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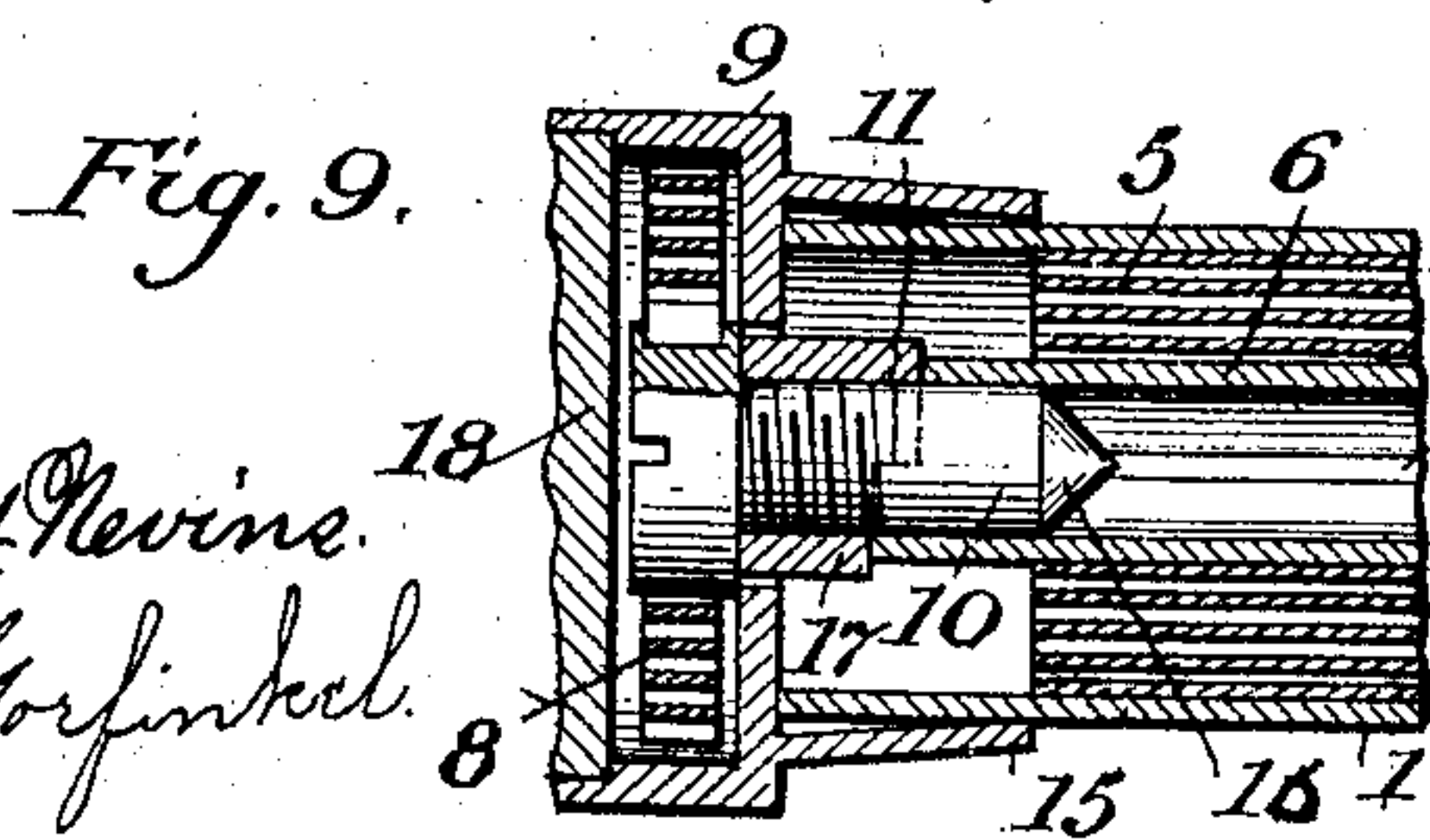
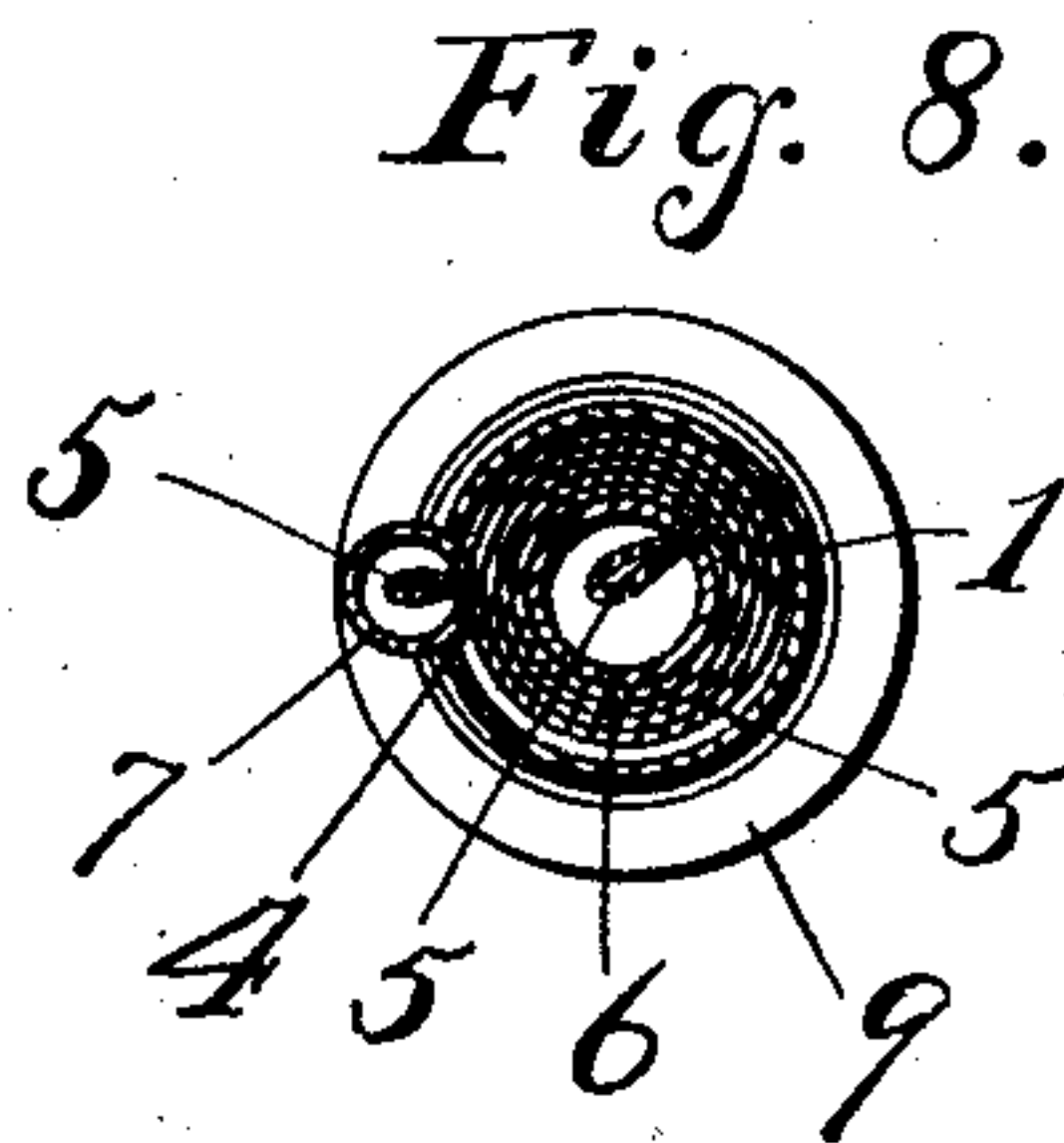
