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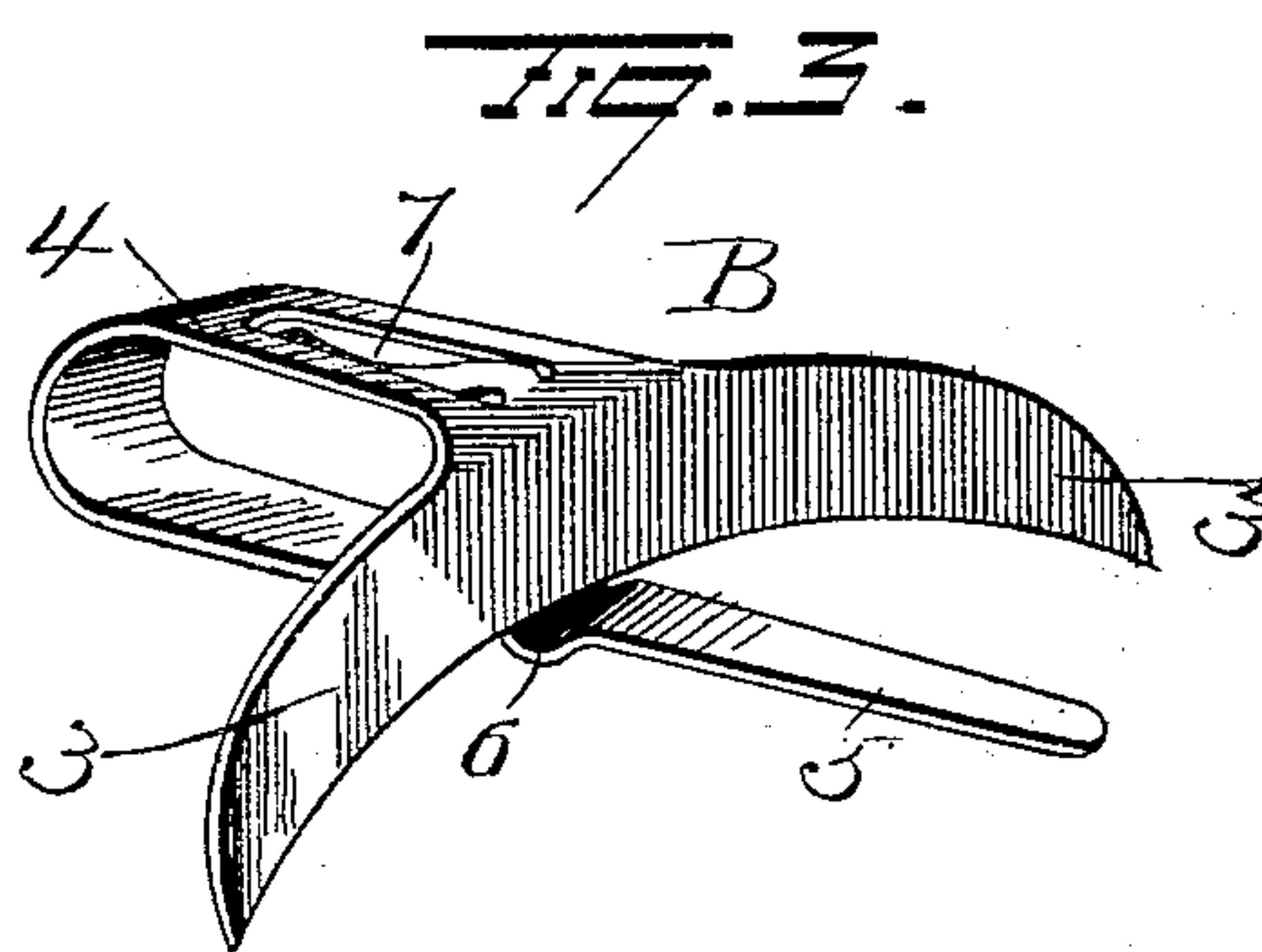
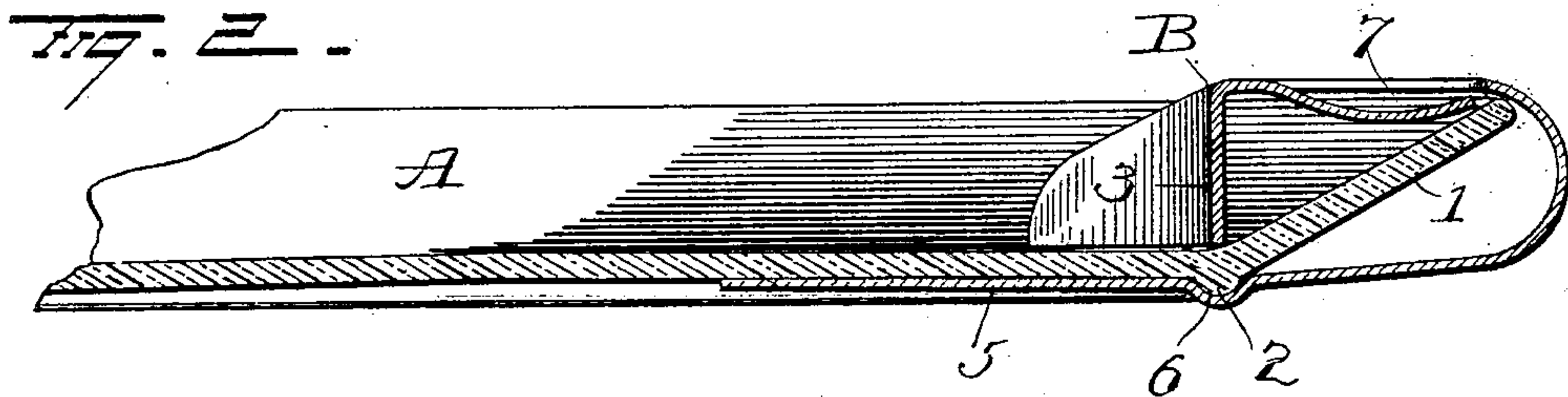
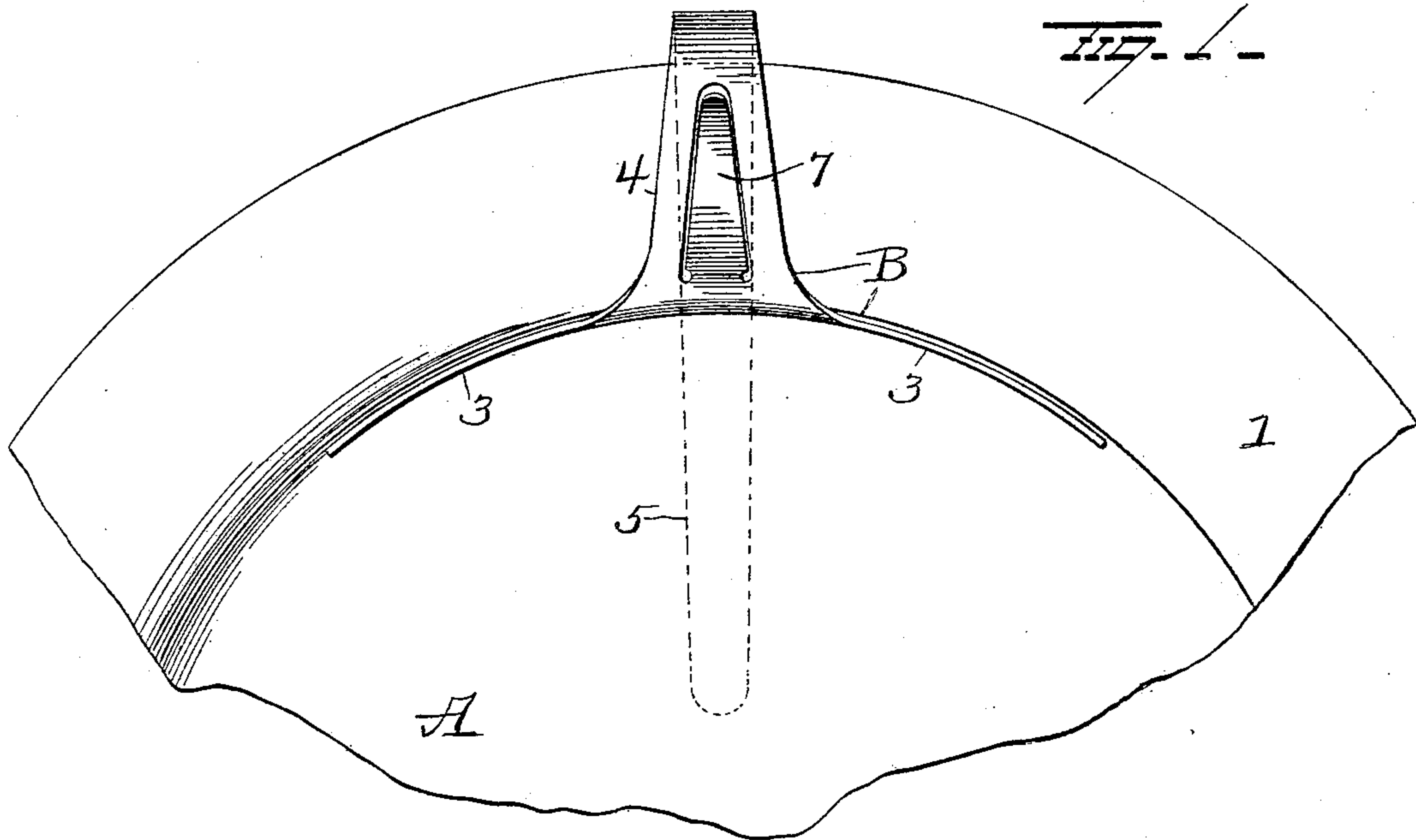
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## FOOD-GUARD.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALITA MARIA STADELMAN, a resident of New Rochelle, in the county of Westchester and State of New York, have  
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Food-Guards; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable  
10 others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to an improved food guard or stop, and more particularly to a food-guard for plates, the object of the invention  
15 being to provide a guard which can be removably attached to a plate and which will serve as a shield or abutment against which food can be pushed and assist a child to pick up the food with a spoon or fork.

