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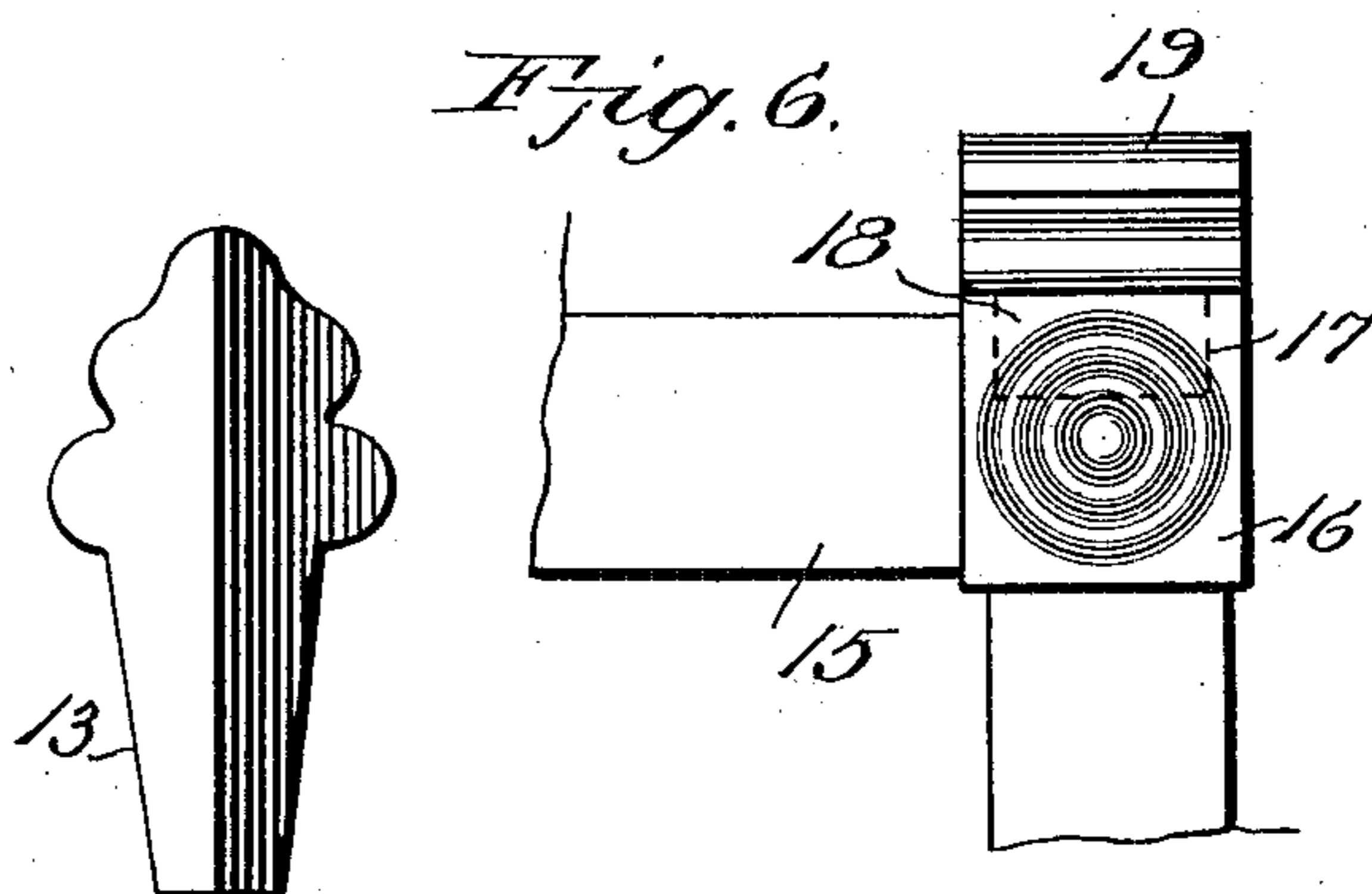
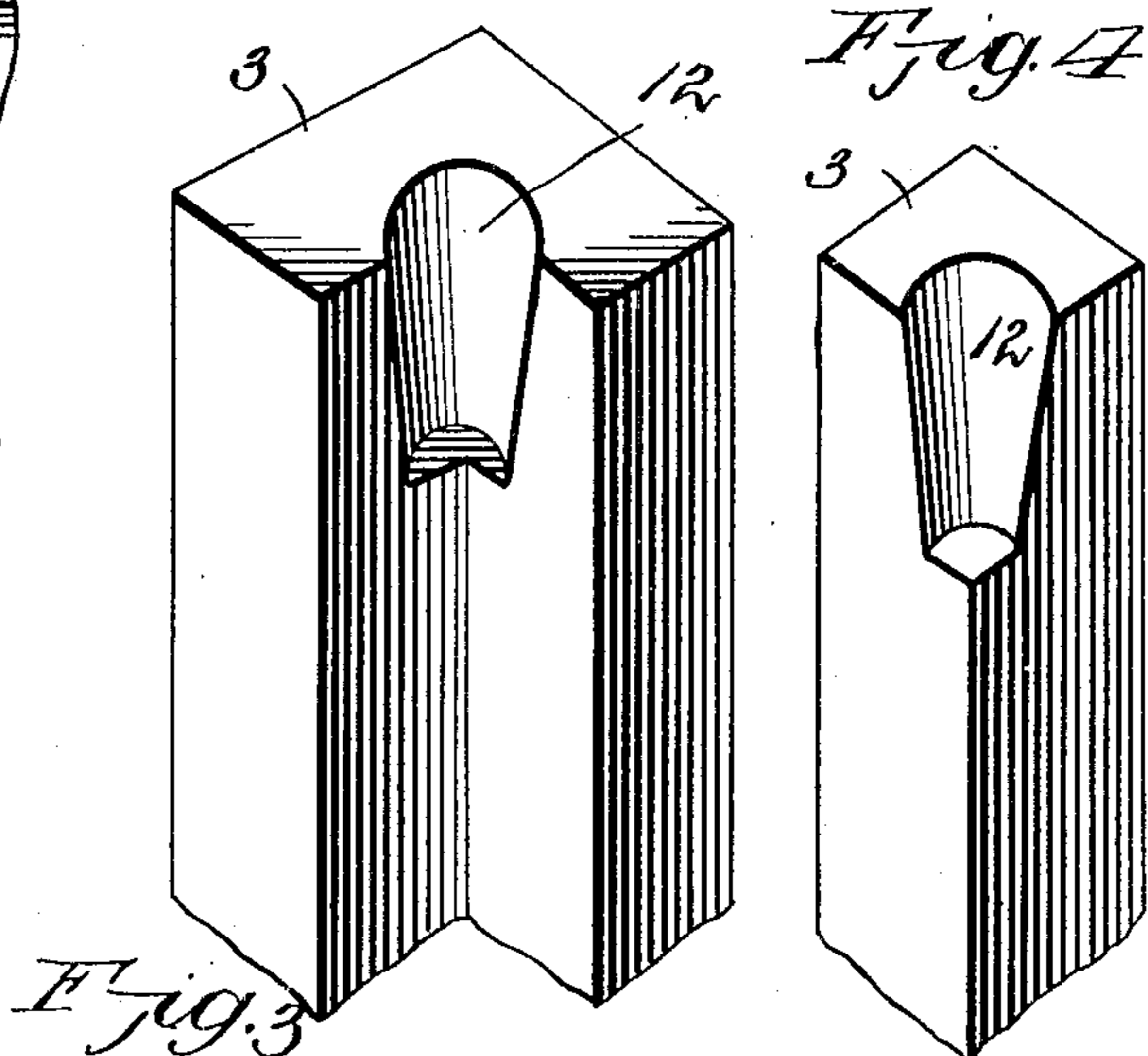
