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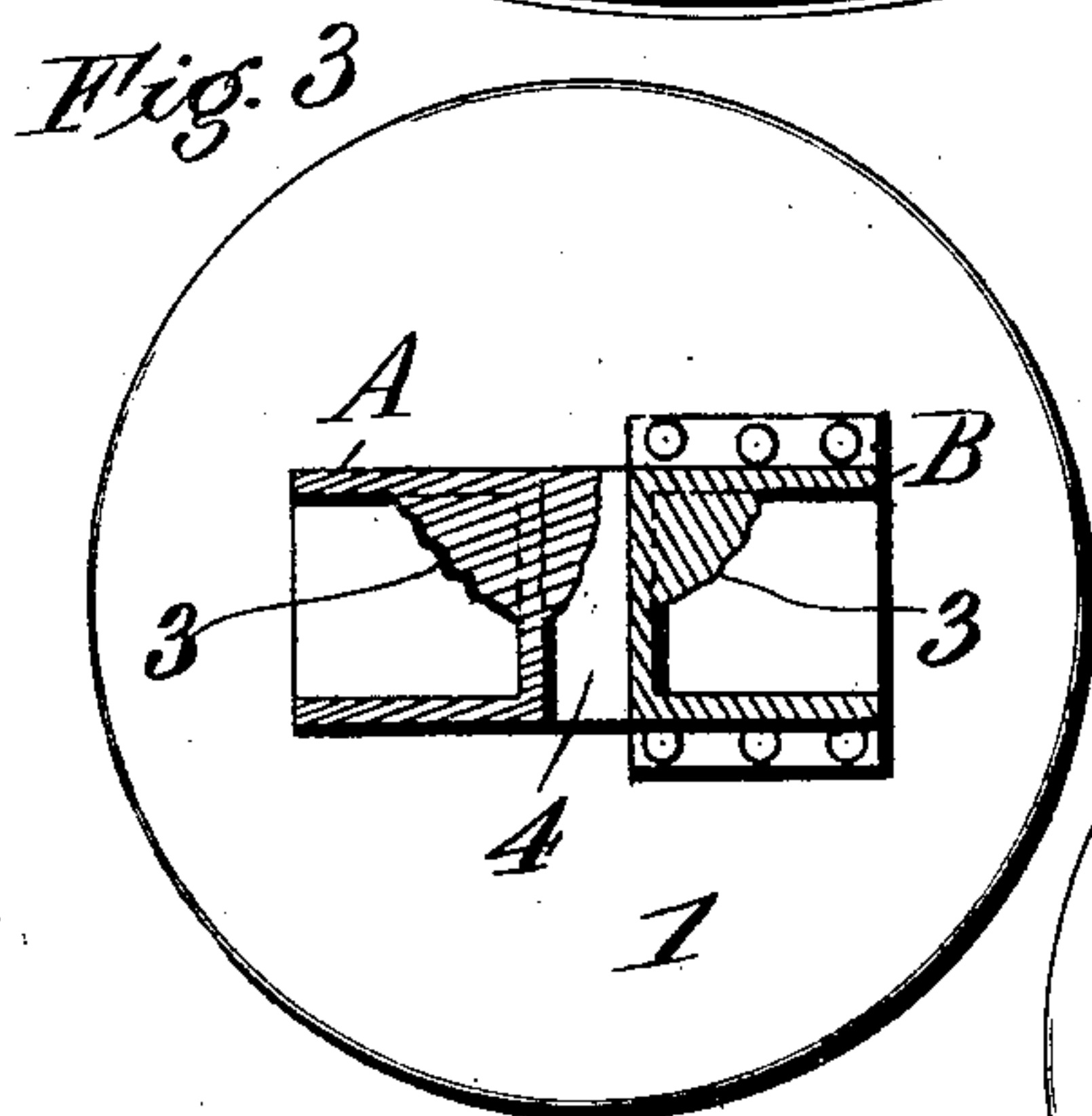
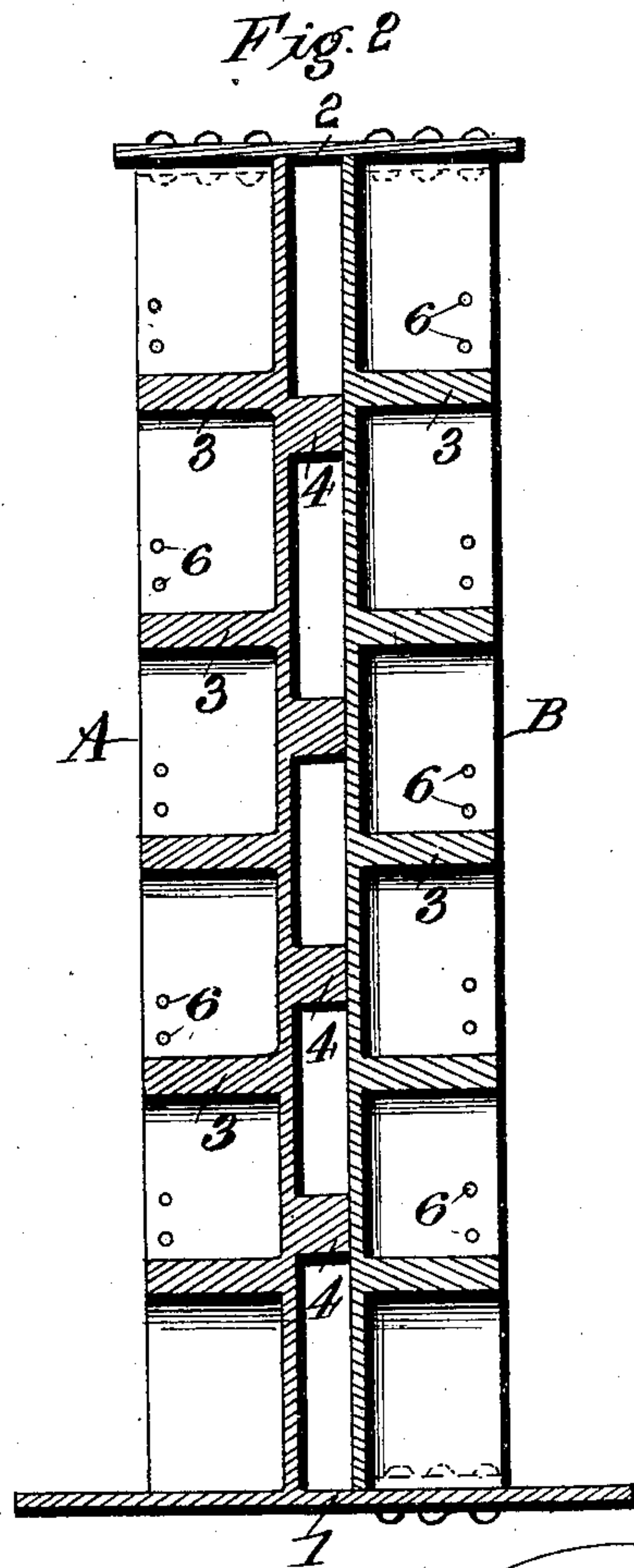
