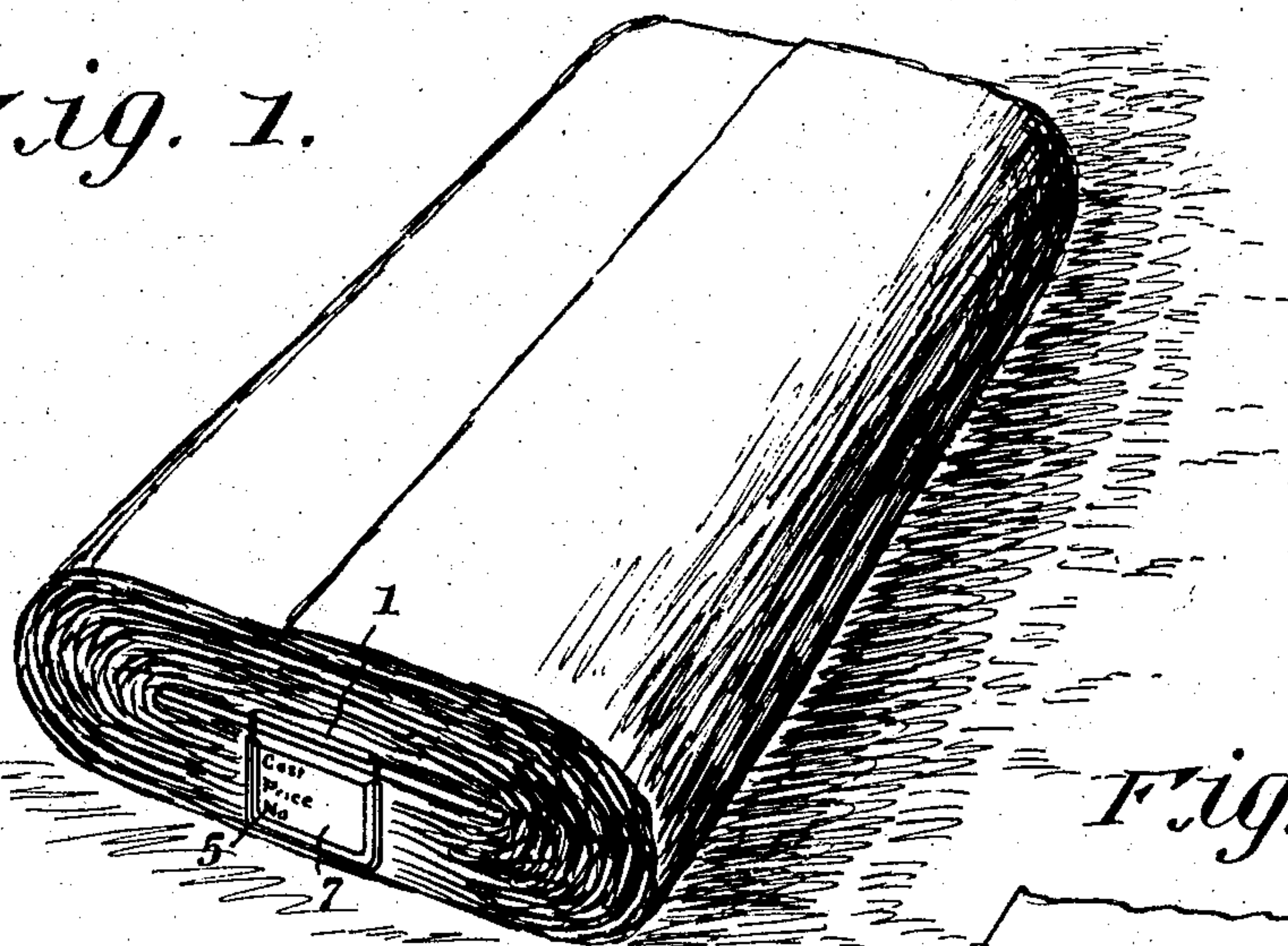


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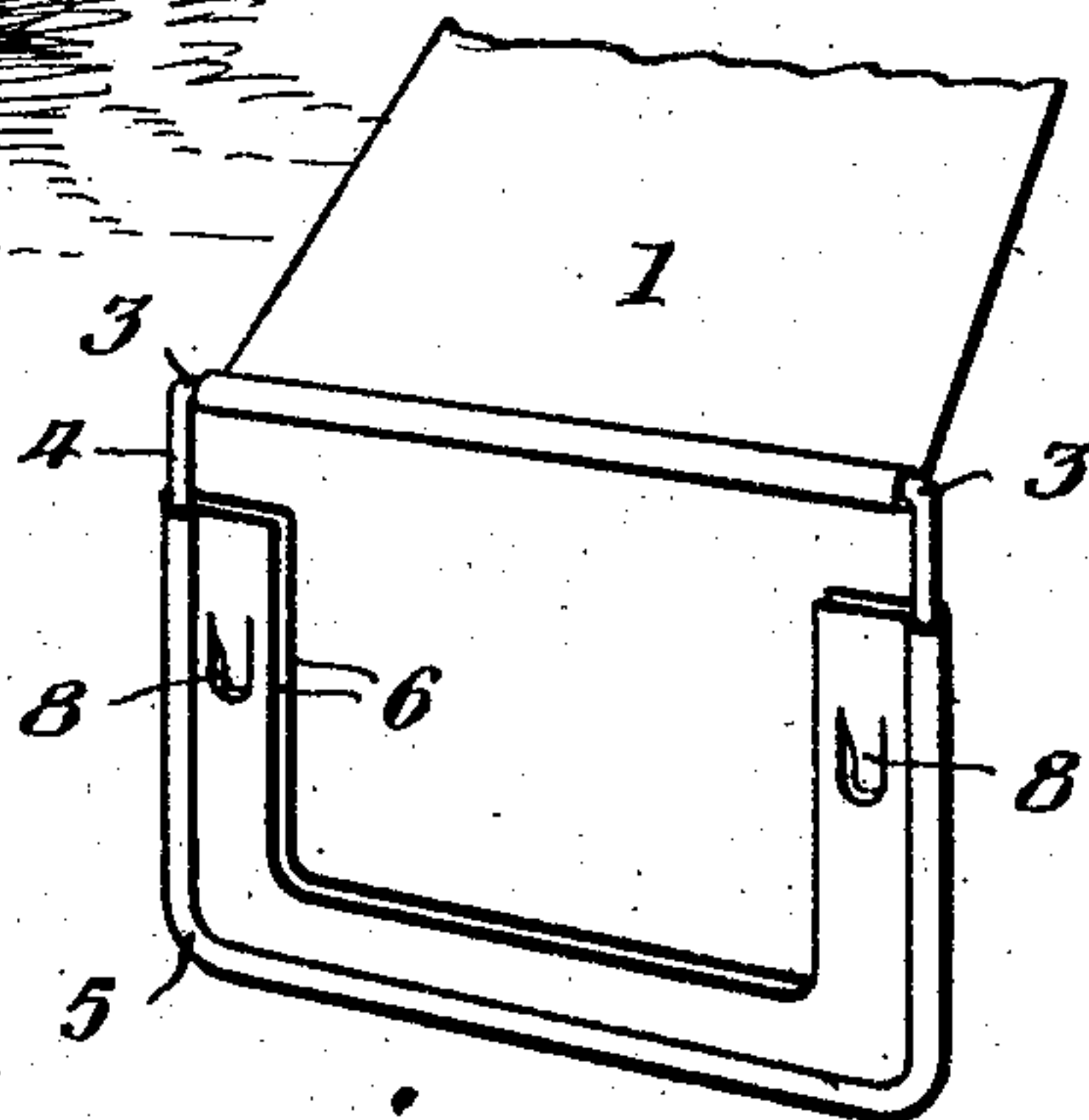
