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FIG. 1.

FIG. 2.

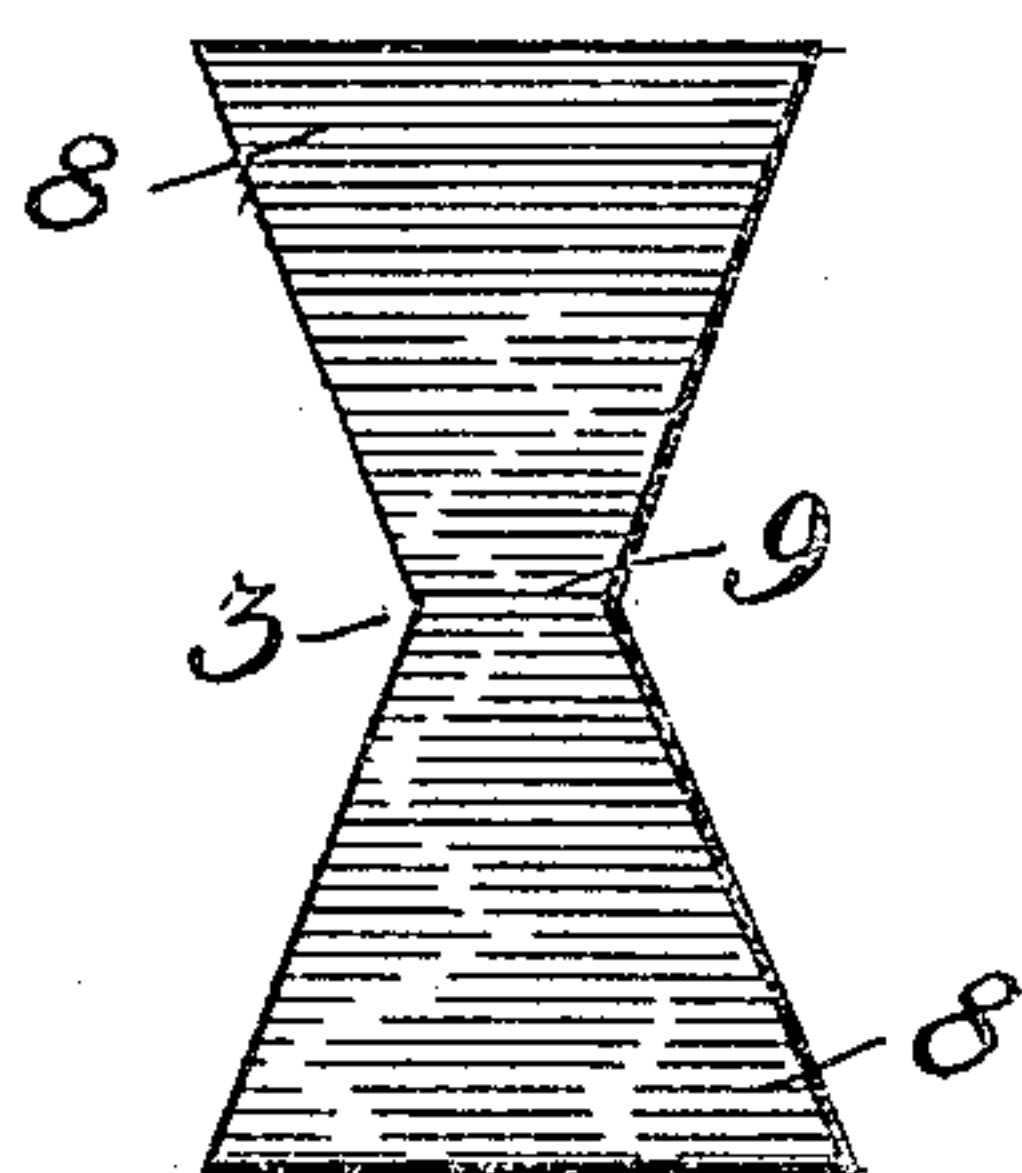


FIG. 4.

