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Fig. 1.

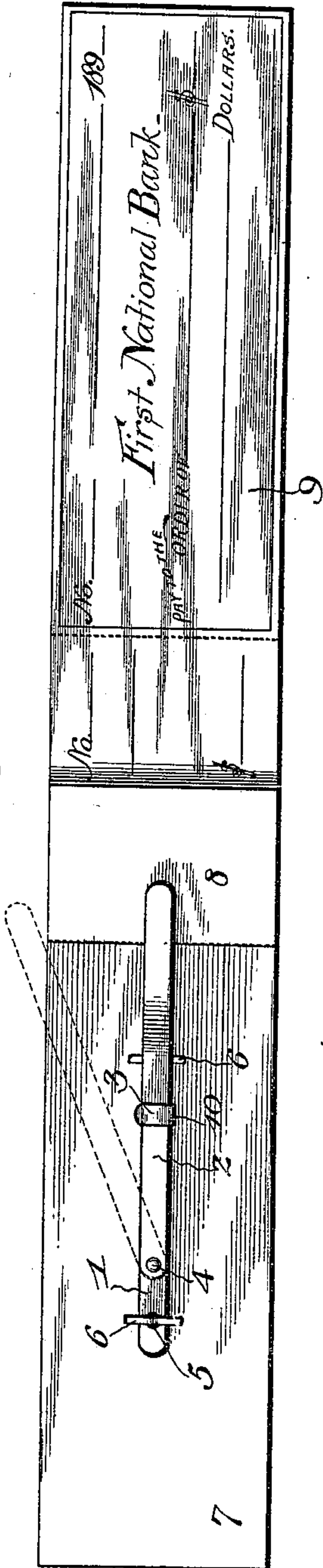


Fig. 2.

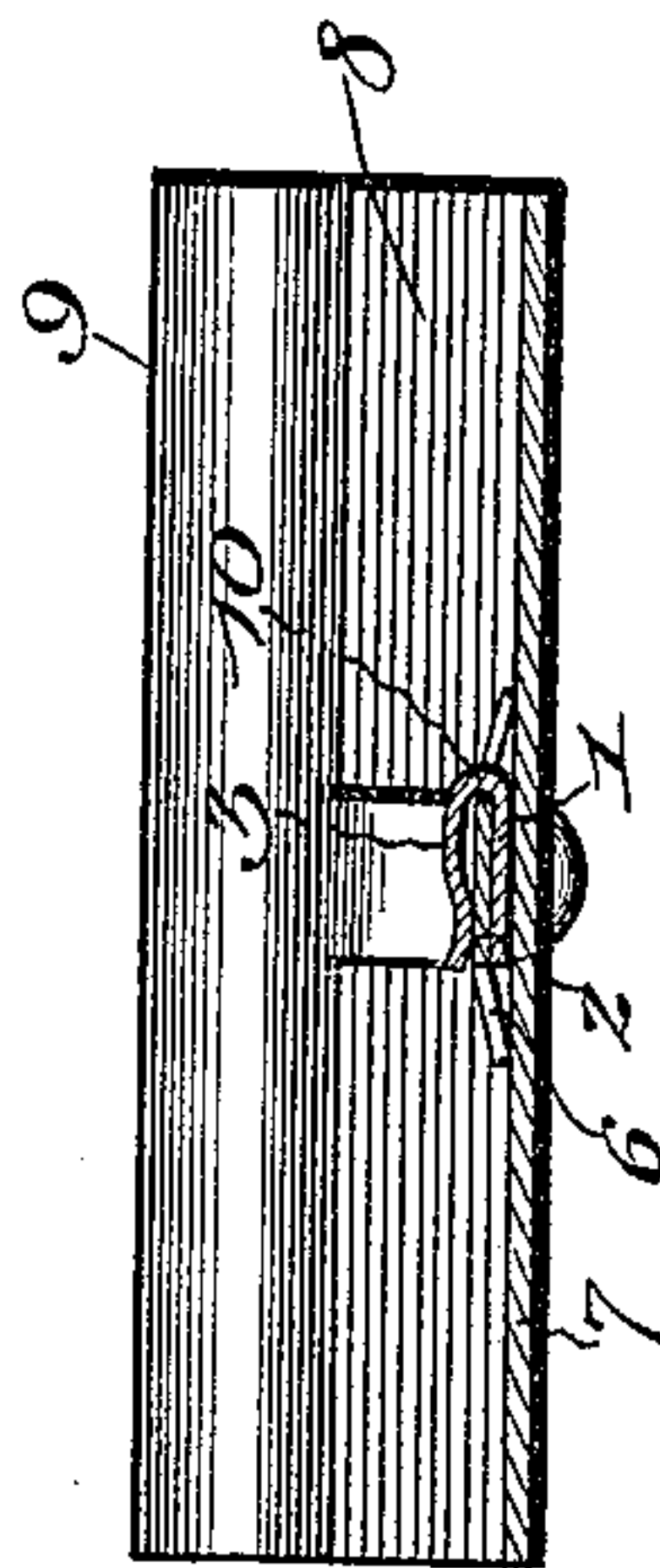
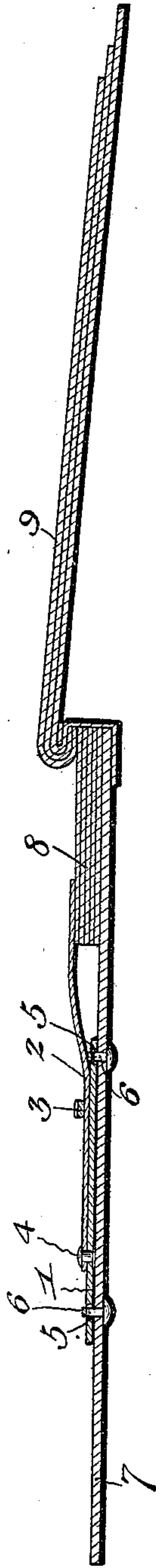


