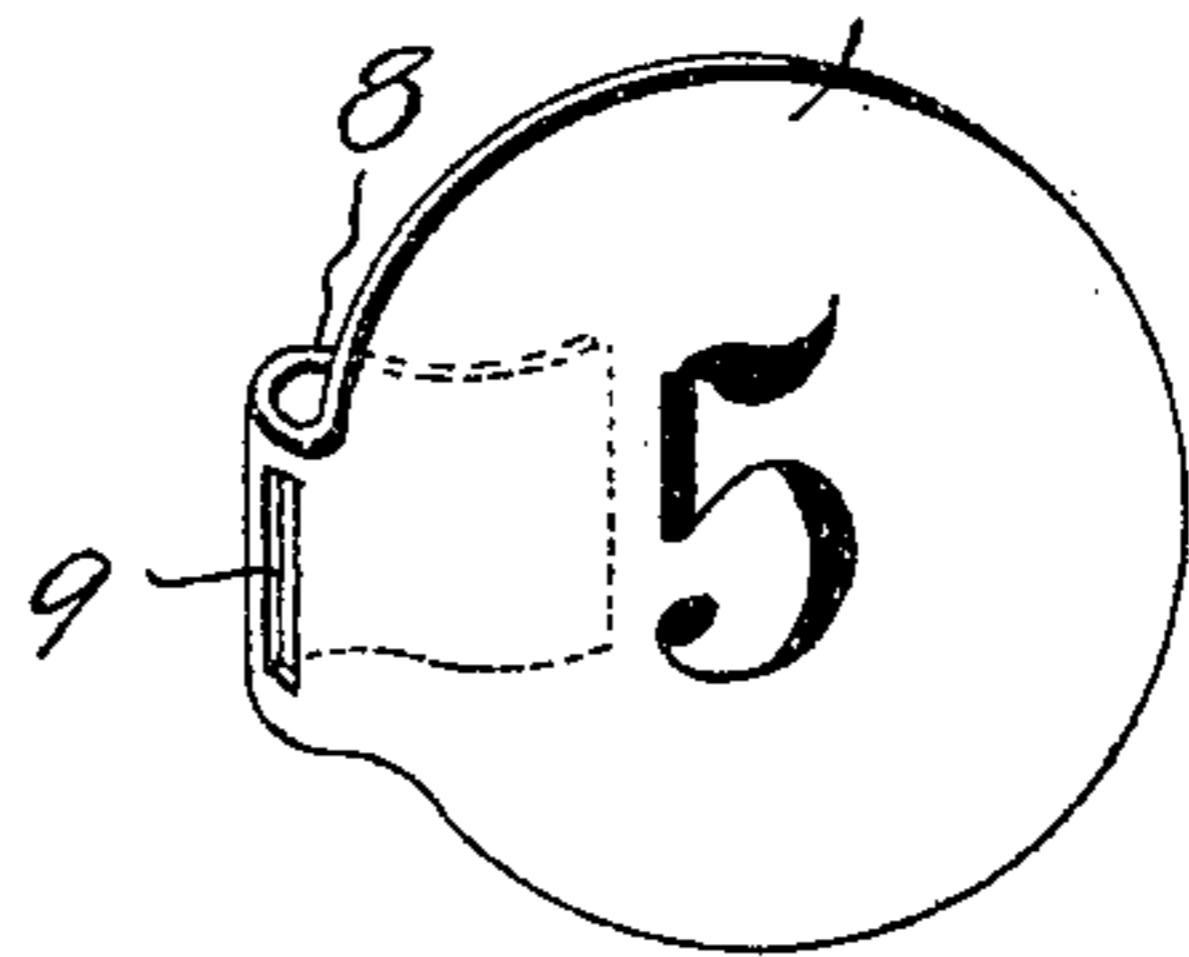
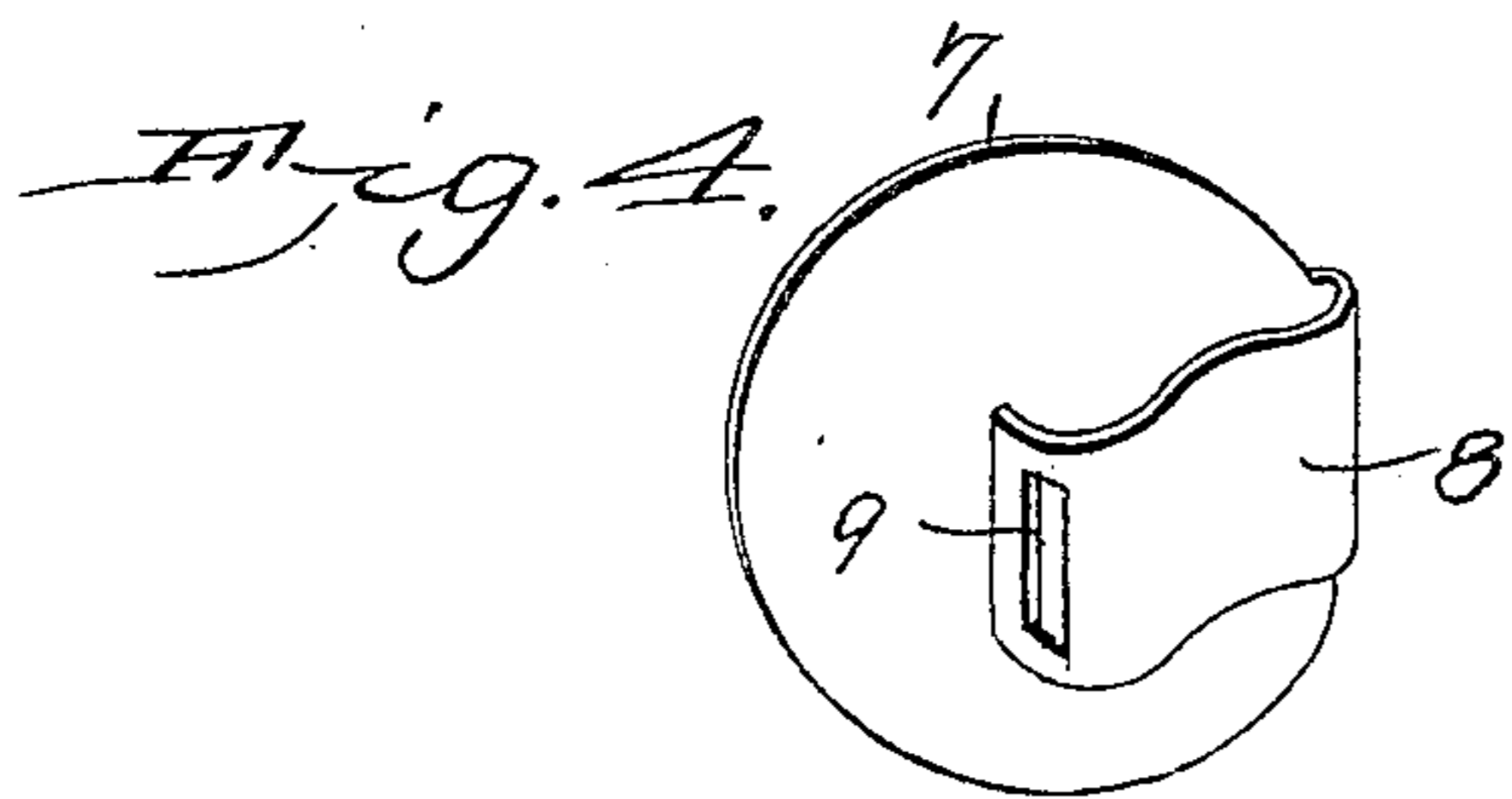
