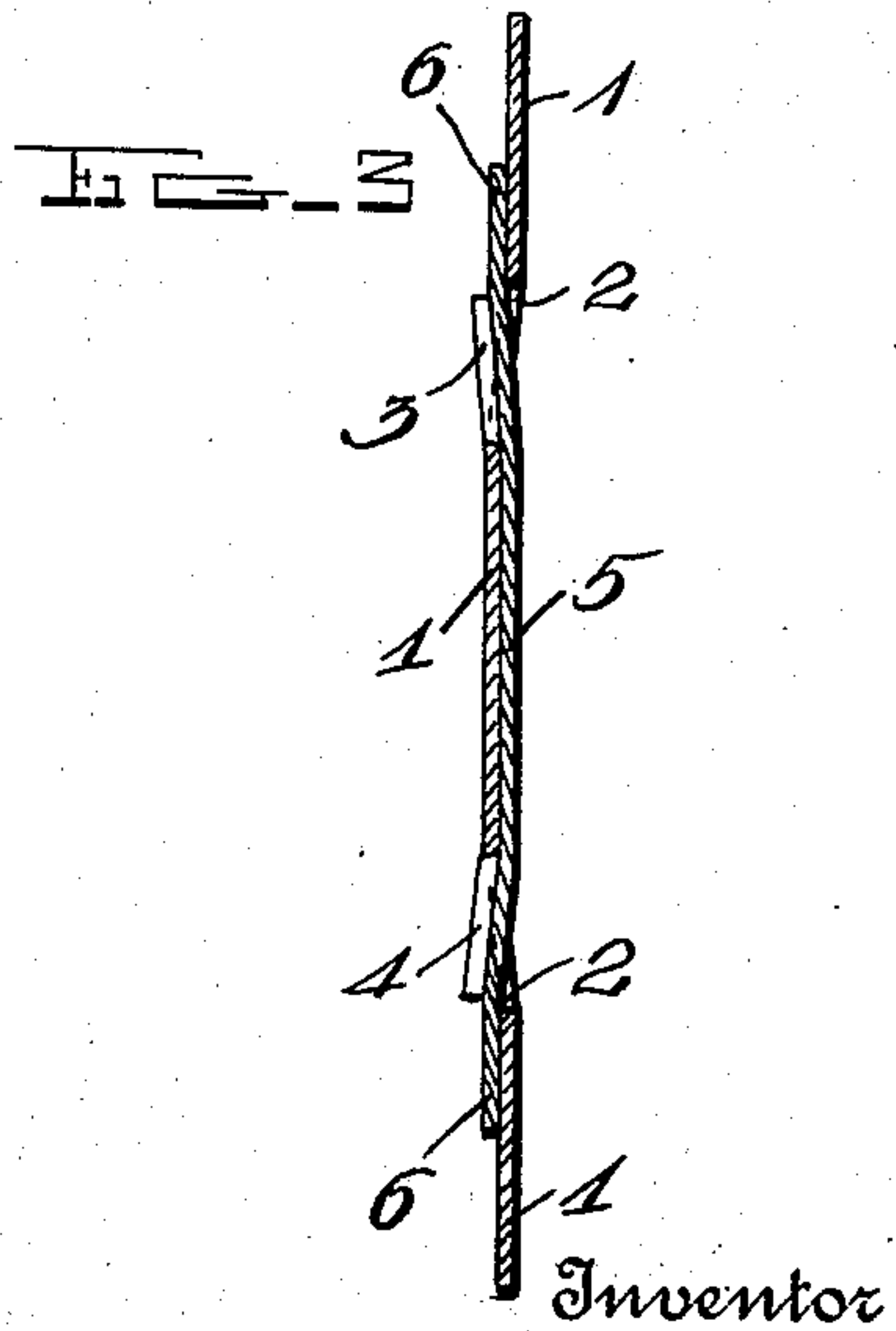
