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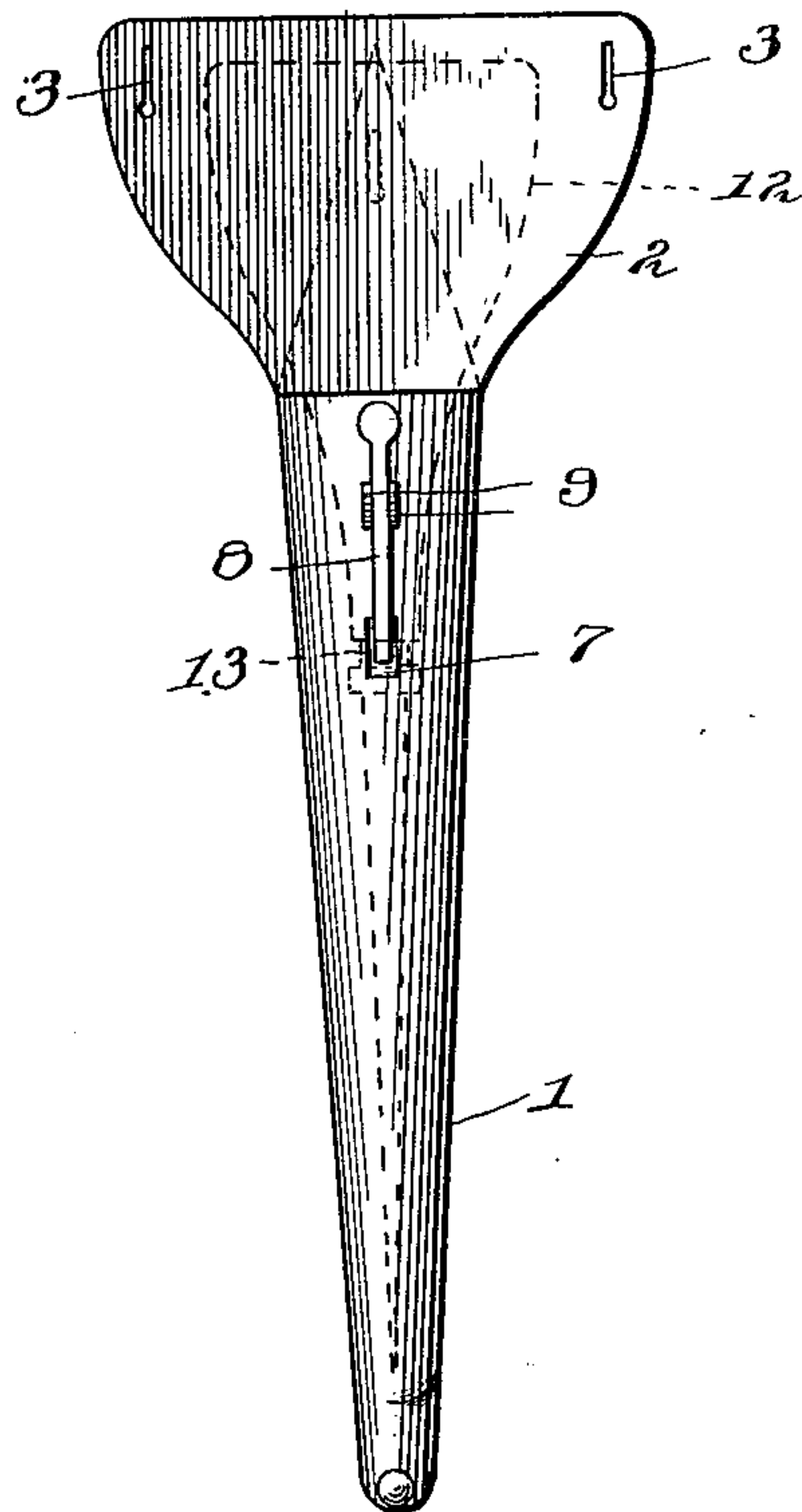
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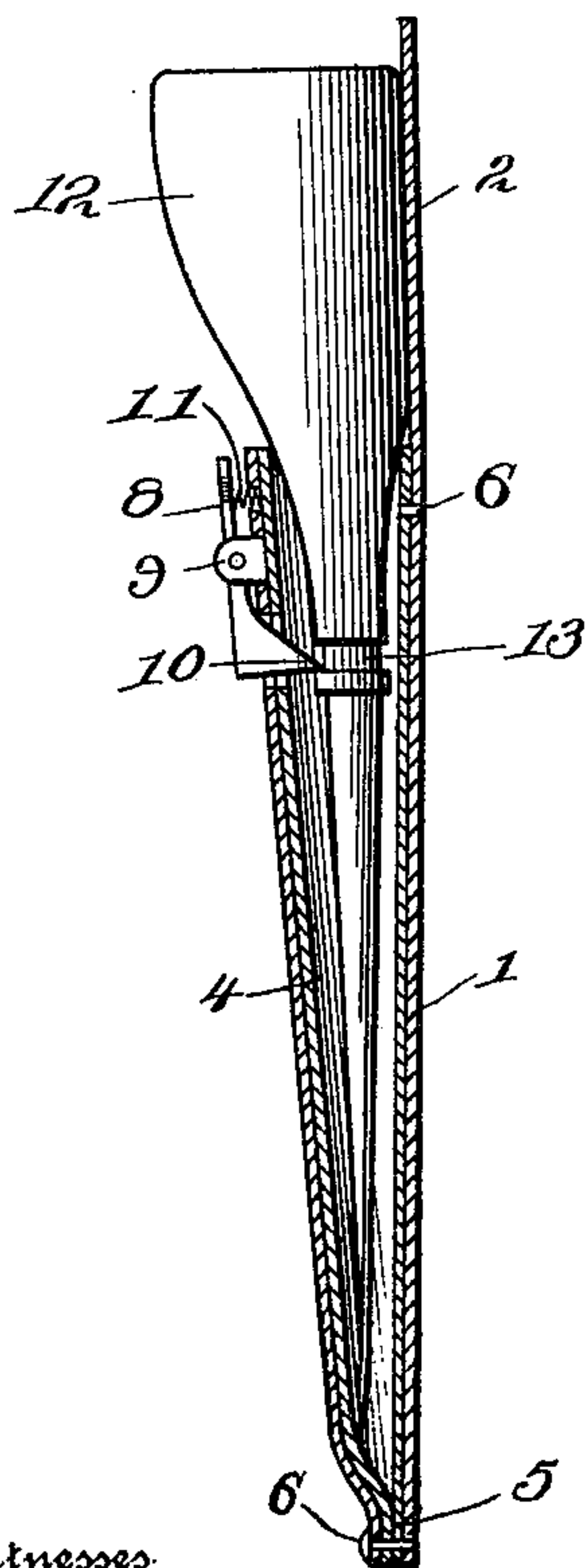
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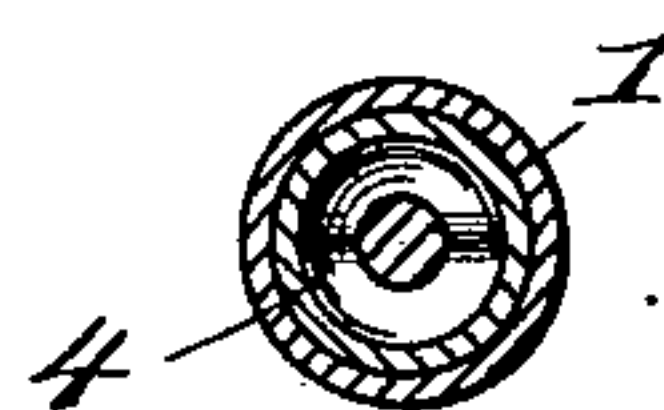
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## ICE-PICK CASE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIS H. SWEET, a citizen of the United States, residing at Centerdale, in the county of Providence and State of Rhode Island, have invented a new and useful Ice-Pick Case, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to ice-pick cases; and it has for its object to produce a device of this kind which can be conveniently carried and which will retain the pick therein in convenient position for use; and it consists in the improved construction and novel arrangement of parts of the same, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, in which the same reference-numerals indicate corresponding parts in each of the views in which they occur, Figure 1 is an elevation of a pick-case embodying my invention, the pick being shown in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same, the pick being shown in full lines; and Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view of the same.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 1 indicates the case proper, which is preferably formed from leather or other suitable material and is substantially funnel-shaped, with the rear portion extended, as shown at 2, and provided with holes or openings 3 for securing it in position upon the clothing of the iceman. Fitting within the case is a metal scabbard 4, which tapers to correspond with the case and has its lower end preferably flattened, as shown at 5, so as to hold the outer covering firmly thereto, so as not to slide around. The scabbard is secured to the case in any desired manner—as, for instance, by means of rivets 6. The upper portion of the scabbard is provided with an opening 7, through which projects the lower end of a catch 8. The catch is pivotally secured between ears 9, projecting outwardly from the scabbard, and has its lower end provided with a lip 10 for engaging with the pick-handle, the upper edge of the lip being cut off on a bevel or incline. A spring 11 is located between the case and the upper end of the catch, so as to normally force it outward, which will cause the opposite end of the catch to project into the scabbard. If desired, the spring may be coiled upon the pivot

