

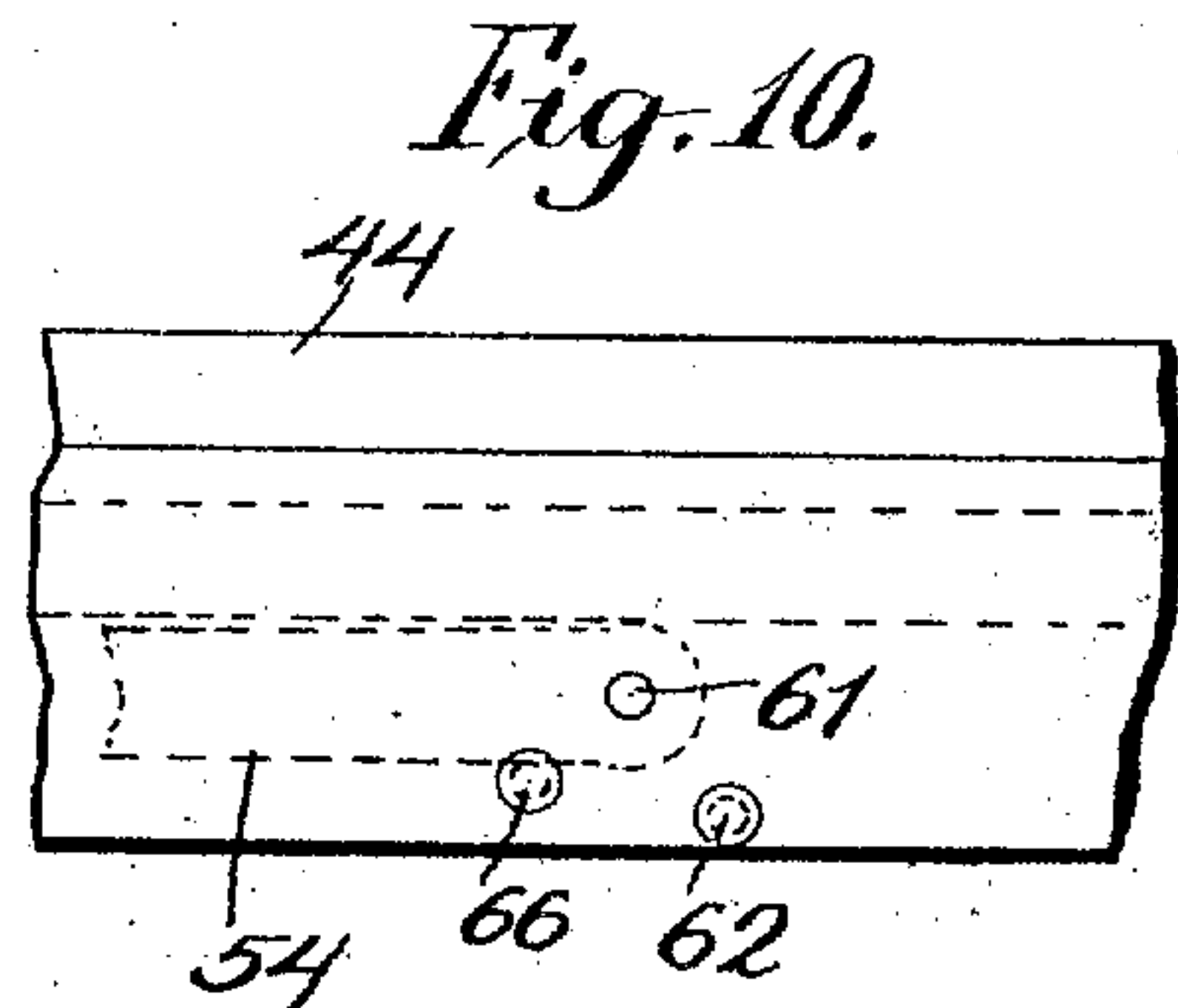
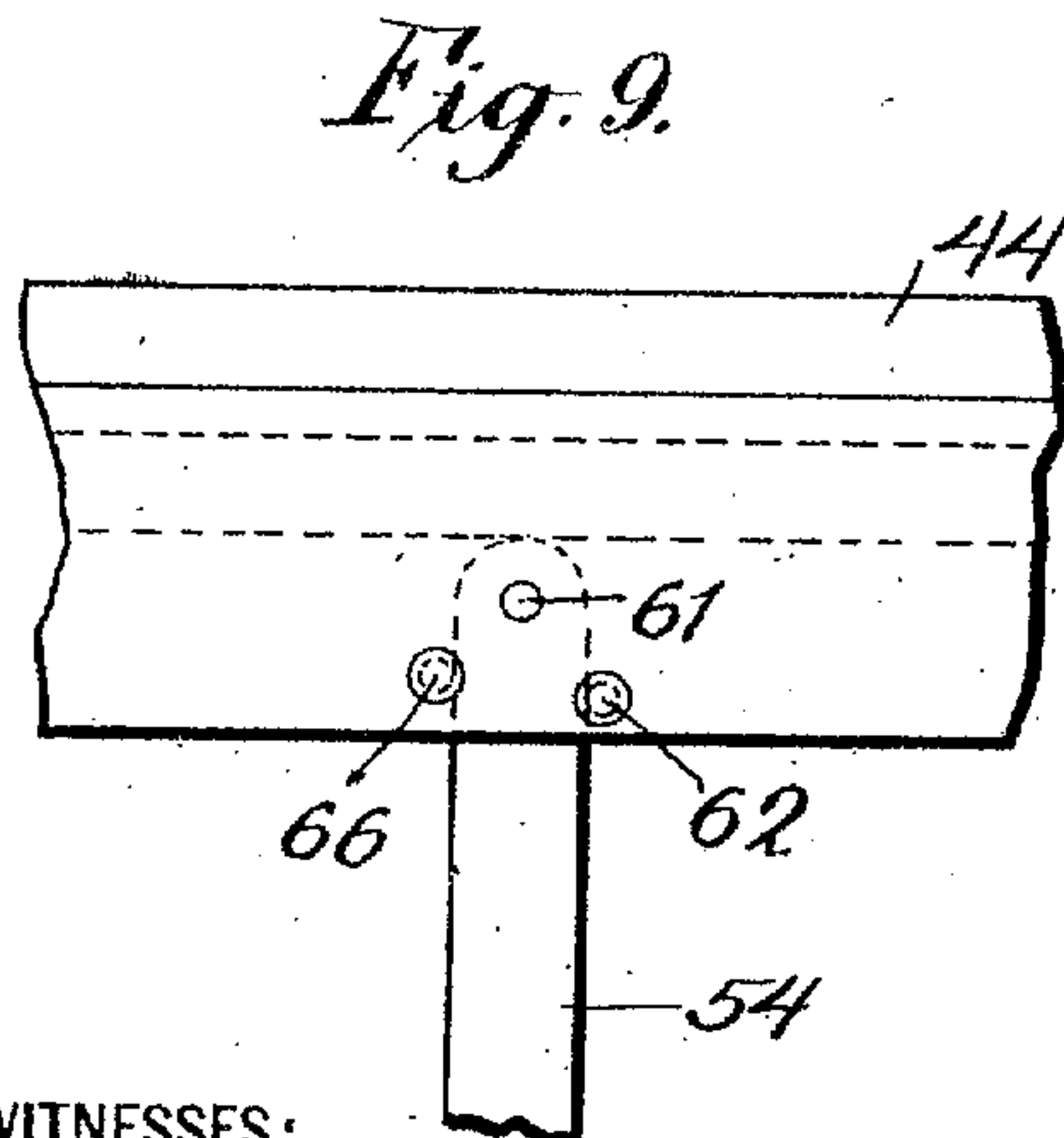
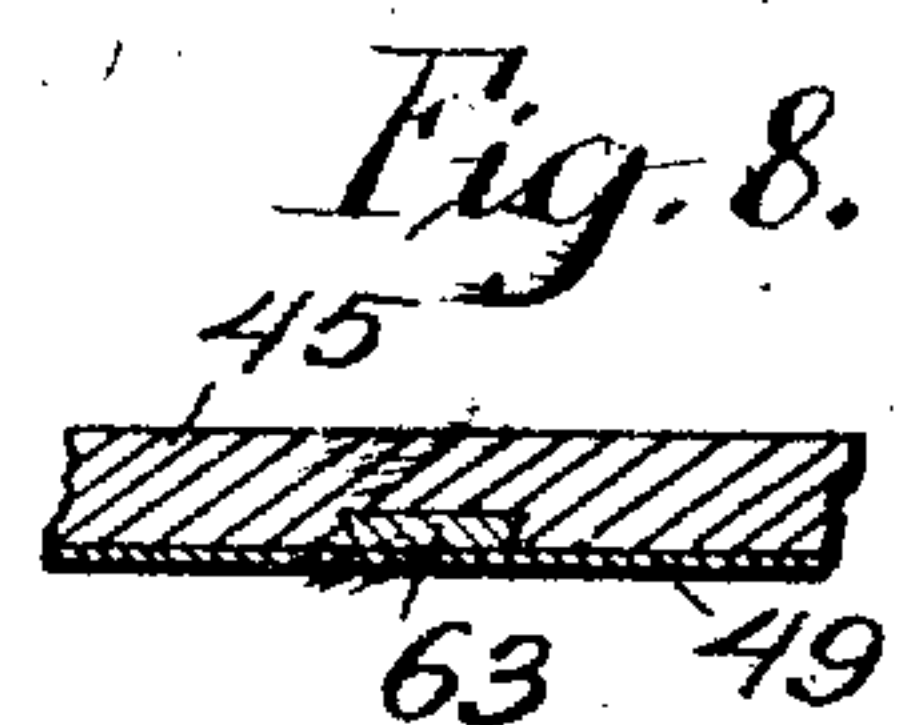
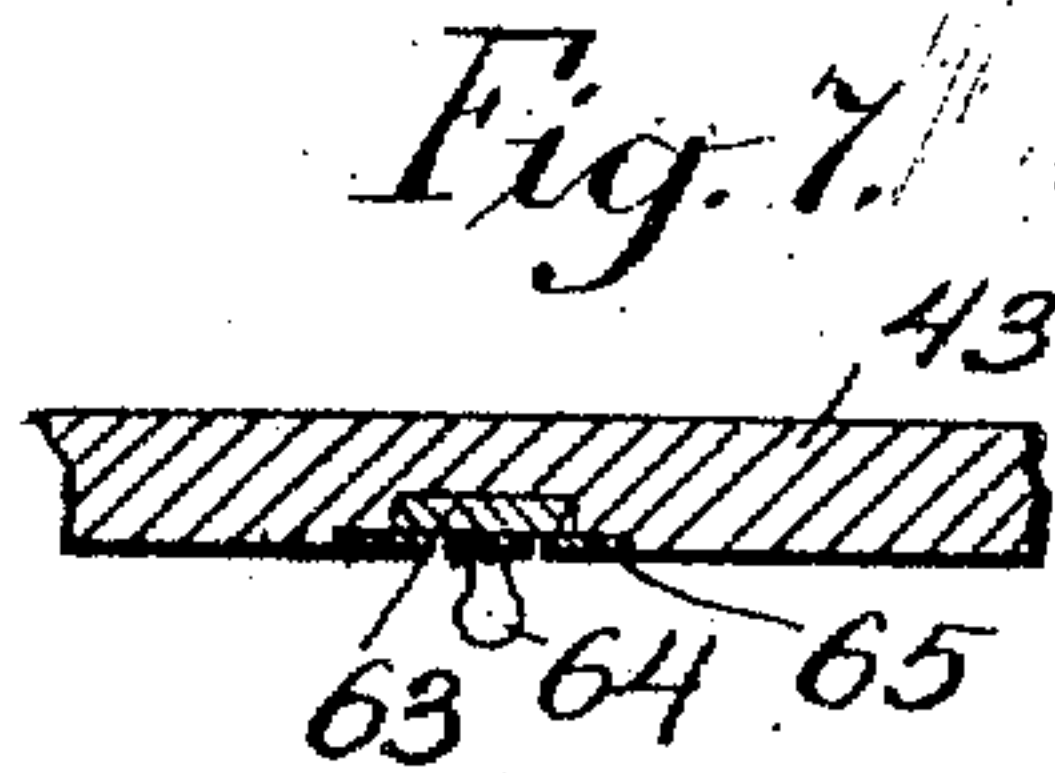
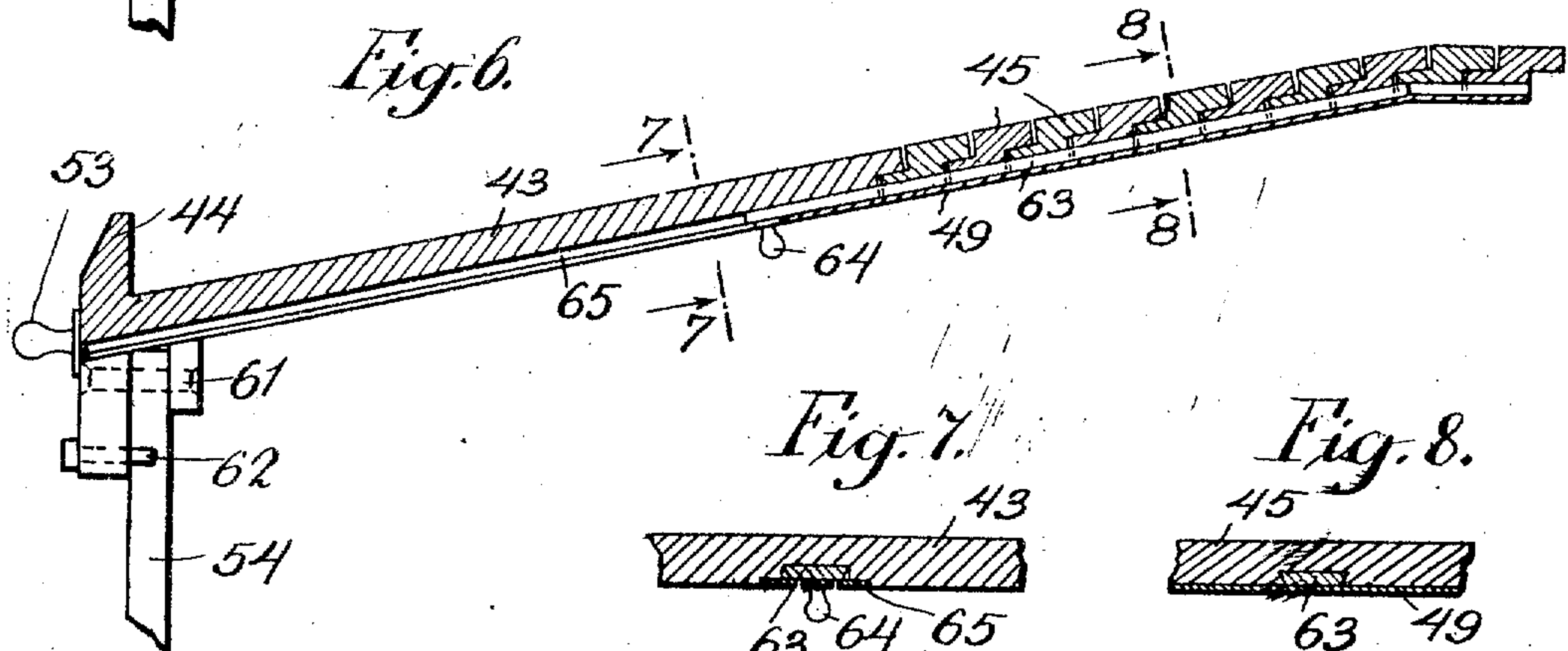
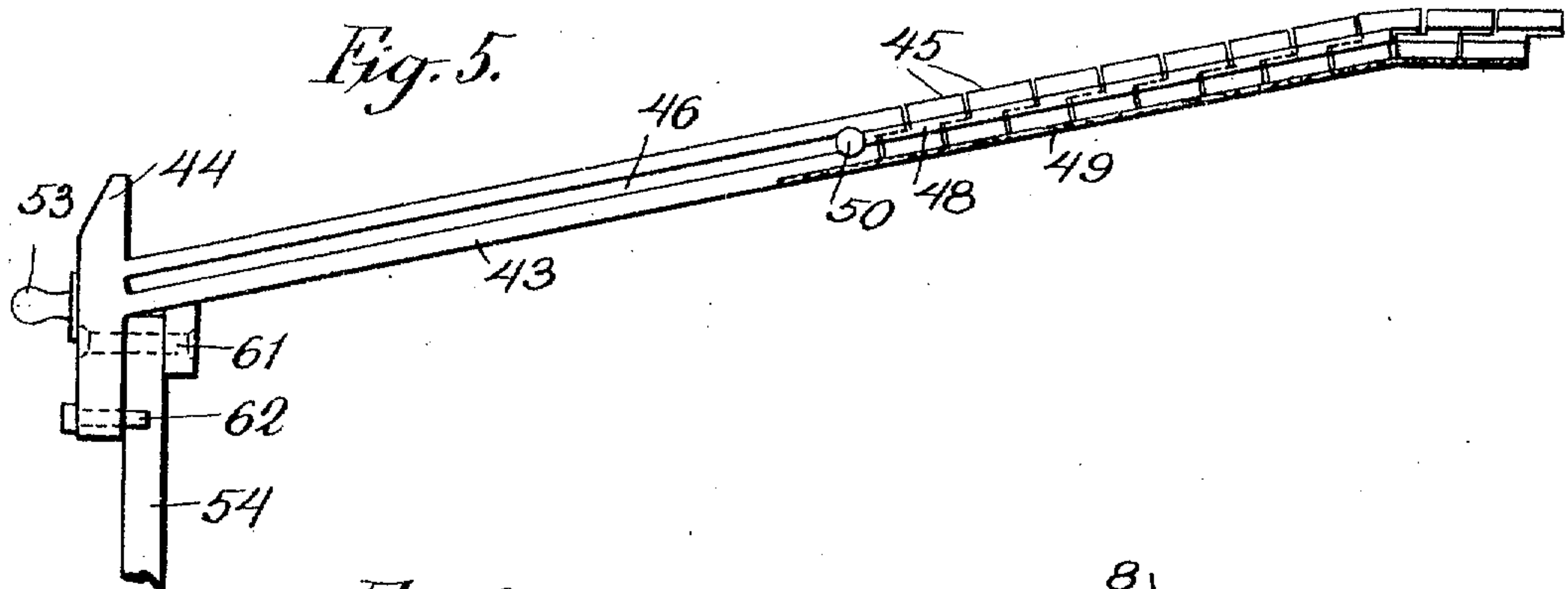
