

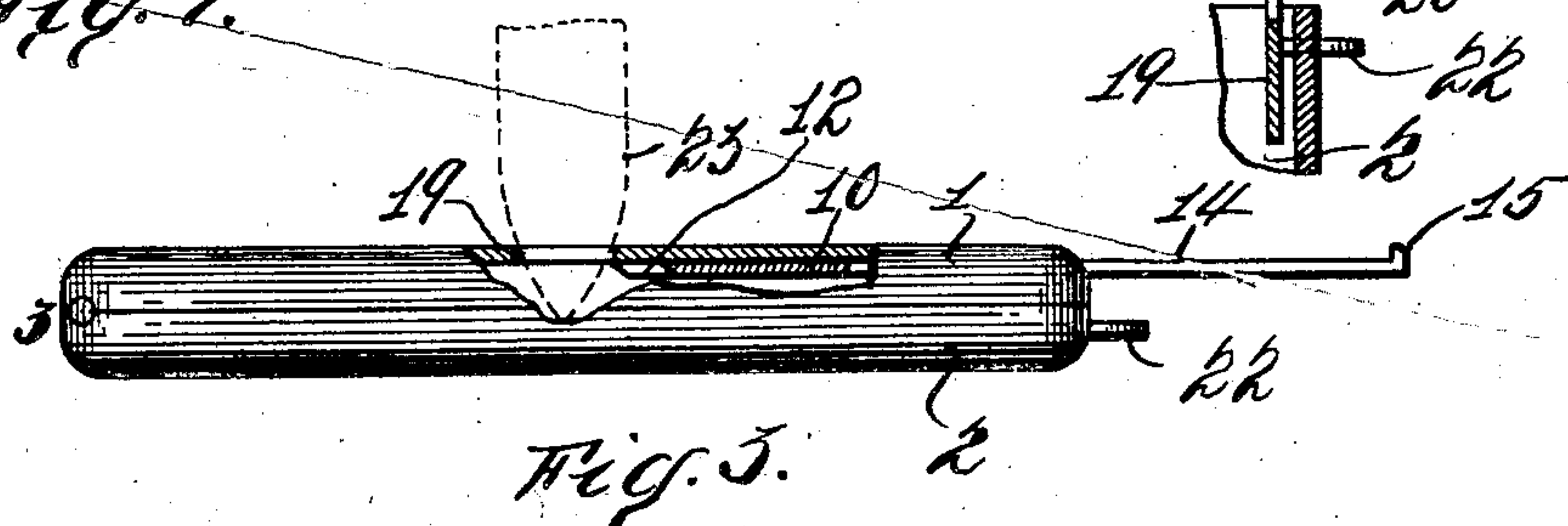
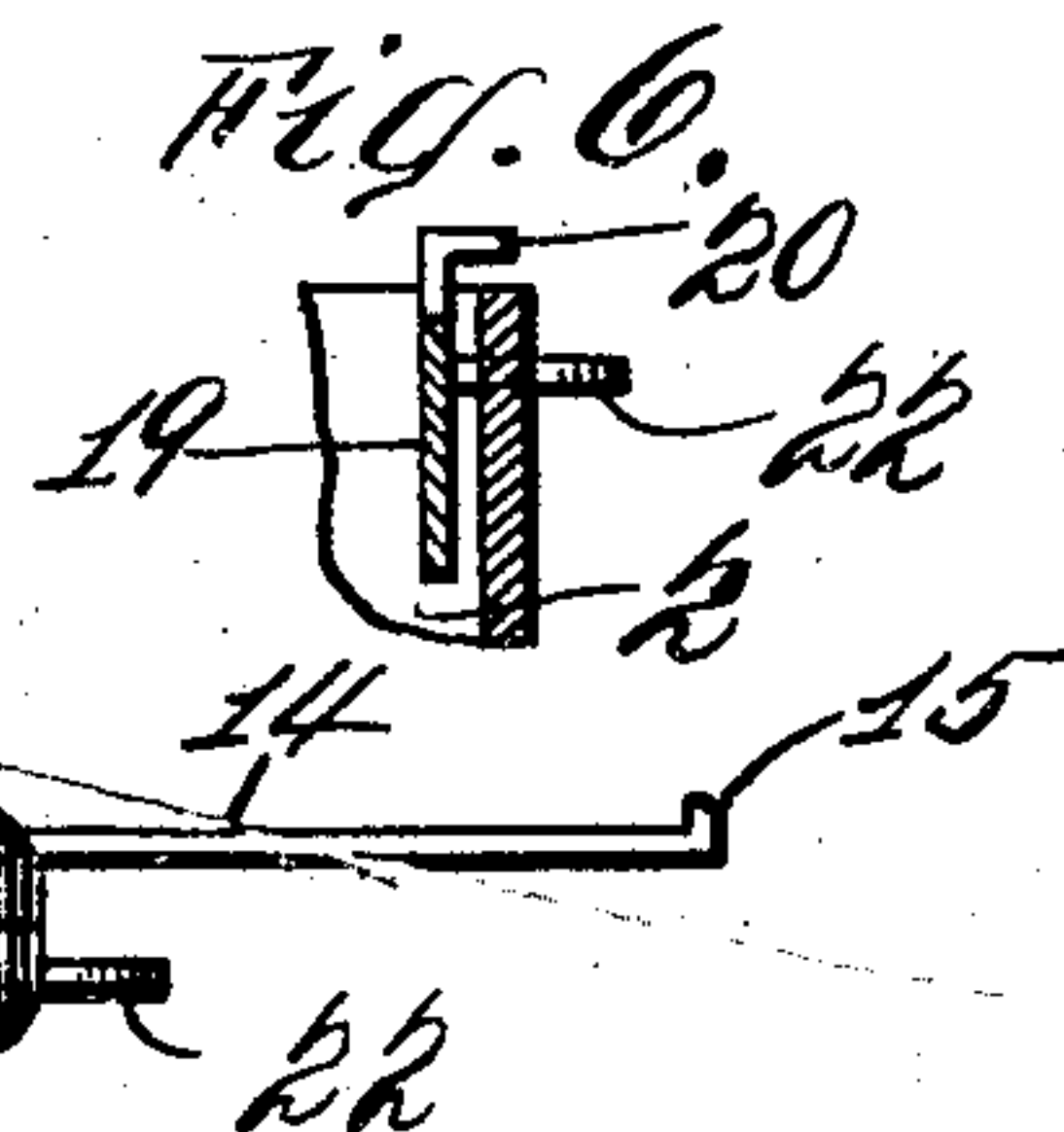
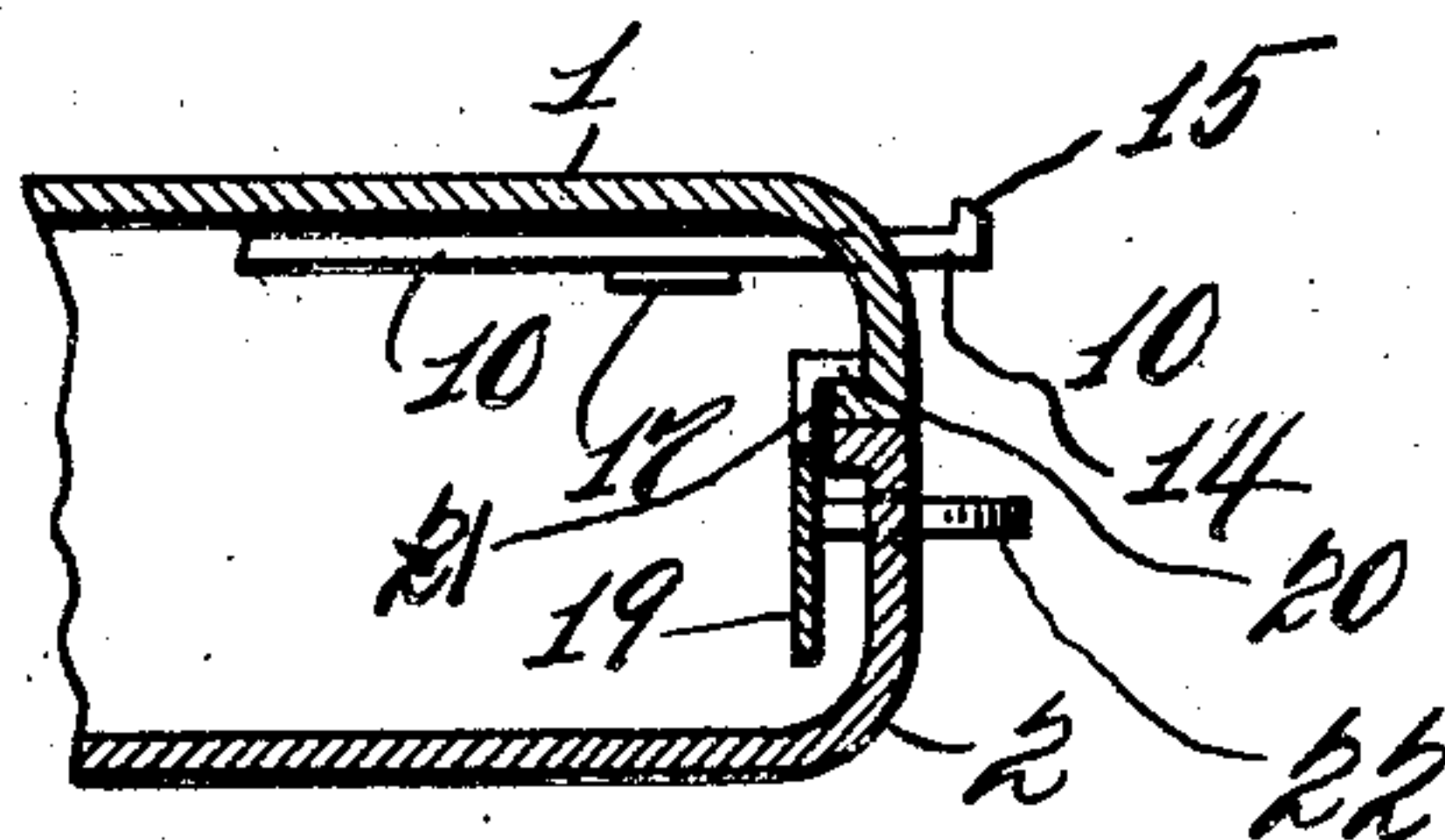
