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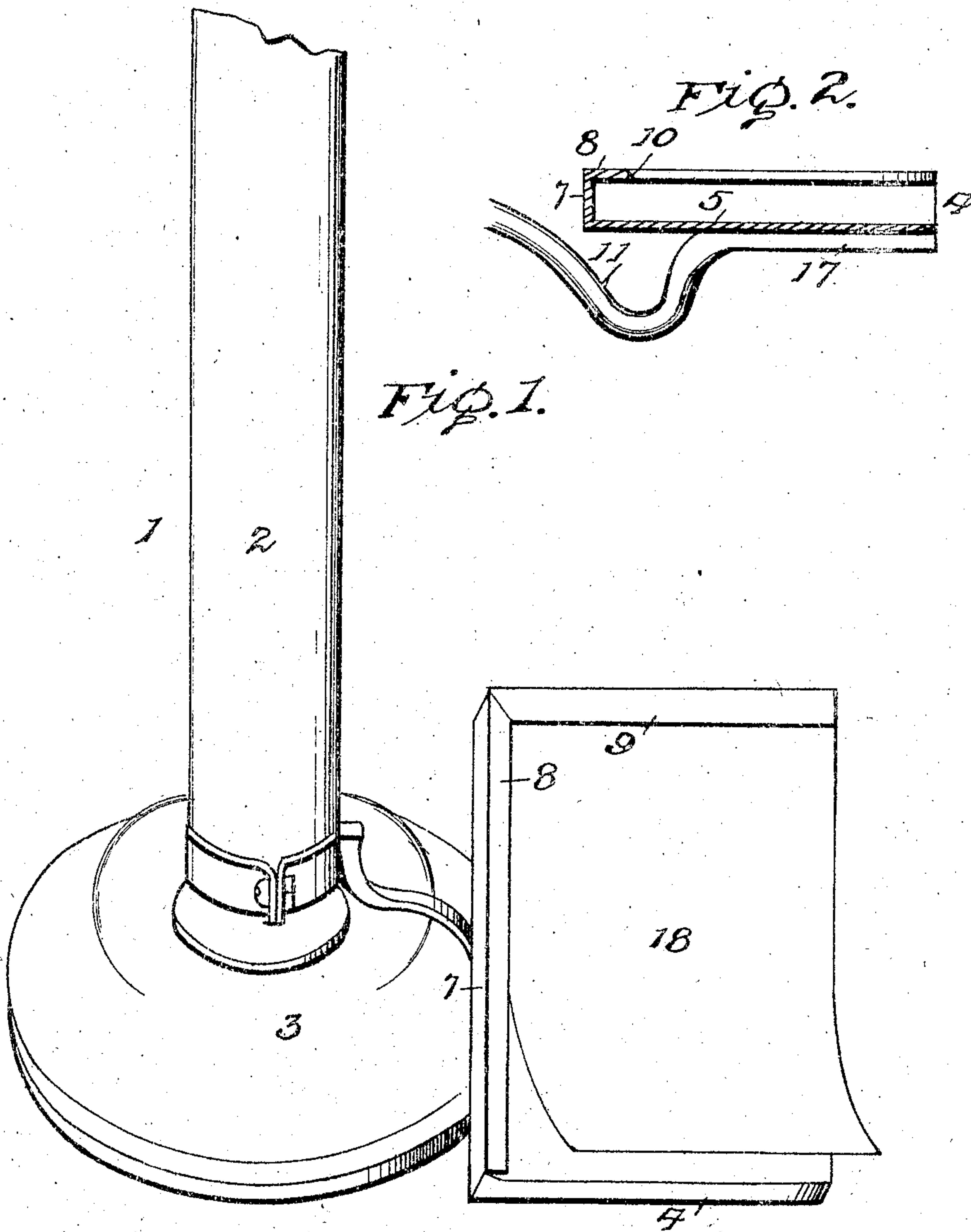