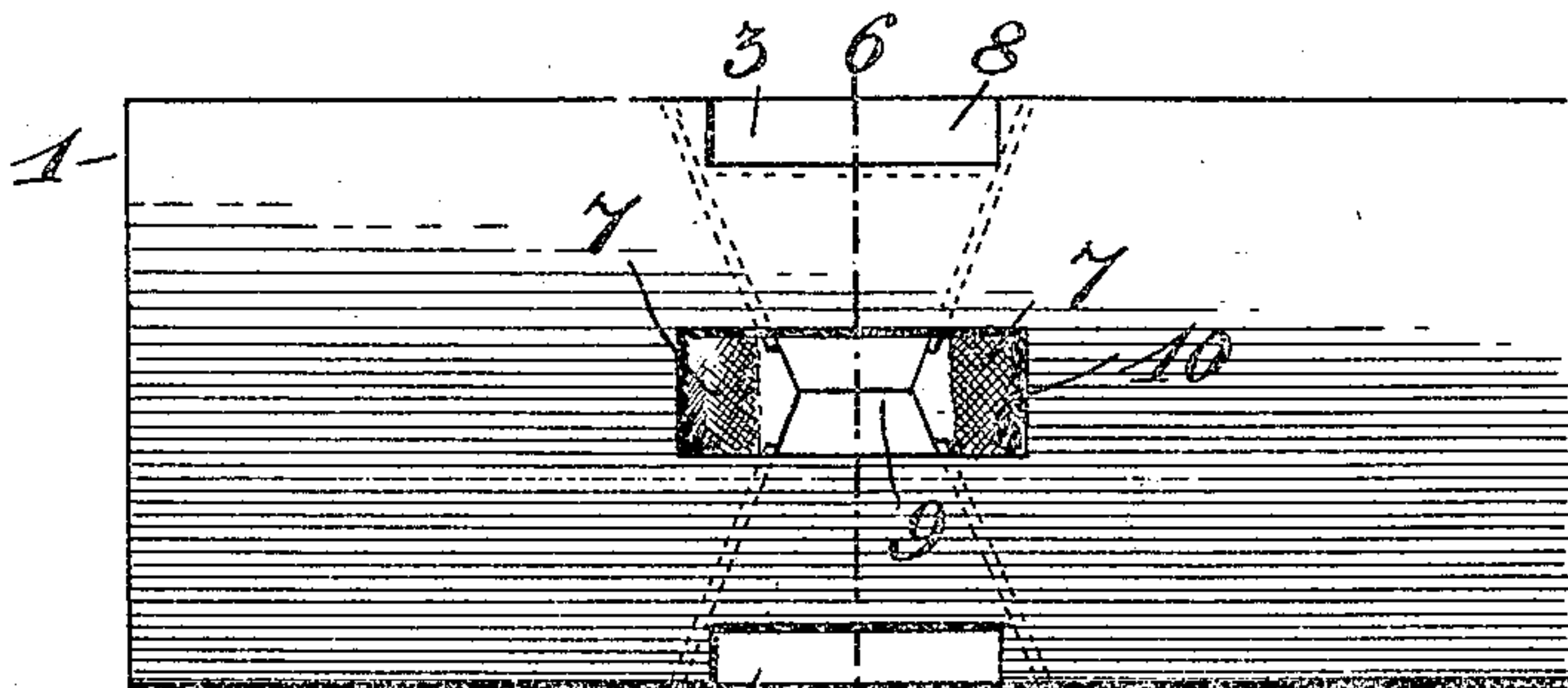
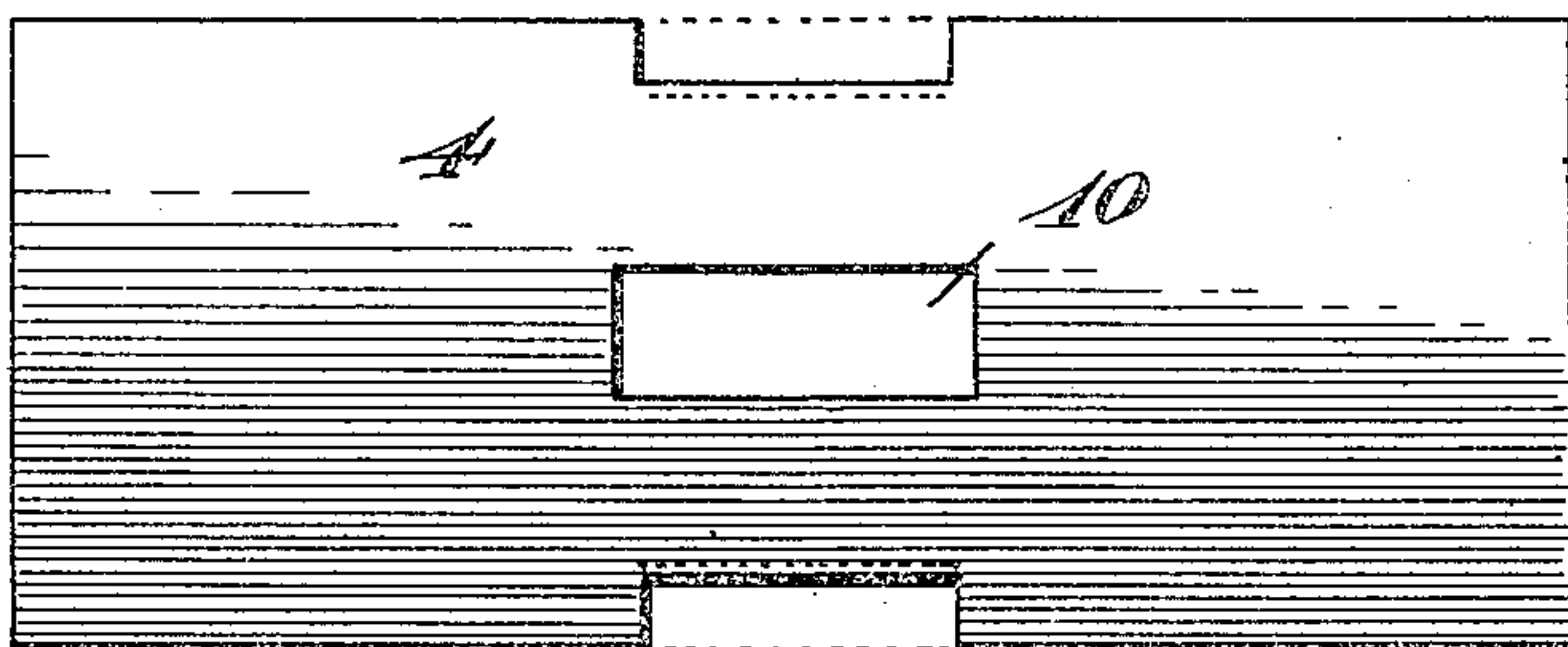
