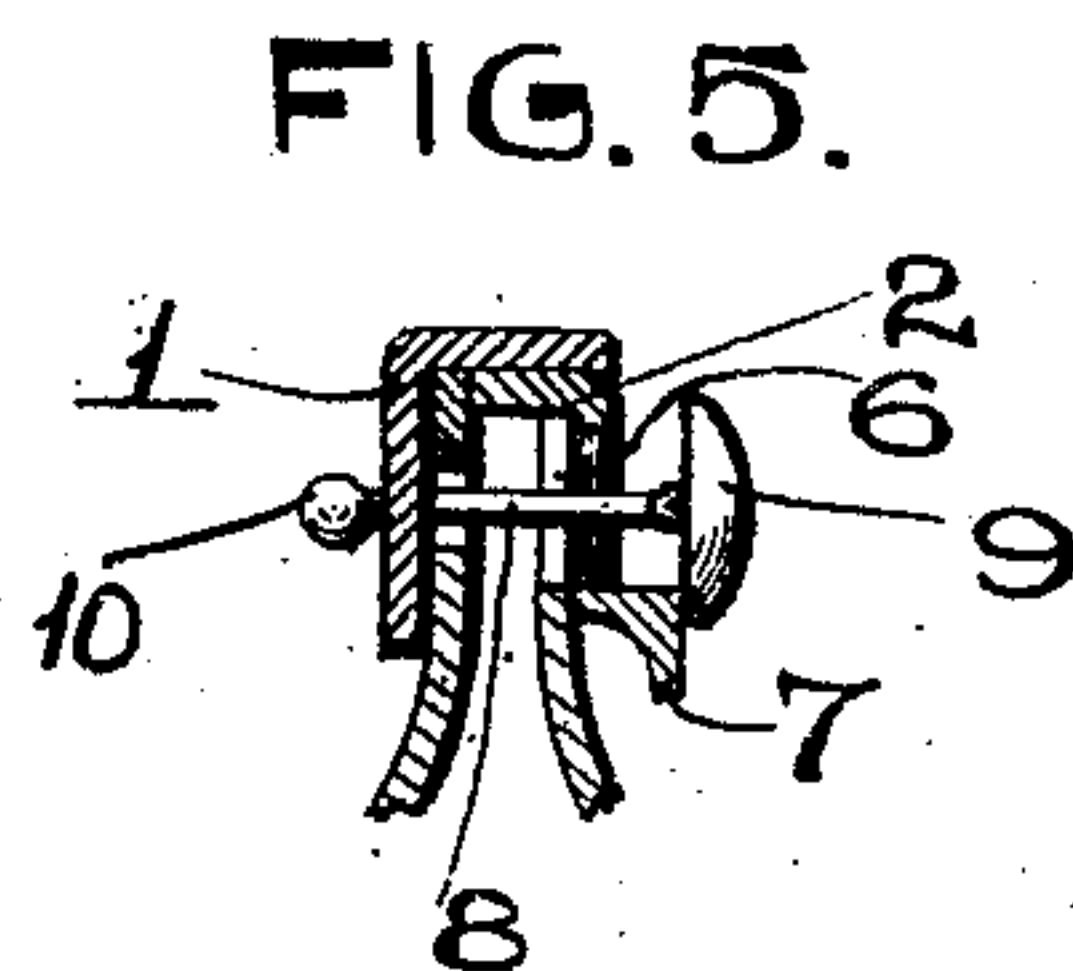
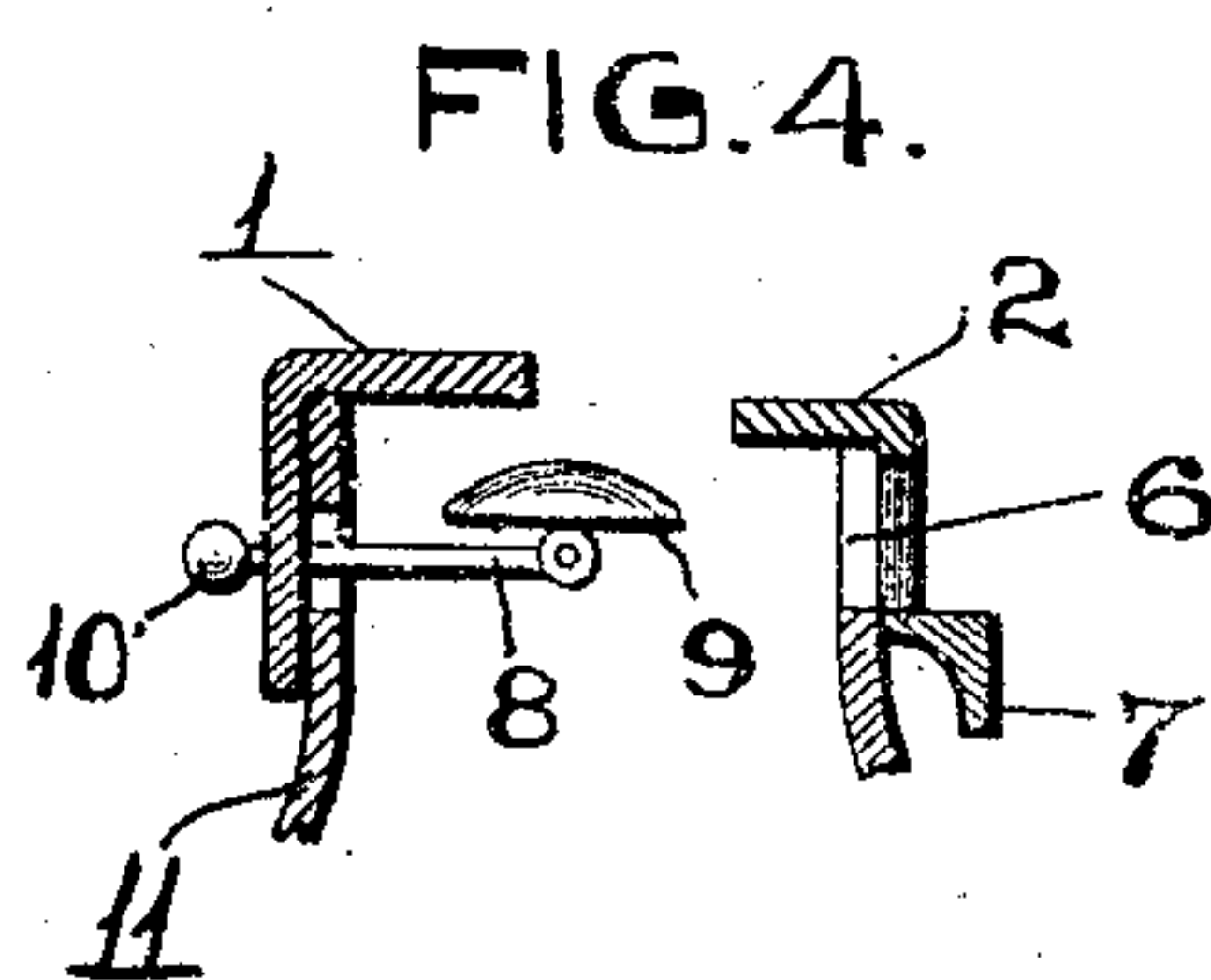
