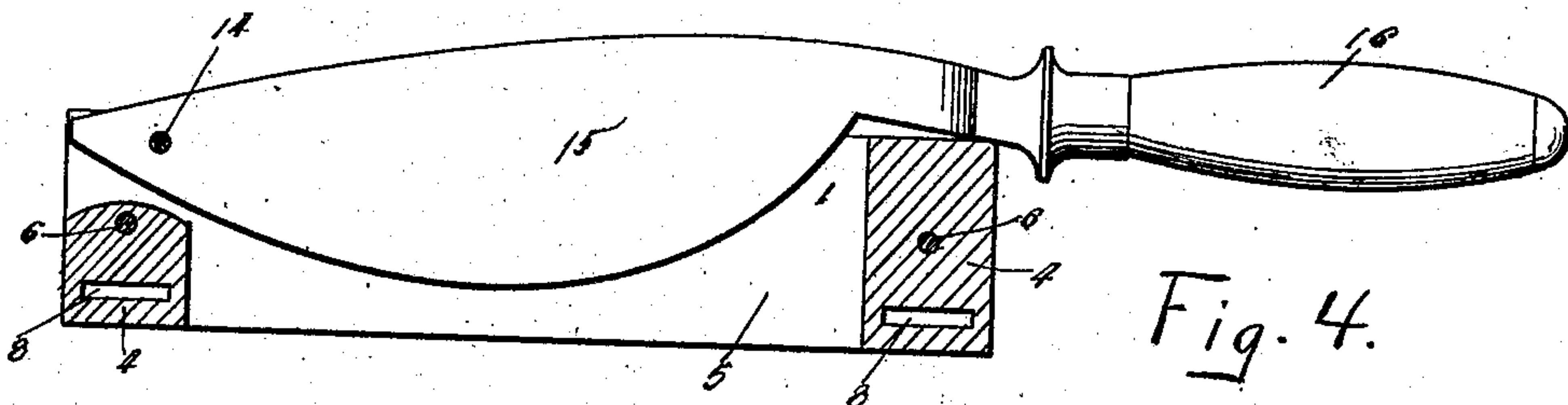
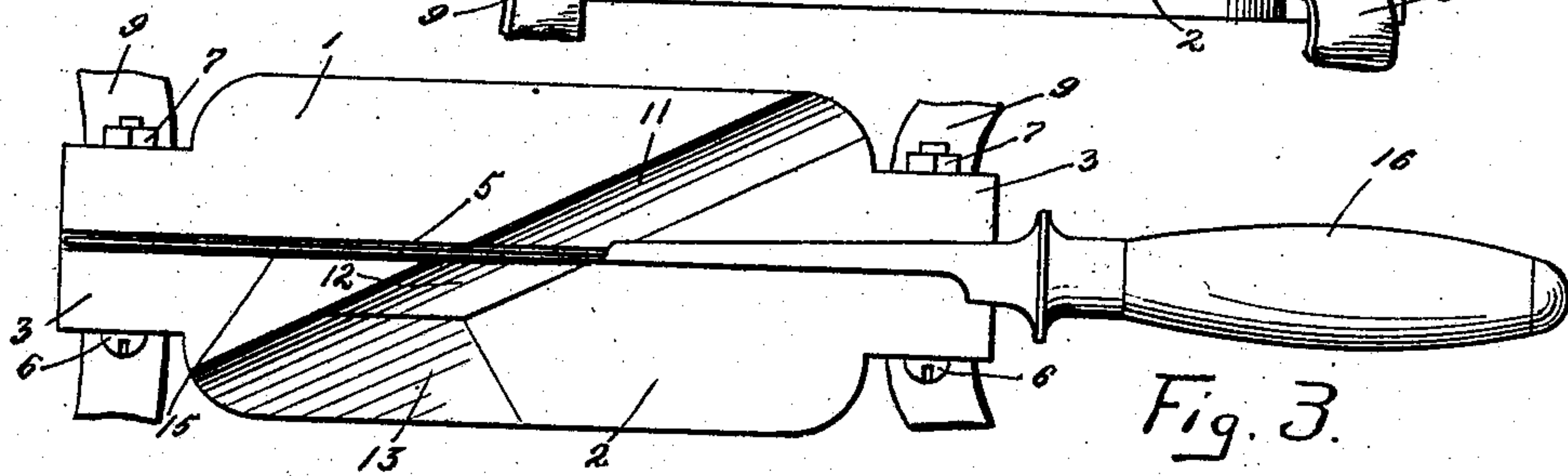