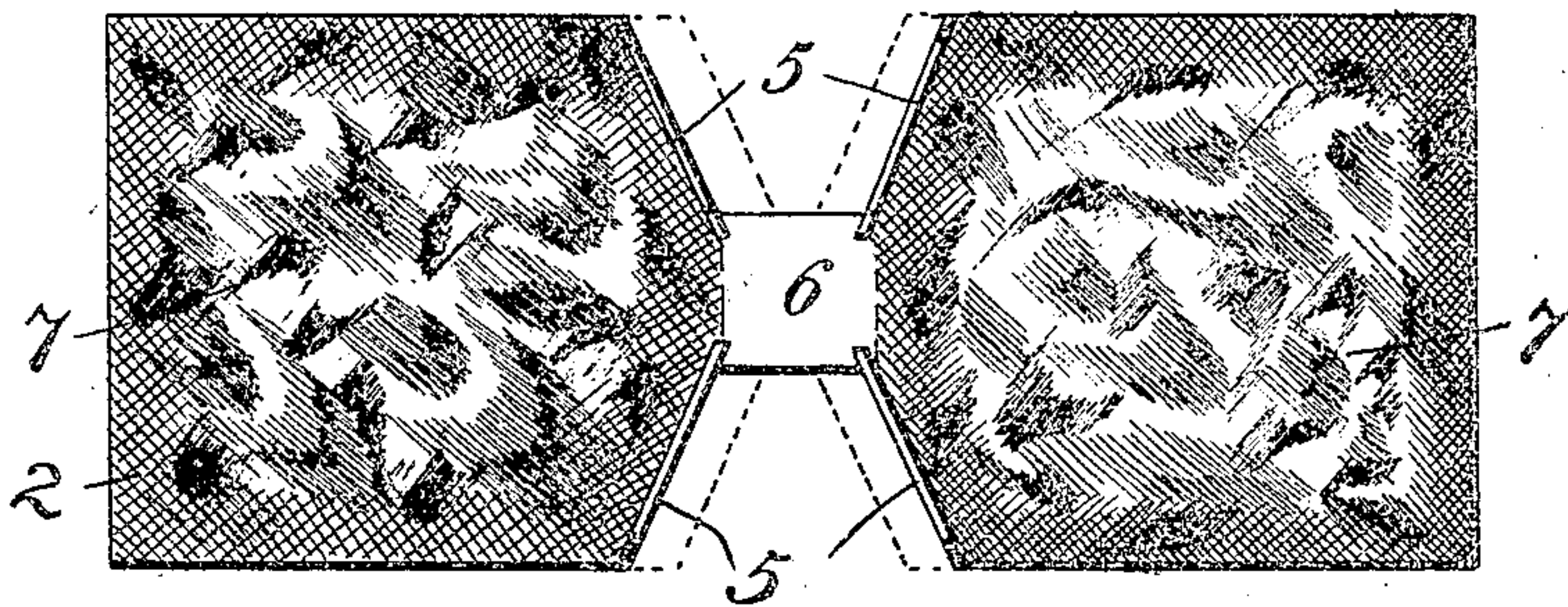