of the catch in the usual manner, with its upper end in engagement with the upper end of the catch. The pick-handle 12 is preferably formed so as to fit snugly within the case and scabbard, with its sharpened end at a suitable distance from the lower end of the scabbard, so as not to be dulled by coming in contact therewith. The lower end of the handle, adjacent to the upper end of the pick, is provided with a suitable shoulder—as, for instance, a notch or annular groove 13, formed therein.

In using my improved pick-case it is fastened to the clothes by means of the button-holes at the upper end. The pick is inserted as far as it will go, when the catch will engage therewith and prevent its accidental removal. When it is desired to remove the pick, the operator places a finger upon the end of the catch and forces it inward, which will withdraw the lower end from engagement with the pick-handle, when the handle can be grasped by the thumb and remaining fingers of the operator and removed.

I prefer to use a pick having one side of its handle flattened in the ordinary manner, although it is evident that it can be readily adapted for other styles of pick. It is also evident that the case could be provided with a single buttonhole located at the center of the top and have the flaring portions of the cap cut away, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1.

The case can be manufactured very cheaply and as ornamental as desired and will be found to be of great convenience and assistance to the persons handling ice, and especially by persons delivering ice from ice-wagons, as it frequently happens that the piece of ice is too large for the receptacle and must have a portion of it chipped off or removed, which can be done more satisfactorily with an ice-pick than with the blade of a knife or other instrument, as must be resorted to in the absence of the pick. By constructing the case of leather and the scabbard from tin or other non-corrosive material the device is very durable and can be made of such size as not to be inconvenient or objectionable.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A case for ice-picks comprising a tapering



metallic casing open at its larger end and  
closed at its smaller end, a flexible casing upon  
the exterior of said metallic casing and se-  
curely attached thereto, the rear wall of the  
5 outer casing projecting beyond the upper  
edge of the metallic casing and enlarged to  
form an attaching portion, ears formed on the  
metallic casing and projecting through the  
front wall of the flexible casing, a catch in-  
10 termediately pivoted between said ears and  
having a handle portion formed on one end  
and an inwardly-extending head on its oppo-

site end which projects through openings  
formed in the two casings, said head having  
its lower edge straight and its upper edge in- 15  
clined to engage with an annular groove  
formed in the pick, and a spring holding the  
head of the catch normally inward, substan-  
tially as described.

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