

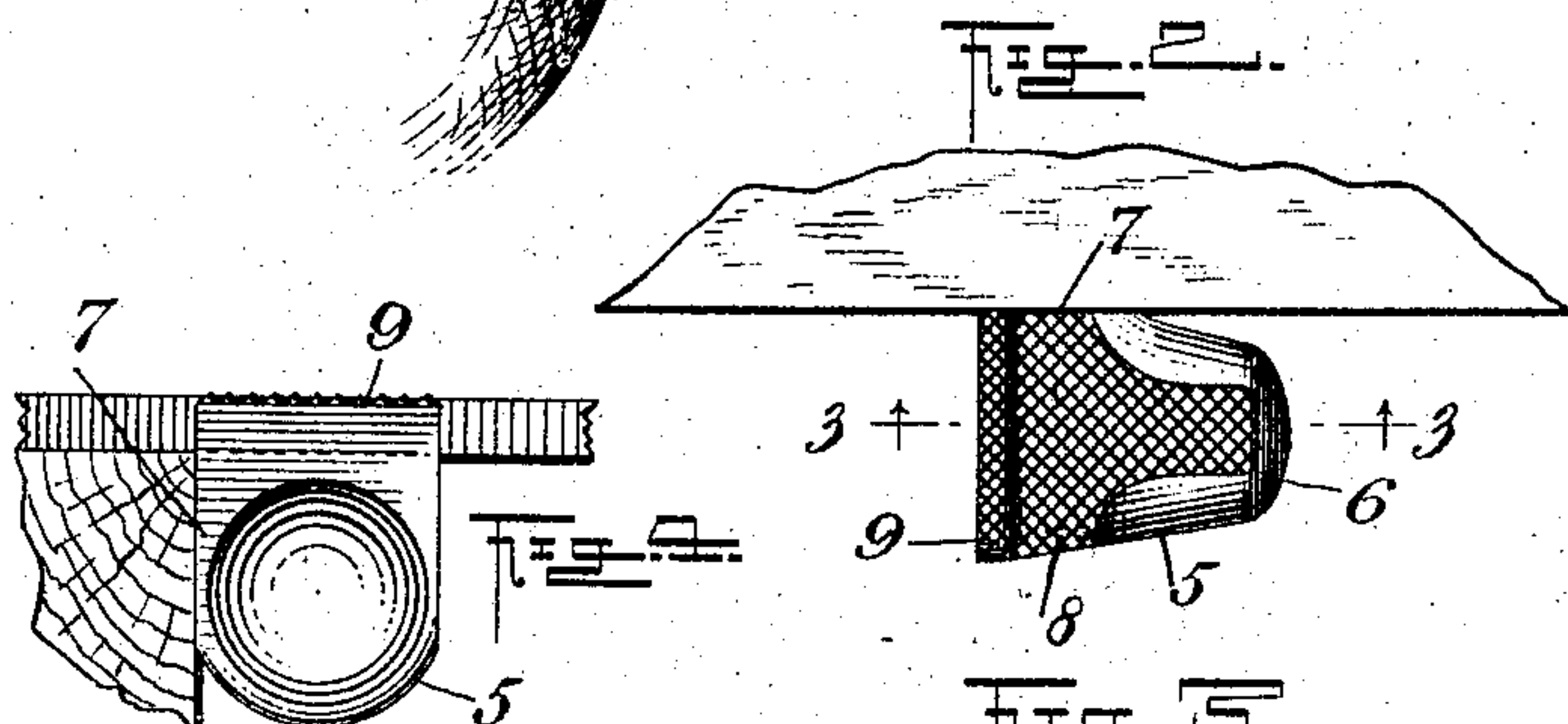
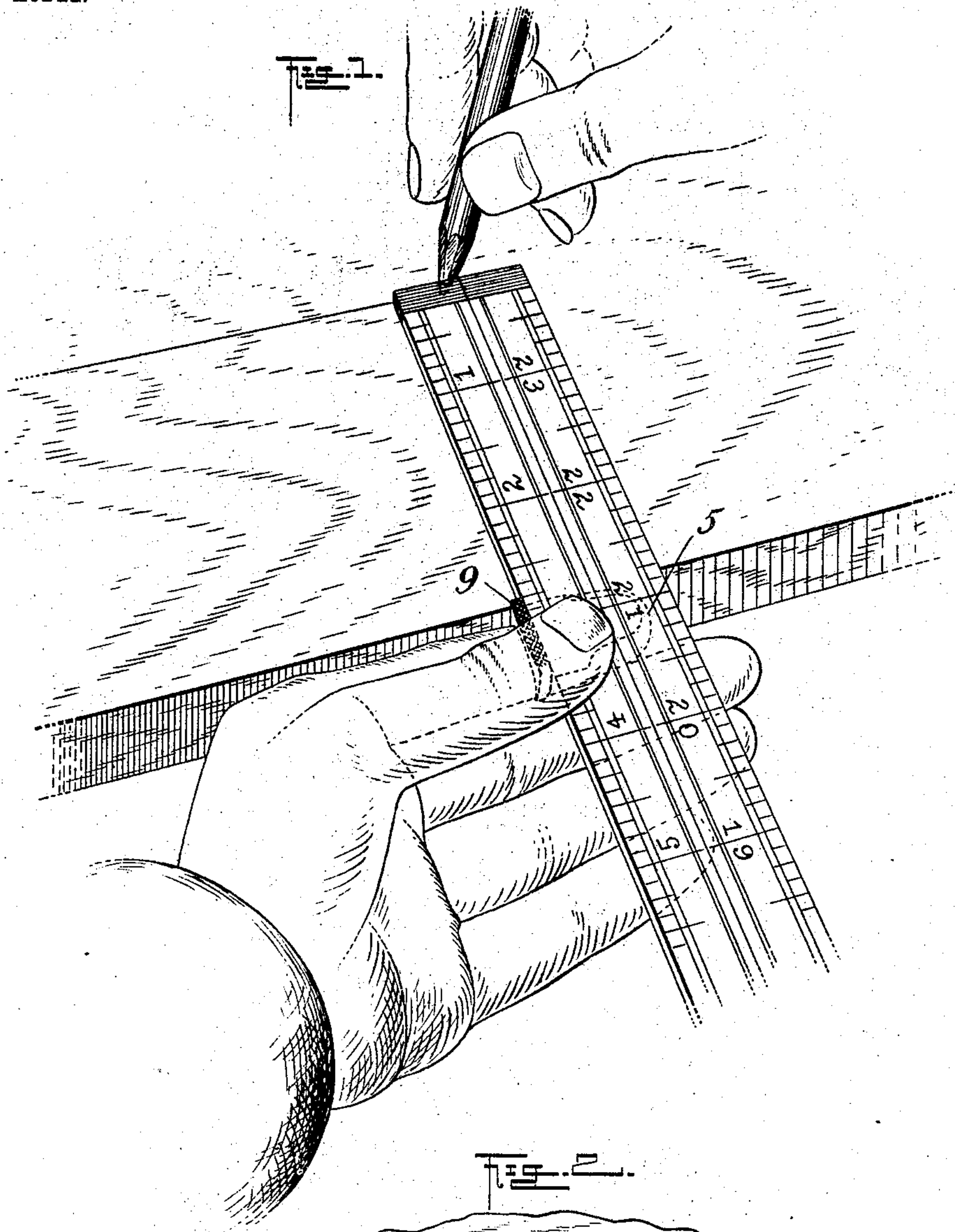
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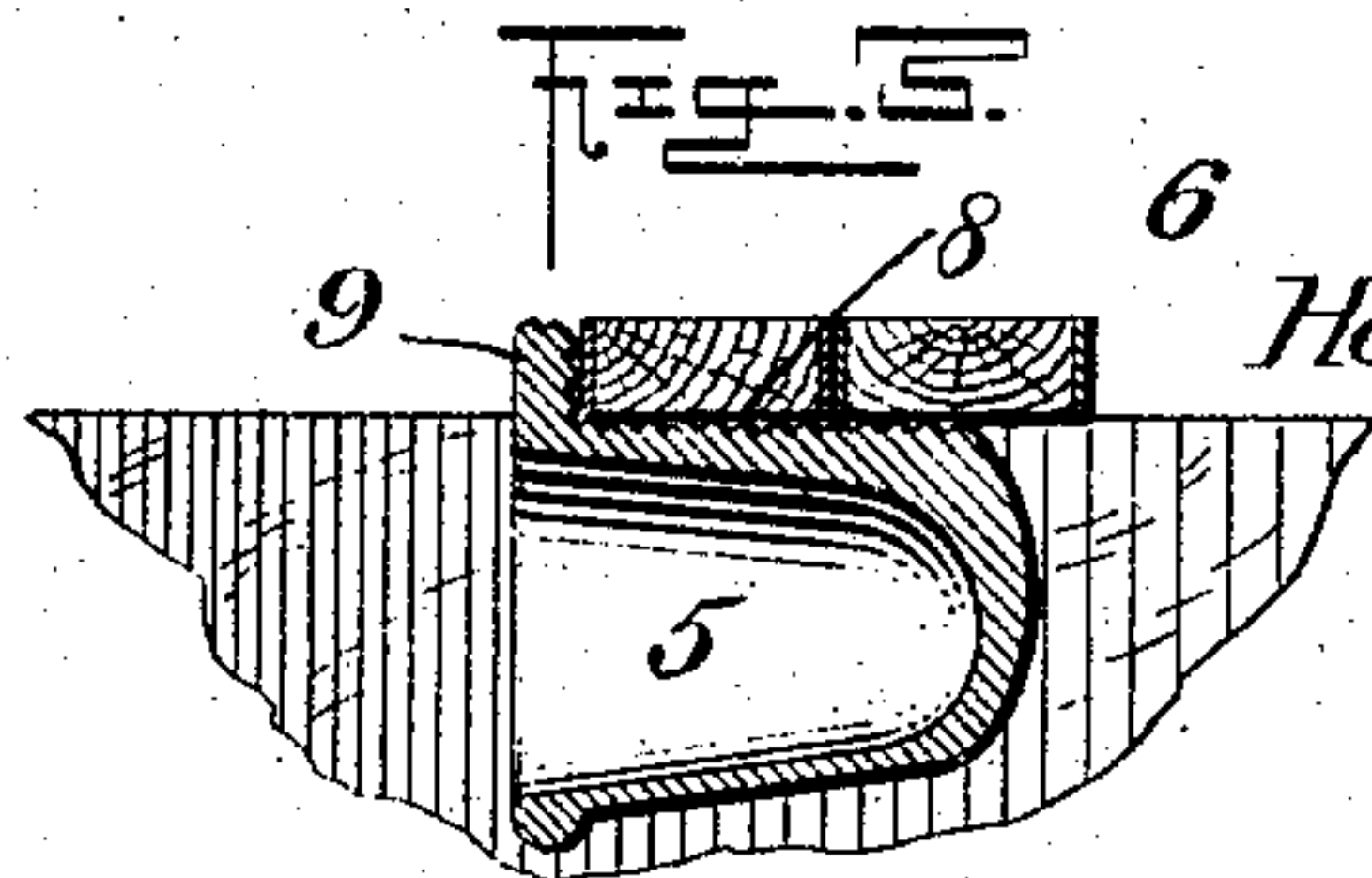
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RULE-GAGE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARPER McKECHNIE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of North Seattle, in the county of King and State of Washington, have invented a new and Improved Rule-Gage, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to improvements in gages or templets to be used in connection with a pocket-rule or the like in marking lines parallel with the edges of boards; and the object is to provide a simple device of this character in which a person may place his finger while moving the rule along the board and prevent the finger contacting either at the side or end with the rough edge of the board, thus protecting the finger from splinters.

