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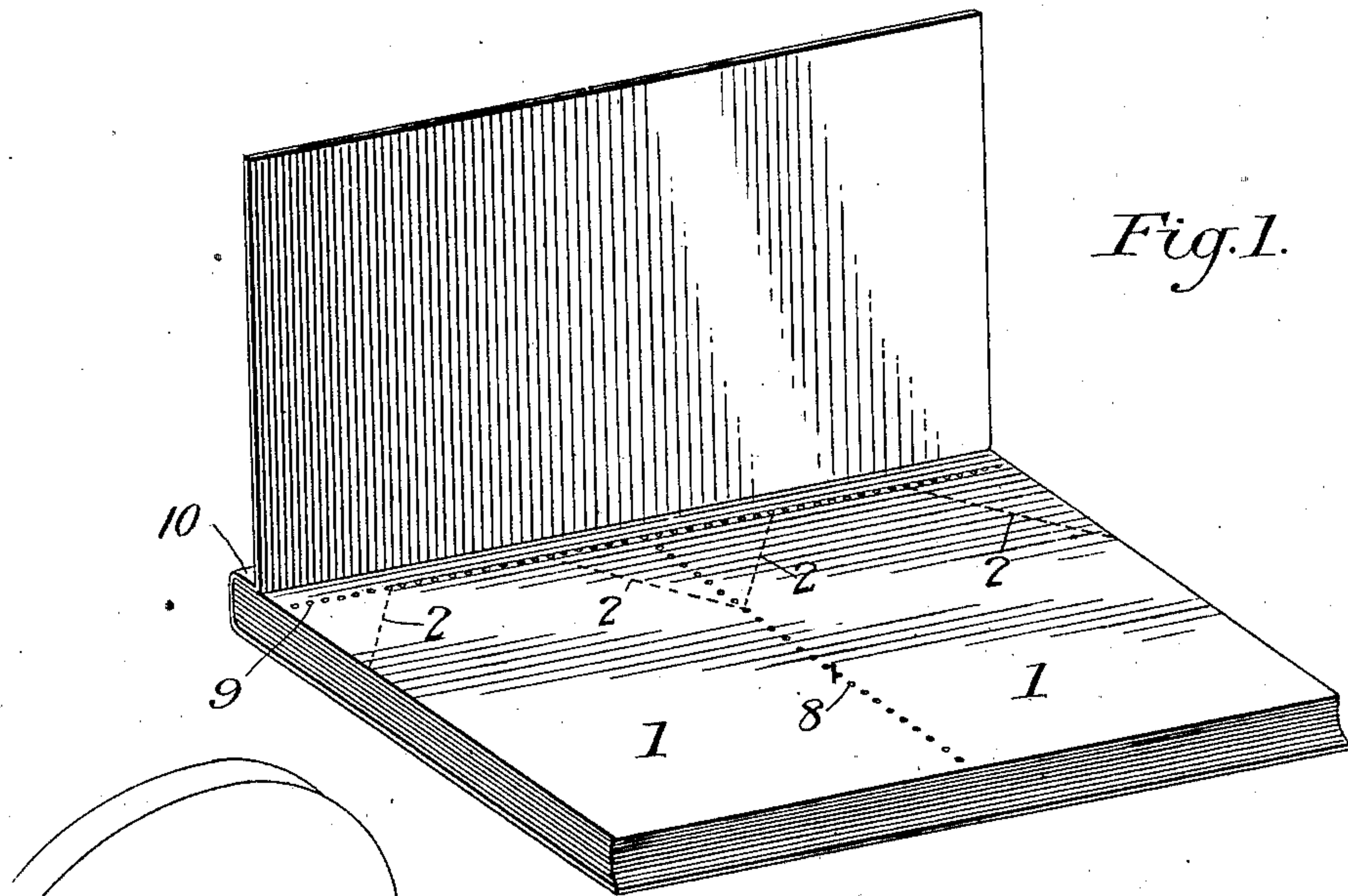


Fig. 1.

