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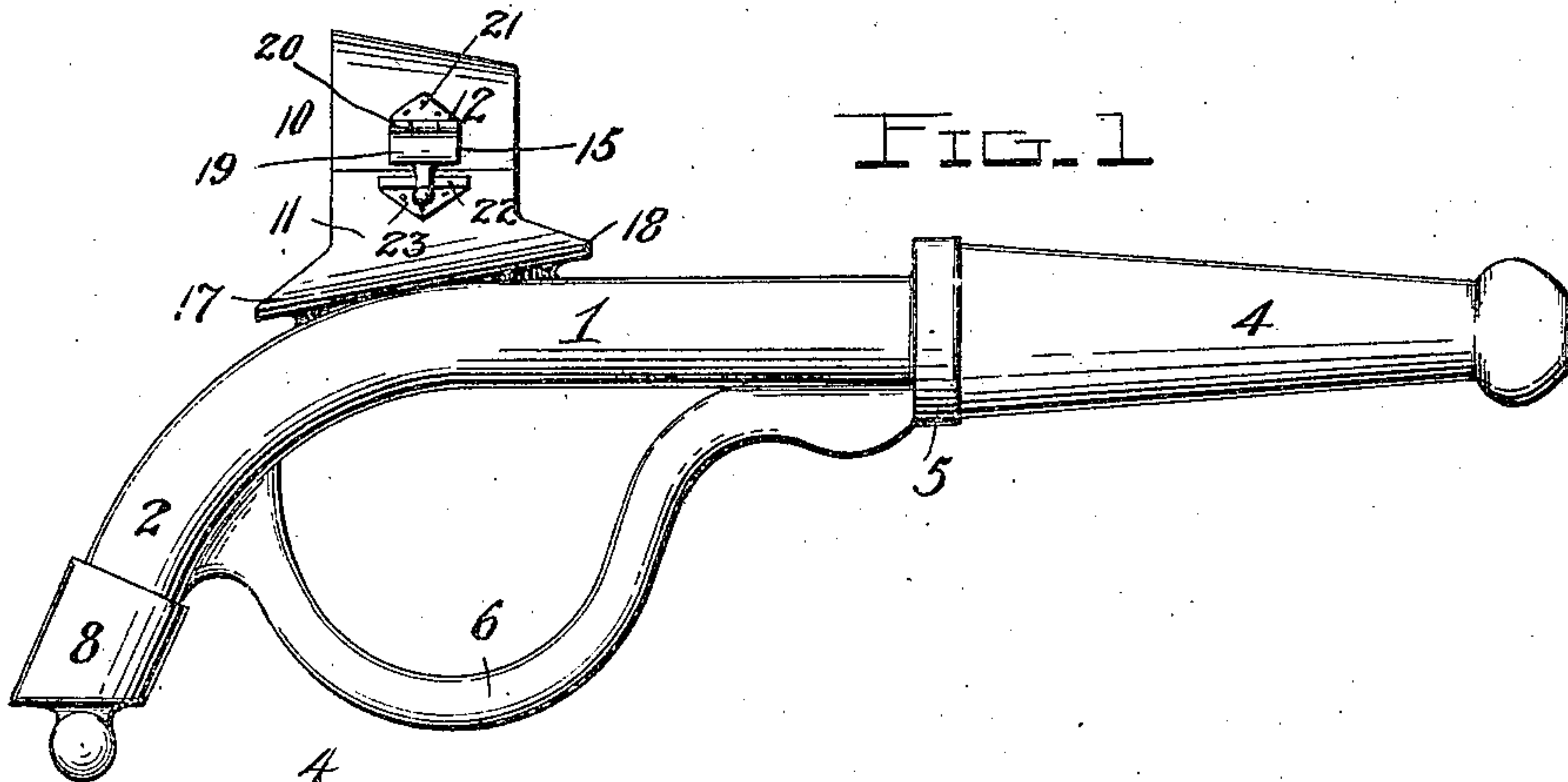


