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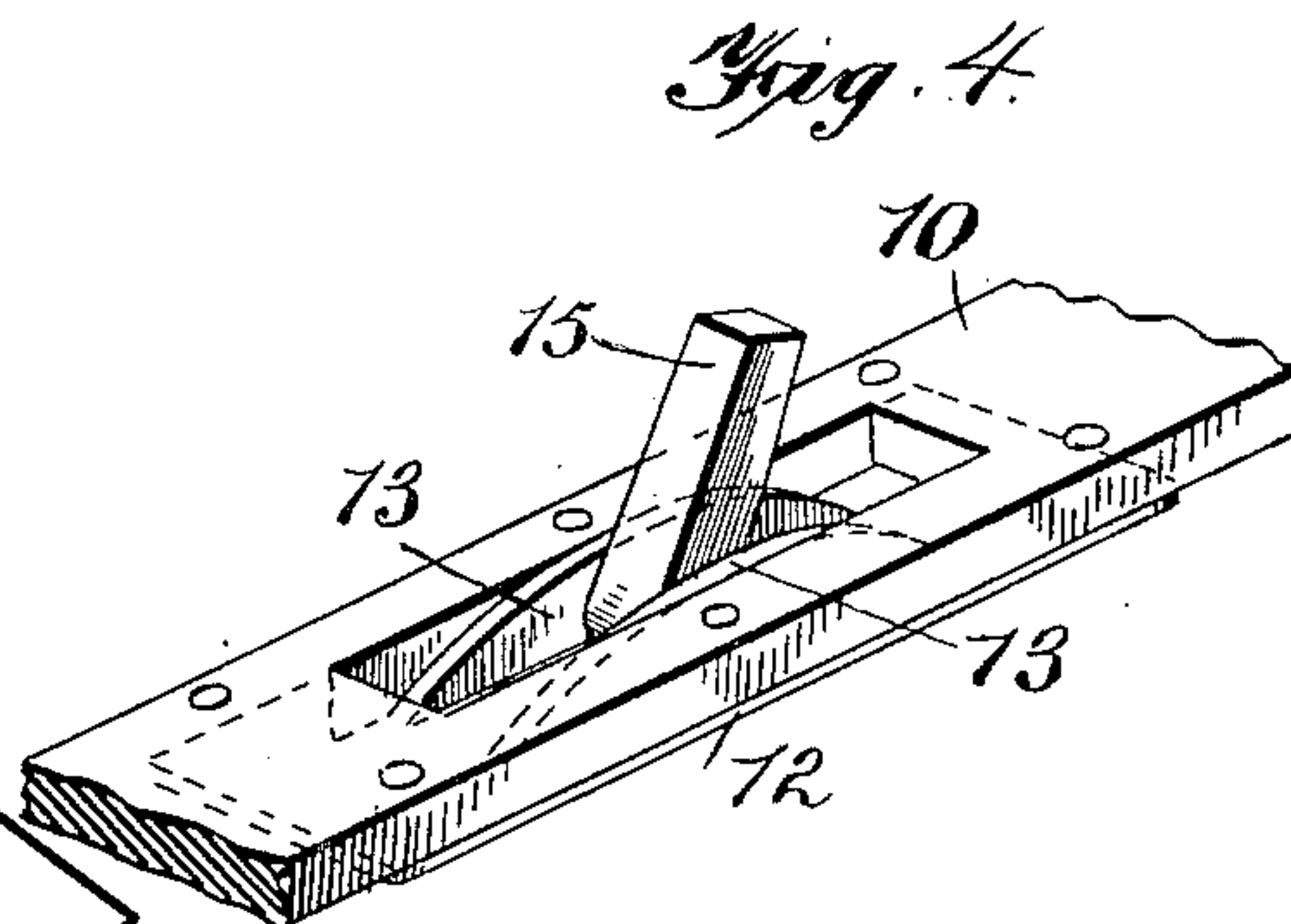
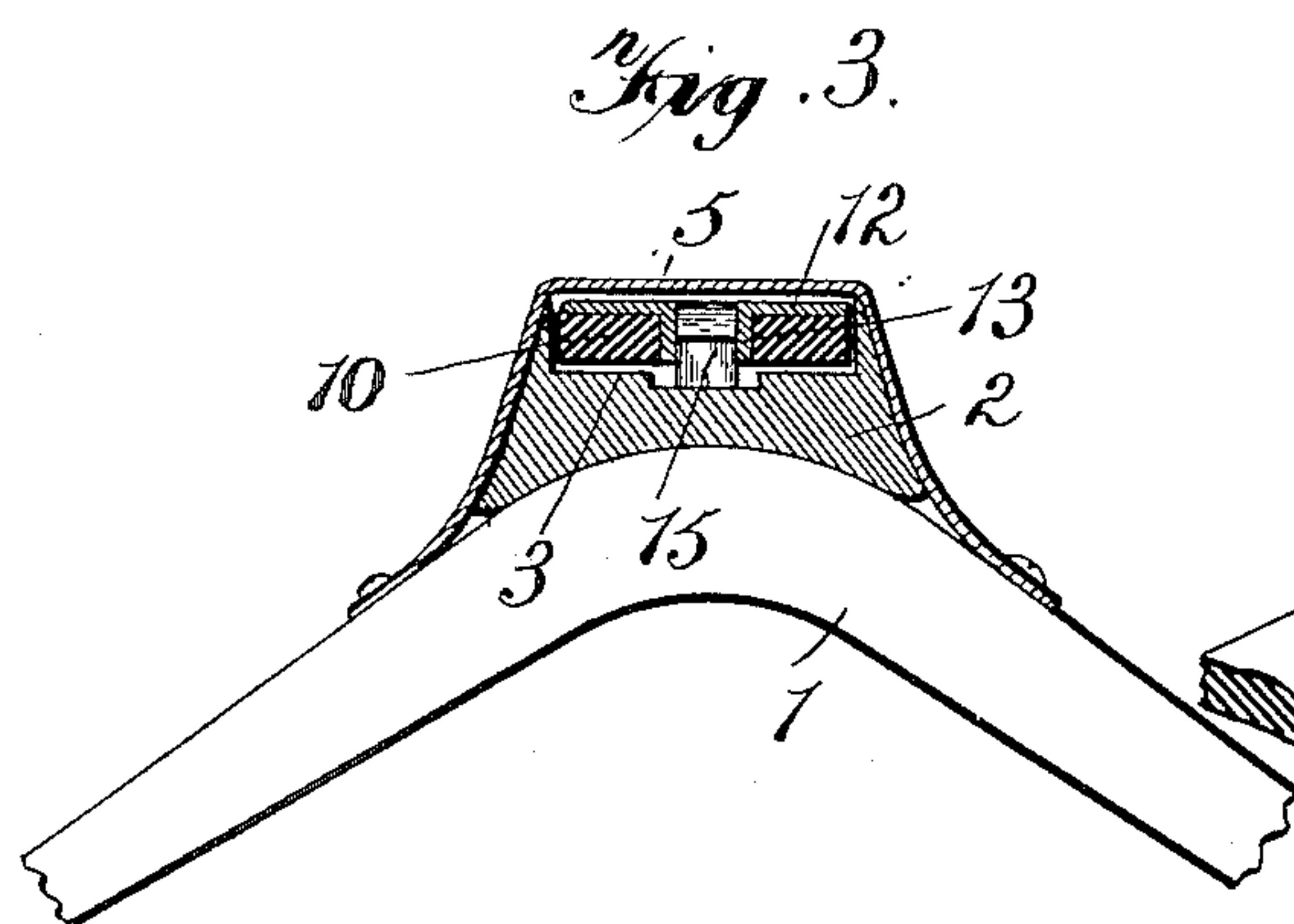
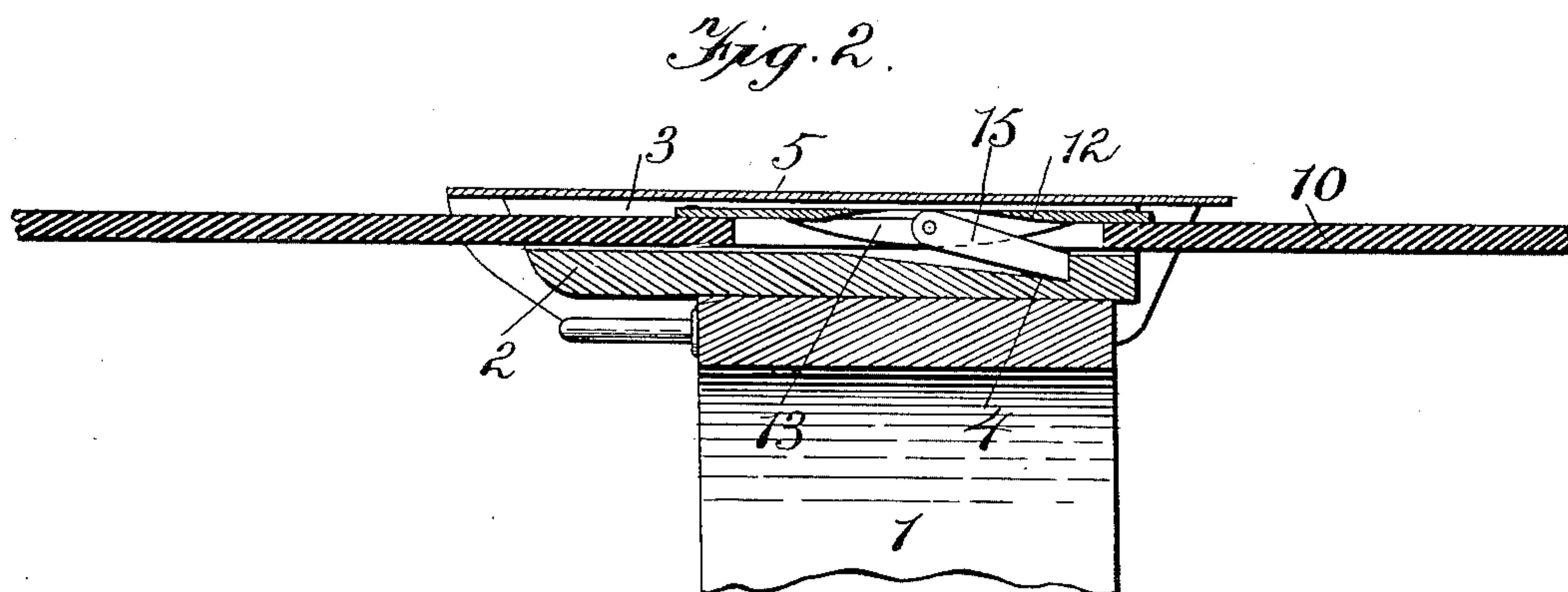
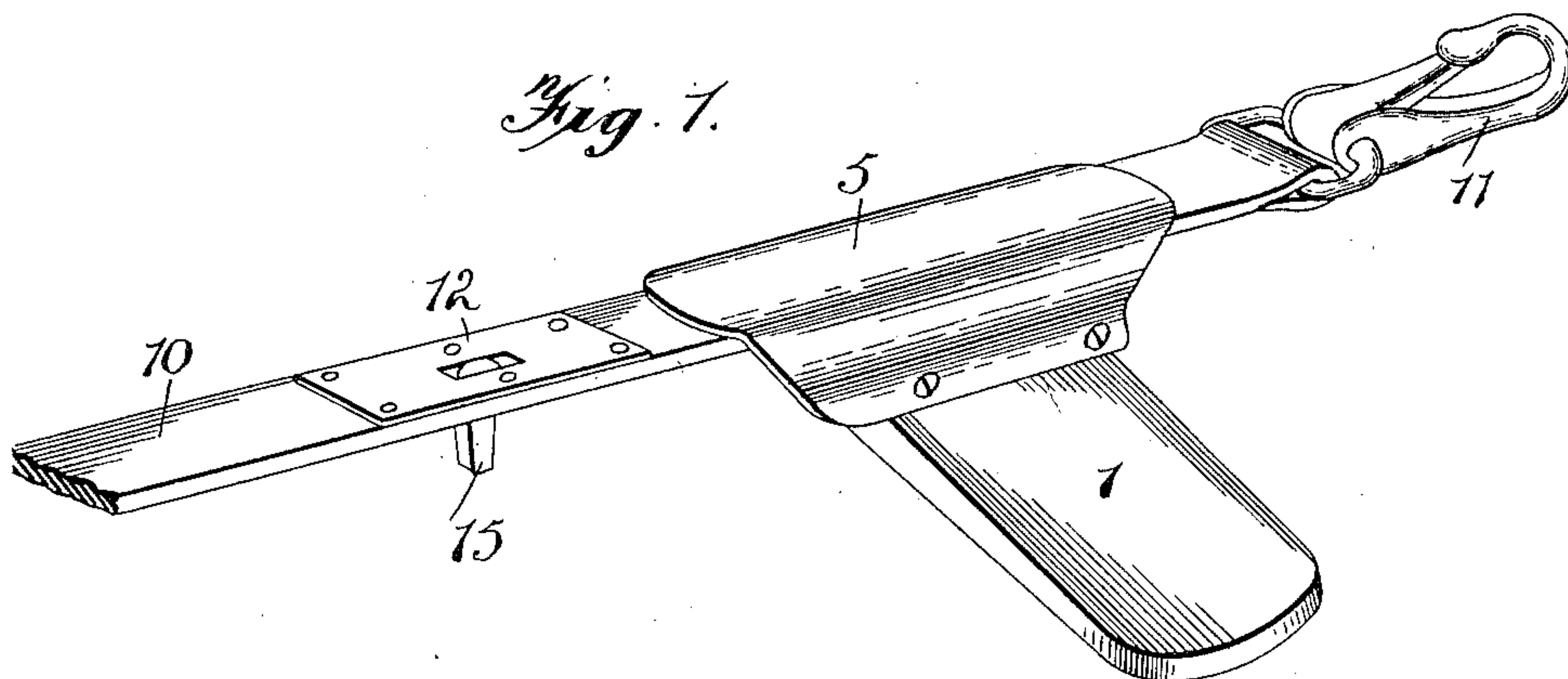
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CHECKREIN-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN CLYDE, residing at Marion Center, in the county of Indiana, and MILTON STUCHELL, residing at Big Run, in the county of Jefferson, State of Pennsylvania, citizens of the United States, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Checkrein-Holders; and we 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.

