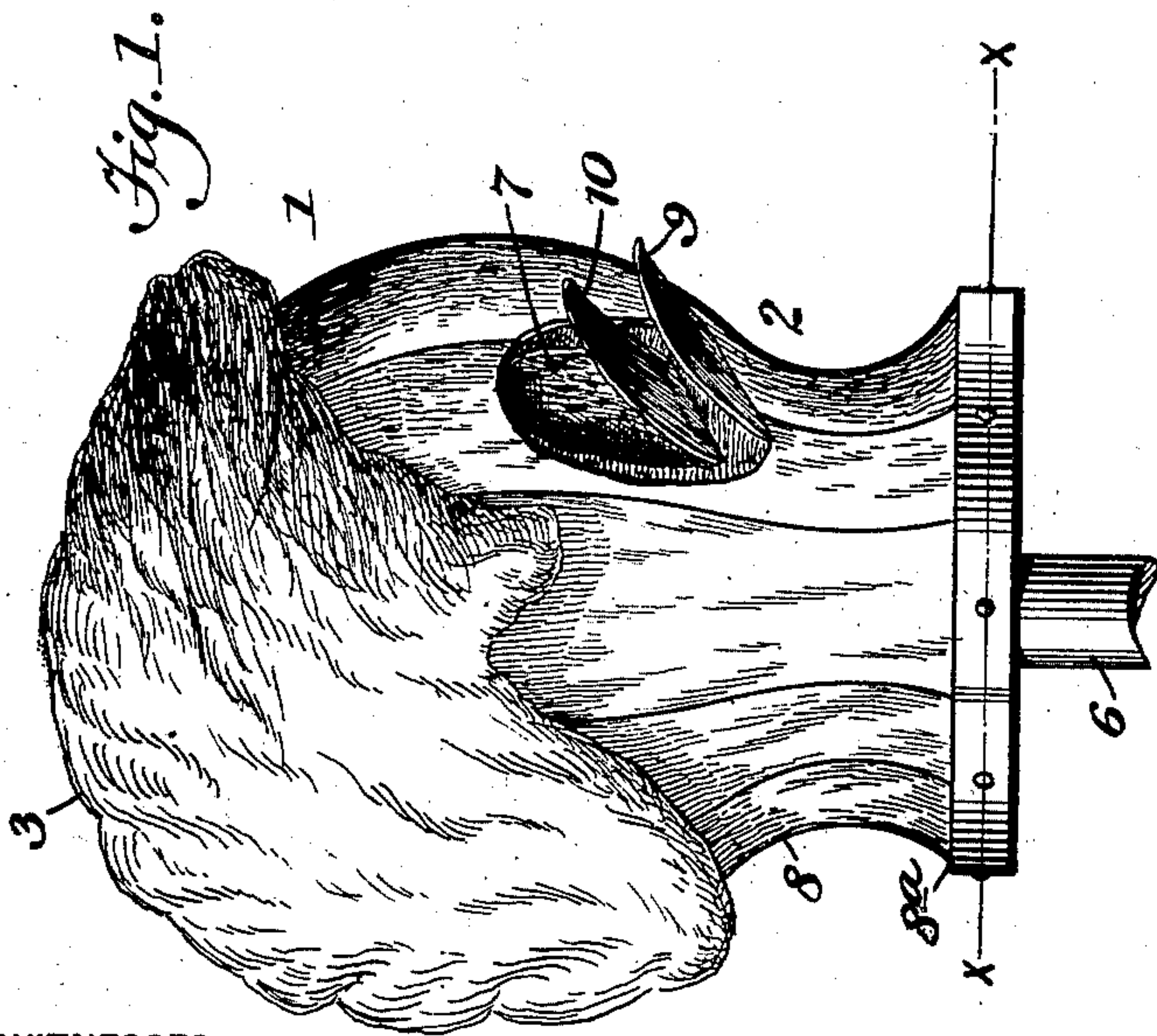