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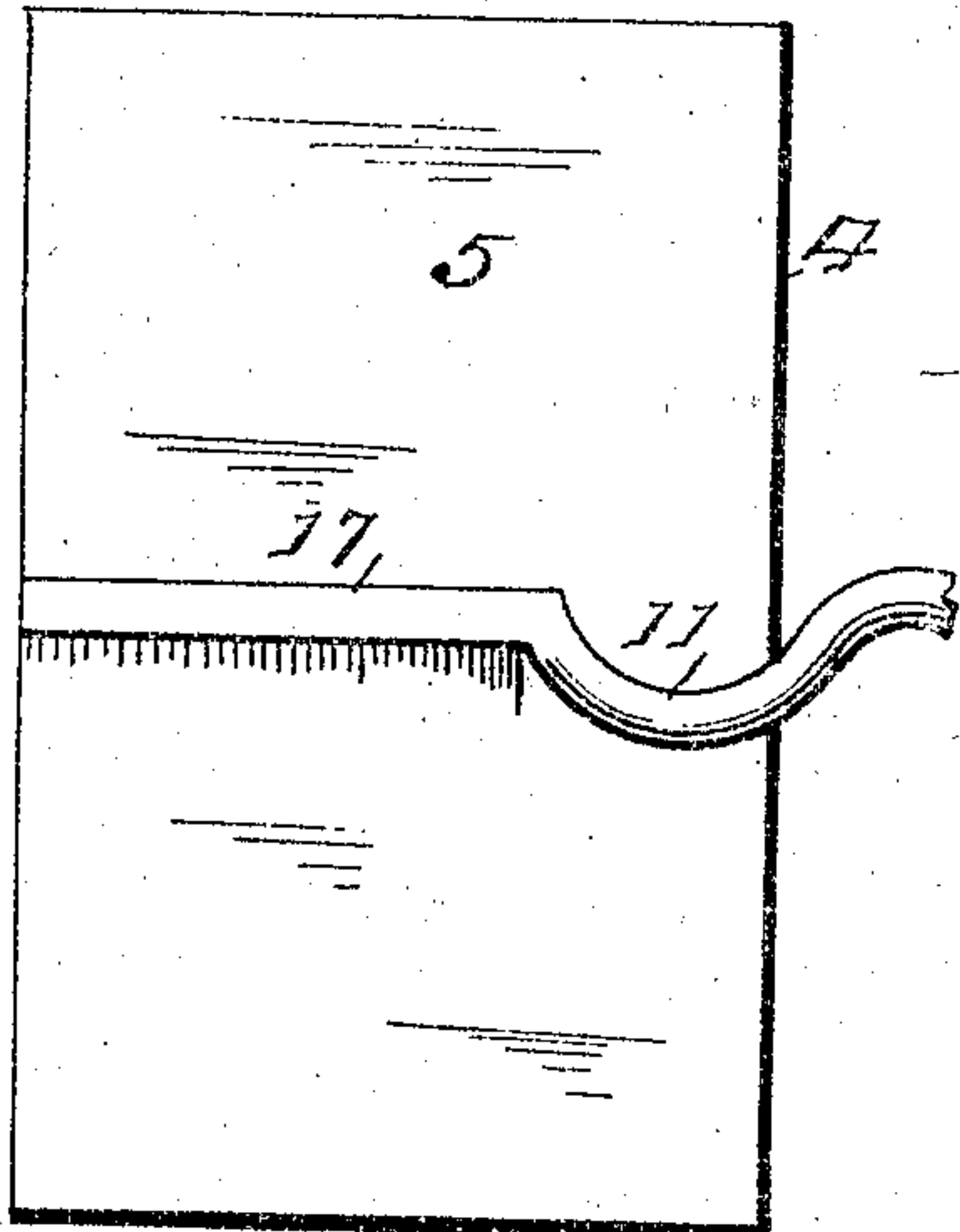


