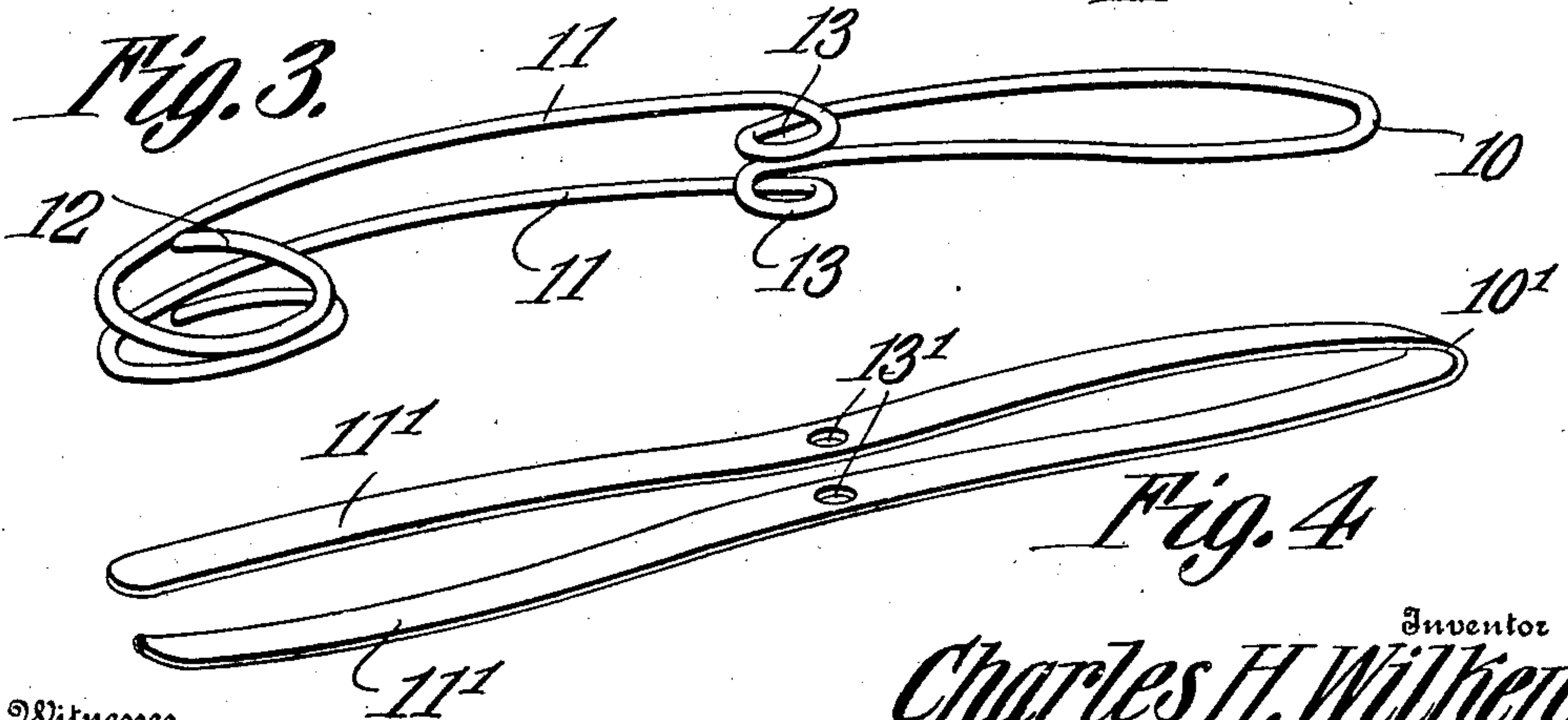
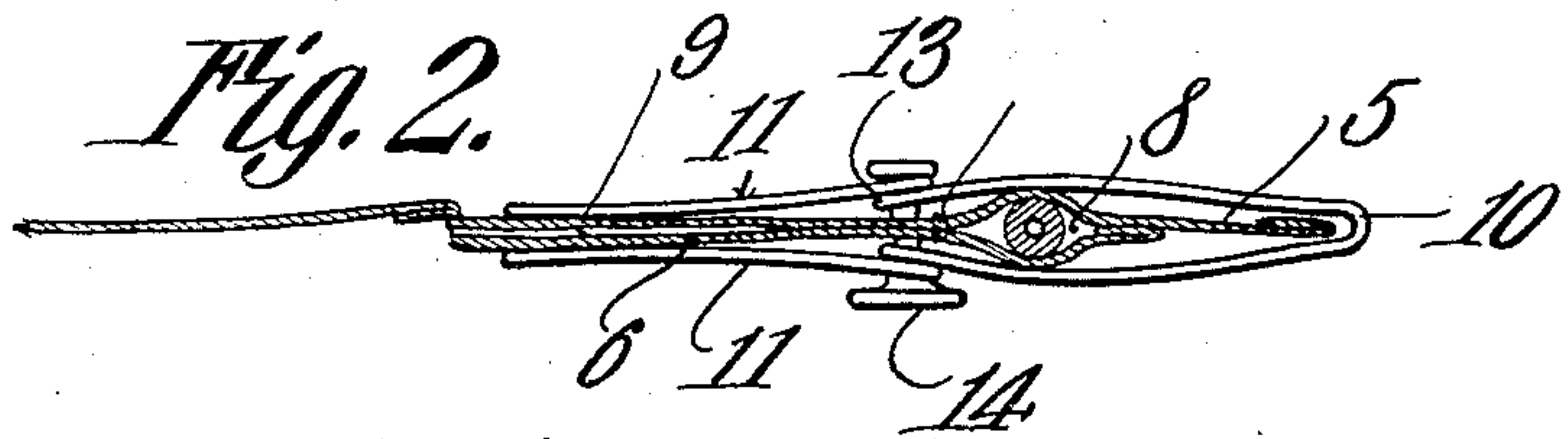