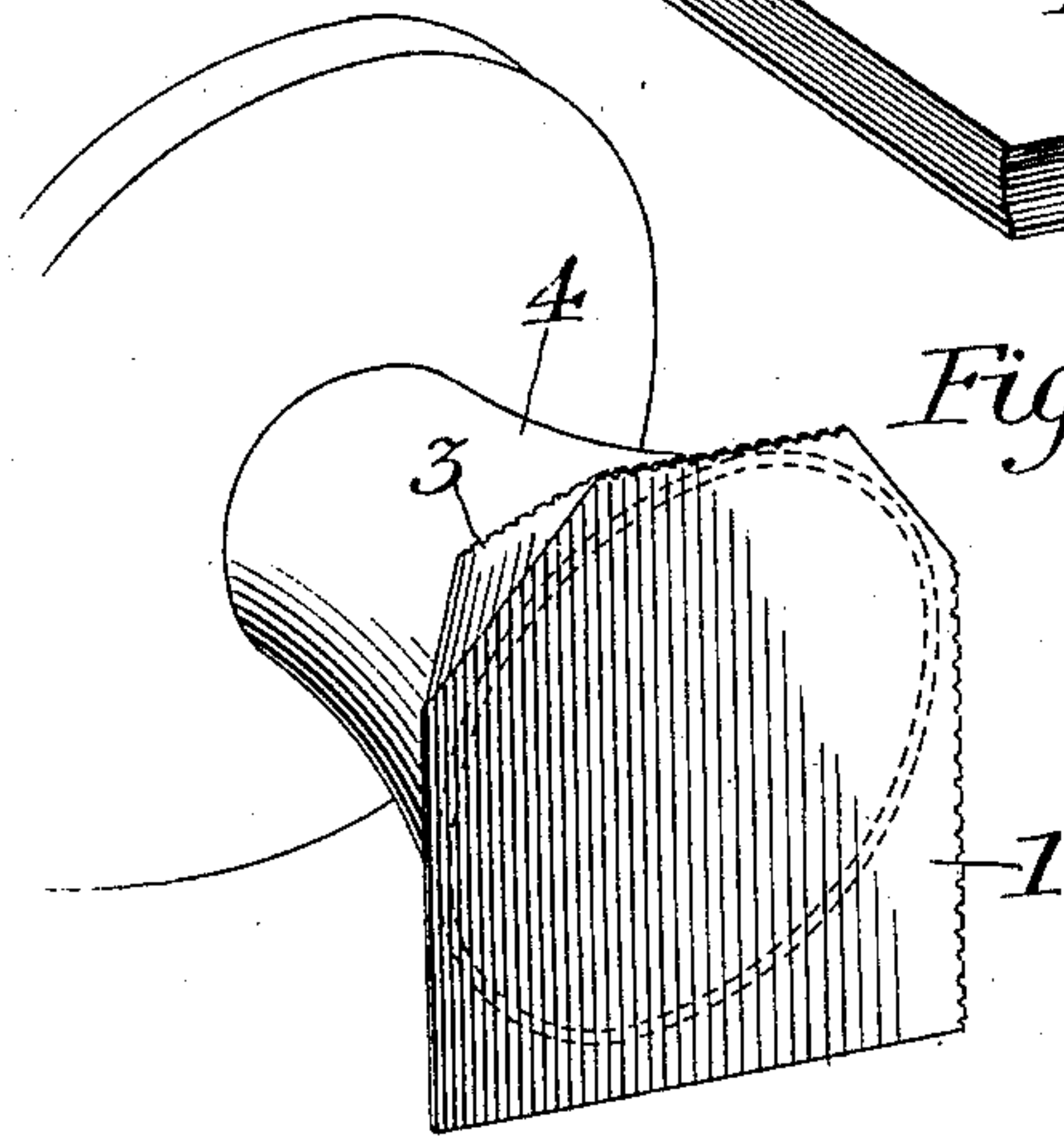


Fig. 3.

