

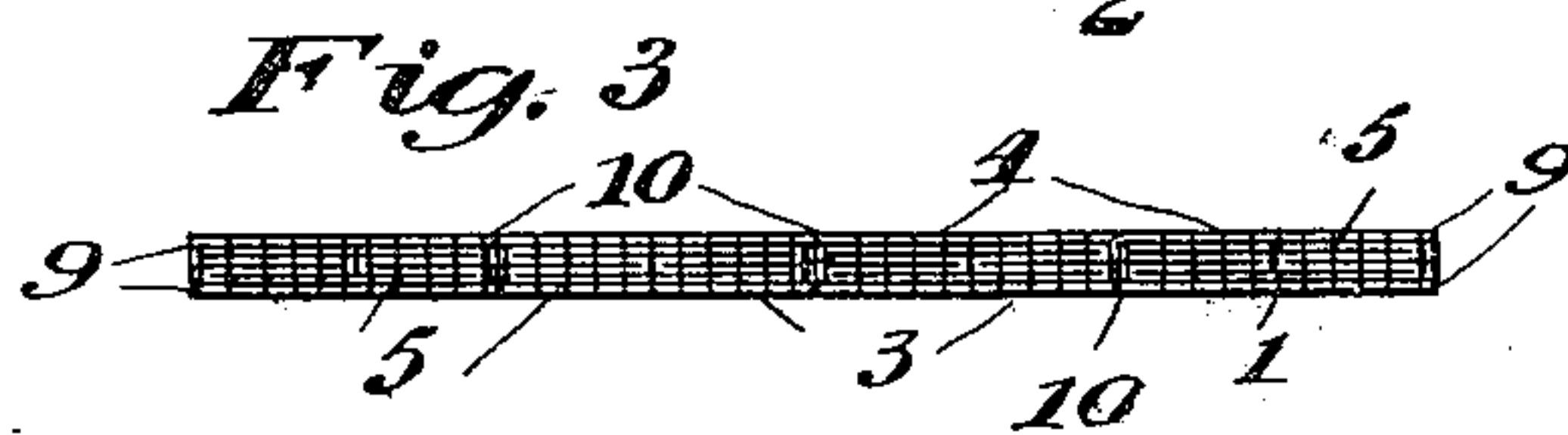
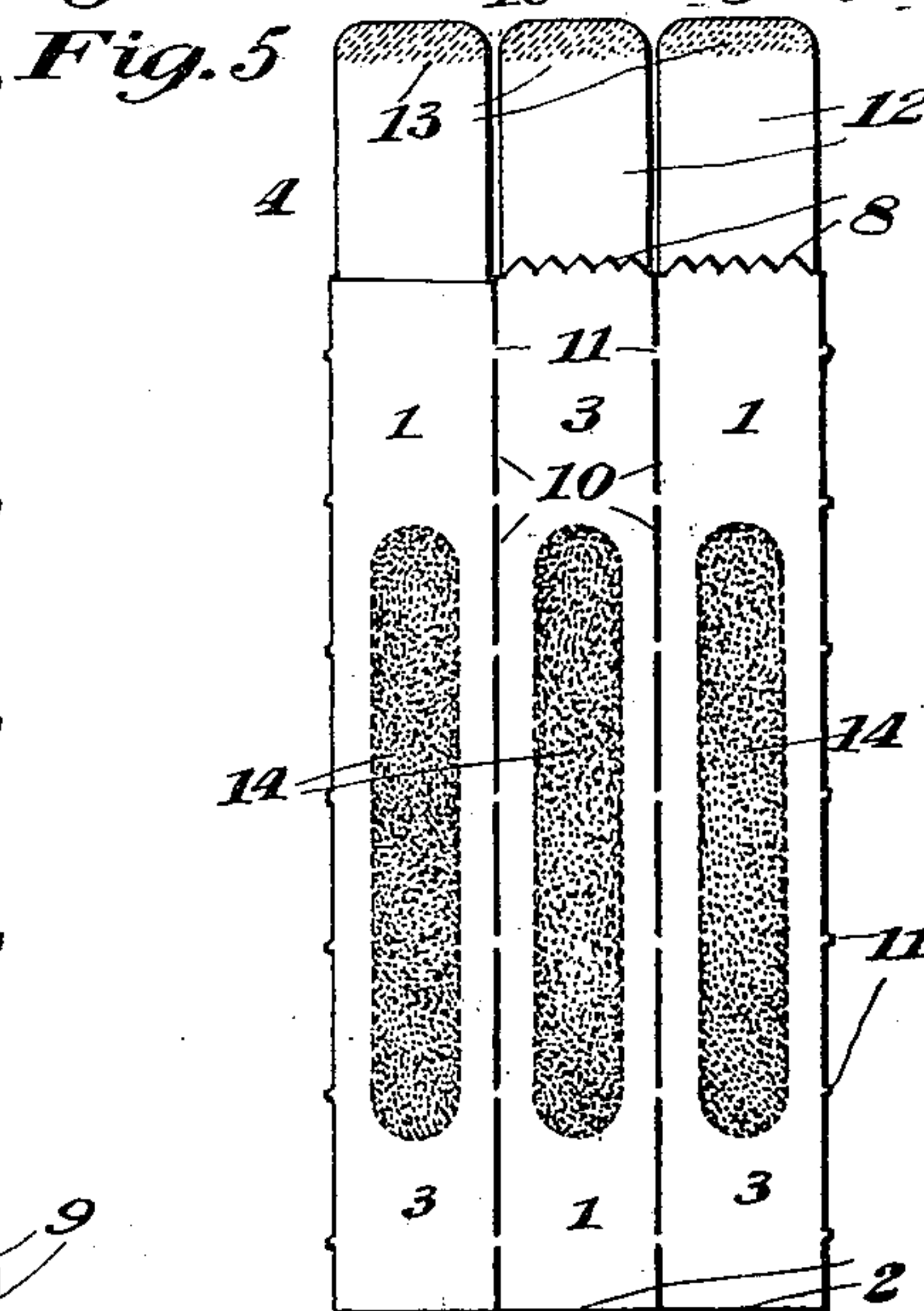
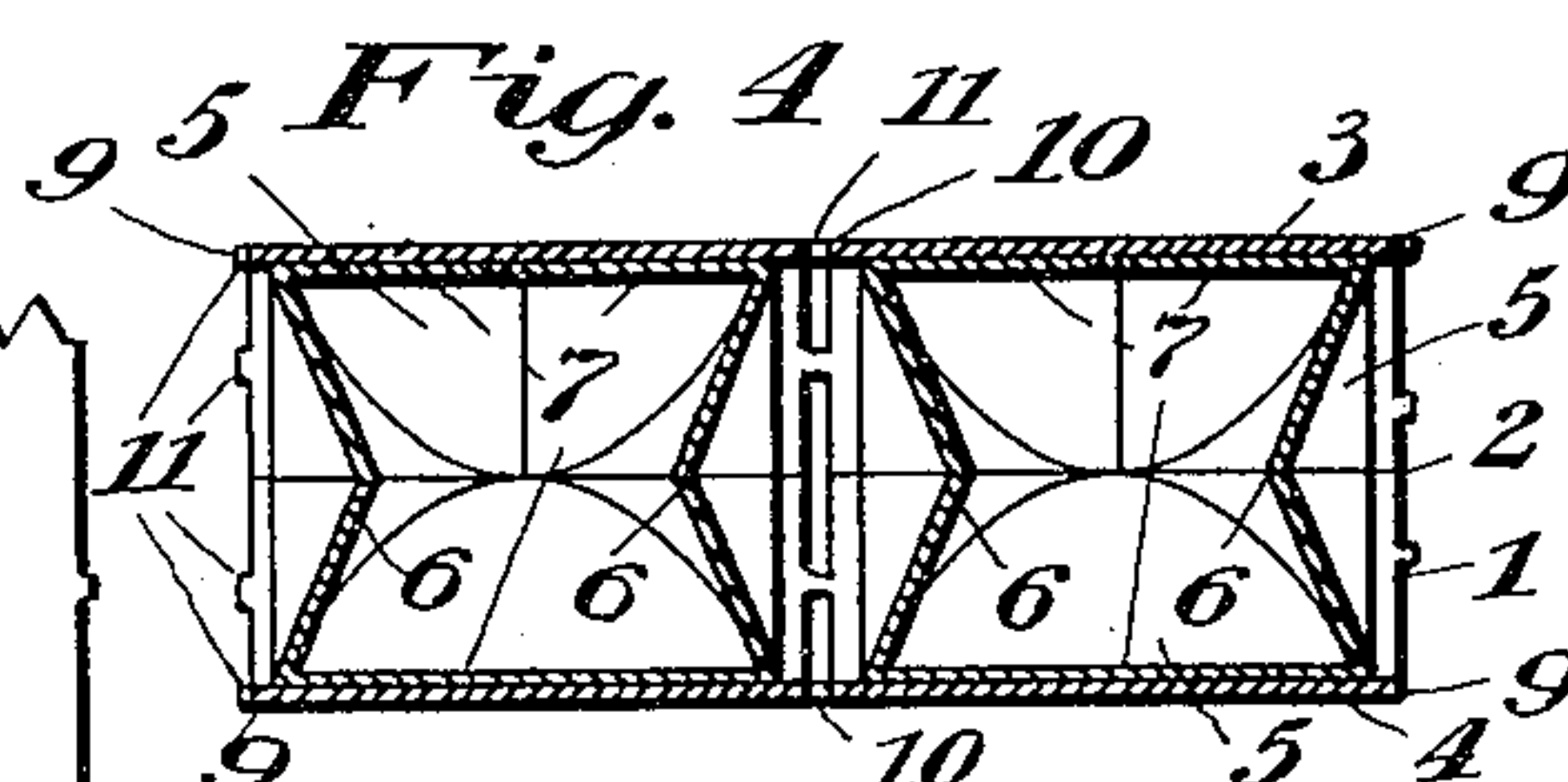
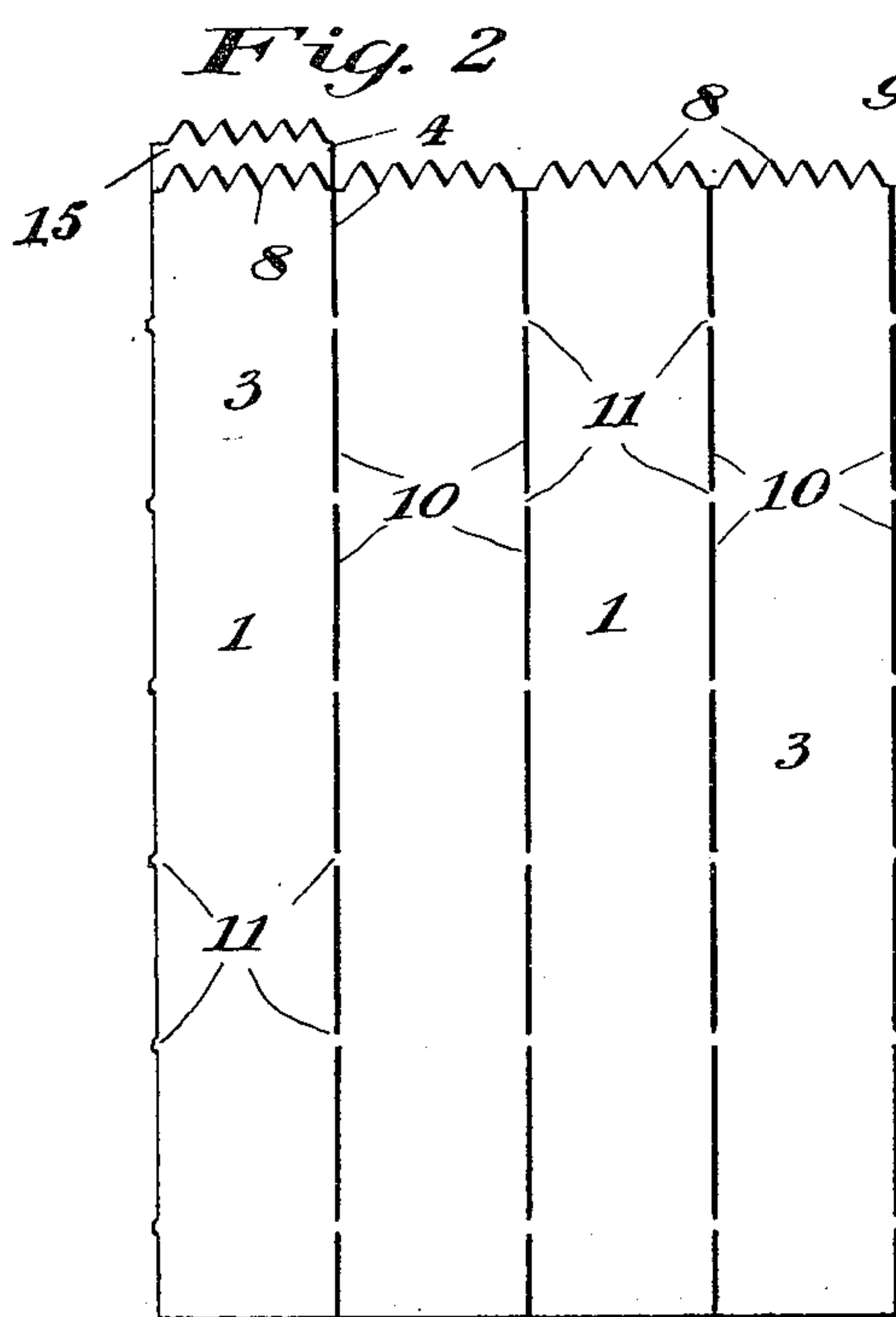
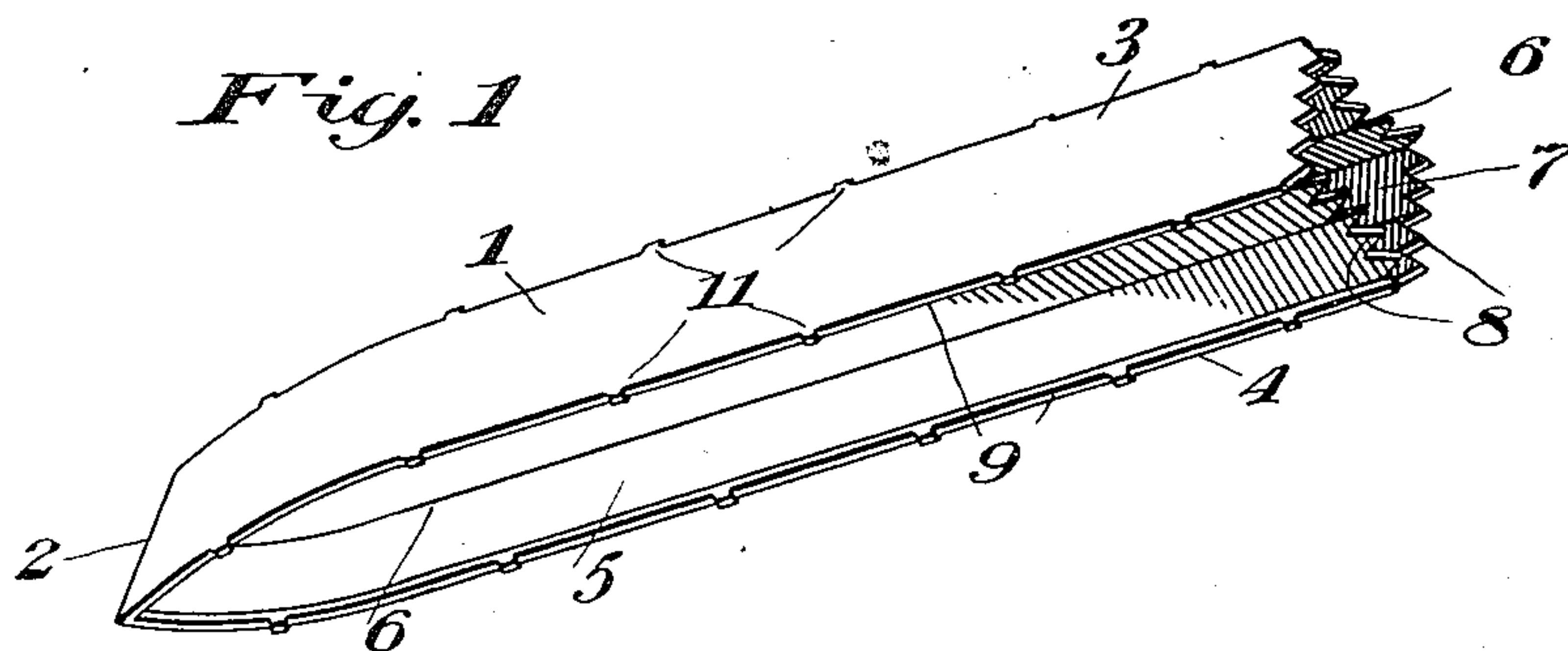
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN J. DITTGEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Madisonville, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain Improvements in Cigar-Pouches, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain improvements in individual pouches or receptacles for holding cigars; and it has for its object to provide a pouch or receptacle for this purpose which shall be of a simple and inexpensive nature, capable of being manufactured in connected or sheet-like series form, so that the pouches or receptacles may be detached and used singly, or when desired several of said pouches or receptacles may be detached and employed in connected form for holding cigars.

