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Fig 1

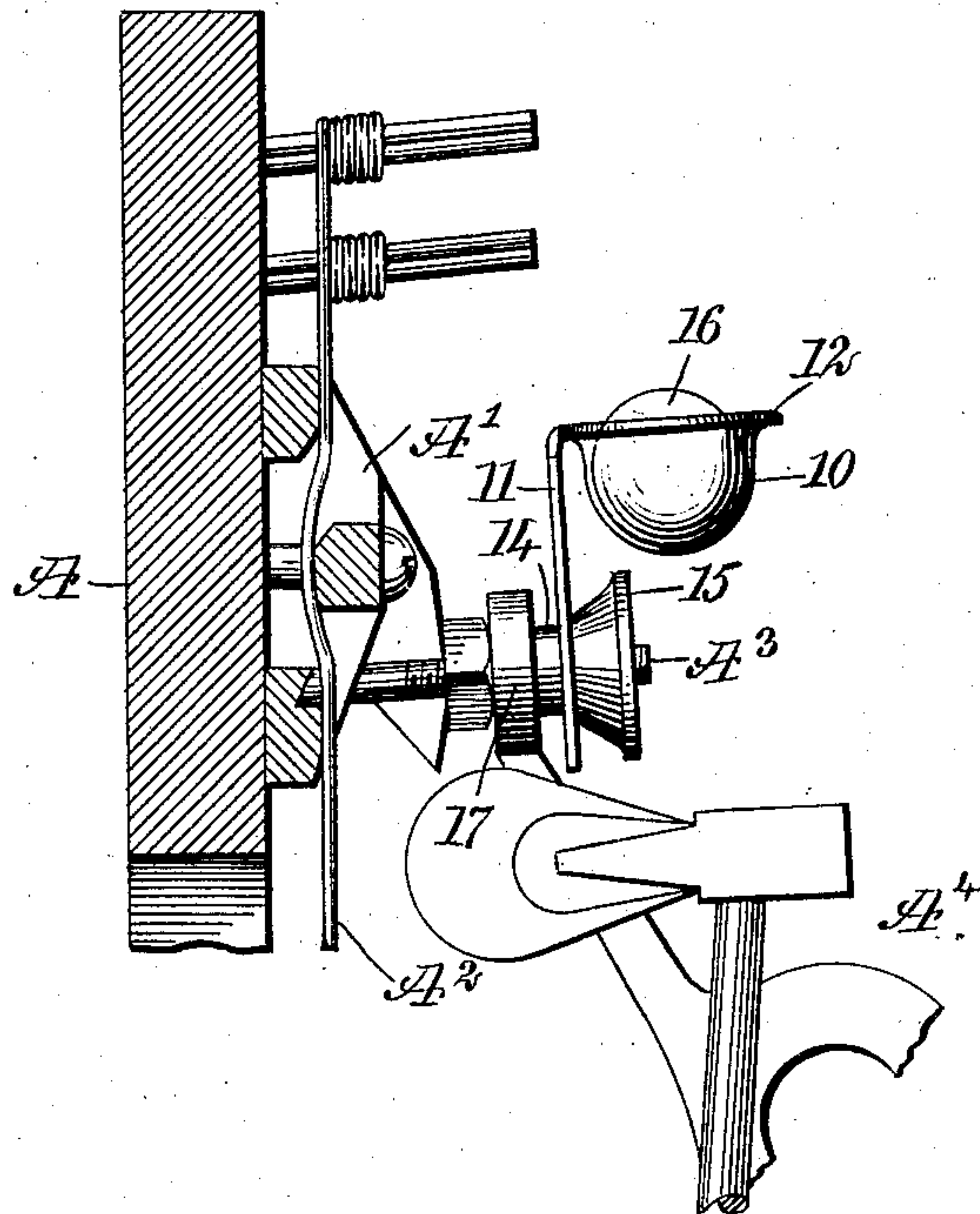
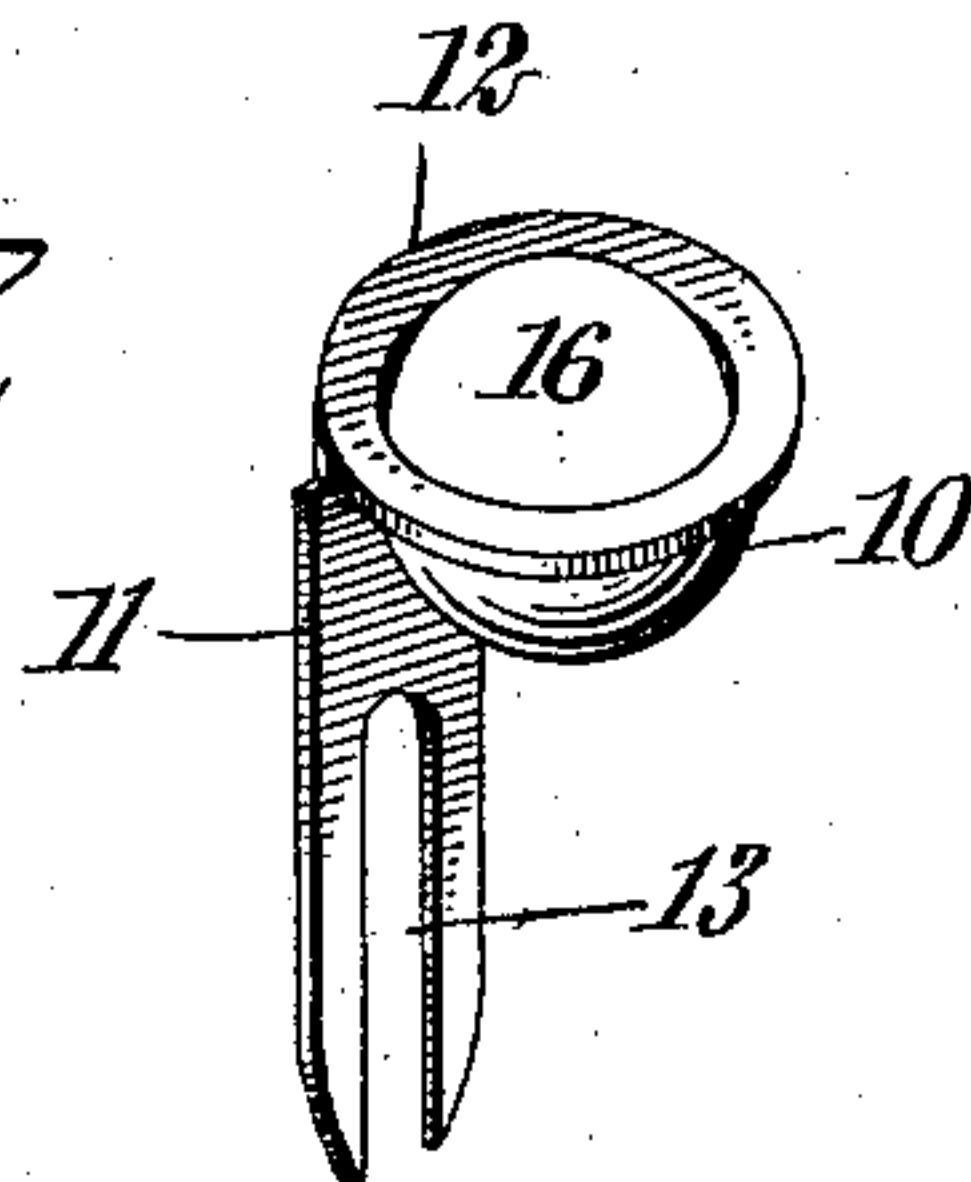


