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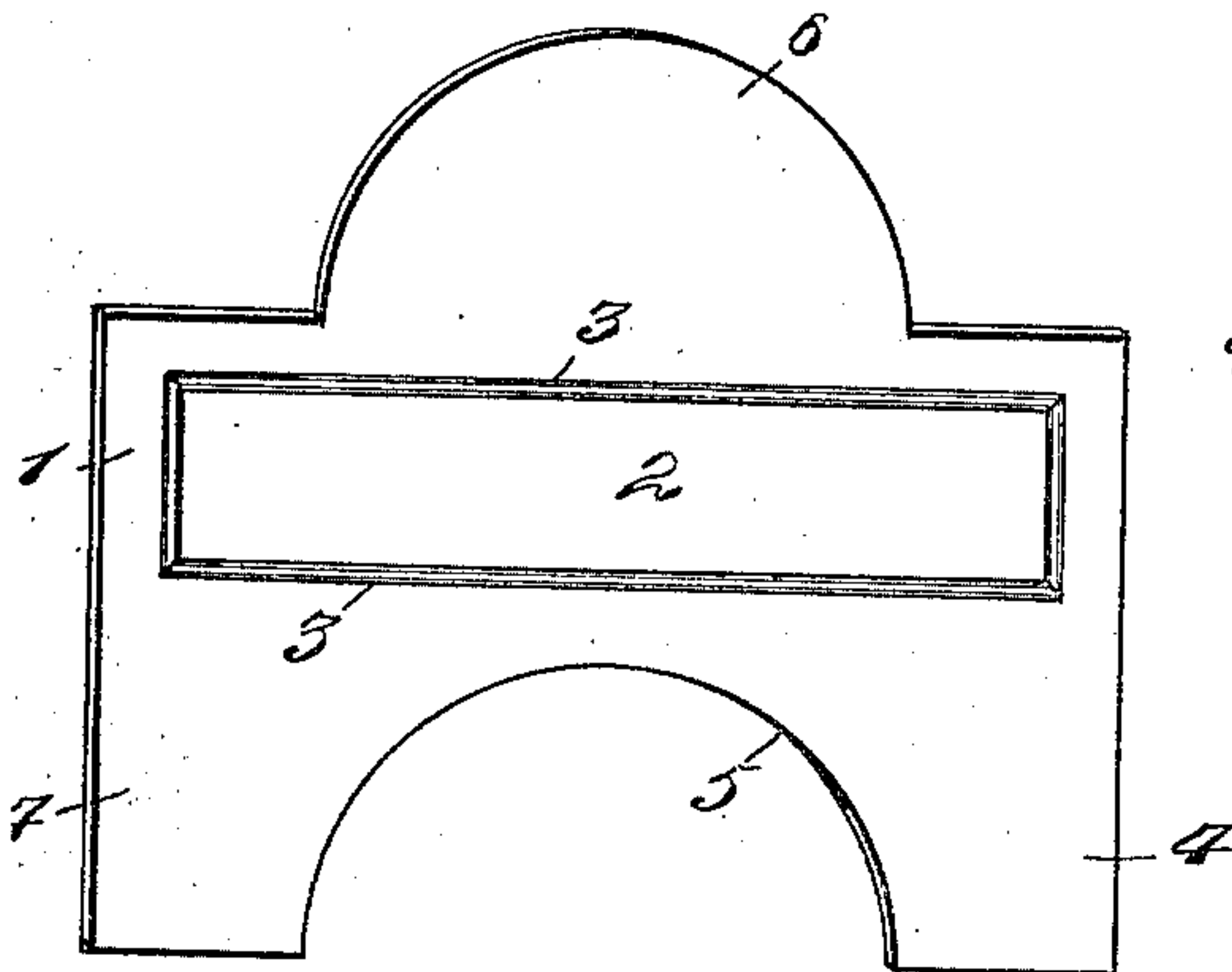


Fig. 1.

