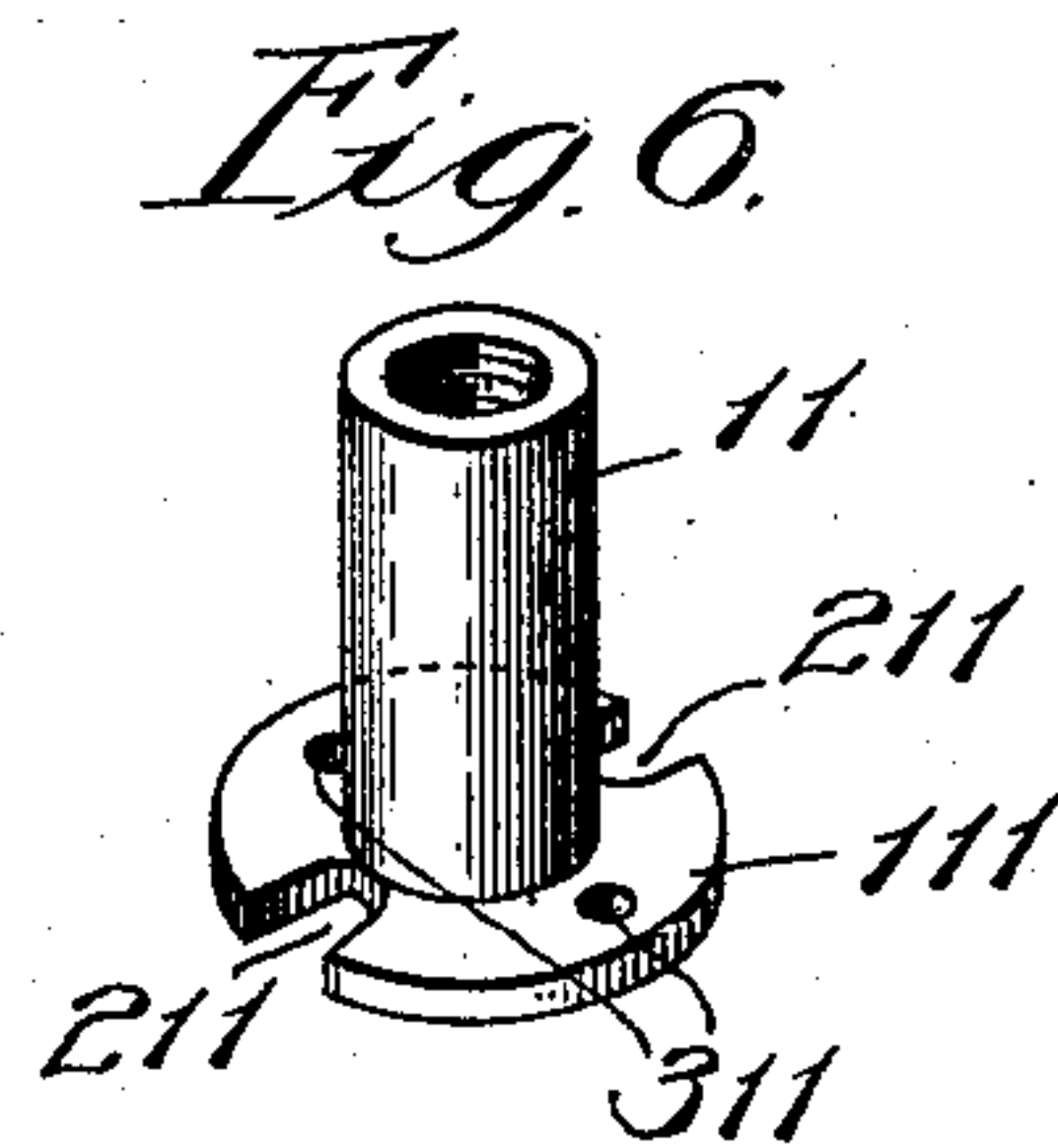
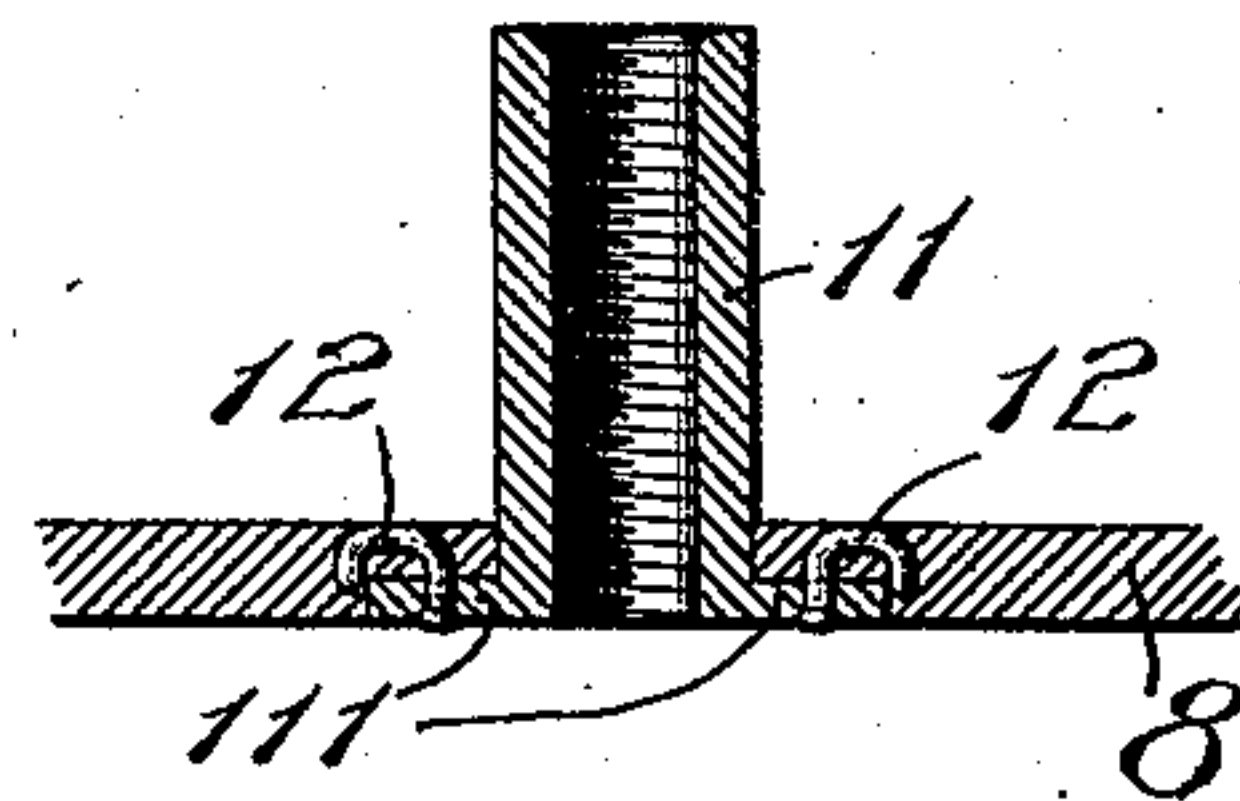
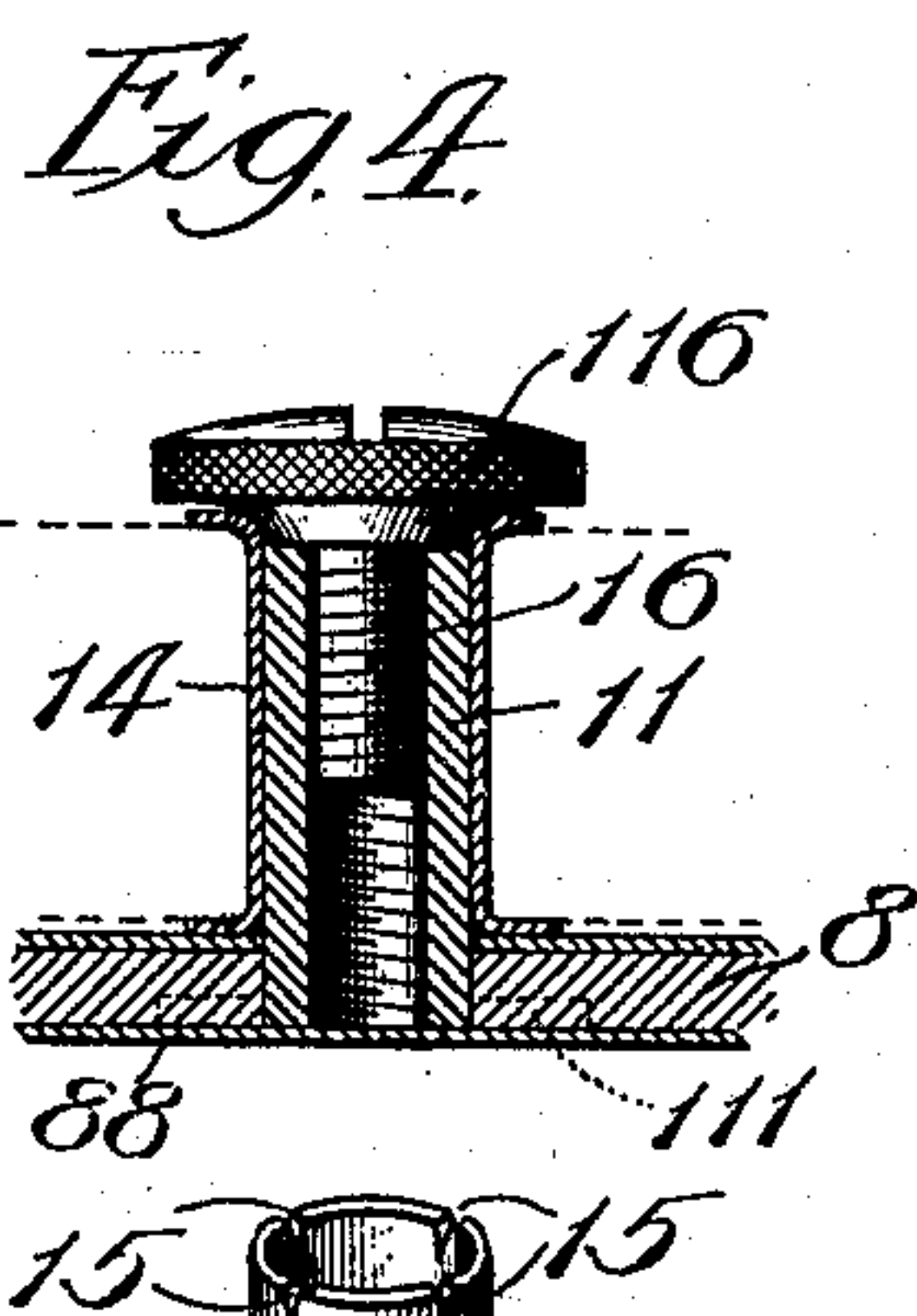
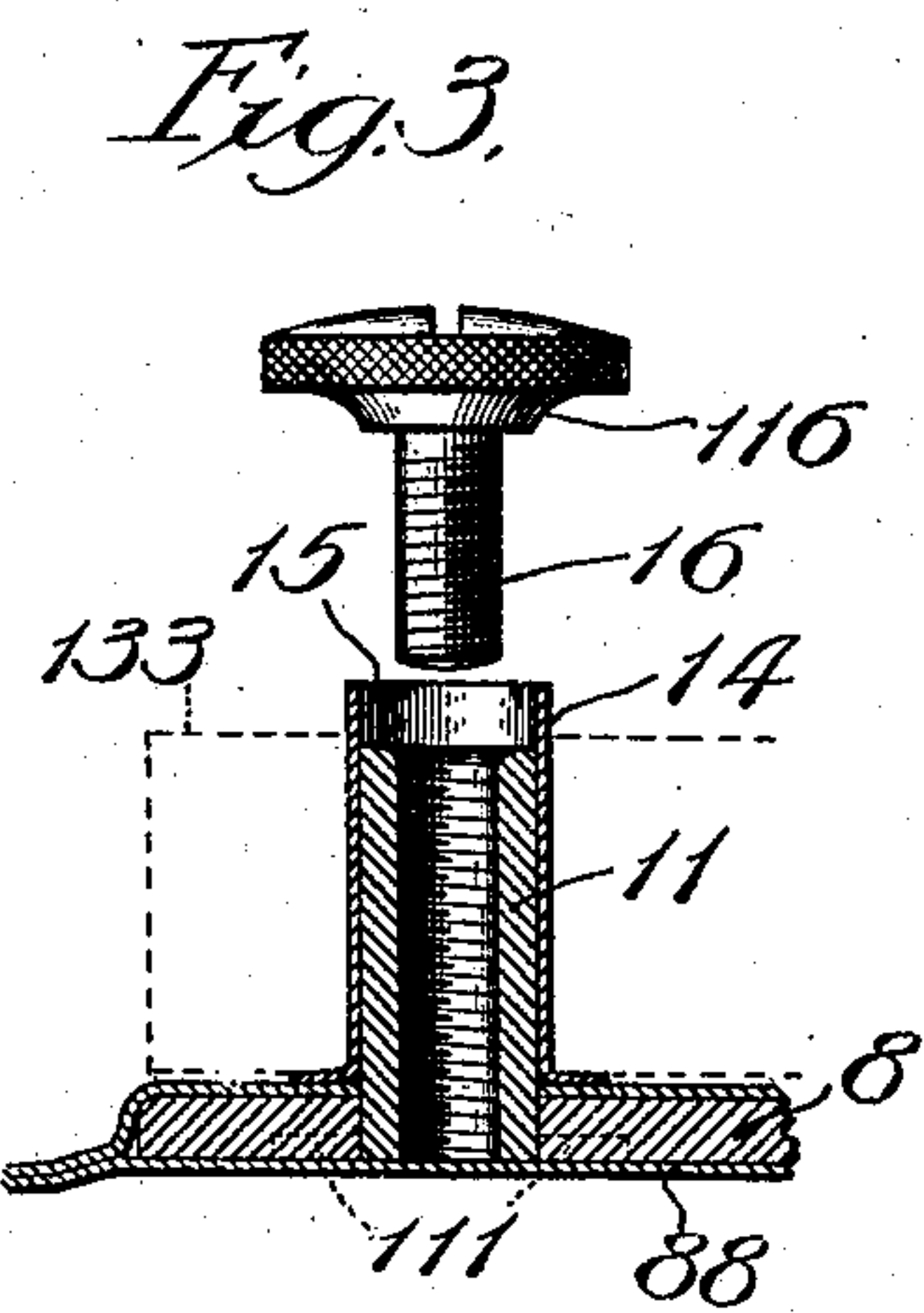