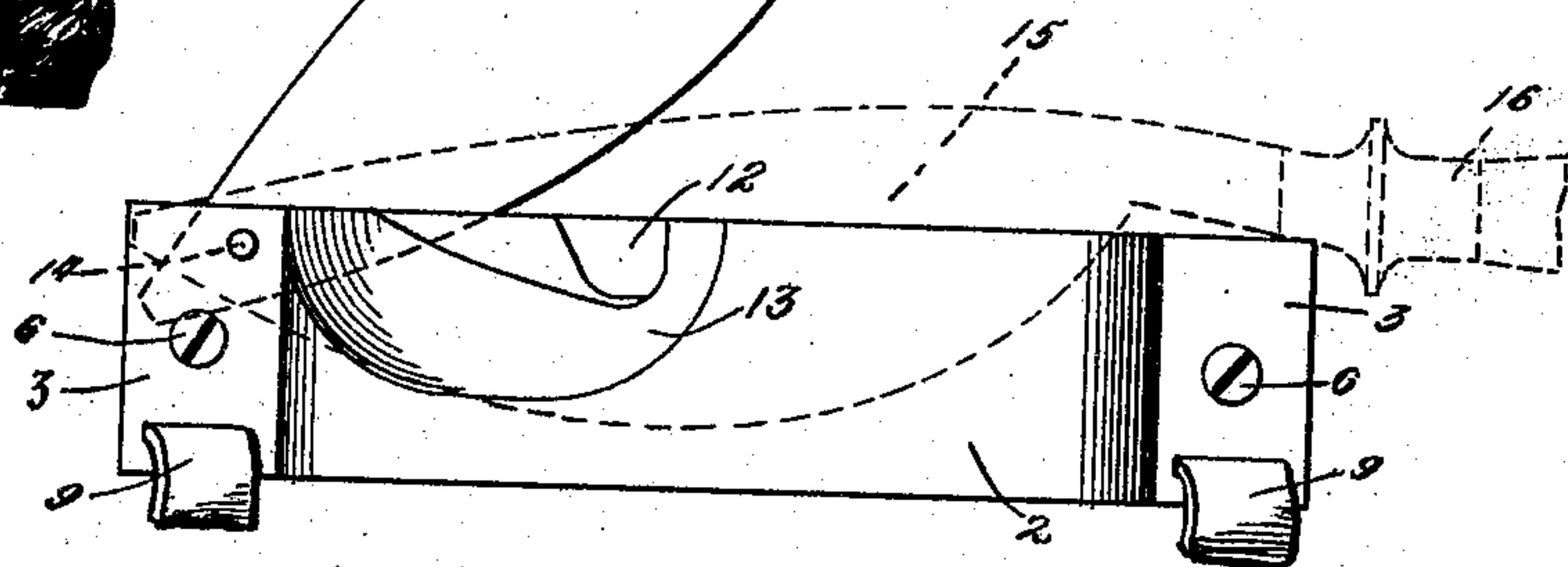
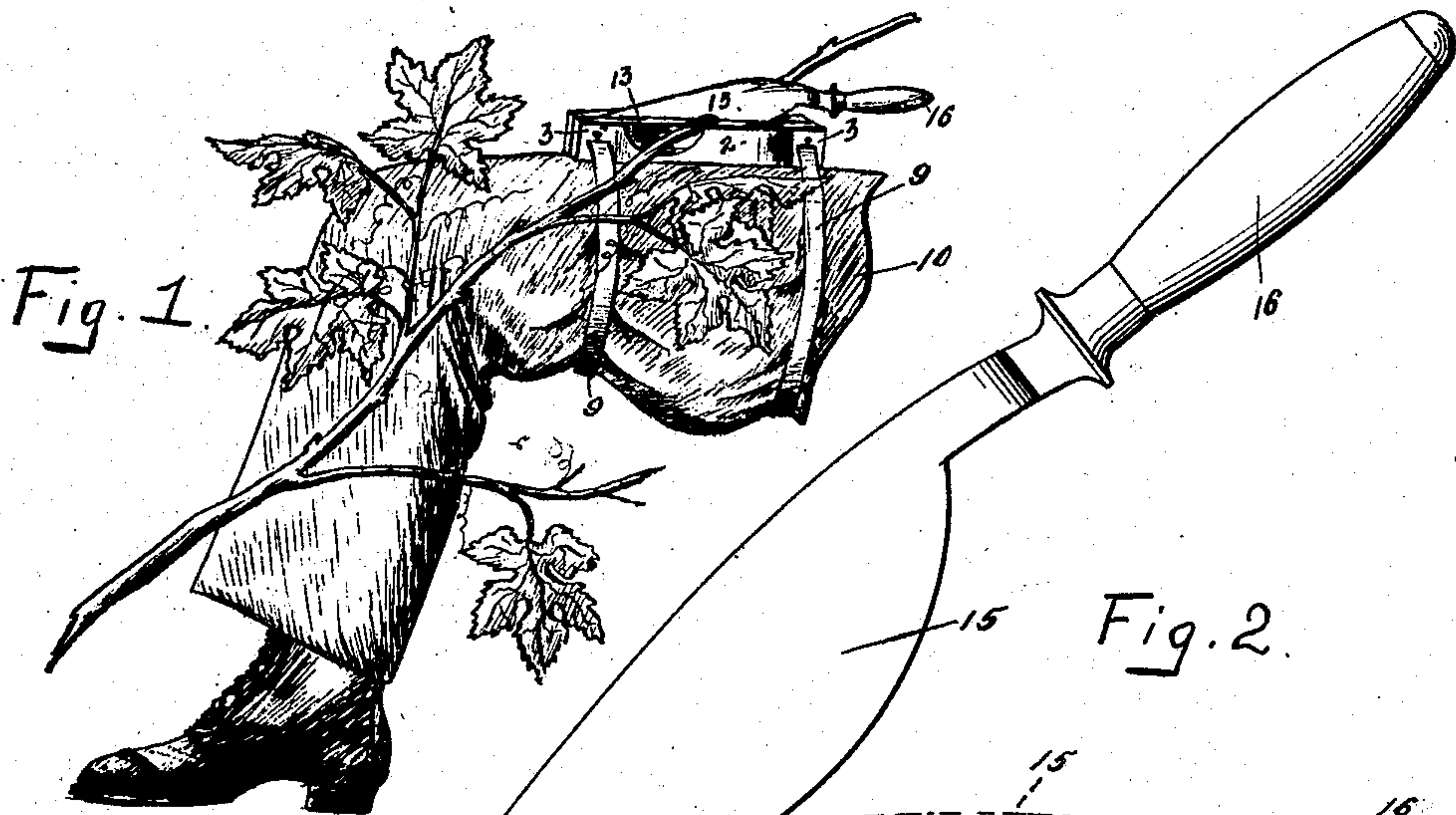


