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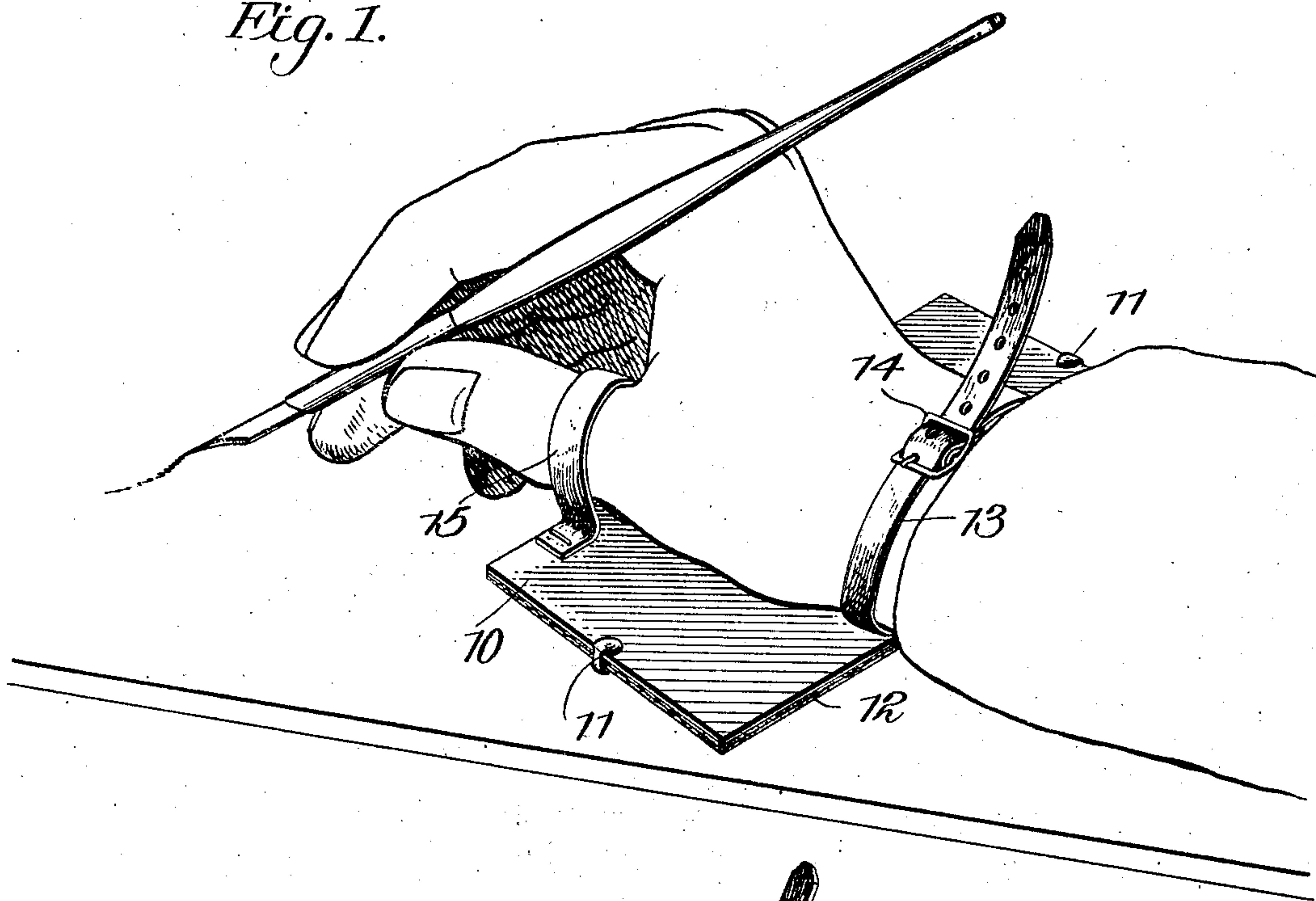
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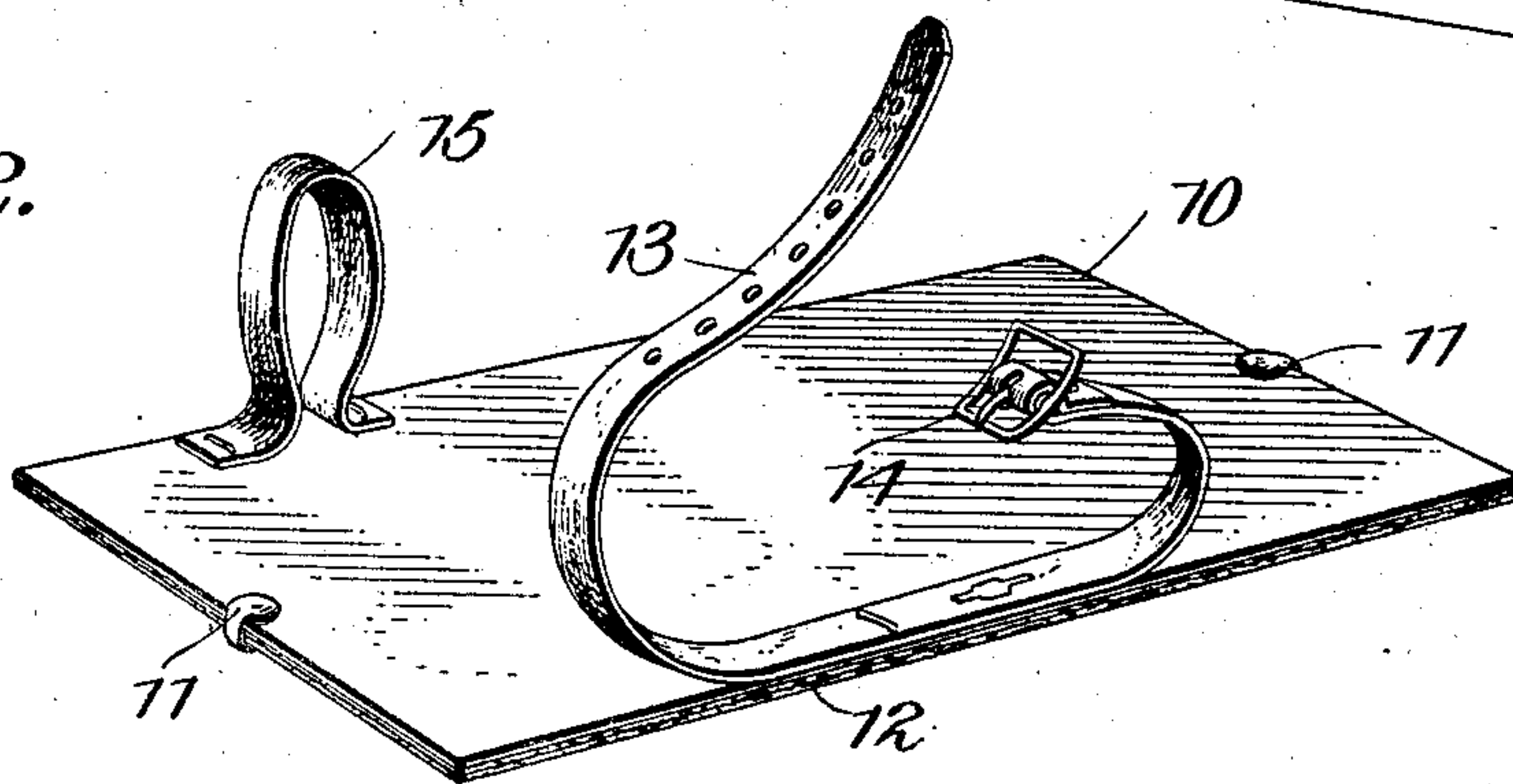
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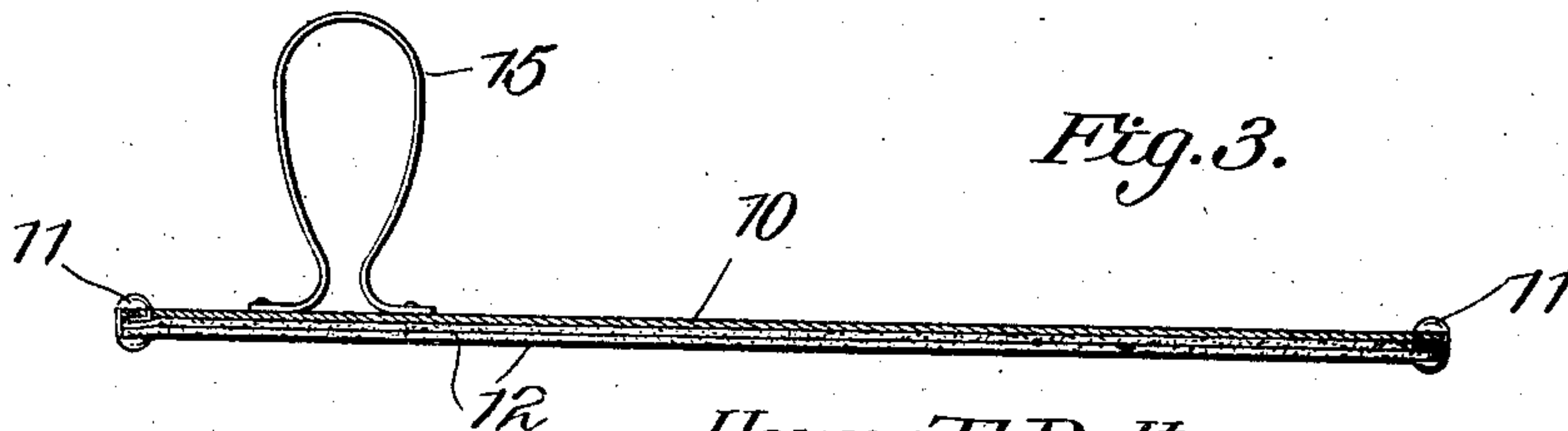
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## BLOTTER-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY T. PATTERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Blotter-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices designed to support a blotting-pad upon the wrist and hand in convenient position for use, and has for its object to simplify and improve devices of this character and produce a holding means whereby the blotter material may be detachably connected to a foundation member in convenient position for renewal and the foundation member attached to the wrist and thumb of the writing hand; and the invention consists in certain novel features of construction, as hereinafter shown and described.

