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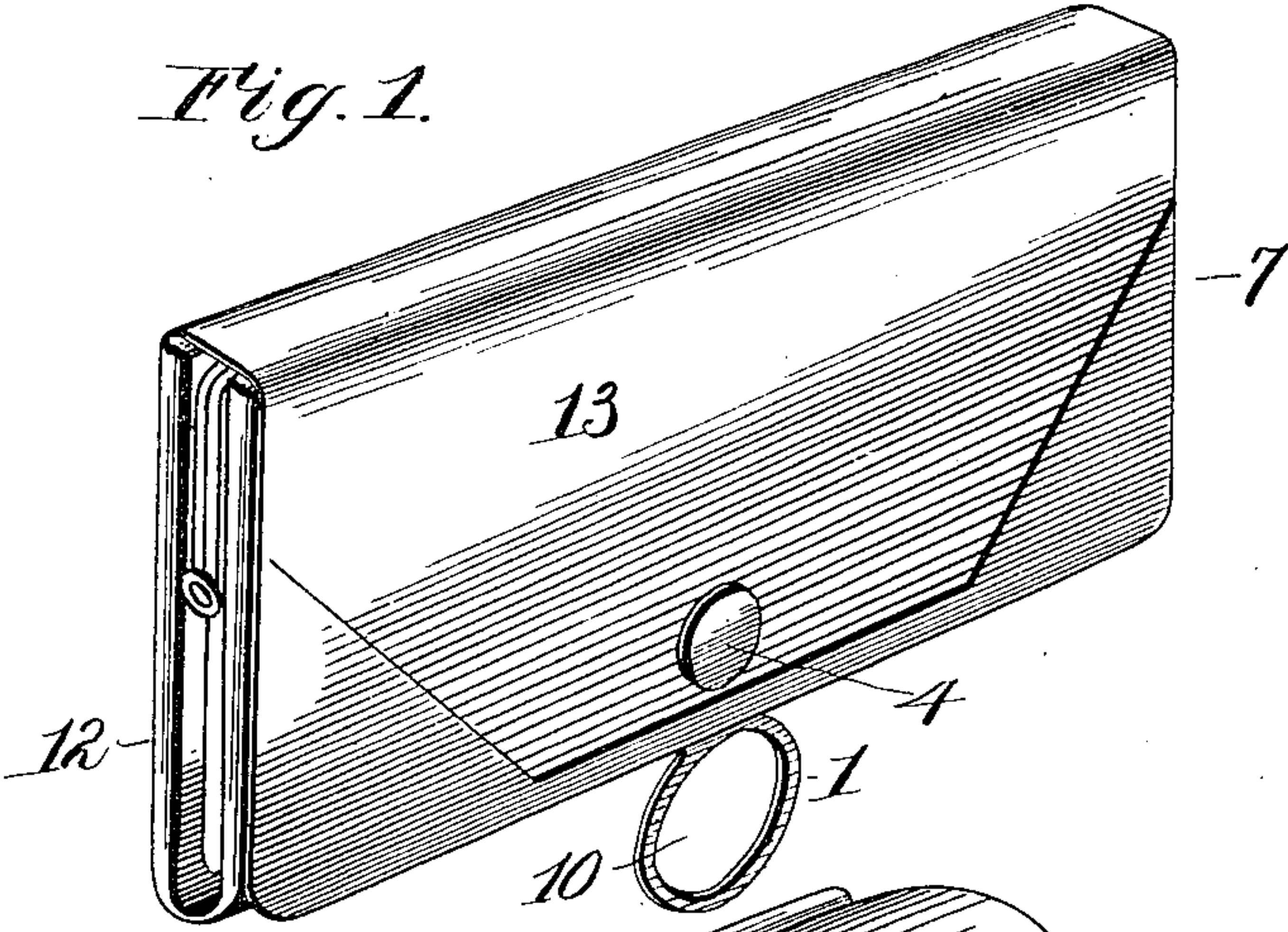


