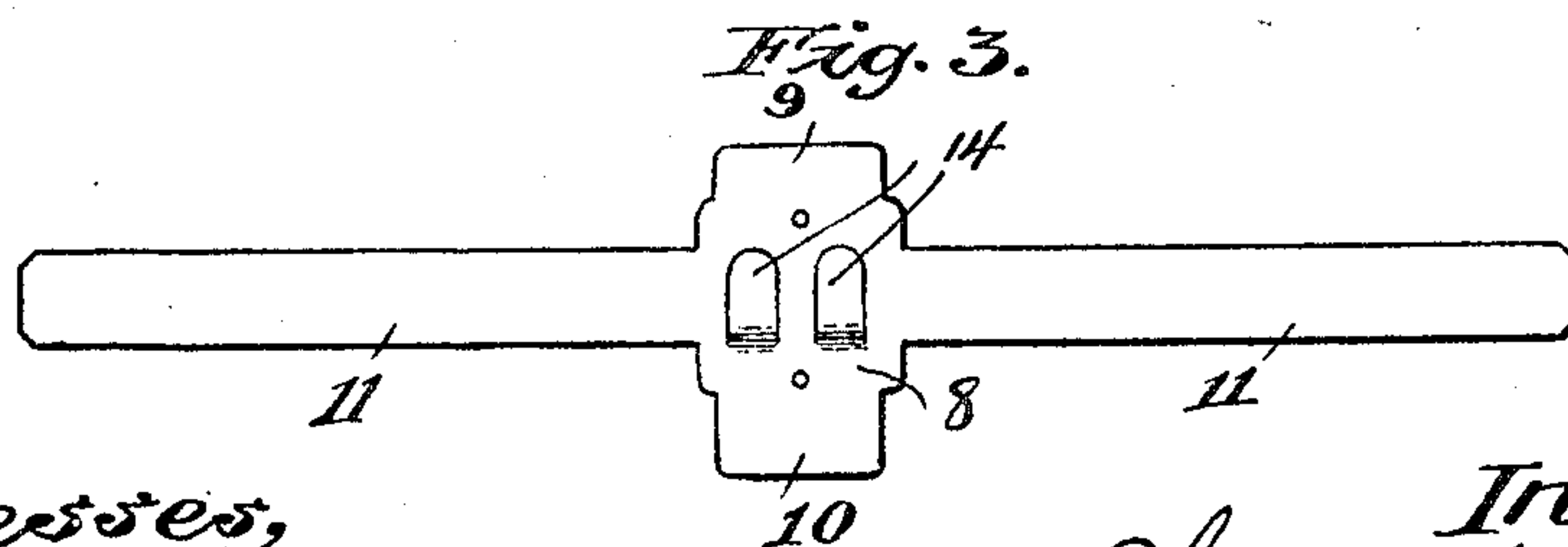
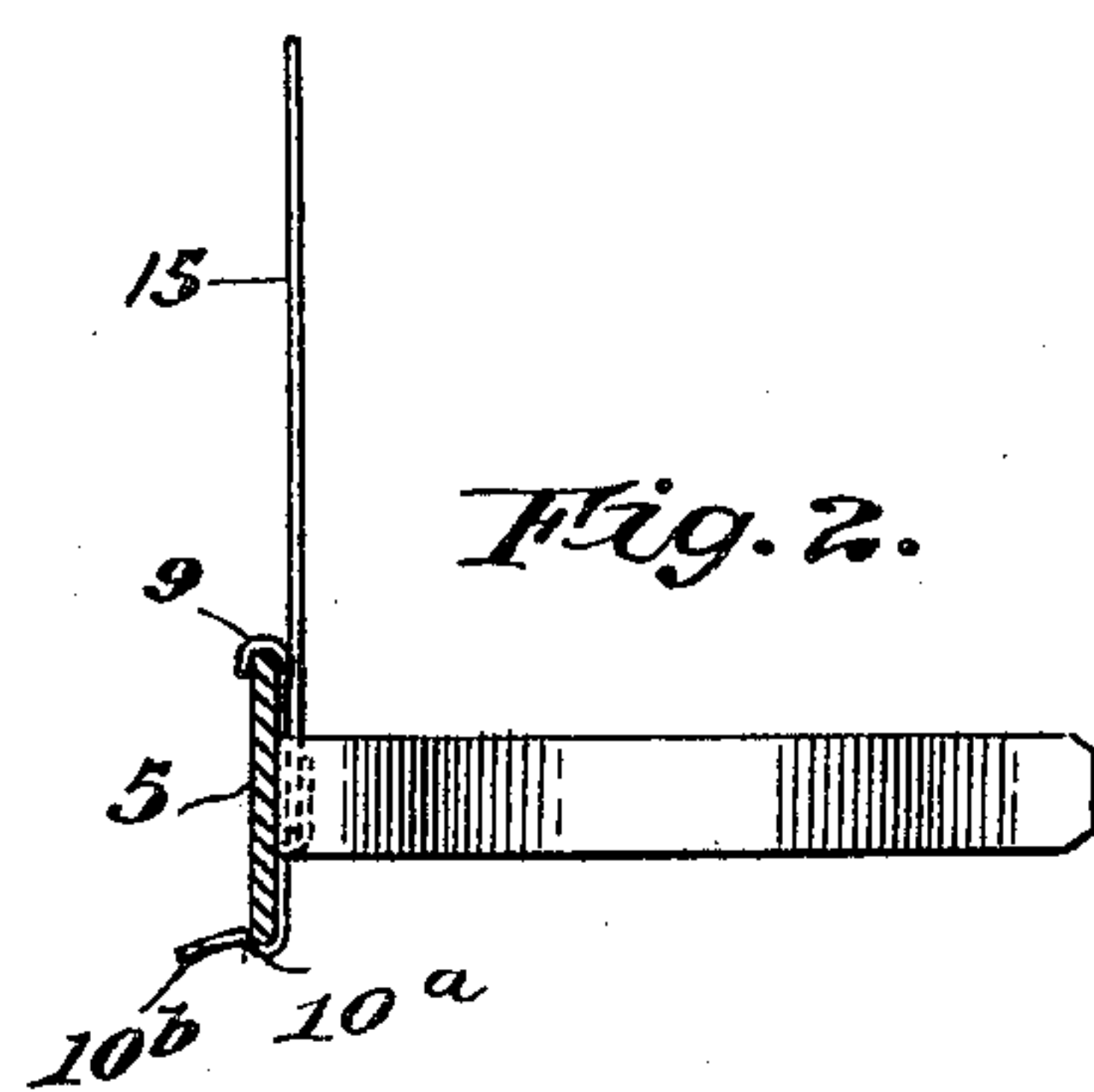
