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FIG. 1.

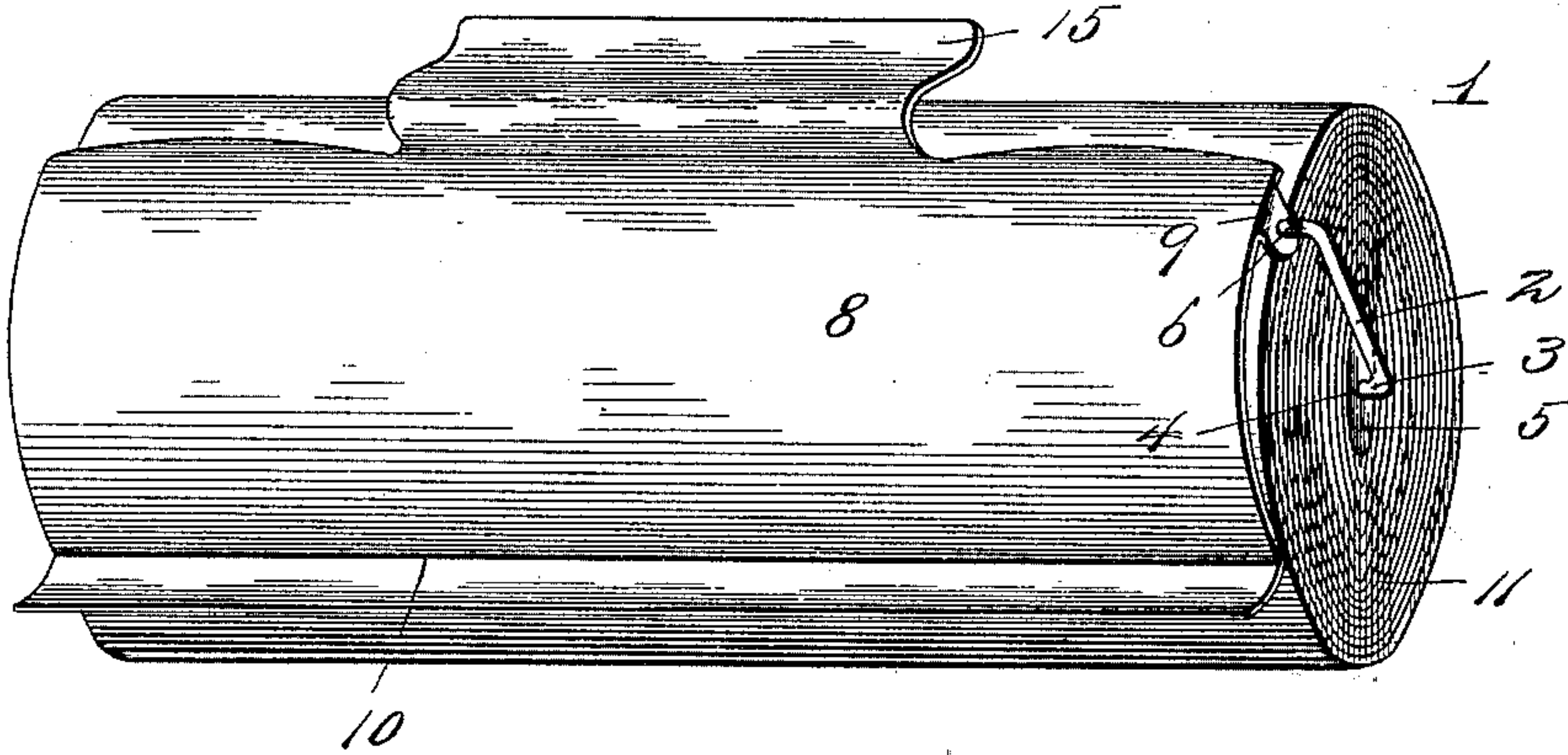


FIG. 2.