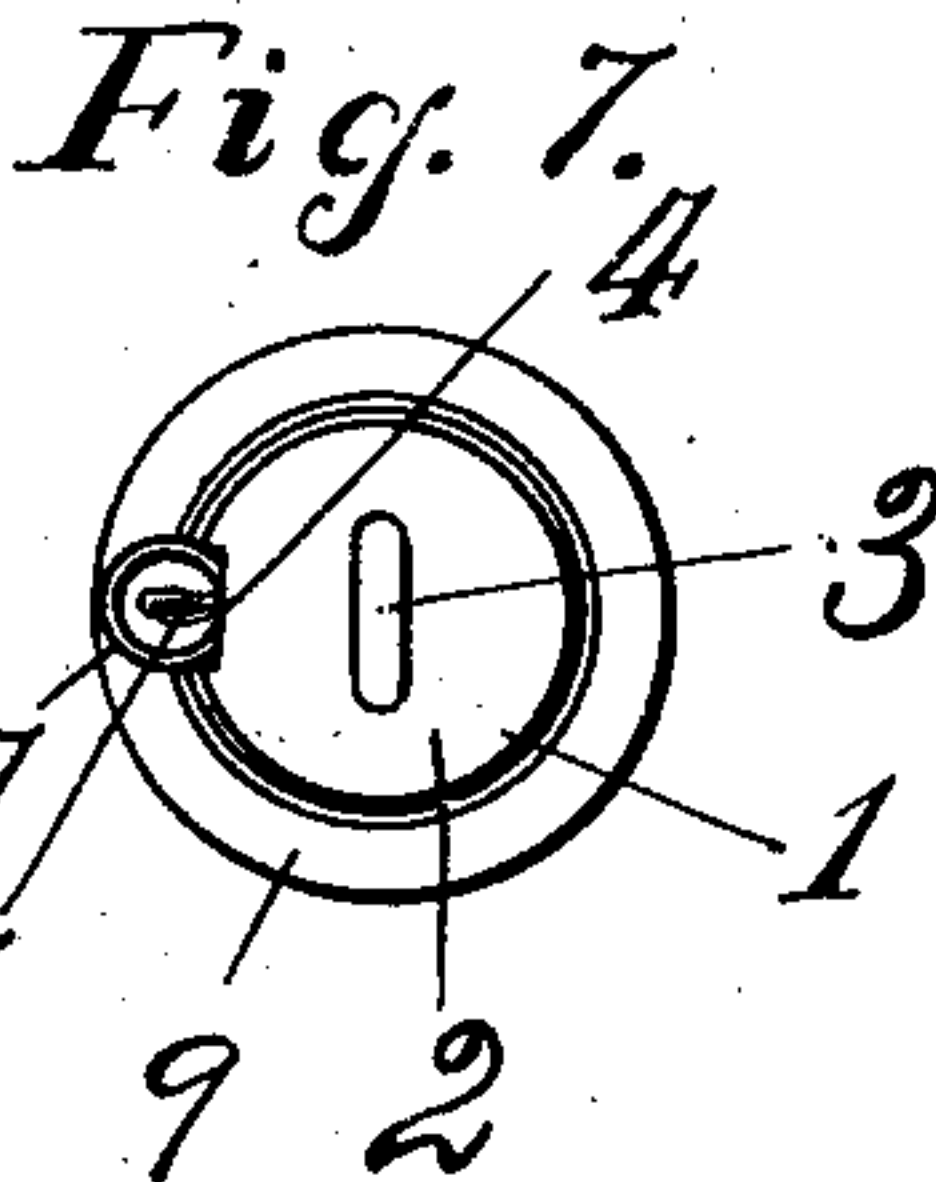
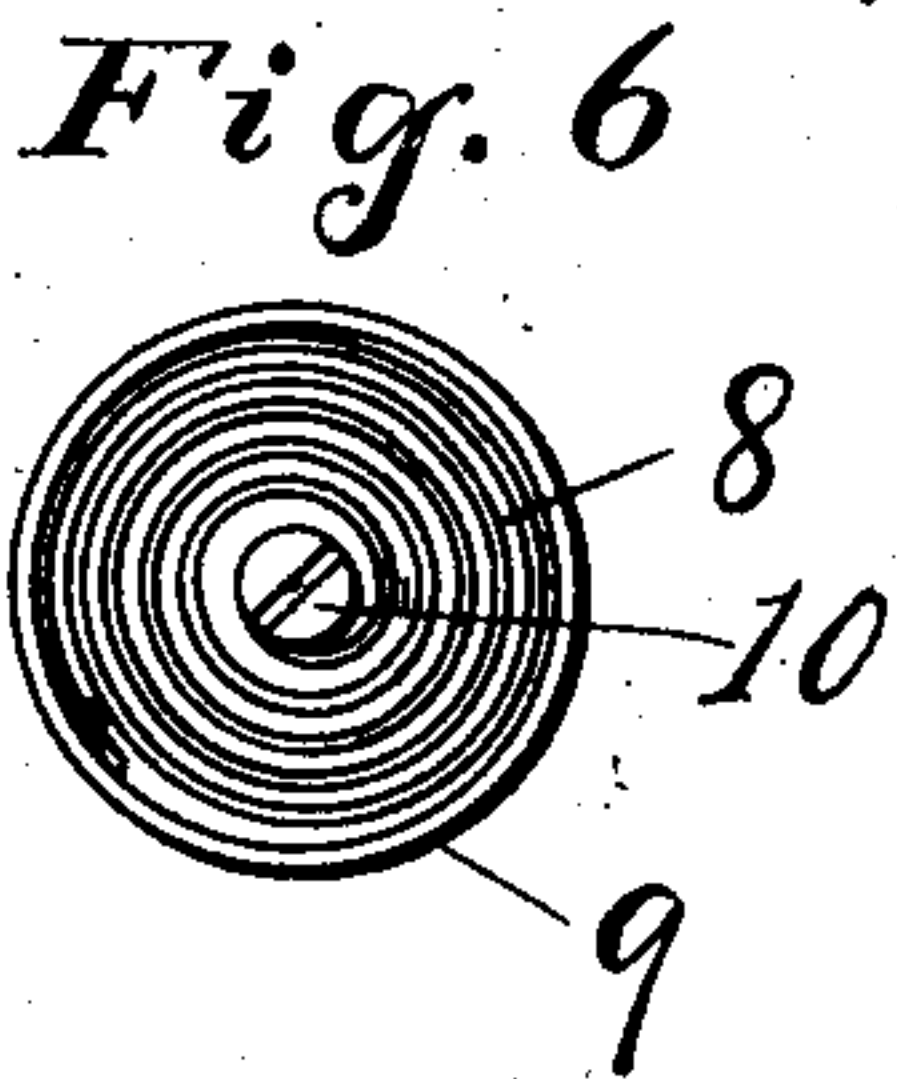