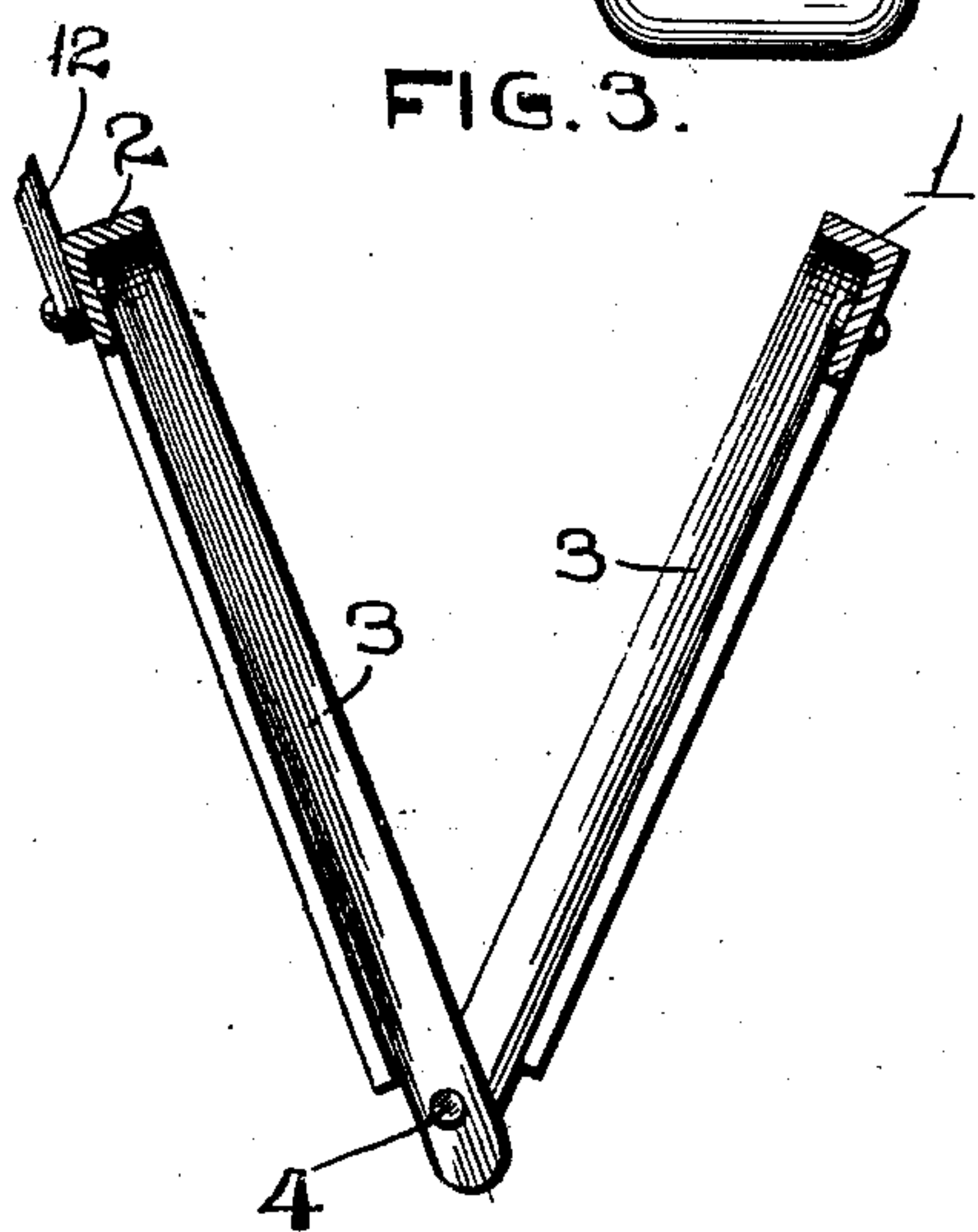