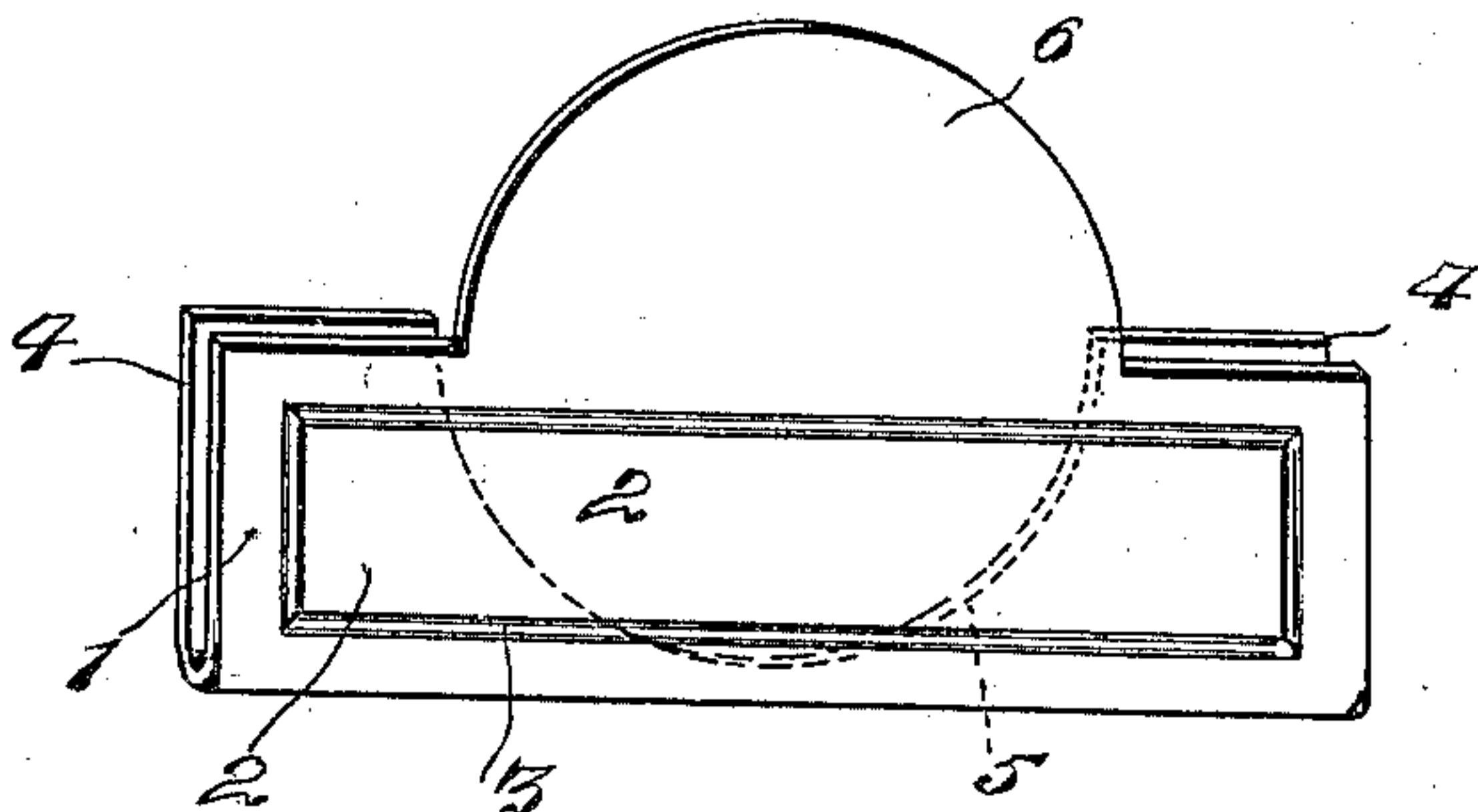


Fig. 2.