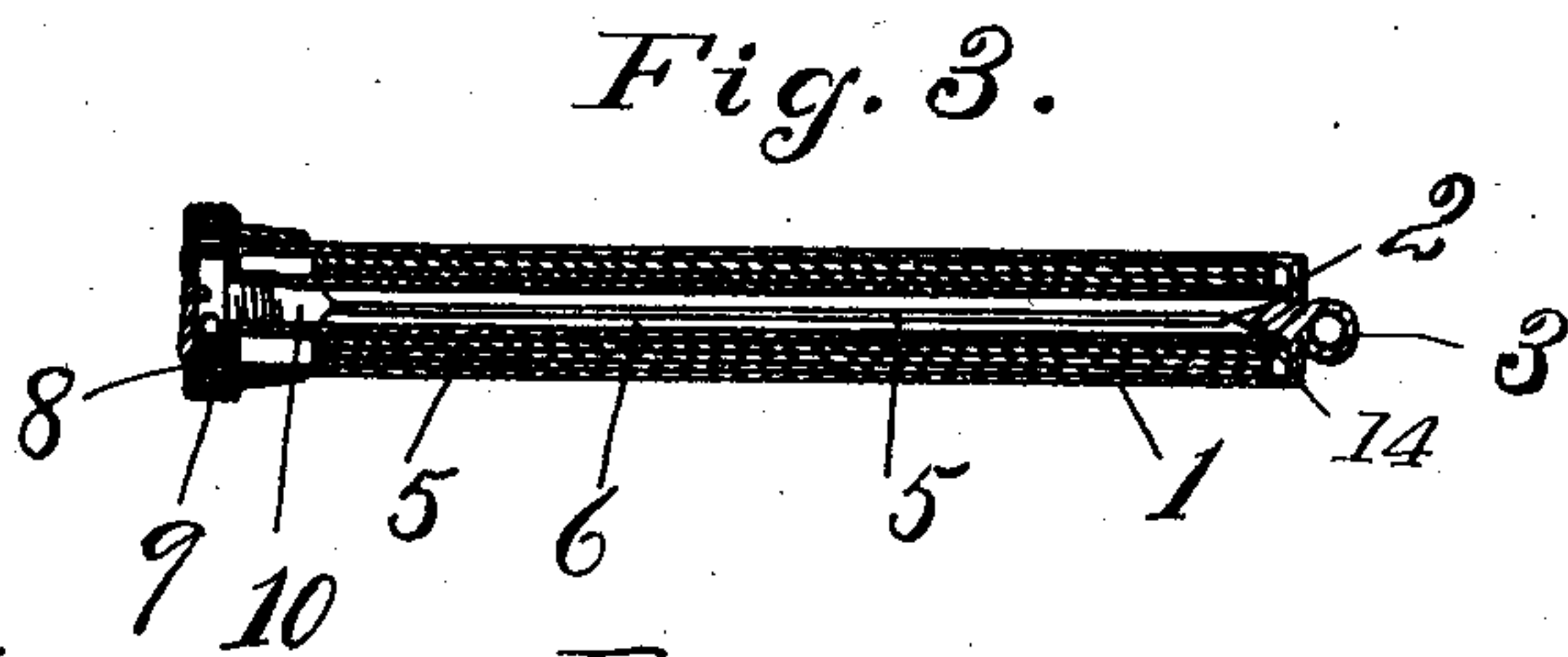
