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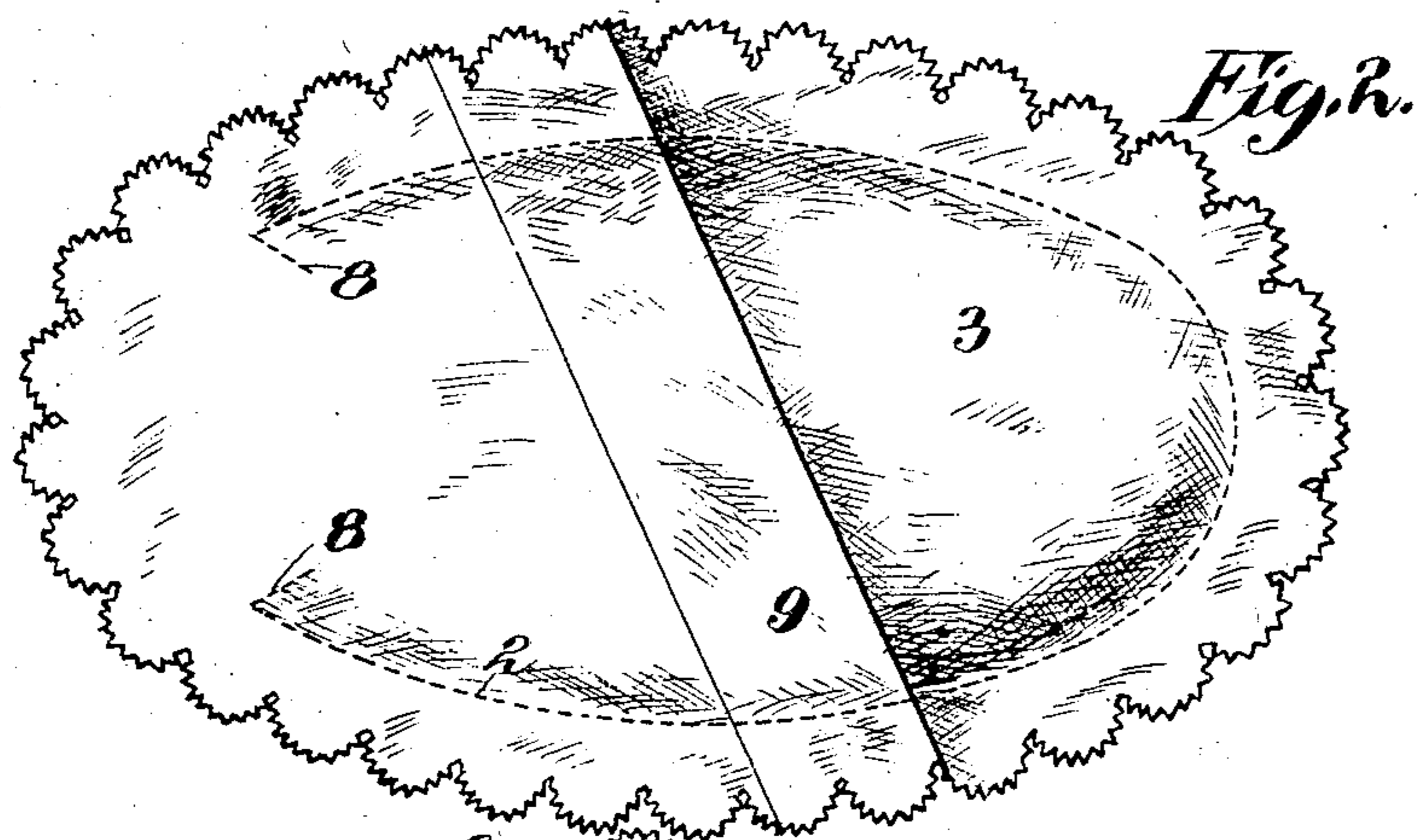
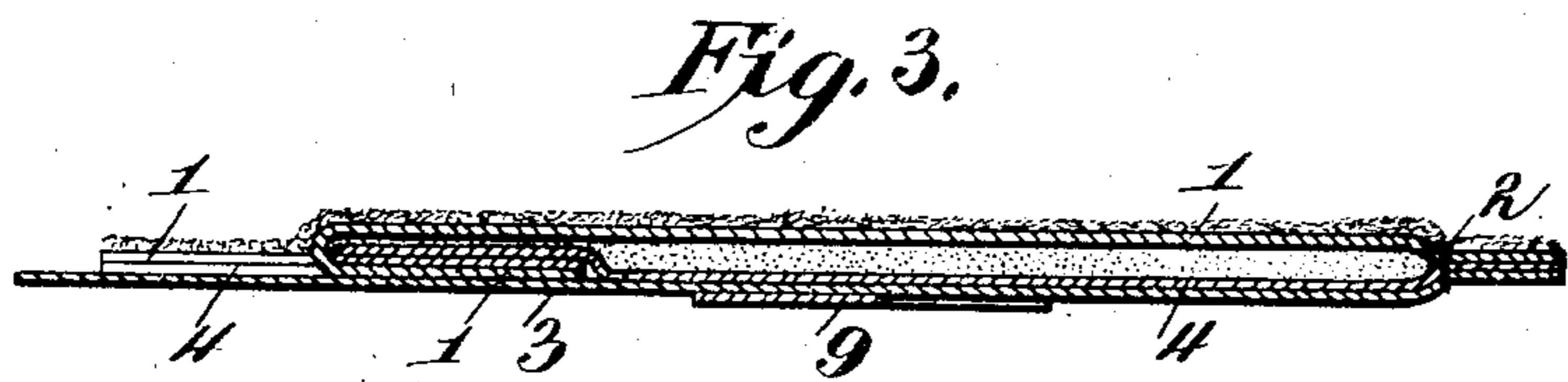