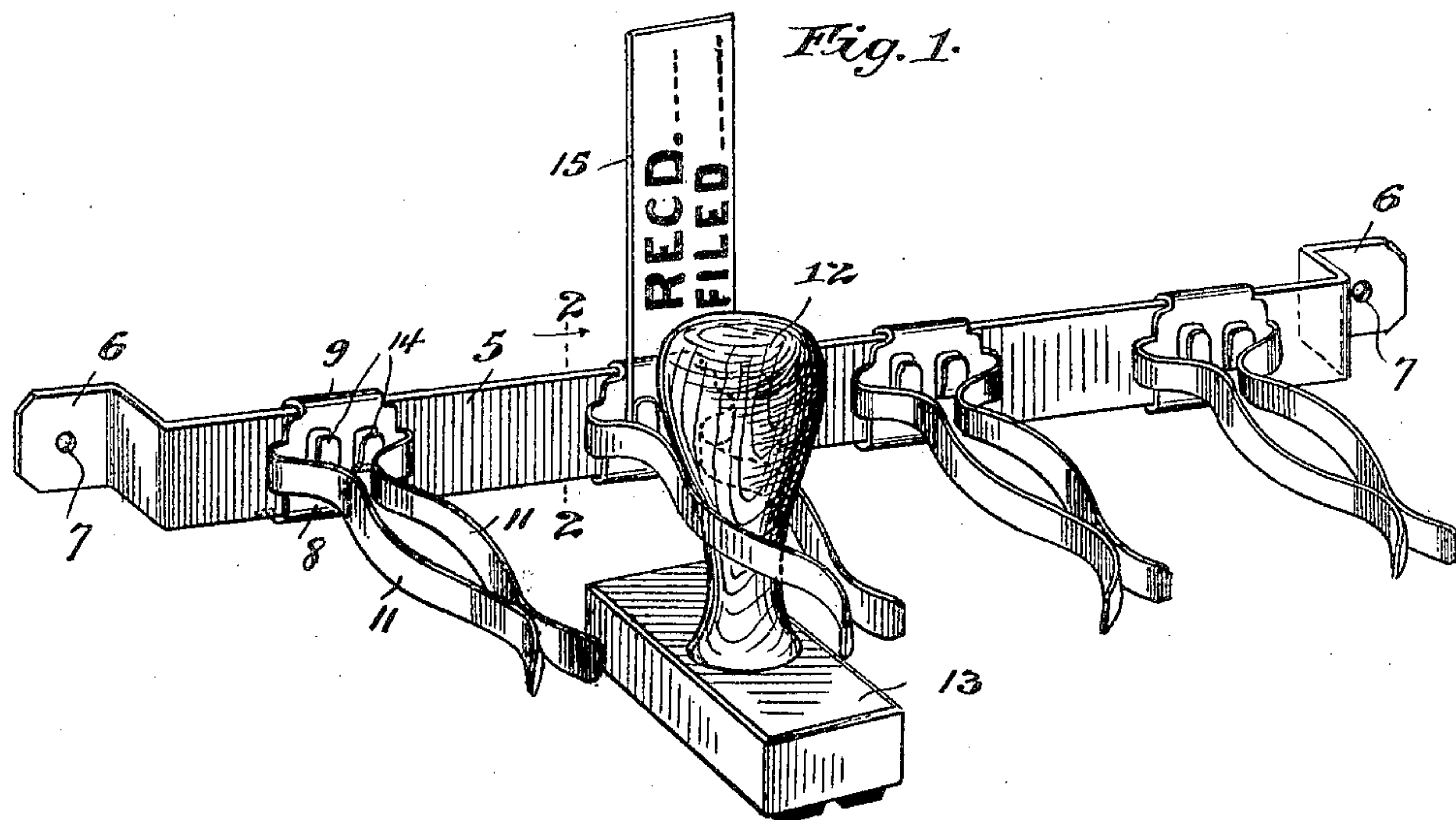