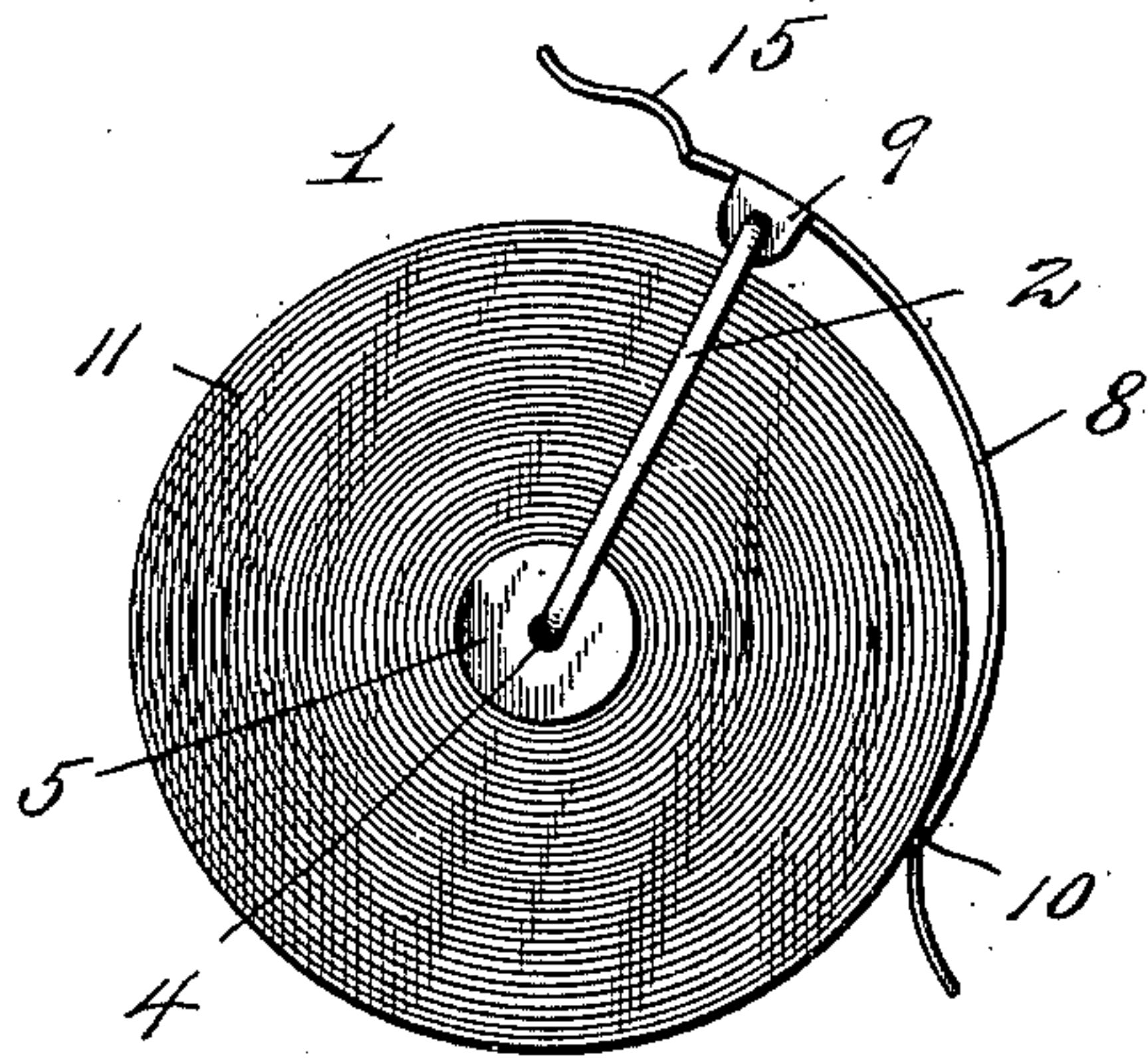
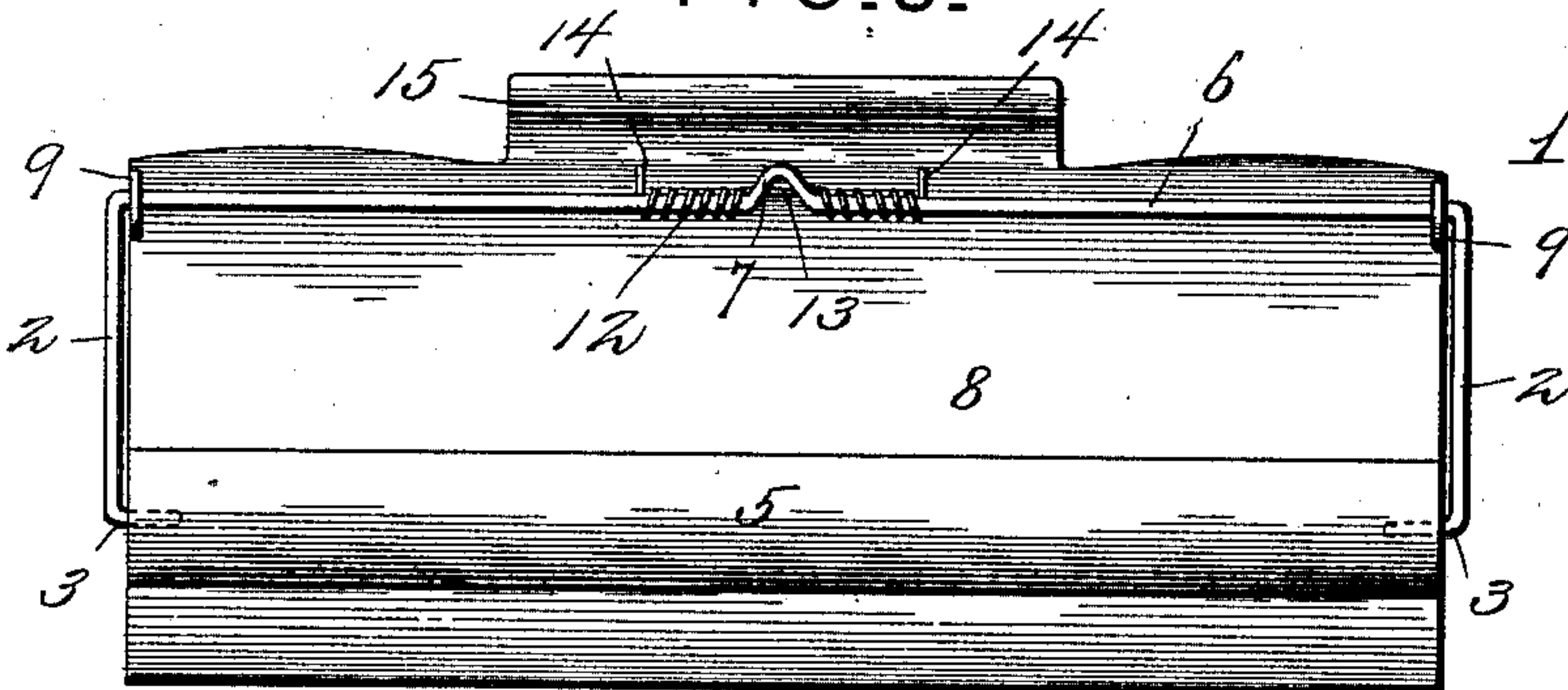