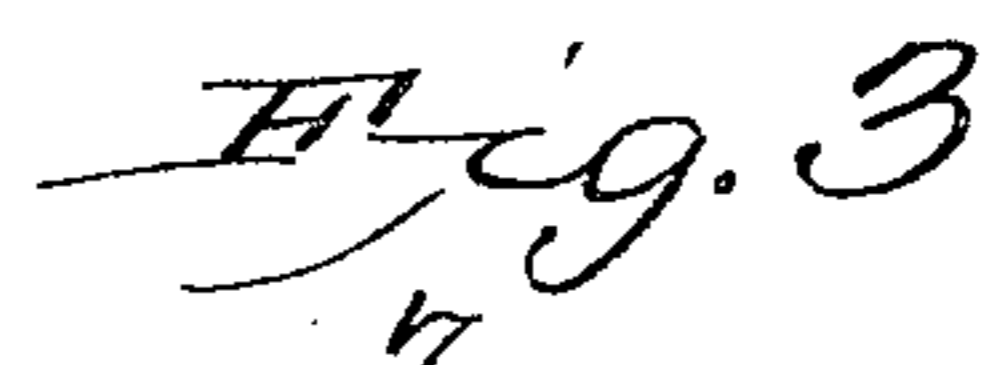
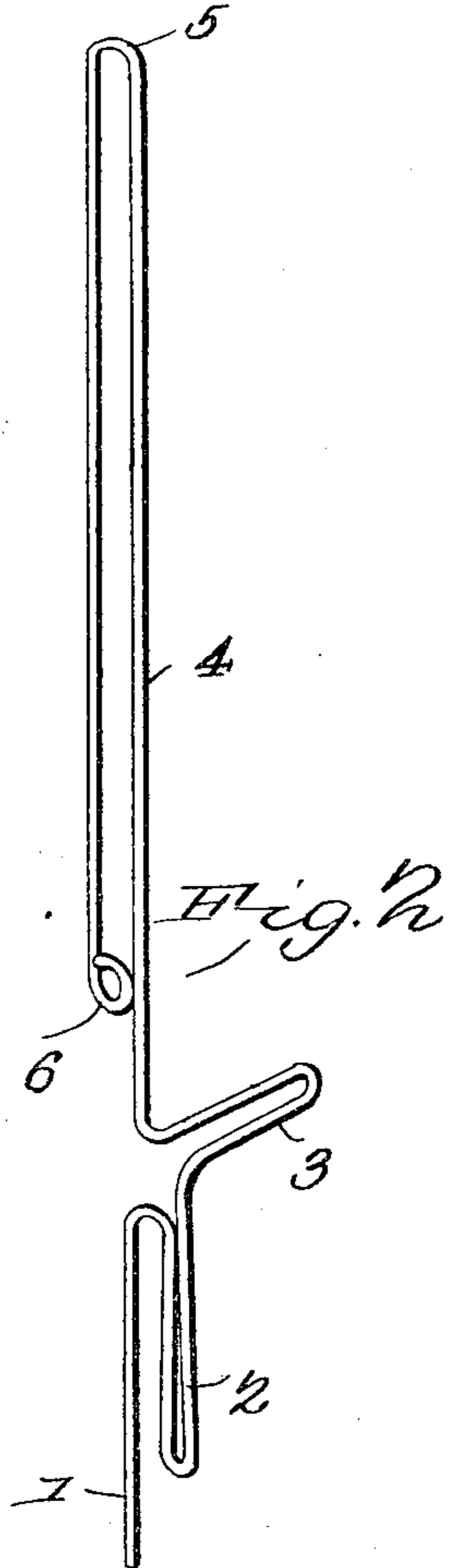
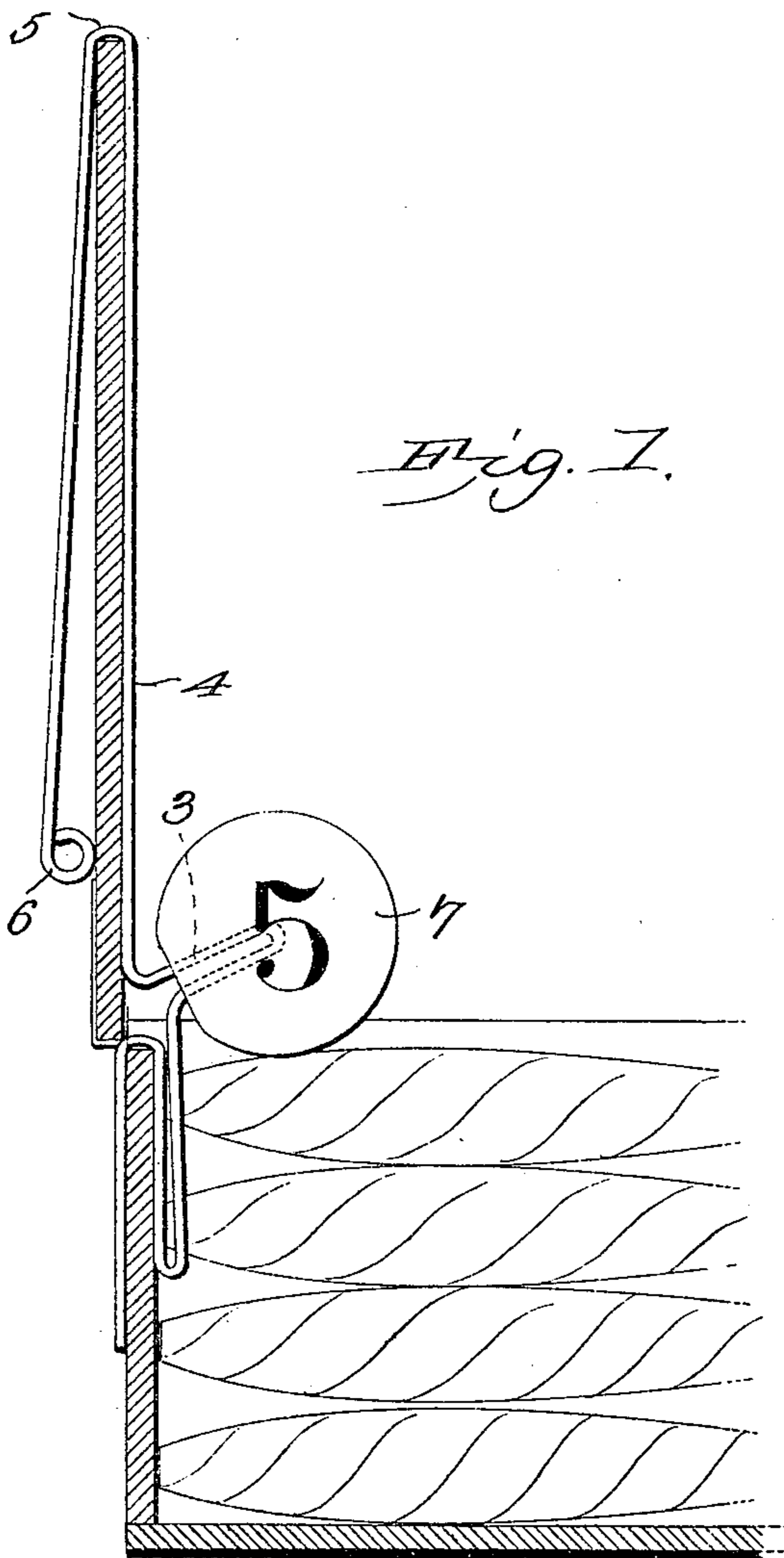