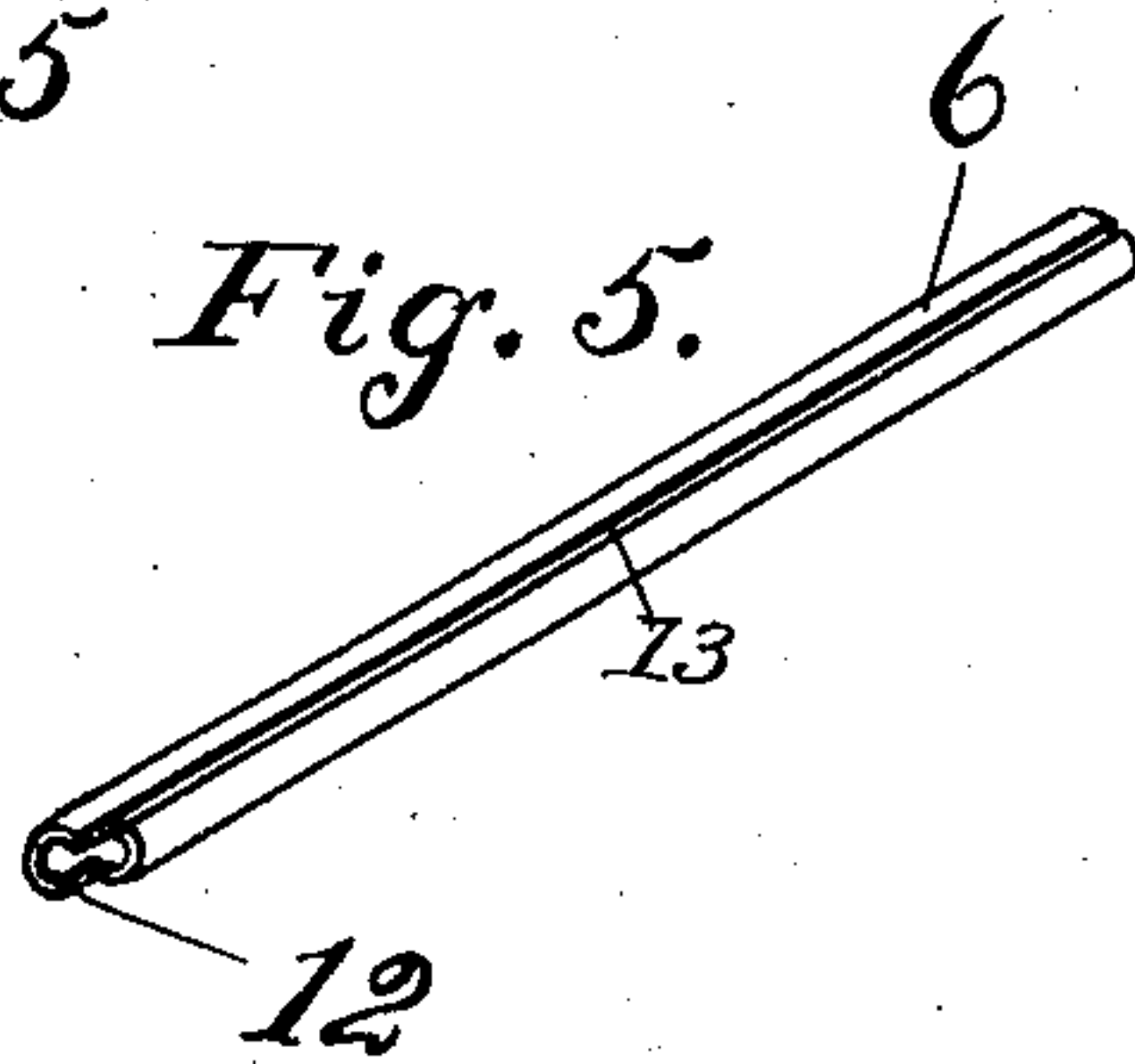
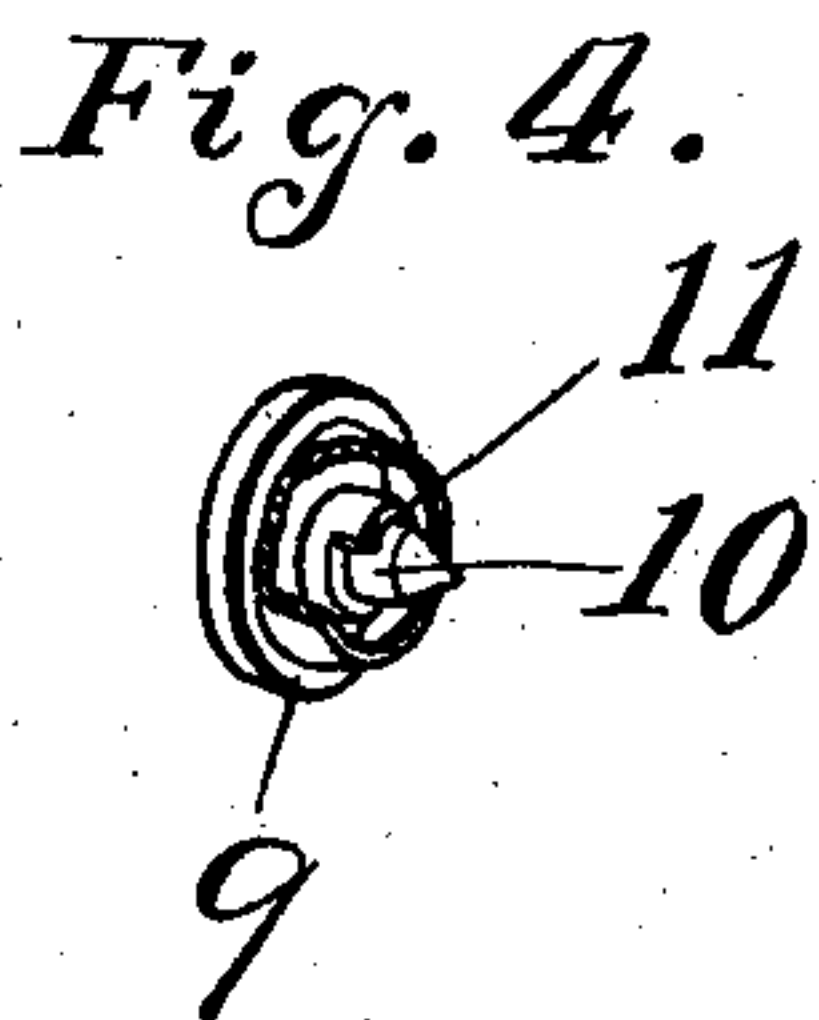