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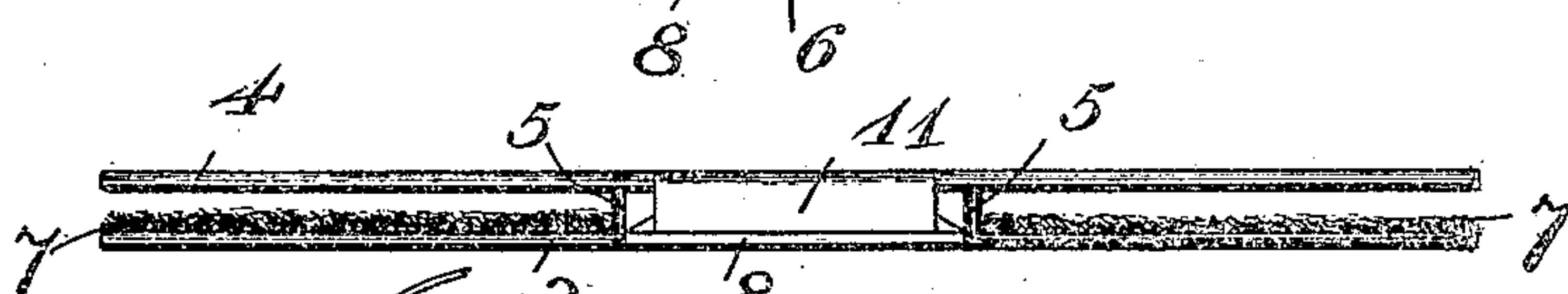