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STEVE SZEKFÜ, a subject of the King of Hungary, residing at Red Bluff, in the county of Tehama and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pruning-Knives, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention relates to pruning knives, and the object of my invention is to provide a novel pruning knife that can be affixed to the limb of a person for facilitating the pruning of grape vines, trees and foliage without injuring any part of the vine during the cutting operation.

In the pruning or trimming of large vines or branches, considerable leverage is required to properly sever a large vine or branch, it being almost impossible to hold the vine or branch in one hand while the knife is used in the opposite hand for severing a portion of the vine or branch. I have therefore constructed a pruning or trimming knife that can be detachably secured to the limb of a person, whereby the vine or branch can be held in one hand while the knife is manipulated in the other.

My pruning or trimming knife is also designed for properly cutting vines or branches for grafting purposes, and the knife is constructed whereby a special miter block is provided for this purpose from which the knife can be detached when it is necessary to sharpen the same.

The detail construction entering into my invention will be presently described and then specifically claimed.

In the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1 is a side elevation of a portion of a person's limb to which a pruning knife is attached, Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the pruning knife, Fig. 3 is a plan of the same, and Fig. 4 is a longitudinal sectional view of the knife.

45 In the accompanying drawings, 1 and 2 designate miter blocks provided with contracted ends 3 having spacer blocks 4 for maintaining a kerf 5 between said blocks when connected together by bolts 6 and nuts 7. The contracted ends 3 of the blocks are provided with alining slots 8 for the insertion of straps 9 employed for securing the blocks to the limb 10 of a person. A conventional buckle is used in connection with

each strap, whereby the blocks can be easily and quickly removed or attached to a limb. The upper faces of the blocks 1 and 2 are provided with alining diagonally disposed grooves 11 and 12, the upper face of the block 2 being cut away adjacent to the groove, as at 13, whereby a limb or branch can be placed in the grooves 11 and 12, with a forked part of the limb or branch resting in the cut away portion 13 of the block 2. Piv-60 otally mounted in the forward end of the kerf 5 by a pin 14 is a knife blade 15 having a suitable rearwardly extending handle 16. The knife blade 15 is adapted to fit within the kerf 5 and is employed for severing the limb or branch placed in the grooves 11 and 70 12 of the blocks 1 and 2.

It is thought that the operation and utility of my pruning knife will be fully understood from the foregoing description, and while in the drawings forming a part of this applica-75 tion there is illustrated the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is obvious that various changes can be made in the details of construction without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having now described my invention what I claim as new, is:—

1. A pruning knife comprising two blocks adjoined to provide a longitudinal kerf, a knife blade pivotally mounted in the kerf of said blocks, a handle carried by said knife blade, the upper faces of said blocks having a diagonally disposed groove formed therein, the upper face of one of said blocks being cut away adjacent to said grooves with the forked portion of a limb adapted to fit in said grooves, and straps extending through said blocks for securing said blocks to the limb of a person, substantially as described.

2. A pruning knife comprising two blocks adjoined to provide a longitudinal kerf, a knife blade pivotally mounted in the kerf of said blocks, a handle carried by said knife blade, the upper faces of said blocks having a diagonally disposed groove formed therein, and the upper face of one of said blocks being cut away adjacent to said grooves with the forked portion of a limb adapted to fit in said grooves.

3. A pruning knife comprising two blocks adjoined to provide a longitudinal kerf, a knife blade pivotally mounted in the kerf of said blocks, the upper faces of said blocks

having a diagonally disposed groove formed therein, and the upper face of one of said blocks being cut away adjacent to said grooves with the forked portion of a limb
5 adapted to fit in said grooves.

4. A pruning knife comprising miter blocks, a knife pivotally mounted between said miter blocks, and straps extending

through the ends of said blocks for securing said blocks to the limb of a person.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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