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Fig. 1.

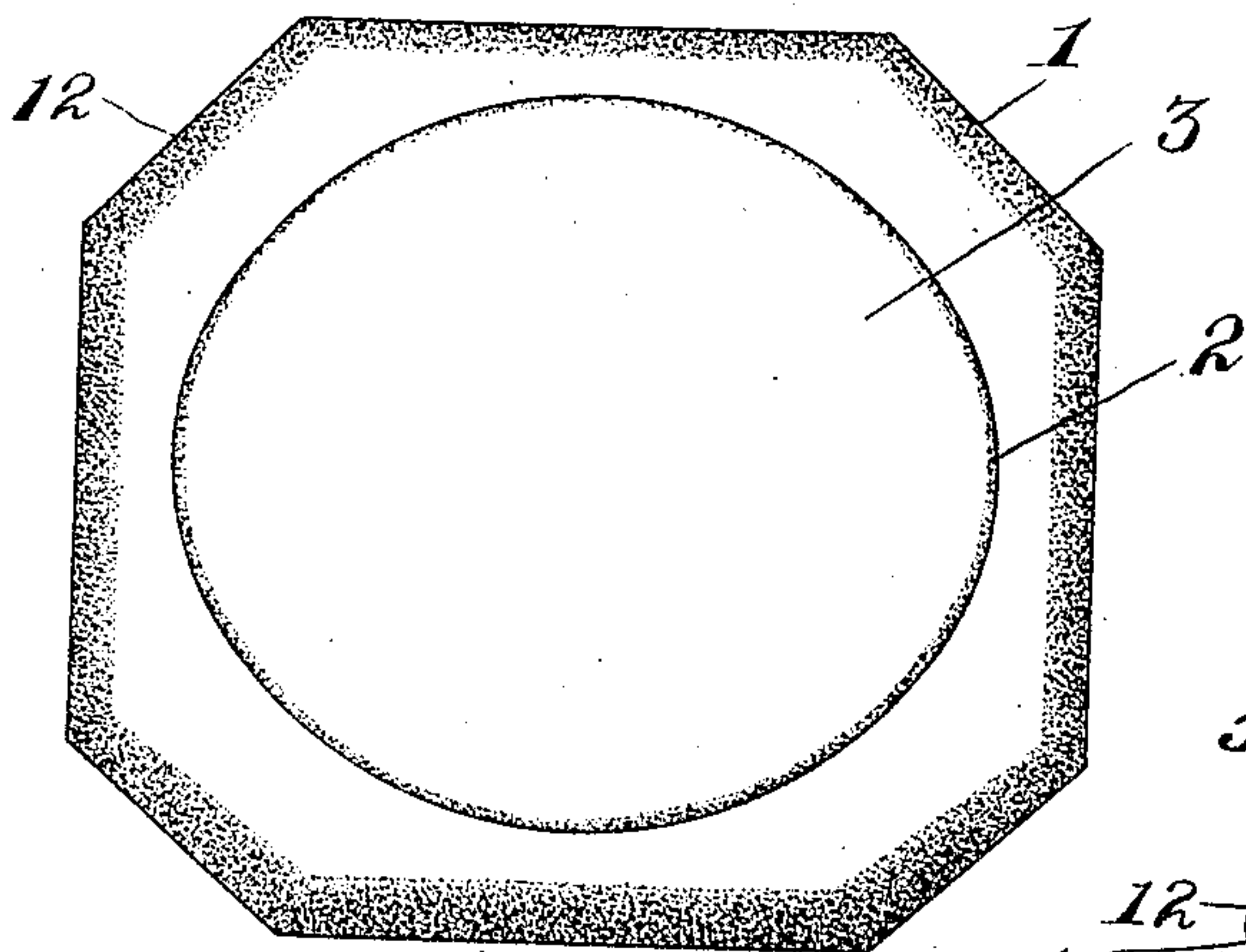


Fig. 2.

