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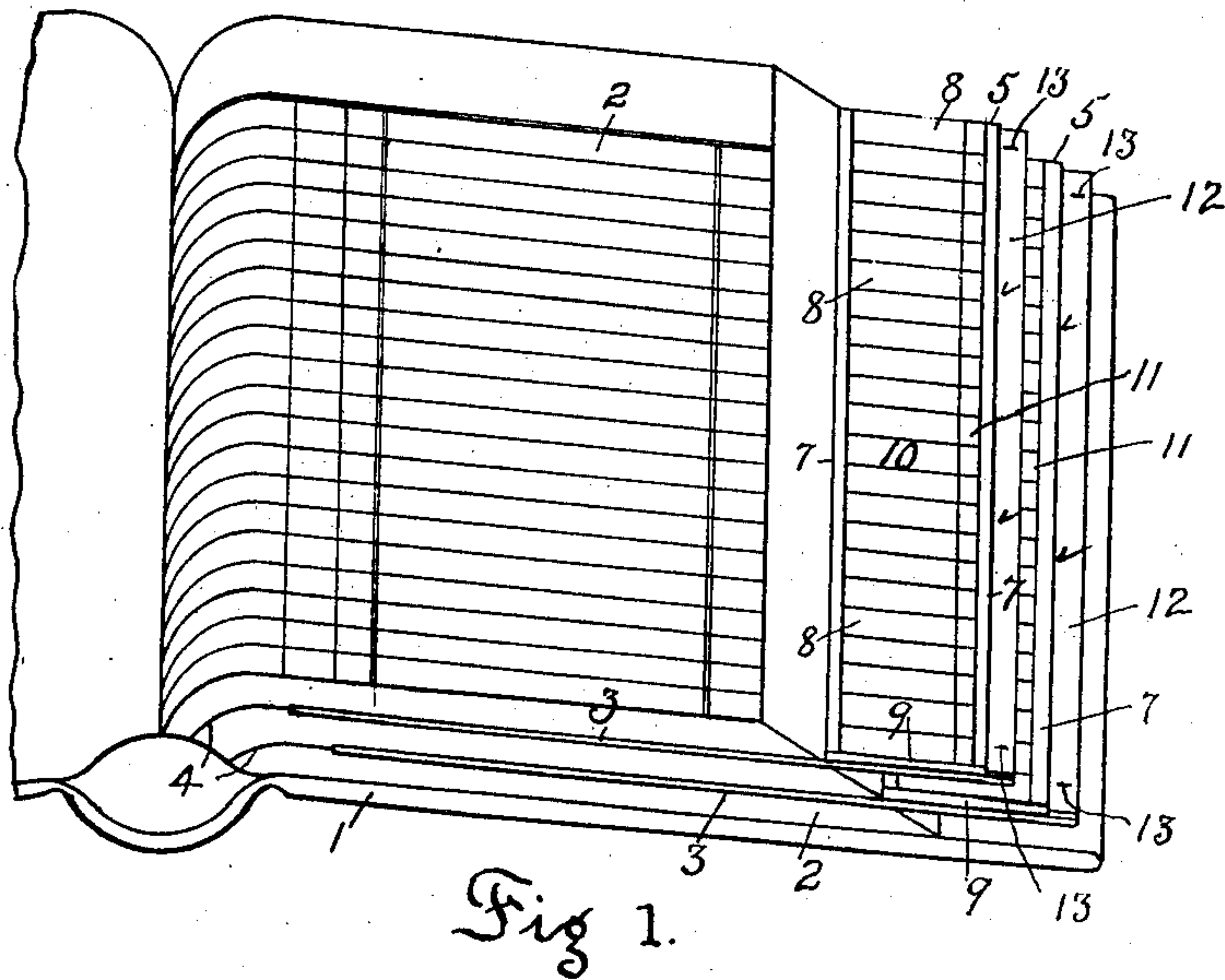


Fig 1.