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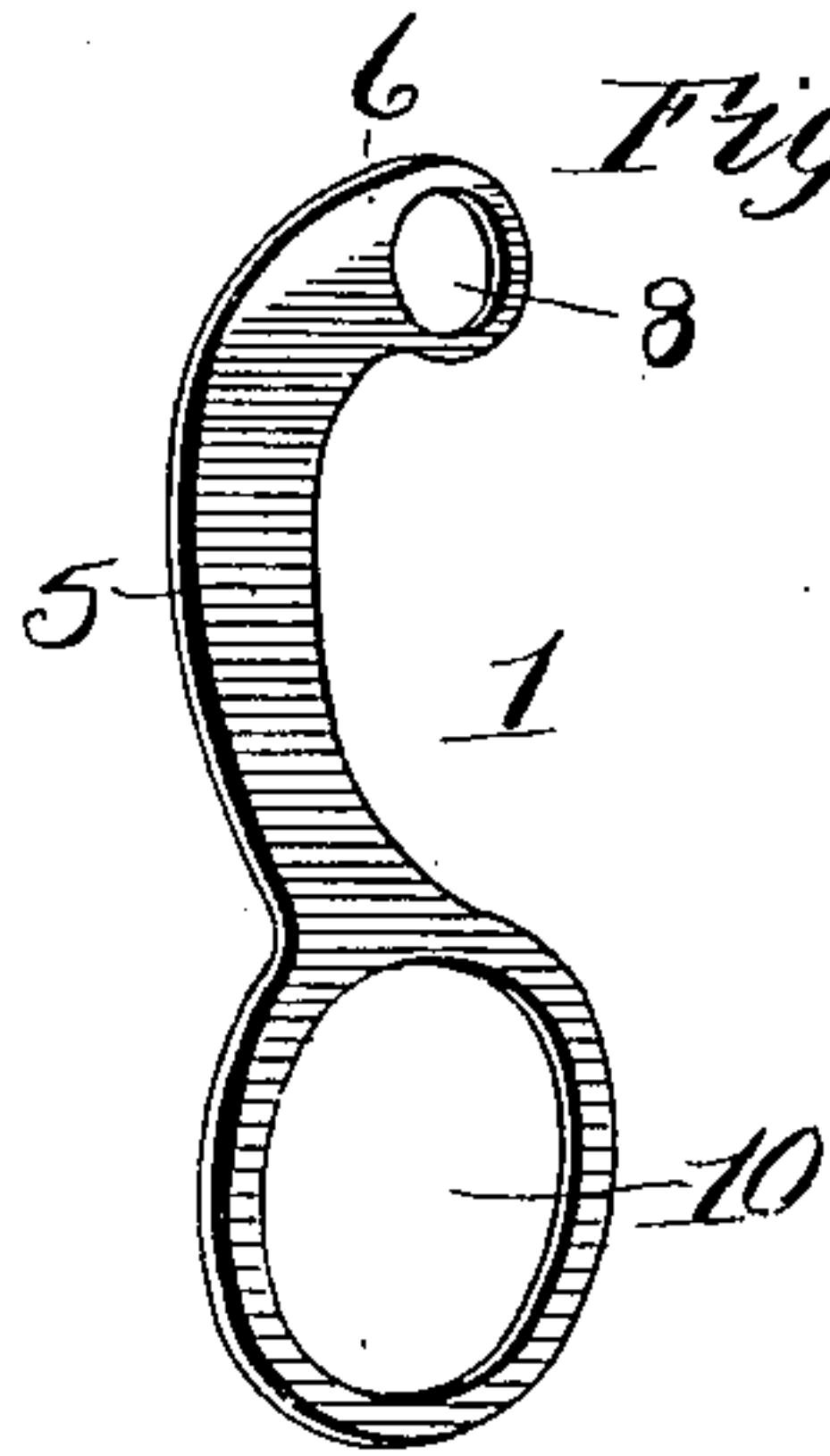