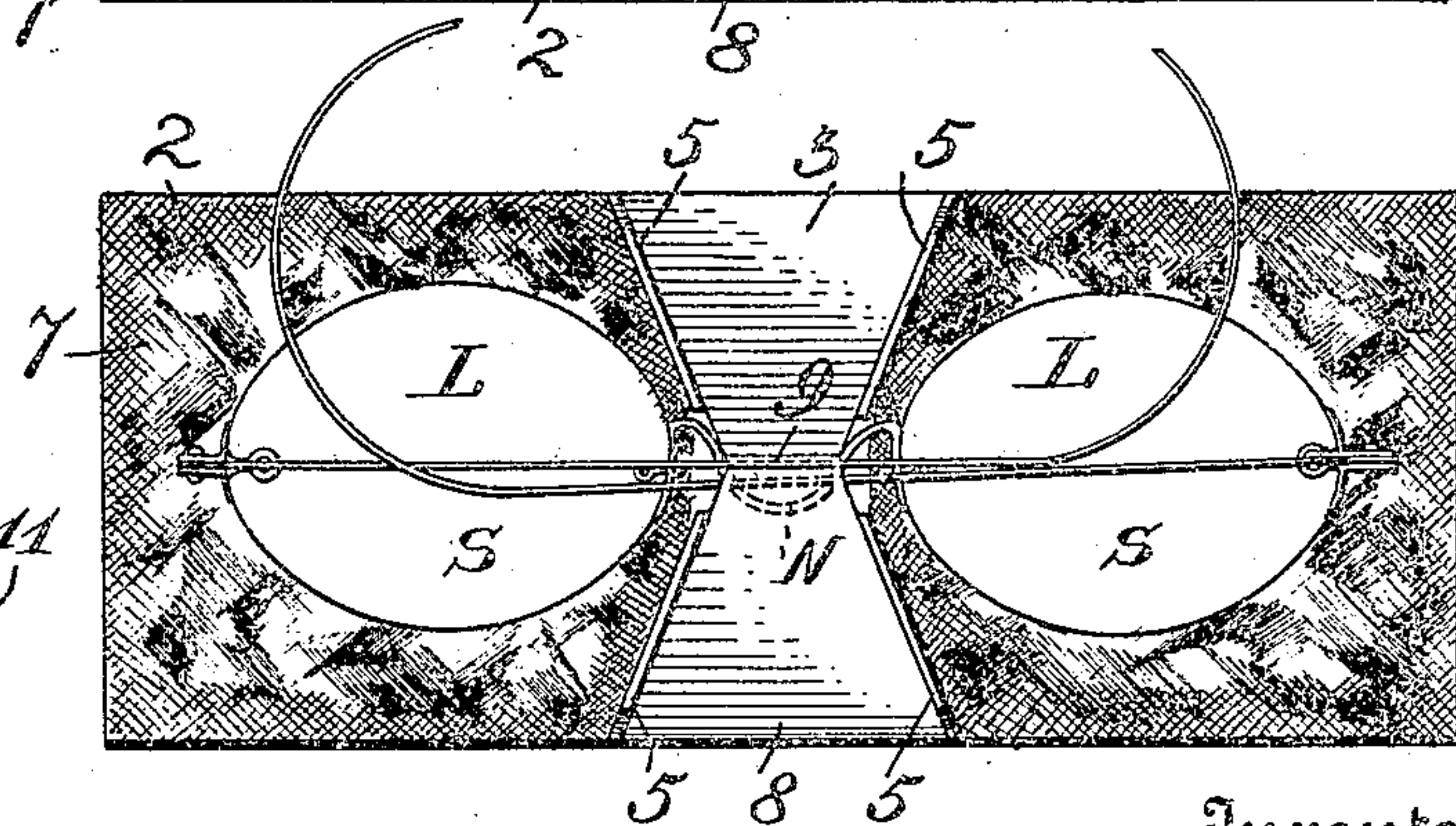
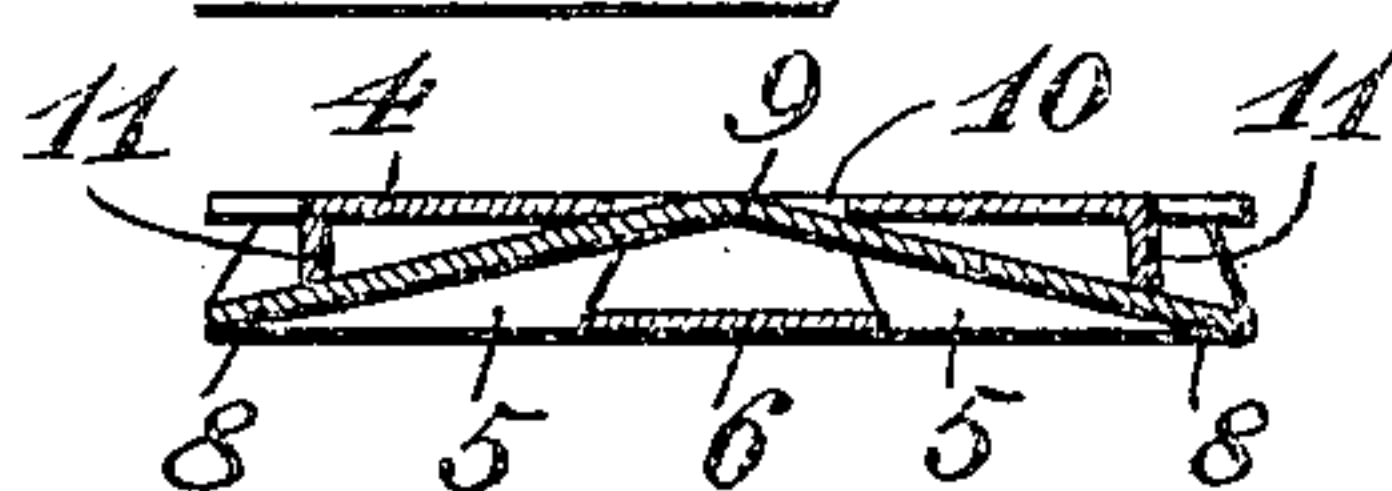


