

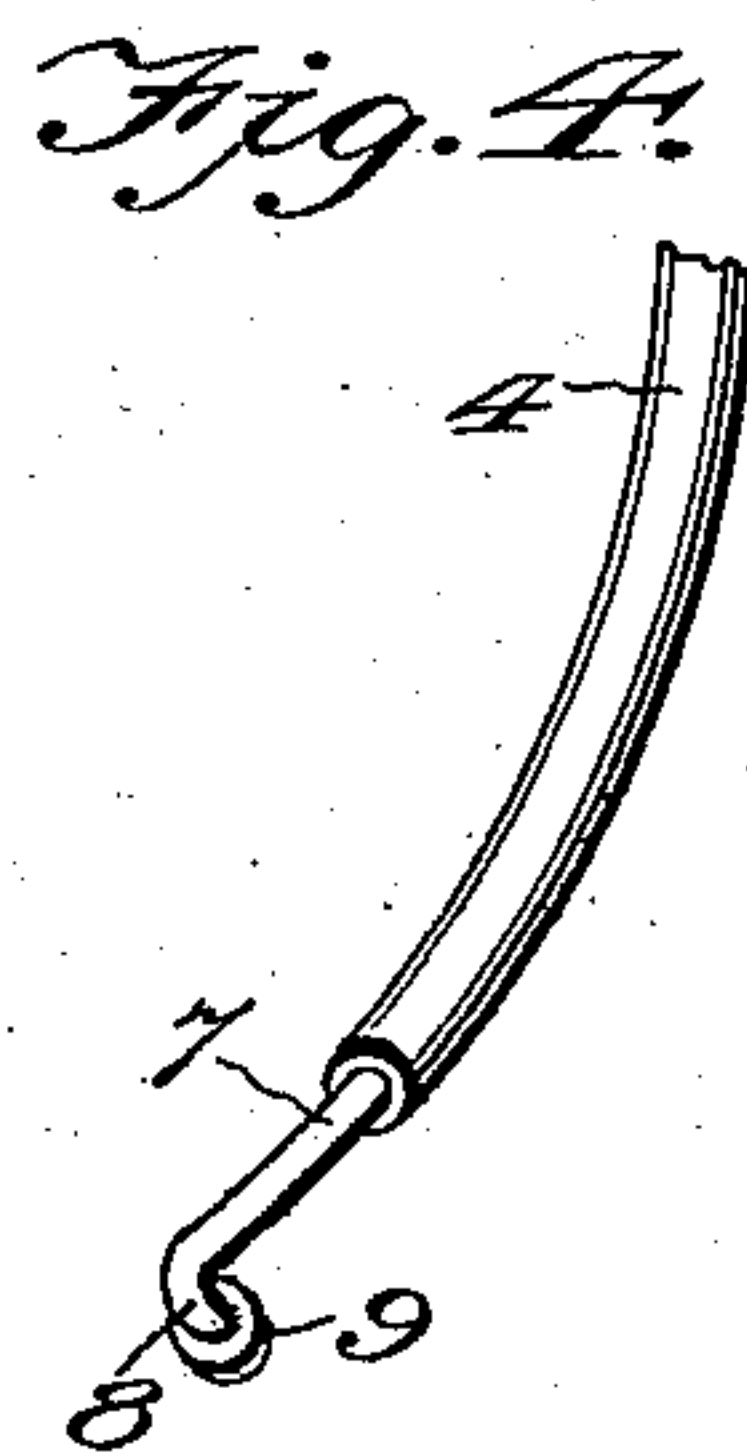
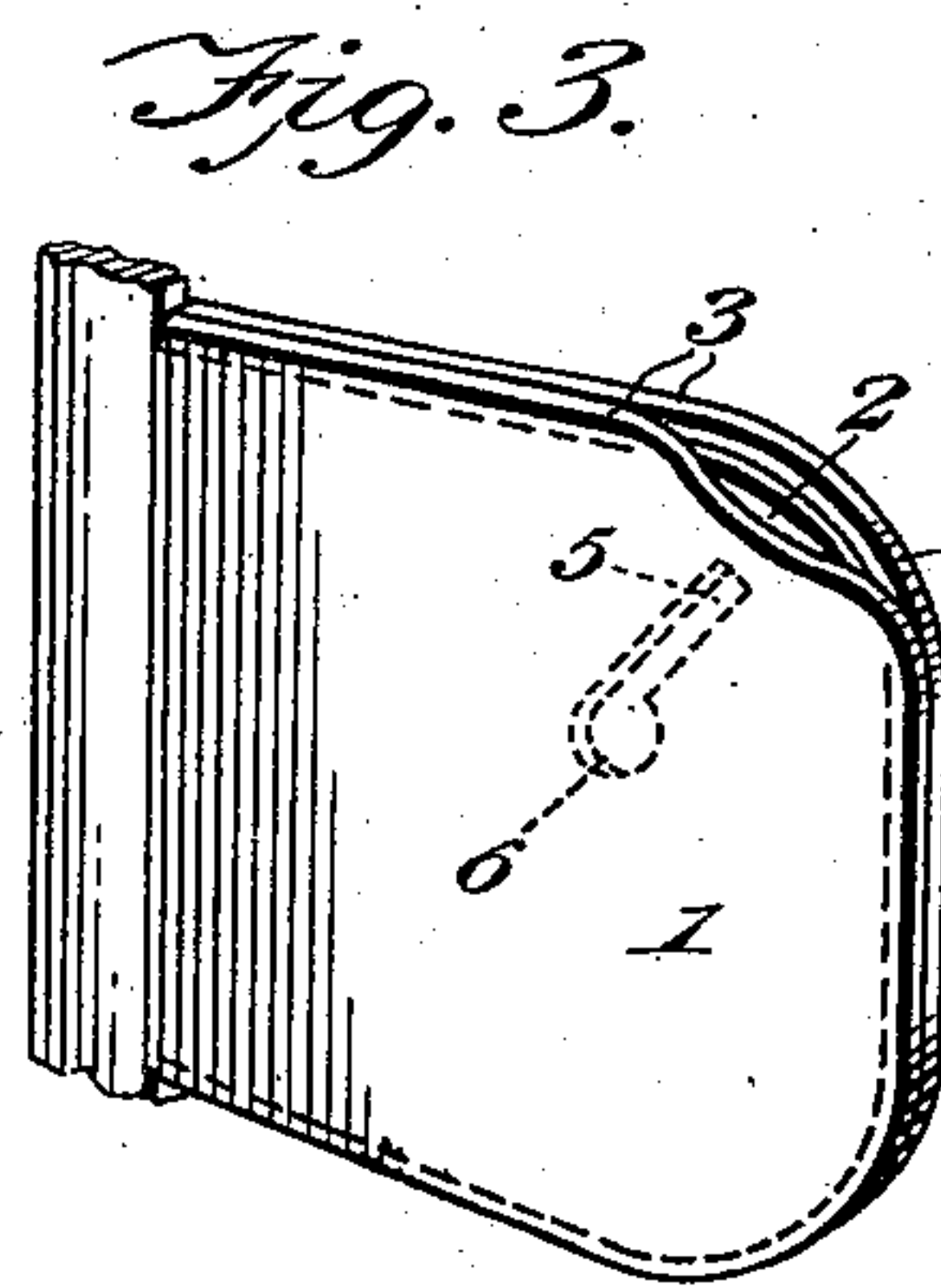
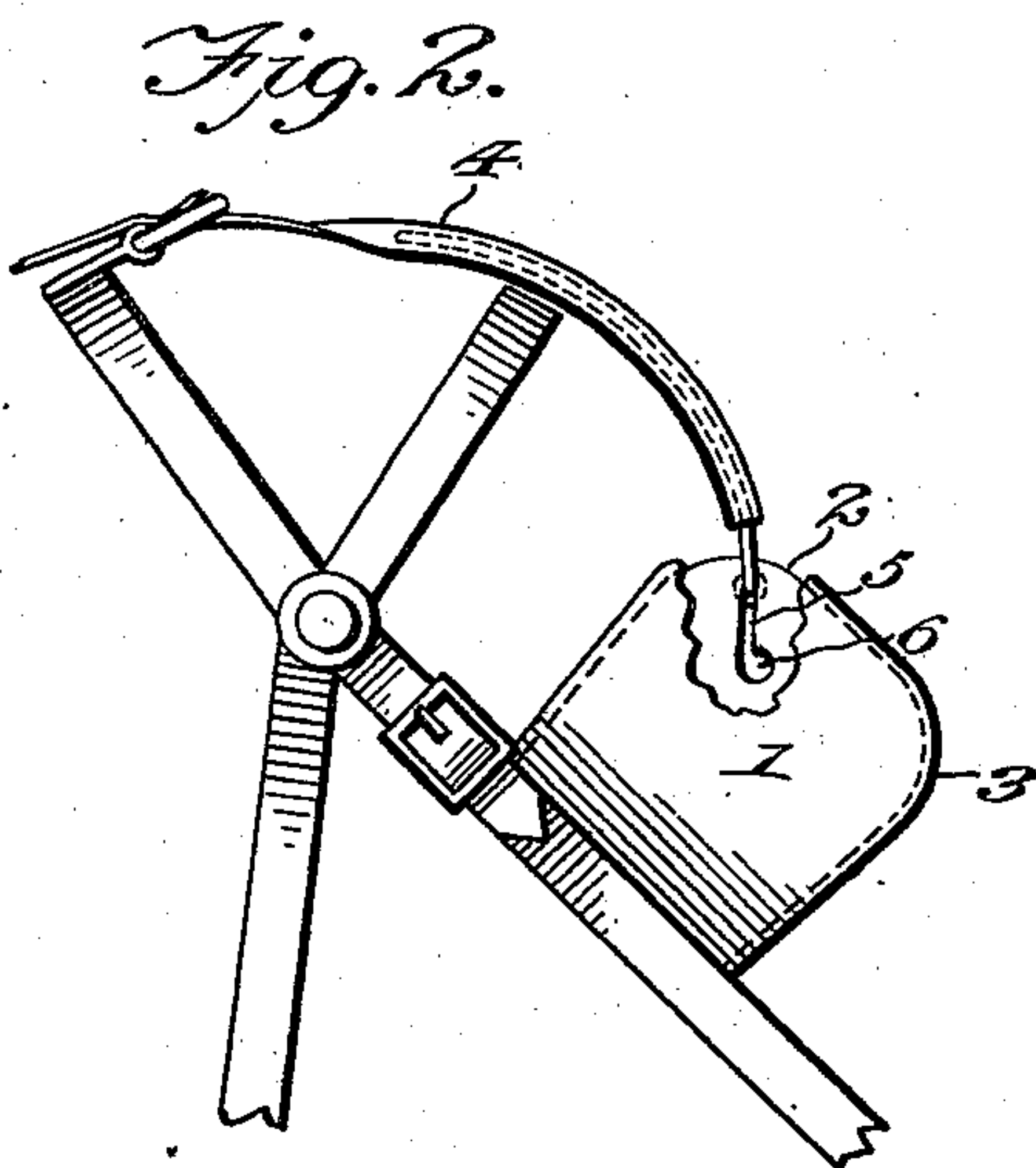
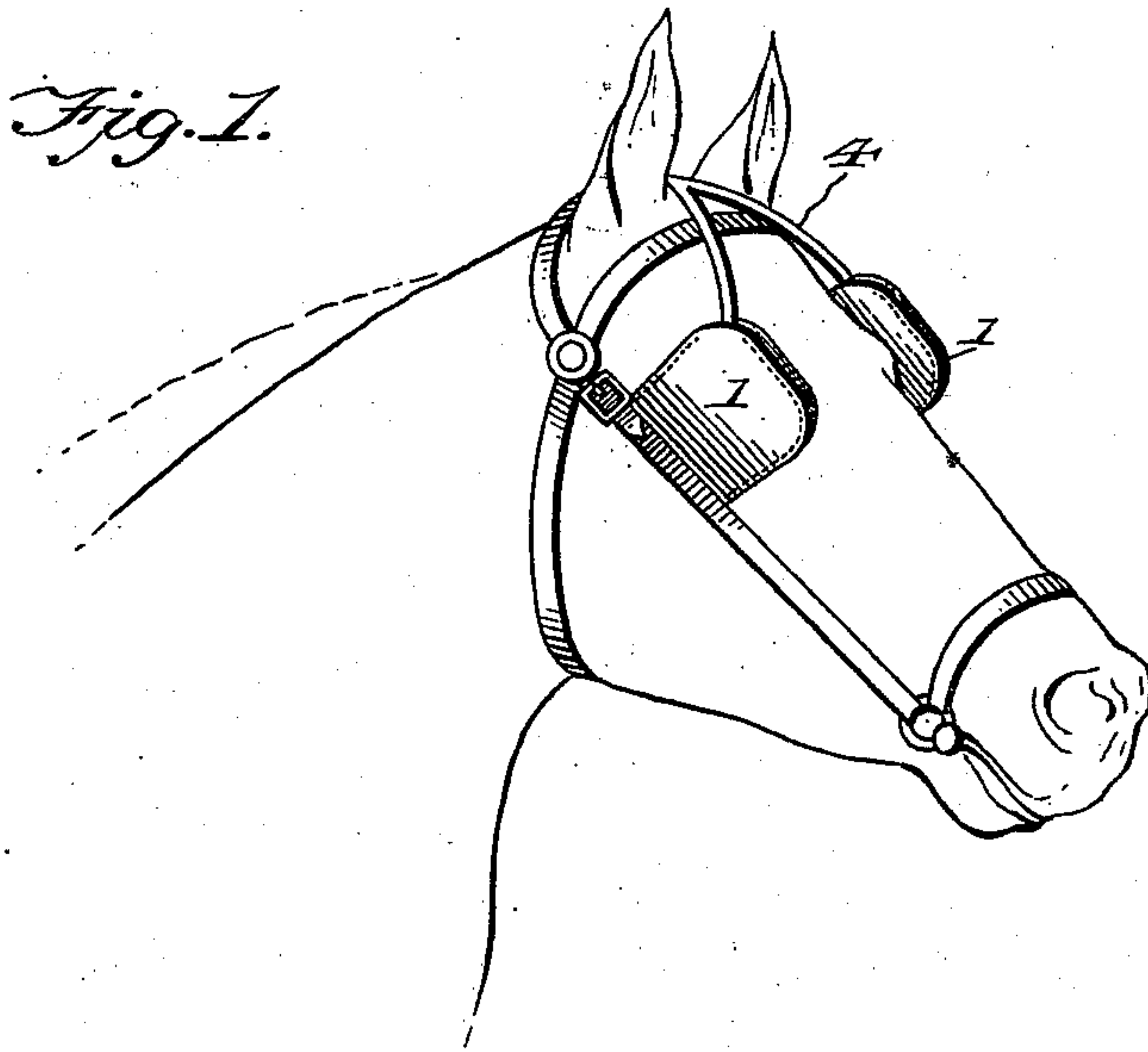
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## BLIND FOR BRIDLES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ELZY L. SIPE, a citizen of the United States, residing at and whose post-office address is Ionia, in the county of Jewell and State of Kansas, have invented new and useful Improvements in Blinds for Horses, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in harness, and more especially to the blinds and winker-strap used in connection therewith. Its primary object is to provide a winker-strap which is secured to the blinds in a novel manner and serves to hold them out of contact with the eyes.