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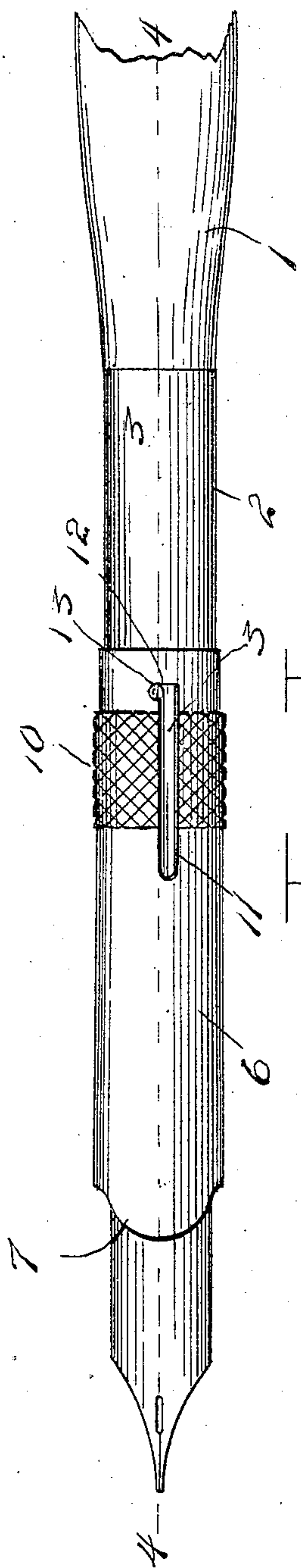


FIG. 1

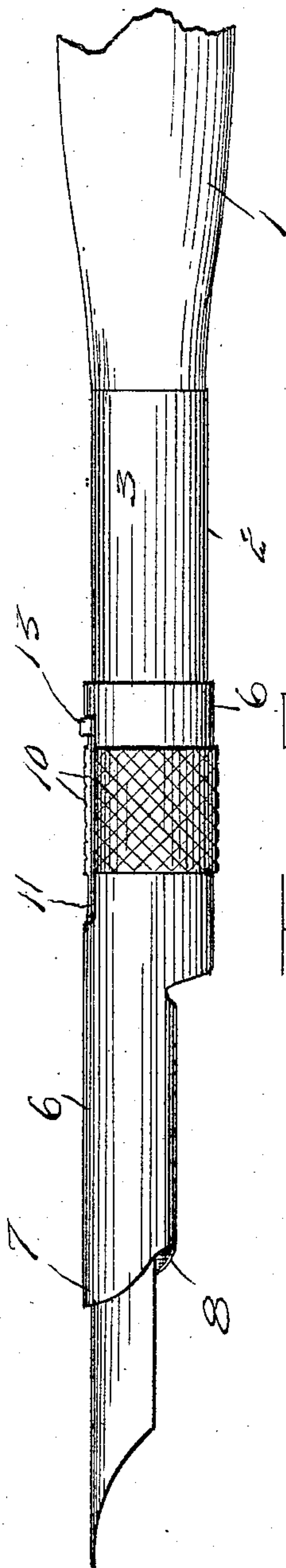


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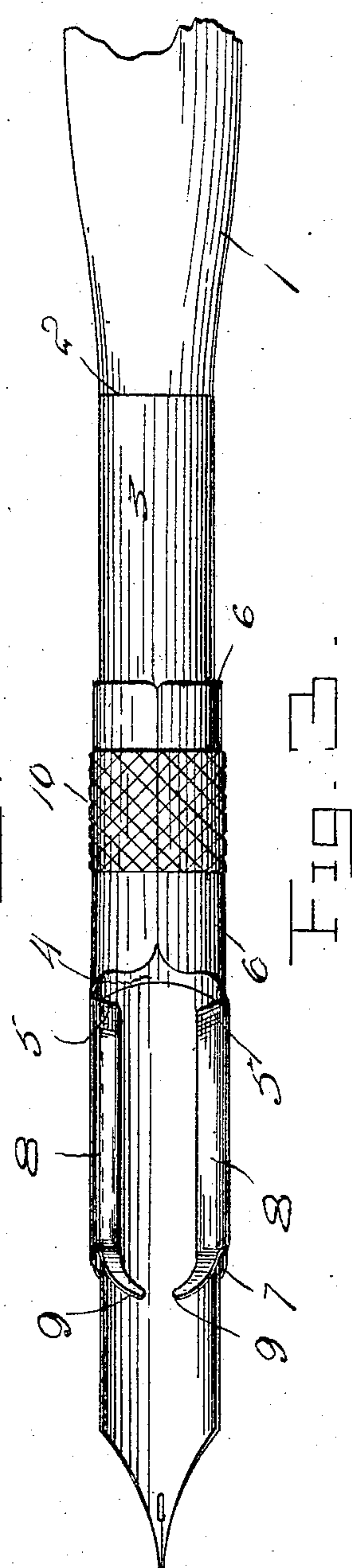