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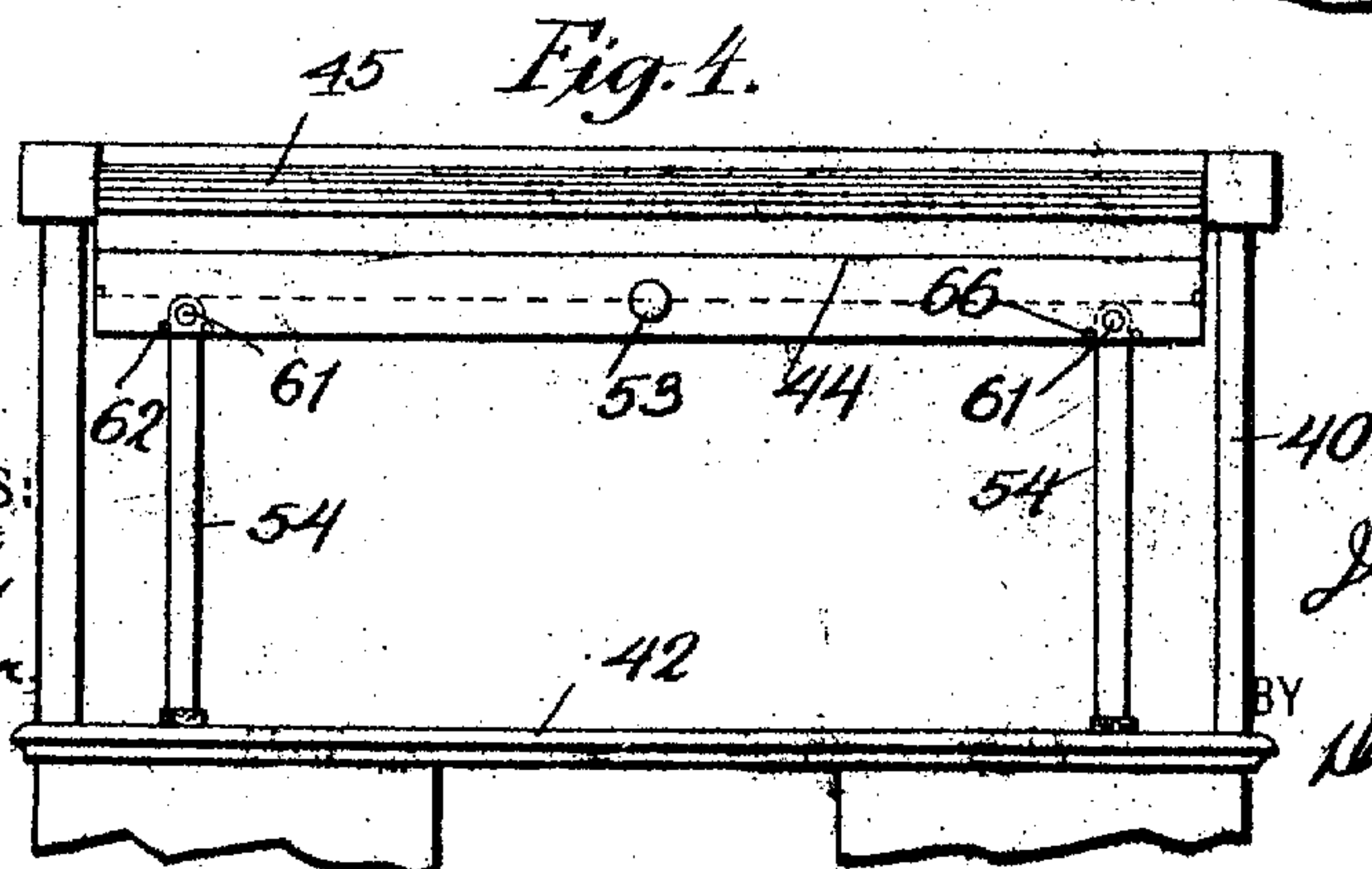
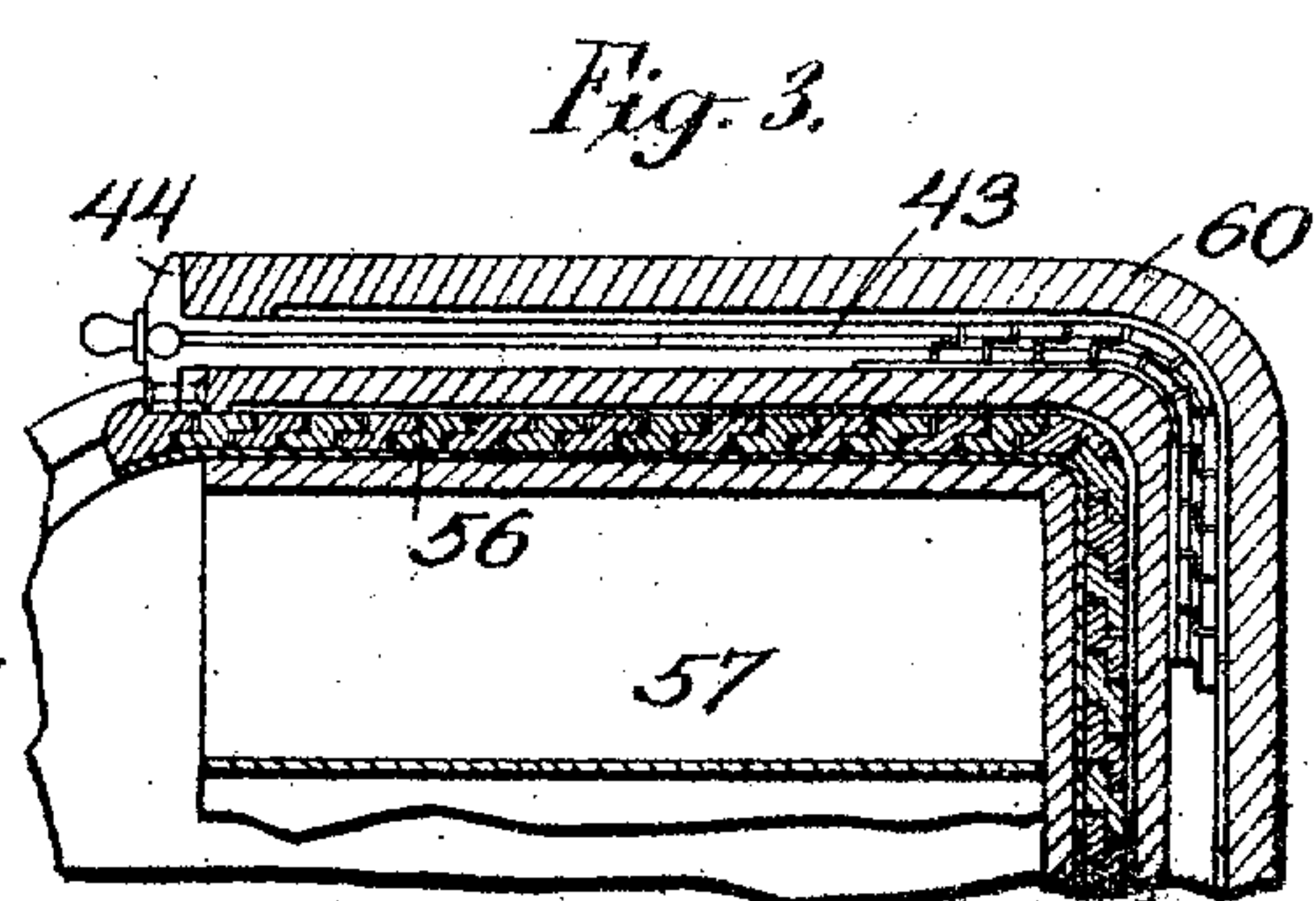
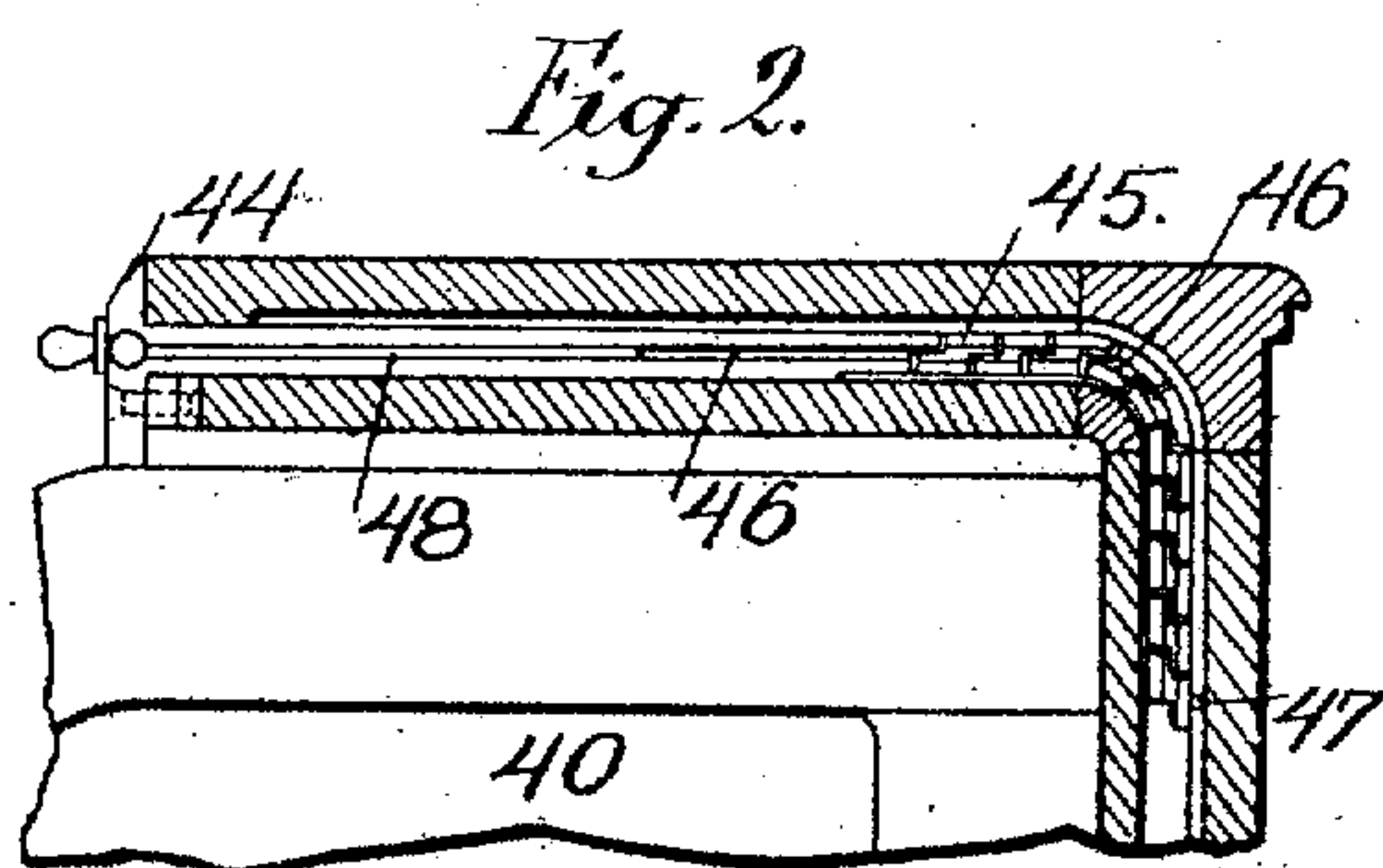
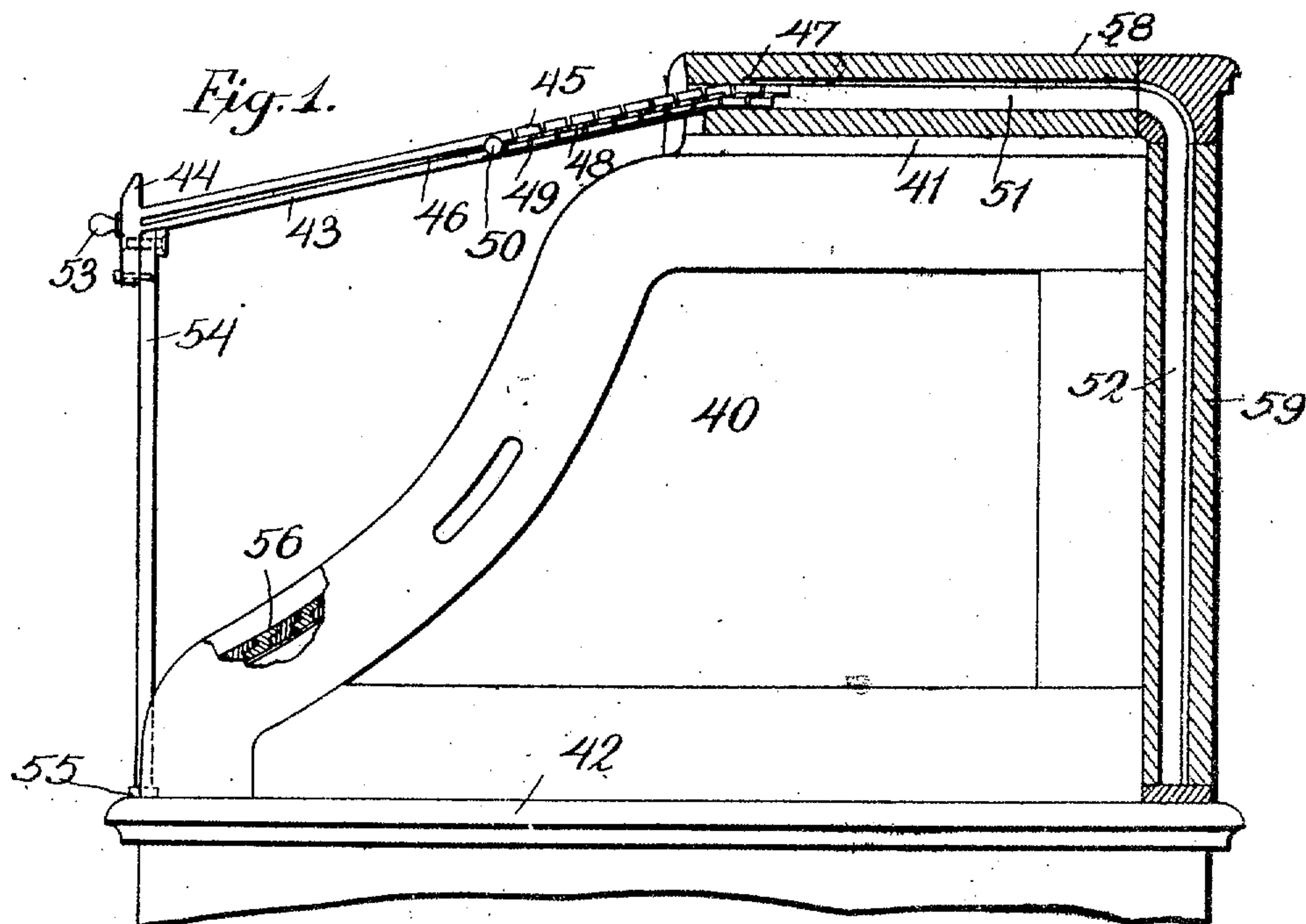
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JENNINGS SCOTT McCOMB, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Dobbs Ferry, in the county of Westchester and State of New York, have made certain new and useful Improvements in Desk Attachments, of which the following is a specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to desk attachments and relates especially to attachments for roll-top office desks by which a special top or table is provided of suitable height for use when a person is standing, such top being adapted for book-keeping and other purposes and being arranged so as to be readily withdrawn from a suitable casing for use or inclosed within the same.

