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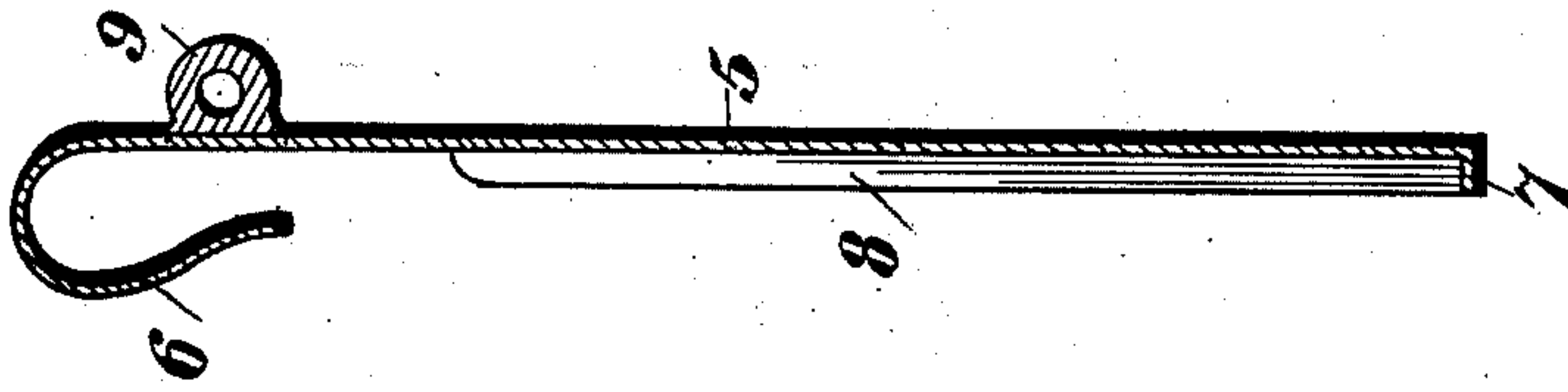


Fig. 2.