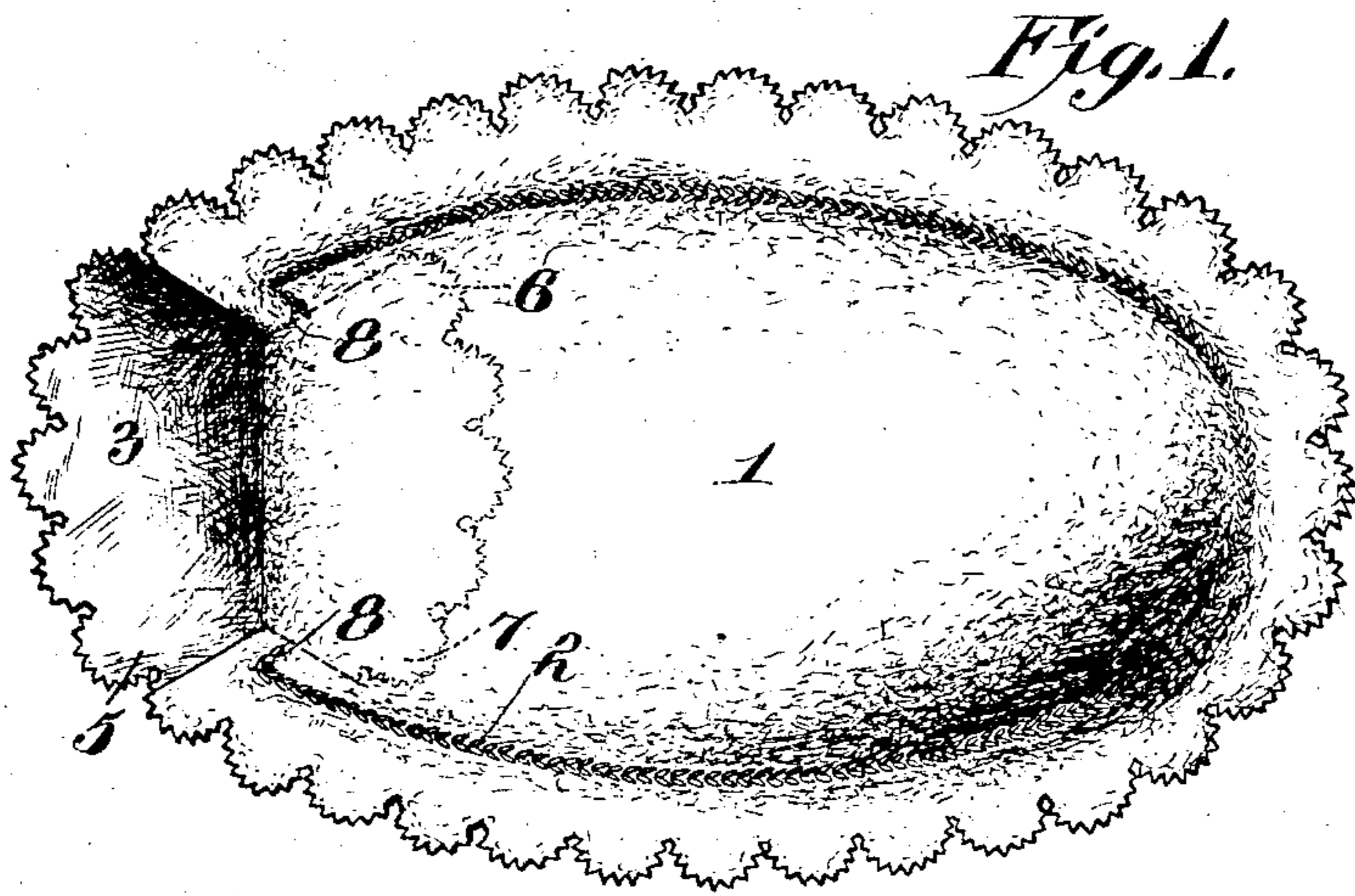
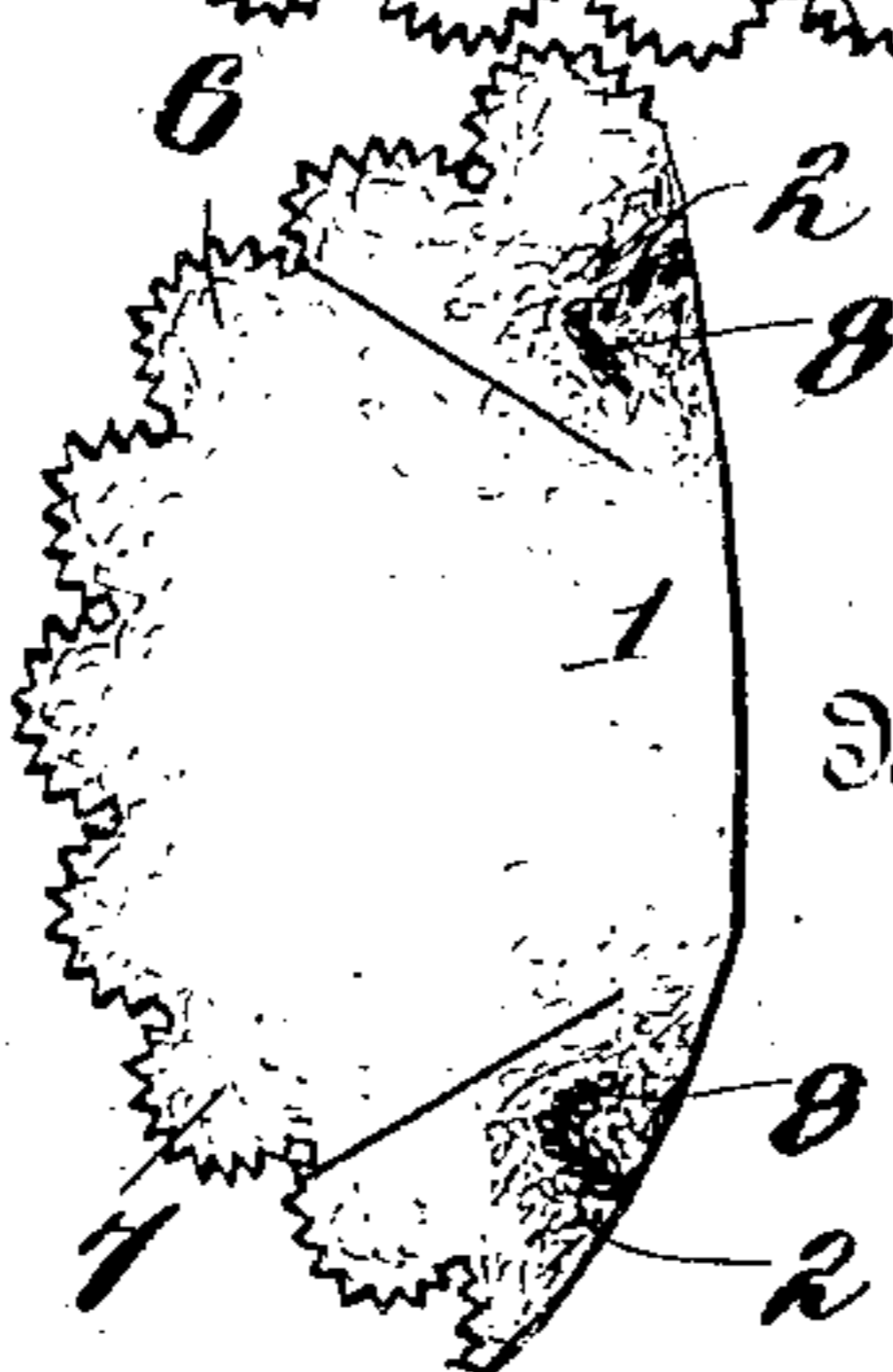