In the accompanying drawings in which the same reference numeral refers to similar parts in the several figures showing illustrative embodiments which may be used in carrying out this invention. Figure 1 is a side view of a desk partly in section showing this attachment. Fig. 2 is a similar partial view showing the attachment inclosed in the casing. Fig. 3 is a similar view of a modified construction in which the casing is built integral with the desk itself. Fig. 4 is a front view corresponding to Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is an enlarged side view of the same. Fig. 6 is a corresponding view of a modification. Figs. 7 and 8 are detail transverse sectional views of the same along the lines 7—7 and 8—8. Figs. 9 and 10 are detail views showing the operation of the leg attaching means.

In the illustrative embodiment of this invention shown in the drawings, a desk of the general roll-top type is indicated, having the top 42 to which the side pieces 40 are attached so as to properly support the cap 41. The casing 58, 59 may be secured upon the cap and rear of the desk in the position indicated in Fig. 1 by any desired means, this casing having the curved passage 51, 52 to accommodate the table sections when not in use. As shown in Fig. 1, this casing is substantially in the form of an inverted L to fit the cap and the back of the desk. It is to be understood of course that my invention is not limited to the two sides of the L being at right angles to each other or to the relative lengths of the sides as shown, as these may be varied without departing from the spirit of my invention. The table is preferably