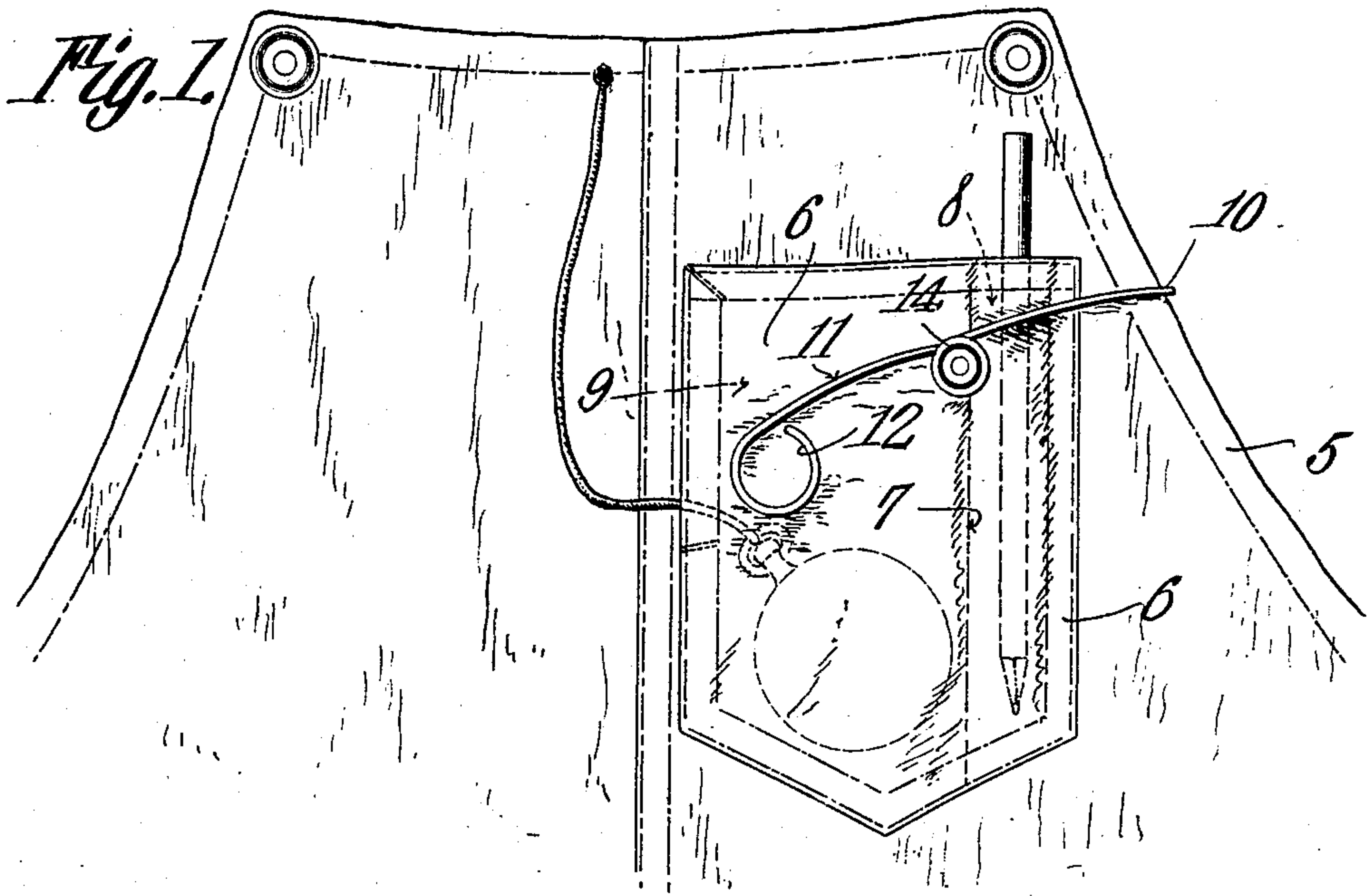