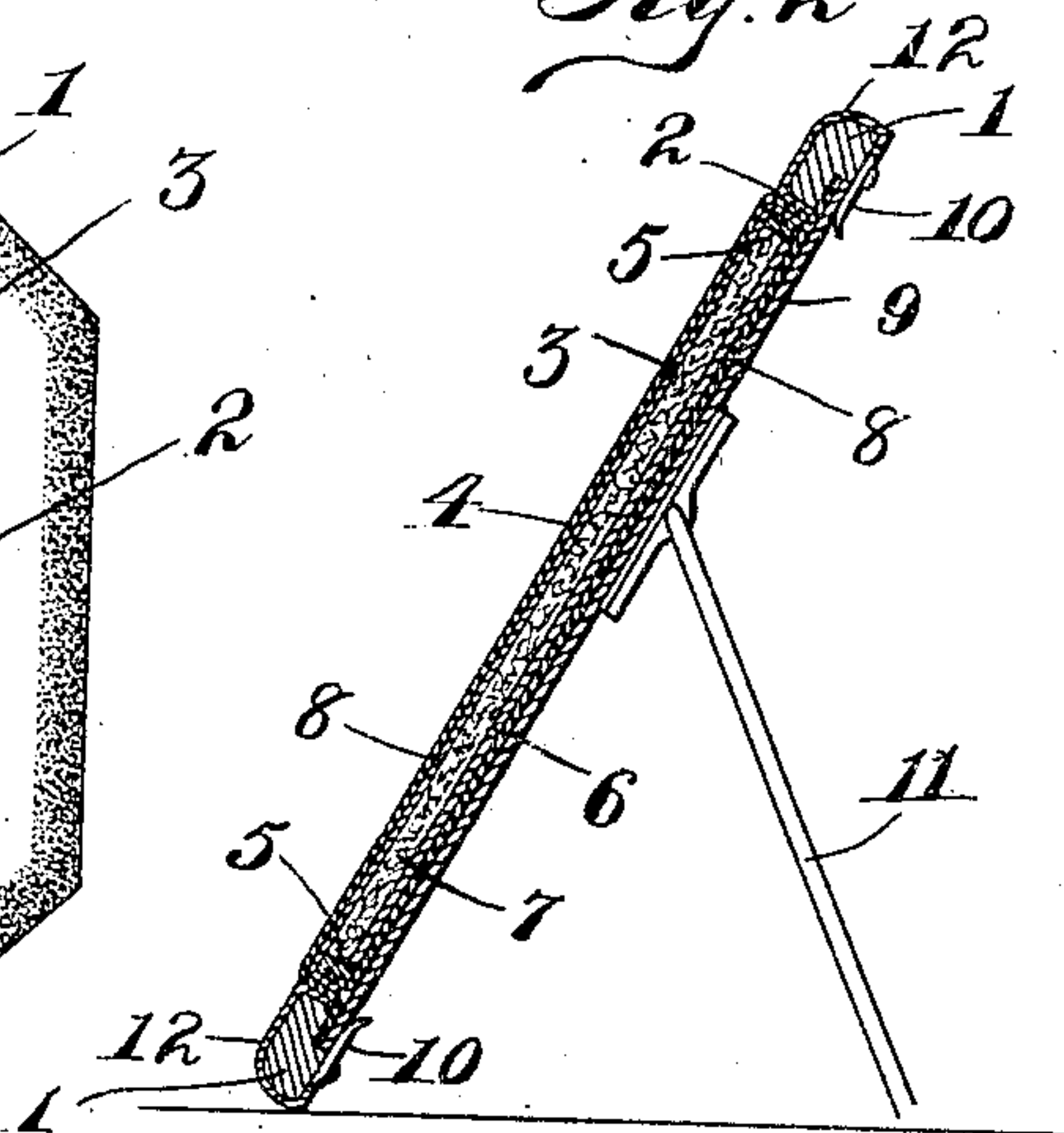


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