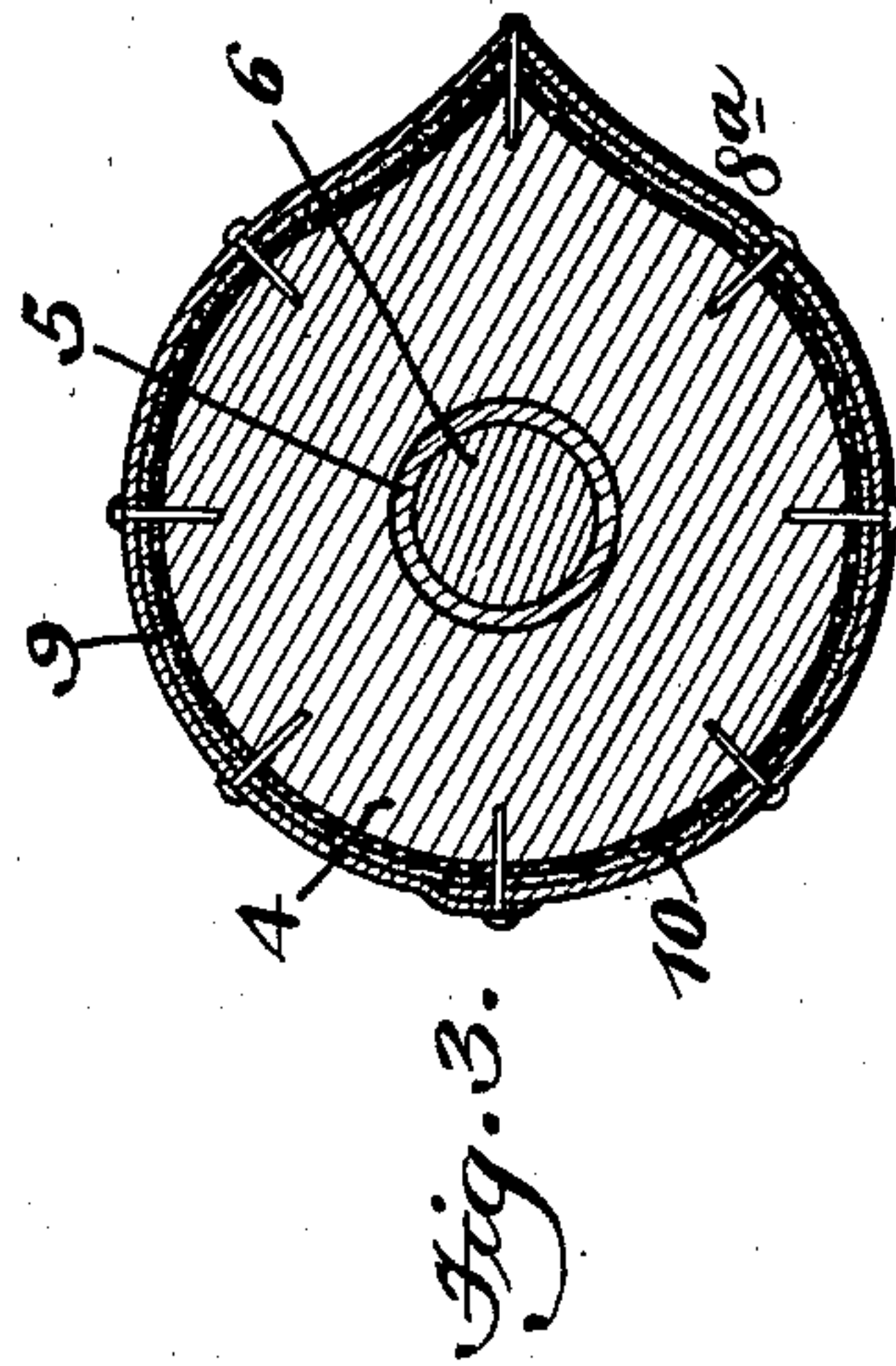
