

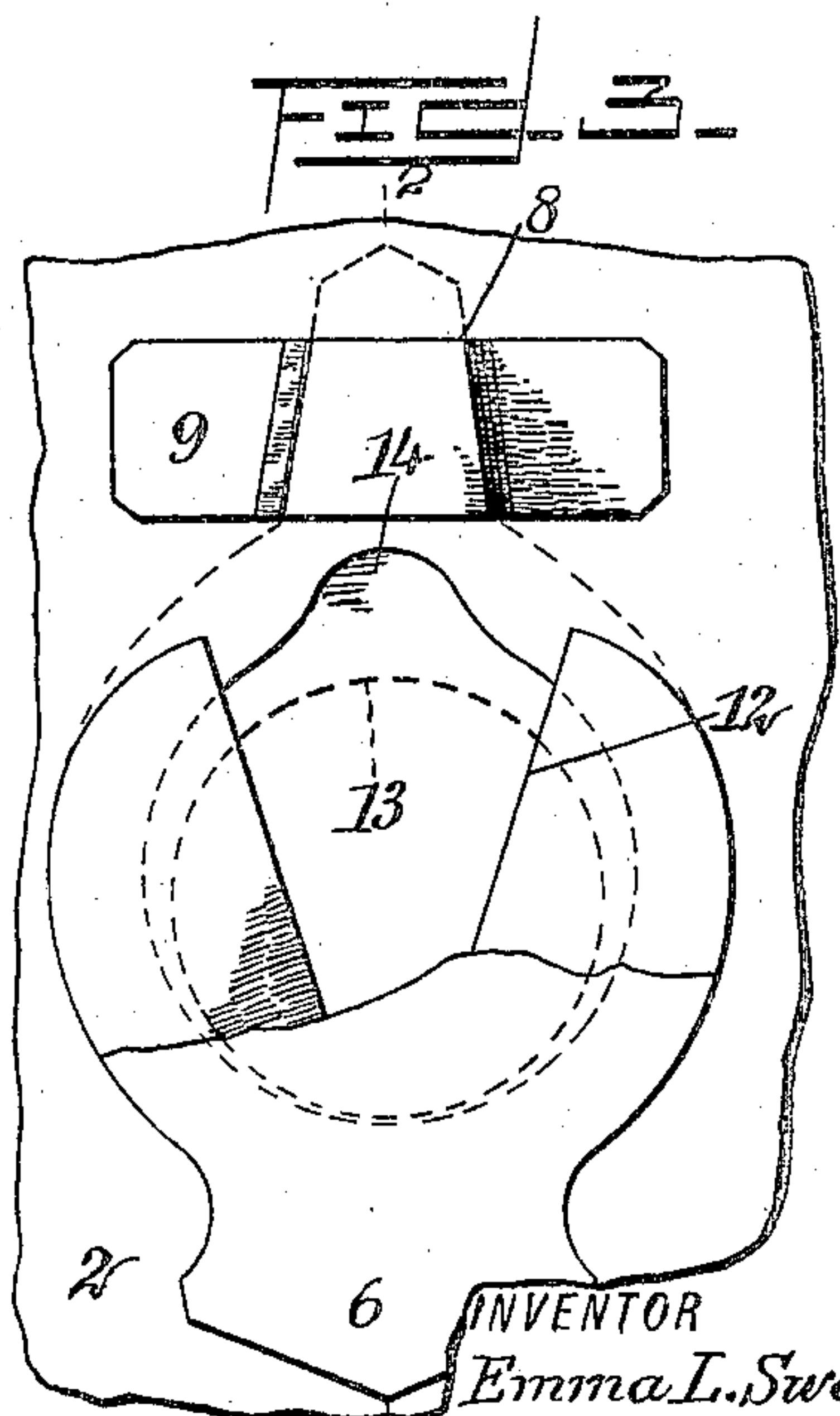
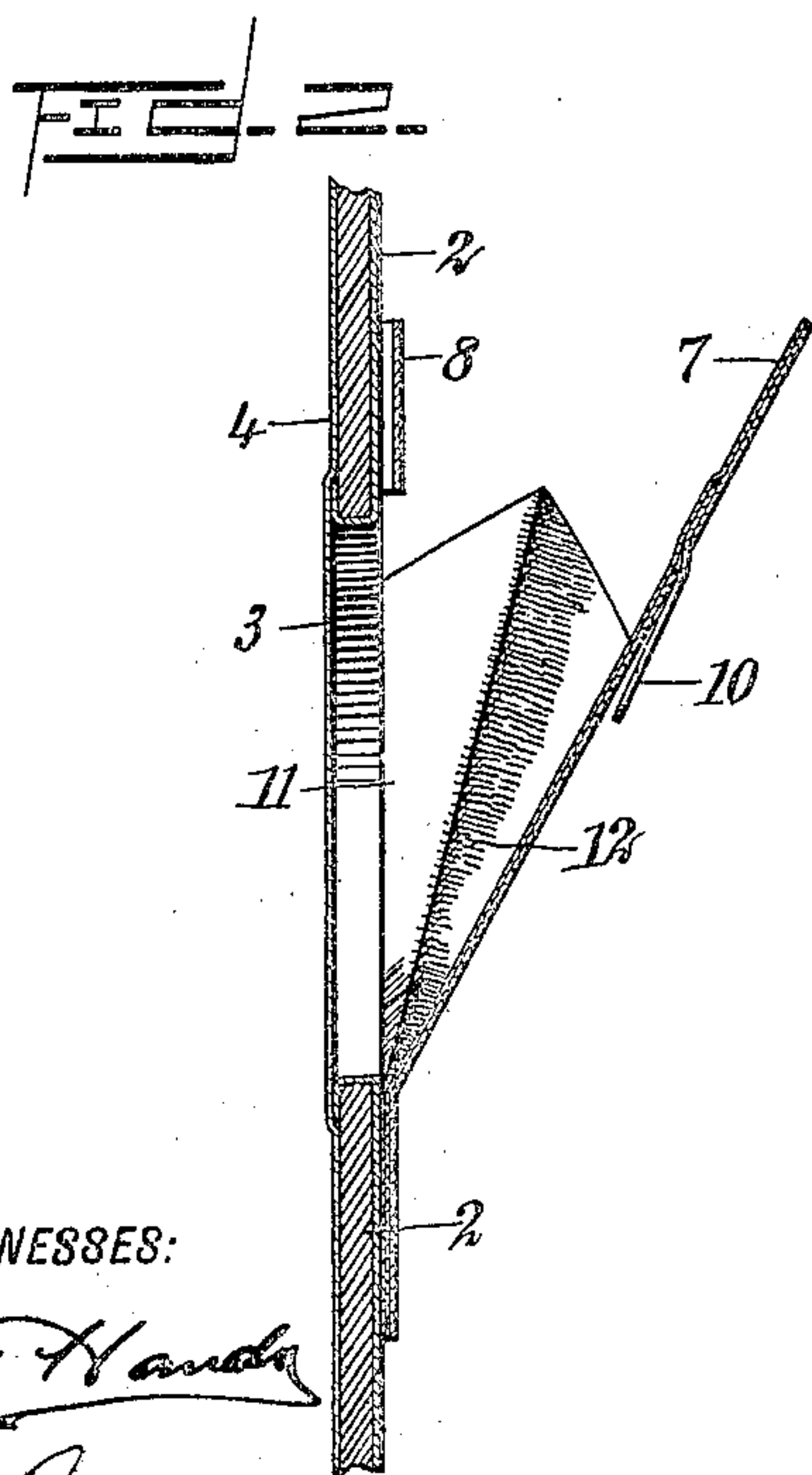
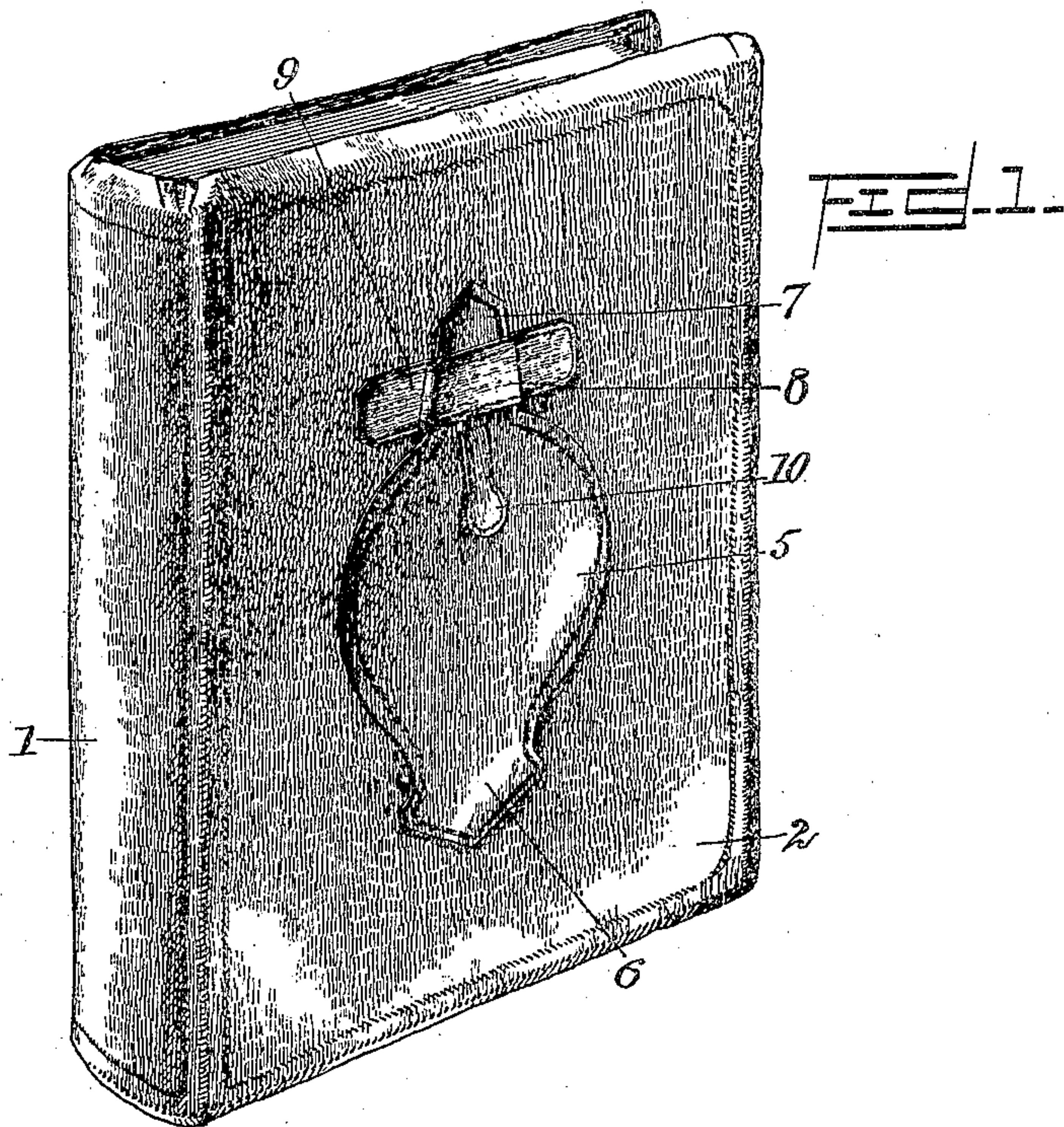
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## BOOK-PURSE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EMMA L. SWEET, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Wallace, in the county of Shoshone and State of Idaho, have invented a new and Improved Book-Purse, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to book-purses, and is especially useful in the construction of hymnals, prayer-books, and religious manuals.