The invention consists in certain novel features of the improved pouch or receptacle, whereby certain important advantages are attained, and the device is made simpler, stronger, and otherwise better adapted for use, all as will be hereinafter fully set forth.

The novel features of the invention will be carefully defined in the claims.

In the drawings which serve to illustrate my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a pouch or receptacle made according to my invention in distended form. Fig. 2 is a view drawn to a smaller scale and showing several of the pouches or receptacles connected as they appear in sheet-like form. Fig. 3 is an edge view looking toward the mouth end of the collapsed pouches or receptacles shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is an enlarged transverse section taken through two of the connected pouches or receptacles and showing them in distended form. Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 2, but showing a modified form of the improved pouch or receptacle.

In the views, 1 indicates the outer wall of the pouch or receptacle, formed of a strip of heavy paper or cardboard, having a transverse bend or fold 2 formed at its central part, so that the ends or sections 3 and 4 of the strip are made to extend parallel to each other to receive between them the collapsible or flexible body portion 5 of the pouch, which latter is formed, by preference, from thin paper and is of rectangular cross-section when distended, having central folds or creases 6

extending lengthwise along its sides and arranged to fold inwardly or toward each other when the pouch or receptacle is collapsed. Each side of the body portion 5 is formed with but a single fold 6, and said sides are so proportioned that when the pouch or receptacle is collapsed the inner edges of the respective opposite folds 6 are closely adjacent, as indicated in Fig. 3, so that the central portion of the collapsed pouch is of the same thickness as the lateral portions thereof.

At front and back the body portion 5 of the pouch is cemented or glued, as indicated at 7, to the inner surfaces of the two sections or plies 3 and 4 of the outer wall 1, the bottom of the body 5 being closed by the fold 2 of the outer wall 1. The edges of the body portion 5 and the outer wall 1 at the mouth or open end of the pouch or receptacle are made openly serrated, as shown at 8 in the drawings, to facilitate the insertion of the cigar therein, and the strip 1, of which the outer wall of the pouch is formed, is made of a slightly-greater width than the body portion 5, so that when the parts are united, as shown in the drawings, the longitudinal edges of the front and back walls 3 and 4 project beyond the edges of the body 5, as seen at 9, to give protection to the lateral folds of said body and also to prevent as far as possible damage to the contained cigar through the flexible sides of the pouch or receptacle when carried in the pocket.

The pouches or receptacles are manufactured in connected or sheet-like form, as shown in Figs. 2, 3, and 4, a single sheet of stiff paper or cardboard being employed to form the several strips 1 and being folded along its central line to receive between its sections or plies the several body portions 5, which, being formed separately or independently from each other, are spaced apart from each other sufficiently to provide for the projecting edge portions 9 in the completed pouches and are suitably cemented or glued in place. The body-portions are open at both ends and the inner end of each of them is placed at the fold of the outer piles or sections, so that when the sections are folded together they will close the bottoms of the body portions, thereby avoiding the necessity of folding the body portion, and thus securing a pouch of perfectly-smooth surface and

even thickness throughout, upon which advertising or other matter may be printed at any time after the pouch has been completed. In this manner the pouches can be formed in
 5 sheets and carried in stock, and as soon as an order is received the pouches can be run through the press and any desired matter printed thereon to suit the purchaser. The pouches or receptacles are then partially separated by means of parallel series of cuts or
 10 slits 10, the cuts of each series being elongated and being separated at suitable intervals to provide narrow bonds or ligaments 11, by means of which the several pouches or receptacles are connected and held in sheet
 15 form, so that they may be detached from the sheet singly or several at a time for use.