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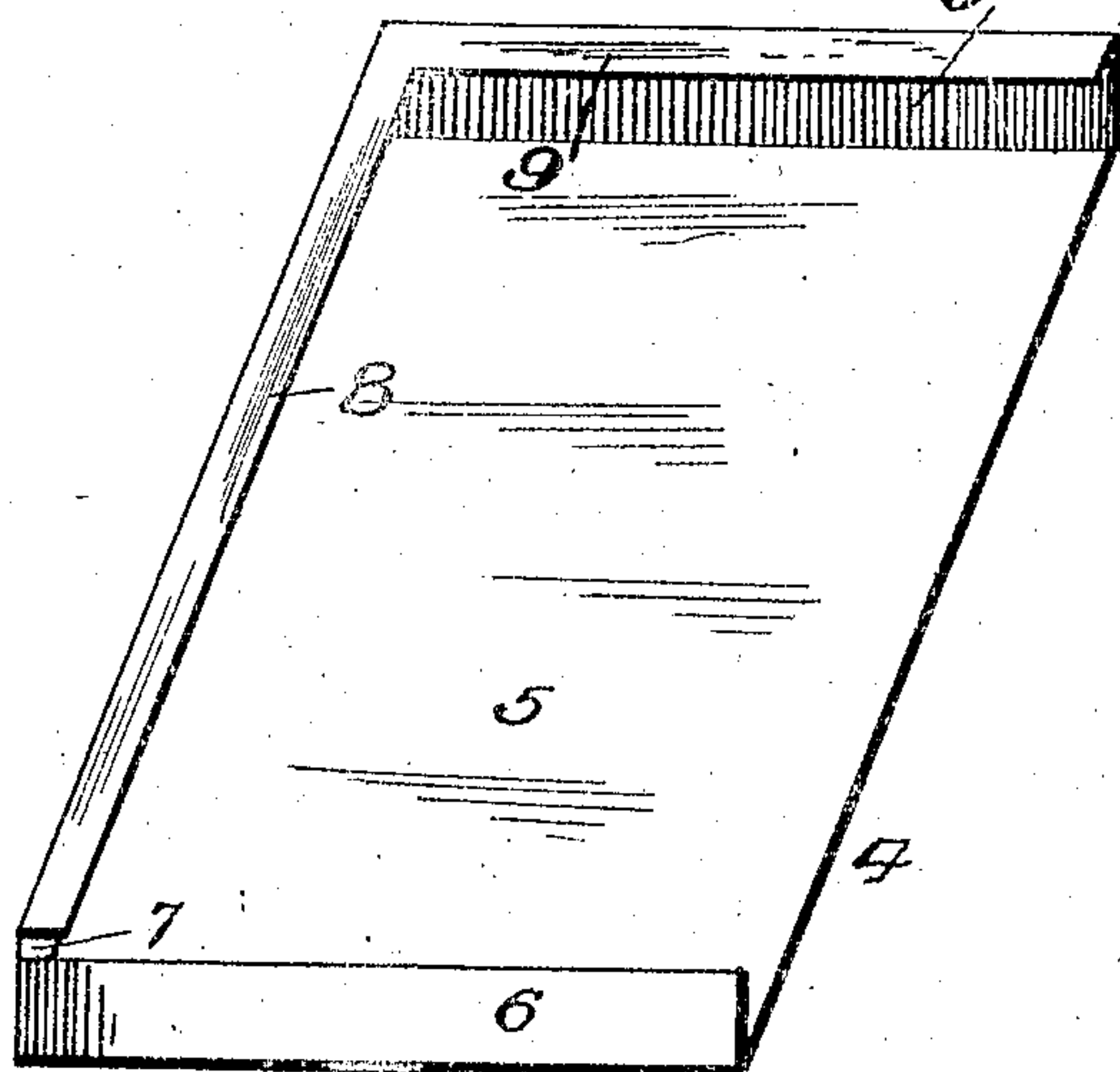