Fig. 3.

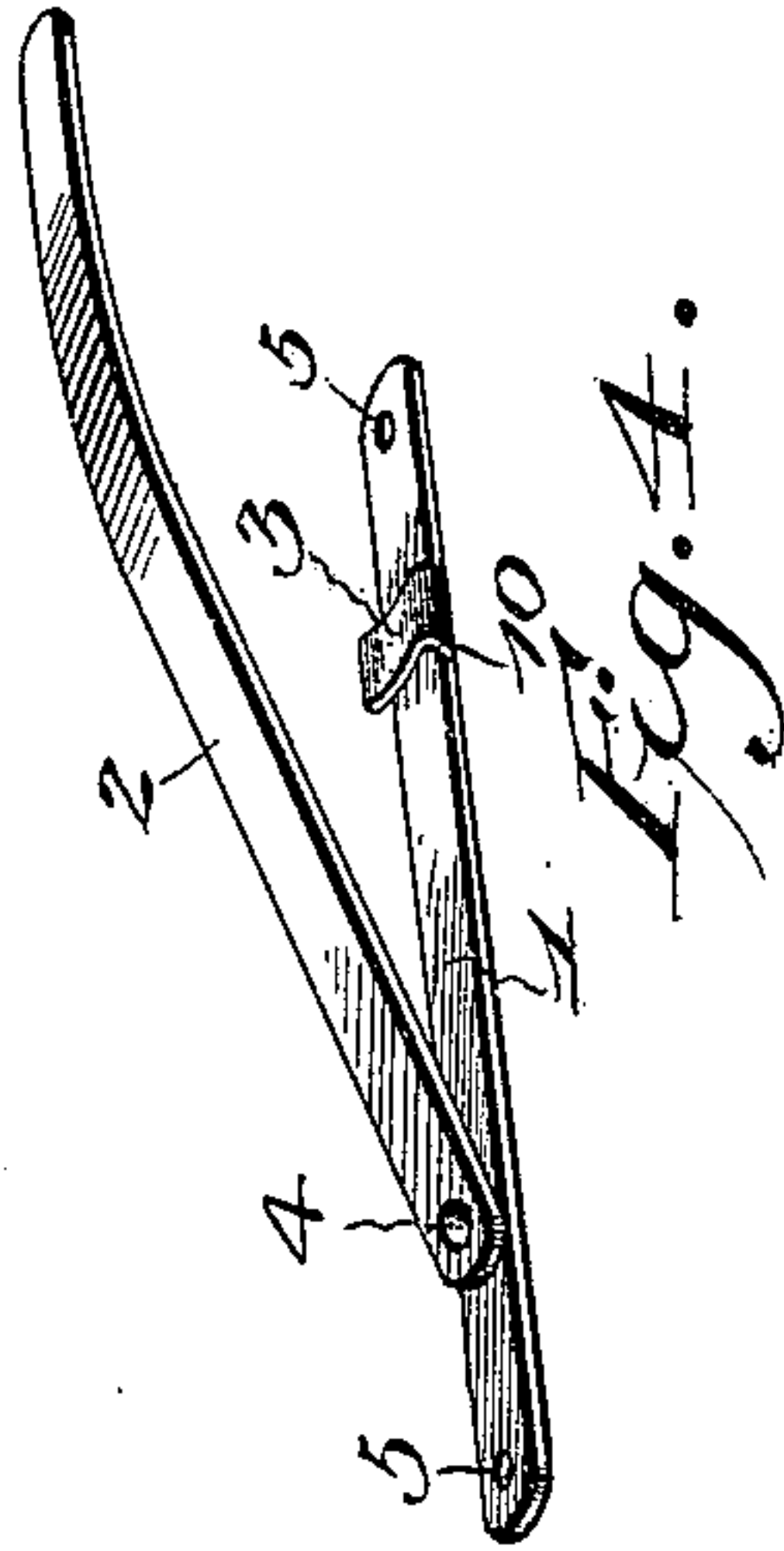


Fig. 4.

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STUB-HOLDER FOR CHECK OR OTHER BOOKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT F. MCKINLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bedford, in the county of Lawrence and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Stub-Holder for Check or other Books, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to stub-holders for check-books and the like, and has for its object to provide an improved device of this character which is designed to hold the stubs flat against the adjacent cover of the book, so that the unused stubs and checks may not be obstructed by the stubs from which the checks have been detached. It is furthermore designed to provide a detachable device which is applicable to any form of stub-book without altering or changing the latter, and therefore transferable from one book to another, and finally to provide means for positively holding the stub-engaging member in engagement with the stubs and also permitting of the convenient disengagement of the member from the stubs when it is desired to examine the latter.

With these and other objects in view the present invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawings, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims, it being understood that changes in the form, proportion, size, and minor details may be made within the scope of the claims without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of the stub-holder applied to a check-book. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view thereof. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view taken through the keeper. Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of the holder detached.

Corresponding parts are denoted by like characters of reference in all the figures of the drawings.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, particularly to Fig. 4 thereof, the device comprises a base-plate 1, a spring stub-engaging arm 2, and a keeper 3, carried by the base-plate and adapted to engage the arm.

The arm 2 is bent or bowed, as plainly shown in Fig. 2, to give the required spring

thereto, being pivoted at one end, as at 4, to or near one end of the base-plate and having its free end extending beyond the opposite end of the base-plate. At or near its opposite ends the base-plate is provided with openings 5, respectively.