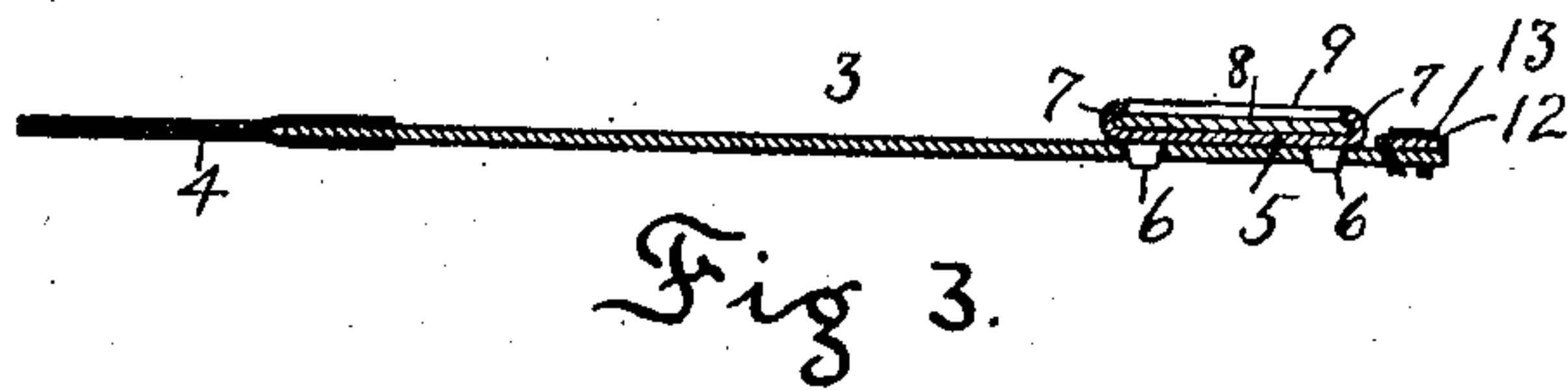


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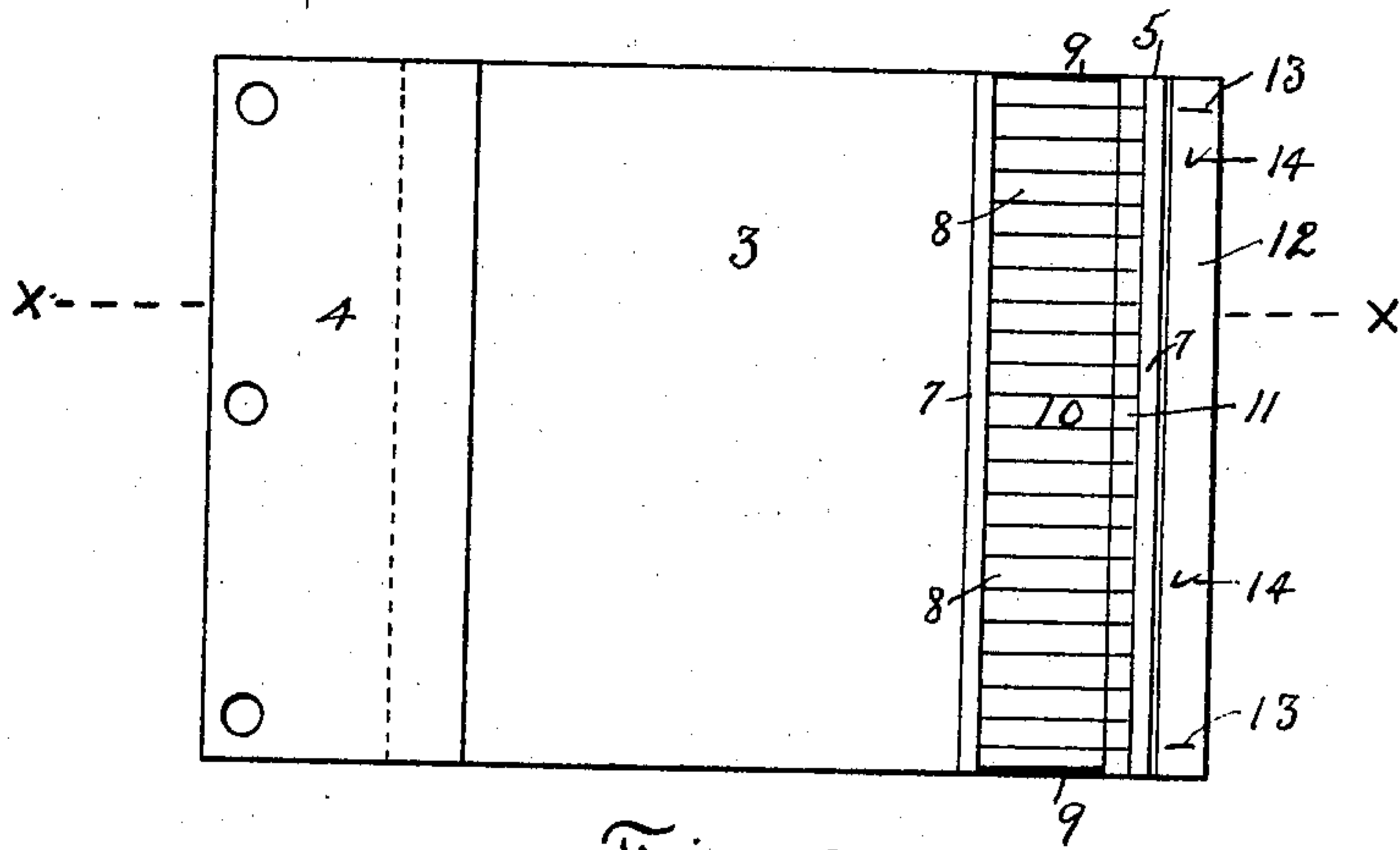