FIG. 10.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. LINNIG, a citizen of the United States, residing at Peru, in the county of Lasalle and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Protectors for Spectacles; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it ap-
 10 pertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in spectacle protectors or holders for shipping purposes; and it consists in certain novel features of construction, combination, and ar-
 15 rangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple, inexpensive, and efficient device of this character by means of which a pair of
 20 spectacles or the like may be compactly and securely wrapped so that they may be safely shipped from place to place.

The above and other objects, which will appear as the nature of my invention is better understood, are accomplished by the construc-
 25 tion illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figures 1, 2, and 3 are plan views of the blanks from which my spectacle protector or
 30 holder is formed. Fig. 4 is a top plan view of the complete protector or holder. Fig. 5 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 6 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 6
 6 of Fig. 4; and Fig. 7 is a top plan view of the device with the cover or top piece re-
 35 moved, a pair of spectacles being shown upon the bottom piece and beneath the bridge-piece.

Referring to the drawings by numeral, 1 denotes my improved protector or holder for
 40 spectacles, eyeglasses, and the like, which consists of three separate pieces—namely, a base or bottom piece 2, a bridge-piece 3, and the cover or top piece 4. These parts or pieces
 45 may be cut, pressed, molded, or otherwise made from cardboard, wood, or other suitable material. As shown, the base or bottom
 50 piece 2 is of rectangular form and has at the center of each of its sides angularly-disposed upwardly-extending guard-walls 5. These
 guards or guard-walls are preferably formed