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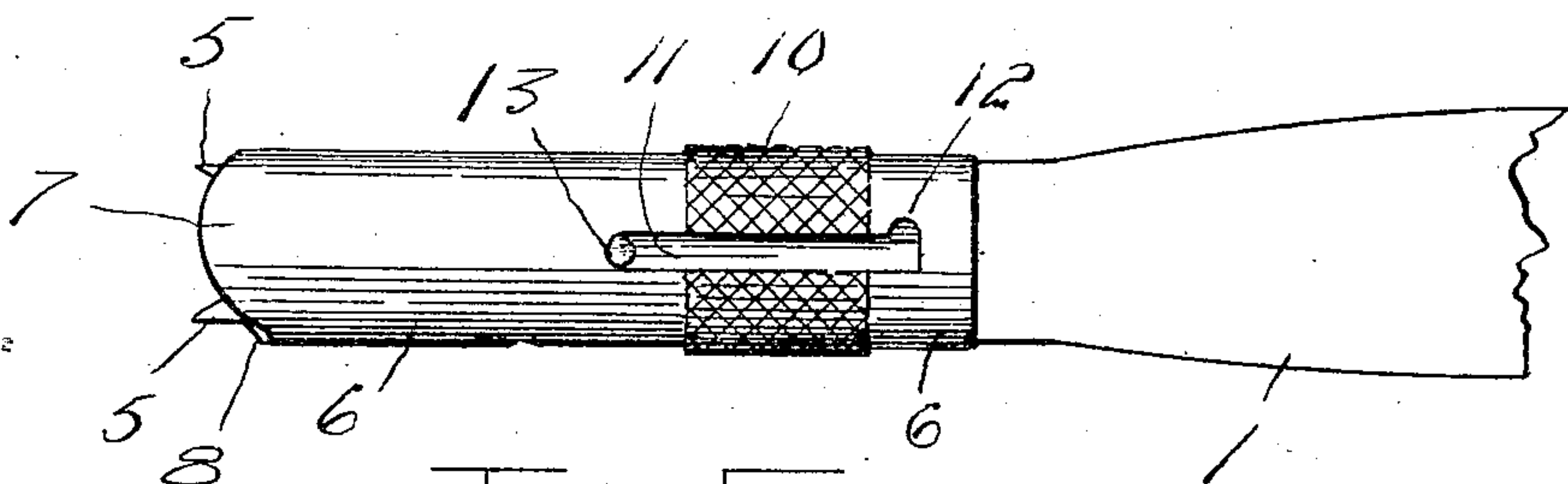
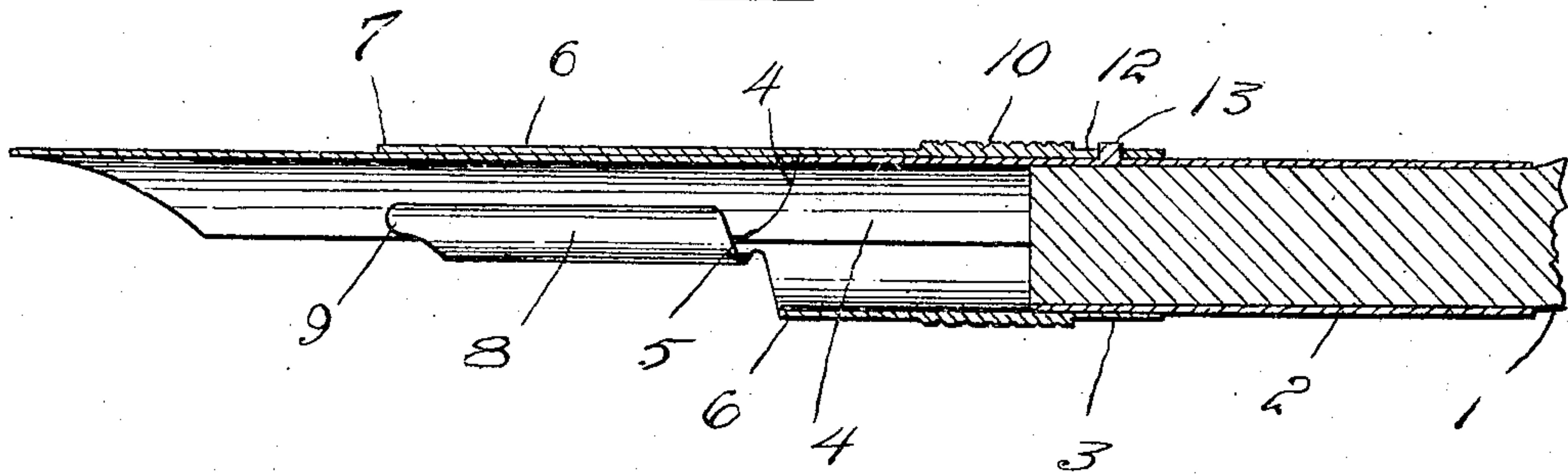