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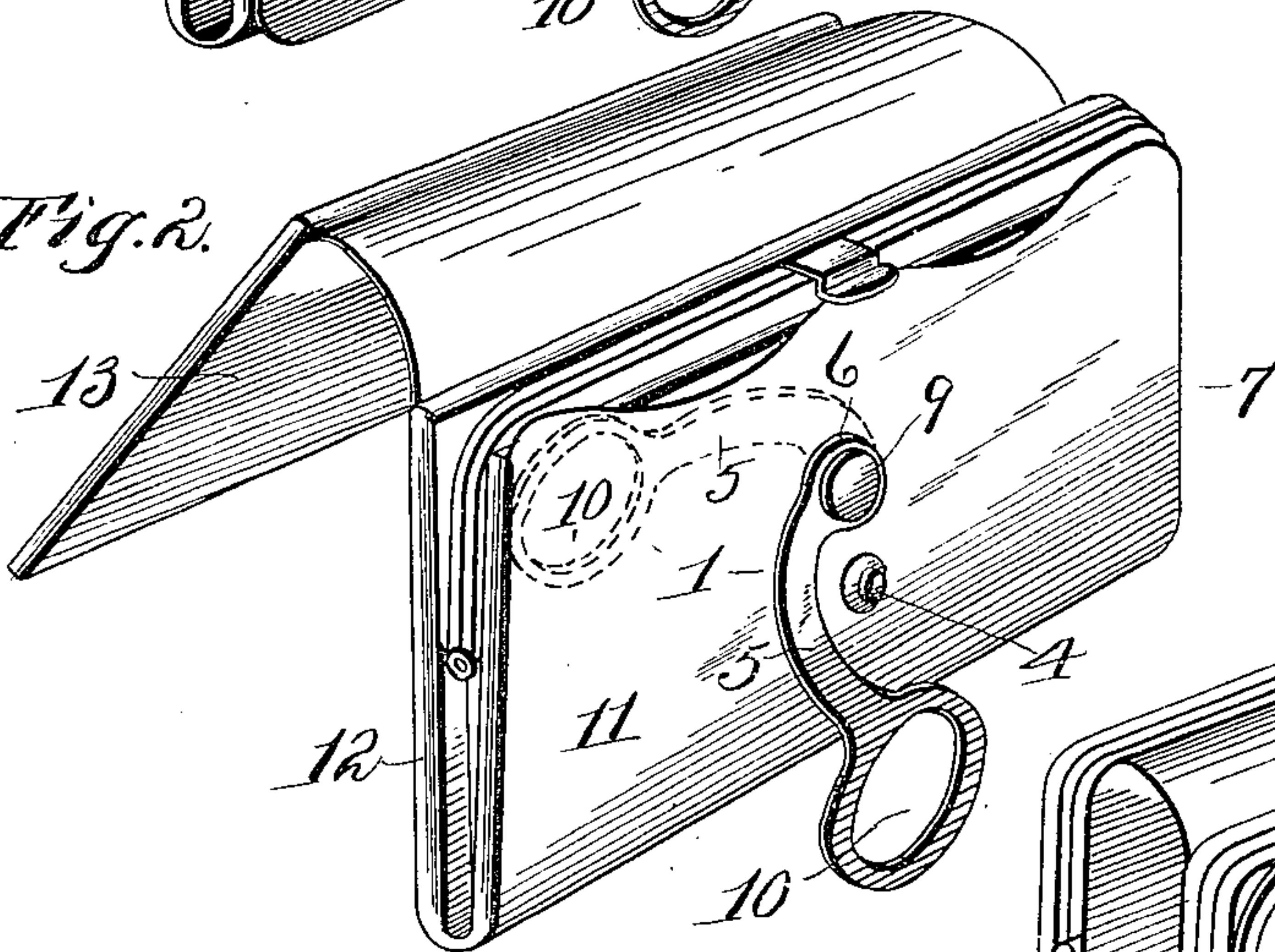