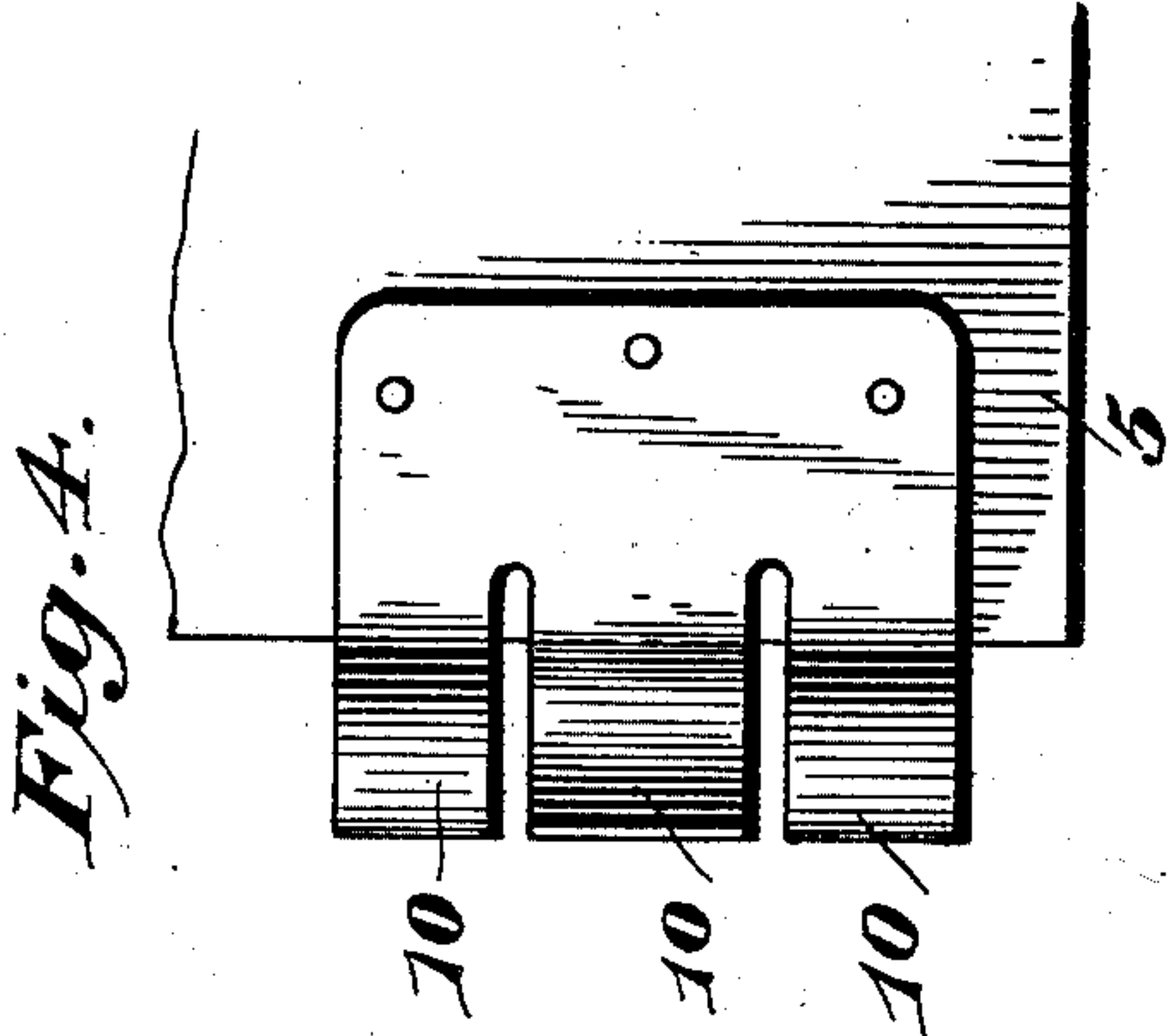


Fig. 4.

