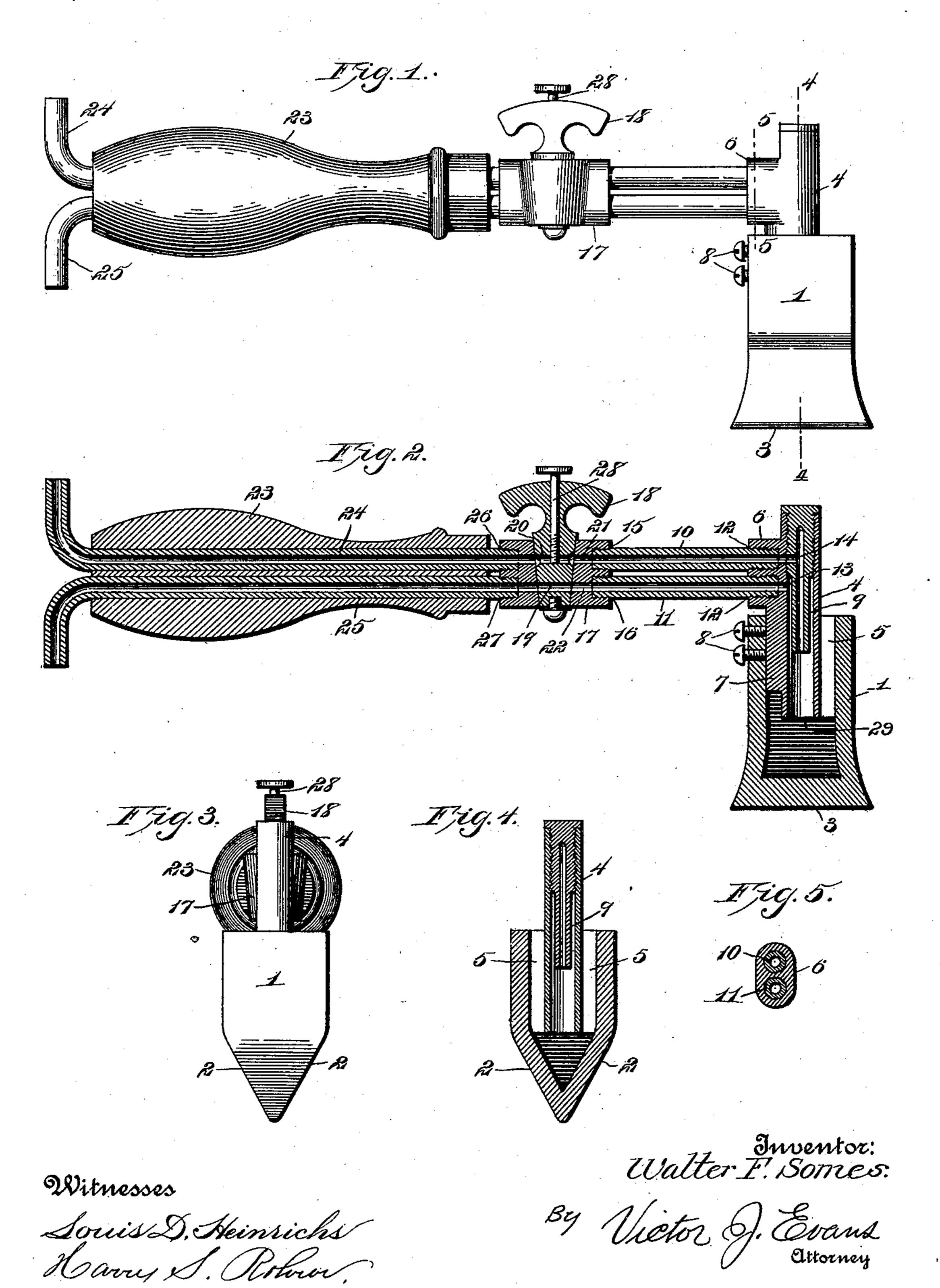
## W. F. SOMES. SOLDERING TOOL.

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## SOLDERING-TOOL.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER F. Somes, a citizen of the United States, residing at Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Mas-5 sachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Soldering-Tools, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to soldering-tools of the class in which the soldering-block is kept ro heated by means of a flame applied directly to the interior of the block; and the primary object of the invention is to provide improved means for heating the block.

The construction of the tool will be fully 15 described hereinafter and defined in the appended claims, in connection with the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a tool em-20 bodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a central vertical longitudinal section of the same. Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the tool. Fig. 4 is a transverse vertical section on the line 44 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 5 is a section on the 25 line 5 5 of Fig. 1.

The reference-numeral 1 designates a hollow soldering-block, which may be of any preferred size and shape, having its walls 2 converged to form the soldering edge 3. 30 Within the block 1 is arranged a casting comprising a tube 4, formed with vertical webs or flanges 5, a rearwardly-extending sleeve 6, and a bracket 7. The casting is supported within the open upper end of the 35 block 1 by set-screws 8, extending through the rear wall of the block and bearing upon the bracket 7 of the casting to hold the webs or flanges 5 in firm contact with the inner surface of the block. Within the tube 4, 40 which is the gas-supply tube of the device, is arranged a tube 9, closed at its upper end and having a threaded or other connection with the gas-tube 4. The tube 9 is for the admission of compressed air or steam.

10 and 11 designate pipes extending at one end through openings 12 in the sleeve 6 and communicating by passages 13 and 14, respectively, with the tubes 4 and 9. The opposite ends of the pipes 10 and 11 are secured 50 within sockets 15 and 16 of a coupling 17, which is vertically bored to receive a valve or turning plug 18, formed with passages 19

and 20, and longitudinally bored to form passages 21 and 22, adapted to register with the passages 19 and 20 of the valve and with the 55

gas and air pipes 10 and 11.

23 designates the handle of the tool, formed with parallel longitudinal openings to receive supply-pipes 24 and 25, the forward ends of which project beyond the end of the handle 60 and are secured to sockets 26 and 27 in the rear end of the coupling 17.

The upper portion of the plug 18 is bored to receive a rotary valve 28, which controls the supply of air or steam to the tube 9.

The utility and operation of the device will be readily understood. The admixed air and gas are ignited at the point 29, and the flame spreads over the entire inner surface of the block, the products of combustion escaping 70 through the open upper end of the block.

It will be obvious that a steady and constant heat can be supplied, so that the temperature of the block will be even and uniform, thus avoiding the necessity of fre- 75 quently retinning the tool, which is ordinarily caused by variations in the temperature of the block.

The air and gas are supplied from any suitable source, the air being under slight pres- 80 sure. The pipe connection and controlling valves for the air and gas may be constructed and arranged in any suitable manner, the invention not being restricted to the precise construction of the details shown in the draw-85 ings, but including all such modifications and variations as may fall within the scope of the following claims.

I claim—

1. A soldering-tool comprising a hollow 90 block; a casting consisting of a tube having vertical webs or flanges, a rearwardly-extending sleeve, and a bracket; a handle; fluid-supply pipes within the handle; pipes secured at one end to said casting, and at 95 their opposite ends to a valved coupling to which the supply-pipes within the handle are also secured.

2. A soldering-tool comprising a hollow block having its walls converged to form a roo soldering edge; a casting arranged within said block, and consisting of a tube formed with vertical webs or flanges, a rearwardlyextending sleeve, and a bracket; set-screws

extending through openings in said block and impinging against said bracket; a tube arranged within the tubular portion of the casting; fluid-supply pipes connecting the casting with a coupling; and a handle carrying supply-pipes which communicate with the coupling.

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

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