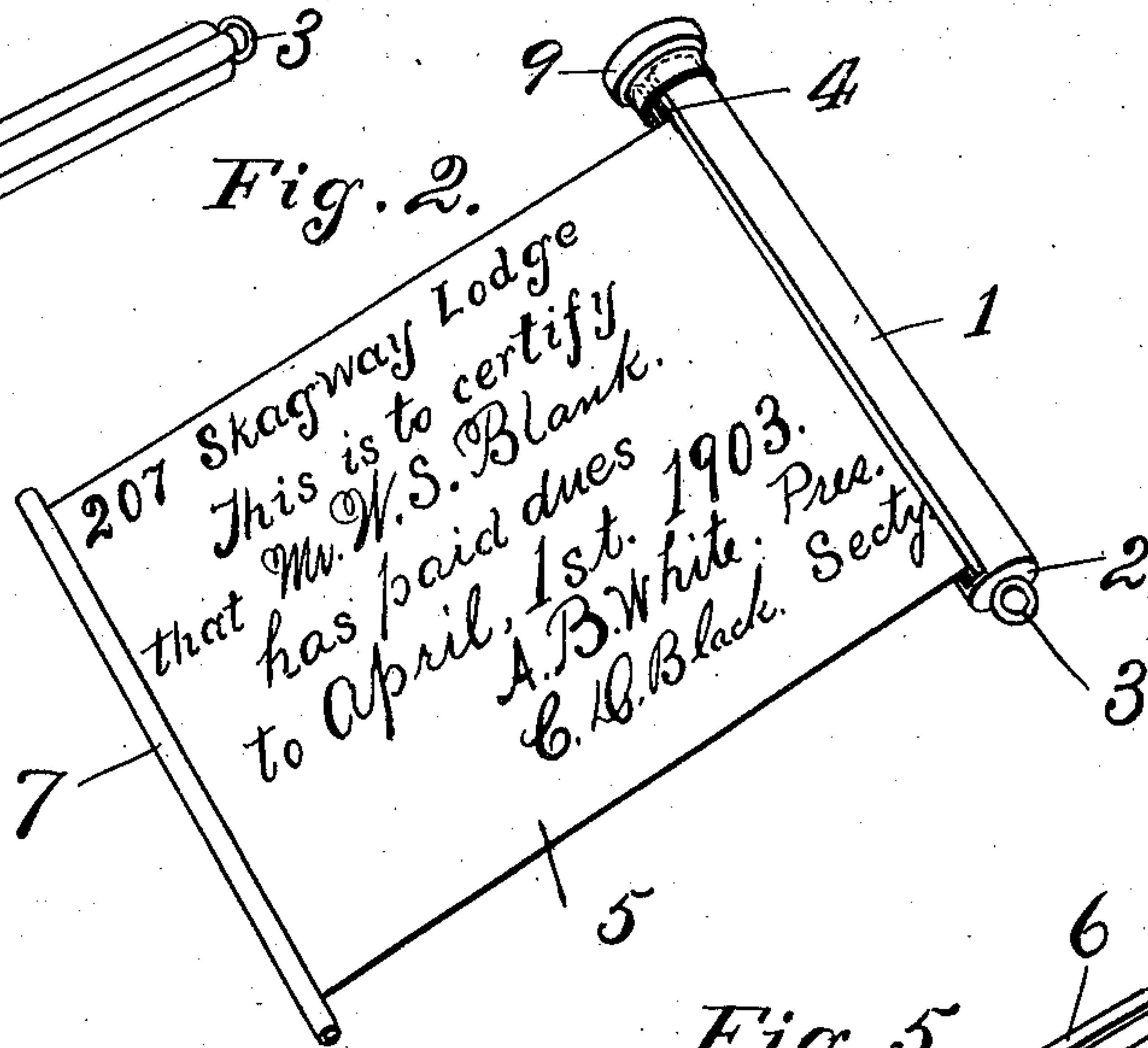
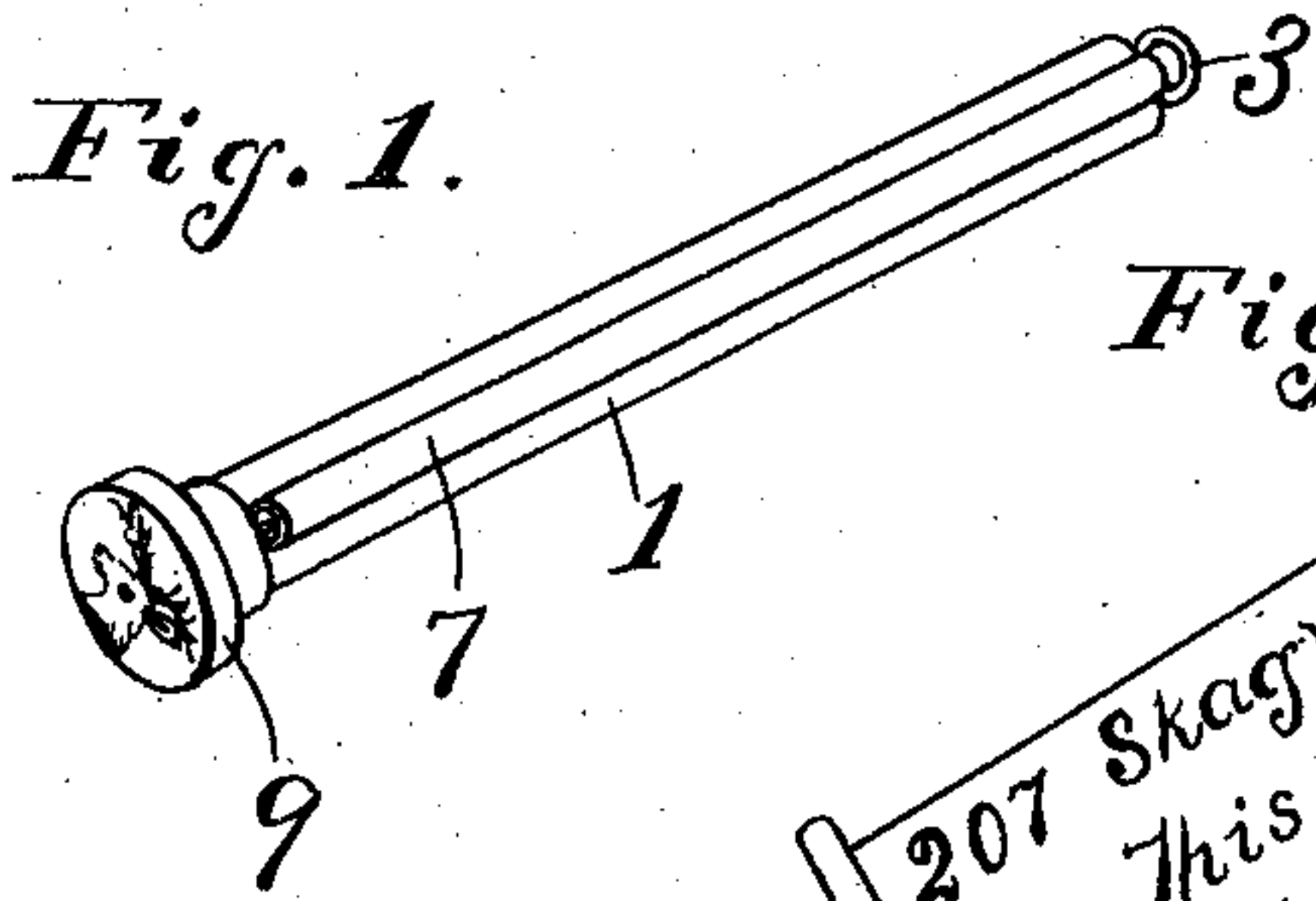
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CARD CASE.