I will describe a rule-gage embodying my invention and then point out the novel features in the appended claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a rule-gage embodying my invention as in use. Fig. 2 is a top view of the gage. Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2 and with the rule omitted. Fig. 4 is an end view.

The device consists of a longitudinally-tapered hollow body 5, having a closure 6 at its smaller end to prevent a person's finger from passing entirely through the device. On one side is a flat surface 7, designed to be placed against the edge of a board, and on the top is a flat surface 8 for engaging against the under side of the rule, and extended upward from this flat surface at the open end of the device is a flange 9, the height of which is substantially equal to the thickness of the rule. This flange is designed to engage against the edge of the rule and is also designed to be engaged by the thumb of the person using the device. The flat surface 8 will preferably be roughened or serrated, so as to prevent slipping on the rule, and the surface of the flange 9 is also preferably serrated, so as to prevent a person's thumb from slipping thereon.

In using the device a person places the forefinger of his left hand in the hollow body, and then the rule is placed in position to mark off the proper width of the gage, and with the thumb of the left hand placed upon the flange 9 and upon the top of the rule the rule and gage are to be drawn along the board, while the flat surface 7 engages against the edge thereof. The line will be drawn by means of a pencil engaging against the end of the rule, as clearly indicated in Fig. 1. It will be noted in Fig. 3 that, in fact, both sides of the body are flattened, so that the device may be operated in either direction lengthwise of the board.

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

1. A rule-gage comprising a tapered hollow body closed at its small end and having an upwardly-extended top flange at its open end, the said body having a flattened top surface and a flattened side surface.

2. A rule-gage comprising a tapered hollow body closed at one end, a flange extended upward from the open end, a flat surface forward of said flange, the said surface and flange being serrated, and a flat surface at right angles to the top surface.

3. A rule-gage comprising a tubular body closed at one end, and a flange extended upward from the body at the open end, the said body having a flattened top surface for engaging the under side of the rule.

4. A rule-gage comprising a tubular body, closed at one end and flattened on its top surface and also on its two opposite sides, and a flange extended upward from the body, at the open end.

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

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