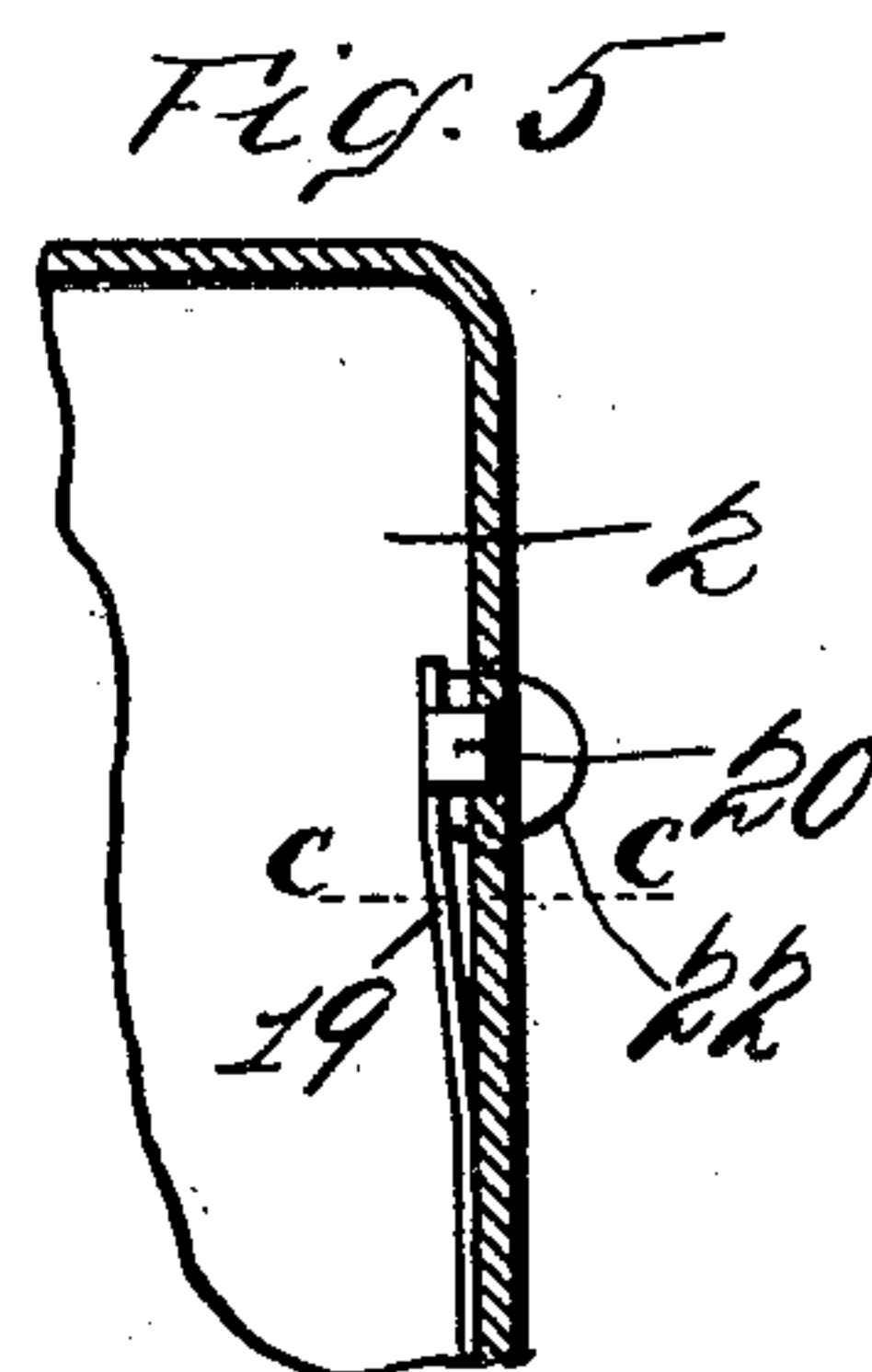
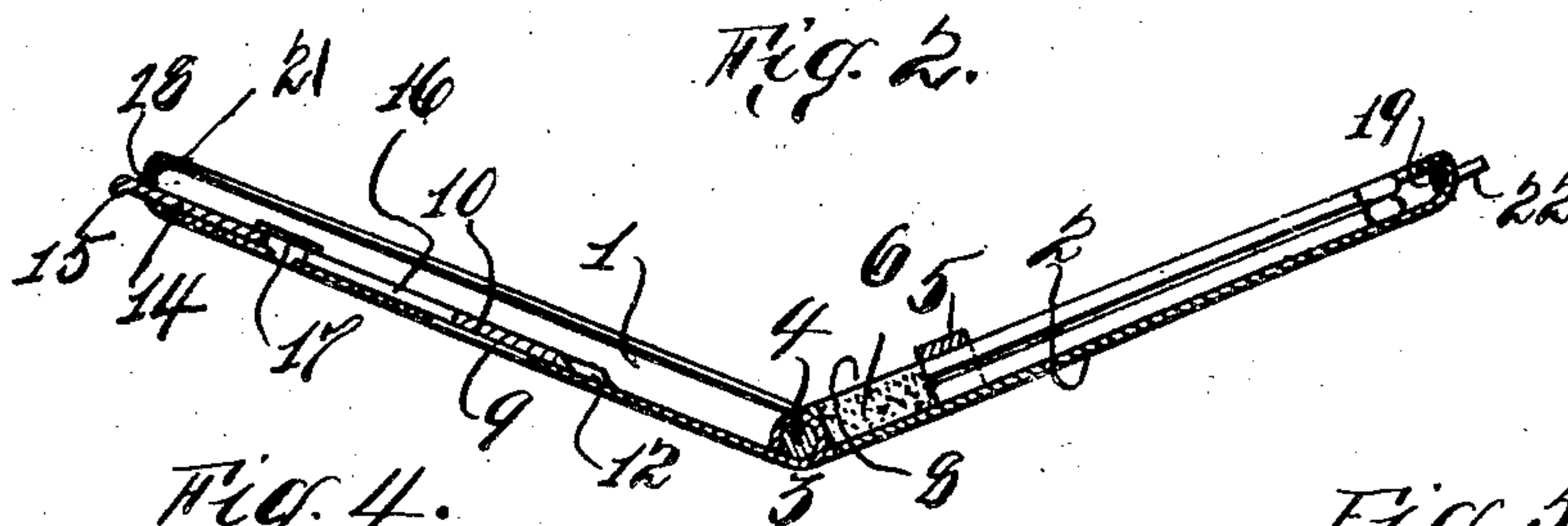
