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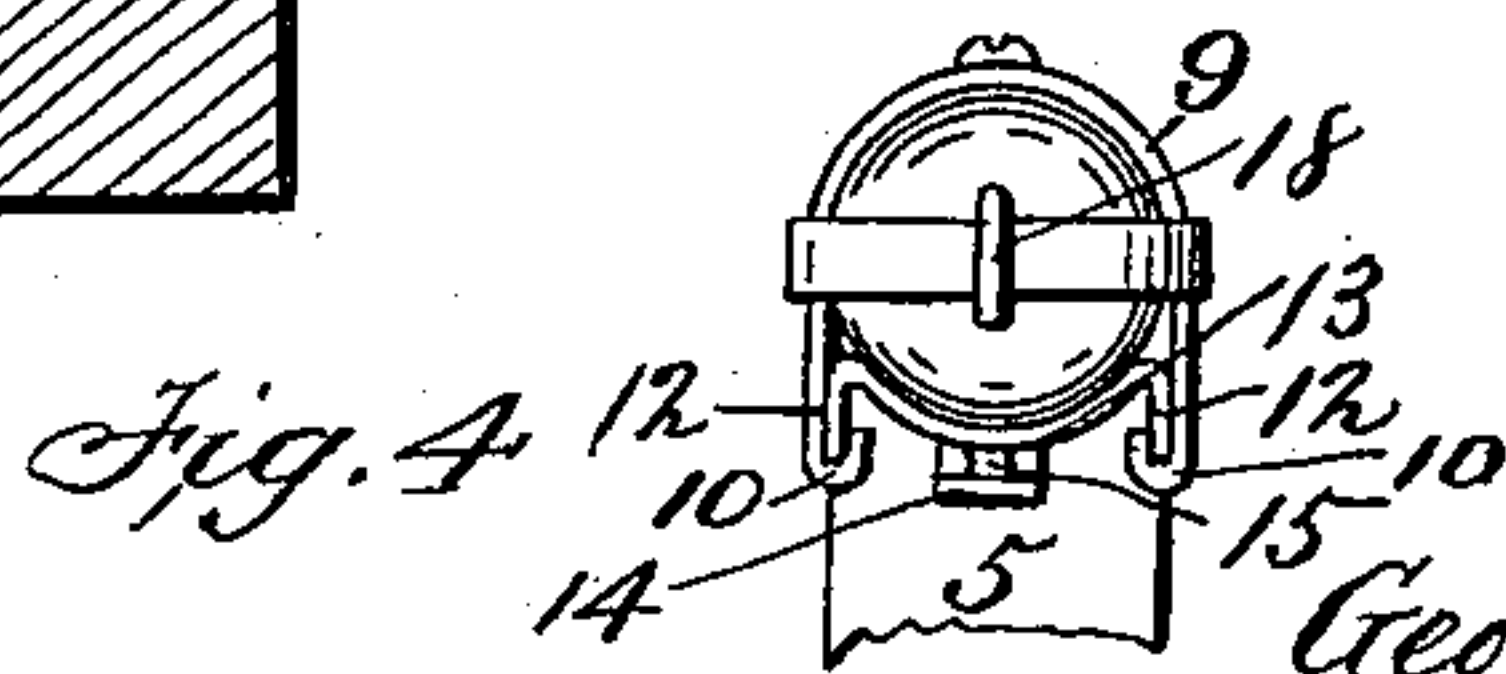
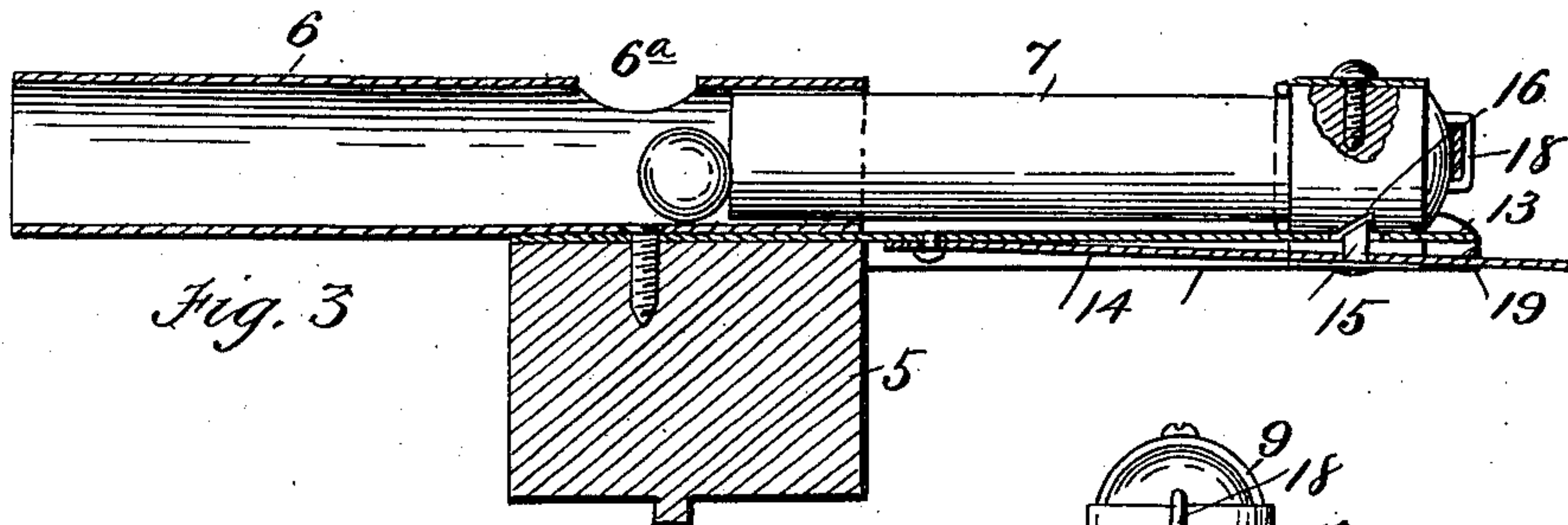
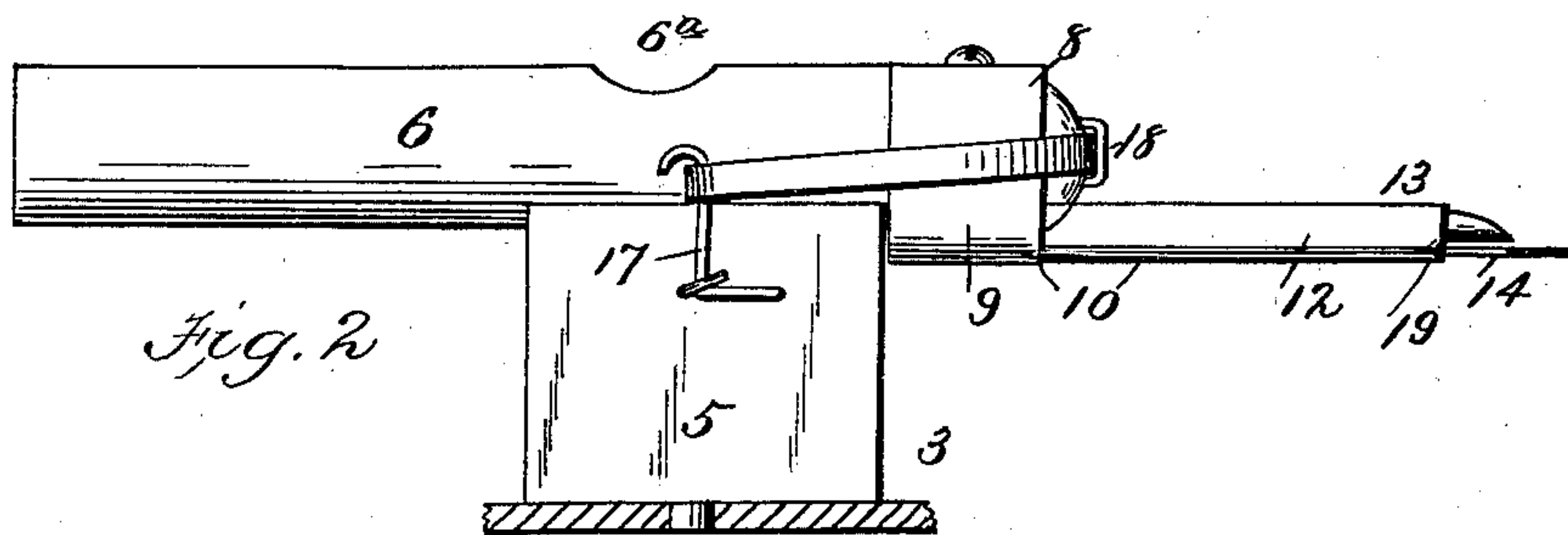