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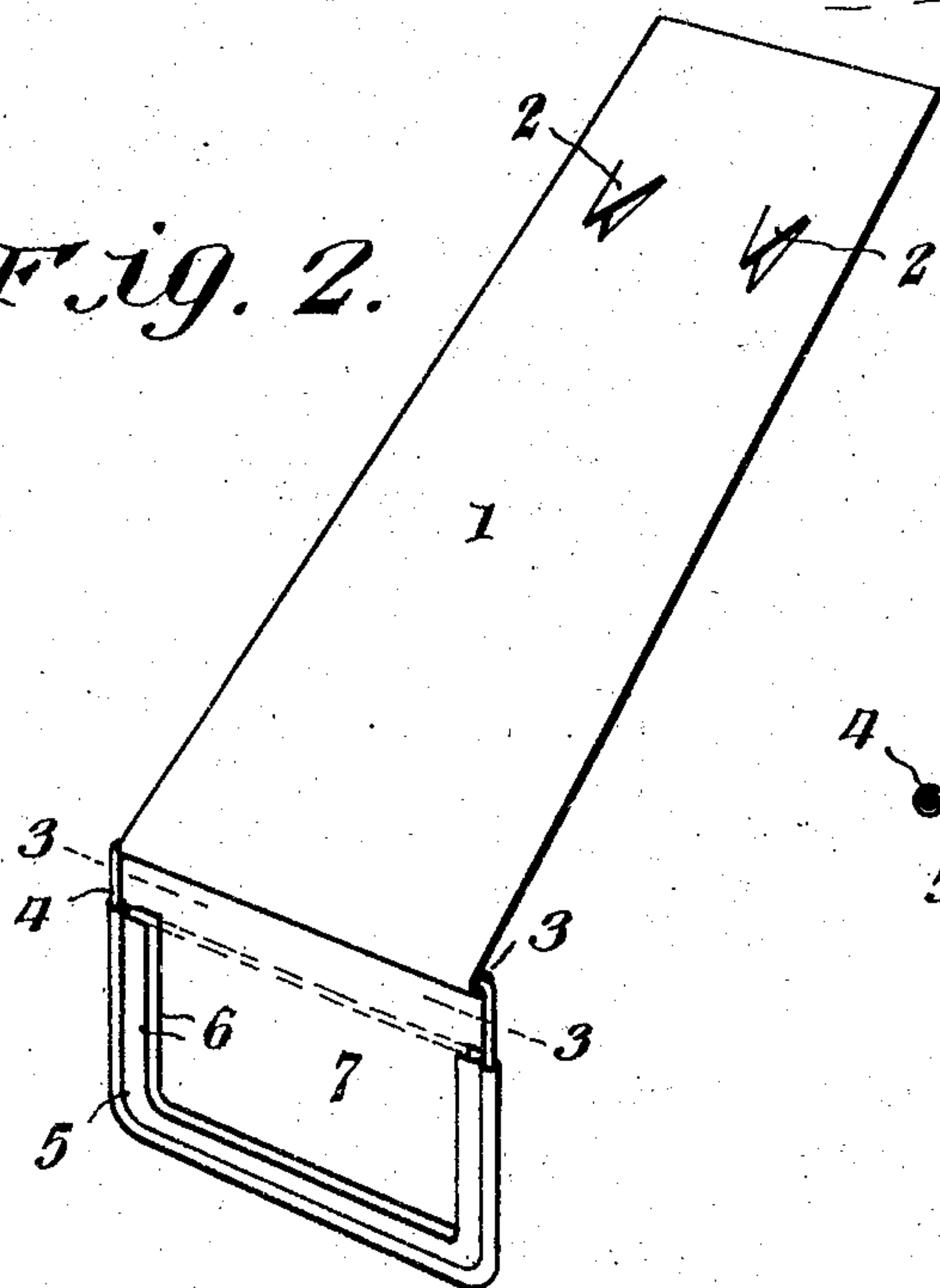
*Fig. 1.*