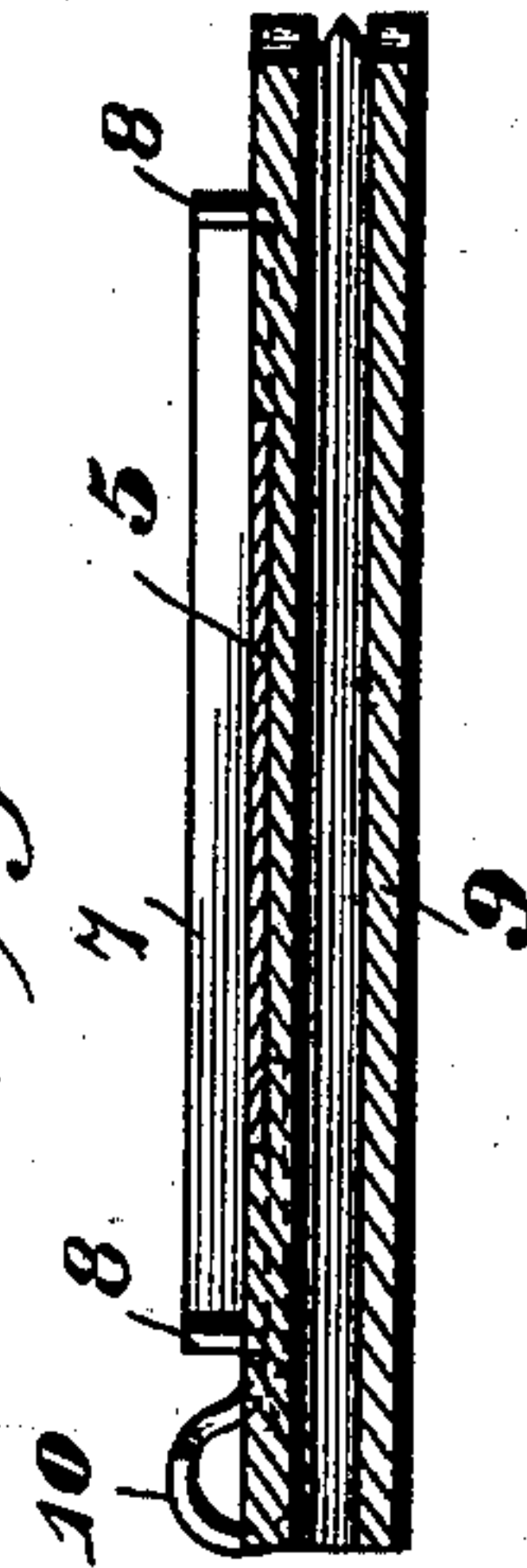
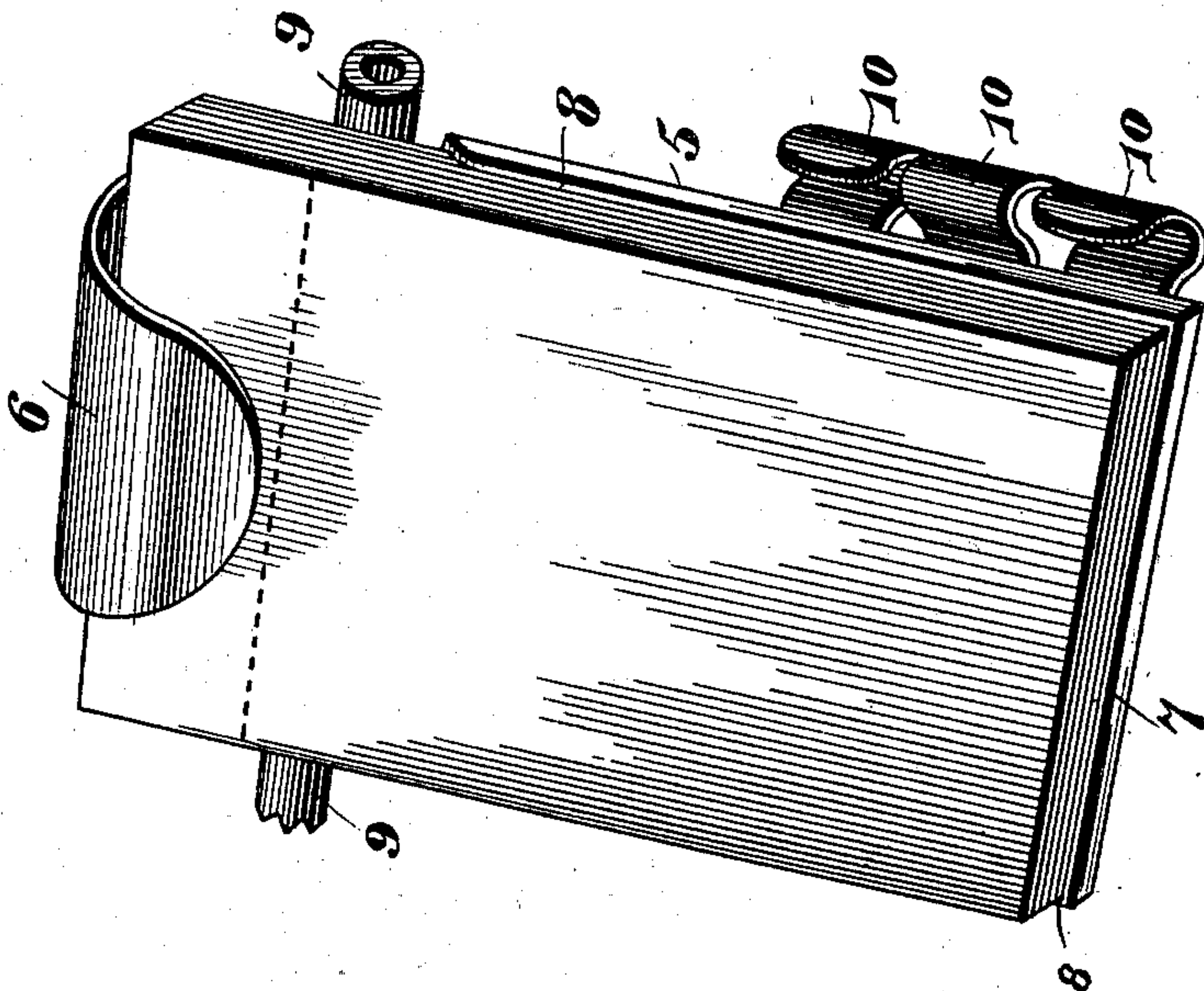