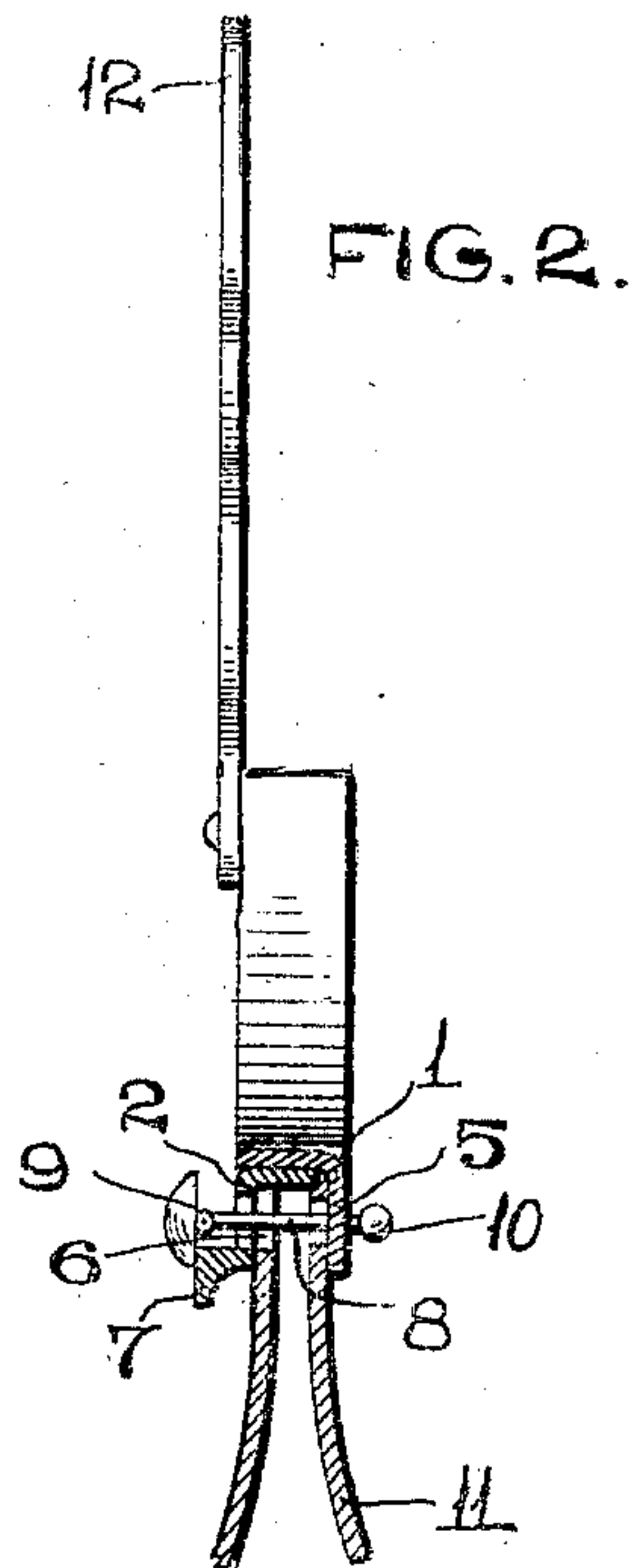
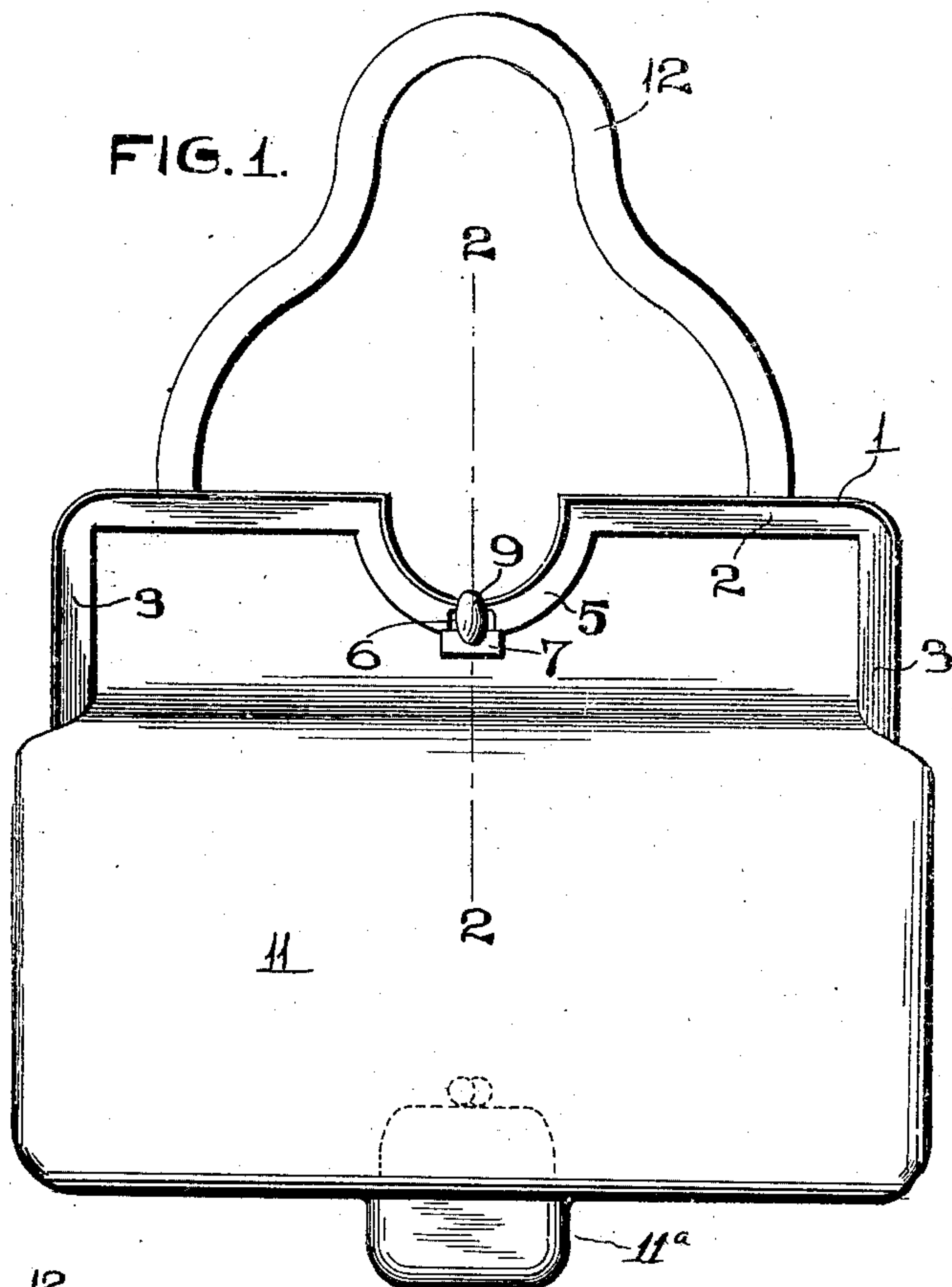