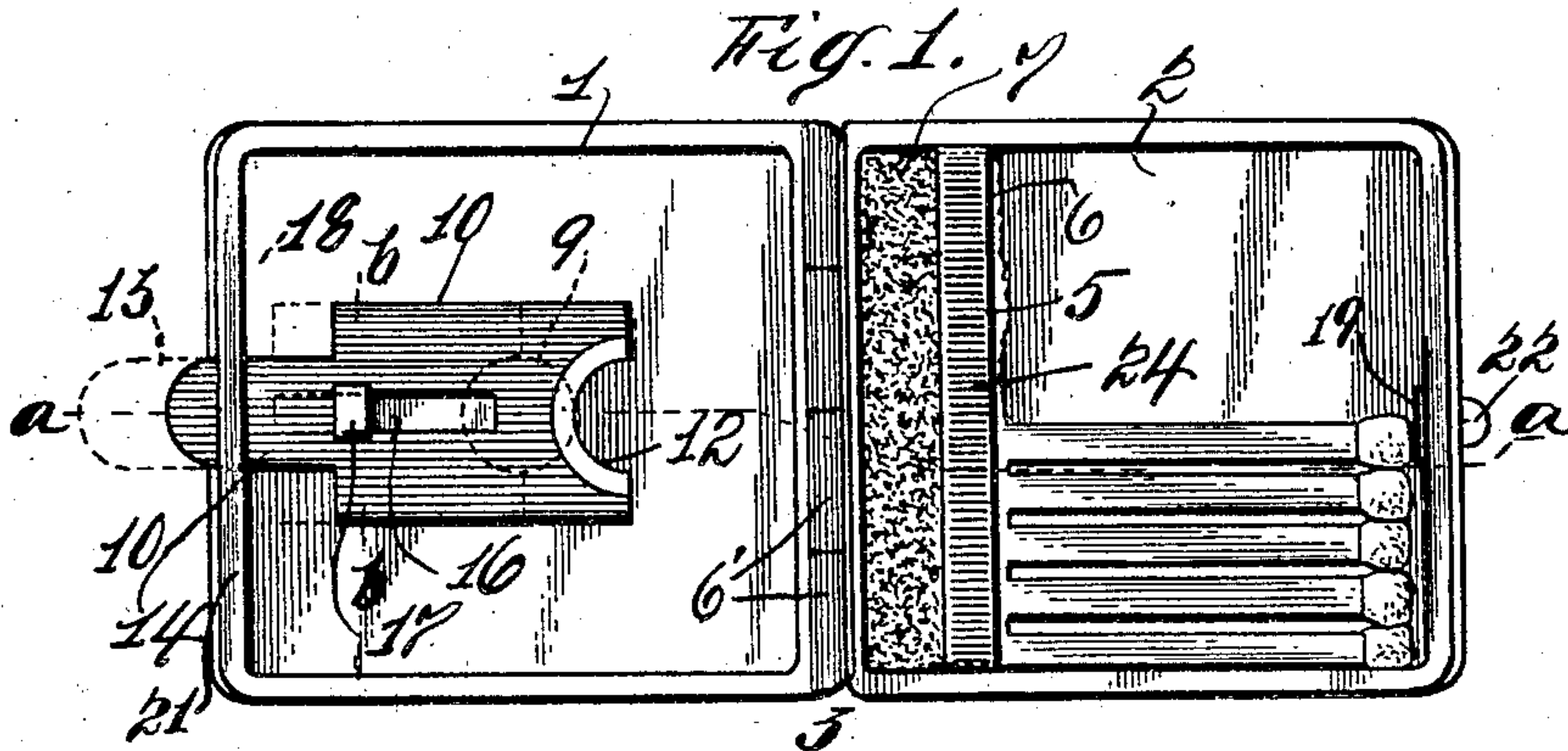
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EMANUEL CINER, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, Manhattan borough, county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Match-Box and Cigar-Cutter, of which the following is a clear, full, and exact description.