When the cells or pouches are torn apart, the bonds or ligaments 11 will project at the outer
 20 edges of the cardboard walls, so as to give said edges a serrated or roughened nature to cause them to engage the pocket-lining, so as to effectually prevent the pouch from accidentally slipping from the pocket, whereby
 25 the contained cigars might be broken.

In some cases it may be desirable to provide the pouches or receptacles with means for closing or sealing the mouths or open ends thereof, and in Fig. 5 I have shown connected
 30 pouches so constructed. In this form of the device one of the plies or sections, as 4, of the stiff cover 1 of each pouch is extended, as shown at 12, beyond the mouth of the pouch to form a closing or sealing flap, the
 35 edge of which may be gummed, as seen at 13. In this form of the pouch the stiff sheet of which the strips 1 are formed will not be centrally folded, but provision will be made for the projecting flaps 12, and the slits 10 are
 40 extended across the projecting edge portion of the cardboard sheet of which the flaps 12 are formed, so that these flaps, as well as the respective cells or pouches, are made readily separable from each other. The cardboard
 45 sheet is also formed on the outer surface of one of its plies with a series of parallel sanded stripes 14, as clearly shown in Fig. 5, these stripes forming match-scratches upon the respective individual pouches or cells when
 50 these latter are demarkated by means of the series of cuts 10 to facilitate the striking of matches for lighting the cigars, and the stiff paper or cardboard of which the outer walls of the pouch are formed will, by preference,
 55 be waxed or paraffined, so as to protect the cement uniting the body 5 thereto, and also in a measure the contained cigar, from perspiration when the pouch is carried in the pocket. If desired, also the pouches may be
 60 made, as shown at the left in Fig. 2, with one of the plies or sections, as 4, of the stiff sheet projecting at the mouth of the pouch to be engaged by the finger in opening the pouch to insert a cigar.

65 The improved pouch constructed as above described is extremely simple and inexpensive and is especially well adapted for use,

since being in sheet form it is adapted for containing from a single cigar up to any usual
 number, the connected sides or walls 3 and 4
 70 of the pouches, when several are detached and used at once, acting to give stiffness and stability to the connected receptacles when expanded by the contained cigars, so as to give the effect of a pouch such as is commonly
 75 made for containing several cigars. At the same time when a cigar is taken from either receptacle the empty pouch may be very readily detached to save room in the pocket.

The two stiff walls or sections 3 and 4 of
 80 the pouch add materially to the strength and stiffness of the device and afford protection against breakage of the contained cigar, and the inturned folds 6 in the flexible sides of the pouch being closely adjacent when col-
 85 lapsed the pouch is given substantially a uniform thickness throughout its entire width, so that the pouches may, if desired and preferred, be suitably printed after manufacture and while in connected or sheet form.
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From the above description it will also be obvious that the improved pouch or receptacle is capable of some modification without material departure from the principles and spirit of the invention, and for this reason I
 95 do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the precise form and arrangement of the several parts herein set forth.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

100 1. Cigar receptacles or pouches in connected or sheet-like form and comprising a sheet of stiff material folded to form two plies and having parallel transverse series of cuts dividing the two plies into parts forming front
 105 and back walls for individual receptacles or pouches, and independently-formed thin paper body portions, one for each pouch or receptacle, each body portion having its front and back cemented between the front and
 110 back walls of its respective pouch or receptacle and having its opposite sides formed with inturned single folds the inner edges of which are closely adjacent when the pouch or receptacle is collapsed, to give the pouches
 115 or receptacles an even thickness throughout their entire width, substantially as set forth.

2. Cigar pouches or receptacles in connected or sheet-like form comprising a sheet of stiff material folded to form two plies or outer
 120 walls and flexible body portions cemented between said plies, the plies having transverse series of cuts located between the body portions and one ply having portions independent of each other and extended beyond the
 125 mouths of the body portions between each two transverse series of cuts and adapted to be closed over the open mouths of the pouches, substantially as set forth.

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