To mount the holder upon a book, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2, the base-plate is placed upon the inner side of the front cover of the book in longitudinal alinement with the stubs, and suitable double-pronged fastenings 6 are inserted through openings formed in the cover and through those of the base-plate, the prongs being bent back or spread apart and transversely across the plate, whereby the device is removably mounted upon the cover of the book in a simple and convenient manner. By swinging the spring-arm upon its pivot the free end thereof may be engaged over and upon the stubs 8, whereby the latter are confined in place against the front cover and are prevented from closing upon the blank checks or other leaves 9 of the book, as is always the case with a book not provided with a holder. When there are but few stubs to hold, the spring of the arm is not sufficiently strong to hold the same effectively, and therefore a keeper has been provided to confine the arm more tightly upon the stubs. In using the device the arm is engaged underneath the spring-tongue 3, which forms the keeper, whereby the arm is engaged tightly against the stubs, as will be understood. The bend 10 of the keeper forms a stop to position the arm properly over the stubs and to prevent the arm from being accidentally displaced in one direction, while the spring action of the tongue guards against displacement in the opposite direction. The device is preferably mounted with the bend of the keeper extending toward the lower edge of the book, as this is the most convenient position for operating the spring-arm. The device, as herein described, provides a useful and improved stub-holder, which may be readily attached to any book, and the keeper adapts the spring-arm to hold a few stubs as tightly and effectively as a greater number thereof.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

1. The combination with a stub-book, of a

stub-holder, comprising a base-plate secured to the inner side of the cover, which is adjacent to the stubs, a stub-engaging member pivoted to swing laterally upon the base-plate and extended longitudinally of the cover to have its free end overlap the adjacent stubs, and a hook-shaped keeper carried by the plate, to embrace the stub-engaging member and hold the latter normally in engagement with the stubs.

2. A stub-holder, comprising a flat base-plate, having opposite perforations for the reception of fastening devices, and a hook-shaped spring-tongue struck up at one edge

of the plate, to form a keeper, and a bowed-15 spring stub-engaging arm, having its rear end pivoted to the base to swing laterally thereon, and its opposite free end projecting beyond the base-plate, the keeper being located intermediate of the opposite ends of 20 the arm to laterally engage the latter.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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