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Fig. 1

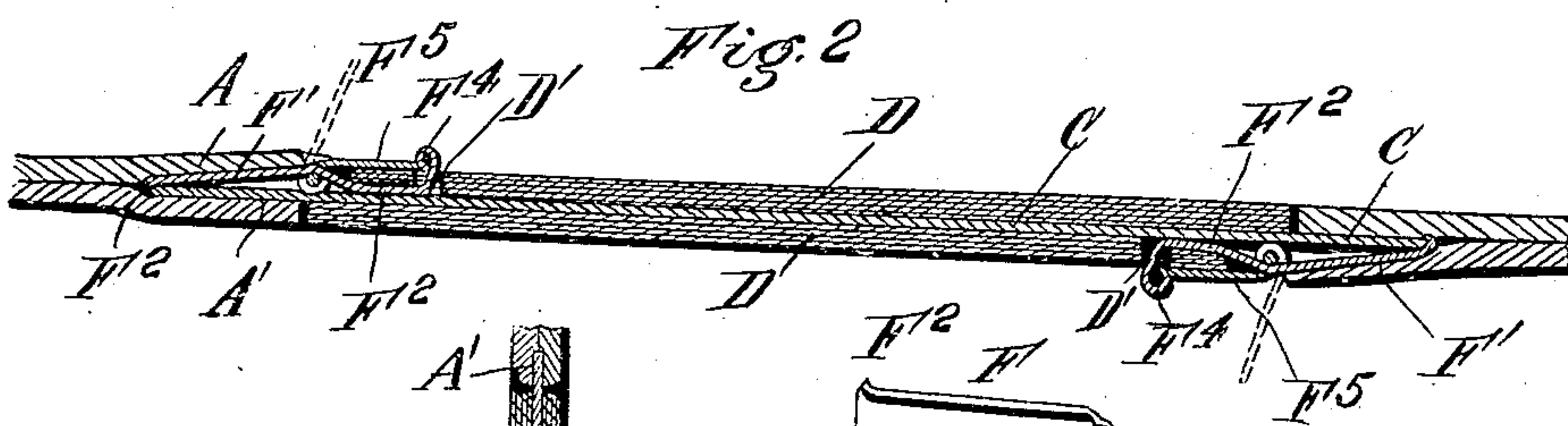
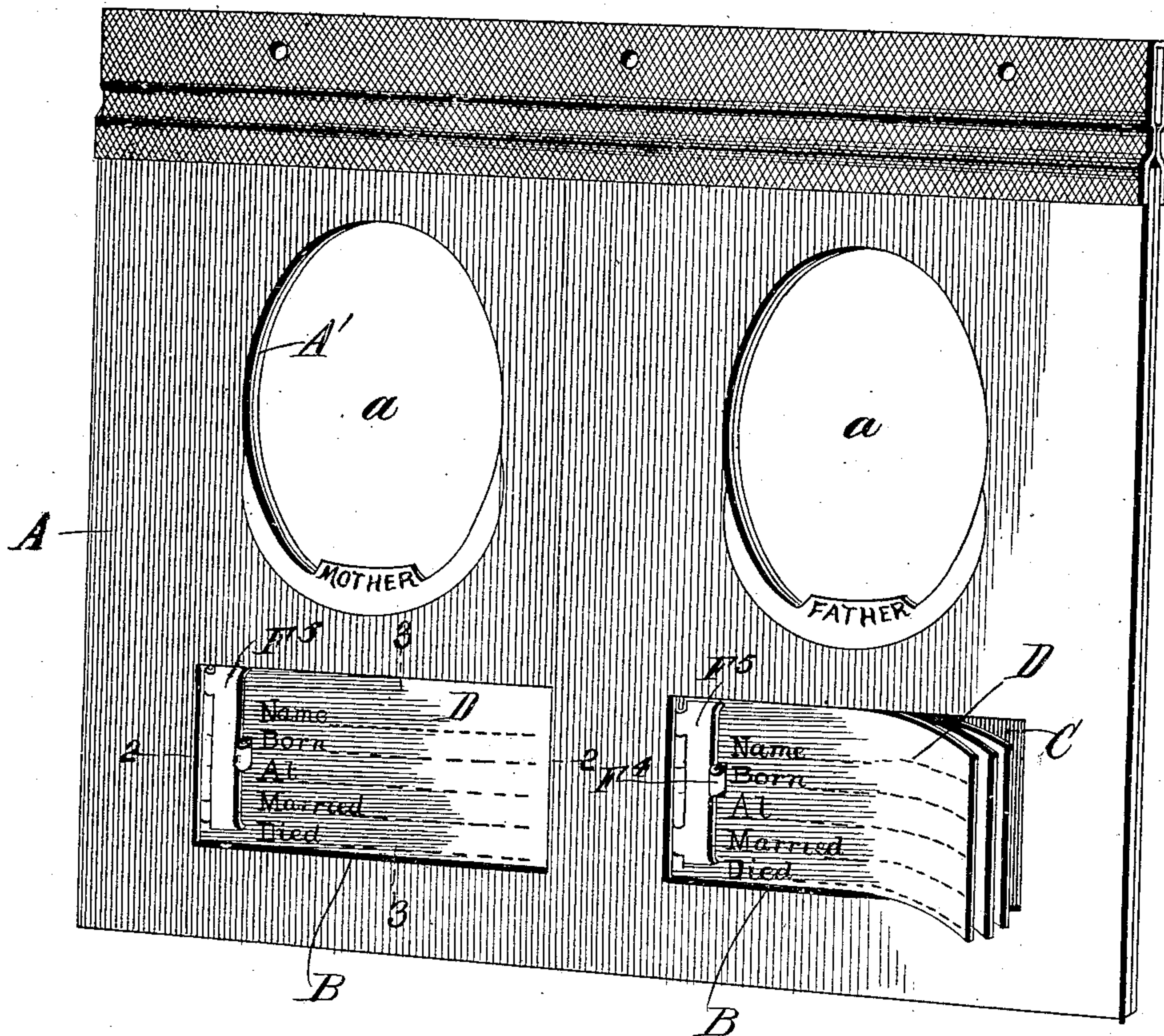