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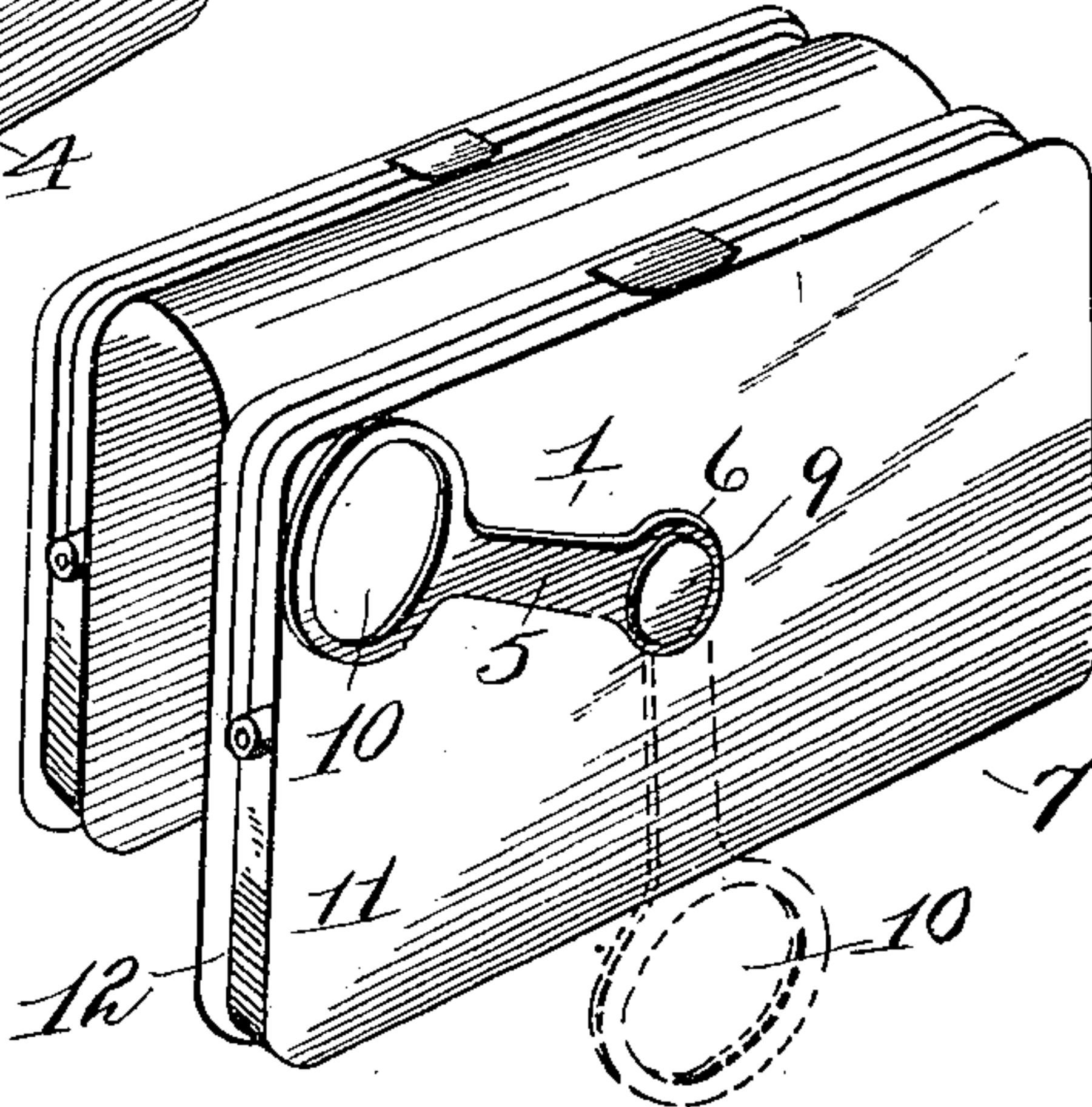
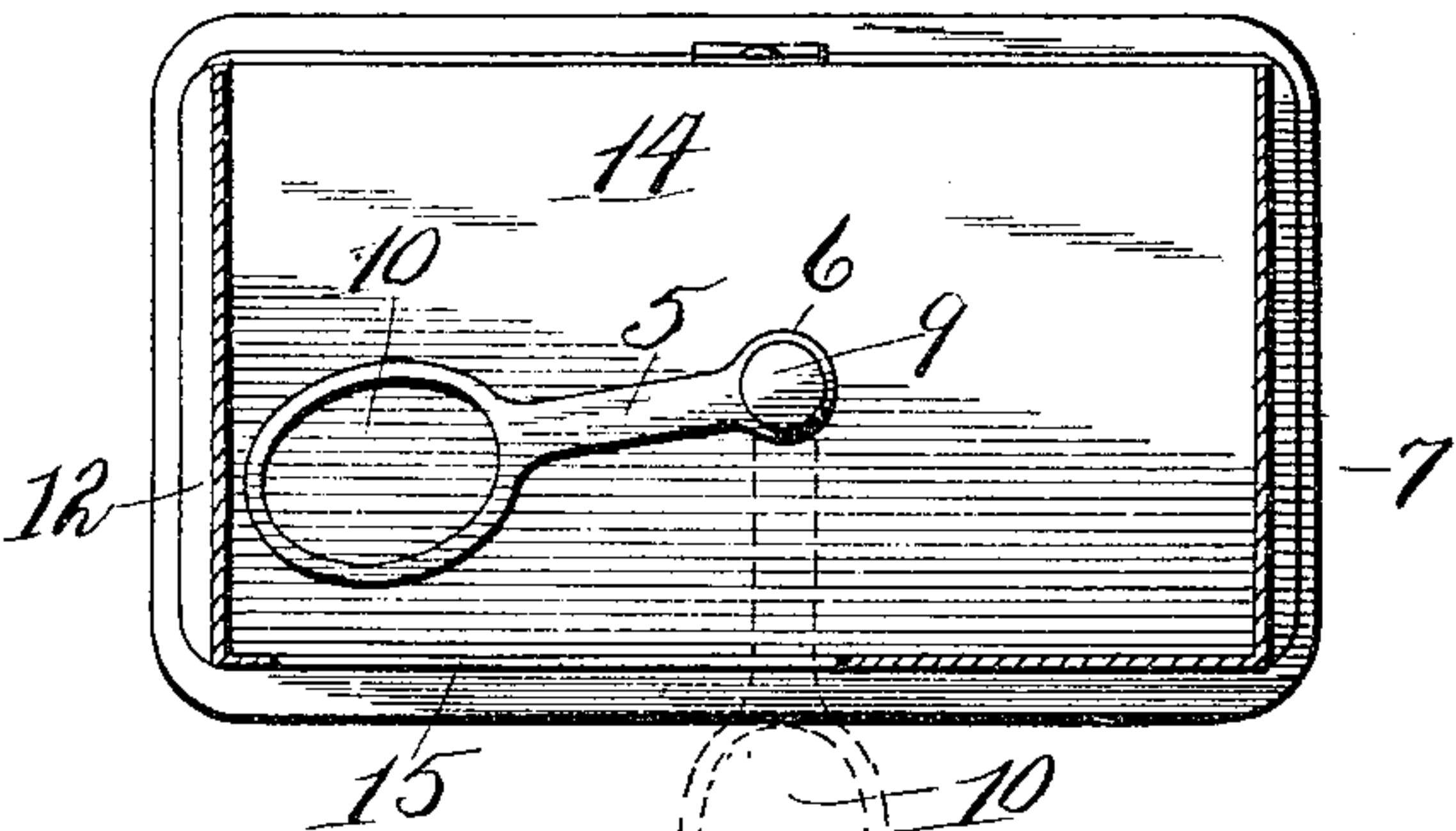


