

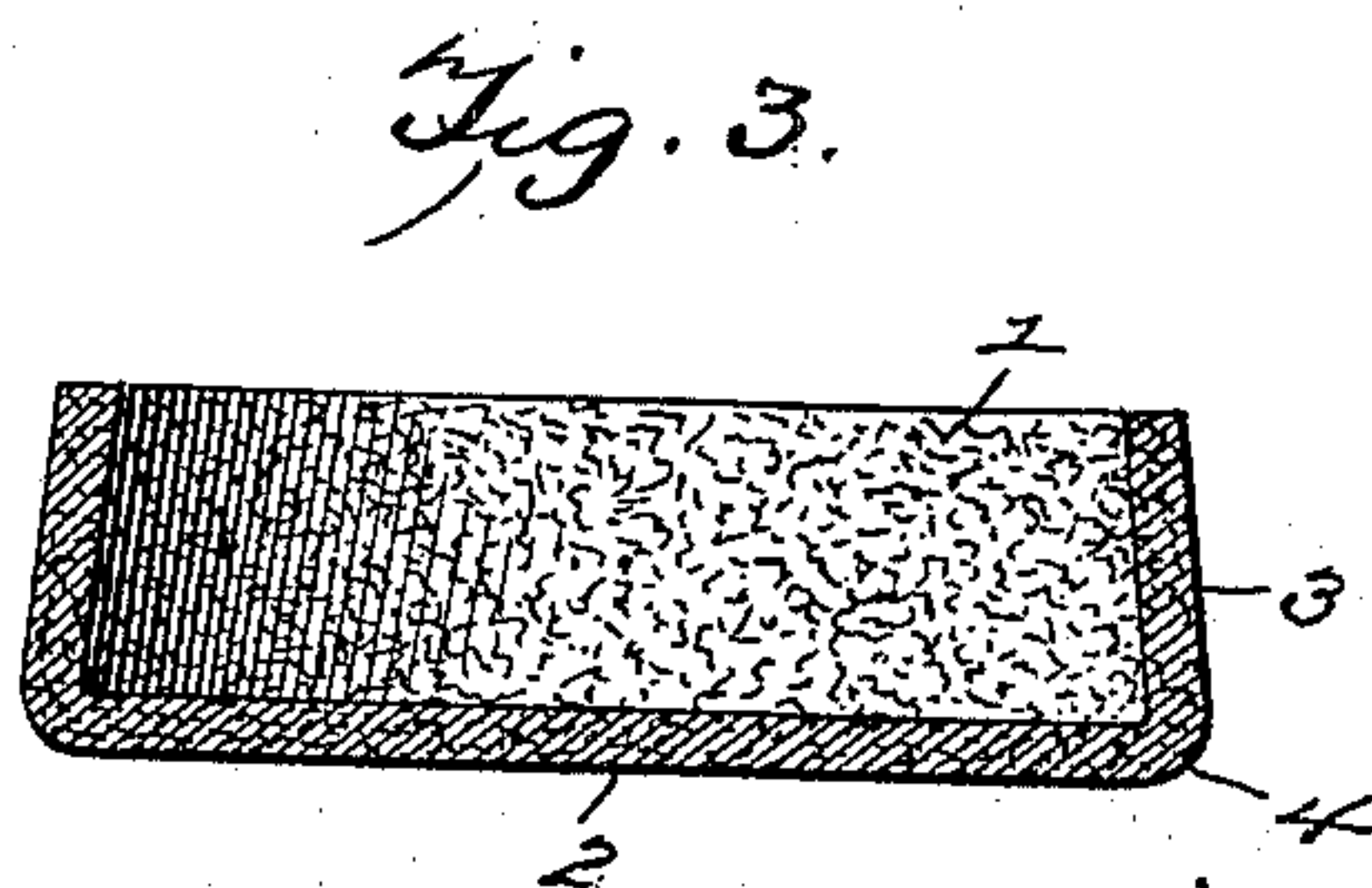
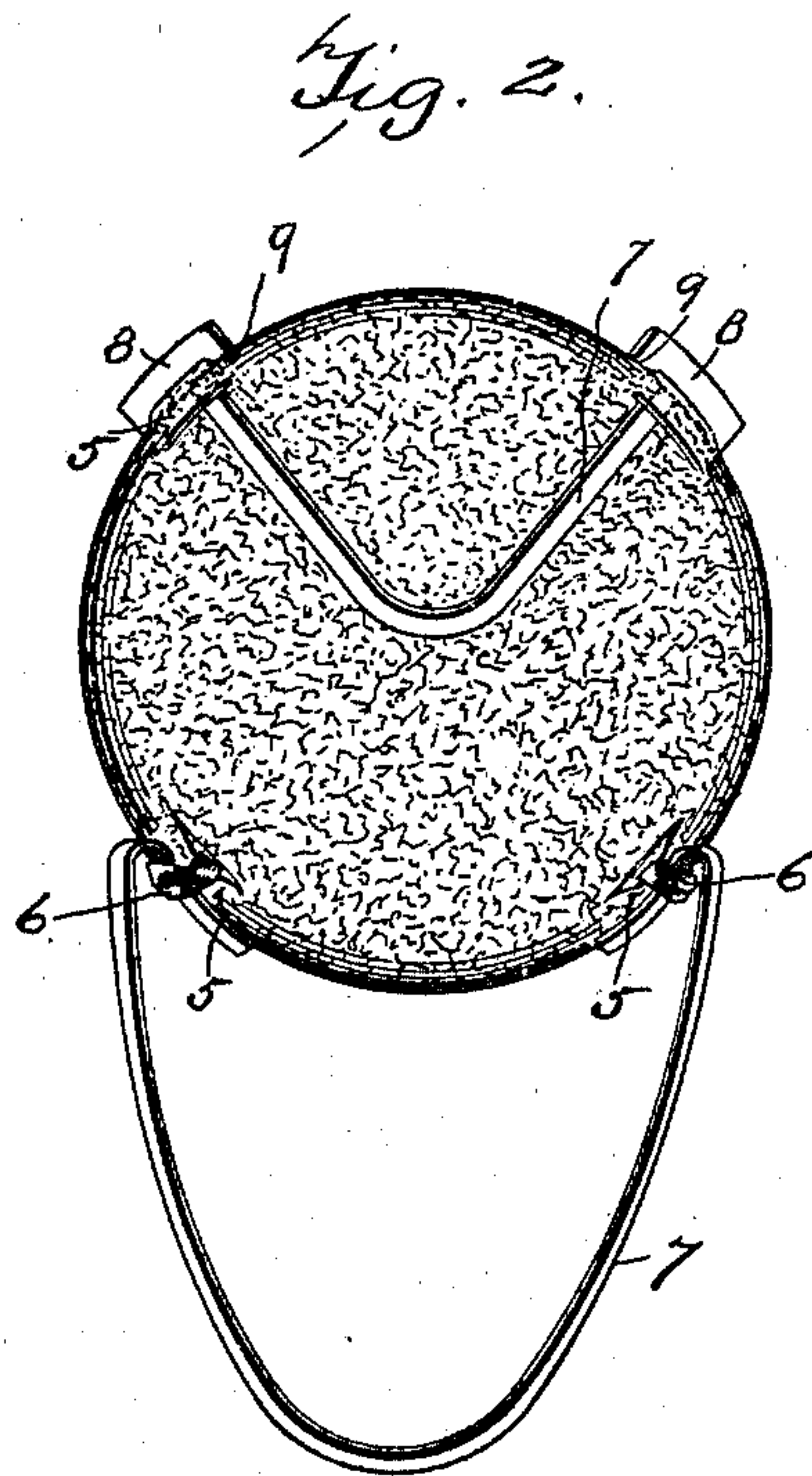
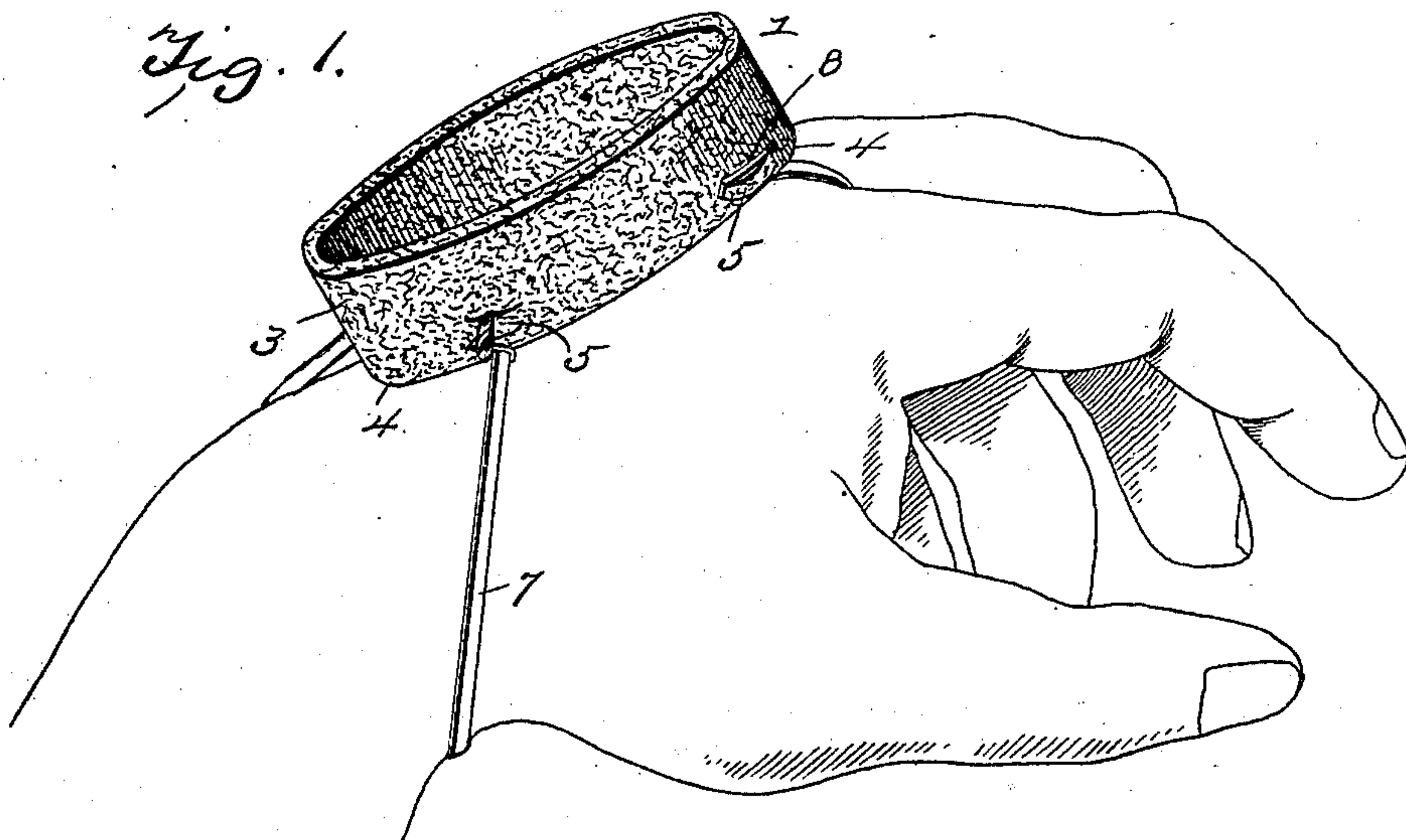
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ERNEST F. OGBORN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Converse, in the county of Miami and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Razor-Cleaner, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to razor-cleaners.