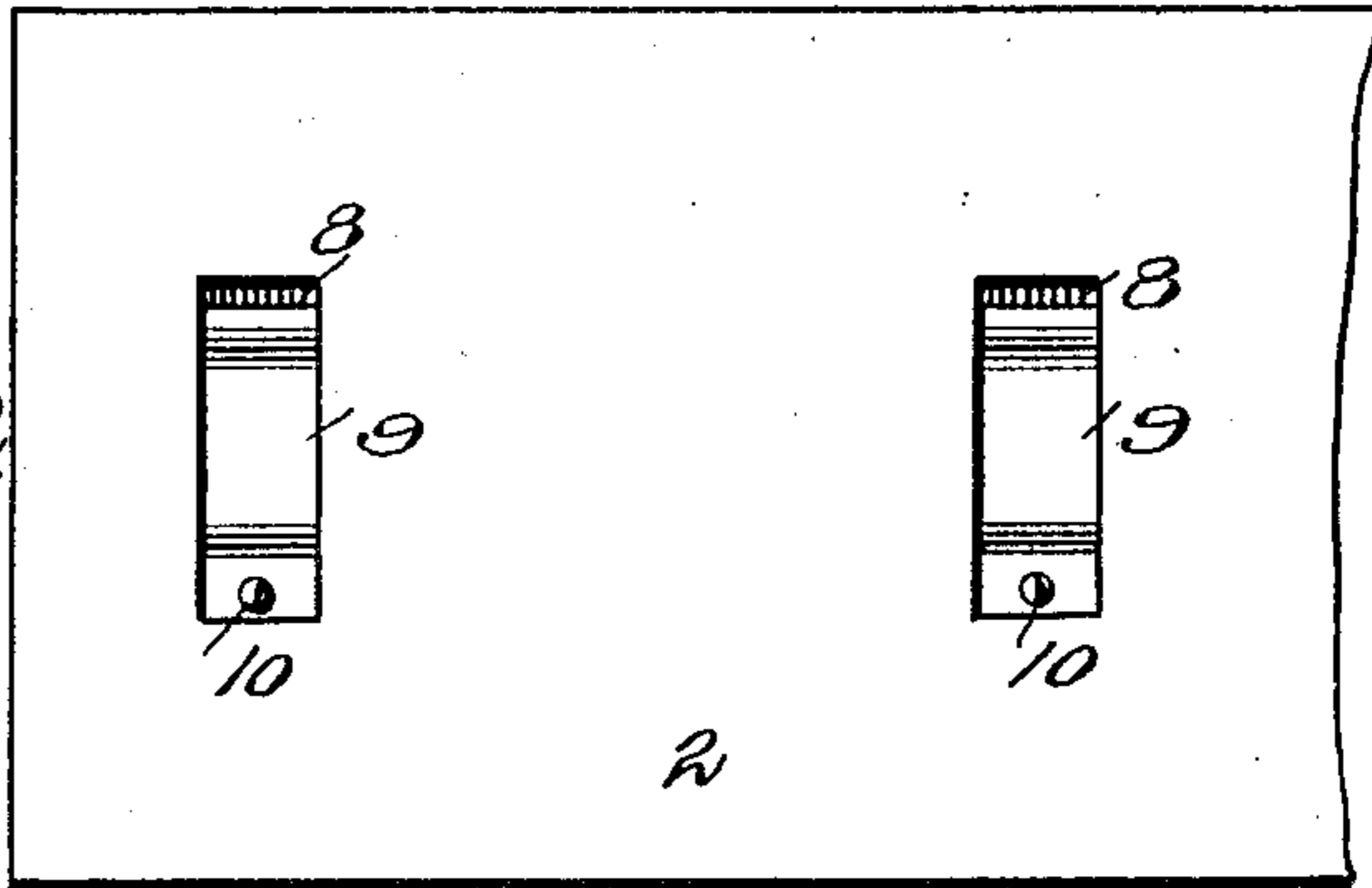
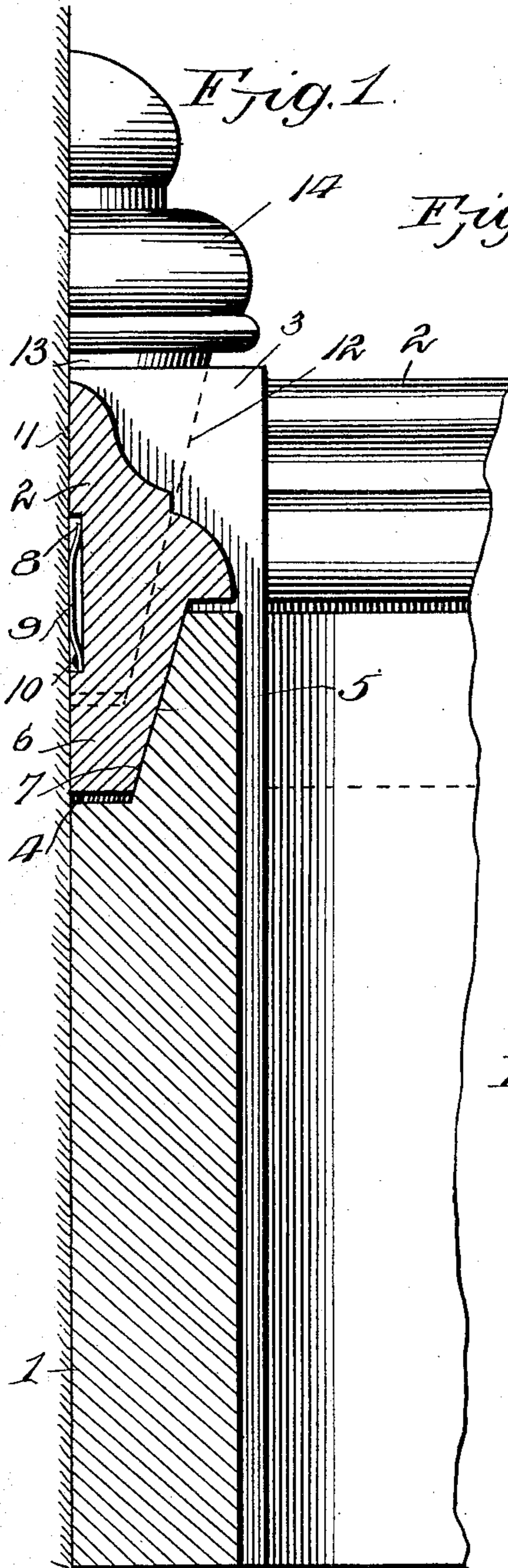


