

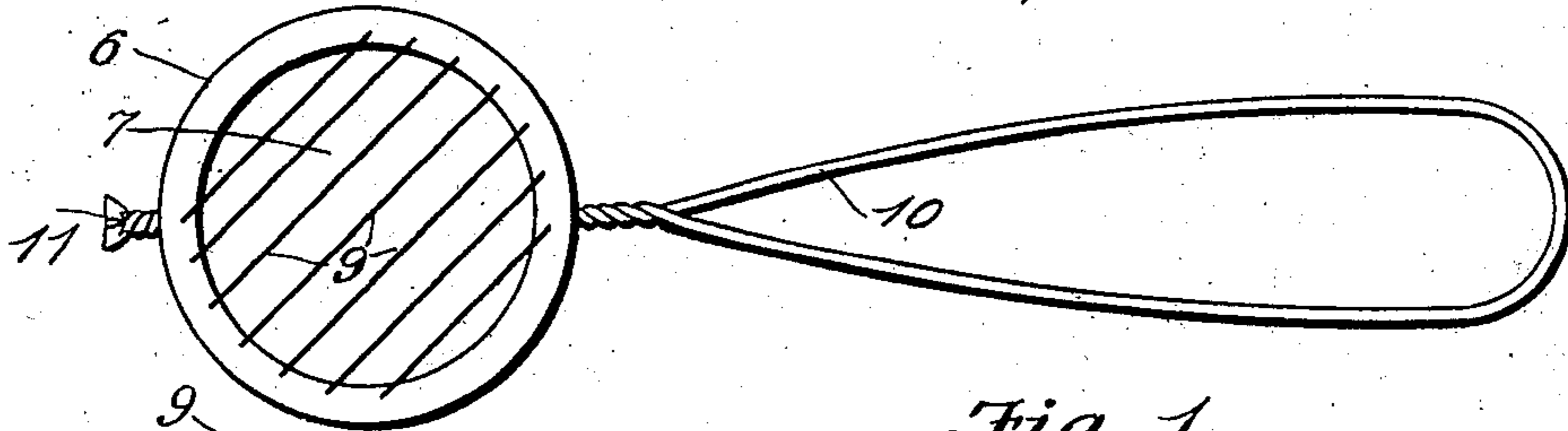
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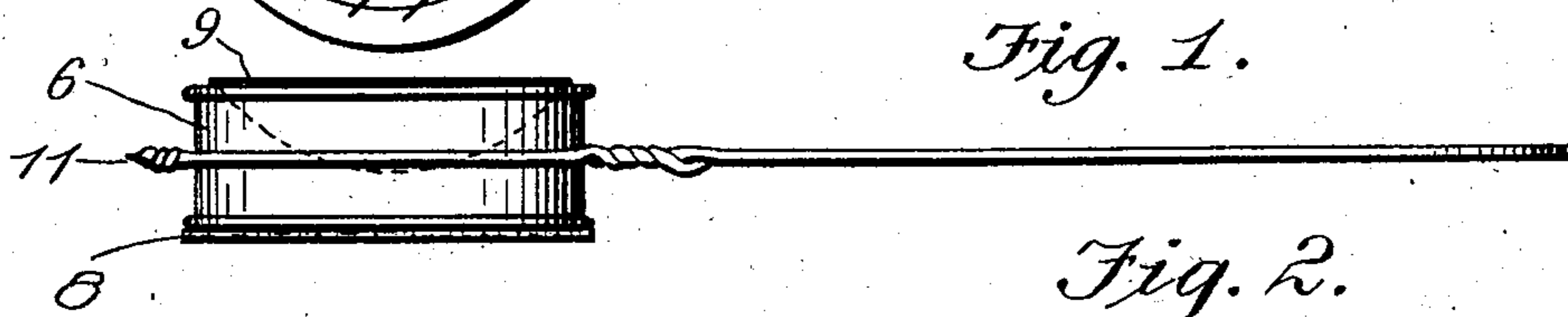