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## SAFETY ATTACHMENT FOR POCKET-BOOKS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM ERK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Safety Attachments for Pocket-Books; and I do 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to a safety attachment for pocket-books, and has for one object to provide an attachment for connection with one of the digits of the hand which shall not only be firmly secured to the pocket-book, but pivotally attached thereto to allow of being folded within the pocket-book when not in use.

A further object is to provide a safety attachment for pocket-books attachable to the pocket-book to allow of being folded out of view when not in use and of being projected upon its pivot to allow of passing one of the fingers of the hand through the loop of the safety attachment in a manner to normally seat the body of the pocket-book in the palm or hollow of the hand in convenient position to permit of carrying the pocket-book in the hand in the usual manner and conveniently open or close the pocket-book without removing the same from the hand.

The essential object is to provide a safety attachment capable of use without attracting attention that shall preclude the possibility of being accidentally dropped or carelessly laid down and forgotten or forcibly taken from the owner.

A further object is to provide as an article of manufacture a safety attachment capable of being attached to pocket-books of present use, the attachment in either case being inexpensive and capable of a finish to correspond with that of the pocket-book.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of a pocket-book provided with my safety attachment, the attachment being projected in position for reception of the finger. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the pocket-book shown as

opened, the safety attachment being shown in full lines as projected and in dotted lines as folded. Fig. 3 is an elevation of one form of safety attachment detached from and attachable to the pocket-book. Fig. 4 is an elevation of a pocket-book shown as opened, the safety attachment being shown in full lines as folded and in dotted lines as projected, a modified form of safety attachment being shown, this form employing a straight shank and adaptable to pocket-books without central clasp. Fig. 5 is a sectional elevation of a pocket-book in which the safety attachment is projected through a slit formed in the material of the pocket-book, the full lines indicating the safety device folded and the dotted lines projected.

I have provided an inexpensive, convenient, and safe attachment for pocket-books and analogous articles comprising a bar 1, which may be curved, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, to accommodate the usual clasp or fastener 4, or it may be straight, as shown in Figs. 4 and 5. Where the fastener or clasp 4 is omitted, bar 1 is formed with the body portion 5, the inner end 6 of which is provided for attachment to the pocket-book 7, preferably by being formed with a perforation 8, through which a fastener 9 may pass, the fastener being secured in the pocket-book and upon the bar, the outer end of the bar having an opening 10 of a diameter to allow of passing one of the fingers of the hand therethrough when the pocket-book rests in the hand. Fastener 9 may be an ordinary eyelet for economy and serves as a fastener and also a pivot upon which the bar may turn. As shown more particularly in Figs. 2 and 4, the bar is secured upon the side 11 of the body 12 of the pocket-book, (13 being the flaps,) and in Fig. 5 the bar is secured upon one of the inner folds 14 of the body 12, the bottom of the pocket-book being slitted, as at 15, a sufficient distance to allow the bar 1 to project through the center of the pocket-book. It will be apparent that I may form the bar 1 of any desired material. I may strike the same from sheet metal or form it of wire and may provide any form coincident with the requirements of the particular construction of pocket-book to which it is to be attached, and also that I may provide any desired form of



means of attachment of the bar with the pocket-book, and that the bar 1 may be covered with the same material of which the pocket-book is constructed or with any other  
5 desired material, or that the bar may be struck up with any desired ornamentation as well as plain and inexpensive, the object being to provide a neat, inexpensive, and safe attachment capable of being incorporated in the  
10 manufacture of a pocket-book or analogous article or attached after manufacture.

While I have described my invention as particularly adapted for use in pocket-books, it will be apparent that there are a variety  
15 of articles transportable by hand of an analogous character to which it is equally well adapted.

What I claim is—

A pocket-book provided with a safety attachment, comprising a bar pivotally secured 20 upon one of the inner folds of the pocket-book, and having movement upon the pivot, to allow of moving the attachment radially to fold the same within the pocket-book, and to project the outer end beyond the frame of 25 the pocket-book, said attachment having an orifice at its outer end.

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

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