Fig. 3

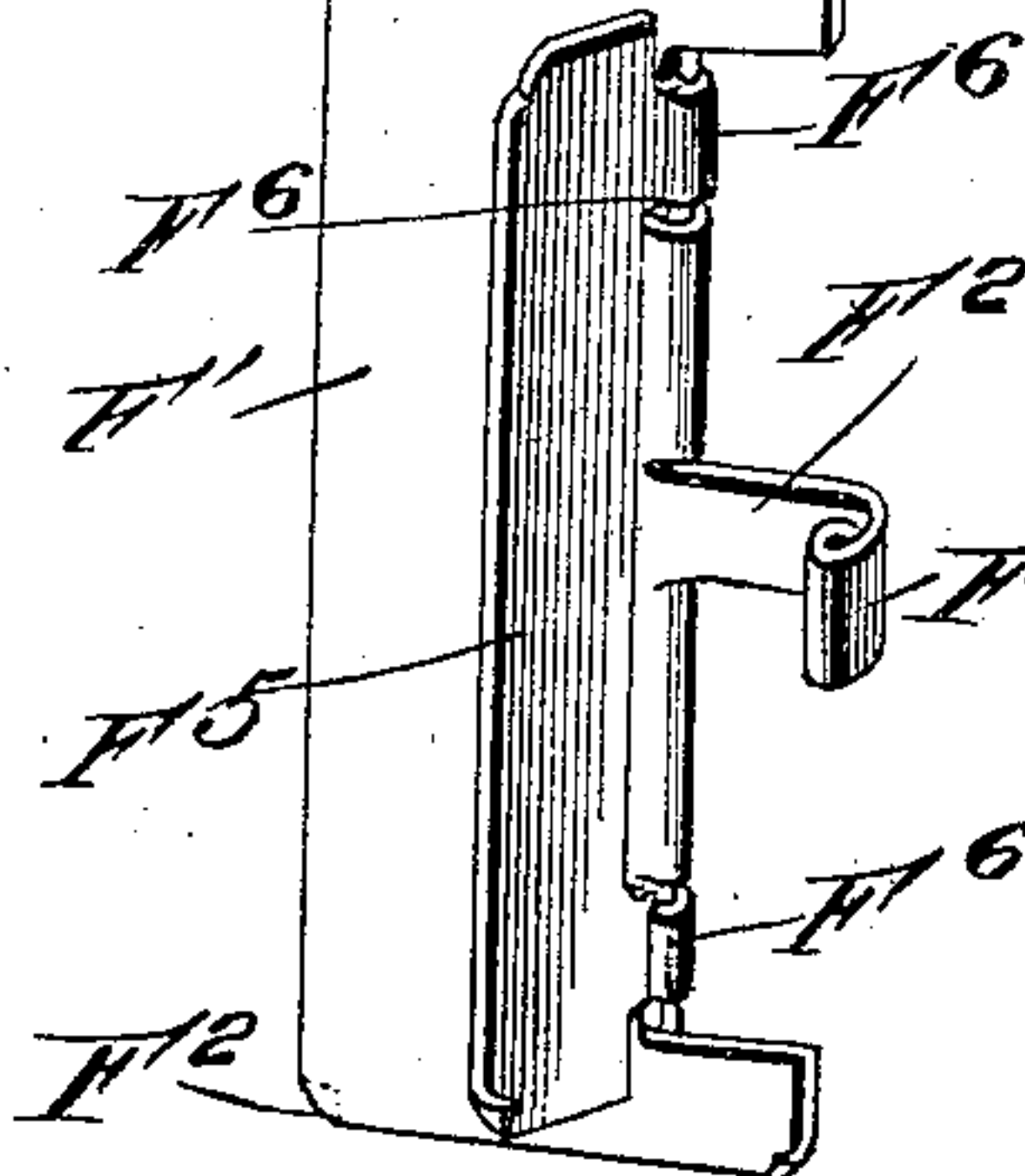