formed with a rigid portion 43 to which the front ledge 44 may be secured and a flexible section secured to the upper part of the rigid section 43 and composed of a series of interlocking members 45 secured upon a flexible backing 49 of fabric or other material. This upper flexible section of the table is preferably held in operative position by a suitable stop or projection 47 formed on one of the members and operating in a groove in the passage, as indicated, and also by the stiffening member or bolt 48 engaging the guideway or groove 46 in these members and the adjacent rigid section of the table. As indicated this bolt may be provided with a suitable operating handle 50 or other operating means and when the table has been withdrawn into the operative position indicated in Fig. 1 this bolt may be thrust backward preferably as the flexible section is withdrawn from the casing so as to successively engage the preferably undercut grooves in each of the interlocking members so as to rigidly hold them in proper relative position. Instead of having these bolts operate in suitable grooves 46 at the lateral edges of the table, as indicated in Fig. 5, they may be arranged in similarly reinforced grooves in the lower face of the table, preferably adjacent the lateral edges thereof, as indicated in Figs. 6, 7 and 8. In this case, the bolts 63 operate in the grooves preferably provided with the metallic reinforcing plate 65 and may be moved as described by the operating handles 64 at the proper time so as to rigidly hold the series of members forming the flexible section in proper position while the table is used.

The front or lower edge of the table is preferably supported by a pair of legs 54 having tips 55 of yielding material which may be pivotally mounted to swing about the pivots 61 and be held in operative position between the alining pins 62, 66, as indicated in Figs. 4, 9 and 10. The pin 66 may as indicated be partly withdrawn or moved out of the path of the leg so as to allow the leg to swing up parallel to the table into a position behind the ledge front and then by reinserting the pin 66 the leg is held securely in this position. The table may thereupon be slid back into the casing, the stiffening members being pulled forward at the proper time so as to allow the flexible rear section of the table to pass around the curved casing passage and lie in the rear