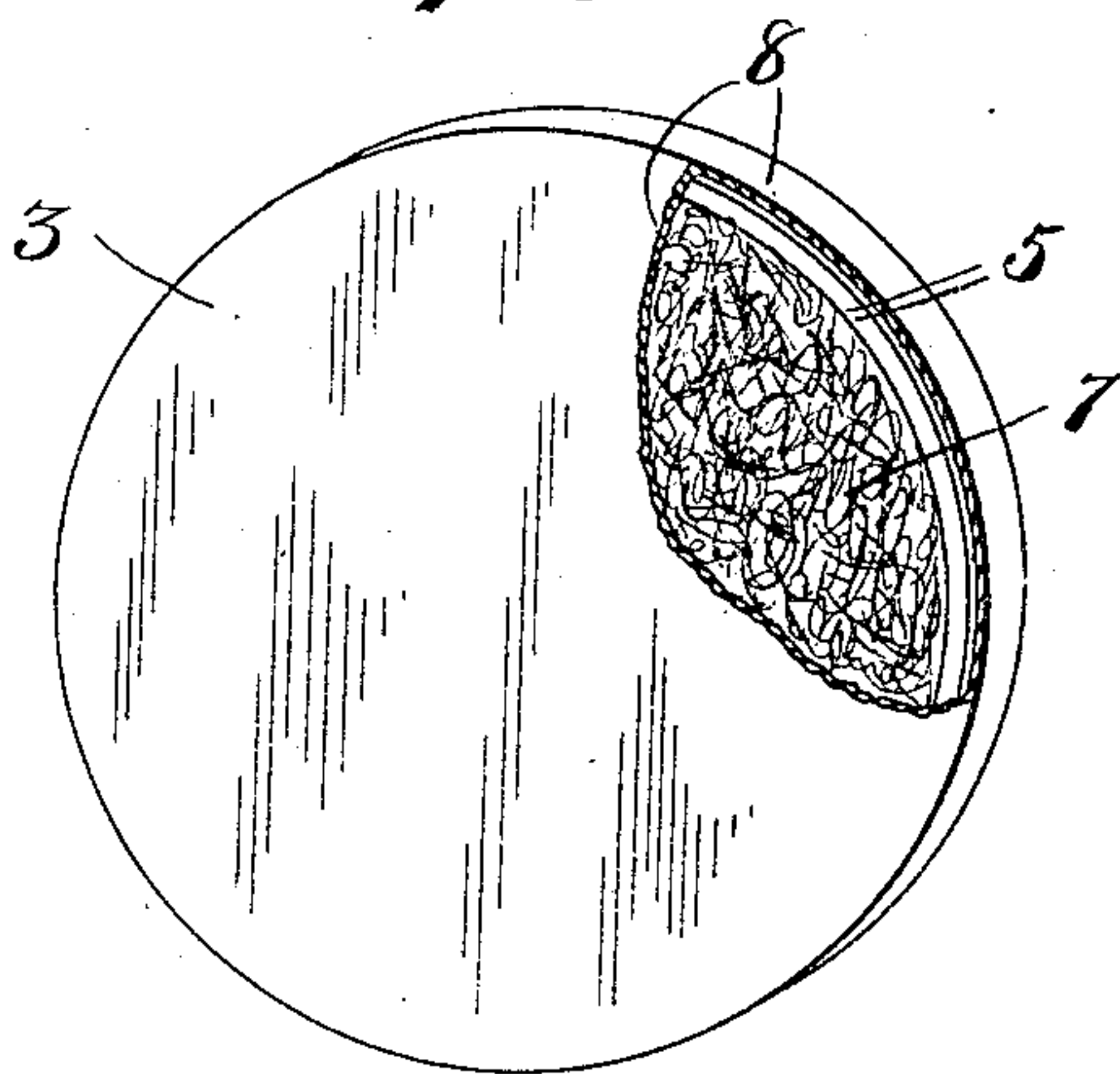