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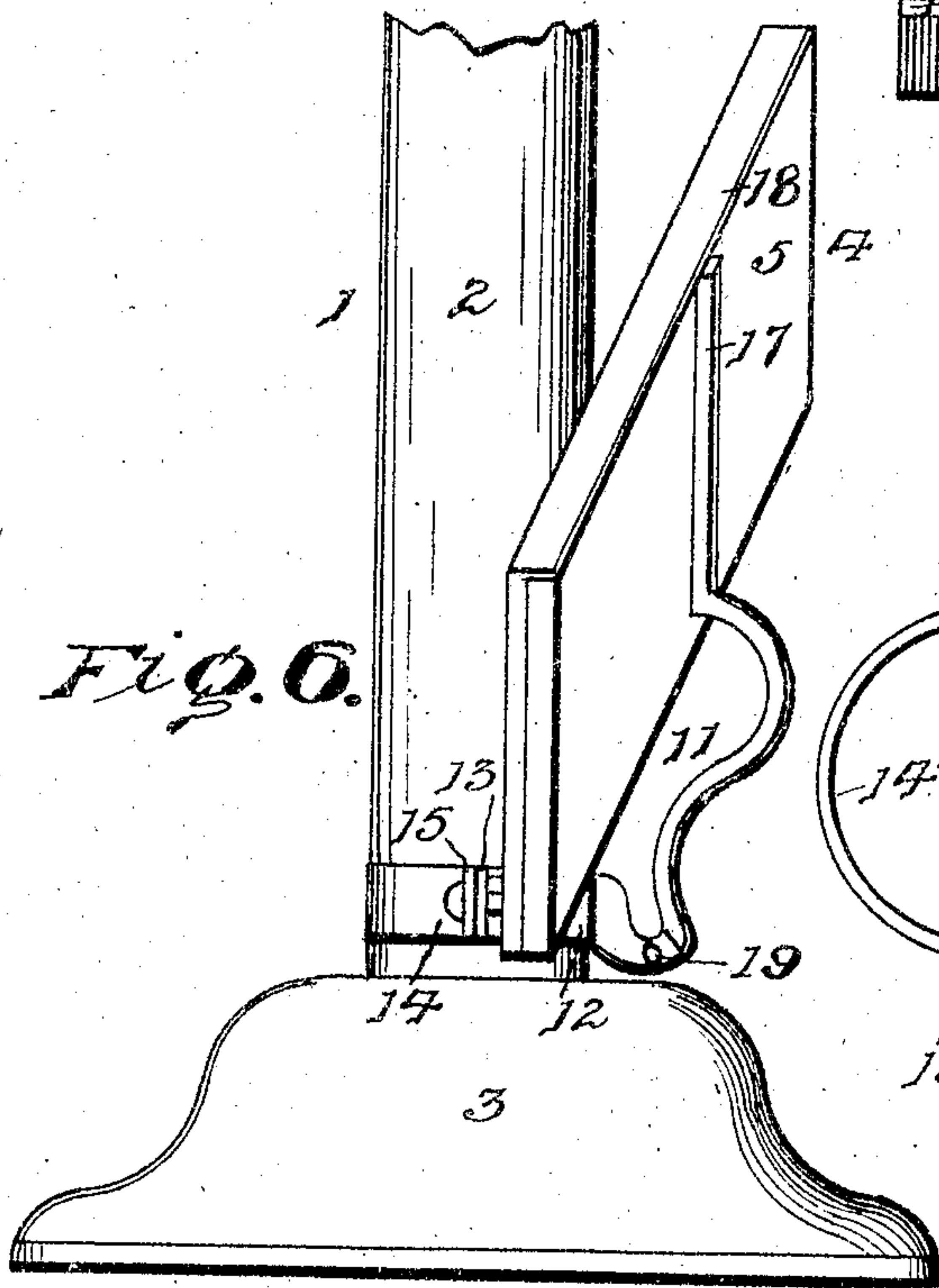
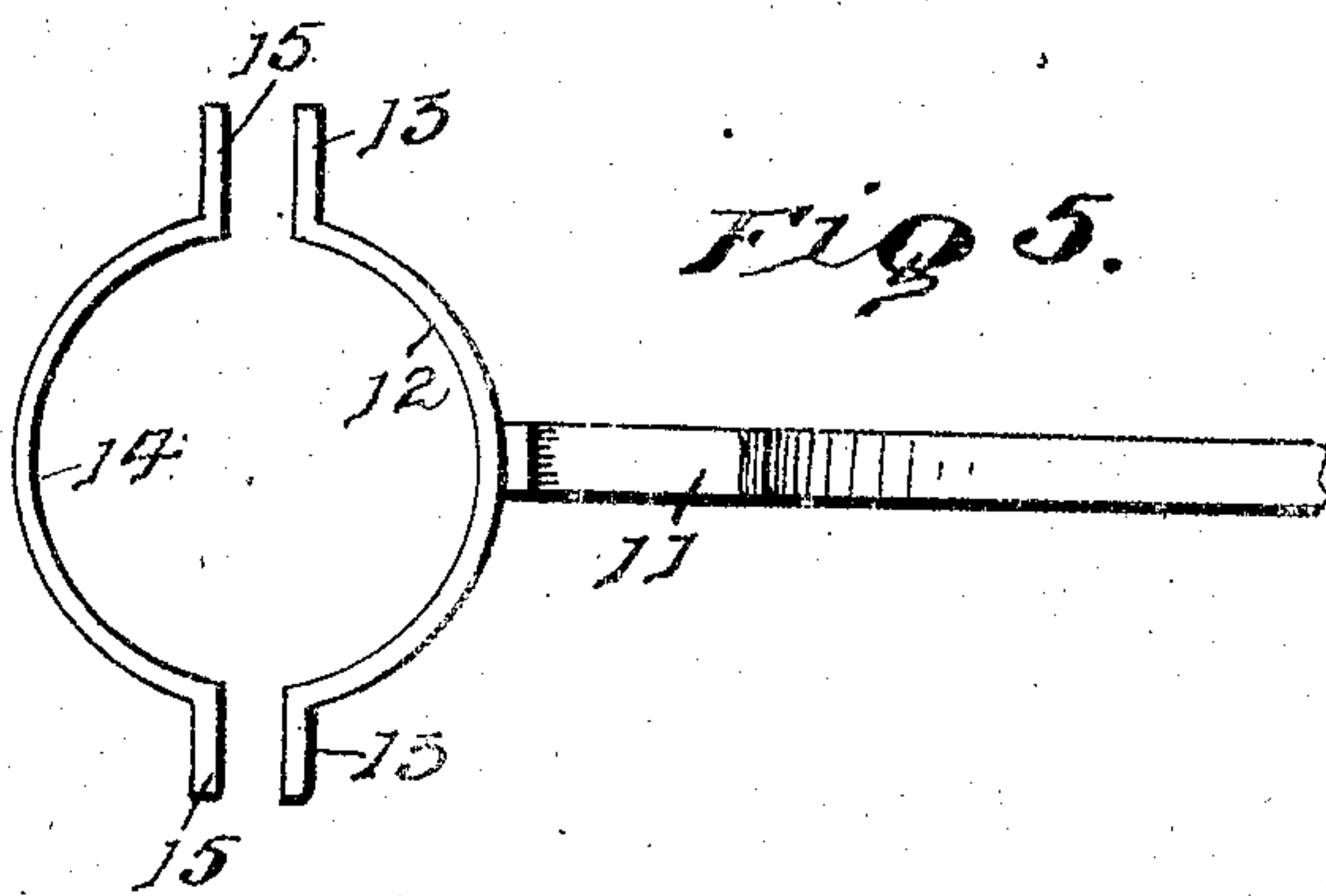