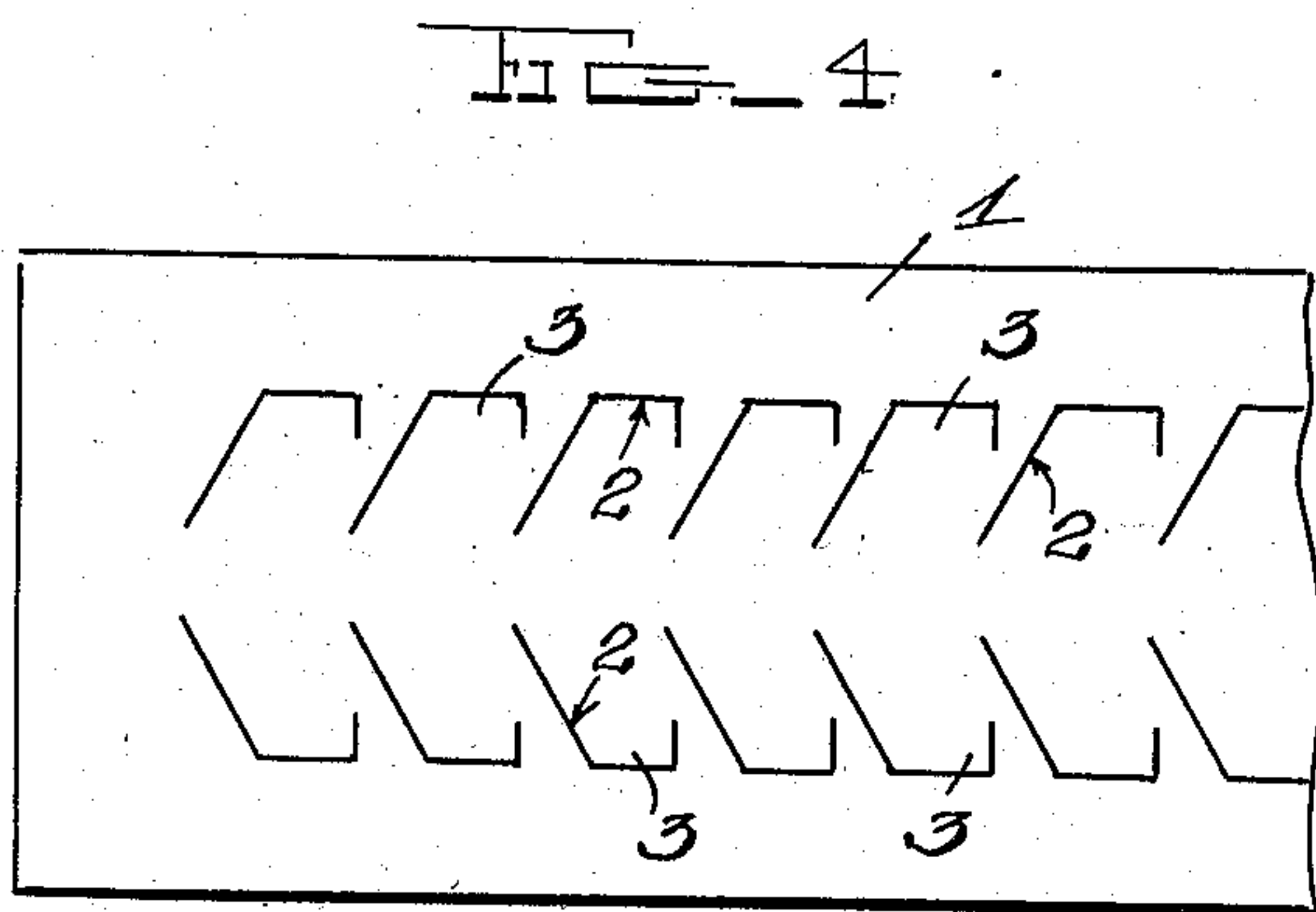
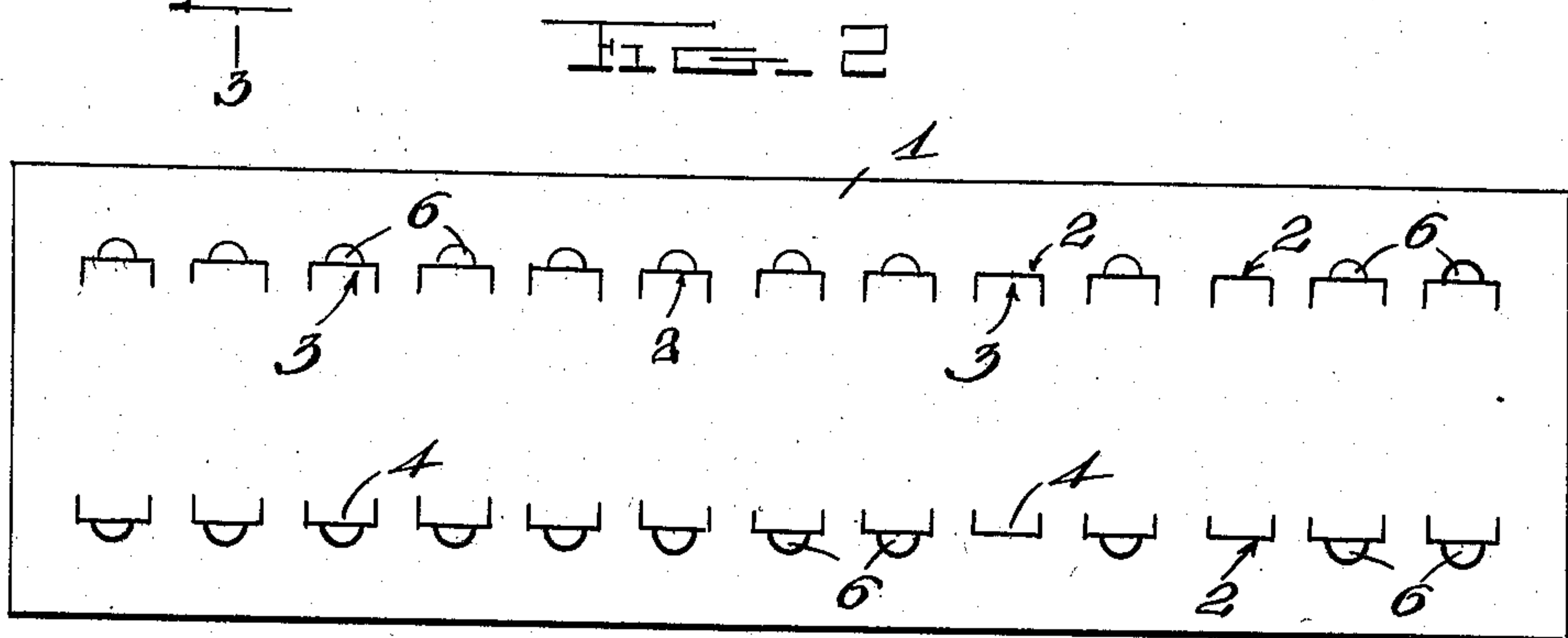