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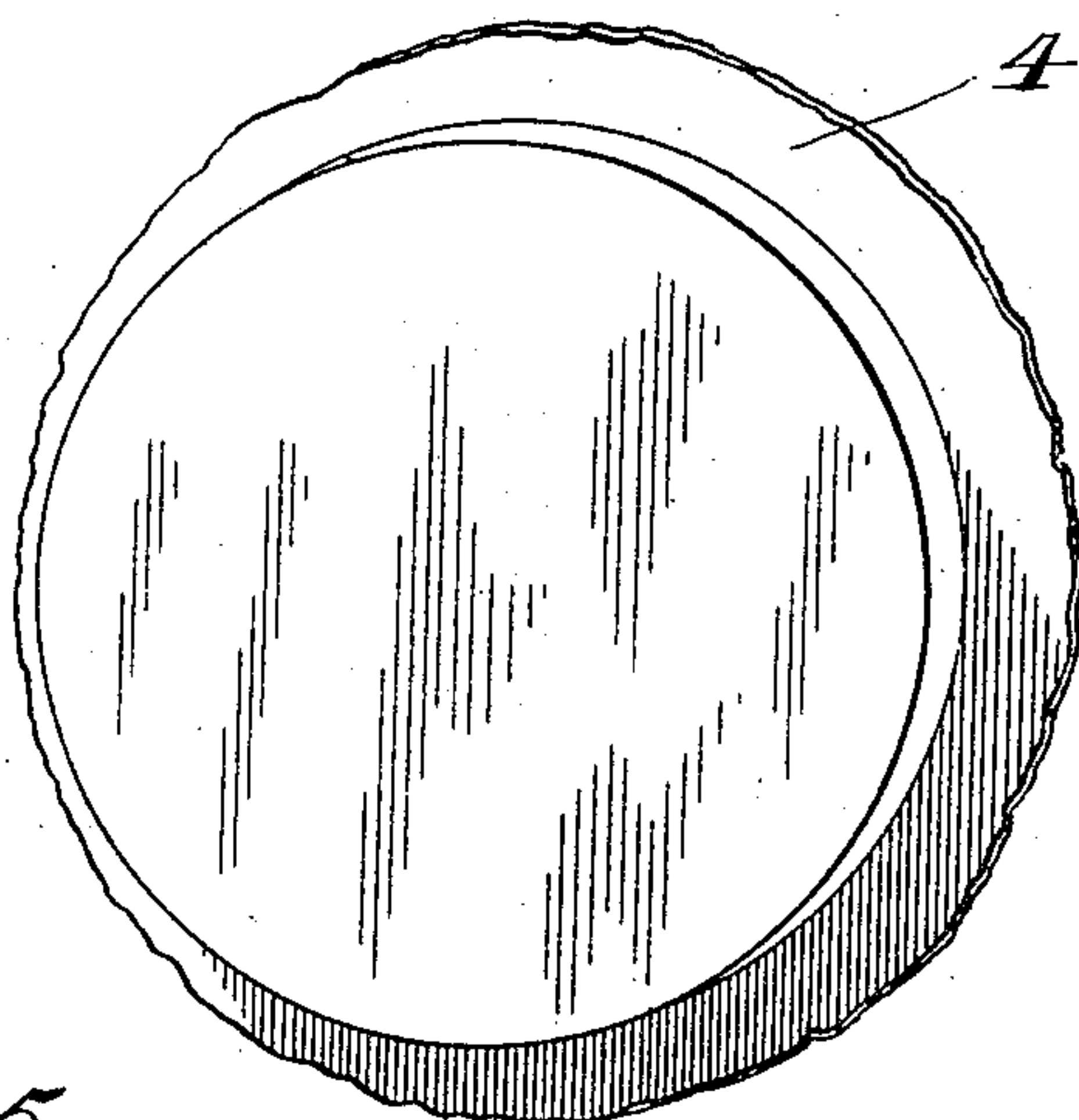
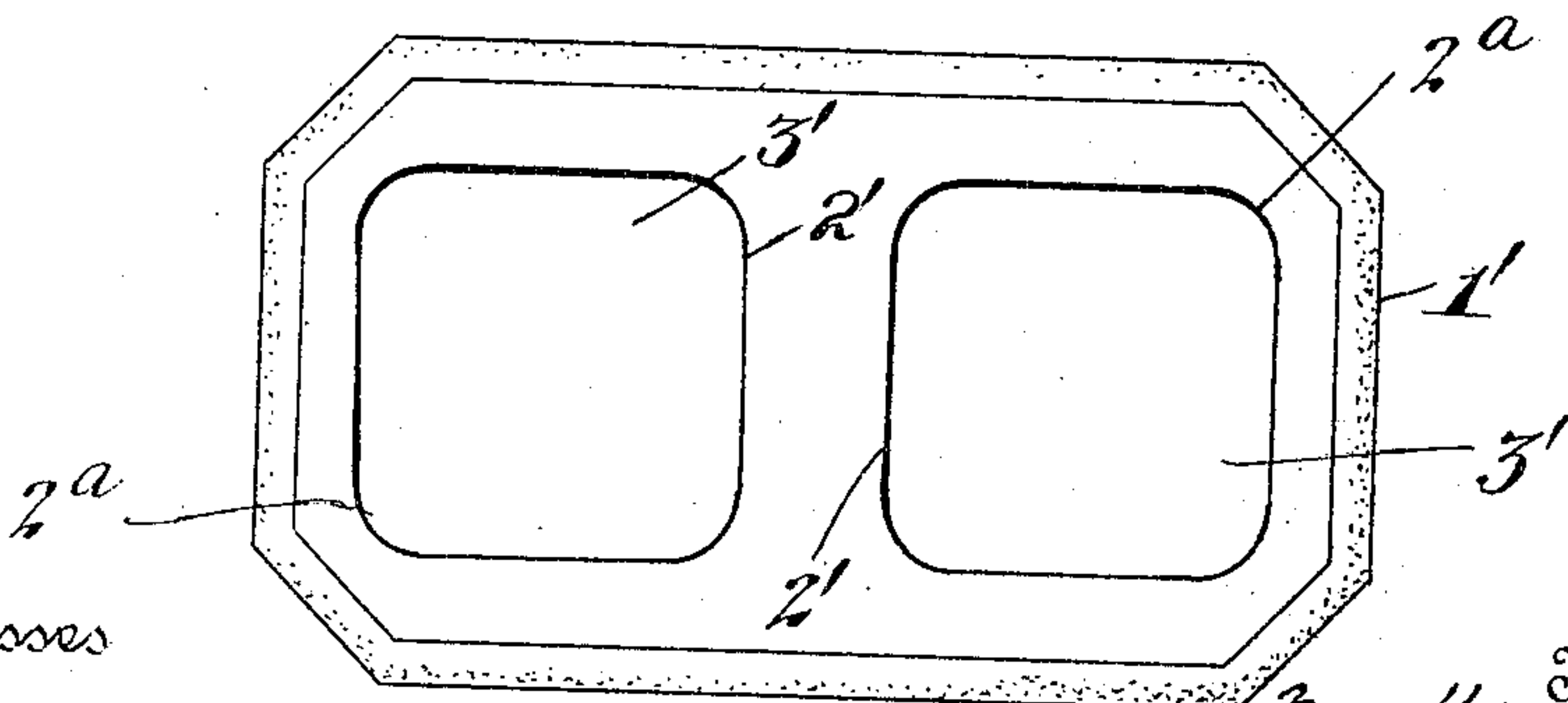