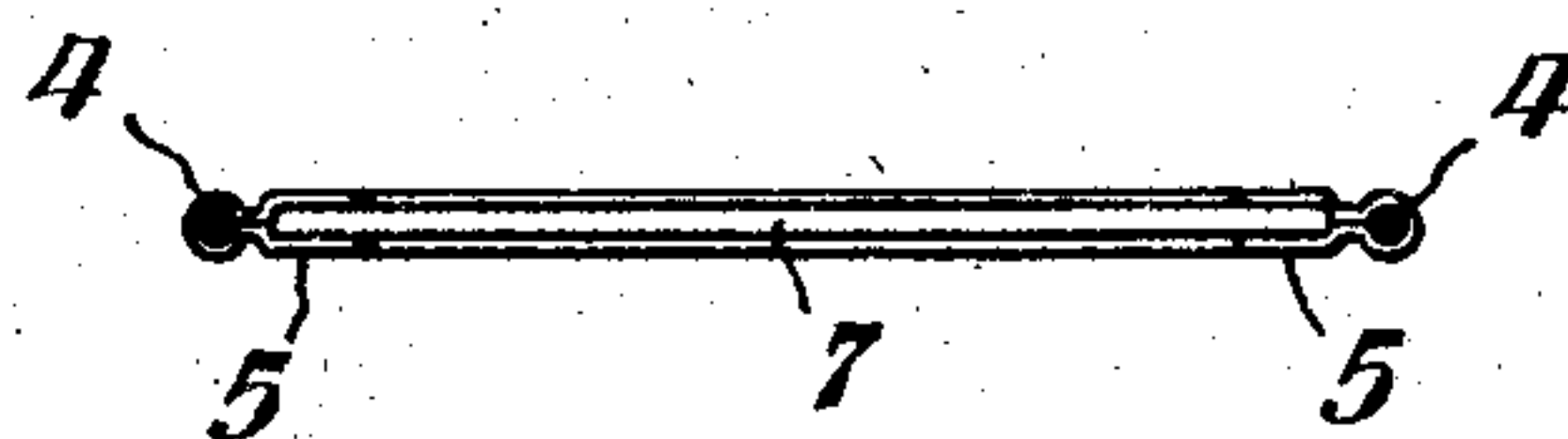
*Fig. 4.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## DEVICE FOR MARKING GOODS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WALTER HOLMAN WITTY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Winona, in the county of Montgomery and State of Mississippi, have invented new and useful Improvements in Devices for Marking Goods, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to tags or like devices for marking goods to indicate the price, quality, or any other characteristic, and is more particularly adapted for use on dry goods and similar fabrics which are arranged in rolls or bolts.