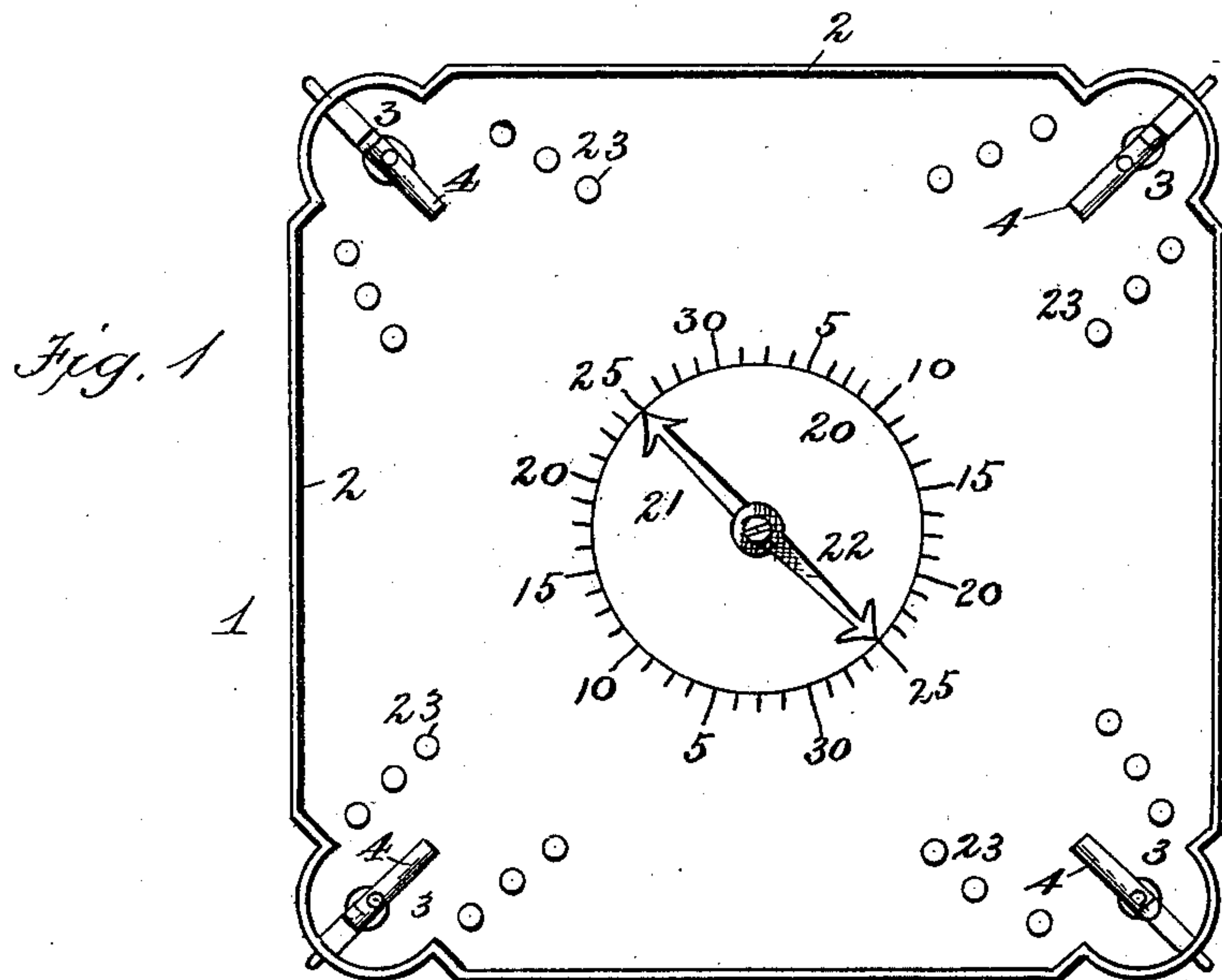
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GAME.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. KREBS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Conway Springs, in the county of Sumner and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games; 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.