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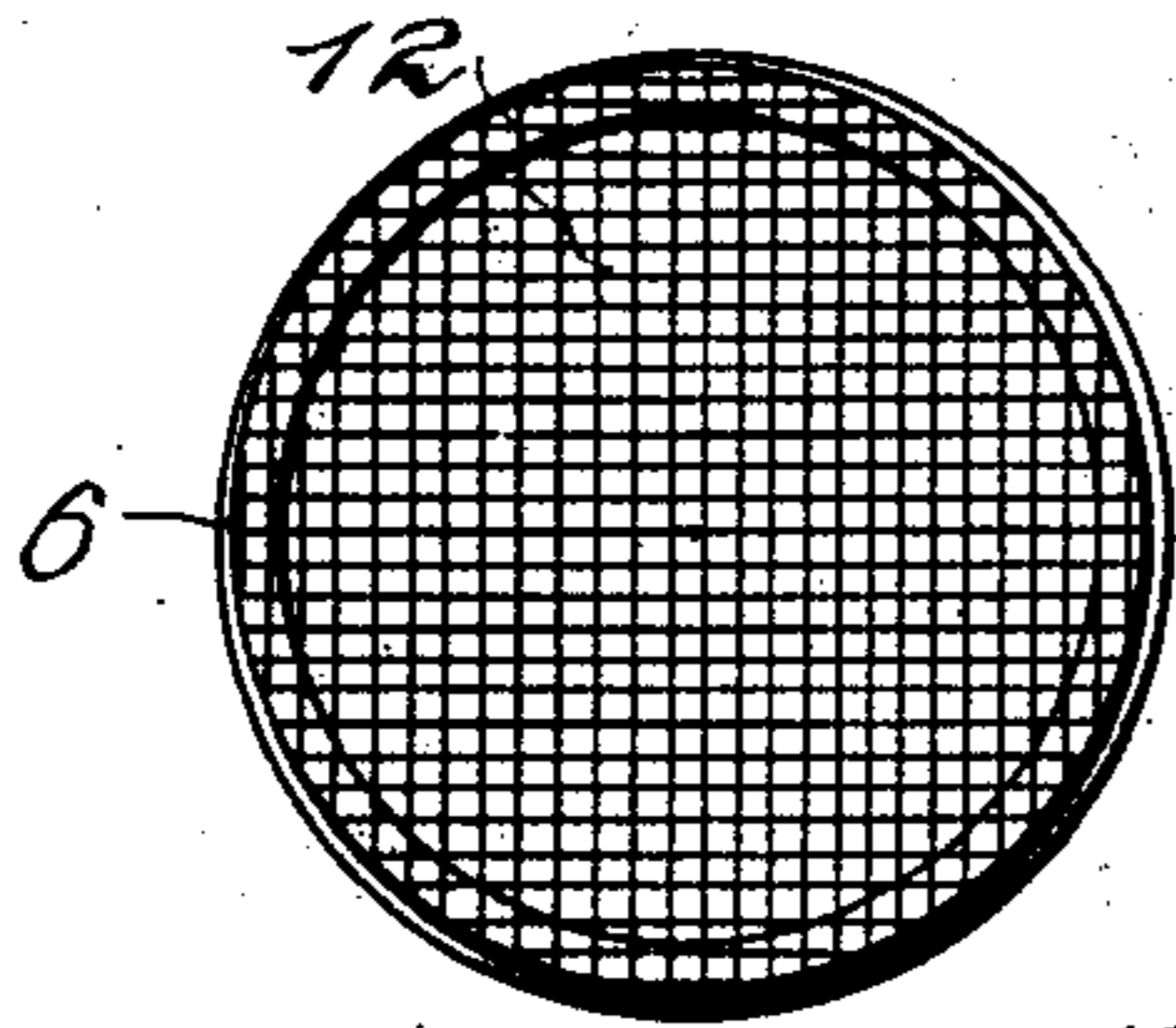