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the novel construction and combination of parts, which will be hereinafter fully described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, showing the preferred form of my invention, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention in use. Fig. 2 is a side elevation, the outer covering of the blind being broken away. Fig. 3 is a detail view of a blind, and Fig. 4 is a similar view of a portion of the winker-strap.

Referring to the drawings by numerals of reference, 1 is a blind comprising an outer leather casing and an inner sheet-metal plate 2. The leather is sewed along the edges of the metal, excepting at the outer upper corner 3, where it is spread apart to receive one end of the forked winker-strap 4. The plate 2 is

provided adjacent to its free corner with a diagonally-arranged slot 5, the lower end of which is enlarged, as at 6.

The winker-strap 4 is preferably formed of leather, and the forks thereof are each provided with a length of wire 7. These wires extend from the ends of the strap, and their ends 8 are bent outward at angles, as shown.

Knobs 9 are formed upon the ends of the wires, and these are adapted to be inserted into the enlarged portions 6 of the slots 5. The wires are then moved upward into the reduced portions of the slots and the knobs 9 prevent their withdrawal.

By providing the slots 5 the blinds and winker-strap are permitted to move slightly from or toward each other without bulging.

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

The combination of a blind having a diagonally-arranged slot therein formed with an enlargement at its lower end and a winker-strap having an inbent end interlocking with the slot and adapted to slide therein, and a knob on the inbent end for engaging the blind on the opposite side to the winker-strap.

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

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