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CARD-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALLACE S. BRACKTLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Oakland, in the county of Alameda and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Card-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of an improved card-case especially designed for convenient carriage of visiting-cards of fraternal societies. The case may, however, be also used for other purposes of like character, and therefore I do not limit myself to the above-mentioned special object of the case, but claim the same for all purposes for which it may be used.

My invention therefore resides in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts for the above ends hereinafter fully specified, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the case with the visiting-card rolled up therein. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the device with the visiting-card extended and exposed to view. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section of the device in the same position as in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the cap removed. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the holder of the visiting-card. Fig. 6 is an enlarged plan view of the cap, the top being removed to show the spring. Fig. 7 is an enlarged bottom view of the device. Fig. 8 is an enlarged cross-section. Fig. 9 is a greatly-enlarged longitudinal section of the end of the device.

Referring to the drawings, 1 represents the case, which is closed at one end only, as shown at 2, and has attached to said closed end an eye or loop 3, by which the device may be suspended from the watch-chain or may be secured in any other manner. Said case has a slot 4 extending its entire length and open at the open end of the case.

The visiting-card 5 is flexible and is rolled up on a cylinder 6, being secured to said cylinder by its edge being secured to said cylinder 6. When the cylinder 6, with the card 5

rolled up thereon, is inserted in the open end of the case 1, the card itself is passed into the slot 4 through the open end of the slot. The closed end 2 of the case is formed with a conical inwardly-extending trunnion 14, which enters the end of the cylinder 6 and forms the pivot therefor at that end.

The open end of the case is closed by a hollow cap 9, which has a collar 15, which fits on the outside of the case 1 sufficiently snug to prevent turning on said case. In this cap turns a spindle 10, which has a pointed end 16, forming the other trunnion for the cylinder 6. This spindle 10 is for convenience of manufacture formed in two parts—an outer sleeve 17 and an inner core, which is screwed into the outer sleeve to form the spindle. The sleeve 17 has a shoulder 11, which when the collar 15 is fully pushed endwise onto the case fits against a shoulder 12, formed on the end of the cylinder 6. Within the hollow cap 9, which is closed by a plug 18, is a spring 8, of which one end is secured to the cap and the other end is secured to the head of the spindle 10.

When the card is drawn out, the spindle 10 is turned and the spring is wound up. When released, the spring again rolls up the card. After the cap has been placed on the end of the cylinder any desired tension may be obtained upon the spring by turning the cap around in the direction to tighten the spring. The collar will then bind on the end of the cylinder sufficiently tight to prevent it turning back under the spring tension.

I claim—

In combination with a sheet of flexible material, a case therefor, closed at one end, and formed thereat with a pointed trunnion for a cylinder, said case being open at the other end and having a longitudinal slot also open at the open end of the case, a hollow cap, a coiled spring within the cap having one end secured to the cap, a central spindle to which the other end of the spring is secured, rotating within the cap, said spindle and cylinder having shoulders broadened to engage with

each other when the spindle is moved toward
the cylinder, whereby the spindle is caused
to rotate with the cylinder to wind up the
spring, the cap having a collar fitting the open
5 end of the case sufficiently tight to prevent
rotation of the cap under the tension of the
spring, substantially as described.

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