FIG. 1

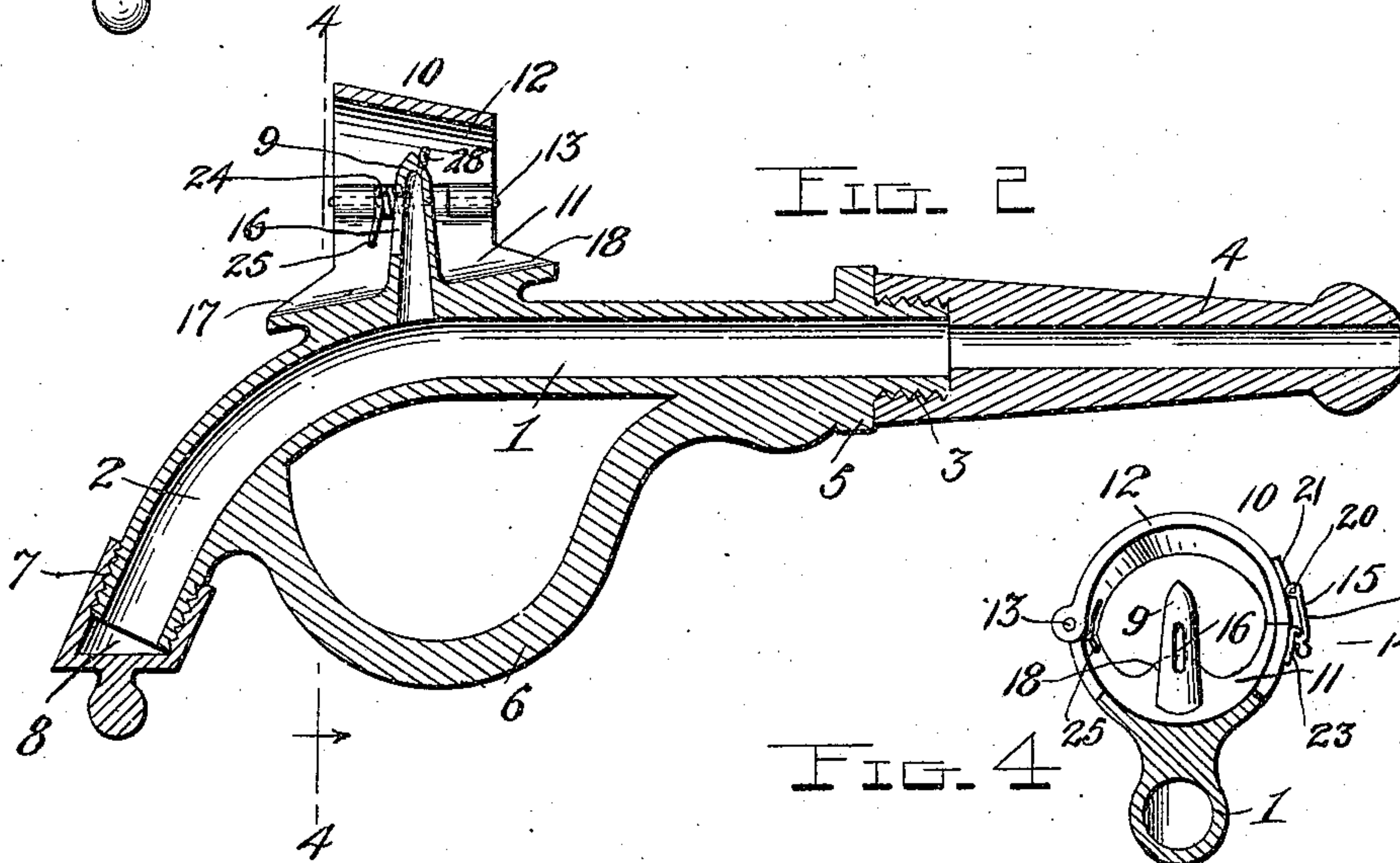


FIG. 2

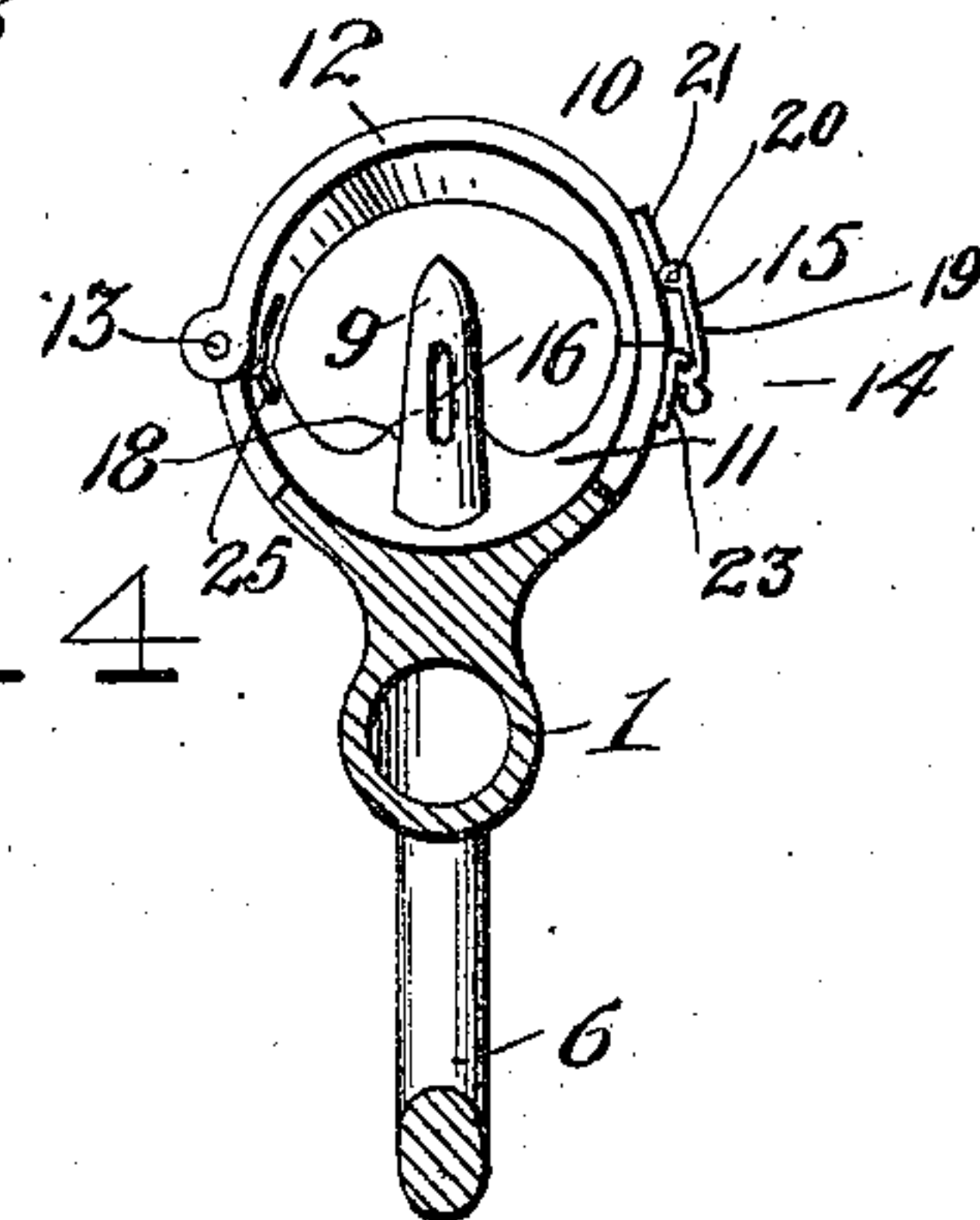


FIG. 4

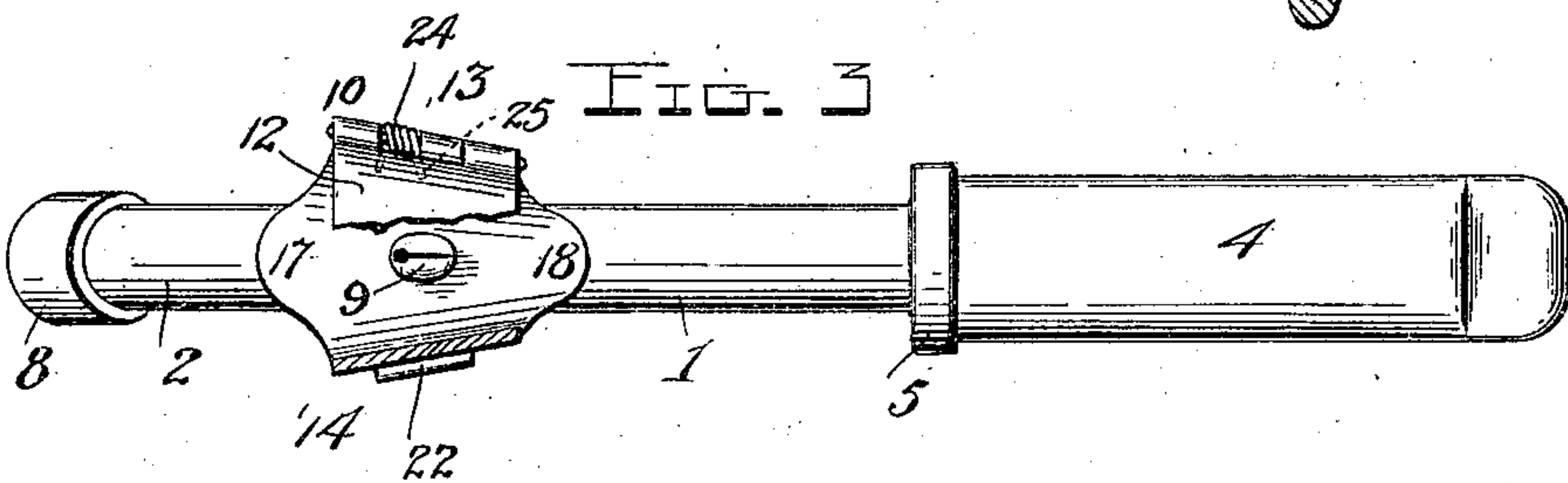


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN KNAFF, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pueblo, in the county of Pueblo and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigar-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

My invention relates to improvements in cigar-holders, and consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

One object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which will securely hold a cigar without danger of breaking its wrapper or otherwise injuring it so that it will not smoke well.

Another object of the invention is to improve and simplify the construction and operation of devices of this character, and thereby render the same strong, more durable, and more effective for the purpose intended.