Fig. 3.

Fig. 1.



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PAD-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES POWERS, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Pad-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to means for supporting pads, and this case is a division of a copending application on a pad-support for telephones filed April 24, 1903, Serial No. 154,137.

The object is to provide an extremely simple article of manufacture which will efficiently hold a pad in position, yet permitting the removal and replacement of the same when desired.

A further object is to associate with the above structure means of a simple nature for holding the pencil, so that all the writing materials will be conveniently at hand.

This pad-holder is employed in connection with novel means for supporting the same upon a desk-telephone instrument; but said means and combination are claimed in the application above mentioned. They therefore constitute no part of the present invention.

In the drawings accompanying this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved holder, showing the pad in place thereon. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view through the same. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view through said pad-holder. Fig. 4 is a detail rear view of the pencil-holder.

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

The pad-holder illustrated is in the form of a rack-plate 5, which is preferably formed of sheet metal and has at its upper end a spring-clip 6, that overhangs the front end of said plate. This clip is formed integral with the plate and projects from its upper edge, curving downwardly and inwardly, as shown, the lower end being spaced from the adjacent face of the plate. The lower end and side edges are provided with outstanding retaining-flanges 7 and 8, which are also struck up from the sheet metal of which the rack is

formed. Upon the rear face of the rack and contiguous to its upper end is secured a transversely-disposed sleeve 9, through which is arranged to be passed the supporting-shank of the means for attaching the device to a telephone instrument. This means is fully illustrated and claimed in my copending application. A pencil-holder is also preferably employed in connection with the rack, said holder being formed of alternate oppositely-curved spring-clips 10, projecting from the outer side edge of the rack and formed of sheet metal, thus constituting a receiver which will clamp upon a pencil sufficiently to hold the same and yet permit the ready insertion and removal of said pencil. In the present instance these clips are shown as being formed upon a plate secured to the rear face of the rack, as illustrated in Fig. 4; but they may be constructed integral with the rack, if desired.

The pad to be held may be of ordinary style with detachable leaves, as illustrated in Fig. 1. This pad is placed in position by having its upper end inserted beneath the spring-clip 6 and is thereby held upon the rack, the lower portion being located between the outstanding flanges. Thus the pad is securely held in position, and yet the leaves may be readily detached therefrom. A pencil placed in the pencil-holder is in convenient relation to the writer, so that all the necessary materials are at hand.

It will be evident that this pad-holder can be very cheaply constructed and at the same time is entirely efficient for the purposes set forth.

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.

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

1. As an article of manufacture, a pad-holder comprising a sheet-metal rack-plate having an integral sheet-metal clip projecting from its upper edge and curving downwardly and inwardly over the front face of the rack, said clip being yieldable to bind upon a pad placed thereunder upon the plate, and outstanding integral retaining-flanges located at the bottom and side edges of the rack.
2. In a pad-holder, the combination with a pad-supporting rack, of yielding means for detachably holding a pad thereon, and a pencil-holder carried by the rack and comprising sheet-metal pencil-embracing clips projecting from the under side of the rack and having their projecting portions entirely separate and independent, said clips being located in different planes and laterally curved in different directions.

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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