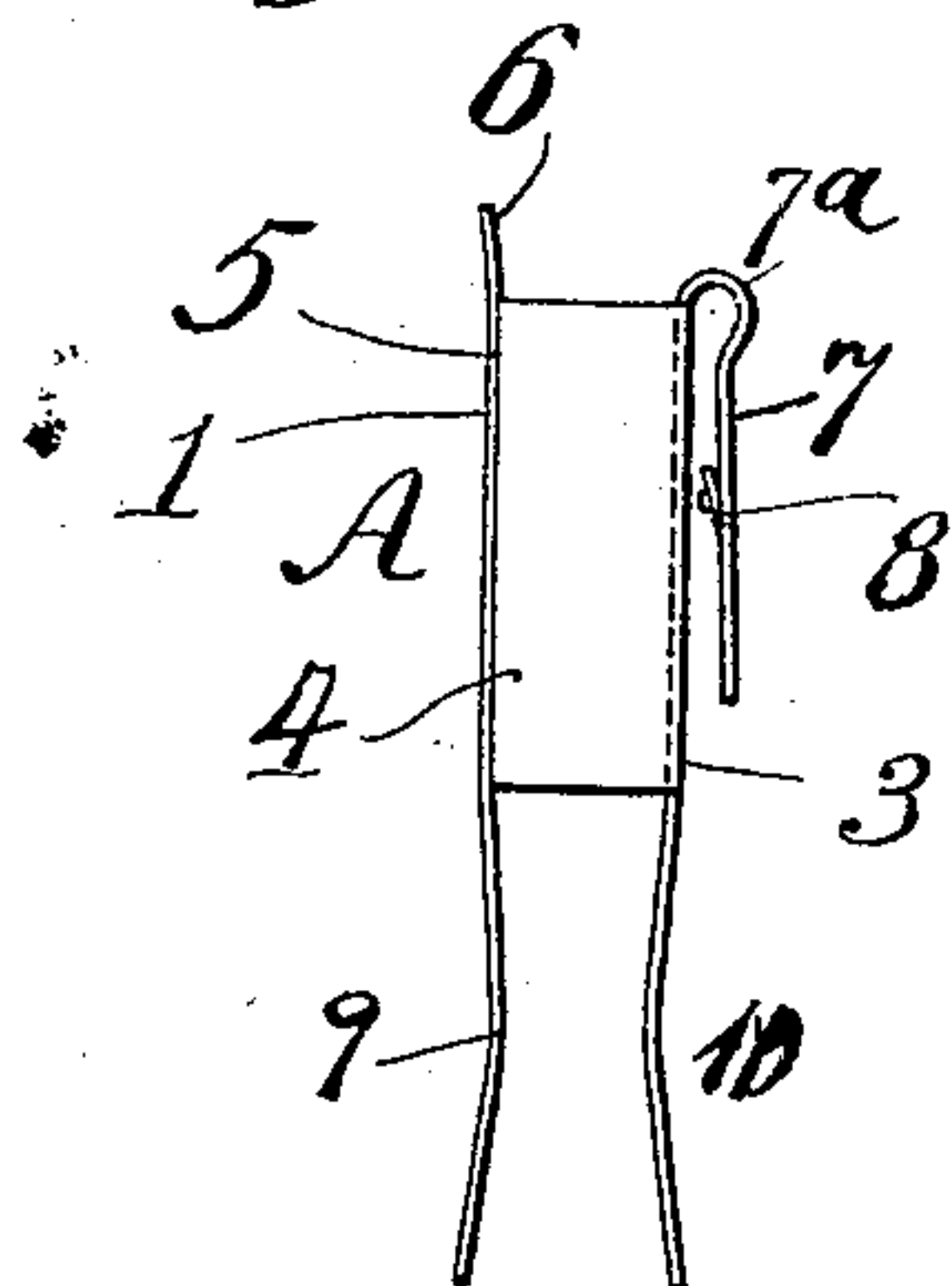


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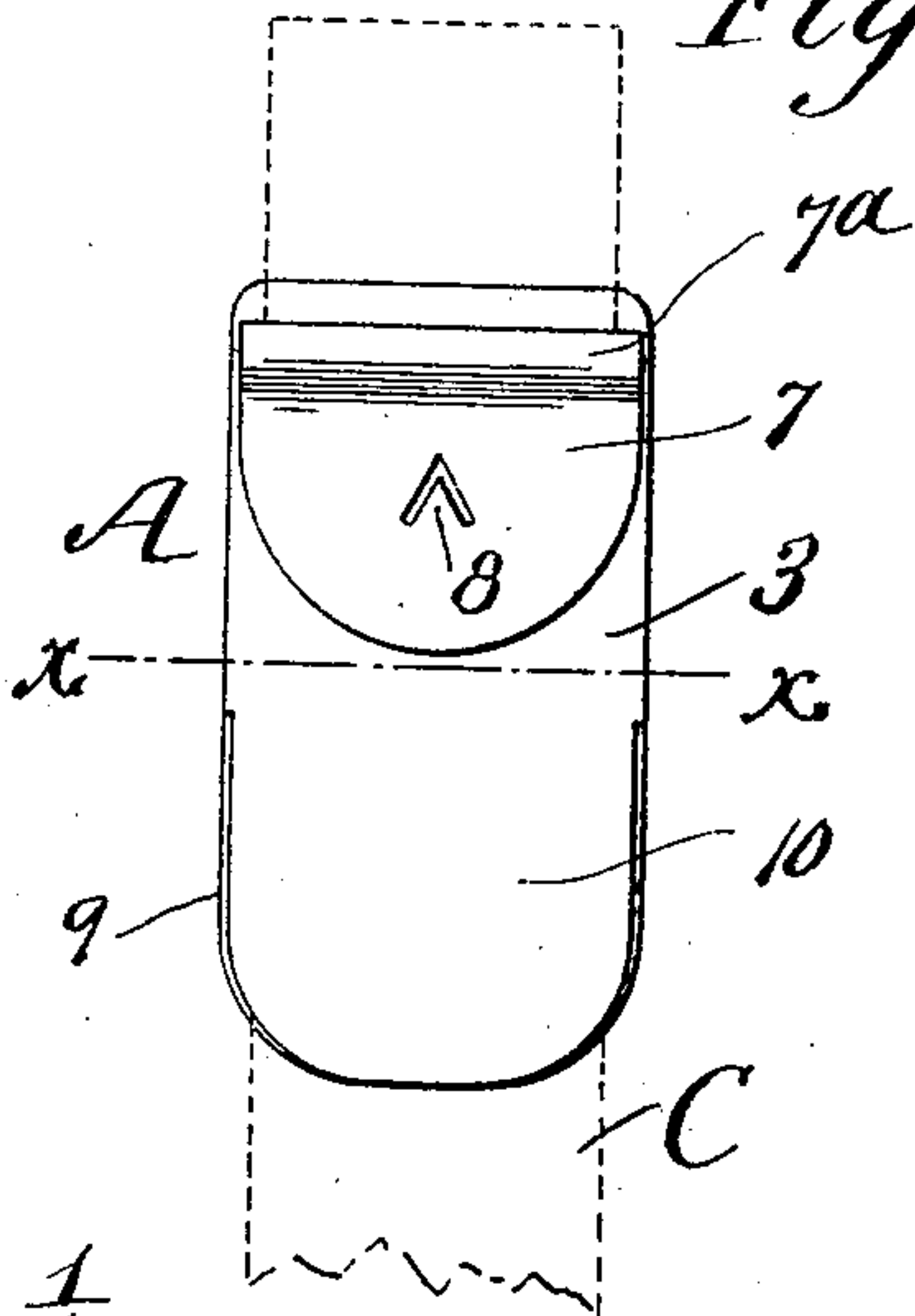