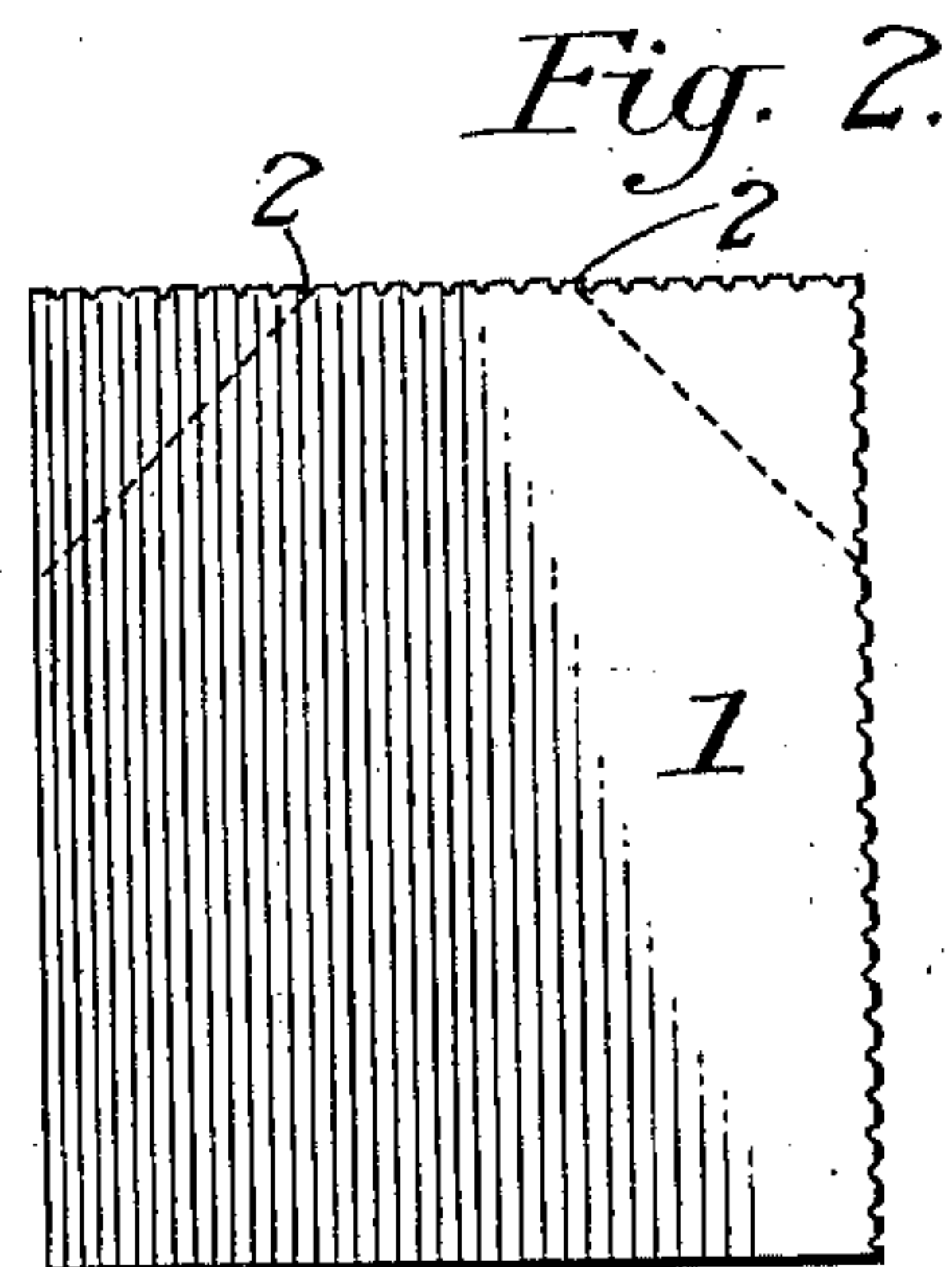


Fig. 2.