The above and other objects, which will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, are accomplished by the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved cigar-holder. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the same. Fig. 3 is a top plan view, partly in section; and Fig. 4 is a transverse section taken on the plane of the line 4 4 in Fig. 2.

My improved cigar-holder comprises a drawing-tube 1, the outer end of which is curved downwardly, as at 2, to provide a chamber in which saliva may accumulate, and the inner end of which is externally screw-threaded, as at 3, to receive a mouth-piece 4 of any suitable form and construction. As shown, the mouthpiece is screwed against a shoulder formed by an annular reinforcing rib or flange 5, formed upon the tube 1 adjacent to its threaded end. The tube 1 is further reinforced and strengthened by a curved brace 6, which connects its downwardly-curved outer end and its straight inner end. This brace 6 is arranged upon the bottom of the tube and forms a finger-loop, by means of which the device may be readily held in the hand of the smoker. The rib 5 and brace 6 serve to greatly strengthen the tube 1, especially when made of thin metal or other material that is easily bent or broken. The downwardly-curved outer or forward end of the tube is externally screw-threaded, as at 7,

to receive a screw cap or closure 8. When this cap is removed from the tube, the latter may be easily cleaned, as will be apparent. Projecting upwardly from the top of the central portion of the tube 1 is a hollow pin or spur 9, upon which the cigar is clamped by a sectional band 10, which latter incloses the pin 9 and may be formed upon or secured to the top of the tube 1 in any suitable manner. This surrounding band or clamp 10 is of substantially frusto-conical form—that is, it tapers from its front or outer end to its inner end, so as to conform to the shape of the tapered end of a cigar.

