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Fig. 1.

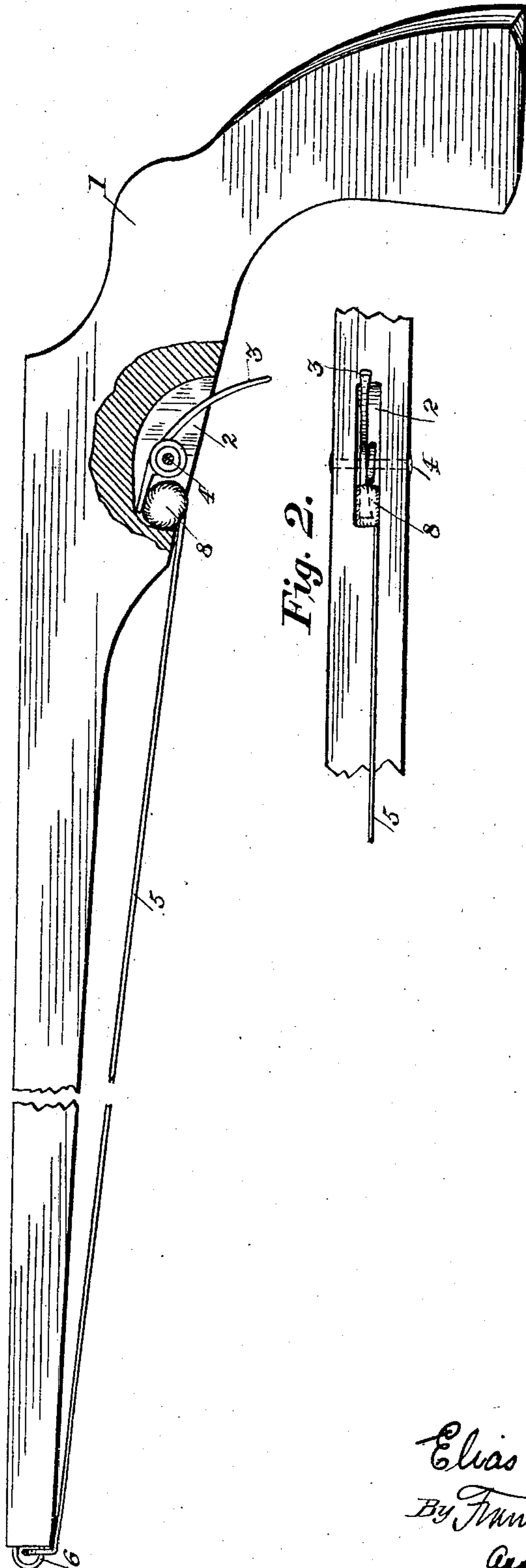
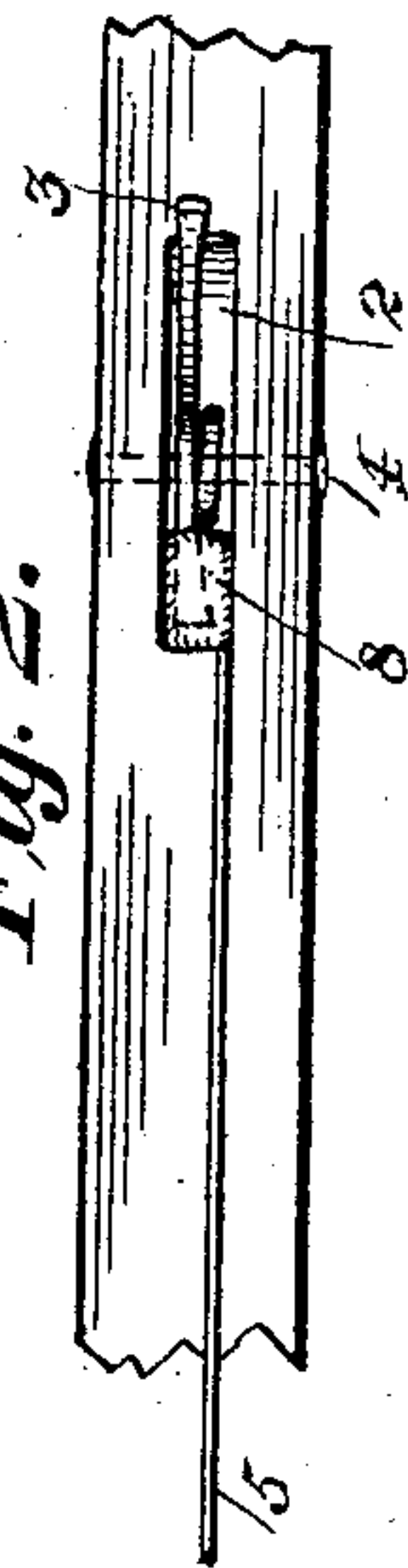


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELIAS F. SLEAR, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Harrisburg, county of Dauphin, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Toy Guns, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in toy guns and it is an object of the invention to provide a novel device of this kind wherein a projectile is operated by an elastic band.

Furthermore, it is an object of this invention to provide a novel device of the character noted which will possess advantages in points of simplicity, efficiency and durability, proving at the same time comparatively inexpensive to manufacture.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists in the details of construction and in the arrangement and combination of parts to be hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed.

In describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification wherein like characters denote corresponding parts in the several views, in which—

In the drawings 1, denotes a body of a configuration approximating that of a pistol made preferably of wood, although it is to be stated that any configuration may be employed as may any desired material. The under face of the body adjacent the end thereof of the end having the handle is a recess 2, in which is mounted a trigger 3. This trigger is formed of a single piece of wire flattened at both ends and coiled approximately centrally of its length around a pin 4, which passes through the body and intercepts the recess. It is to be observed that the trigger has the proper formation to permit the performance of its function. On the opposite end of the gun is secured an elastic member 5, preferably a rubber band. While this band

may be secured to the member in any desired manner, it is found best to employ the multiple prong cap 6. To the free end of the band is secured a projectile of a yieldable material. This projectile is approximately circular in form and in thickness is slightly in excess of the width of the recess 2. This is so arranged to permit the projectile being wedged within the slot.

When the projectile is in the slot, a portion of the trigger is positioned between the projectile and the base of the slot and it is only necessary to pull the trigger and force the projectile out of the slot when it will be given momentum by the elastic band.

It is to be observed that this toy is so constructed that the gun and ammunition are connected together or combined in one. The manipulation of the gun is safe and simple owing to the fact that the elastic band is fastened underneath, guarding against danger of striking the operator should the rubber or spring break or become detached. The main feature of this invention is that the toy requires no other ammunition than the projectile which is attached to the band. Attention is also directed to the fact that the projectile is made of a yielding material preferably leather which will guard against danger of accident.

What I claim is:

An article of the character described comprising a body simulating a fire arm and having a recess, an elastic band secured to said body, a compressible projectile secured to the band, said projectile being in thickness greater than the width of said recess and a finger lever or trigger for forcing the projectile out of the recess.

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

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