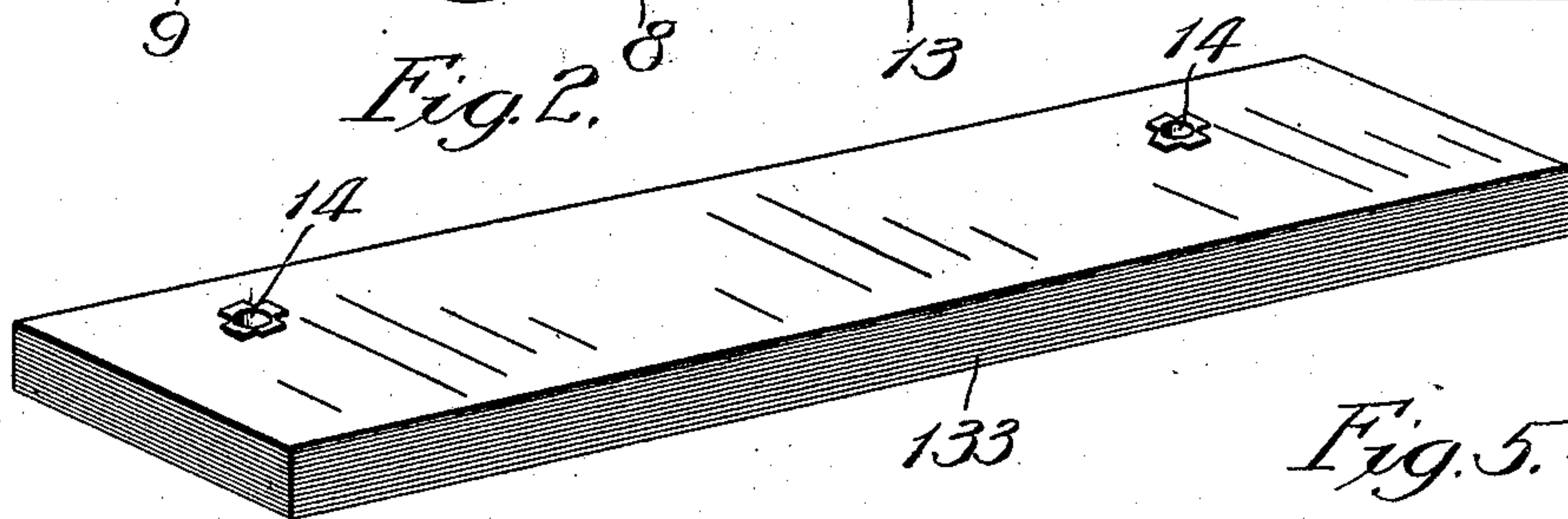
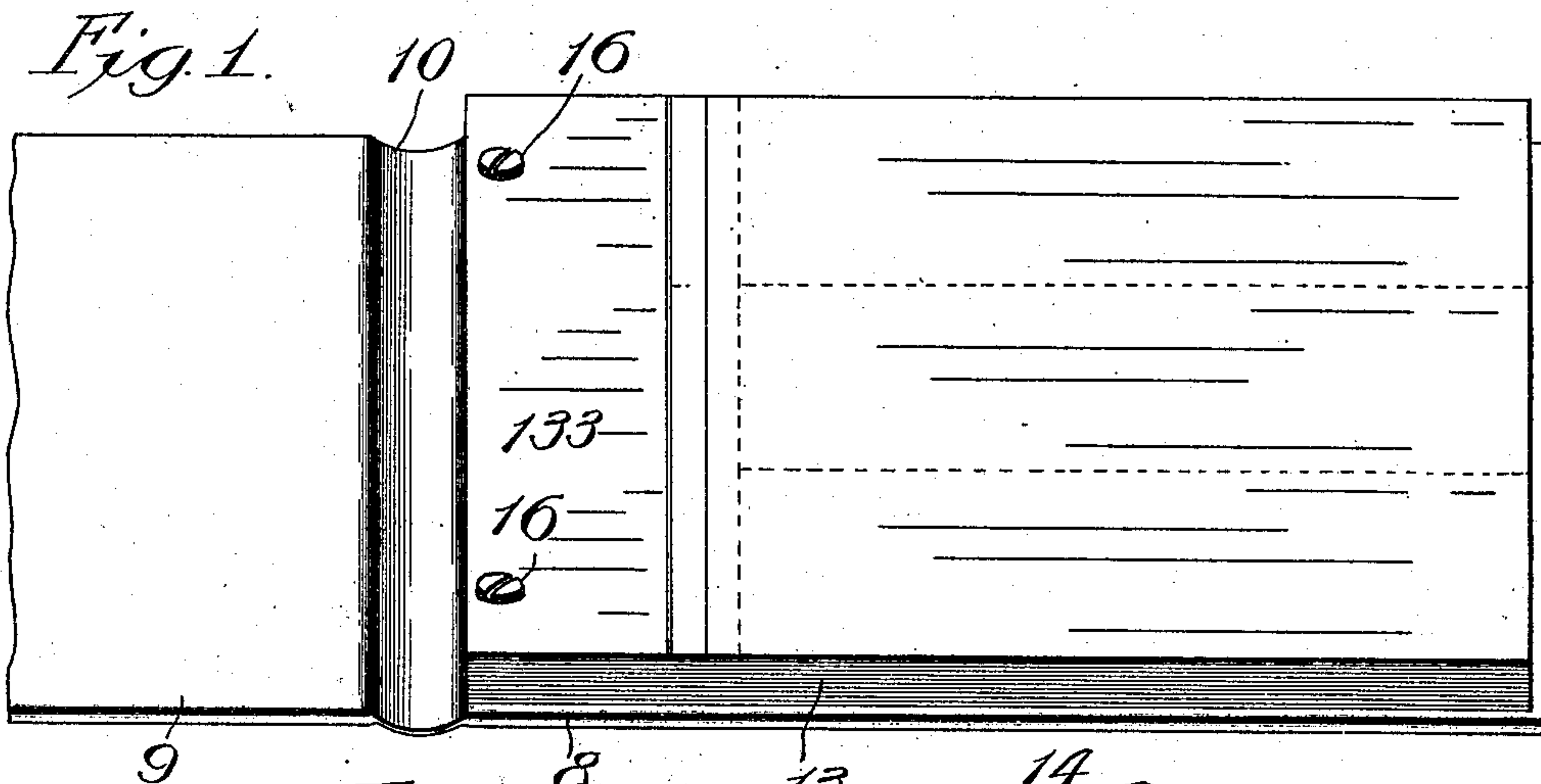


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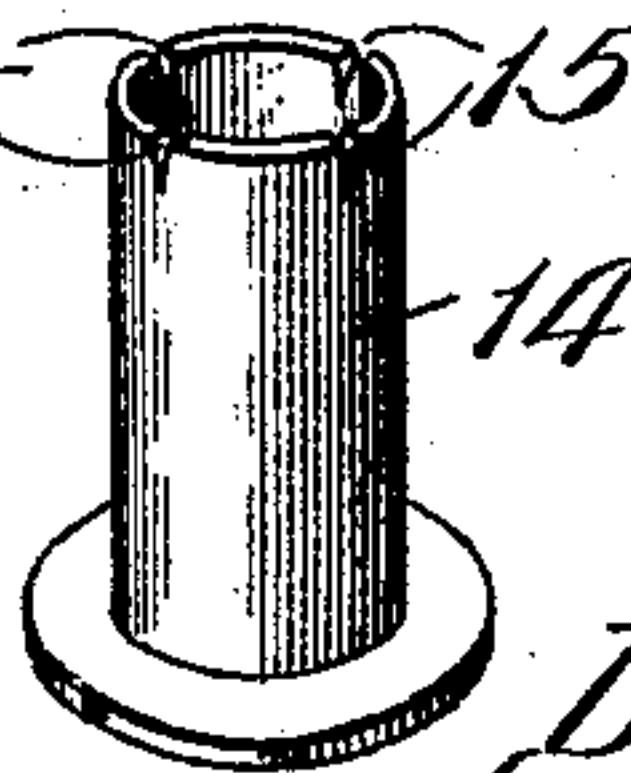
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH A. MUDD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Check-Stub Binders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in the class of devices used with bank-checks and like articles having memorandum stubs for temporarily binding them between covers in a manner to adapt the stubs of a book of the articles to be readily bound together permanently and removed from between the covers, each time the book has been used up, for filing away, thereby leaving the covers with the temporary binding means in condition to be again filled with the articles and, thus, used over and over again.