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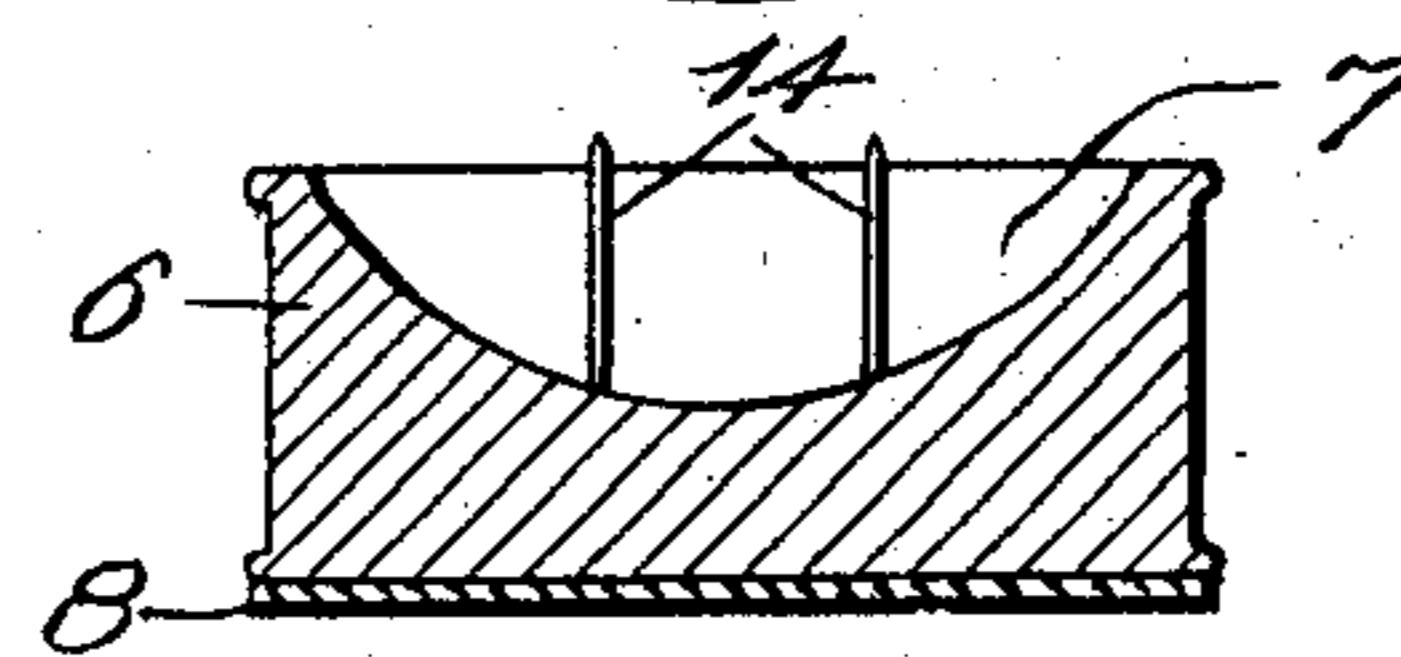
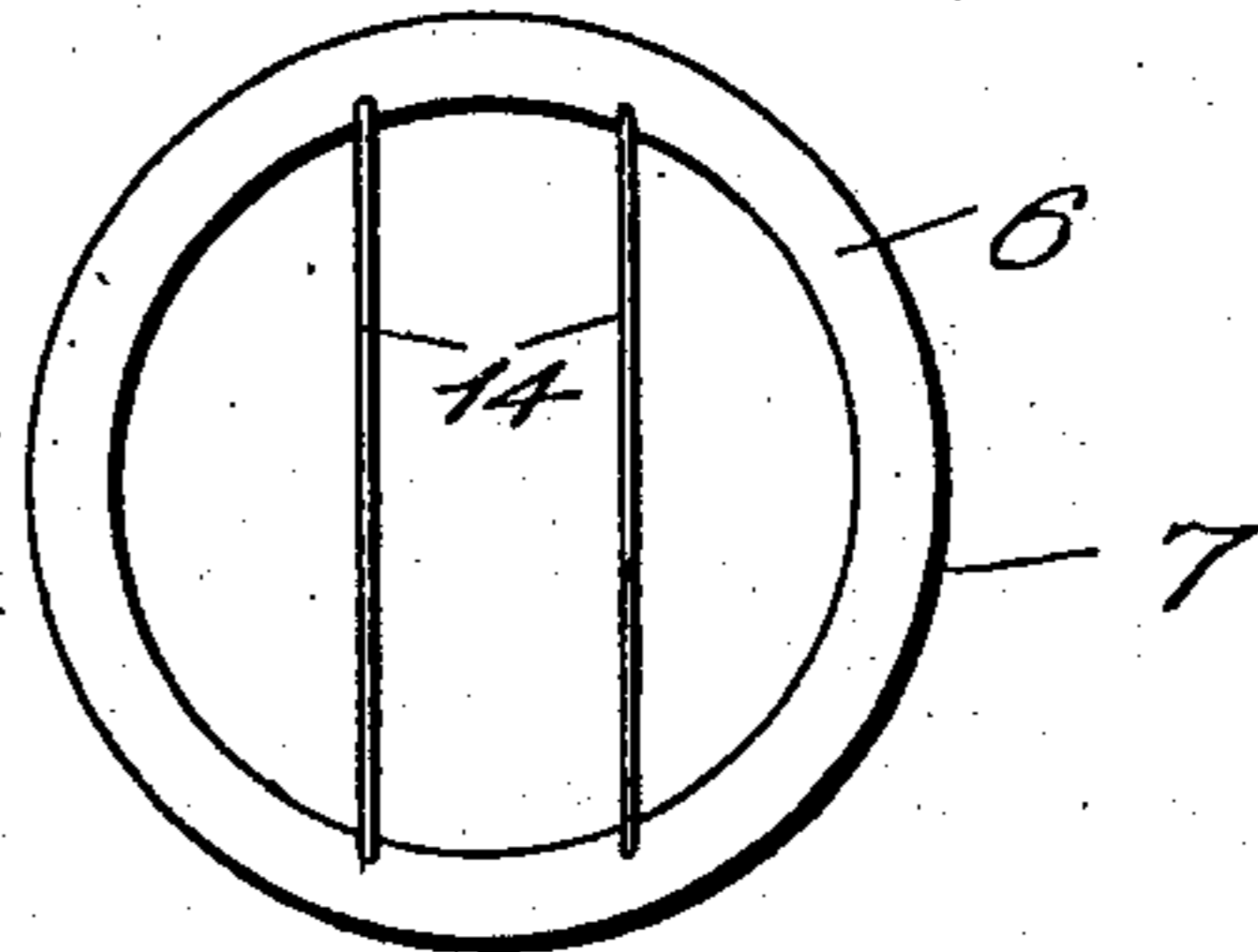
*Fig. 1.*