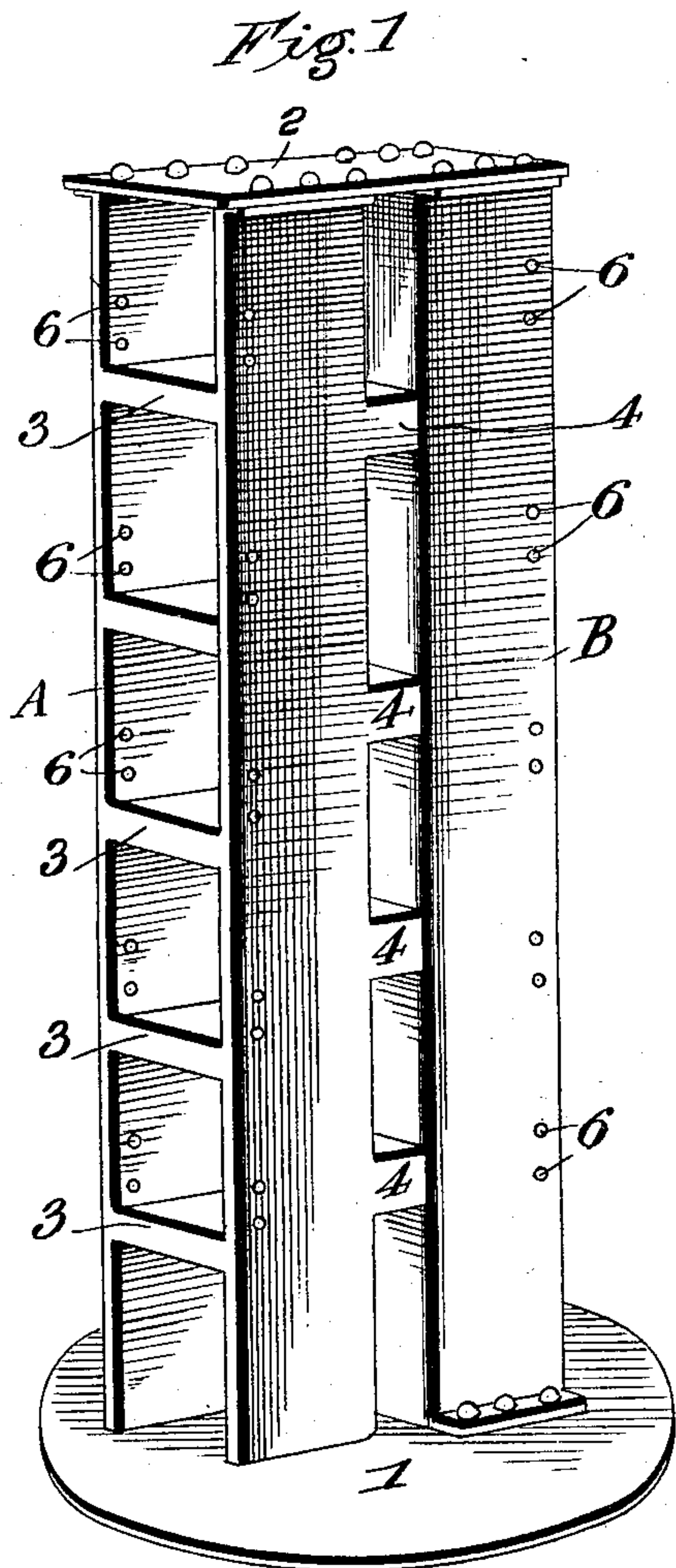