The object of the invention is to produce a book of this class which is provided with convenient means for carrying a coin or several coins for contribution without materially increasing the bulk of the book or detracting from its appearance.

The invention consists in the construction and combination of parts to be more fully described hereinafter and definitely set forth in the claim.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective of a hymnal to which my invention has been applied. Fig. 2 is a vertical section illustrating the manner of forming the purse in the hymnal; and Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the outer portion of the purse and showing contiguous parts of the hymnal. In this view a portion of the cover of the purse is represented as broken away, and the part represented as removed is indicated in dotted outline.

Referring more particularly to the parts, 1 represents the body of a hymnal or prayer-book of any common form. In applying my invention I provide, preferably in the forward side 2 of the cover, an opening 3. The bottom of this opening is formed on the inside of the cover and consists of the leather binding 4 or similar covering of which the cover is made. The opening 3 is preferably of rounded form and constitutes a receptacle or pocket adapted to receive one or more coins. This pocket is normally closed by a folding flap 5, which closes down upon the outer face of the cover, as illustrated most clearly in Fig. 1, the same being attached by sewing, as at 6.

Arrangement is made for holding the flap closed. To this end the side of the flap oppo-

site the point 6 is provided with a projecting tongue 7, which is received nicely in a loop 8, formed in a short strap 9, attached to the outer face of the cover, as indicated. At a point near the tongue 7 a loose ear 10 is attached, which is adapted to be seized by the fingers in order to open the flap outwardly into the position shown in Fig. 2. To the side edges of the flap 5 side pieces 11 are attached, the inner edges of said side pieces being attached to the cover 2 of the book. These side pieces are substantially triangular in form and are adapted to fold upon lines or edges 12, which incline upwardly and outwardly, as indicated in Fig. 3. These side pieces or flaps 11 are free at their upper edges, and hence they allow the flap 5 to be opened sufficiently to enable coins within the pocket to be removed. They operate at the same time to prevent the coins within the pocket from falling out accidentally. In Fig. 3 the coin 13 is represented in dotted outline, and the upper edge of the opening 3 is preferably provided with a recess 14, facilitating the insertion of one's finger in order to touch the upper edge of the coin in removing the same.

The book-purse described has substantially the appearance of an ordinary book, and the presence of the pocket for the coin or coins evidently does not add materially to the bulk of the book. In practice the coin or coins would not be allowed to project above the outer face of the cover, so that the flap 5 would normally lie substantially flat thereupon.

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

A book having a substantially circular pocket formed in the cover thereof, adapted to receive a coin, and a folding flap attached at one edge to said cover, said flap having side pieces attached to said flap and to said cover, said pocket having a recess in the edge thereof opposite the point of attachment of said flap to said cover.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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