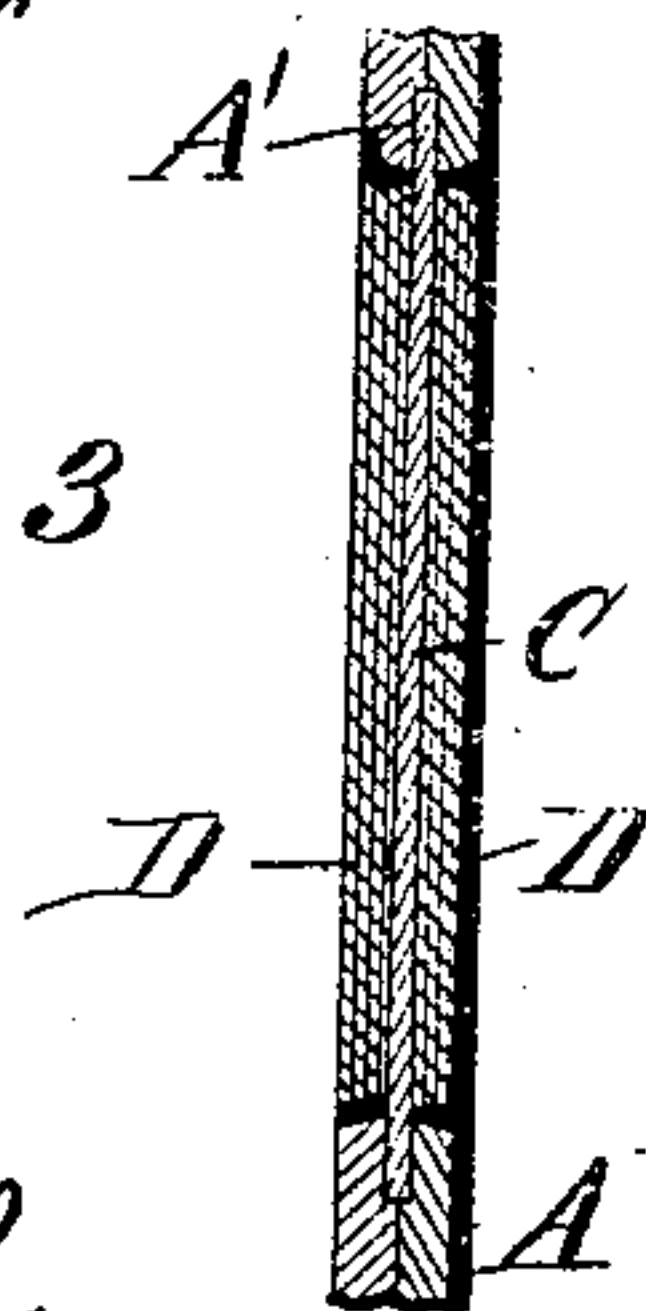