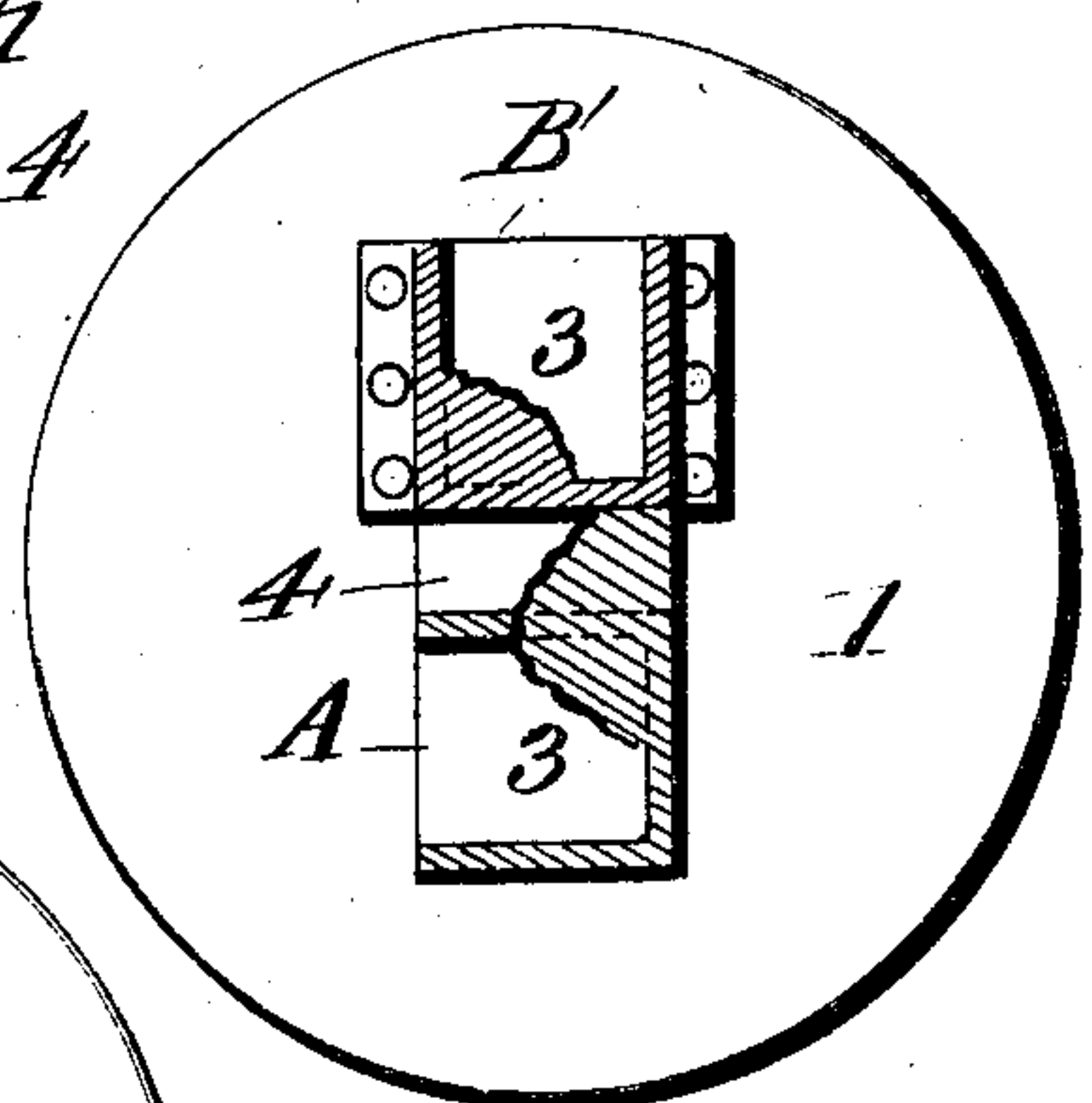
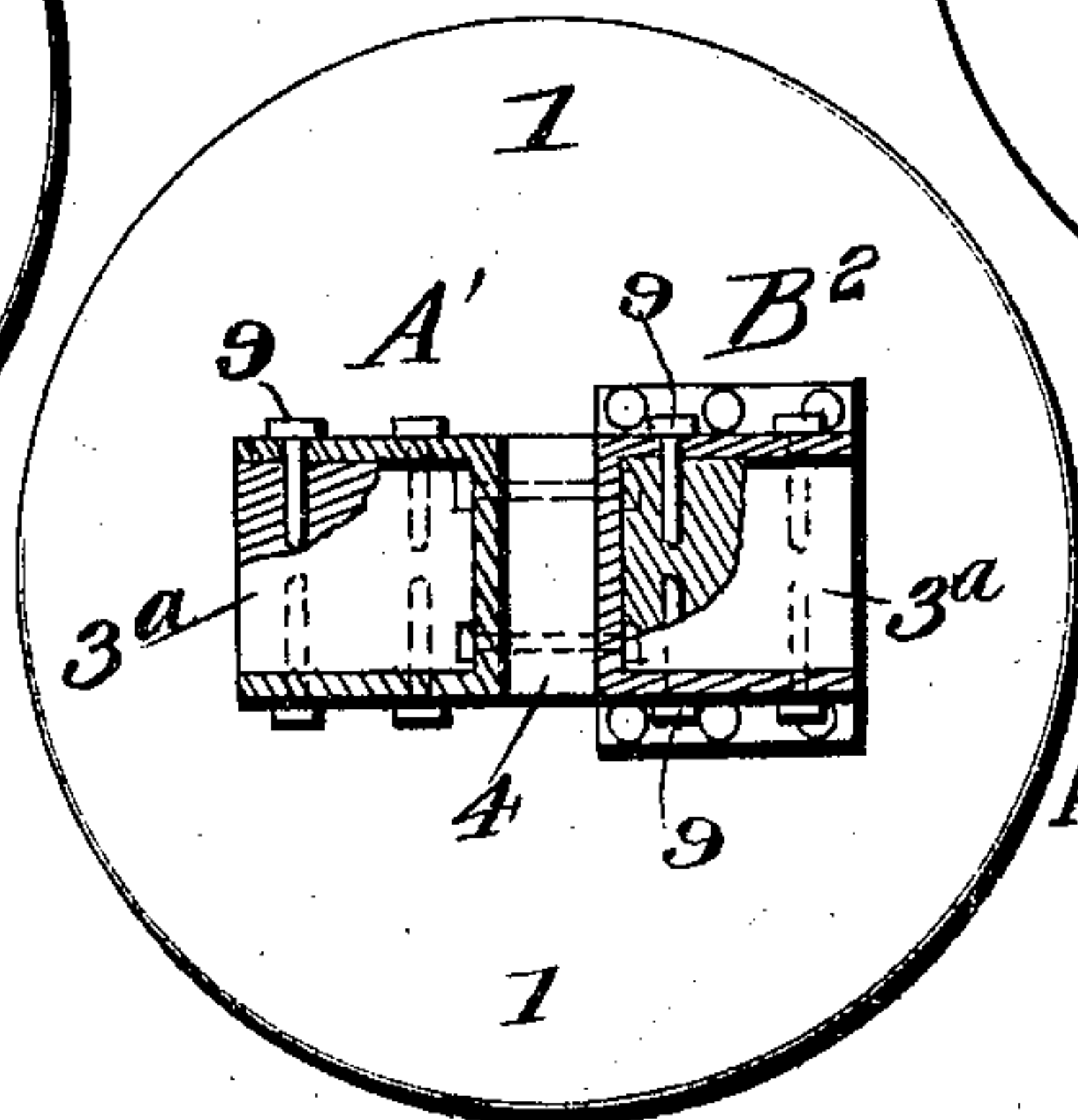