vertical portion 52, the table front or ledge 44 being preferably so shaped as to properly cooperate with the front of the casing and form a finish strip therefor. A suitable handle 53 is shown for conveniently withdrawing the table from the casing.

Instead of having the casing detachable, which is desirable for use with the standard roll-top desks, the casing may be built integral with the desk itself, as indicated in Fig. 3, in which instance the casing 60 is a part of the desk and is provided with suitable passages for the table 43 and also for the regular sectional roll-top 56 of the desk 57.

What is claimed is:

1. In desk attachments for roll-top desks, a detachable casing having a depending rear section and provided with a grooved passage, a table adapted to move in the grooved passage, said table comprising a rigid section, having a front ledge secured thereto, and a rearwardly extending flexible section secured to said rigid section and composed of interlocking members secured to a flexible backing, a stop on one of said members engaging the groove in said passage to limit the outward movement of said table, a bolt provided with an operating handle mounted in guideways in said table to hold said flexible members in proper cooperation when said table is in operative position, legs pivoted to said front ledge, and alining pins cooperating with said legs one of said pins being movable to hold said legs in operative position and in closed position behind said ledge.

2. In desk attachments for roll-top desks, a detachable casing having a depending rear section and provided with a passage, a table located in said passage, said table comprising a front ledge to cooperate with the front of said casing when in closed position, a rigid section secured to said ledge, and a rearwardly extending flexible section secured to said rigid section, means to limit the outward movement of said table when withdrawn from said casing, stiffening members mounted in said table to hold said flexible section in proper operative position, legs pivotally mounted to said front ledge, and means to hold said legs in operative position and in closed position concealed behind said ledge.

3. In desk attachments, a casing having a depending rear section and provided with a passage, a table having a front ledge cooperating with the front of said casing, said table having a flexible rear section to cooperate with the passage in said casing and stiffening means to hold said flexible section in proper operative position.

4. In desk attachments, a casing having a passage provided with a curved portion, a table comprising a flexible rear section and a rigid front section mounted in said passage to allow said table to be entirely inclosed in said

casing and the flexible portion thereof to pass around the curved portion of said passage and means to reinforce said flexible section and hold the same in proper cooperation when said table is in extended operative position.

5. A desk attachment, consisting of a hollow removable casing different portions of which are at an angle to each other, one portion of the casing adapted to fit on the upper portion of the desk and the other portion of the casing adapted to lie parallel with the back of the desk, a table having a flexible portion, said table being normally mounted within the casing but adapted to be moved therefrom, and means for supporting the end of the table when it is in its operative position.

6. A desk attachment consisting of a hollow detachable casing of substantially inverted L-shape, a table comprising a flexible portion normally mounted within said casing and means for supporting the table when withdrawn from said casing into operative position.

7. A desk attachment adapted to be used in connection with an ordinary roll-top desk consisting of a substantially horizontal portion adapted to fit the upper part of a desk and a substantially vertical portion adapted to lie parallel with the back of the desk, said portions being provided with a connecting passage, a sliding table comprising a flexible portion mounted within said passage and adapted to be withdrawn therefrom into operative position and means for supporting said table in operative position.

8. A desk attachment consisting of a removable casing having a passage, different portions of which are at an angle to each other, one portion of the casing adapted to fit on the upper portion of the desk and the other part of the casing adapted to lie parallel with the back of the desk, and a table consisting of a rigid portion and a flexible portion mounted within the passage, and legs to support the end of the table when in its withdrawn or operative position.

9. A desk attachment consisting of a removable casing having a passage, different portions of which are at an angle to each other, one portion of the casing adapted to fit on the upper portion of the desk and the other part of the casing adapted to lie parallel with the back of the desk, a table comprising a rigid portion, a front ledge and a flexible portion, means carried by the rigid portion to stiffen the flexible portion of the table, and means to support the table when in its withdrawn or operative position.

10. A desk attachment, consisting of a removable casing having a passage, different portions of which are at an angle to each other, one portion of the casing adapted to fit on the upper section of the desk and the

other part of the casing adapted to lie parallel with the back of the desk, a table having a rigid portion, a front ledge, and a flexible portion, guideways in said rigid and flexible portions and a bolt normally mounted in the guideway in the rigid portion and adapted to fit into the guideway of the flexible por-

tion to stiffen the same when the table is in its withdrawn or operative position, and legs to support the front portion of the table.

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