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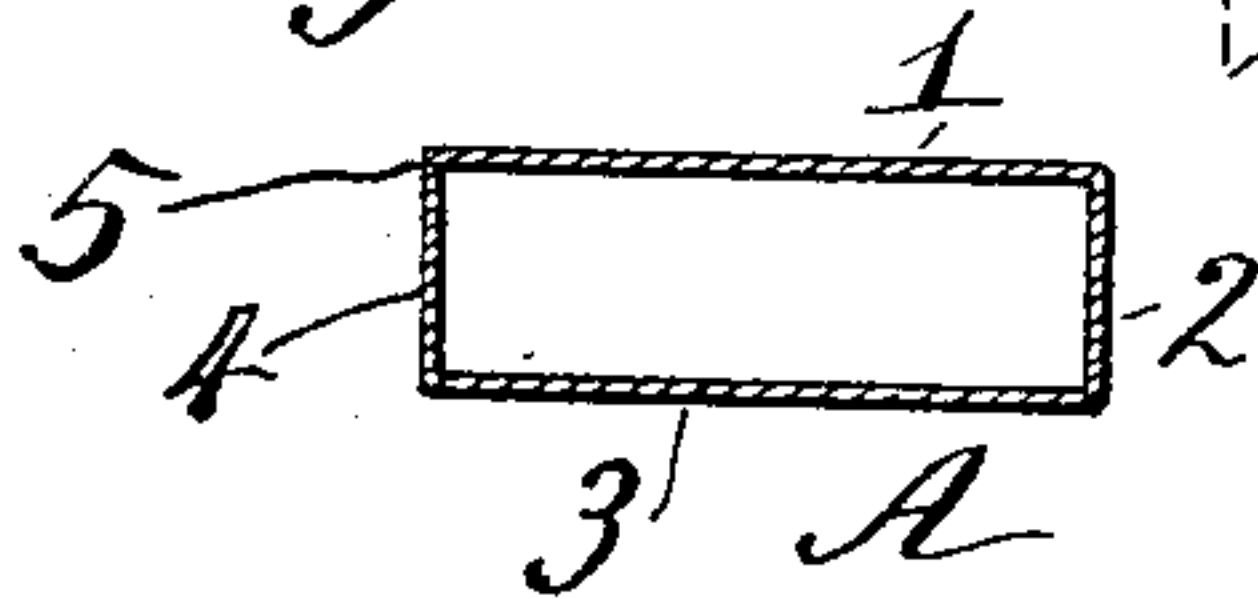
*Fig. 1.*