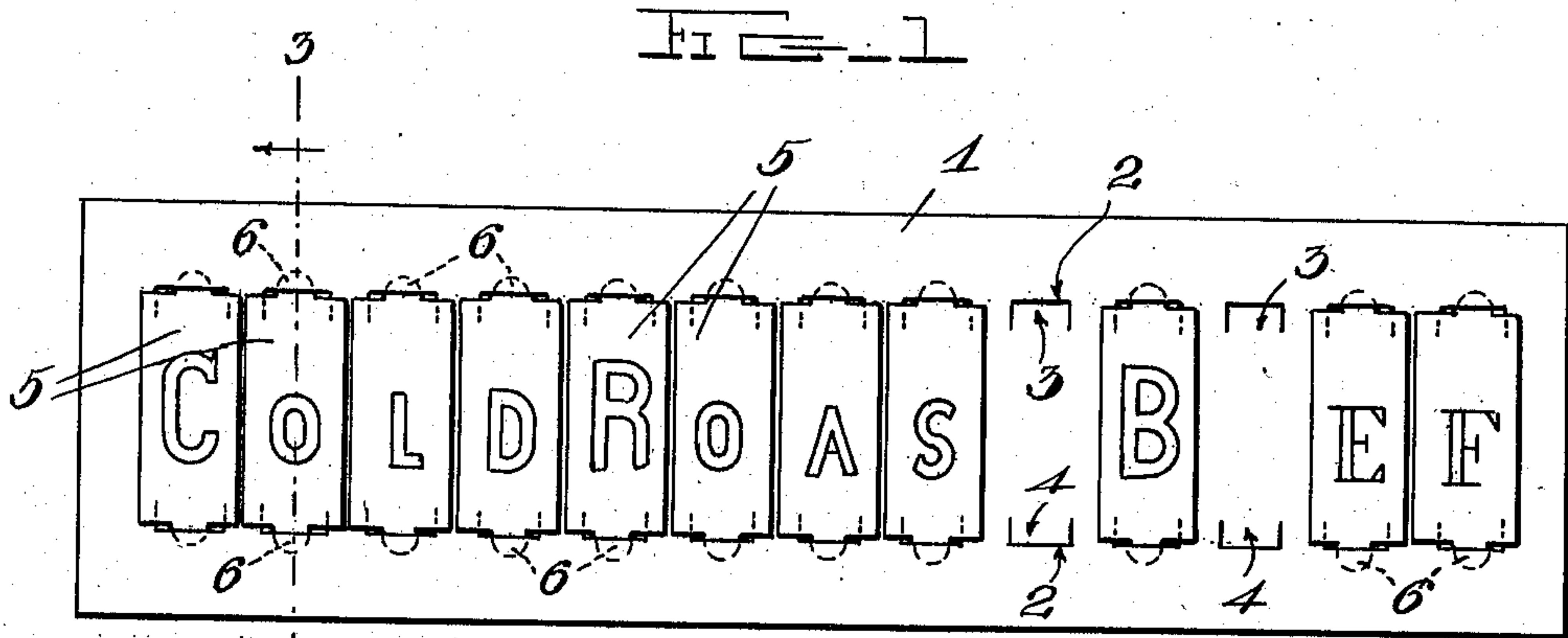