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL HOWARD SHEPLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Blairsville, in the county of Indiana and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Combined Tag-Holder and Box-Lid Support, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to combined tag-holders and box-lid supports.

The objects of the invention are to improve and simplify the construction of such devices.

With these objects in view the invention resides in the particular combination and arrangement of parts and in the precise details of construction hereinafter described with reference to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, wherein—

Figure 1 is a view showing the device applied to a cigar-box, which is illustrated in section. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the improved device. Figs. 3 and 4 are views of tag-holders.

The cigar-box-lid support of this invention is made, preferably, from a single piece of wire. Adjacent to the lower end 1 of the lid-support a loop 2 is formed, which is parallel with the end 1 of the wire. Above the loop 2 is formed a similar loop 3, which is inclined upwardly at a slight angle. The wire of which the device is composed is extended upwardly, as shown at 4, being then bent upon itself, as shown at 5, and formed with an eye or curl 6. The loop 3 is designed to support a removable tag 7, which is preferably made of sheet metal and formed at its rear side with an integral tongue 8, bent inwardly from the periphery of the tag toward the center thereof. The tongue 8 is formed with a perforation 9, which may be located either in the free end of the tongue or in the bent portion thereof. The loop 3 fits into the perforation 9 and rests between the tongue and the body of the tag, the upward incline of said loop serving effectually to hold the tag in position by gravity as well as by friction, due to the natural resiliency of the tongue 8.

In applying the improved box-lid support and tag-holder to a cigar-box the lid of the box is raised and the portions 4 and 5 of the device are fitted down over the lid, with the curl 6 bearing against the rear portion thereof. The end 1 of the wire, which may be

pointed, if desired, is inserted through the cloth hinge of the box and rests against the rear outside wall thereof, the loop 2 extending down into the interior of the box against the front portion of the rear wall.

It will be observed that the tag-holder and box-lid support of this invention is particularly designed for use upon cigar-boxes which are arranged in the display-case with their ends toward the front, this being an arrangement which is gaining favor rapidly with retail dealers, as it enables a number of cigar-boxes to be placed in a case without the raised lids of the front boxes hiding the price-marks upon the rear boxes. Of course if it be desired to arrange the boxes with their lids toward the back the loop 3 may be twisted around at a right angle to its normal position in order that the tag supported thereby may be seen plainly from the front of the case.

The device of this invention is strong, simple, durable, and inexpensive in construction, as well as practical and effective in use. In its particular combination and arrangement of parts and in its precise details of construction it presents an improvement over prior devices of a similar character.

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

1. A box-lid support formed of a piece of wire having two terminal loops arranged in alinement with each other in the direction of the length of the wire, one loop engaging the inner and outer surfaces of one wall of the box, and the other engaging the inner and outer surfaces of the lid, the wire being further bent to form a loop at a point intermediate of its length, all of the loops being disposed in the same general plane.

2. A box-lid support made from a single piece of wire bent on itself at its upper end to form a loop to fit the box-lid, and having two loops at its lower end, one parallel with said lower end, and the other inclined upwardly, and a tag having a perforated tongue to receive the upwardly-inclined loop.

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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