This invention relates to a combined match-safe or case and cigar-cutter, the object being to provide a device of this character that will render unnecessary the carrying of a match-safe and a cigar-cutter as separate articles.

Although my improved combined match-safe and cigar-cutter is well adapted for its double function, it is of a cheap and durable construction, not easily destroyed.

To these and other ends which will hereinafter appear, my improvement comprises the novel features of arrangement and combination of parts, which will hereinafter be described and claimed and which are fully illustrated in the accompanying drawing, forming part hereof, wherein—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of my improved device in an open position; Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view, the section being taken on a line *a—b* in Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a side elevation of my improved device shown closed, one of the elements thereof being broken away to show the cigar-cutting device; Fig. 4 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view of the manner of mounting the shearing device, the section being taken on a line *b—b* in Fig. 1; Fig. 5 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional top plan view of the latch carry element of my improved device; Fig. 6 is a vertical sectional fragmentary view taken on a line *c—c* in Fig. 5 and shows the movable end of the latch; and Fig. 7 is an enlarged fragmentary vertical sectional view of that end of my improved device which carries the latch and cigar-cutting element.

In the accompanying drawing the numeral 1 indicates the cigar-cutting carrying element or cover, while 2 indicates the match and latch carrying element, or cover. The covers 1 and 2 are pivotally connected, as at 3, by a rod 4, the said rod passing through eyes 6' which are formed on the adjacent ends of the covers 1 and 2. The said hinged or pivotal connection is of the formation usual in articles of this class. The covers 1 and 2 when closed form a case.

The cover 2 is provided adjacent to its hinged end, with a bridge-piece 5, which serves as a retainer for matches. In this instance I have chosen to show that class of matches which are integral with, or attached to, a base-member such as 6 (Fig. 1), the said base member having an abrasive surface 7 for the purpose of igniting the matches. To insert this form of matches into the cover 2, it is but necessary to slide the abrasive or base portion of the matches under the bridge-piece 5, which will thereafter retain the matches in place. The abrasive surface 7 of course is uppermost between the bridge-piece 5 and the hinged end of the cover, a space 8 being left for this purpose. (See Fig. 2). Ordinary matches, such as parlor matches, for instance, can also be carried by the said cover 2, if desired and can be inserted under a bridge-piece 5 such as hereinbefore described.