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAX HERZ, a citizen of the United States, residing in the borough of Manhattan, New York city, county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Jewelry-Display Devices, of which the following is such a full, clear, and exact description as will enable any one skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

In the practice of displaying jewelry or precious stones in shops it is highly advantageous to place the articles on a white or light-colored background; but a display-surface of white or light-colored material becomes quickly soiled in handling. Furthermore, it is the custom of many jewelers to use, in conjunction with the boxes or trays or devices in or on which jewelry or precious stones are displayed, some distinctive heavy color—such, for instance, as a deep purple or green—and these colors themselves are not adapted for the surface on which the jewelry is directly placed for display, and, in fact, such heavy colors are not used for this purpose.

In my present invention I seek to provide not only a very serviceable and convenient form of display device for jewelry and precious stones in which the display-surface may be easily changed or renewed; but the same may be used in conjunction with any particular distinctive color which a jeweler may adopt in his trade.

With these and other objects in view my invention consists in the various novel and peculiar arrangements and combinations of the several different parts of the device, all as hereinafter fully described and then pointed out in the claims.

I have illustrated a type of my invention in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a front view of my improved jewelry-pad shown as adjustable. Fig. 2 is a central vertical sectional view of the device shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the removable pad shown as detached from its mounting in the frame with a portion of the fabric or cover which forms a permanent part of the pad being broken away to show the interior construction of the pad. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the detached pad, together with its removable cover, in position to be forced into the opening in the frame. Fig. 5 is a front view of a modified

form of the invention in which a large frame or board is used with several removable pads and openings therefor.