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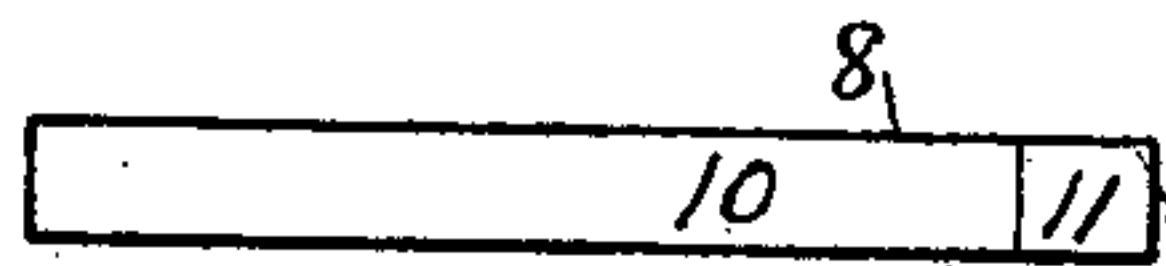


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COMBINED INDEX AND INDICATOR FOR ACCOUNT-BOOKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. HUNTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Index and Indicator for Account-Books, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved combined index and indicator for account-books.

The object of the invention is to provide an index-card holder for attachment to account-books in which is a number of cards each containing the name of a depositor and the page upon which his account is kept, the said cards being held in the holder in such a manner that they can readily be removed or inserted and any number of the cards may be moved vertically at one time.

Another object of the invention is to provide a strip of hard material, such as celluloid, secured at the side of the card-holder and upon which a check or other mark may be made opposite each depositor's name when a change has been made in his account either by a deposit or money checked out, thus indicating at the end of the day what accounts have been changed.

Other features of the invention will be fully set forth in the description of the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of part of a book, showing my improved index-card holder and the indicating-strip attached thereto. Fig. 2 is a detailed view showing one of the card-holders and indicating-strip secured to a cardboard which divides the sections of the book. Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line X X of Fig. 2, and Fig. 4 is a detailed view of one of the index-cards.