FIG. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN F. ALTERMATT and DANIEL T. VAN TINE, citizens of the United States, residing at Centralia, in the county of Lewis and State of Washington, have invented new and useful Improvements in Tablets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to means for supporting and paying off roll wrapping, writing, or other paper; and the object in view is to provide a frame adapted to support in convenient position for access a continuous roll of paper which may be unwound as required, the roll-holder-carrying device comprising a combined cutter for severing the web of paper at any desired point and protector for partially covering the roll of paper while writing upon the paper as it is unreeled from the roll. The device is constructed in compact form, so as to make it portable and capable of being carried in the pocket.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated, and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a tablet embodying the present invention. Fig. 2 is an end elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a rear elevation thereof.

Similar numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all figures of the drawings.

The tablet contemplated in this invention comprises, essentially, a frame 1, which is preferably formed of spring-wire and comprises a pair of side arms 2, having terminal in-bent pintles 3, adapted to be sprung into bearing-openings 4, formed in the opposite ends of a roller 5, which may be of any suitable material, preferably wood for the sake of cheapness. The side arms 2 are united by the cross-bar or connecting portion 6, which is integral with the side arms and has its central portion bent to form a substantially inverted-V-shaped offset 7, the purpose of which will hereinafter appear.

Pivotally mounted upon the frame 1 is a transversely-curved plate 8, provided adjacent to one end with ears 9, having open-

ings to receive the connecting portions 6 of the frame 1, whereby the plate 8 is pivotally mounted upon the frame. The edge 10 of the plate 8 forms a cutter for severing the web of paper contained in the roller 11, which is wound upon the roller 5.

In order to hold the cutter in engagement with the paper and cause the same to move toward the center of the roller as the paper is consumed, we employ a spring 12, the central portion 13 of which bears against the offset 7, hereinabove referred to, while the oppositely-extending portions of said spring are coiled around the connecting portion 6 of the frame and have their extremities 14 extended and brought to bear against the inner surface of the plate 8 adjacent to that end which lies opposite the cutter 10. Said spring exerts its tension to hold the cutter against the roller.

In order to rock the plate 8 and move the cutter away from the roller, said plate is provided with a handle extension 15, which projects beyond the portion 6 of the frame 1, as clearly illustrated in the drawings. This handle extension is used to relieve the pressure on the roll of paper during the operation of unreeling the desired quantity of paper therefrom and also to aid the spring in holding the cutter against the roll while severing the paper.

The tablet hereinabove described is simple in construction, economical in manufacture, and will be found of great convenience in use, as a sheet or strip of any desired length may be unreeled and severed. The cutter is constantly pressed inwardly by the means disclosed and bears against the periphery of the roller, irrespective of the size and diameter thereof.

We do not desire to be limited to the exact details of construction and arrangement hereinabove set forth and accordingly reserve the right to make such changes as properly fall within the scope of the appended claim.

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

The combination, in a roll paper holder and severing device, of a roller adapted to receive a roll of paper and having bearings formed in its ends, a frame formed of spring-wire ex-

tending across and above the roll of paper
and having its central portion bent to form a
substantially inverted-V-shaped offset and
having its ends bent downward to form side
5 arms, said side arms having pintles adapted
to spring into the said bearings, a trans-
versely-curved plate provided adjacent to one
end with downwardly-extending ears having
an opening to receive the wire frame whereby
10 the plate is pivotally mounted, a spring coiled
on the frame about the said offset portion and
having its extremities bearing against the un-

der side of the said plate, and an upwardly,
rearwardly-curved handle extension formed
integral with the rear side of the transversely- 15
curved plate whereby the said cutter may be
raised or lowered.

In testimony whereof we affix our signa-
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