Fig. 4

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Fig. 5

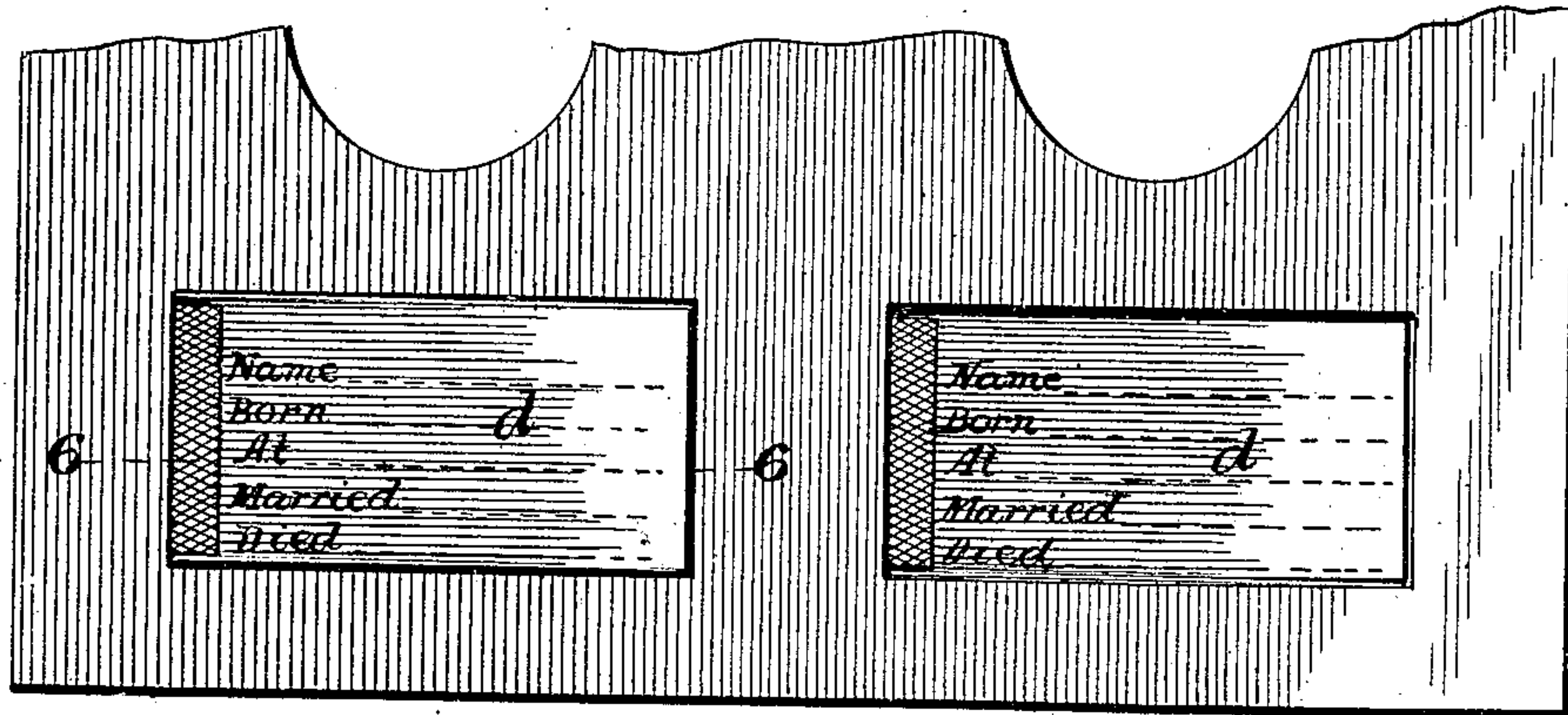


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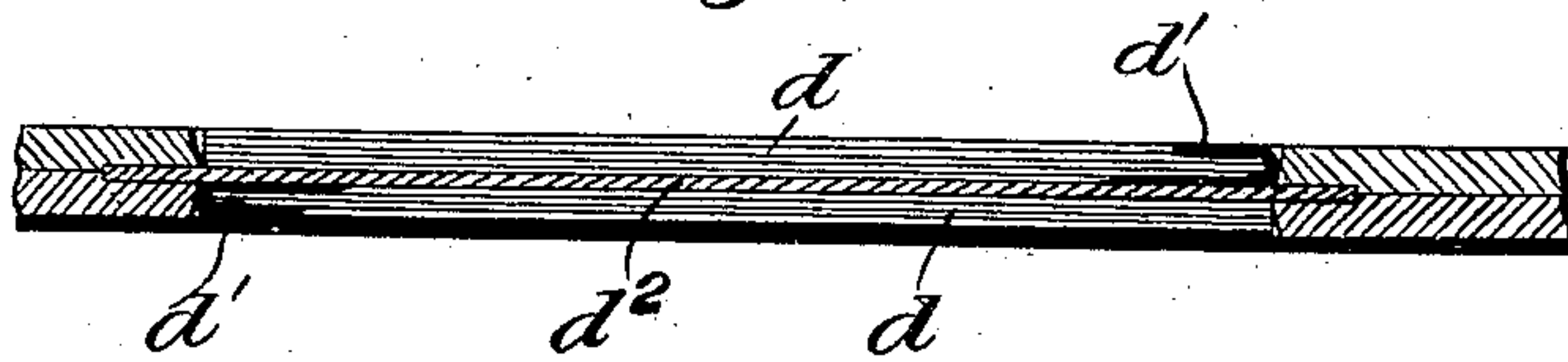