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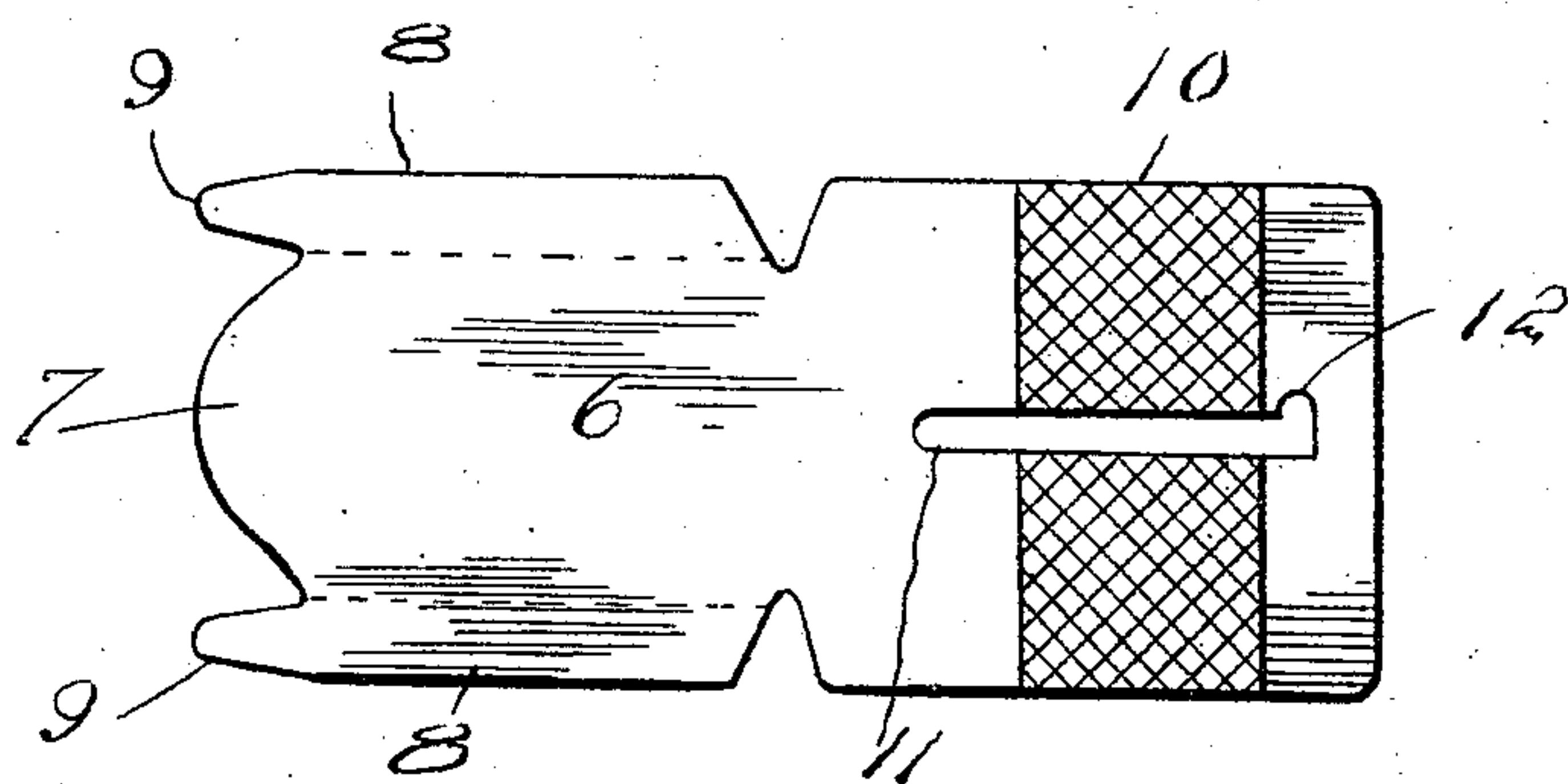


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LOUIS G. McCONKEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Goodhope, in the county of Harrison, State of West Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Penholders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention has relation to penholders generally, and especially to the kind that are designed to eject the pen without soiling the fingers of the user.

It is the object of the invention to provide improvements in the type of penholders to which this invention belongs that will render them entirely practicable and serviceable, and to enhance their utility in such a manner as to make them desirable whether all of their points of novelty are availed of or not.