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FANNY F. JACOB, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of St. Louis, Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Safety Bag-Fasteners, of which the following is a specification, containing a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention relates to a safety bag-fastener, and is particularly adapted for the frames of hand-bags, purses, hand-satchels, suit-cases, and the like; and the object of my invention is to so construct the frames of hand-bags and the like and the fastening device therefor as that said fastening device is in a position below the top of the frame where it is not liable to be accidentally struck by the hand or a stationary object and released.

To the above purposes my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and arrangement of parts, which will be hereinafter more fully set forth, pointed out in the claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of a hand-bag provided with my improved safety-fastener. Fig. 2 is an enlarged vertical section taken on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a vertical section taken through the frames of my improved fastener and showing the manner in which said frames are hinged together and the manner of fastening the ends of the bag-handle to one of said frames. Fig. 4 is a detail section showing the fastener in an open position. Fig. 5 is a detail section analogous to Fig. 4 and showing the fastener in a closed position.

Referring by numerals to the accompanying drawings, 1 and 2 designate the frames of my improved bag-fastener, the main body portions of which have their ends 3 bent downwardly at right angles, and the lower ends of these downwardly-bent portions are hinged together by means of rivets 4 or in any suitable manner. These frames are preferably constructed of thin metal and are in cross-section similar to ordinary angle-iron. The frame 2 is constructed a slight degree smaller than is the frame 1 in order that the horizontal flange of said frame 2 will snugly fit within the horizontal flange of the frame 1 when said frames are closed or swung together.