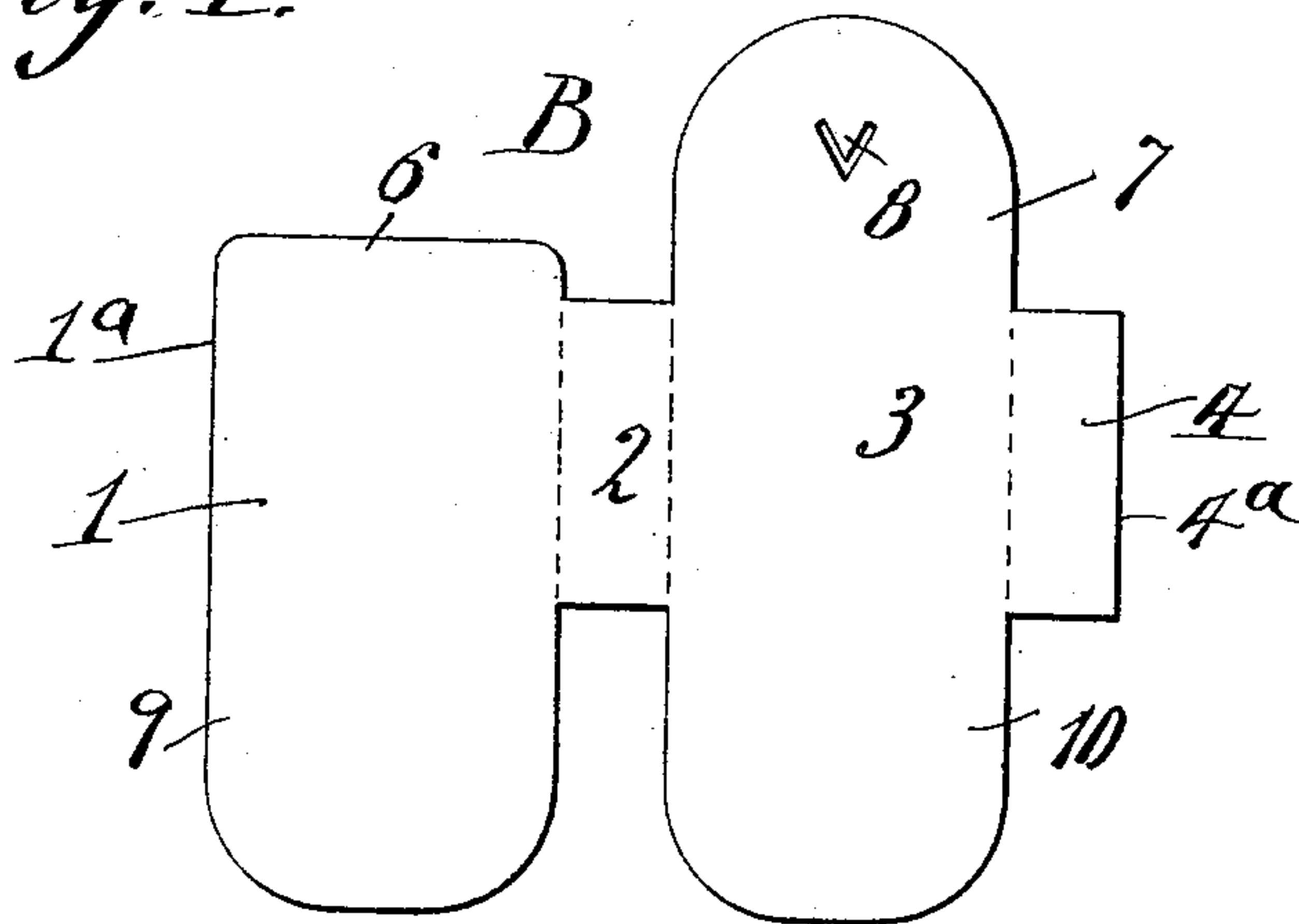
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JACOB THOMAS MOYER, (whose post-office address is Milford Square, Bucks county, Pennsylvania,) a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Milford Square, county of Bucks, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clamps for Rules, of which the following is a specification; reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to clamps for holding and retaining objects of elongated rectangular contour, the special application of the device being the retention of a folded two-foot or other length measuring-rule in such a manner that a carpenter or other artisan may constantly have it in handy position ready for use. The object of the invention is to provide a continuously-operative device of this character which is inexpensive, durable, and simple in construction.