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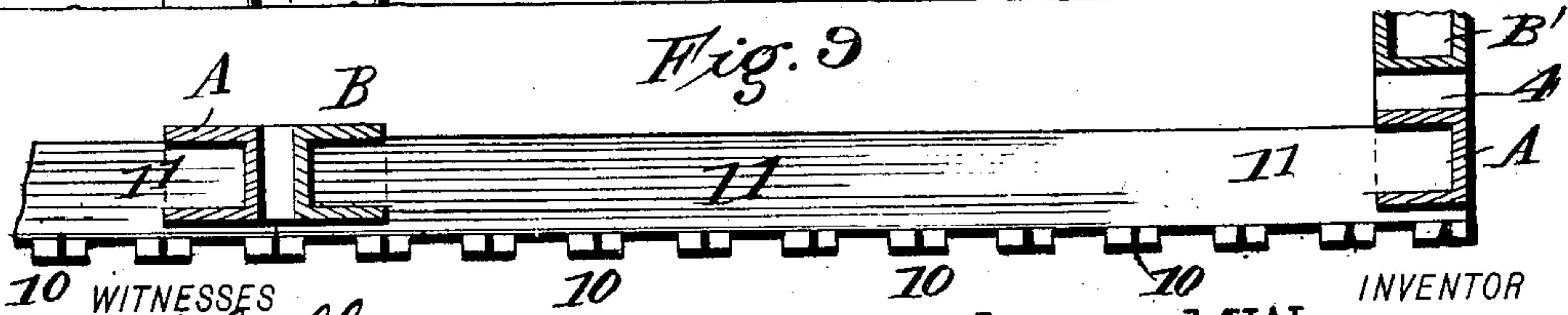
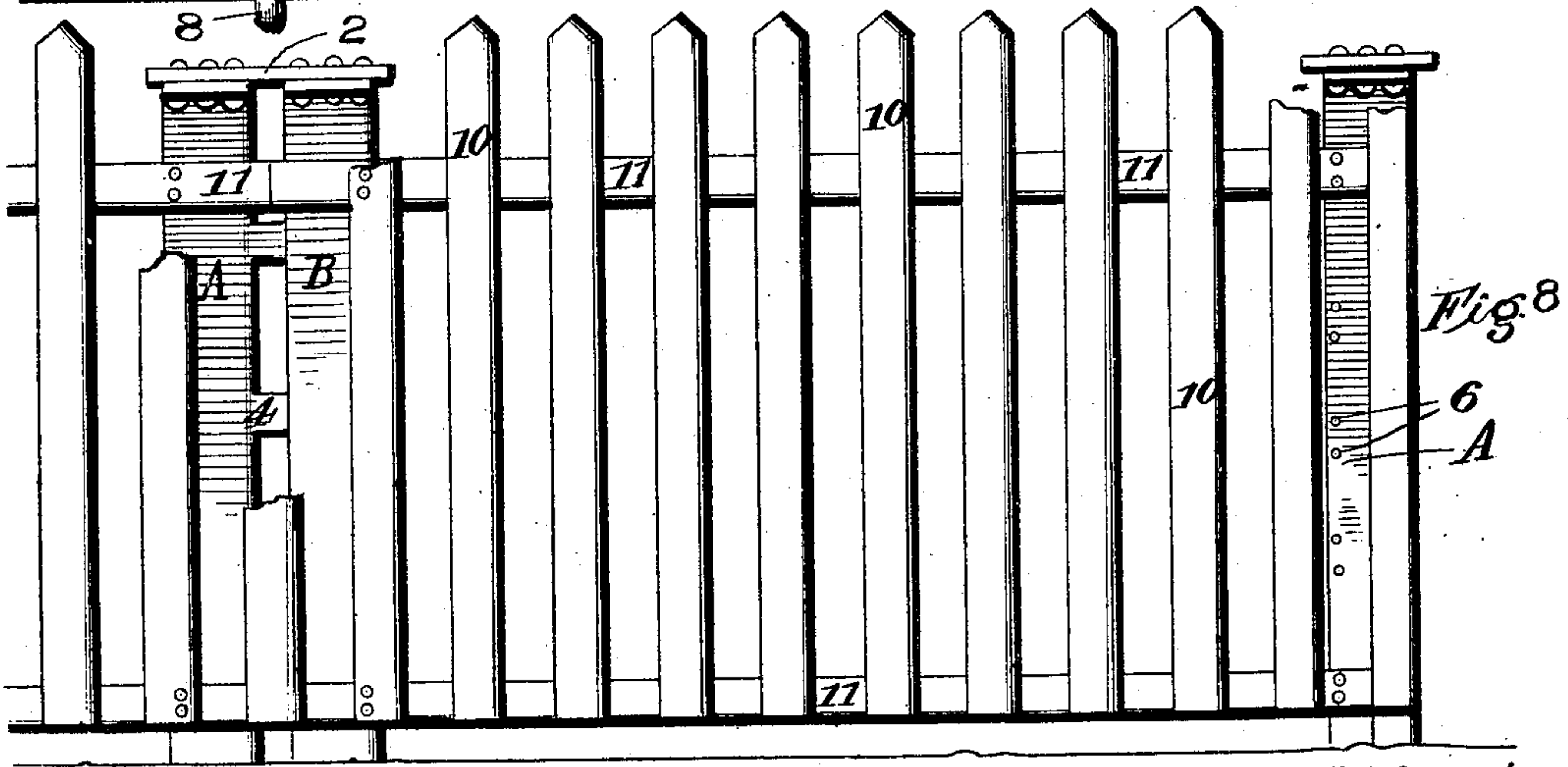
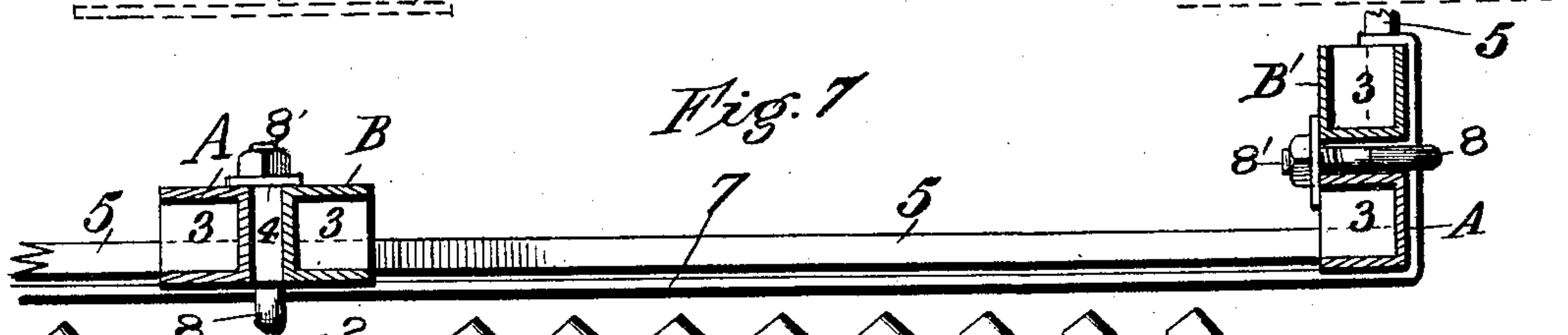
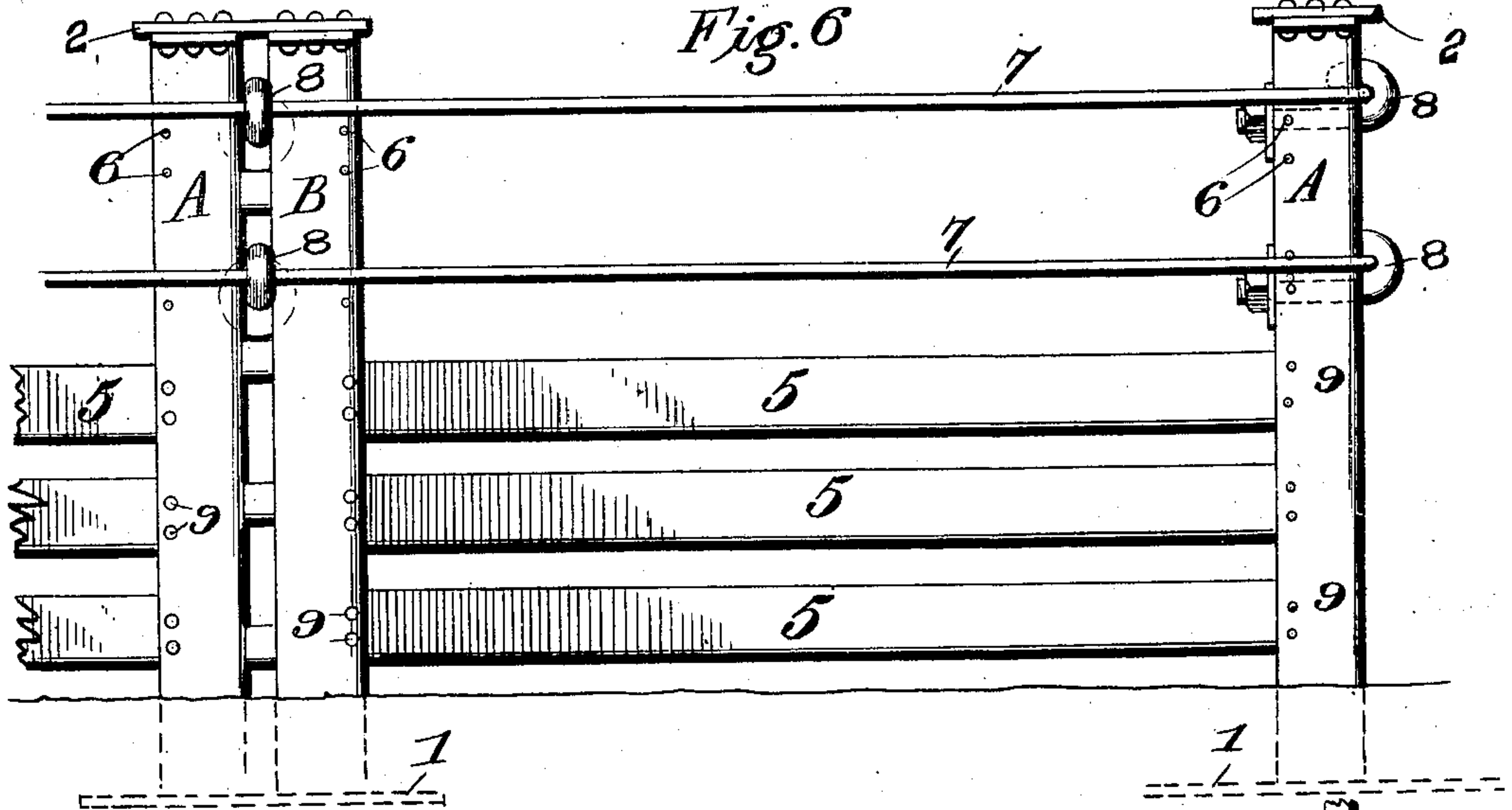
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALVIS MARTIN WEATHERLY, Sr., a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Rome, in the county of Floyd and State of Georgia, have invented an Improvement in Fence-Posts, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a double metal post which may be manufactured economically and is rigid and durable in use. It is adapted for use of boards, pickets, or wires comprising the body sections or portions of a fence, and may be used in line as a part of the fence proper, or as a corner therefor.