Fig. 7

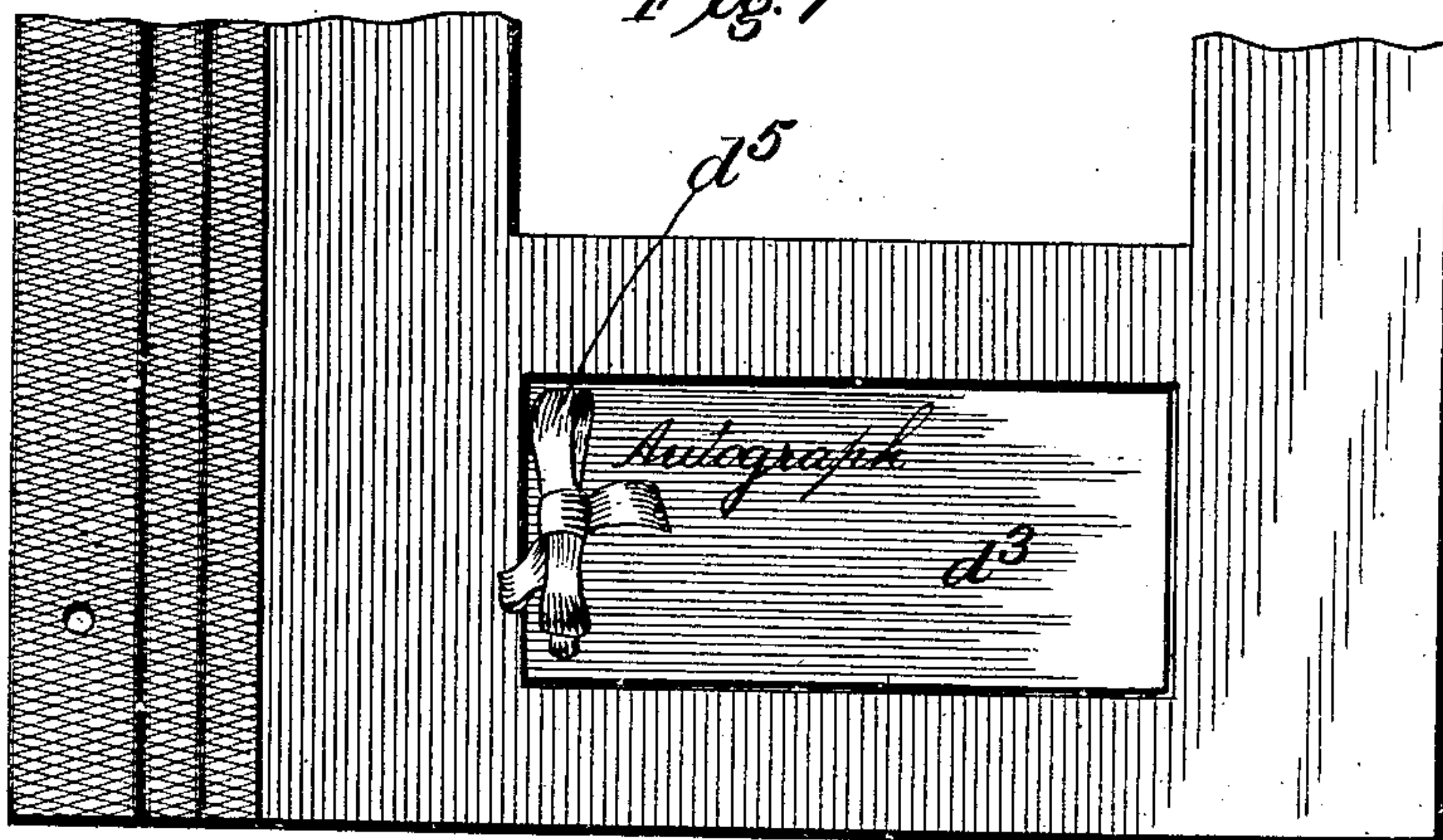