Referring to the drawings, in which like numbers of reference designate like parts throughout, 1 is a frame, which may be made of wood or other suitable material, and this frame may be made in any desired shape. The opening 2 in the frame is circular, and within this circular opening is fitted a circular disk-like pad or cushion 3, which is suitably made to easily receive the pins or points of the pieces of jewelry which may be mounted on the pad. This pad 3 fits the opening in the frame sufficiently loose to permit of a piece of flexible material or fabric 4 being placed over the pad and around its periphery before the same is inserted in the opening in the frame, so that when the pad 3, with its removable cover 4, is inserted in the opening in the frame such cover is drawn taut across the pad and presents a perfectly smooth surface on which to mount and display the jewelry.

In order to hold the removable cover 4 tightly in place when inserted with its pad in the opening of the frame, the edge of the pad 3 is provided with a sufficiently stiff or rigid ring or member 5 to cause the pad to keep its shape and also to serve as an efficient stretching device when the pad with its cover is forced into the opening in the frame.

In the present construction the ring 5 of the pad is made of wood or resilient material, and the pad itself is made up of a bottom piece 6 with a filling 7 of suitable soft material, such as that used in pin-cushions or the like. This bottom piece and the filling are placed within the ring 5, and the whole is covered over by a thin piece of fabric 8, so that it forms a constituent and permanent part of the device. The hoop or ring 5 being formed of wood has a certain resiliency which securely holds the pad and its cover in place in the opening in the frame when once inserted therein, and at the same time permits of being readily pushed out from the opening.

After the pad, with its cover, is inserted in place in the frame a backing 9 may be placed over the back thereof and clamped in the frame by means of the releasable fastening devices 10, and this back is provided with a folding prop 11, by means of which the entire device may be propped up at an angle on the surface of a table or show-case.

The frame 1 may be covered with any suitable material 12, such as plush or leather,

which may be of a deep or heavy distinctive color, adapted by the particular jeweler using the device. The material or fabric 4, which covers the pad when the same is placed in the opening of the frame, may be white or of any desired pale or light color, so as to afford an appropriate surface upon which to display jewelry in order to bring out the desired effect. This removable cover 4, which provides the display-surface, is not liable to be soiled by the hands in handling the device, as the same is grasped by the frame, which is of a deeper color and one that is not easily soiled. Again, when it is desired to renew the surface afforded by the cover of the pad, either to use a different pale color or to substitute a clean one, this may easily be done by removing the back 10 of the frame, then pushing with the fingers upon the stiff ring or hoop 5 of the pad and forcing it backwardly out of the frame, the pad, with its removable cover, being thus dismounted together, as shown in Fig. 4, the pad itself not being shown in this view, as it is covered completely by the removable cover 4.

In Fig. 5 I show a suitable frame or bed 1', in which there are several openings 2', each with its pad and cover 3' removably set therein. In this figure the openings 2 in the frame instead of being circular are formed with four equal and parallel sides with rounded corners 2^a, and the pad likewise, its retaining part or member, the construction of which is shown in connection with Figs. 2 and 3, is made in a corresponding shape. In this connection it will be noted that the pad and the retaining part thereof, likewise the opening 2' in the bed or frame, may be made in any other desired shape—for example, in the shape of an oval, or a polygon, or a star shape. Where a large frame with a number of openings and pads are used, the frame may form practically a fixture—such, for example, as a part of a show-case or display-window—and the pads with their covers may be inserted in and removed from the openings, as previously described. Where a large number and

great variety of articles are to be displayed, the large frame with the several openings and pads may be used, and this will facilitate the handling of the articles, as the pads after having the articles pinned or secured thereon may be removed from the frame without dismounting the articles, and the pads may be stored away for safe keeping for the time being and afterward replaced in the frame for display.

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

1. A display device for jewelry, the same consisting of a suitable frame provided with an opening, a pad or cushion of soft material on which the jewelry may be mounted for display, the said pad being provided on its edge with a comparatively stiff member adapted to fit within the opening in the frame to retain the pad therein, a detached cover for said pad, the pad and cover being adapted to be inserted in and removed from said opening in the frame, the said cover fitting between said pad and opening, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A display device for jewelry, the same consisting of a frame provided with a suitable opening, a pad or cushion of soft material having a closed band or hoop of suitably stiff and yielding material mounted on the edge of said pad and adapted to be sprung into the opening in said frame to retain the pad therein, a detached cover for said pad, the said pad with said cover adapted to be together inserted in and removed from said opening in the frame, the said cover fitting between said pad and opening, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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