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NELLIE R. HULL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Asheville, in the county of Buncombe and State of North Carolina, have invented a new and useful Powder-Puff, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in powder-puffs.

The object of the present invention is to improve the construction of powder-puffs and to provide a simple, inexpensive, and efficient one designed especially for use on a dresser and in a nursery and adapted to be conveniently carried in the pocket or in a chatelaine-bag without soiling the clothes and capable of being instantly opened to afford access to its interior to permit it to be supplied with powder and also to permit the same to be directly obtained from the puff without passing through the material.

A further object of the invention is to provide a powder-puff of this character adapted to contain also a supply of sachet-powder, perfumery, or the like and to enable the means for closing the powder-receiving pocket or bag to close also the pocket or bag for the reception of the sachet-powder or other perfumery.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended, it being understood that various changes in the form, proportion, size, and minor details of construction within the scope of the claims may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of a powder-puff constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a reverse plan view. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view. Fig. 4 is a detail view of one of the tapering wedge-shaped flaps.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

1 designates the front of the powder-puff,

which front may be constructed of any loosely-woven fabric or analogous material that will permit powder to pass through it. The front is secured adjacent to its edges by stitches 2 or other suitable means to a back piece 3 and an intermediate piece 4, and these pieces form the powder-puff, which is preferably elliptical, as shown; but any other desired form of powder-puff may be employed, as will be readily understood. The marginal stitches 2 are preferably spaced from the edges of the material, which are ornamented by pinking or other suitable means, as shown, and the stitches terminate short of one end of the powder-puff to provide openings or mouths to the superimposed pockets, as indicated at 5. The front and intermediate pieces are provided at the pocket with flaps 6 and 7, which, as illustrated in dotted lines in Fig. 1 and in full lines in Fig. 4, are preferably tapered or wedge-shaped. The flaps gradually increase in size toward their outer edges, where they are of considerably greater width than the mouths or entrances to the pockets, and the effect is increased by contracting the pockets by inwardly-converged rows of stitches 8, as clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 3. The tapering or wedge-shaped flaps are formed by cutting the material beyond the marginal stitches, the cuts being arranged at an angle substantially radially of the powder-puff.