This invention relates to games, and particularly to the class employing game-boards.

The object of the invention is to produce a game of this character which will be interesting and in which considerable skill and proficiency will be required to successfully play the same.

With these ends in view my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of such a game-board and of the method or manner of playing the game, as will be hereinafter more fully described, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the game-board arranged for playing. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of one of the cannon. Fig. 3 is a vertical longitudinal section of the same. Fig. 4 is a rear end view.

In the drawings, 1 denotes a board provided on all its edges with a flange 2. Each corner of the board 1 may be made more or less ornamental to form a base 3, on which is mounted a gun or cannon 4, from which is adapted to be projected a ball or other projectile for a purpose hereinafter to appear. The said cannon 4 is preferably constructed as follows:

5 denotes a block swiveled to the base 3 at each corner of the board 1.

6 denotes the barrel rigidly fixed on the blocks and consisting of a cylinder open at each end and provided near the "breech" end on its upper side with an opening 6^a for the insertion of a projectile. 7 denotes a plunger having a sliding engagement within said barrel and being provided on its outer end with an enlargement or "breech-block" 8.

9 denotes a curved metal plate partially encircling said breech-block and fixed thereto, the lower ends of which extend downwardly and are provided with inwardly-up-

turned flanges 10, which have a sliding engagement with the depending flanges 12 of a rearwardly-extending supporting bracket or guideway 13, fixed to the block 5 and adapted to guide and support the plunger 7 when the same is withdrawn from the barrel in position for firing, the body of said bracket being curved to conform to the shape of the cylindrical plunger.

14 denotes a flat spring fixed at its inner end to the bracket 13 and having its free end protruding beyond the rear end of the said bracket to form a trigger. Near the trigger end of said spring I provide an upwardly-extending pin 15, which protrudes through an opening in said bracket and is adapted to engage an orifice or slot 16, formed in the under side of said breech-block. The pin 15 has its upper end beveled off, so that when the breech-block of the plunger on being retracted comes into contact with said pin it will readily push said pin down through the opening in said bracket and ride over the same until the slot 16 in said breech-block aligns with the opening in said bracket, when the spring 14 will cause the pin 15 to fly up into said openings and hold said breech-block and plunger in their retracted position.

17 denotes hooks fixed on each side of the block 5, to which are adapted to be attached the ends of an elastic band which passes around the end of the enlargement or breech-block 8 of the plunger and through a staple or guide 18, fixed in the rear end of the same.

The depending flanges 12 of the bracket 13 have their outer ends turned slightly inwardly to form stops 19 to limit the rearward movement of the plunger.

The center of the game-board may be provided with a suitable "counter" 20, preferably arranged as shown and consisting of a circle marked upon said board and provided with two or more sets of scale-markings. Pivoted to the board in the center of said circle are two hands or pointers 21 and 22, which are adapted to be moved by the players to indicate the points on the scale.

23 denotes the game-pieces or men with which each player is provided and are preferably six in number for each player.

The game may be played by two or four

players. When four are playing, the two
 5 players sitting beside each other play as
 partners against the two sitting opposite.
 The men or pieces are arranged, preferably,
 10 as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, and the
 game is played by each player shooting in
 turn at the men of the opponent player sit-
 ting opposite, the number of men knocked
 down at each shot counting so many points
 15 in the game, which are indicated by said
 player on the counter in the center of the
 board by moving his pointer the required
 number of points on the circular scale. Of
 course when partners are playing their points
 20 are counted together as one player. The
 player first reaching the required number of
 points or first knocking down all of his oppo-
 nent's men wins the game.

From the foregoing description, taken in
 25 connection with the accompanying drawings,
 the construction of my game-board and the
 manner of playing the game will be readily
 understood, and a further description of the
 same is not deemed necessary.

25 Having thus described my invention and set
 forth its merits, what I claim, and desire to se-
 cure by Letters Patent, is—

In a game, the combination of the board 1
 30 provided with the flanges 2; cannon 4 piv-
 otally mounted on the four corners of said
 board, the said cannon consisting of a block
 5, a barrel 16 fixed on said block, a recipro-
 cating plunger 7, having on its outer end an
 enlargement or breech-block 8, a curved

plate 9 fixed on said breech-block, inwardly- 35
 upturned flanges 10 formed on the lower ends
 of said plate, a rearwardly-extending bracket
 13 fixed to said block 5, depending guide-
 flanges 12 projecting downwardly from said 40
 bracket and adapted to be engaged by the
 said flanges 10 to guide said breech-block and
 plunger in their movements, a spring and
 trigger 14 fixed at one end to said bracket, a
 beveled catch-pin 15 fixed to said spring and
 lying normally in the path of a slot 16 formed 45
 in the under side of said breech-block to hold
 said block and plunger in their reciprocated
 position, hooks 17 fixed on each side of said
 block 5, an elastic band adapted to be passed
 around said breech-block and plunger and 50
 having its ends connected to said hooks, an
 opening in the top of said barrel near the
 breech thereof for the insertion of a projec-
 tile, game-pieces or men 23 adapted to be ar-
 ranged upon said game-board, and a counter 55
 arranged in the center of said board, and con-
 sisting of the movable hands 21 and 22 piv-
 oted in the center of said board and adapted
 to be moved around a circular scale of points,
 substantially as and for the purpose set forth. 60

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
 my hand in presence of two subscribing wit-
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