

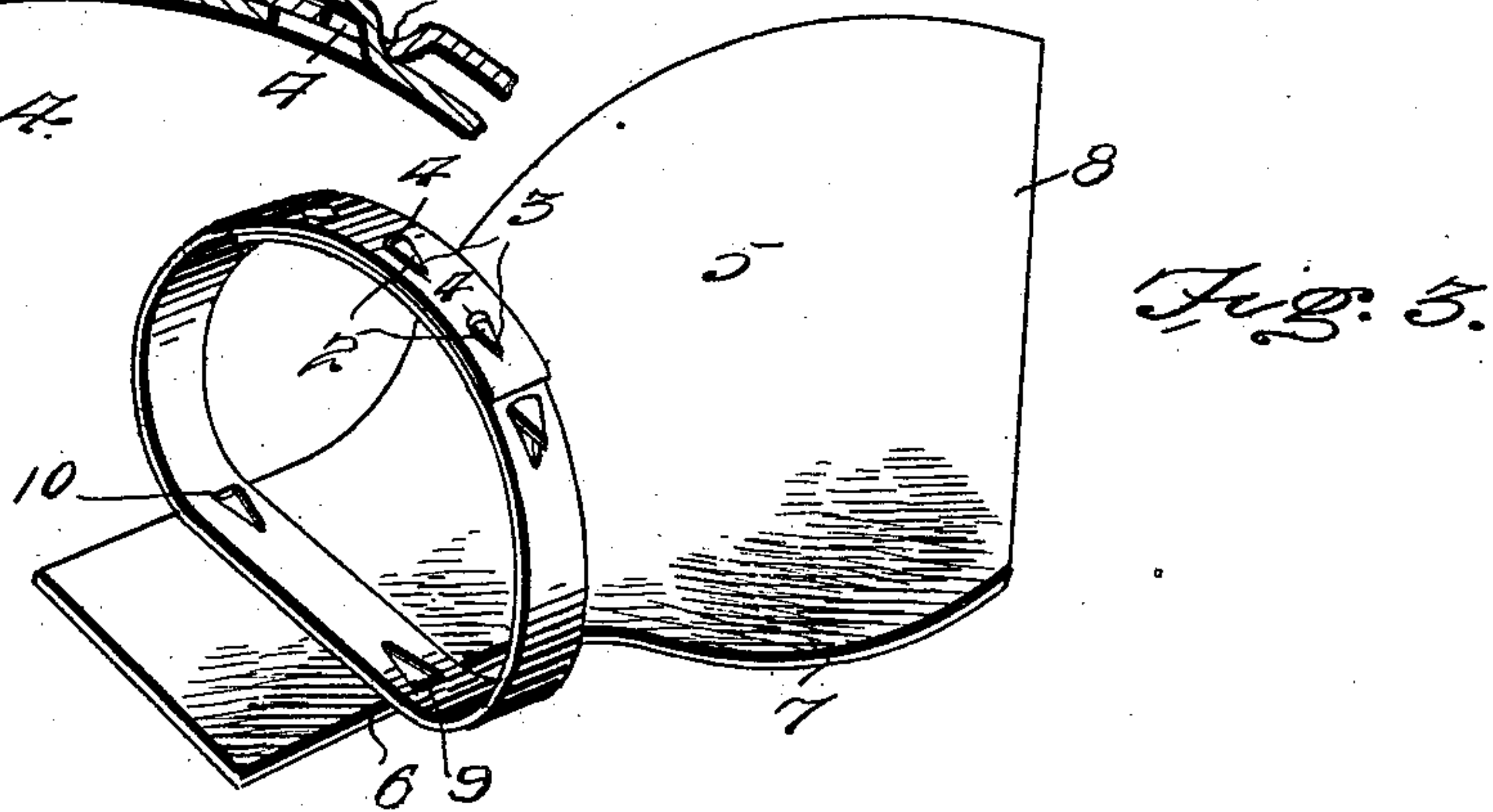
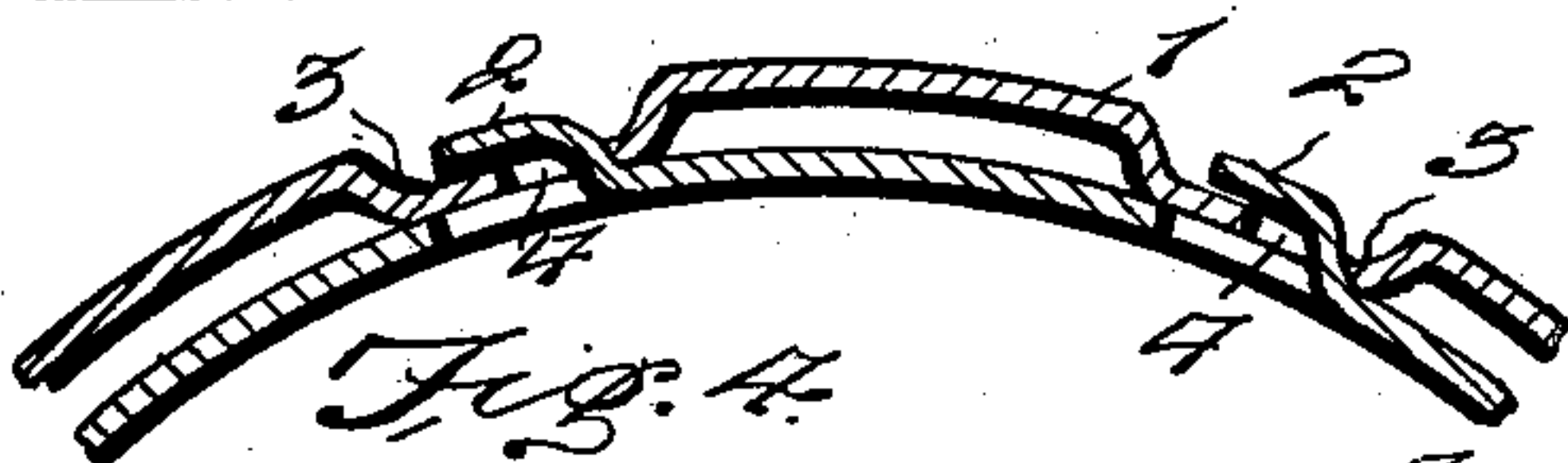
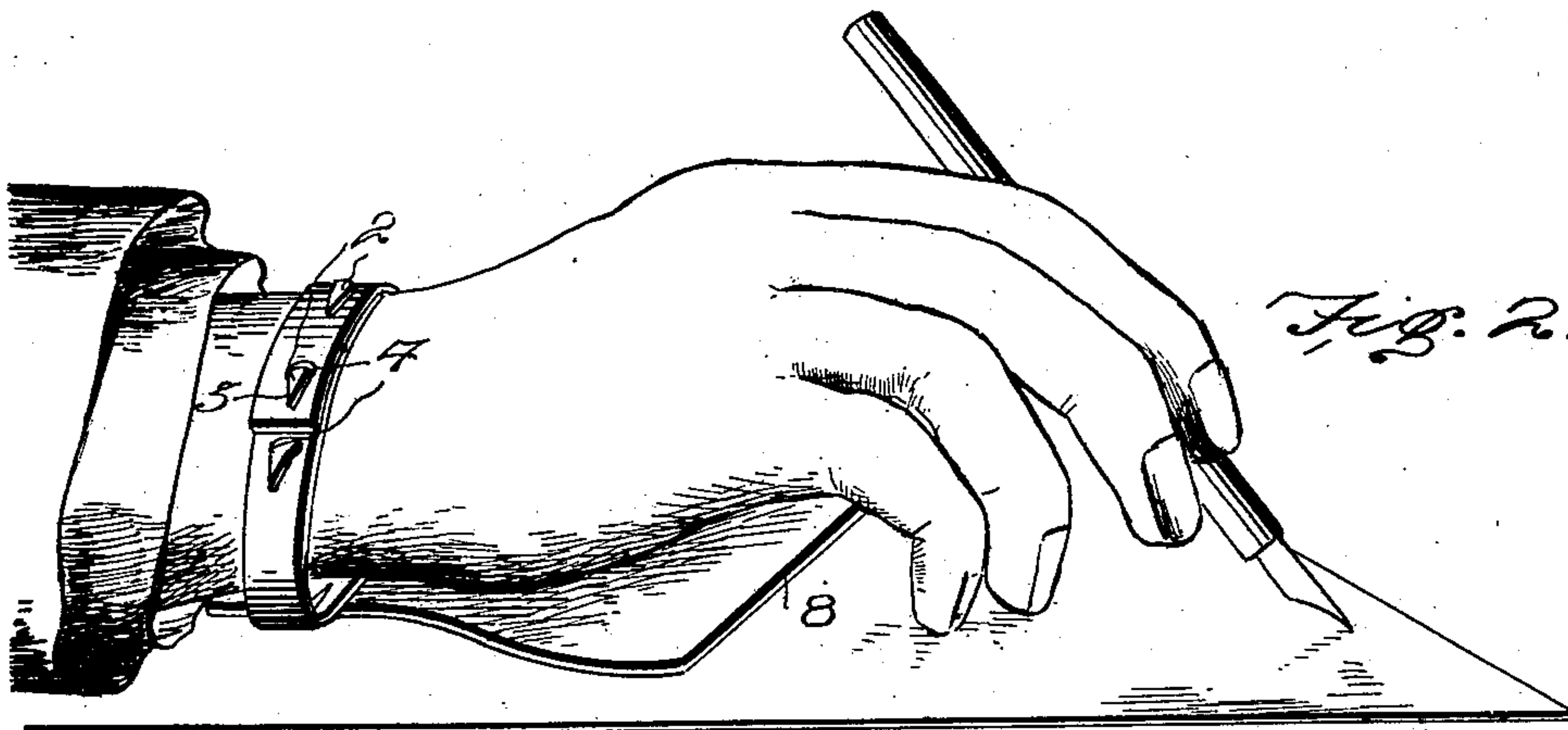
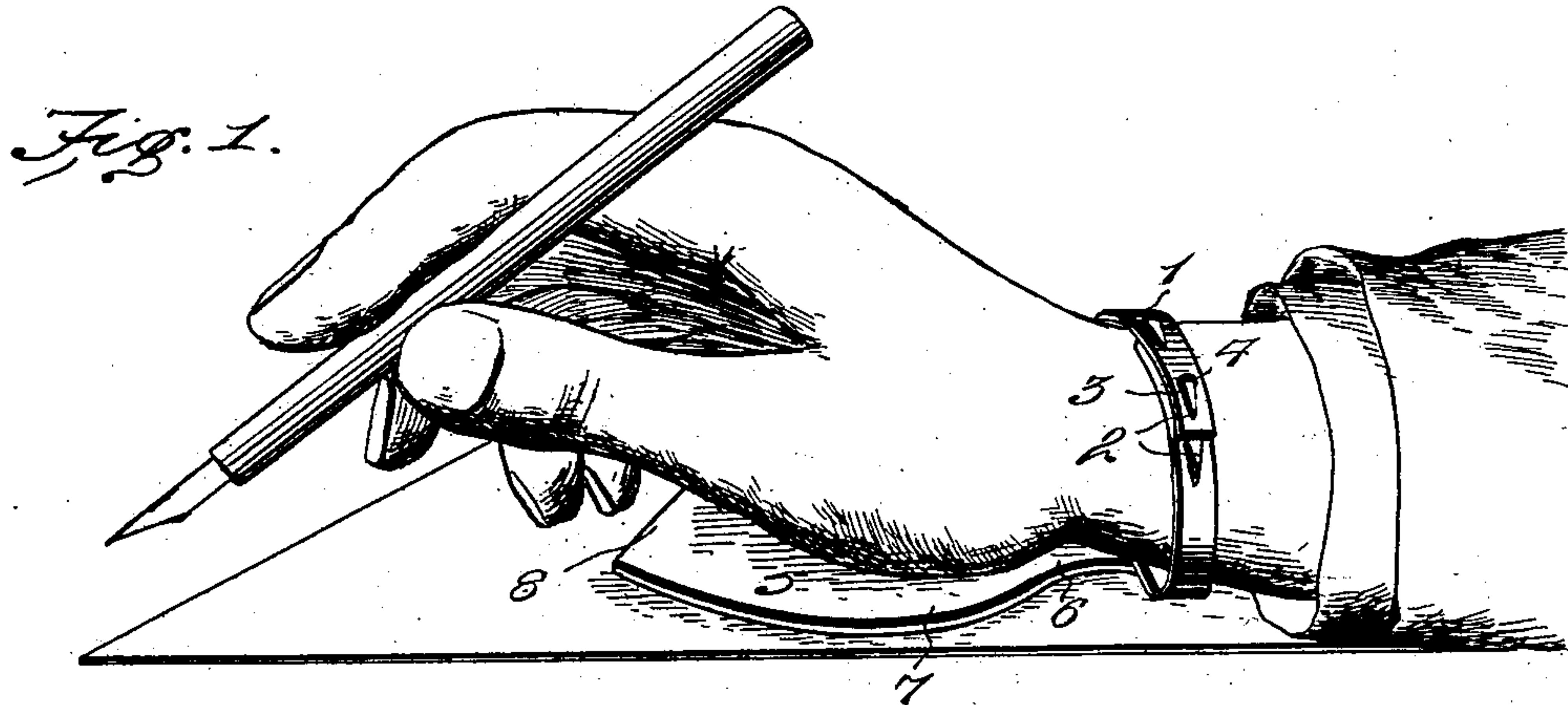
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## BLOTTER-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LEO W. WILLSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Battlecreek, in the county of Calhoun and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Blotter-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices designed to support a blotter-pad upon the wrist in a convenient position for use and obviate the necessity for constantly reaching for a blotter-pad.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide a holding means which may be readily attached and detached from the wrist and adjustable thereon, and also easily and quickly attachable and detachable from the blotter-pad.