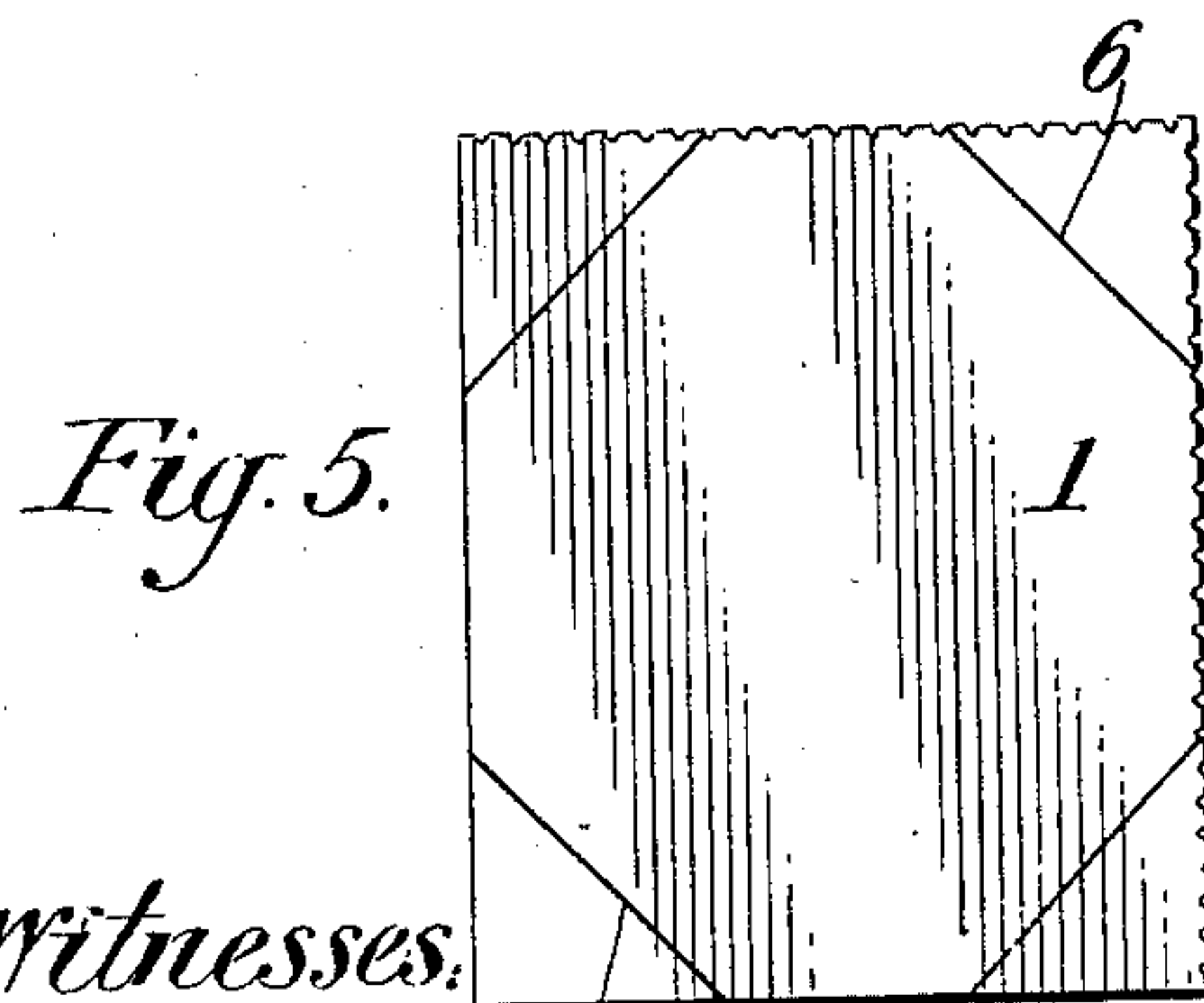


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