This invention relates to harness, and more especially to the checkreins used therein; and the object of the same is to produce an improved checkrein-holder.

To this end the invention consists in the peculiar construction of parts, as hereinafter more fully described and claimed, and as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of this device entire, with the checkrein pulled to the rear of the casing. Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal section showing the tongue as engaged with the notch within the casing, so that the horse is checked. Fig. 3 is a cross-section through the device with the tongue housed between the lips and the strap and plate lying within the groove. Fig. 4 is a perspective detail of the tongue and its supporting-plate and a portion of the checkrein inverted.

In the accompanying drawings, 1 designates the harness-saddle, upon whose arch is supported a casing, consisting of a base 2, having a longitudinal groove 3 in its upper face, which groove is provided with a rearwardly-facing notch 4, and over this base extends a frame-plate 5, secured to the sides of the base, while the latter is secured upon the saddle in any preferred way. However, the entire casing may be constructed in any other suitable manner so long as it has the longitudinal groove with the notch in its bottom.

10 designates the check-strap, having a snap-hook 11 at its front end, to which is attached the checkrein, as will be clearly understood, while the rear end of the strap extends back to within reach of the driver.

Upon this strap is riveted a plate 12, having depending parallel lips 13, which extend downward through a slot in the strap, as seen in Fig. 4, and between which is pivoted a tongue 15 in such manner and of such length that it may be swung in either direction and of such size that when swung to either horizontal position it will be housed within the thickness of the plate and lips.

In use the checkrein is attached to the snap-hook and the strap passed through the longitudinal opening in the casing. When it is desired to check the horse, the strap 10 is drawn to the rear until the plate, and with it the tongue, passes into the casing. When the operator can just see the rear extremity of the plate, he releases his pull and the strap, plate, and tongue move forward until the latter engages the notch within the groove and the horse is checked. To uncheck, the strap 10 is drawn to the rear until the plate and tongue come out of the casing and the release of the tension on the strap then permits the tongue to pass through the casing while housed between the lips in the other direction, whereby it will not engage the notch. In other words, the tongue moves freely through the casing in either direction whenever its pivot moves in advance of its tip and little practice is necessary to enable the operator to check and uncheck the horse while sitting in the vehicle.

The parts are of the desired sizes, shapes, proportions, and materials.

What is claimed as new is—

1. In a checkrein-holder, the combination with the check-strap having a slot, and a tongue pivoted at one end within said slot midway of the length of the latter and adapted to be swung into diametrically-opposite positions and housed therein; of a casing mounted on the harness-saddle and provided with a longitudinal groove for the strap and a transverse notch for the tongue, substantially as described.

2. In a checkrein-holder, the combination with the check-strap having a slot, a plate secured thereover and having longitudinal lips standing within the slot, and a tongue pivoted at one end between said lips and adapted

ed to be swung in either direction and housed
between the lips and within the slot; of a cas-
ing mounted on the harness-saddle and pro-
vided with a longitudinal groove for the strap
5 and a transverse notch for the tongue, sub-
stantially as described.

3. In a checkrein-holder, the combination
with the check-strap having a slot, and a
tongue pivoted at one end within said slot
10 and adapted to be swung in either direction
and housed therein; of a casing consisting of
a base mounted on the harness-saddle and
provided with a longitudinal groove adapted

to freely receive the strap and a transverse
notch adapted to engage the tip of the tongue, 15
and a frame-plate secured upon the base and
extending over the top of the groove, sub-
stantially as described.

In testimony whereof we affix our signa-
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