The nature of the invention consists of a penholder, as a new article of manufacture, having novel means for holding the pen-point shank, novel means for ejecting the pen-point without soiling the fingers, a novel thumb-and-finger hold; and novel means for locking the pen-point holder against accidental movement to eject the pen-point, all of which features are efficient and desirable, and taken with their arrangement or manner of combination make up an inexpensive penholder and at the same time an article of that kind that possesses quite all of the needful and desirable qualities that might be called for to make it perfect.

The invention will be fully and clearly set forth in the following specification, in view of the annexed drawings, forming a part thereof, of which drawings,

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the penholder. Fig. 2 is a side elevation. Fig. 3 is a bottom plan view. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal section. Fig. 5 is a top plan of the parts in their ejecting positions. Fig. 6 is a plan view of the main blank.

Similar figures of reference designate similar parts or features, as the case may be, wherever they occur.

In the drawings, 1 designates the pen-handle which is herein shown as made of wood, though it may be composed of gutta percha or any other suitable material. 2 designates a ferrule, the rear part being made as a metal tube 3 fitting on the forward end

of the pen-handle and the front part 4 having the under side cut away so as to be of half-round form in cross section. The forward end of the half-tubular part 4 has a half-round piece removed therefrom so as to form horns or prongs 5 on each side thereof.

The outer and principal part 6 of the pen-shank holder and handle is constructed as a sheet-metal tube, the forward part 7 of which is slitted on the under side and substantially a fifth part 8 of the tube on each side of the slit is folded inward against the adjacent portion, while the forward ends of said folded parts 8 are semi-rounded at their ends and are bent angularly inward toward each other, constituting what, for the purposes of this specification, I term "wings." The forward end of the unslitted semi-tubular portion of the outer part 6 is rounded outward, as indicated by 9.

The rearward or upper portion of the part 6 retains its tubular form and is arranged over or around the ferrule 2 so that the latter may be moved up and down in the tube 6 making its horned lower end act upon the rear of the pen-shank and eject the pen-point when the ferrule is moved forward or downward. The part 6 is, furthermore, provided with a band 10, milled or roughened on its outer surface to form an effective thumb-and-finger hold, and a slit 11 is made to extend in the part 6 longitudinally of the same, cutting the band 10 and portions of the metal on each side thereof, and having a notch 12 formed in one side at the upper end of the slit. A pin or lug 13 in the ferrule part extends into the said slit 11, so as to limit the extent of movement of the ferrule in the outer tube 6, and the pin 13 is at the upper end of the slit, by giving the pen-handle 1 a turn in the right direction the ferrule will be turned so as to make the pin or lug 13 engage the lateral notch 12 and so effect a "bayonet" lock of the outer tube 6 against movement on the ferrule 3 and its connections, whereby the pen-point would be unintentionally ejected.

The inward-turned parts 8 engage the pen-shank at its sides between them and the outer semi-cylindrical part and hold the pen securely in place. The wings on the ends of the folded-in parts guide the shank of the pen to proper place when a new pen-point is inserted, so that this work is easily done and performed without bringing the fingers into contact with any inked part or parts.

When the ferrule is unlocked and pushed



downward or forward in the part 6, the horns or prongs 5 on the end of the reduced part of the said ferrule engage the rear end of the pen-shank and push out or eject the pen-point.

5 The means for holding the pen-shank and for guiding it into place when a new pen-point is inserted are entirely efficient, and the thumb-and-finger hold is serviceable in the highest degree, avoiding as it does all nerv-  
10 ousness and uneasiness experienced in using a smooth penholder for any considerable length of time.

The entire device may be made at a minimum cost when low-priced metal is used on a  
15 wooden handle, and at the same time be as serviceable as one made of the most expensive material. In both cases the penholder will be substantially perfect as such.

It is obvious that changes may be made in  
20 the form and arrangement of parts without departing from the nature or spirit of the invention.

It is also to be noted that the pen-ejecting means may be left unused, and still a most  
25 desirable improved penholder will be left.

I claim:—

A penholder comprising a handle; a ferrule

fixed upon the handle and provided with a forward extension at its front end and with an upstanding pin at its rear end; and a  
30 sleeve slidably mounted upon the ferrule and having its lower face slitted at its forward end, the edges of the slit being folded inwardly against the adjacent portion of the  
35 sleeve and provided with forwardly extending ways bent angularly toward each other, to receive and hold a pen point independently of the ferrule, said sleeve being further provided with a bayonet slot formed in its upper  
40 face toward the rear end thereof and adapted to receive said pin to hold said sleeve in its forward position upon the ferrule, the extension of the ferrule being positioned to contact  
45 with and eject the pen point from the sleeve when the pin is released from engagement in said bayonet slot and the sleeve is moved rearwardly upon the ferrule.

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

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