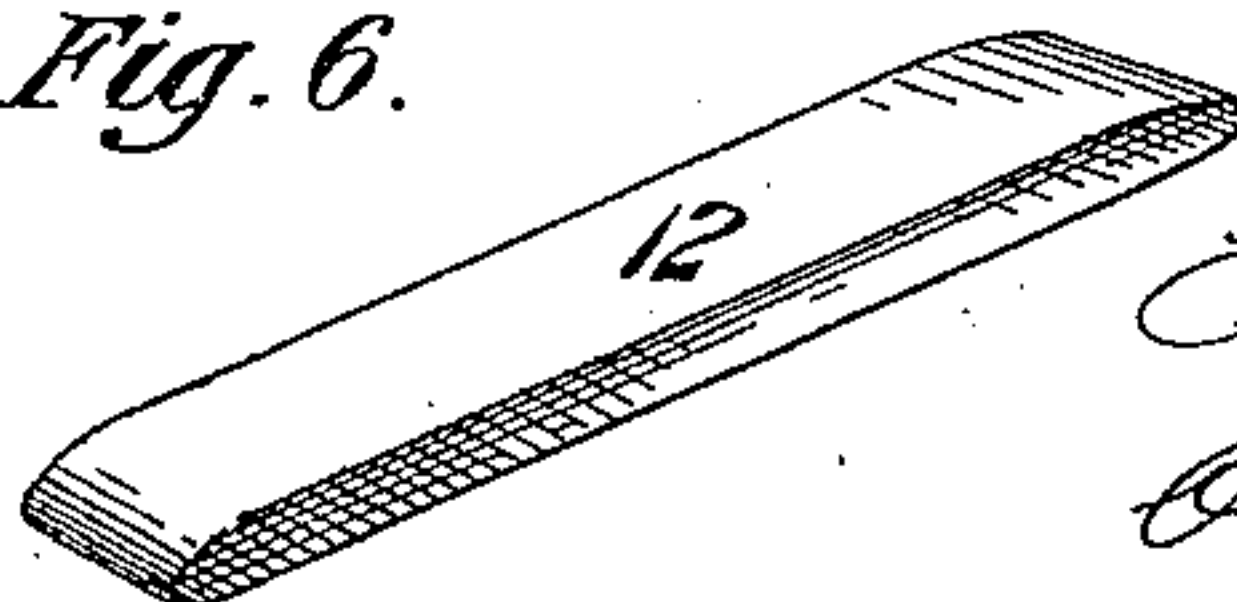


Fig. 6.



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MILEAGE-BOOK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY E. BATEMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented or discovered a new and useful Improvement in Mileage-Books, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form of my invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing a modified construction. Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view on an enlarged scale, indicated by the line III III of Fig. 1 or by a similar section-line through Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal section through Fig. 1, showing the eyelets. Fig. 5 is a similar section through Fig. 2. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the band.

My invention relates to the class of mileage-books and the like, or books of any character containing coupons, tickets, &c., and relates particularly to the construction of the book itself, an adjustable straight edge for facilitating the removal of the coupons, and to the manner of mounting it in the book.

Referring to the drawings, the back of the book is made double, with an inner portion 2 and outer portion 3 and top flap 4, all of the parts being made of a single strip of material bent and turned upon itself at the ends 5 and 6.

In the form illustrated in Fig. 1 the coupons are bound in a series of individual leaves with perforations 7 at the top, the sections being divided by printed or perforated lines 8, the leaves being held at the top by means of the eyelets 9, passing through the leaves and inner and outer backs 2 3, thus binding the parts firmly together.

Another form in common use is illustrated in Fig. 2, in which the individual leaves are folded upon themselves at the bottom and fastened at the top, being usually provided with perforations 7 and, as in Fig. 1, having the dividing indicating-lines 8. In the construction shown in the drawings the leaves are fastened to the book by eyelets passing through them and through the inner back 2 only, the inner and outer backs being secured together at the other end by eyelets 9', as shown in Fig. 5. In both of these forms of

construction it will be seen that there is left a space 11 between the inner and outer backs for almost the whole length of the book, and slidingly mounted in such space I have provided the band 12, made in one continuous piece or of a strip joined at the ends and embracing the coupons. This band is preferably made of celluloid or other suitable material and should be transparent and sufficiently stiff to furnish a cutting edge against which the leaf of the book may be torn in removing coupons. Ordinarily the straight edge of any sufficiently hard material—such as celluloid, cardboard, &c.—is sufficiently sharp for the purpose; but if found to be necessary the edge may be beveled on one or both sides, thus sharpening it. The band will form a convenient guard for the end of the top flap, which may be inserted under the band when it is at the end of the book.

It will be understood that any other convenient means of binding the book together may be substituted for the eyelets, such as staples or stitching, and I do not desire to be limited to the construction shown in the drawings in this or other respects, but to include within the scope of my invention such changes and modifications as will suggest themselves to the skilled mechanic.

If it is desired, the back may be made of a single piece with two or more longitudinal slits, through which the band may be passed, thus accomplishing the object of the double back, although in such construction the band will be exposed for part of its length.

In operation the band 12 is moved forward or back until the edge is brought into register with the proper dividing-line, and the coupon is torn off with facility, while the band also serves to hold the leaves together.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a mileage-book an inclosing back folded upon itself forming an intervening space, an extended cover, coupon-leaves secured to the back, and a tearing edge slidingly mounted in the space and embracing the coupon-leaves, substantially as set forth.

2. A mileage-book comprising an inclosing coupon-holder folded upon itself to form a double back, an extension of the back forming an upper flap, coupon-leaves secured be-

tween the back and flap, and a tearing edge slidingly mounted between the inner and outer backs and embracing the coupon-leaves, substantially as set forth.

5 3. A mileage-book comprising an inclosing coupon-holder folded upon itself and secured together to form a double back with an intervening space, an extension of the back forming an upper flap, coupon-leaves secured to
10 the double back, and a tearing edge consisting of a continuous band slidingly mounted between the inner and outer backs and embracing the coupon-leaves, substantially as set forth.

15 4. A mileage-book comprising an inclosing coupon-holder folded upon itself and secured together to form a double back with an intervening space, an extension of the back forming an upper flap, coupon-leaves secured to
20 the double back and a tearing edge consisting of a continuous band of transparent material slidingly mounted between the inner and outer backs and embracing the coupon-leaves, substantially as set forth.

25 5. In a mileage-book provided with coupons

and an inner and outer back joined at the ends; a tearing edge consisting of a continuous band embracing the coupons and slidingly mounted within the outer back, substantially as set forth.

30 6. In a mileage-book: a back composed of inner and outer strips, an upper flap, coupons inclosed between the back and the flap, and a tearing-band embracing the coupons and slidingly mounted between the strips of the
35 back, substantially as set forth.

7. In a mileage-book provided with coupons attached to a back: a tearing-band embracing the coupons and a longitudinal retaining-strip incorporated with the back and adapted
40 to engage the band and permit of its sliding movement upon the coupons, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 30th day of August, 1897.

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