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES HENRY WILKEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Monarch, in the county of Sheridan and State of Wyoming, have invented a new and useful Pencil-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to pencil holders and has for its object to provide a clasp or holder especially designed for attachment to the pocket of a coat or other garment for preventing accidental displacement of pencils and the like.

A further object is to provide a clasp or holder having spring pressed clamping arms for engagement with a garment at the pocket thereof and provided with registering eyes for the reception of a fastening device, said fastening device forming in effect a pivot so that the clasp may be moved to different positions of adjustment with respect to said pocket.

A still further object of the invention is generally to improve this class of devices so as to increase their utility, durability and efficiency as well as to reduce the cost of manufacture.

Further objects and advantages will appear in the following description, it being understood that various changes in form, proportions and minor details of construction may be resorted to within the scope of the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification: Figure 1 is a front elevation of the bib of a pair of overalls showing my improved pencil holder or clasp in position on the pocket thereof. Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view, the clasp or holder being shown in elevation. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the clasp or holder detached. Fig. 4 is a similar view illustrating a modified form of the invention.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in all of the figures of the drawings.

The improved clasp or holder forming the subject matter of the present invention is shown applied to the bib of a pair of overalls in which 5 designates the bib and 6 the pocket, the latter being divided by a row of stitching 7 to form independent compartments 8 and 9, one of which is adapted to receive a pencil and the other a watch.

The device is preferably constructed from a single length of spring wire bent upon

itself at 10 to form spaced clamping arms 11, the free ends of which are curved rearwardly to form terminal whorls or eyes 12 adapted to bear against the opposite sides of the bib at the pocket 6. The wire forming the intermediate portions of the arms 11 is bent to form registering eyes 13 adapted to receive a button, rivet or similar fastening device 14, which latter pierces the bib at the pocket 6 and serves to support the holder in position on the garment. It will thus be seen that that portion of the spring arms on one side of the pivot 14 will bear against the pocket at the compartment 8 and effectually clamp and prevent accidental displacement of the pencil, while that portion of the arms 11 on the opposite side of the pivot 14 will bear against the pocket at the compartment 9 so as to prevent the watch from dropping out of the pocket when the workman stoops in the act of working or performing manual labor.

Attention is here called to the fact that the member 14 not only forms a means for securing the holder in position on the bib of the garment, but also forms in effect a pivot which allows movement of the free ends of the clamping arms with relation to the pocket so as to permit the removal of the watch when desired. The whorls 12 being relatively large will afford a broad bearing surface for engagement with the garment thereby to prevent tearing, cutting or otherwise injuring the same. The whorls 12 also form finger pieces so that the clamping arms may be expanded laterally to permit the removal of the watch without the necessity of adjusting the free ends of said clamping arms on the pivot 14.

In Fig. 4 of the drawings there is illustrated a modified form of the invention in which the clasp or holder is formed of a single piece of flat metal bent upon itself at 10' to produce co-acting clamping arms 11', the intermediate portion of the arms being bent or bowed inwardly and provided with aligned perforations 13' for the reception of the fastening device 14.

While the holder or clasp is shown in connection with the bib of a pair of overalls it will be obvious that the same may be used with equally good results on the pocket of a coat or other garment.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that there is provided an extremely simple, inexpensive and efficient device admirably



bly adapted for the attainment of the ends in view.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed is:

- 5 1. The combination with a garment pocket, of a clasp having spring arms adapted to embrace the garment on opposite sides of the pocket, and a fastening device piercing the arms at a point intermediate their ends.
- 10 2. The combination with a garment pocket, of a clasp having spring clamping arms adapted to bear against the garment at the front and rear of said pocket, and a fastening device piercing the arms and forming a
- 15 pivot to permit adjustment of the free ends of said arms with respect to the pocket.
3. The combination with a garment pocket, of a clasp having spring arms adapted to bear against the garment at the front and
- 20 rear of said pocket and provided with intermediate registering eyes, and a fastening device extending through said eyes and piercing the garment at said pocket.
4. The combination with a garment pocket,
- 25 of a clasp having spring clamping arms terminating in whorls adapted to bear against the garment at the front and rear of the pocket, and a fastening device piercing the arms for retaining the clasp in position on
- 30 the garment.
5. The combination with a bib having a pocket, of a clasp formed of a single piece

of metal bent upon itself to produce spring clamping arms adapted to embrace the opposite sides of the bib at said pocket, the 35 closed end of the clasp being arranged to bear against one edge of the bib, and a fastening device piercing the arms at said pocket for retaining the clasp in position on the bib.

6. The combination with a bib having a pocket provided with independent compartments, of a clasp embracing the bib and provided with spring clamping arms extending 40 transversely across both compartments and engaging the front end and rear of the bib at said pocket, and a fastening device piercing the arms for supporting the clasp in position on the bib.

7. A pencil holder formed of a single 50 piece of wire having an intermediate portion thereof bent upon itself to form spring clamping arms, the free ends of which are coiled to produce terminal whorls, there being registering eyes formed in the intermedi- 55 ate portions of the arms for the reception of a fastening device.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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