The cover 1 of the match safe is provided with an opening 9 (see Figs. 1 and 2) over which a cutting element or shear 10 is adapted to slide. The shear 10 is provided at its inner end, with a circular shaped cutting edge 12 which is adapted to coincide with a portion of the edge of the opening 9 when the said shear 10 is drawn outwardly, as shown by dotted lines 13 (Fig. 1). The shear 10 is provided with a reduced outwardly extending handle 14 at the end of which a knob 15 is formed for the purpose of facilitating the manipulation of the shear 10. To slidably mount the shear 10, I form therein a slot 16, through which a retainer 17 passes and holds the shear down as shown. The retainer 17 also acts as a stop to limit the inward as well as the outward movement of the shear 10. The end 14 of the shear 10 passes through an opening 18 in the cover 1. The retainer 17 can be attached to the cover 1 in any suitable manner.

To secure the covers 1 and 2 together, when closed, as shown in Fig. 7, I suitably attach to the cover 2, in this instance, a latch 19 (see Fig. 5), the top of the forward end being provided with a lip 20 which is adapted to lap over the adjacent portion of the flange 21 of the cover 2, whereby the said covers are held together. To manipulate the latch 19 a projection 22 is provided. When the covers are closed and locked and the shear 10 is in its innermost position as shown in Fig. 1, the knob 22 and handle 14 of the shear 10 will be out of alignment, as shown in Fig. 7,



for a purpose to be hereinafter explained. The knob 22 passes through the cover 2 as shown.

The operation of my improved device will now be explained: Supposing the match safe to be closed, as in Fig. 3, and a person wishes to light a cigar. To prepare the cigar for lighting, the end is usually cut off. With my improved device the shear 10 is pulled outwardly as shown in Fig. 3, and the end of the cigar inserted in the opening 19, as shown by dotted lines 23 in Fig. 3. The shear is then pushed inwardly by the thumb of one hand, the case being held in the other hand, or in the same hand, if desired. As the shear slides inwardly the cutting edge 12 impinges the end of the cigar, but just before the end is completely severed the knob 15 and the projection 22, on the latch 19, will come in alinement and the thumb will then contact the said projection 22, and during the final inward movement of the shear 10 the latch 19 will be pushed inwardly with the shear 10 enough to withdraw or push the lip 20 from the flange 21 on the cover 2. The match safe can then be opened and the cut off end of the cigar will then fall out, or be taken out of the case. A match can now be taken from the cover 2 and struck on the abrasive surface 7, or struck against the roughened surface 24 on the bridge-piece 5.

From the foregoing description, it will be seen that the opening of the match safe and the cutting off of the end of a cigar is a simultaneous operation. The latch 19 and shear 10 can be independently operated, if desired.

My improved device can be used as a cigar cutter only, if desired, by not placing any matches therein.

Having now described my invention what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A match-safe, comprising movably connected members, one of said members being adapted to retain matches, the other of said

members being provided with an opening, a cutter slidably mounted adjacent to said opening, said cutter having an extension projecting exteriorly of the match-safe, the other of said members being provided with a latch having a lip also projecting exteriorly of the match-safe, the projecting end of the extension and said lip being in alinement and adapted for operation in unison, whereby a cigar may be cut and the latch released simultaneously.

2. A match-safe, comprising hinged members, one of the members being adapted to retain matches, a latch carried by the match carrying member and provided with a projection adapted to pass therethrough, the other of said members being provided with an opening and a slidable cutter adjacent thereto, the operating means for said latch and said cutter being disposed at the contiguous meeting edges of the said members when closed, and being adapted for operation in unison.

3. A match-safe, comprising movably connected members, one of said members being adapted to retain matches, a latching device carried by said match-retaining member, the other of said members being adapted to engage said latching device, an opening in said last named member adapted to receive one end of a cigar, a shearing device adjacent thereto, means adapted to operate said shearing device to sever the end of a cigar, and means adapted to release said latching device, the operating means for said shearing device and said latching device being disposed contiguous to the meeting edges of the said members when closed and adapted for operation in unison.

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