The details of construction, arrangement, and combination of parts are as hereinafter described, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the line fence-post. Fig. 2 is a vertical central section of the same. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section of the line post, portions being broken away for sake of better illustration. Fig. 4 is a horizontal section of the corner post. Fig. 5 is a horizontal section illustrating a modification. Fig. 6 is a side view of a section of fence of which my improved post forms a part. Fig. 7 is a horizontal section of the fence shown in Fig. 6. Fig. 8 is a side view showing my improved post forming part of a picket fence. Fig. 9 is a horizontal section of the fence shown in Fig. 8.

I will first describe the line post illustrated in Figs. 1, 2, and 3. It is composed of two vertical members A, B, which are arranged side by side and spaced apart, their ends being connected by a base plate 1 and cap 2, respectively. Each of the members A, B, is formed of a shell or body which, in cross section, forms three sides of a rectangle, and the same is provided at regular intervals with horizontal partitions 3, the same being cast integral with the body of the post member. The back of the member A is provided with a series of horizontal projections 4, the same being cast integral therewith and serving as means for spacing the two members A, B, from each other. The member A may be cast integral with the base 1, but the member B is provided with flanges by which it is riveted to the base. The cap 2 is riveted to both members A, B, the latter being provided with lateral flanges for this purpose. The partitions 3 in members A, B, form a series of pockets adapted to receive the ends of rails or bars which may form the body of the fence section 5, as shown in Figs. 6—7; said bars or rails may be secured by nails passing through holes 6 in the sides of the body of the post members A, B.