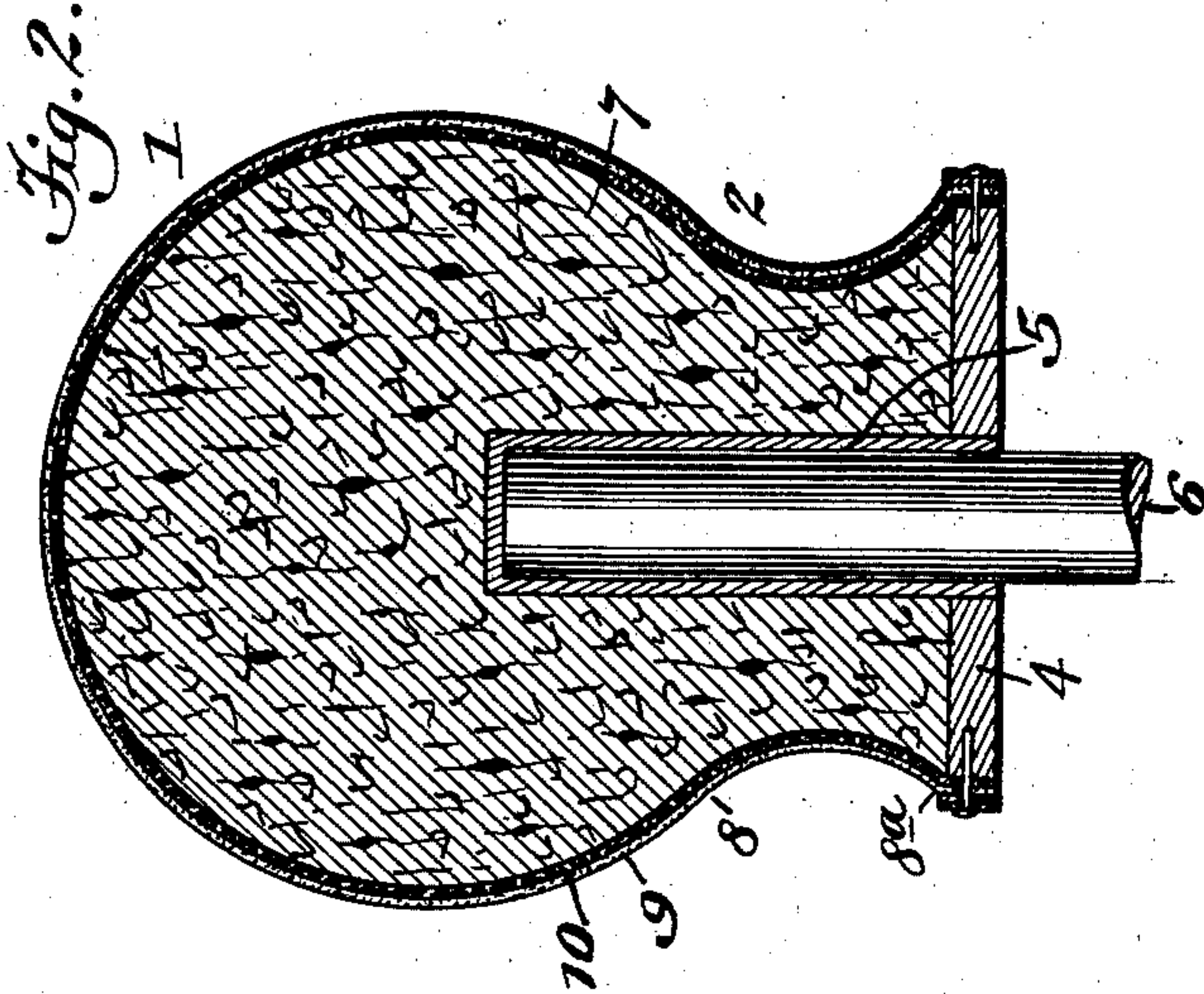