by cutting the blank shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings along the dotted lines and bending up the portions 5, as shown. These portions or guards 5 are of sufficient height to protect the nose-piece N of a pair of spectacles S, 55 which is placed in the device, the nose-piece being disposed upon the neck 6, located between the guard-walls 5. In order to protect the lenses L of the pair of spectacles, the upper or inner surface of the bottom piece 2 is 60 preferably covered with a layer 7 of cotton or other suitable material. The bridge-piece 3 is provided for the purpose of retaining the pair of spectacles upon the bottom piece 2 and holding and supporting the guard-walls 5 in 65 their upright position. This bridge-piece, as clearly shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings, has enlarged outer ends 8, formed by the diverging side edges of the same, and it is bent angularly at its center, as shown at 9, when it 70 is placed in position upon the bottom piece. In applying the bridge-piece it is placed transversely across the center of the bottom piece, so that its angularly-bent center 9 engages the nose-piece of the pair of spectacles, and its en- 75 larged ends 8 enter between the pairs of guard-walls 5 for the purpose of supporting them. The cover or top piece 4 is provided for the purpose of retaining the bridge-piece 3 in po- 80 sition and further protecting the pair of spectacles. This top piece 4 is formed with a centrally-disposed slot 10, which is adapted to receive the angularly-bent center 9 of the bridge-piece, and with downwardly-bent fingers 11, which are located at the center of each of the 85 sides of said top piece and are adapted to engage the ends 8 of the bridge-piece in order to retain the same between the guard-walls 5. These fingers 11 are preferably formed by cutting the blank shown in Fig. 3 along the 90 dotted lines and then bending the portions 11 downwardly, as shown.

The construction, use, and advantages of the invention will be readily understood from the foregoing description, taken in connection 95 with the accompanying drawings. It will be seen that in applying a pair of spectacles to the holder they are placed upon the bottom piece 1, as shown in Fig. 7 of the drawings, the temples or bows of the spectacles being 100

folded on top, so as to prevent the top piece 4 from contacting with the upper faces of the lenses, the lower faces of the latter being protected by the covering 7. The bridge-piece 5 3 is then placed transversely across the bottom piece 2, as shown in said figure of the drawings, and the top piece 4 is then placed upon the bridge-piece 3 and the guard-walls 5 of the bottom piece 2. When a pair of spectacles, eyeglasses, or the like is packed in this manner, they will be well protected, so that breakage cannot occur in shipping them. It will be understood that these protectors or holders when shipped are packed in a box or 15 receptacle of any description and that owing to the compact construction of the device two pairs of spectacles may be readily placed in the space which is necessary for one as they are now packed.

20 Various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

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

1. A device of the character described comprising a base having upwardly-projecting 30 guards adapted to receive the nose-piece of a pair of spectacles or the like between them, a transversely-disposed bridge engaged with said guards, and a cover or top for holding said bridge in position, substantially as described. 35

2. A device of the character described comprising a base having angularly-disposed upwardly-projecting guards at the center of each

of its sides, a transversely-disposed bridge-piece having its enlarged ends engaged with 40 said guards, and a cover or top having centrally-disposed downwardly-projecting portions adapted to hold the ends of said bridge between said guards.

3. A device of the character described comprising a base or bottom piece, having angularly-disposed upwardly-bent guard-walls at the center of each of its sides, a bridge-piece disposed transversely across the center of said bottom piece and having enlarged ends inserted 50 between said guard-walls for the purpose of supporting the same, and a cover or top piece having centrally-disposed downturned fingers to retain the ends of said bridge-piece between said guard-walls. 55

4. A device of the character described comprising a base or bottom piece having angularly-disposed, upwardly-bent guard-walls at the center of each of its sides, an angularly-bent bridge-piece disposed transversely across 60 the center of said bottom piece and having enlarged ends inserted between said guard-walls for the purpose of supporting the latter, and a cover or top piece having a centrally-disposed slot to receive the said angularly-bent 65 bridge-piece and centrally-disposed, downwardly-bent fingers to retain the ends of said bridge-piece between said guard-walls, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set 70 my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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