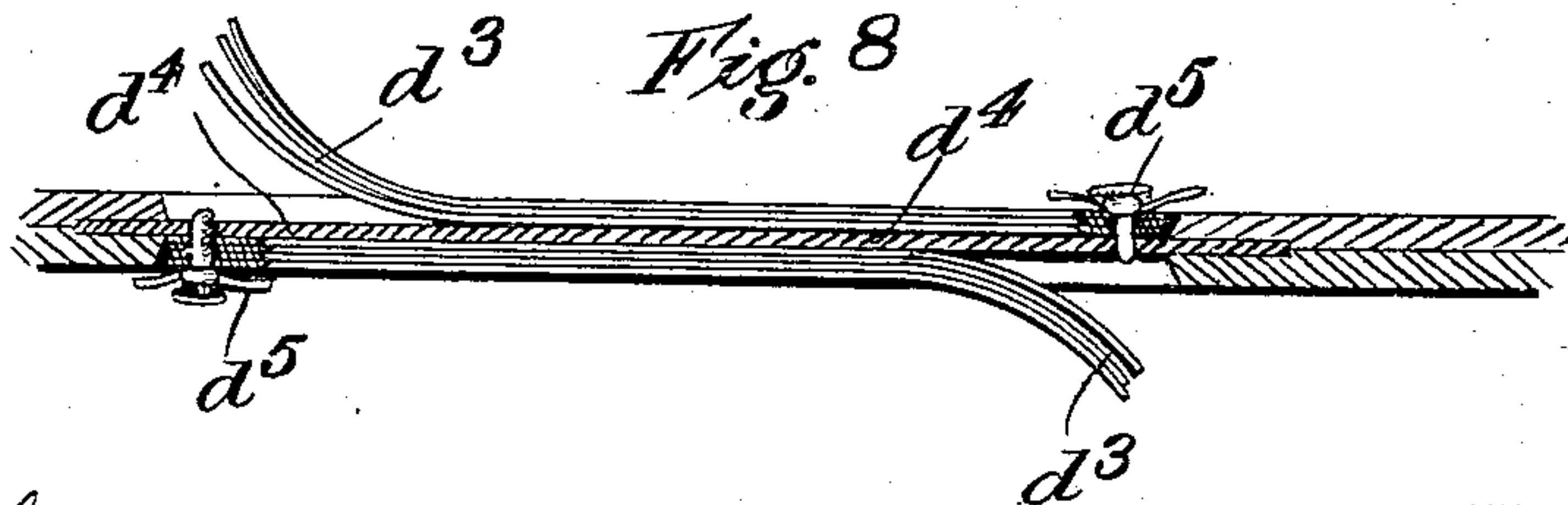