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADOLPH C. BROSE, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Interchangeable Signs; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in interchangeable signs, and essentially comprises a supporting member designed to support slats or shingles, upon which are printed letters, the shingles or slats being readily insertible in or removable from position to enable any desired word or group of words to be displayed.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention resides in the novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts, as more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of a sign constructed in accordance with the invention, Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of a section thereof; Fig. 3 is a vertical section taken on the plane indicated by dotted lines 3—3 in Fig. 1; and Fig. 4 is a fragmentary view illustrating a slightly modified form of the invention.

In the embodiment illustrated, numeral 1 indicates a suitable supporting strip, of wood, metal, pasteboard, celluloid, or other suitable material. In carrying out the invention, said supporting strip is provided near its upper edge at longitudinally spaced points equidistant apart with U-shaped slits 2, to form an upper longitudinal row of spaced yieldable retaining flaps 3; said strip being also similarly slit near its lower edge to produce a corresponding row or series of spaced flaps 4, the flaps of the lower row being arranged in alinement with those of the upper row.

In practice, the shingles 5, which may be of pasteboard, tin, celluloid, or other suitable material, upon which are printed, embossed or otherwise formed suitable letters or characters, are formed at opposite ends with longitudinally extending retaining lugs or extensions 6, designed for insertion

under the slitted portions of the supporting strip. As shown in the drawings, these shingles or slats are arranged to produce the words "Cold roast beef." It is to be understood, however, that these shingles may be arranged to produce any desired word or group of words, or any desired symbol or symbols, as may be desired. As shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings, the supporting strip is so slit as to produce diagonal side edges at alternating sides of the flaps, the purpose of which is to materially weaken the same to more readily permit of the insertion of the shingles or slats. When the sign is made from metal, the support for the shingles is slotted instead of slit at the points indicated, the purpose of which will be evident. In other respects the construction of the sign is the same. It is to be particularly noted that by providing the supporting strip with U-shaped slits to produce yieldable retaining flaps instead of with straight slits, as is now commonly the practice, the retaining lugs on the shingles may be readily inserted in position without bending the same to any material extent, which would otherwise be necessary, and which, when the shingles were made of material not possessing considerable flexibility, would cause the retaining lugs on the shingles to break off after the latter have been inserted into and removed from position a number of times.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention as defined in the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is new therein and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

An interchangeable sign of the class described, comprising a supporting strip provided near its upper and lower edges with longitudinal series of U-shaped slits to produce upper and lower rows of spaced retaining flaps with outer yieldable edges, and shingles or slats adapted to bear suitable

printed matter formed at opposite ends with longitudinal retaining lugs adapted for insertion between the outer yieldable edges of the retaining flaps and the rear face of the supporting strip, the upper row of flaps
5 alining with those of the lower row.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set

my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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