Formed at the center of each frame and

midway between the downwardly-bent ends 3 are the U-shaped bends 5, and formed through the center of the vertical frames of this U-shaped bend on the frame 2 is an aperture 6. Formed integral with this flange immediately below this aperture is an outwardly and downwardly projecting lip 7. Formed on or fixed to the inside face of the vertical flange of the U-shaped portion of the opposite frame 1 is a horizontally-disposed pin 8, on the outer end of which is pivotally mounted a button 9. Formed on or fixed to the outer face of this flange immediately opposite the pin 8 is a small button or knob 10.

The body 11 of the bag, purse, or satchel on which my improved safety-fastener is employed may be constructed of leather, fabric, or any suitable material, and the top edges thereof are securely fastened in any suitable manner to the inside faces of the vertical faces of the flanges 1 and 2. At the bottom and center of the body of the bag or satchel is formed a small auxiliary depending pocket or receptacle 11^a, which is for the purpose of receiving the coin-purse and maintaining it in a secure or fixed position at the bottom of the bag or satchel. A suitable handle 12, provided at its upper end with a small semi-circular loop, is secured at its lower ends to the outer face of the frame 1 by rivets or in any suitable manner.

Where a hand-bag is equipped with my improved fastener, the small loop at the upper end of the handle 12 fits snugly over the wrist of the person carrying the bag, and thus tends to prevent the slipping of the handle downwardly over the person's hand. When my improved bag-fastener is closed, the pin 8 and button 9 carried thereby extend through the aperture 6, and said button 9 is snapped into a vertical position with its lower portion engaging the outer face of the lip 7, and when so positioned the bag will be effectually closed, and as the button 9 is in a plane some distance below the top of the frames of the fastener said button will not be liable to be struck by the hand of the person carrying the bag, so as to accidentally open the fastener. To open my improved fastener, the button 9 is swung into a horizontal position, and then by engaging the button 10 and the lip 7 the frames 1 and 2 may readily be swung apart.

A bag-fastener of my improved construction is simple and inexpensive, is readily adapted for all forms of hand-bags and

purses, and the frames of said fastener are so constructed as that the latching-button is in an out-of-the-way position, where it is not liable to be struck accidentally to allow the fastener to open.

I claim—

1. A safety bag-fastener, comprising a pair of frames hinged together at their ends, there being coinciding U-shaped bends formed in the centers of the frames, a latching-button carried by one of the frames at the lower end of the U-shaped bend therein, and there being an aperture formed through the U-shaped bend of the opposite frame to receive said button; substantially as specified.

2. A safety bag-fastener, comprising a pair of frames, hinged together at their ends, there being coinciding U-shaped bends

formed in the centers of the frames, a latching-button carried by one of the frames at the lower end of the U-shaped bend therein, there being an aperture formed through the U-shaped bend of the opposite frame to receive the button, a button fixed to the outer face of the frame to which the latching-button is fixed, and an engaging lip integral with and projecting outwardly from the frame below the aperture; substantially as specified.

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

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