With this object in view the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations and arrangements of parts,  
20 as will be more fully hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view illustrating my improvements attached  
25 to a plate. Fig. 2 is a view in section of the same, and Fig. 3 is a view of the guard detached.

A represents a plate of ordinary construction, made with the usual rim 1 and supporting flange or bead 2, and B represents my  
30 improved guard attached thereto.

The guard B comprises a vertically-disposed strip bent to form a segmental shield  
35 or abutment 3, adapted to rest upon a plate and is removably secured to the latter, so as to be disposed at the inner edge of the rim 1 of the plate, where the food can be readily forced against it. The shield 3 is provided  
40 on its upper edge centrally between its ends with an integral rearwardly-projecting strip 4, which extends out over the edge of the plate and is then curved downward and projects forward again to form a spring-arm 5,  
45 adapted to bear against the bottom of the plate, and said arm 5 is bent between its ends to form a notch 6 to receive the flange or supporting-bead 2 of the plate to securely hold the guard in place. The strip 4 is slit longitudi-  
50 nally to form a downwardly-pressed spring-tongue 7, adapted to bear against the upper face of the edge of the plate to hold the guard rigidly down onto the plate.

My improved guard may be provided with

other means for holding it on the plate without departing from my invention, the essential feature of which being a stop or abutment removably connected to a plate and  
55 against which food is pushed to assist in picking up the same with a fork or spoon, and hence various slight changes might be resorted to in the general form and arrangement  
60 of the several parts described without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention, and hence I would have it understood that I  
65 do not wish to limit myself to the precise details set forth, but consider myself at liberty to make such slight changes and alterations as fairly fall within the spirit and scope of my invention.

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

1. A food-guard comprising a strip constructed to be disposed edgewise upon and at  
75 right angles to the bottom of the plate, and an arm projecting from said strip and disposed at right angles thereto for securing it in place on a plate.

2. A food-guard comprising a strip to be  
80 disposed on a plate, and a clamp projecting from said strip, said clamp comprising a member to be disposed under the plate and a member to press upon the upper face of the flange of the plate.

3. A food-guard comprising a strip to be disposed on a plate and means to engage the top and bottom of the plate for positively locking said strip in place on the plate.

4. A food-guard comprising a strip to be  
90 disposed on a plate, and an arm to embrace the flange of the plate and having a notch to receive the bead on the bottom of the plate for locking the device in place.

5. A food guard or stop comprising a segmental shield or abutment, an integral clamping-arm thereon adapted to project beneath  
95 a plate to secure the shield in place, and a spring-tongue integral with said arm and adapted to press against the upper edge of the plate.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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