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. CURRIER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Memorandum Attachments for Telephones, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to an improvement in memorandum attachments for telephones, and particularly to a new and improved tablet-holder designed for more or less permanent connection with hand or desk telephones. As is well known, such telephones comprise a cylindrical barrel rising from a circular base and carrying the usual receiver and transmitter. It has been heretofore proposed to provide a memorandum attachment for such telephones; but all such structures with which I am familiar are arranged so that they interfere with the ordinary stability of the telephone—that is, the construction is such that in use the tendency is to overbalance the telephone, causing the same to tilt from its base—and for which disadvantage such structures have been found impracticable from a commercial standpoint.

It is the object of the present invention to so construct the tablet-holder and arrange its connection with the telephone that pressure upon the tablet in the holder incident to use will not in the least affect the stability of the telephone, thereby rendering the device eminently practical and useful.

A further object of the invention is to provide the tablet with means to permit the ready severance of one or more of the surface leaves of the tablet when desired and to arrange the severing means so that its use will avoid any tendency to overbalance the telephone.

The invention in its preferred details of construction is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings and will now be described with particular regard to such construction, reference being had to said accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating the attachment of my invention to a desk-telephone. Fig. 2 is a transverse section through

the tablet-holder, the supporting-arm being broken off. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the tablet-holder. Fig. 4 is a bottom plan view of the tablet-holder, the supporting-arm, partly broken off, being shown in position thereon. Fig. 5 is a plan illustrating the supporting-arm and means for attaching same to the telephone-barrel. Fig. 6 is a view in elevation illustrating a modification of the invention.

Referring to the drawings, 1 represents a telephone, preferably of the type commercially known as a "hand" or "desk" telephone, comprising a barrel 2, designed to support the usual receiver and transmitter, and a base 3, supporting the barrel.

My improved tablet-holder, which is particularly designed for more or less permanent attachment to the barrel 2, comprises a box-like structure 4, having a base 5, ends 6, and one side 7, the opposite side of the box being open to permit the insertion of the tablet. The side 7 and the upper end 6 are respectively provided with integral right-angled lips 8 and 9, projecting from the upper edges of said side and end and extending within the plane of the box, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 3. These lips 8 and 9, hereinafter termed "cutters," are designed to receive and clamp the tablet within the box, the free edges of said lips being beveled or sharpened to a cutting edge 10 to provide for the severance of the tablet-leaves, as hereinafter described.

The supporting-arm comprises a rod-like member 11, designed to be secured to the telephone-barrel 2 and to the tablet-holder 4. At the point of connection with the telephone-barrel the arm 11 is secured to a semicircular strip 12, having ears 13 projecting from its free ends, the arm 11 being preferably secured to said strip intermediate its ends, as shown. A second semicircular strip 14, having ears 15, is arranged to cooperate with the strip 12, said strips 12 and 14 completely encircling the barrel 2, with respective ears 13 and 15 abutting, bolts 16 passing through said abutting ears and securing the arm 11 to the telephone-barrel.

Beyond its connection with the strip 12 the arm 11 is of a contour to follow and rest upon

the base 3, so that said arm rests throughout its length upon said base and is directly supported at all points by said base. The free end of arm 11 is flattened at 17 and attached
 5 to the tablet-holder on the lower side of the base 5, preferably about the longitudinal center of said bottom. The upper surface of the projecting member 17 is inclined from the horizontal, so that the tablet-holder is
 10 supported in the inclined position conveniently adapted for writing. It will be noted that the arm 17 is connected to the tablet-holder at about midway between its sides, so that a considerable portion of said holder
 15 will overlies or project inward beyond the circumference of the base, whereby to further insure the stability of the telephone when the tablet is in use.

The holder 4 is designed to receive a tablet
 20 18, the tablet being introduced through the open side of the holder, with one side and end clamped and held beneath the lips 8 and 9. In securing the holder to the projection 17 it will be noted that the lips 8 and 9 are at the
 25 top and side adjacent the telephone for a purpose hereinafter described. After use of the upper sheet of the tablet the same is grasped along the edge remote from the telephone and severed from the tablet by being elevated
 30 from the bottom adjacent the lips 8 and 9. As the lip 8 is next the telephone it follows that the strain incident to severing the paper will be brought nearer the center of gravity of the telephone, and thereby reduce to a
 35 minimum the possibility of overbalancing the telephone. Furthermore, those portions of

the tablet left beneath the lips 8 and 9 after severance of the successive sheets will operate to hold the tablet in place as effectively as if the full tablet were in the holder. 40

In the modification illustrated in Fig. 6 the connection of the arm 11 with the strip 12 is shown as a hinge-joint 19, whereby when desired the holder and tablet may be turned up into contact with the telephone-barrel to provide for the convenient storage of the device or the concealment of data on the tablet. 45

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is— 50

1. An attachment for telephones comprising a tablet-holder and an arm projecting from said holder and secured to the telephone, said arm bearing on the telephone-base from its attachment to the telephone to the edge of the base. 55

2. The combination with a telephone having a base and a barrel rising therefrom, of a tablet-holder having an integral lip on the side adjacent the telephone to clamp the tablet in place, the free edge of said lip acting as a cutter, and an arm secured to the tablet-holder and to the telephone, said arm bearing on the telephone-base from its attachment to the telephone to the edge of the base. 60 65

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

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