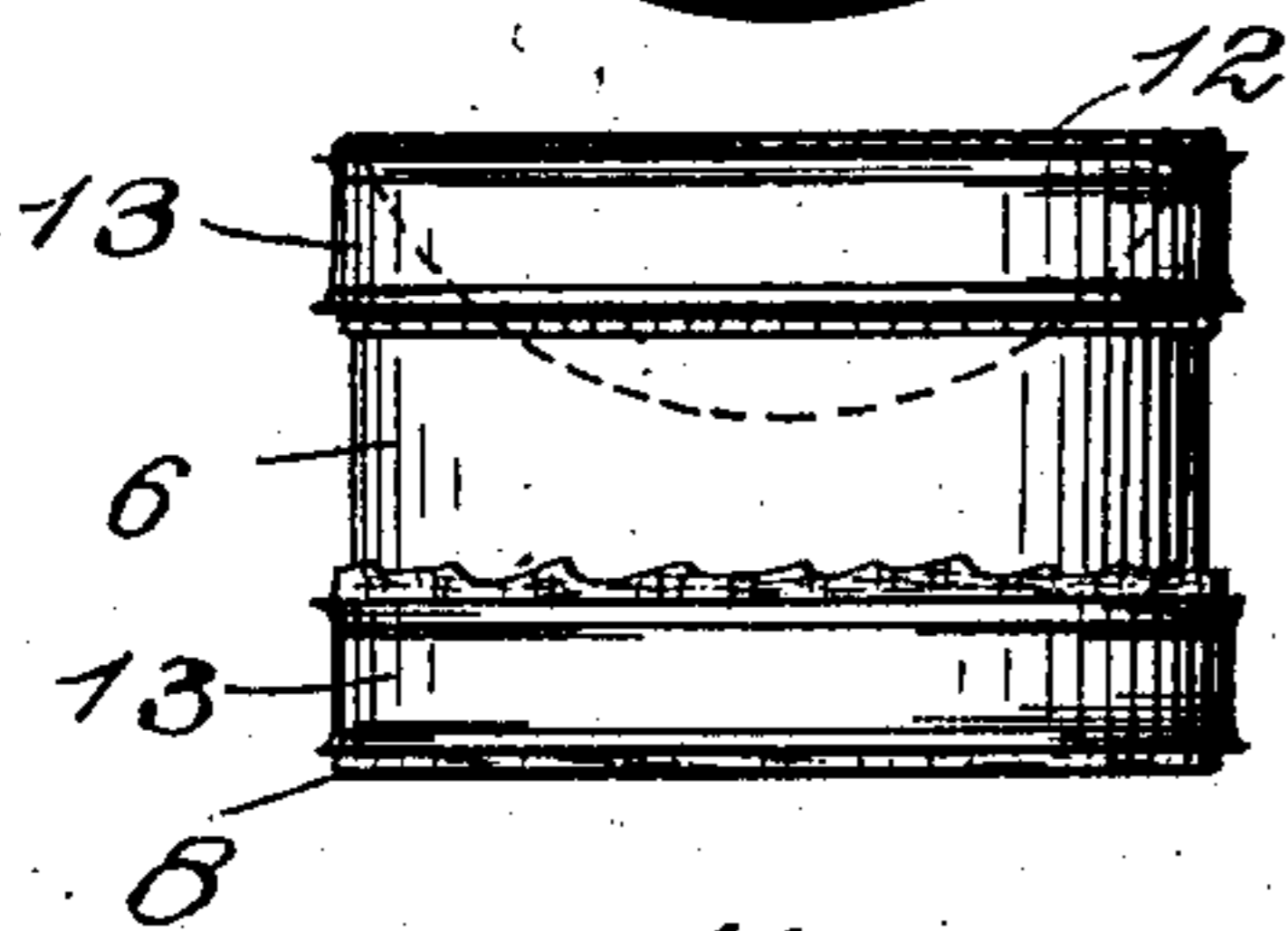
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 6.*