Another object of the invention is to provide a blotter-pad of a novel and convenient shape to adapt it to the hand of the user and avoid any obstruction to the free action of the fingers or hand while in use, all as hereinafter shown and described, and specifically pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings illustrative of the invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hand holding a pen and with one of the improved blotter-holders and blotters attached to the wrist, the view being taken from the inner side of the hand. Fig. 2 is a similar view taken from the outer side of the hand. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the holder and blotter-pad detached. Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional detail of the adjustable fastening means of the wrist-clasp.

In this invention are comprised two portions—a clasp adapted to be attached to the wrist of the writing-hand and also adapted to support the blotter-pad and the blotter-pad itself of a novel and peculiar shape, so that its presence will not interfere with the free action of the fingers of the writing-hand. The clasp part consists of a band 1, preferably of spring metal, such as steel, formed to engage the wrist, with the lower part preferably flat and the upper part curved and with the ends overlapping at the top, as shown. In one of the overlapping ends are formed a series of tongues 2, and in the other overlapping end is formed a series of corresponding depressions 3 and with apertures 4 at one end

of each depression, with which the tongues are adapted to engage, as shown. The tongues are formed by being cut out of and pressed up from the body of the metal, as shown. The depressions 3 thus form recesses in which the tongues are entirely concealed, so that no portion projects above the body of the band to offer obstructions to the clothing of the wearer or to catch upon the fingers. This is an important feature of the invention.

By having a series of the tongues, depressions, and perforations the clasp may be adjusted to the wrist and also to wrists of various sizes.

The blotter-pad is indicated as a whole at 5 and is formed with the rear part 6 contracted and attached to the lower flat portion of the clasp 1, while the forward part is curved outward somewhat in conformity to the hand at the base of the thumb of the hand to which it is attached, as shown at 7, while the forward side of the blotter is formed inclining backward, as at 8, to avoid coming in contact with or offering any obstruction to the smaller fingers of the writer. This combined lateral extension and inclined form of the forward part of the blotter is also an important feature of the invention, as it leaves the fingers entirely free to support the hand in writing, while at the same time leaving the larger portion of the blotter intact beneath the ball of the thumb and hand, where it is most effective and where it is most required. The presence of the blotter upon the wrist does not, therefore, offer any obstruction to the free action of the fingers in writing, while at the same time being of ample size to adequately supply the requisite blotting-surface.

The means employed for securing the end 6 of the blotter-pad to the band consists of reversely-arranged tongues 9 10, similar to the tongues 2 and adapted to enclose the edges of the blotter-pad from opposite sides, which is an effective and simple means of fastening; but I do not wish to be limited to this specific means of attachment, as other means may be employed for the same purpose.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. In a blotter-pad holder, a blotter-pad, a band having overlapping ends and adapted to encircle the wrist, means for supporting said

blotter-pad from said band, one or more depressions in one of said overlapping ends and with an aperture at one end of each depression, one or more tongues upon the other of  
5 said overlapping ends and adapted to engage said apertures and lie within the imperforate portion of said depression, substantially as described.

2. In a blotter-pad holder, a band adapted  
10 to encircle the wrist, said band being provided with a lower flat portion having tongues struck up from the same and adapted to engage and hold the blotter-pad and the upper portion of  
15 said band being provided with overlapping ends provided respectively with struck-up tongues and with apertures and depressions for receiving said tongues, substantially as set forth.

3. In a blotter-pad holder, the combination  
of a band having a lower flat portion provided  
20 with struck-up tongues, and overlapping ends provided respectively with struck-up tongues and with apertures and depressions to receive  
said tongues, with a blotter-pad formed with  
25 a contracted rear part adapted to be engaged and held by the tongues in the lower flat portion of the holding-band, substantially as set forth.

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

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