Similar numerals designate like parts throughout the several views of the drawings.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, 1 designates the back of the book, and 2 the leaves. The book is divided into a number of sections (in the present instance three) by a flat piece of cardboard 3 or other suitable material, at the rear end of which is secured a piece of linen 4 or other flexible material, the said linen 4 being secured to the back of the book by the same means which binds the leaves in posi-

tion and permits the said board 3 to be turned over with the leaves of the book.

An index-card holder 5 is secured to each of the cardboards 3 by means of a number of integral tangs 6, which project through the said boards and are bent flat upon the opposite surface. These card-holders 5 extend from the top to the bottom of the boards 3 and have their opposite sides 7 bent upwardly and inwardly to form flanges to hold the cards 8 in position and permit of their being moved vertically one at a time or in numbers. The ends 9 of the card-holders 5 are bent upwardly sufficiently to prevent the cards 8 from sliding out of either end. The cards 8 are arranged alphabetically in the card-holders 5, and when a new account is opened the card containing the name of the new depositor can be inserted in its proper place by simply removing one of the cards, either a blank or the last one in the holder, and moving them down from the proper point far enough to allow the insertion of the new card. For instance, suppose the third card in the holder contained the name of "Bets" and the fourth the name of "Brown" and a new account is to be opened in the name of "Boone." A blank card between the letters "B" and "C" could be removed, the cards below "Bets" moved down one space, and the card containing the name of "Boone" inserted between "Bets" and "Brown," or if all the cards in one holder contain names the last one would be removed to the next section, which would leave room for the cards below "Bets" to be moved down to allow the "Boone" card to be inserted. The cards 8 each have a large space 10 for the name of the depositor and a small space 11 for the number of the page upon which his account is kept. The cards are removed by placing a sharp instrument between them and lifting them up one at a time. Their flexibility permits of their being bent in the center sufficiently to allow their ends to be drawn from under the flanges 7.

A strip 12, of celluloid or other suitable material, is secured to the boards 3 by the staples 13 and extends the full length of the holders 5. When an account has been changed during the day, a check 14 or other mark is made upon the strip 12 opposite the name of the depositor whose account has been changed,

thus indicating at the end of the day what accounts have been changed. The strip 12 is preferably made of celluloid, so that the checks 14 can be removed by a damp cloth 5 after the daily balance has been taken and the same strip used indefinitely.

While I have shown two of the boards 3, it is obvious that any number may be employed, according to the number of sections into which 10 the book is to be divided.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The combination with a book divided into sections by a number of flat pieces of stiff material, of an index-card holder secured 15 to each of said stiff pieces of material, having its opposite sides bent upwardly and inwardly to form flanges, and the ends bent upwardly to prevent the cards from falling out; 20 and a plurality of index-cards secured in the said holder and adapted to be moved vertically one at a time or in numbers.

2. The combination with a book divided into sections by a number of flat pieces of stiff material, of an index-card holder secured 25 to each of said stiff pieces of material, a plurality of index-cards secured in the said holder and adapted to be moved vertically one at a

time or in numbers, and a strip of celluloid, or other suitable material, secured to each of 30 said pieces of stiff material and extending at right angles to the said cards and upon which a check, or other mark, may be made opposite each of the said cards in the holder.

3. The combination with a book divided 35 into sections by a number of flat pieces of stiff material, of an index-card holder secured to each of said stiff pieces of material, having its opposite sides bent upwardly and inwardly to form flanges, and the ends turned 40 upwardly to prevent the cards from falling out, a plurality of index-cards secured in the said holder and adapted to be moved vertically one at a time or in numbers, and a strip 45 of celluloid, or other similar material secured to each of said pieces of stiff material, extending at right angles to the said cards and upon which a check, or other mark, may be made opposite each card in the said holder.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature 50 in the presence of two witnesses.

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