When wires 7 are used as part of the fence proper, as

shown in Figs. 6—7, they may be secured by means of hooks 8, whose shanks pass through the spaces provided between the post members by means of the projections 4 that hold them separated. Such hooks have a threaded shank to which a nut 8' is applied on the inner sides of the line fence-posts, as shown. The end of the wire 7 is shown bent around the corner post so that it is held firmly under any degree of tension.

In Fig. 5 I show a modification of the line post in which the two members A' B' are provided with partitions 3^a formed of wooden plates or blocks inserted and held in place by nails or screws 9.

The corner posts—see Figs. 4, 6, 7, and 9—are formed of members A, B', which, in place of being arranged back to back, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, 3, are arranged with the pockets at right-angles to each other; or, in other words, the member B' is arranged with its back opposite one of the sides of the member A, and is spaced therefrom the same as in case of the members of the line post. By this arrangement the pockets of the members A, B', are adapted to receive rails or bars placed at right-angles to each other.

In Figs. 8 and 9, I show my improved fence-post as part of a picket fence, the pickets proper being attached to bars 11 whose ends enter pockets in the posts, as shown. The ends of the bars 11 are slotted so that a portion may project on the faces of the posts and thus be adapted for attachment of pickets which come directly opposite the posts.

It will be understood that, in practice, the base 1 of the post is buried in the ground to any required depth, as illustrated in Fig. 6, and thus the post is supported rigidly in vertical position.

It will be further understood that diagonal braces will be employed in practice, if required for supporting the posts more rigidly against lateral strain.

The post members are preferably formed of cast-iron.

What I claim is:

1. The improved double fence-post, comprising two members each of which has three sides and horizontal partitions joining the same, so that one side of each member is open and provided with a series of pockets, and means for rigidly connecting said members with two closed sides together as shown and described.

2. The improved metallic fence-post consisting of two members each provided with horizontal partitions forming a series of pockets and a series of spacing blocks interposed between the two members and arranged equidistantly, the members having top and bottom connections, as shown and described.

3. The improved fence-post comprising two metallic members each provided with a series of horizontal parti-

tions cast integrally therewith, and one of said members having its back provided with a series of integral projections which serve to space the two members apart, and top and bottom connections, as shown and described.

- 5 4. The improved fence-post comprising two metallic members each provided with horizontal partitions formed integrally therewith, one of said members having a base cast integrally therewith, the other member being rigidly secured to said base, and a cap rigidly connecting the top
10 portions of the members, as described.

5. An improved corner post comprising two metallic

members each formed of a hollow body which is open on one side and provided with a series of integral horizontal partitions, one of said members being arranged with its back opposite the side of the other, whereby the pockets 15 of the respective members are adapted to receive bars or rails arranged at right-angles to each other, the two members being spaced apart, as shown and described.

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