The invention will be hereinafter fully described, and specifically set forth in the annexed claims.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a side view of my improved device; Fig. 2, a rear view thereof; Fig. 3, a sectional plan view taken on the line *xx* of Fig. 2, and Fig. 4 is a plan view of the device in blank before it is formed into shape.

The device embodies a rectangular box A, formed by the parts 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the blank B, which is composed of resilient sheet metal, the free end or edge part 4<sup>a</sup> of the end wall 4 forming a joint 5 at its point of intersection with the end part 1<sup>a</sup> of the front wall 1 of the box, the joint being securely soldered.

Extended upwardly from the front wall 1 is a slightly-curved flange 6, and extended upwardly and then downwardly from the rear wall 3 is a tongue 7, which is provided with an upwardly and inwardly extended spur 8. From the lower end of the front wall 1 is extended an inwardly-bowed jaw 9, and located opposite thereto and extended from the lower end of the rear wall 3 is a similar jaw 10. These are adapted for frictional contact with a rule or other object to be retained by the device. It will be noted that the flange 6, in conjunction with the connect-

ing-loop 7<sup>a</sup> of the tongue 7, forms a mouth or guideway to facilitate introduction of an object into the device from the top, whereby such object may be readily introduced into the box and thence forced between the jaws 9 and 10.

In the operation and use of the invention the device is clamped over the edge of the elongated pocket which artisans generally have in the clothing for carrying a rule, the tongue 7 on the outside, so that the rule may be retained by the device within the pocket to prevent the same from falling out when the artisan stoops over; but the tongue 7 may also be placed back of the upper edge part of any pocket, a loop or a belt forming part of the garments of a wearer, whereby said part is clamped between the tongue 7 and the rear wall 3 of the box, and the device is retained in position and prevented from accidental displacement by means of the spur 8, which presses into the fabric, and withal the device can be readily removed by springing the tongue 7 outwardly. Having placed the device in suitable position, the rule, as C, (shown by dotted lines, Fig. 2, of the drawings,) can be inserted or removed either from the top or bottom, the bowed parts of the sprung jaws 9 and 10 securely clamping it and retaining it in place.

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

1. A clamp for retaining elongated objects, comprising a rectangular box having an outwardly-curved flange extended from the upper end of its front wall, and an inwardly-bowed jaw extended from the lower end of said wall, and a clamping-tongue extended from the upper end of its rear wall, and having an upwardly and inwardly extended spur, and an inwardly-bowed jaw extended from the lower end of said rear wall, all of said parts being formed integral, substantially as shown and described.

2. A clamp comprising a box open at each end and having a curved flange on its front wall and a clamping-tongue extended from its rear wall, said tongue having an inwardly and upwardly extended spur, and oppositely-located inwardly-bowed jaws on the lower end of the said box, substantially as shown and described.

3. In a clamp for retaining elongated ob-



jects and for connection to parts of a garment, the combination with a rectangular box open at each end; of the lower spring clamping-jaws, and the upper spring-tongue  
5 having the upwardly and inwardly extended spur, engaging the said garment, and all of said parts formed by cutting and bending one piece of resilient sheet metal, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 12th day of December, 1904.

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