Fig. 8



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS A. MACDONALD, a subject of the King of England, and resident of Midvale, in the county of Passaic and State of New Jersey, United States of America, have made certain new and useful Improvements in Albums, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improvement in albums and particularly in album leaves and has for an object to provide a novel construction whereby the album leaf is adapted to receive portraits and also to receive small books in pamphlet form upon which can be inscribed the autographs of the persons portrayed or of other persons and any memoranda, either sentimental or otherwise, which may be inscribed either by the persons portrayed or by others; and the invention consists in certain novel constructions and combinations of parts as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings—Figure 1 is a face view of an album leaf embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a detail cross section on about line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a cross section on about line 3—3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of the clasp for securing the book leaves to the carrier card and for holding said leaves detachably in place. Fig. 5 is a face view partly broken away of an album leaf embodying my invention in which a somewhat different form of book is employed. Fig. 6 is a detail section on about line 6—6 of Fig. 5. Fig. 7 is a face view partly broken away, and Fig. 8 a sectional view illustrating a somewhat different construction from those shown in Figs. 1 and 5.

In the construction shown in Fig. 1 the leaf A is provided with openings *a* for portraits and is slitted from its edge producing an intervening space A' in which the portraits may be inserted to expose the same through the openings *a* as is usual in photograph album leaves and the leaf is also provided with what for convenience of reference I term book openings B, said book openings and portrait openings being intersected by the intervening space A' as will be understood from Fig. 1 of the drawings. In the space A' I slip a carrier C which may preferably be a card of a larger size than the opening B so it will project beyond the several walls of said opening and to this carrier and preferably to the opposite sides thereof I se-

cure book leaves D of a size to fit in the openings B and of such thickness combined with that of the carrier C that the leaves will not project beyond the faces of the leaf A leaving the faces of the said leaf A free of any projections as will be understood from Fig. 3 of the drawings.