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS ALARME, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county and State of New York, have
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hair-Dressers' Blocks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to hair-dressers' blocks; and it has for its object to provide an
10 improved device of this class which shall be superior in point of durability, cleanliness in operation, and general efficiency.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved hair-dresser's block
15 showing its use. Fig. 2 is a detail vertical sectional view taken upon the line *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a detail transverse sectional view taken upon the line *y y*, Fig. 1.

Corresponding parts in all the figures are
20 denoted by the same reference characters.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates my improved hair-dresser's block, which consists of a slightly-compressible dome-shaped body
2, formed in its upper portion to simulate the
25 shape of a human head, whereby a wig 3 may be pressed and otherwise dressed into proper form upon the same in the customary manner. The body 2 is provided with a rigid base-plate 4, from which a tubular socket-
30 piece 5 projects upwardly within the body 2. The socket-piece 5 fits rotatably upon the supporting-standard 6.

In carrying out my invention I provide a filling 7 for the body 2, which filling consists
35 of finely-divided cork or similar material which is formed into a compact mass of the proper proportions and is maintained in the proper form by a covering 8, which is connected at its lower edges, as at 8^a, with the
40 edges of the base-plate 4 and extends in continuous formation around the sides and over the top of the body.

In the preferred form of construction the covering 8 consists of two separate parts—an
45 outer part 9 and an inner part 10, respectively. The outer part 9 consists of textile material, in which is incorporated a suitable quantity of fireproofing material, such as "Fireproofine" or other similar preparation.
50 The inner part 10 of the covering consists of textile material, in which is incorporated a suitable quantity of waterproofing material,

such as oil or rubber. The outer and inner parts preferably extend around and over the filling 7 in close facial contact and jointly
55 perform their fireproofing and waterproofing functions at all points of the body, effectively protecting the filling 7 against the injurious effects of heat and moisture attending the dressing operation.

The operation and advantages of my improved hair-dresser's block will be readily understood by those skilled in the art to which it appertains. In dressing wigs and similar articles upon the block the same are
60 subjected to a moistening process and are also pressed, and it results that a considerable quantity of the moisture and heat pass into the block, and in the forms of block now customarily employed cause damage to the block
65 itself and also cause disfiguration and discoloration of the wig or hair device being dressed. These deleterious effects arise from the character and form of the material customarily employed in devices of this class. For the
70 filling sawdust is ordinarily employed and for the covering a thin permeable fabric, such as linen or cotton cloth, having no fire or water proof qualities. As the moistening process continues the moisture passes through
80 the covering and forms, with the sawdust, a discoloring mixture, which oozes through the covering and stains the hair. The covering after extended use becomes rotted and weakened and eventually gives way under the
85 pressing operation. Furthermore, if the pressing-iron becomes overheated the covering becomes scorched, and its final destruction is thus hastened. By means of my improved construction all of these vital defects are
90 overcome and the block may be used continuously under adverse conditions without material ill effect. The employment of cork as the filling 7 prevents discoloration of the covering, and the work which is dressed upon
95 the same in the event that any moisture in an extreme dampening operation should pass through the covering. Under all normal operative conditions the covering 8 will operate effectively in its heat and moisture proof
100 functions. The employment of cork, as described, also results in a block of relatively light weight, and consequently easy of manipulation.

I do not desire to be understood as limiting myself to the details of construction and arrangement as herein described and illustrated, as it is manifest that variations and
5 modifications may be made in the features of construction and arrangement in the adaptation of the device to various conditions of use without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention and improvements. I
10 therefore reserve the right to all such variation and modification as properly falls within the scope of my invention and the terms of the following claims.

Having thus described my invention, I
15 claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. An improved hair-dresser's block, comprising a filling provided with a fireproof covering which maintains the filling in operative form.
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2. An improved hair-dresser's block, comprising a filling provided with a waterproof and fireproof covering.

3. An improved hair-dresser's block, comprising a rigid base-plate, a filling of finely-
25 divided cork or similar material, and a double covering which incloses the filling at the top and sides and is secured to the base-plate.

4. An improved hair-dresser's block, comprising a rigid base-plate provided with an
30 upwardly-projecting socket-piece, a filling of finely-divided cork or similar material which is massed above said base-plate and surrounds said socket-piece, and a double covering which incloses the filling at the top and
35 sides and is secured to the base-plate, said double covering consisting of an outer fireproof member and an inner waterproof member.

In testimony whereof I have signed my
40 name in the presence of the subscribing witnesses.

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