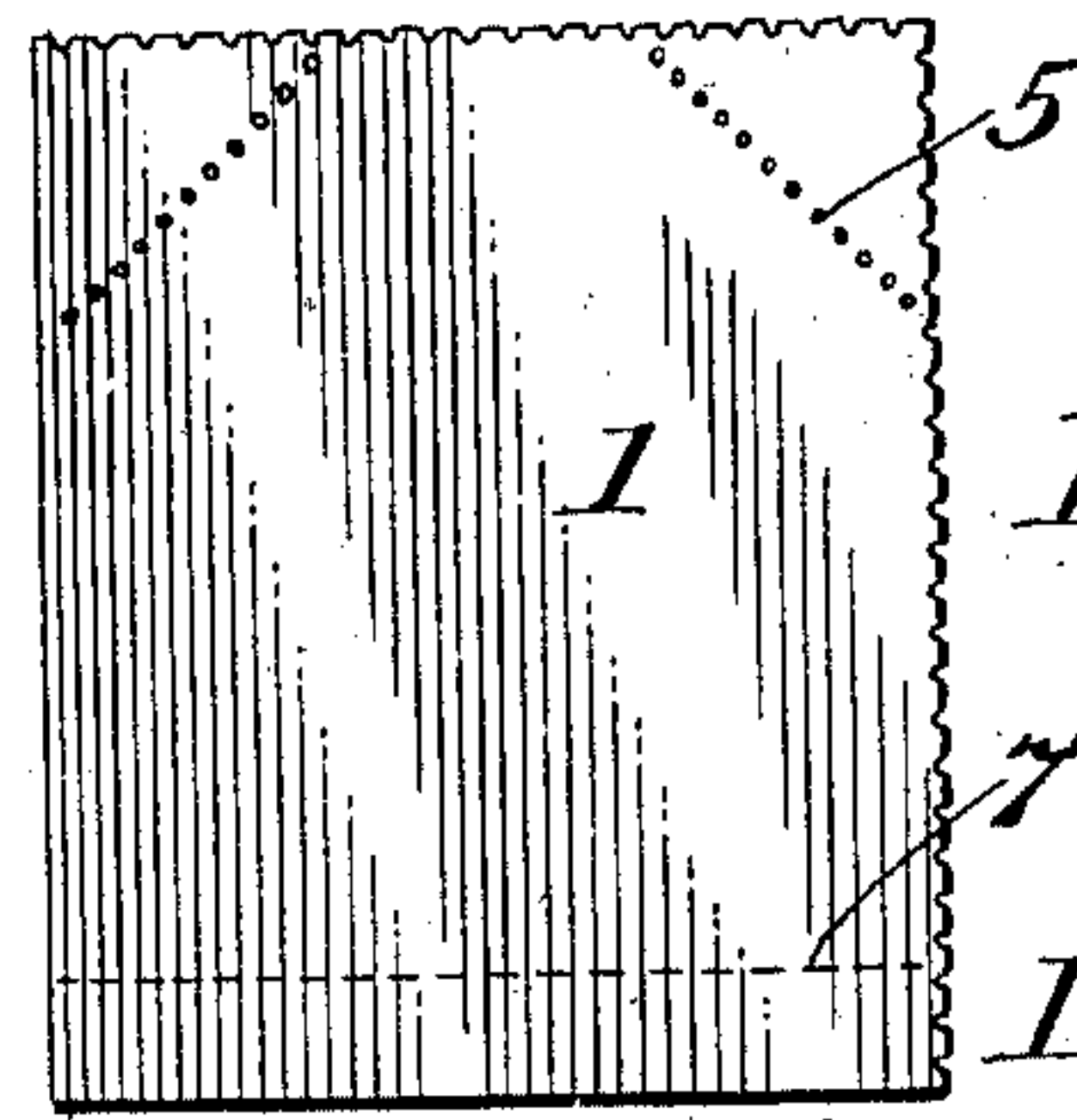