*Fig. 4.*

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## WICK-TRIMMER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES F. PRESNELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Wick-Trimmers, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to form an improved trimmer with which either round or flat wicks may be conveniently trimmed, and its advantages will be apparent from the following description.

The invention is illustrated in several forms in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figures 1 and 2 are respectively plan and side views of one form of the device. Figs. 3 and 4 are respectively similar views of another form, and Figs. 5 and 6 are respectively plan and sectional views of still another form.

Referring specifically to the drawings, the trimmer comprises a block 6, preferably circular in form, one side of which is cupped, as at 7, and this cupped side is provided with various forms of cutters, as will be more fully described below. The other side of the block has a layer of cloth 8, glued or otherwise secured thereto.

In the form shown in Figs. 1 and 2 the cutters consist of wires 9, which are stretched across from the rim of the block over the cup, and they project slightly above the plane of the rim. This form is shown with a handle 10, made of wire bent around the block, and the ends of the wire are flattened to form a point 11, which is convenient to lift the bell of a straight-wick burner. The wires extend diagonally across the cup with respect to the handle, and to trim a wick the device is rubbed back and forth over the top of the wick-tube, and the wires remove the burned crust. The inclination of the wires gives a shearing cut. The ends of the wires are fastened to the block by being driven into the rim.

In the form shown in Figs. 3 and 4 the cutter comprises a piece of wire-gauze 12 of coarse mesh, which is placed on the block over the cup and held by a ring 13, forced over the edge thereof. In this form the cloth is also held by a similar ring. These rings are removable, so that the gauze and cloth may be taken off and renewed or cleaned.

In the form shown in Figs. 5 and 6 the cutter comprises a pair of blades 14, which are set in the block across the cup and have their cutting edges projecting slightly above the plane of the block.

In all the forms the wick is trimmed by drawing the cutters back and forth across the top of the same, after which the felt or cloth part is rubbed over the wick to smooth and clean the same.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A wick-trimmer comprising an inverted cupped block having scrapers extending across the cup.

2. A wick-trimmer comprising a block having cutters on one side and a cloth on the other, substantially as described.

3. A wick-trimmer comprising a cupped block and wires extending across the cup.

4. A wick-trimmer comprising a cupped block, wires extending across the cup on one side of the block, a cloth over the other side of the block, and clamping-rings fitting over the sides of the block upon the wires and cloth, substantially as described.

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

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