The primary object of the present invention is to provide a simple and effective device which may be readily applied to a roll or bolt of fabric and remain intact with the latter until the last remnant or portion is reached and embodying means for holding a card, the said means being movably attached to the main body of the improved device to decrease the liability of breaking or injuring the same and also avoid the application of a stiff resisting means at the end of the roll or bolt, which might become caught or engage other adjacent fabrics.

The invention further consists in the construction and arrangement of the several parts, which will be more fully hereinafter set forth.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a bolt or roll of fabric, showing the improved device applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of the improved device. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section on the line 3-3, Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a portion of the device, showing a slight modification.

Similar numerals of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views.

The numeral 1 designates a holding member or body-plate, which is constructed from thin sheet metal and of such length as to extend considerable distance into a roll or bolt of fabric to provide a reliable securing means for the remaining features, which will be more fully hereinafter set forth. The member or plate 1 near its inner end is formed with upwardly-projecting spurs 2, cut therefrom and having their pointed ends directed toward the outer end of

the member or plate 1 to permit the latter to be readily inserted in a bolt or roll of cloth and catch in the latter after insertion to prevent accidental separation or loose application of the member or plate. The outer end of the member or plate 1 is rolled to form a hinge connecting means 3, in which the upper side member of a rectangular wire frame 4 is movably held, the said frame having a clasp attachment 5, consisting of a strip of sheet metal bent around the lower end and a portion of the vertical sides of the frame 4 and having the edges projected inwardly to form embracing-flanges 6, accessible at the upper terminals of the end portions thereof and adapted to removably receive a marking-card 7, on which the cost, selling price, quality, or other characteristics relating to the goods to which the improved device may be applied are shown. The card 7 is replaceable at will and may be readily inserted in and withdrawn from the clasp in view of the upper terminals of the end portions of the said clasp being located below the outer end of the member or plate 1.

In applying the improved device the member or plate 1 is slipped into one end of the bolt or roll of fabric close to and against the winding-board usually located within the roll, and the frame bearing the card depends over a portion of the roll end, as shown by Fig. 1.

The movable attachment of the frame carrying the card and the plate or member is advantageous, in that the said frame will assume a depending position automatically and breakage or injury thereto are less liable to occur by coming into forceful contact with portions of the shelves or other rolls of goods. Furthermore, the frame 4 and clasp, together with the card, will serve as a convenient handle means for inserting the member or plate 1.

The improved device may be used with different rolls or bolts of fabrics, and, as before indicated, the card may be readily replaced.

In Fig. 4 the upper portions of the flanges 6 have auxiliary means for frictionally holding the marking-card therein and prevent such card from becoming accidentally detached. The outer flange on each side of the frame 4 is formed in this instance with an inwardly-



bent spring-tongue 8, the tongues being adapted to firmly bear against the card. Both tongues are curved to facilitate insertion and withdrawal of the card.

5 Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

1. In a device of the class set forth, the combination with a holding member, of a frame comprising a wire strip movably connected to  
10 the forward end of the plate, and a metal strip encircling the wire with its free ends projecting interiorly of the frame to provide a card-clasp.

2. A device for marking goods comprising a  
15 plate rolled at its forward end to form a hinge-socket, and a card-supporting frame comprising a single-length wire bent into rectangular shape with its ends inserted in said hinge-socket.

20 3. A device for marking goods, comprising a plate rolled at its forward end to provide a hinge-socket, a frame of rectangular shape comprising a single length of wire with the ends seated in said socket, and a metal strip  
25 embracing the frame, the free edges of the

strip projecting interiorly of the frame to form a card-clasp.

4. A device for marking goods comprising a plate formed with a hinge-socket at its forward end, and a card-supporting frame constructed  
30 of wire, the ends of the wire being seated in the socket.

5. A device for marking goods comprising a plate rolled at its forward end to provide hinged socket and formed intermediate its  
35 ends with V-shaped spurs, a frame of rectangular shape comprising a single length of wire with the ends seated in said socket, and a metal strip embracing the frame, the free edges of the strip projecting interiorly of the  
40 frame to form a card-clasp, said strip being formed with U-shaped tongues to engage the card.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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