The band is preferably composed of two sections 11 12, hingedly connected together on one side, as shown at 13, and having their free or overlapping ends 14 locked by a suitable fastening device 15. Upon the pintle or pivot-rod of the hinge 13, I preferably provide a coil-spring 24, which has its ends engaged with the inner faces of the two sections of the clasp, so that when the latch or fastening 15 is released the upper section 12 will be thrown open to release the cigar. The latch 15 consists of a hook or latch-plate 19, hinged at its upper end at 20 to a plate 21, secured upon the upper section 12. The outer or free end of the hook 19 is formed with a finger-piece and is adapted to engage a ledge or rib 22, formed on a plate 23, which is secured to the lower section 11, as clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 4. By making the band in two sections it will be seen that the upper one may be swung open to permit the cigar to be forced upon the draft-pin 9. This pin has a tapered upper end and a vertical slot or opening 16 arranged in its front side, as clearly shown in Fig. 2. The band or clamp 10 is considerably wider or broader than the pin 8, which is arranged in its center, so that the cigar will be securely grasped and held upon the pin. To further increase the grasp of the band upon the cigar, the lower section 11 of the band is formed at its front and rear edges with extended portions or lips 17 18. This construction provides a comparatively long support for the cigar, which support is so shaped as to snugly fit the outer surface of the same. By making the clamping-band cone-shaped to fit the tapered end of the cigar there will be no danger of breaking or injuring the delicate wrapper, even though it may be dry, and should the wrapper split or become cracked at the point where the pin 9 enters the cigar the width of the band, to-



gether with the extended portions or lips 17  
18, will surround this broken or cracked por-  
tion of the wrapper and close it. Thus the  
draft through the cigar cannot be impaired  
5 even though the wrapper is broken.

From the foregoing description, taken in  
connection with the accompanying drawings,  
it is thought that the construction, use, and  
advantages of the invention will be readily  
10 understood without a more extended expla-  
nation.

Having thus described my invention, what  
I claim as new, and desire to secure by Let-  
ters Patent of the United States, is—

15 1. A cigar-holder comprising a drawing-  
tube having its outer end curved down-  
wardly to provide a saliva-receptacle, a brace  
arranged upon the bottom of said tube and  
connecting its curved outer end and its  
20 straight inner end, said brace being curved to  
provide a finger-loop, an annular reinforcing-  
flange formed upon said tube adjacent to its  
inner end, a mouthpiece secured upon the  
threaded inner end of said tube and engaged  
25 with said flange, a screw-cap engaged with  
threads upon the outer curved end of said  
tube, a hollow pin projecting vertically from  
the top of said tube and formed with a slot, a  
sectional, cigar-clamping band having upper  
30 and lower sections hingedly connected upon  
one side and adapted to be locked together  
upon their other side, the lower section of  
said band having said pin projecting from its

center and being formed at its front and rear  
edges with extended portions or lips, said 35  
band being of greater width than said pin  
and of frusto-conical form to fit the pointed  
end of a cigar, substantially as shown and  
described.

2. A cigar-holder comprising a drawing- 40  
tube, a cigar-clamping band arranged upon  
said tube and consisting of a stationary sec-  
tion and a swinging section, said sections be-  
ing formed at one end with alined pintle-re-  
ceiving ears, a pintle extending through said 45  
ears, a coil-spring surrounding said pintle  
and having its ends bearing against the inner  
faces of said sections for swinging the upper  
section to its open position, a keeper projec-  
tion upon the free end of the stationary sec- 50  
tion of the band, a pivotally-mounted hook-  
shaped latch upon the free end of the swing-  
ing section of the band and adapted to en-  
gage said keeper projection, and a hollow  
apertured pin projecting upwardly from the 55  
central portion of the stationary section of  
the clamping-band and in communication  
with said drawing-tube, substantially as  
shown and described.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my 60  
signature in presence of two witnesses.

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