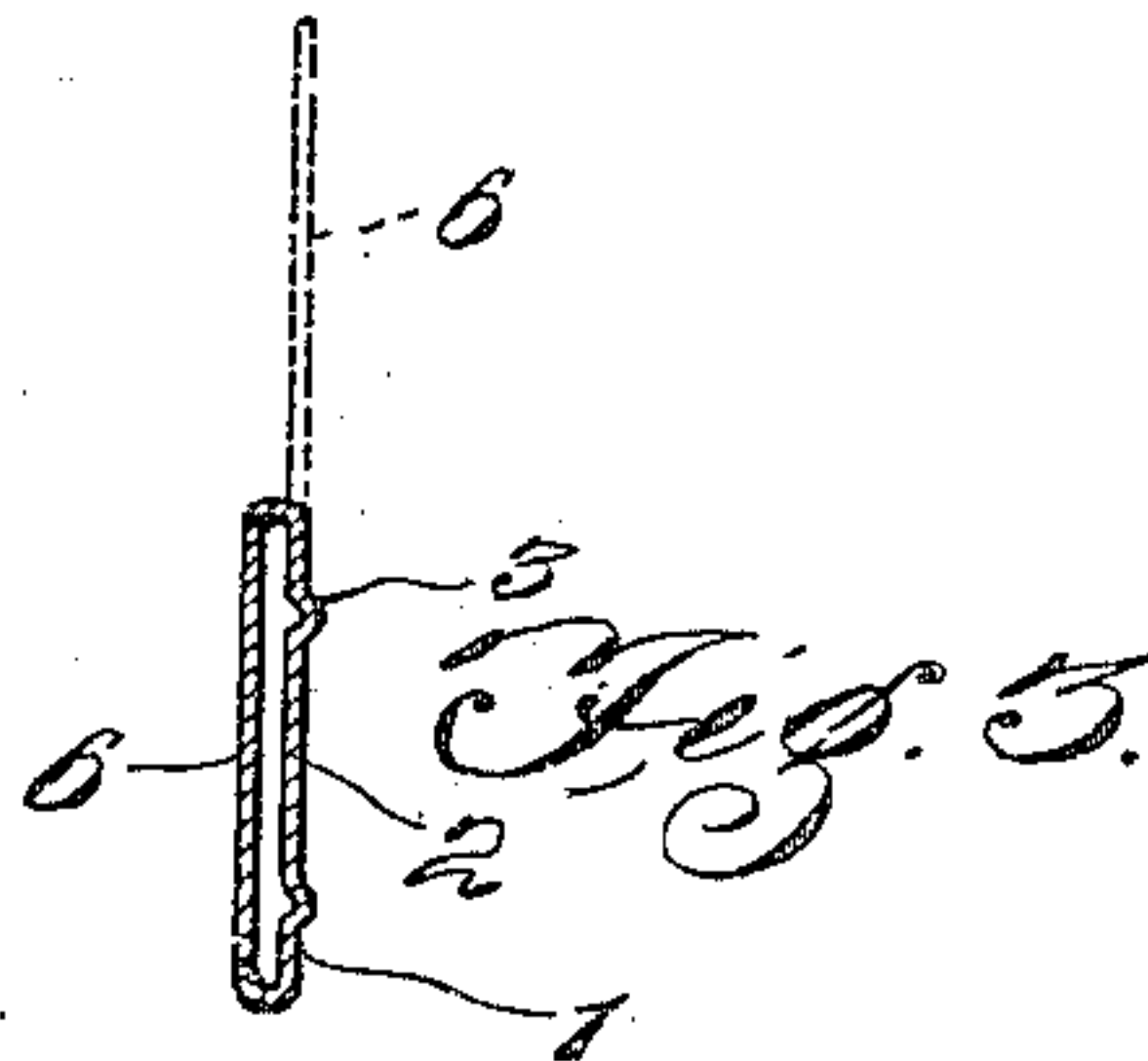


Fig. 3.