The object of the invention is to obviate the employment of paper in removing the lather from a razor when used in shaving.

A further object is to provide a device of the character specified which is adapted to be attached to the hand of the user, whereby it will always be in convenient position for use.

With these and other objects in view the device characterized by my invention comprises, essentially, a cup-shaped receiver for removing the lather from the razor and means for attaching the same to the hand of the user.

The invention consists, further, in the various novel details of construction of a razor-cleaner that will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which like numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts, I have illustrated a form of embodiment of my invention capable of carrying the objects thereof into effect, it being understood that the same ideas may be carried into effect in other ways without departing from the spirit of the invention, and in these drawings—

Figure 1 is a perspective detail view of the device, showing the same attached to a human hand. Fig. 2 is a view in inverted plan. Fig. 3 is a view in transverse section.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates the cup or lather-receiver, the same to be constructed of suitable material possessing lightness and of a character that will not be injurious to a razor when the same is drawn over the edge thereof to remove the lather. The material best adapted for the purpose is moderately soft rubber, this on account of the lightness, its non-absorbent qualities, and the ease with which it may be cleansed after use. The cup is here shown as formed with a flat bottom 2 and straight sides 3, slightly inclined inward toward the top or rim por-

tion of the cup, the point of connection between the bottom and sides being slightly rounded, as at 4, to present a neat and finished appearance. It is to be understood, however, that the sides of the cup may be straight and still be within the scope of my invention. At a point near the bottom of the cup are formed four hollow offsets or loops 5, these to be engaged by the fastening means 6 by which the device is attached to the hand of the user, the fastening means in this instance consisting of two bands of rubber 7, the ends of which are secured in the offsets or loops 5 in any preferred manner. One means herein shown consists in forming the holding-bands with enlarged heads 8, the shoulders 9 of which when passed through the offsets will bear thereon and prevent the separation of the bands from the loops; but it is to be understood that, if desired, the bands may be tied in place around the offsets, may be stitched together, or be otherwise secured in place, as by cement, it being immaterial as to the precise manner of associating the bands with the offsets so long as the attachment be a stable one.

In the use of the device one of the loops formed by the bands is passed around the middle finger of the left hand, and the loop of the other band is passed around the wrist, as clearly shown in Fig. 1, and when thus secured in place the cup will be held mouth upward to receive the lather from the razor, which will be removed by laying the flat side of the razor on the edge or mouth of the cup and drawing the razor smoothly thereover, care being taken not to tilt the razor so that its edge will cut into the rubber. After the operation of shaving has been finished the cup may or may not be removed from the hand and readily cleansed by submerging it in water or allowing water to run into it. Should the bands 6 break, these may be readily replaced at but a slight expense.

By making the sides of the cup slightly inclined, as described, there will be less tendency of the lather to run out if the cup be turned to one side or inverted than if the sides were straight or converged outward.

By having a single marginal rim or wall instead of two, as heretofore, the device is materially simplified, cheapened, and rendered



more sanitary, and also by having said rim transversely flat instead of bowed there is no tendency for the rim to collapse under the pressure of a blade when drawn across the upper edge of the rim.

The loops 5 may form an integral part of the cup or may be secured thereto in any suitable manner, as by being vulcanized to the cup when the same is made.

The use of this device will be found highly advantageous, as it eliminates the employment of paper, which is not only objectionable from a point of uncleanness, but is also liable to harbor disease germs, which may be transmitted from the paper to the face of the person being shaved. Moreover, as well known, where a razor is cut through a piece of paper the edge is destroyed; but in the use of this device should an incision in the cup be made it will not injure the edge of the razor.

From the foregoing it is thought that the construction, operation, and many advantages of the herein-described invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art without further description, and it will be understood that various changes in the size, shape, proportion, and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from

the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

What I claim is—

1. A lather-cup formed of a single piece of flexible material and embodying an imperforate flat bottom, and a single transversely flat marginal rim rising from the outer edge of the bottom and inclined inwardly and having a flat upper peripheral edge, the interior of the cup being entirely open between opposite sides of the rim from the top to the bottom thereof, whereby the inner downwardly and outwardly inclined face of the rim is exposed to facilitate the depositing of lather within the bottom of the cup.

2. A razor-cleaner comprising a cup having a bottom and an upstanding marginal rim, an elastic wrist-engaging loop-shaped strap carried by the bottom portion of the cup, and an elastic finger-engaging loop-shaped strap also carried by the bottom portion of the cup and located diametrically opposite the other loop.

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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