The intermediate and back pieces may be constructed of any suitable material, such as chamois or the like to prevent the powder from sifting to the back of the puff. Powder of any desired character, either medicated or otherwise, is placed in the front pocket or compartment between the front and intermediate pieces, and the rear space or pocket between the intermediate and back pieces is designed to contain sachet-powder or other perfumery.

The front pocket or compartment is positively closed by folding the flaps backward and inserting them in the rear space or pocket which tapers toward the mouth or entrance, whereby when the flaps are arranged as indicated in dotted lines they will be effectually prevented from accidentally becoming dis-

placed, so that there is no liability of spilling the contents of the pockets or compartments from the mouths or entrances when the powder-puff is in use.

5 The flaps are adapted to be instantly opened and will afford access to the pockets or compartments, so that the same may be readily supplied with powder and perfumery. Also this will permit powder to be removed through
10 the mouth or entrance when desired. This construction also obviates the necessity of ripping open a powder-puff when it is desired to refill it or to obtain access to its contents, and it will enable the person using the powder-puff to fill the same to the desired extent,
15 and thereby obtain a large or small amount of powder when the powder-puff is used.

The powder-puff is preferably provided at its back with a diagonal strap 9 to enable the
20 fingers to be introduced between it and the body of the powder-puff, whereby it may be conveniently held while being used. The strap is secured by the stitches 2, which fasten the intermediate and front and back pieces
25 together. It is especially designed to be carried in a chatelaine-bag, pocket, or the like, and when there is only a small quantity of powder in the puff it will occupy very little space and is adapted to be doubled by folding
30 the face of the puff together. The puff is then placed in the bag or pocket with the ends of the puff uppermost, which will prevent soiling the bag or pocket, as the small amount of powder which sifts through the face is
35 caught on the middle of the same, and when the puff is opened this powder on the face of the puff is ready to be rubbed over the desired surface and obviates the necessity of beating the powder-puff.

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

1. A powder-puff formed with a plurality of pockets and provided with mouths or entrances
45 all arranged at a common point, and a plurality of foldable flaps arranged to close the

mouths or entrances of the pockets or compartments, substantially as described.

2. A powder-puff comprising a plurality of flexible pieces secured together and forming a
50 plurality of superimposed pockets and having entrance-openings thereto arranged at a common point, and foldable flaps arranged at the entrance-openings for closing the pockets, substantially as described. 55

3. A powder-puff comprising a plurality of pieces secured together and forming a plurality of pockets having entrance-openings arranged at a common point, and a plurality of
60 foldable inwardly-tapered flaps for closing the entrance-openings, substantially as described.

4. A powder-puff comprising a plurality of flexible pieces secured together and forming a plurality of pockets, said pockets having entrance-openings which are outwardly tapered,
65 and inwardly-tapered foldable flaps for closing the pockets, substantially as described.

5. A powder-puff comprising a plurality of flexible pieces secured together and forming a plurality of pockets and having entrance-openings at one edge of the powder-puff at a common point, and a plurality of integral foldable
70 flaps extending from the flexible pieces at the entrance-openings and adapted to close the same, substantially as described. 75

6. A powder-puff, comprising a plurality of superimposed pieces of flexible material secured together by marginal stitches spaced apart at one point to provide an entrance, the material being provided beyond the stitches
80 with angularly-disposed approximately radial cuts forming a wedge-shaped flap, said flap being insertible in the entrance to close the powder-puff and being retained within the puff by its wedge shape. 85

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

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