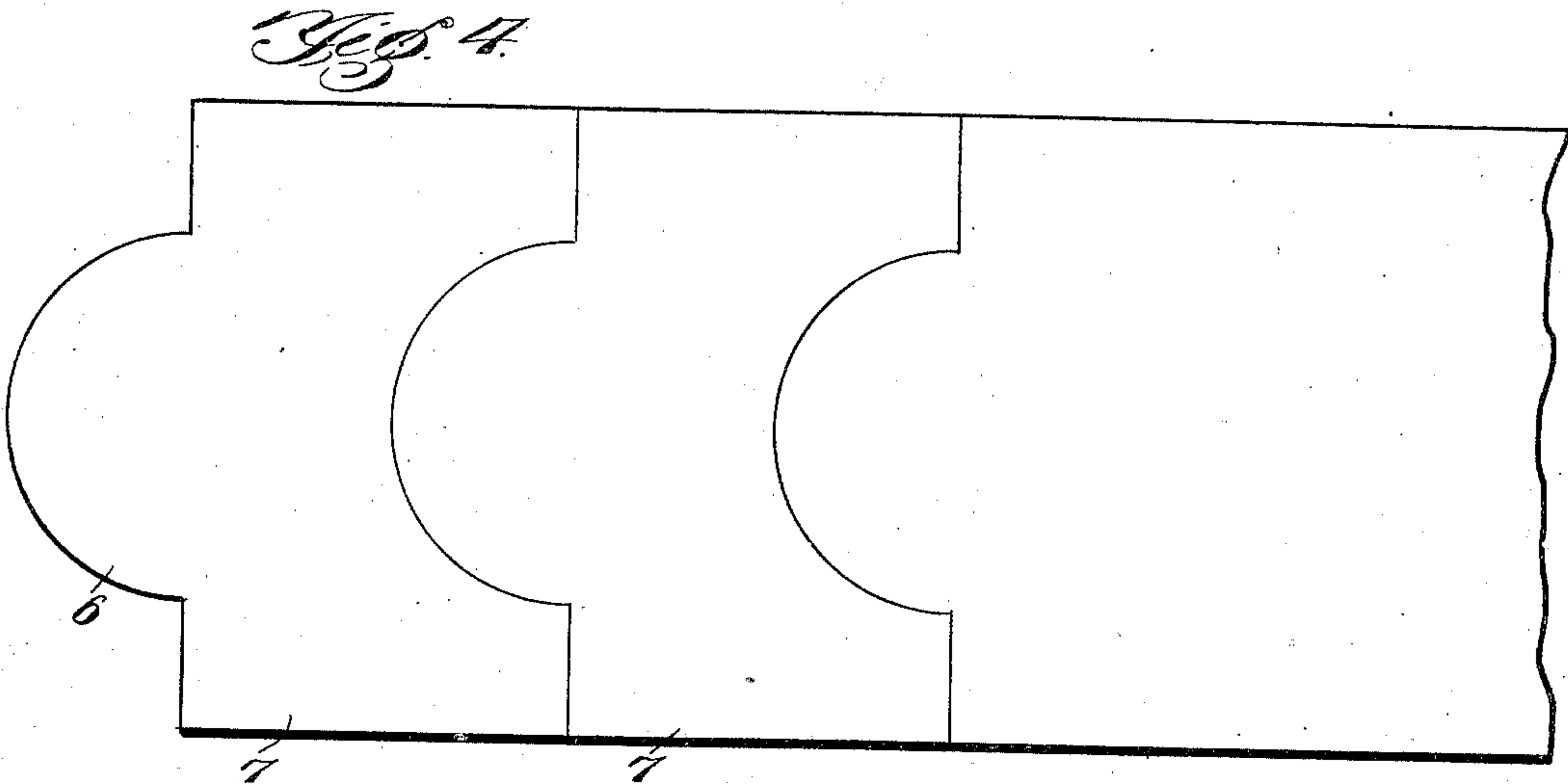


Fig. 4.

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TAG.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT GOODMAN HITT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Atlanta, in the county of Fulton and State of Georgia, have invented a new and useful Tag, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to tags for general use, but particularly adapted for use on cotton-tie bands or analogous devices; and the object of the same is to provide a simple, cheap, and durable device of the class set forth which can be readily applied or be detached and when applied retain its connection with the band or other device with such reliable securement as to resist accidental disconnection, the improved device also being of such form as to adapt it to be constructed or cut from suitable sheet metal without a particle of waste.

The invention consists in the construction and arrangement of the several parts, which will be more fully hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved tag in the form that it appears before preliminarily bending the same for application. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the tag shown bent for application. Fig. 3 is a transverse vertical section through the center of the tag shown by Fig. 2 with a further portion thereof bent as a means of additional securement. Fig. 4 is a plan view of a blank, showing the manner of cutting the improved tag without loss of metal.

Similar numerals of reference are employed to indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

The numeral 1 designates a display-body portion of the tag, which is formed with a rectangular or other space 2 by surrounding beading or corrugations 3, struck out from the metal of the tag, the said space being adapted to receive identifying or other matter. Continuous with the body are a pair of lower projections 4, which are formed by a lower central opening 5 of semicircular contour, and at the center of the upper portion of the body is a semicircular head 6, which is cut from a semicircular space of a succeeding tag-blank similar to the opening 5. It is obvious that the opening 5 and the head 6 could be angular in form without affecting the principle of the invention in the least. The projections

4 are bent upwardly against the back of the body 1 or adjacent to the latter, and between said body and bent projections the tie, band, or analogous device is passed, and at the same time the head 6 is bent over and downwardly, as shown by Fig. 3, the pressure by expansion of the bale of cotton against the tie or band on which the tag is attached serving to fix it absolutely immovable in its applied position. The bending of the head 6 is alone essential, as the pressure of the bale will force the lower projections 4 in place and keep them securely fixed, and the tag is under easy control of the user, as it can be instantly attached by the use of one hand. It is also proposed to stamp or otherwise apply identifying matter to the head 6, such as a manufacturer's name and location or other matter desired.

The advantage of this form of metallic tag is quickness of application, coupled with economy of construction, and by reference to Fig. 4 it will be seen that the blanks 7 may be successively cut from an elongated strip of suitable sheet metal without the least waste. For cutting the tag-blanks from the metal strip suitable dies or other devices will be used, and the manufacture can be readily carried on at a minimum cost.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

As an improved article of manufacture, a tag, for application to a cotton tie or band, formed of bendable sheet metal and comprising a body with a central opening in one side edge portion and a head diametrically opposed to said opening and projecting beyond the opposite side edge portion of the body, the opposite ends of the body being straight and the said opening providing projections which are bent over and lie parallel to the opposite end portions of the body to embrace the tie or band, the head being bent inwardly in a reverse direction and located between the bent projections in the opening forming the latter.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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