The object of my invention is to improve the binding mechanism in matters of detail to simplify its construction and manner of use.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a check-book provided with my improvement, a portion of one of the two covers being broken away; Fig. 2 is a similar view of a bunch of the check-stubs, showing them in their permanently bound condition, ready to be filed away; Fig. 3 is a view showing in sectional elevation, and exaggerated in dimensions, the cooperating members of the binding mechanism with the operating-screw member in unapplied relation to the other members; Fig. 4 is a similar view of the same, but showing the screw in its operative position; Fig. 5 shows the screw-receiving headed-stud member in sectional elevation and secured in its operative position on one of the book-covers; Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the stud-member, and Fig. 7 is a similar view of the stub-binding eyelet-member.

The similar book-covers 8 and 9 are flexibly joined, in any usual or suitable manner, to the opposite edges of a back 10. In each of two holes formed through the cover 8 near its edges and adjacent to the back is inserted a tubular metal stud 11 internally threaded and provided about one end with a flange 111 containing diametrically-opposite recesses 211 and provided in each wing with a hole 311 to receive a brad 12. After so inserting a stud through the cover, the flange 111 is forced into the cardboard-material thereof to

embed it therein and intermesh the recesses 211 with the fibrous substance, thereby to anchor the stud against rotation, whereupon it is fastened by driving nails shown as brads 12 through the holes 311 and clenching their inner ends as represented in Fig. 5. The flange-ends of the studs are concealed by the finishing-strip 88 on the outer surface of the cover. A package of checks 13 has holes punched through its stub-sections 133 to register with the studs 11, and each stub-hole contains an eyelet 14, shown to be provided in its flangeless end, at equal intervals apart, with slits 15, which may, however, be mere internal indentations to weaken the end-portion of the eyelet and adapt it the more readily to be clenched as and for the purpose hereinafter explained. A package of checks thus equipped in the stub-portions with eyelets 14 protruding above their top surface is applied to form the check-book by applying the eyelets to the rigid studs 11, about which they fit, and to retain the checks in place screws 16 are inserted into the studs. Each screw is provided on the underside of its head, which is shown to be circumferentially knurled to facilitate manipulating it, with a tapering boss 116 of a diameter at its narrower end to adapt it there to enter the adjacent weakened end of the eyelet-member 14, whereby, in driving the screw into the stud-member the boss will act as a wedge to spread outwardly the sections of the eyelet between the slits 15, forming them into tongues or burs and clenching them against the surface of the package of stubs to permanently bind them together. When, then, the checks 13 are used up, withdrawal of the screws 16 enables the bound package of stubs with their permanently contained eyelets to be stripped off the stud-members 11 for filing away, leaving the remaining parts of the device in condition for binding a fresh package of checks in the manner described.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

1. In combination, a book-back and a cover flexibly connected therewith, internally-threaded studs on said cover adjacent to the back and provided with end-flanges embedded in the material of the cover and fastened thereto, eyelets adapted to fit over said studs and to pass through holes in a package of check-stubs, and headed screws working in said studs and having wedging



bosses on the under sides of their heads to engage the eyelet-ends, for the purpose set forth.

2. In combination, a book-back and a  
5 cover flexibly connected therewith, internally-threaded studs on said cover adjacent to the back and provided with end-flanges embedded in the material of the cover and fastened thereto, eyelets adapted to fit over  
10 said studs and to pass through holes in a package of check-stubs and having weakened end-portions, and headed screws working in said studs and having tapering bosses on the under sides of their heads to engage the  
15 weakened end-portions of the eyelets, for the purpose set forth.

3. In combination, a pair of covers and an interposed back to which they are flexibly

connected, and check-stub binding-means comprising internally-threaded studs on one  
20 cover adjacent to the back, provided with recessed end-flanges embedded in the material of the cover and having holes with brads therein fastening the flange in place, eyelets adapted to fit over said studs and pass  
25 through holes in a package of check-stubs, said eyelets having weakened end-portions, and headed screws working in said studs and provided on their under sides with tapering  
30 bosses to engage the weakened eyelet-ends, for the purpose set forth.

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