In Fig. 5 I show the leaves *d* of the book united at one edge by a suitable binding *d'* which may be pasted or otherwise secured to the carrier card *d<sup>2</sup>* shown in Fig. 6, and manifestly this construction of book leaves may be employed or I may employ the construction shown in Figs. 7 and 8 in which the leaves *d<sup>3</sup>* of the book are secured to the carrier card *d<sup>4</sup>* by a ribbon *d<sup>5</sup>*, which may be tied in a bow-knot on the outer side of the book as illustrated in Figs. 7 and 8. Either of these constructions may be employed without departing from some of the principles of my invention but I prefer in practice to make the leaves of the book and to secure them as shown in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings by means of the clasp shown in Fig. 4. In this construction the clasp F has a main plate F' secured by spurs F<sup>2</sup> to the carrier C and provided with a projecting lug F<sup>2</sup>, having an up-turned tongue F<sup>4</sup> with which the free edge F<sup>5</sup> of a hinged leaf F<sup>6</sup> will engage when turned to the position shown in Figs. 1 and 2 to hold the leaves D which are fitted on the tongue F<sup>4</sup>, being for such purpose provided with perforations D' through which the tongue F<sup>4</sup> may project when the parts are applied as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. Thus, the retaining plate F<sup>5</sup> which is hinged at F<sup>6</sup> to the main plate may be turned to the dotted line position indicated in Fig. 2 and the leaves be applied or removed as desired. Then after the leaves are applied the retaining plate may be turned down to the position shown in Fig. 2 springing into engagement with the tongue F<sup>4</sup> and operating to hold the leaves securely in place.

Manifestly, the number of portrait openings and book openings may be varied. Thus, in Fig. 1 I show two portrait openings and two book openings in the same leaf, while in Fig. 7 I illustrate one portrait opening and one book opening.

In the use of my invention the leaves of the books may be utilized to present an abbreviated life history of the person portrayed as indicated in Fig. 1 or any other desired inscription may be made upon the book.



The several leaves may be secured independently in any suitable binding so they may be used interchangeably and added to or taken from or adjusted in position as may be desired.

I claim—

1. A leaf substantially as herein described having the sections fitted flatwise together with the intervening space for a portrait and also having a portrait opening and a book opening intersected by said intervening space, a carrier card fitting in said intervening space opposite the book opening and projecting laterally beyond the walls of the same whereby it will be retained by the leaf, the book leaves on opposite sides of the card and perforated for the tongue of the clasps and the clasps each having a base plate held to the carrier card and provided with a projecting lug having an upturned tongue and a retaining plate hinged to the base plate and springing into and out of engagement with the tongue whereby to retain the book leaves when the latter are fitted on the tongue, substantially as set forth.

2. A leaf having a portrait opening, a book opening and the intervening space and slitted from its edge in communication with said space and a carrier plate inserted in the intervening space and having opposite the book opening a tongue projecting therein, substantially as set forth.

3. An album leaf having an opening for a portrait and also having a book opening, a

book fitted in said opening and a carrier for said book held in the leaf, substantially as set forth.

4. An album leaf having a book opening, a carrier and a book to fit in said opening and a clasp for holding the book to the carrier and comprising a main plate having a tongue to pass through the leaves of the book and a retaining plate springing into and out of engagement with the tongue for holding the leaves therein, substantially as set forth.

5. An album leaf having an opening for a portrait and also having an opening for a book, a carrier card inserted in said album leaf and book leaves secured to the carrier card and fitting in the book opening, substantially as set forth.

6. An album leaf having a portrait opening and a book opening combined with a carrier plate inserted in the leaf opposite the book opening, book leaves applied to the carrier plate and means for detachably securing the book leaves to the carrier plate, substantially as set forth.

7. A leaf having a portrait opening, a book opening and the intervening space, a carrier plate in the intervening space, and a book attached to said carrier plate and arranged within the book opening.

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