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUSTUS M. BRYAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Corsicana, in the county of Navarro and State of Texas, have invented new and useful Improvements in Base-Boards, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to base boards, being directed especially to the manner of applying the moldings thereto, and has for its objects to provide a comparatively simple, inexpensive structure, wherein the molding will be firmly but detachably secured in place, and one in which the molding may be readily removed when required during the operations of painting or papering.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improved form of corner post to be employed at the corners of the base board and to provide a simple form of ornamental knob which may be readily attached to or detached from the post.

With these and other objects in view, the invention comprises the novel features of construction and combination of parts more fully hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a view, partly in section, of a portion of a base board equipped with a molding embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is an inner face view of a portion of the molding. Fig. 3 is a detail, perspective view of a portion of one of the corner posts. Fig. 4 is a similar view of a modified form of post. Fig. 5 is a rear elevation of the ornamental knob. Fig. 6 is a detail view in elevation, showing the manner of applying one of the ornamental knobs to the upper portion of a window or door casing.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates a baseboard having at its upper edge a molding 2, there being provided at the juncture or corners of the sections of the baseboard a post 3, these parts, except as hereinafter explained, being of usual construction and material.

In accordance with my invention, the baseboard 1 is provided at its upper edge with an inner, continuous recess 4, the front wall 5 of which is downwardly and forwardly inclined, as shown, while the molding 2 is provided with a portion 6 adapted to enter the recess and having its front wall 7 inclined to correspond to the wall 5, there being formed at suitably spaced intervals in the inner face of the molding a series of recesses 8 in which are arranged flat leaf springs 9 secured in place by screws or other fastening members 10, said springs

serving through contact with the wall 11 to hold the molding in place.

Formed in the upper end of the corner post 3 is a semi-conical downwardly tapering socket 12, in which is fitted the stem 13 of an ornamental knob 14, it being noted that the stem 13 is shaped to conform to the socket and is held therein by friction.

In Fig. 6 there is illustrated a window or door frame 15, the corner block 16 of which is provided with a socket 17 adapted to receive the wedge-shaped stem 18 of an ornamental piece 19, the construction being the same as in the instance of the ornamental knob 14.

In practice, the wedge-shaped portion 6 of the molding is driven into the socket 4 and held through the medium of springs 9 bearing on the wall 11, as heretofore explained. In the operations of painting or papering the wall, the molding 2 may be readily removed to prevent the paint or paste from spattering the molding, it being evident that the material applied to the wall will flow into the recess 4. Also the knob 14 may be readily removed from the corner post 3, as may also the ornamental piece 19.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. The combination of a baseboard provided with a socket at its top edge, a molding provided with a portion shaped to fit the said socket, and a spring fixed on the molding and arranged to bear against the wall to which the baseboard is attached for causing the said portion to frictionally engage the wall of the socket.

2. The combination of a baseboard having a top recess extending longitudinally thereof at the top edge and provided with an inclined front wall, a molding provided with a longitudinal tongue of wedge shape to fit in the said recess, and a plurality of springs attached to the molding and adapted to bear on the wall to which the baseboard is secured and be compressed for frictionally engaging the said tongue with the wall of the socket.

3. The combination of baseboards disposed at an angle to each other, a corner post arranged between the ends of the baseboards and projecting above the top edges thereof and having a vertically extending socket, strips of molding detachably secured to the baseboards and disposed below the top of the corner post, and a removable piece fitted into the socket of the said post and extending above the top end thereof.

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

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