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HUGH L. THOMPSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Waterbury, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Sanitary Attachments for Telephones, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of this invention is to provide in a portable convenient form for telephone users a sanitary covering for a telephone-mouthpiece, so as to protect the user against the insanitary conditions that may exist in the mouthpiece by reason of its use by persons having communicable disease.

The invention consists of a shield of antiseptic, germicidal, disinfecting, or other tissue, such as thin paper, adapted to be temporarily applied to a telephone-mouthpiece, the said shields for convenience, portability, and protection being arranged in book form and capable of ready detachment and preparation for use on the mouthpiece, as the telephone user may require.

In the accompanying drawings, illustrating the invention, in the several figures of which like parts are similarly designated, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the invention embodied in book form and with the cover raised. Fig. 2 is a plan view of one of the sheets detached. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the mouthpiece of a telephone in conventional form having the shield attached. Figs. 4 and 5 are views similar to Fig. 2, showing modifications.

A sheet 1, of paper or other material or tissue sufficiently thin or membranous not to interfere with the telephonic transmission of speech, is provided with oblique or diagonal lines 2 across two or more of its corners, so that the angles or corners may be bent over or back upon the sheet, substantially as indicated in Fig. 3, to form hooks 3, by which this sheet may be attached to a telephone-mouthpiece 4 in a temporary way in order to interpose a shield between the speaker and the mouthpiece, and thereby avoid direct contact

of the speaker's mouth or lips with the mouthpiece, and so minimize liability to germ diseases in the user of the telephone. These lines 2 may be a series of indentations, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, or they may be lines of perforations, as shown at 5 in Fig. 4, or the paper may be simply scored, as shown at 6 in Fig. 5. Also, as shown in Fig. 5, all four corners of the sheet may be provided with these bending lines or lines of folding, so as to make hooks at both top and bottom, or, as shown in Fig. 4, a single transverse line of indentations, perforations, or scoring 7 may be made across the bottom and the whole edge of the bottom folded back.

I prefer to arrange the sheets in book form, as indicated in Fig. 1, with two or more sheets to a page and separated by a line of perforations or indentations or other lines of weakness 8, so that the sheets may be readily detached from one another and also separated by a line of weakness 9 next the binding edge or back, so that the sheets may be detached one by one from the book. The binding may be of any approved character. A quantity of such sheets in book form may be readily carried on the person, so that each individual user of the telephone may be supplied with these shields in portable and convenient form.

The substance of the sheets may be of an antiseptic, germicidal, or disinfecting nature, or they may be impregnated with any suitable antiseptic or germicide or disinfectant.

What I claim is—

1. A sanitary attachment for telephones, comprising a sheet provided with bending lines to permit the sheet to be bent to form hooks by which it may be attached directly to the telephone-mouthpiece.

2. A sanitary attachment for telephones, comprising a sheet having diagonal lines of weakness across its corners to permit the corners to be bent into hooks for attaching the sheet temporarily directly to the telephone-mouthpiece.

3. A sheet of antiseptic, germicidal, or disinfecting material for attachment to the mouth-

piece of a telephone, provided with integral hooks for hooking it temporarily on the telephone-mouthpiece.

- 5 4. Sanitary attachments for telephones, comprising a pile of separable sheets bound in book form, each sheet provided with lines of weakness to permit of its detachment from the book, and also provided with diagonal lines

of weakness for forming integral hooks to suspend it over the telephone-mouthpiece. 10

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 23d day of December, A. D. 1903.

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