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. MARTIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stamp-Racks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to racks for carrying rubber stamps and similar small articles, and pertains more particularly to that class of stamp-racks wherein the handle of the stamp is entered between a pair of supporting-jaws, and has for its object to provide a simple and economical device of this class wherein the stamp-holder shall be capable of easy application to a supporting strip or bar and shall also be capable of adjustment lengthwise of the latter without removal therefrom, so that by a simple sliding movement a series of holders can be adjusted on the supporting-bar closer together or farther apart, as the size of the several stamps may require.

My invention in an approved mechanical form is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved rack, showing a rubber stamp engaged by one of the holders thereof. Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view on line 2 2 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is a plan view of the blank from which the adjustable holder is made.

Referring to the drawings, 5 designates a supporting strip or bar which has laterally-offset ends 6, provided with apertures 7 for the reception of screws or nails by which it may be secured to a wall or other place of application. Fig. 3 shows in plan a blank from which the holder carrying the jaws is preferably made. This holder comprises a flat base-plate 8, with upper and lower projections 9 and 10, respectively, the former of which is bent over to provide a downwardly-turned hook and the latter of which is similarly but inversely bent and extended first to provide an upwardly-turned lower hook 10<sup>a</sup> and thence in an inclined rearward and downward direction to provide an entering lip 10<sup>b</sup>. From the opposite vertical edges extend arms which are suitably bent relatively to each other and to the base-plate 8 to provide elastic jaws 11 for the reception and retention of the handle 12 of a rubber stamp 13. The base 8 is further cut and stamped to provide one or more (a pair is shown herein) upwardly-extending tongues 14, adapted to hold a card or slip 15,

which may indicate on its face the impression of the stamp that is carried by the holder to which it pertains, as shown in Fig. 1.

The blank having been duly cut from sheet metal, bent into the shape indicated in Figs. 1 and 2, and preferably suitably tempered to provide it with the required elastic quality is applied to the rack-bar 5 by first engaging the hook 9 with the upper edge of said bar, then pressing inwardly, sliding the lip 10<sup>b</sup> beneath the lower edge of the bar, and thereby depressing said lip until the lower hook 10<sup>a</sup> springs under and snugly engages the lower edge of the bar, whereby the holder is attached to the bar with a capacity for easy longitudinal adjustment therealong by a simple sliding movement. The stamp-handle may be readily inserted between the spring-jaws of the holder and removed therefrom in an obvious manner, and when carried by the holder its weight tends to maintain the holder all the more securely engaged with the bar. The identification slip or tag 15, bearing the impression carried by the stamp, is readily inserted at its lower edge behind the spring-tongues 14, which have a sufficient gripping effect to securely hold the same against accidental displacement or loss.

From the foregoing it will be seen that my invention provides a simple and inexpensive device not requiring any permanent securing means between the holders and the rack-bar and enabling the holders to be readily applied to or removed from the bar by virtue of the elasticity of the lower hook and lip and when so applied to be adjusted longitudinally of the bar toward and away from each other, according to the number of holders required or the size of the stamps carried thereby.

I do not limit my invention to the specific forms of construction herein illustrated, except to the extent indicated in specific claims, although I prefer said forms on account of their simplicity, economy, and convenience of manipulation.

I claim—

1. In a device for supporting stamps and similar articles, the combination with a supporting-bar, of a stamp-holder comprising a base-plate having an upper hook adapted to engage the upper edge of said bar, a lower spring-hook provided with an inwardly-projecting lip whereby it is adapted to be sprung into engagement with the lower edge of the bar by pressing said base-plate against the face of

the bar, and jaws adapted to receive and support the handle of the stamp or other article, substantially as described.

2. A stamp-rack comprising, in combination, a supporting-bar and one or more stamp-holders adjustably mounted thereon, each of said stamp-holders comprising a base-plate having an upper hook adapted to engage the upper edge of said bar, a lower spring-hook  
5 provided with an inwardly-projecting lip, a

spring-tongue to support an indicating slip or card, and spring-jaws extending forwardly from the sides of said base-plate adapted to grip the handle of the stamp or other article, substantially as described.

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