Fig 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE THOMPSON, a subject of the King of Great Britain, and a resident of the city of New York, Port Richmond, Staten Island, borough of Richmond, in the county of Richmond and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Moth-Ball Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

10 The purpose of the invention is to provide a very simple device for holding a moth ball, and especially adapted for use in connection with upright pianos, and to so construct the device that it can be quickly and conveniently
15 placed in position above the action without interfering therewith.

It is a further purpose of the invention to provide a holder for moth balls, that will retain the material of the balls until all is evaporated, thus not only serving to protect the felt of the action from the attacks of moths, but likewise acting to prevent particles of the moth ball from dropping down into the case and interfering with the vibration of the
25 strings.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both views.

30 Figure 1 is a sectional view of a portion of an upright piano and a side elevation of the improved holder in position for use; and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the improved holder detached.

35 A represents a portion of the back-board of an upright piano, A' the frame over which the strings A² are drawn, and A³ represents one of the bracket or plate screws for the action A⁴, which screws are utilized to support the improved holder.
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The holder consists of two parts, a cup body 10 and a shank 11. The shank is preferably integral with the body but may be attached thereto. The said shank extends
45 down from the rim portion 12 of the body

and is provided with a longitudinal slot 13, rendering the same bifurcated.

The device is by preference made of metal, but any other suitable material may be employed, and while it is usually made to hold 50 a single moth ball 16, it may be made large enough to accommodate two or more.

The bracket or plate screws A³ are utilized as supports for the holder, and in applying them the bifurcated shanks 11 of the holder 55 are made to straddle the said screws between a sleeve 14, for example, bearing against the eye section 17 of the action frame and the nuts 15 for the screws, the latter having first been loosened. Upon tightening up 60 the nuts, the device is firmly held in place and can be readily removed at any time.

The holders are not at all in the way, and in no manner affect the tone of the instrument or interfere with the true vibrations of 65 the strings.

While I have shown the shank 11 as extending vertically downward from the body, I desire it to be understood that the said shank may sustain other relations to the body 70 without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent: 75

A moth ball holder adapted for use in pianos, comprising a shank having at one end thereof a longitudinal slot, the slot being adapted to receive one of the bracket screws on the action whereby to secure it in place, 80 and having at the other end an approximately hemi-spherical cup opening upward for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of 85 two subscribing witnesses.

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