In the drawings illustrative of the invention, in which corresponding parts are denoted by like designating characters, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hand and wrist with the improved device applied. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the device detached. Fig. 3 is a sectional detail of the foundation member and the blotter material, illustrating the manner of detachably uniting them.

The improved device consists of a foundation member 10 of any convenient size and preferably of flexible material, such as celluloid or similar material, which possesses the requisite elastic properties, together with lightness, strength, cleanliness, and pleasing appearance. The foundation member is provided with means, such as clips 11, whereby one or more layers of blotting-paper or like material 12 may be detachably connected to the under surface thereof, as shown. By this means the blotting material is readily renewable when required and without destroying the foundation member.

Attached centrally to one of the edges of the foundation member, upon its upper surface, is a strap 13, having a fastening means, such as a buckle 14, for attachment around the wrist of the writing hand, as shown in Fig. 1. The wrist-strap will preferably be attached to one of the longer edges of the foundation member, but may be attached to one

of the shorter edges when the member 10 is oblong; but the latter may be square, circular, or other shape, as preferred, and I do not therefore wish to be limited to any specific shape or size for this portion of the device. Attached to the edge opposite to the wrist-strap, near one side of the member 10 and upon its upper surface, is a loop 15, adapted to engage the thumb of the writing hand, as shown in Fig. 1. The relative positions of the straps 13 15 and member 10 will be so arranged that the member 10 and its blotter material will be supported in a natural and easy position beneath that portion of the writing hand adjacent the ball of the thumb at the base of the palm, as shown in Fig. 1, in convenient position for use and so that it will not interfere with the fingers holding the pen or prevent their free use. To this end the devices will be furnished in various sizes to fit various sizes of hands.

This simple device will be found very useful and convenient for bookkeepers, cashiers, bank clerks, and others who are required to use a blotter frequently, as the blotter can be used very quickly and without the necessity for causing the hand to move over a desk to reach a blotter and then travel over the same ground to return it to its place; but the blotting can be accomplished by a short forward movement and without loss of time or the annoyance of hunting for the mislaid blotter-sheet. The presence of the blotter-holder upon the wrist and hand is also an advantage in affording a rest for the hand and as a protection to the paper being written on from the perspiration of the hand.

The device can be very cheaply constructed and will be found very useful and convenient for the purpose described.

The straps may be secured to the foundation member in any desired manner—by rivets, clips, sewing, or the like—and may be of any suitable size and material.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is—

1. A blotter-holder comprising a foundation member having means for detachably engaging a blotter, a wrist member connected with the rear upper side of said foundation member

at the center thereof and adapted to fit wrists of various sizes, and a thumb-strap connected with the front upper side of said foundation member to the left of the point of connection  
5 of the wrist member with its ends spaced apart and secured to said foundation member longitudinally thereof to form a loop opening transversely of said foundation member.

2. A blotter-holder comprising a foundation member of a width sufficient when in use  
10 to span that portion of the hand at the base of the palm and having means for detachably engaging a blotter, a wrist-engaging strap

secured to the rear edge of the foundation member at the center thereof, and a thumb-  
15 loop secured near the front edge thereof at a point to the left of the point of attachment of the wrist-strap said loop opening transversely of the blotter.

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

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