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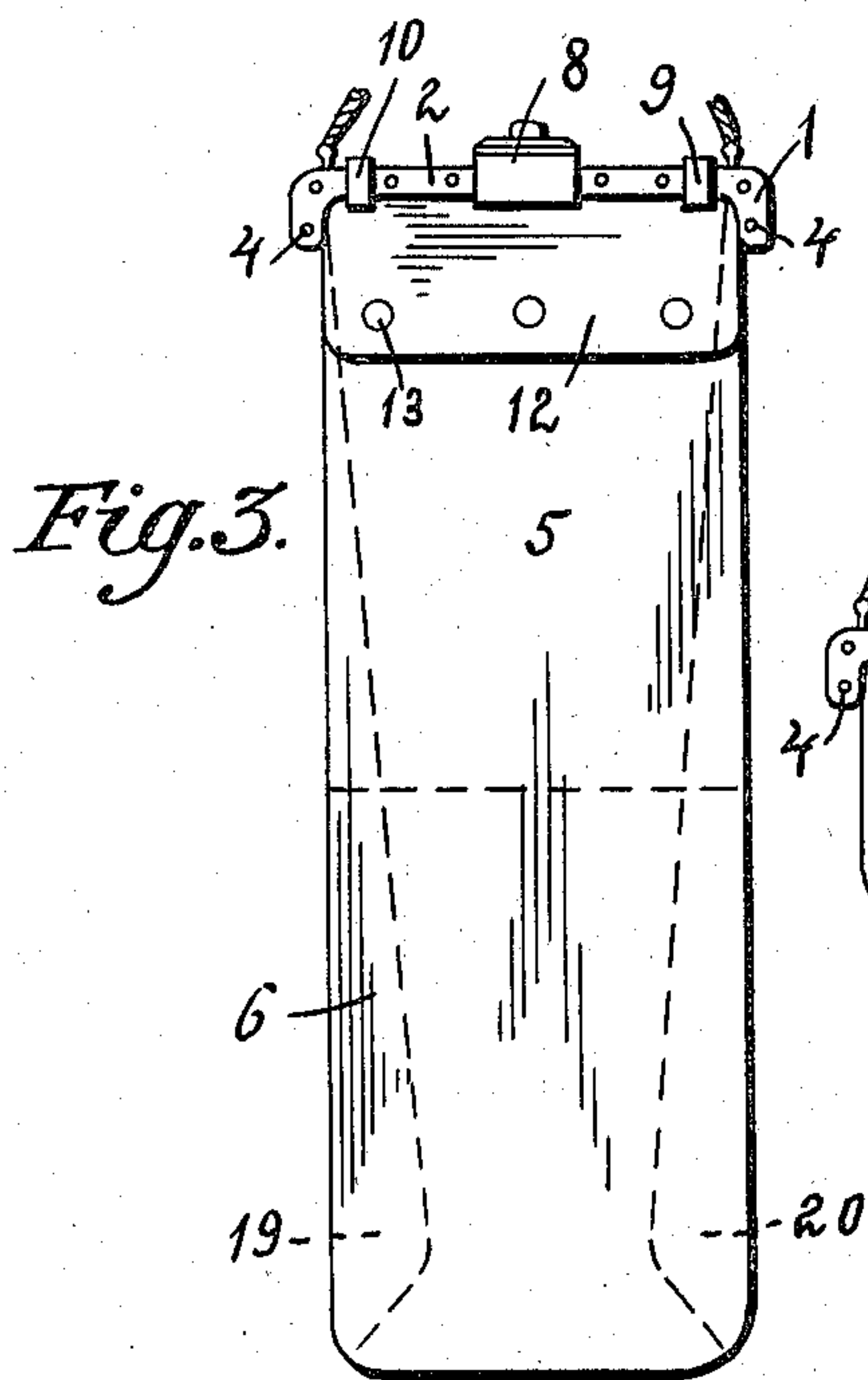
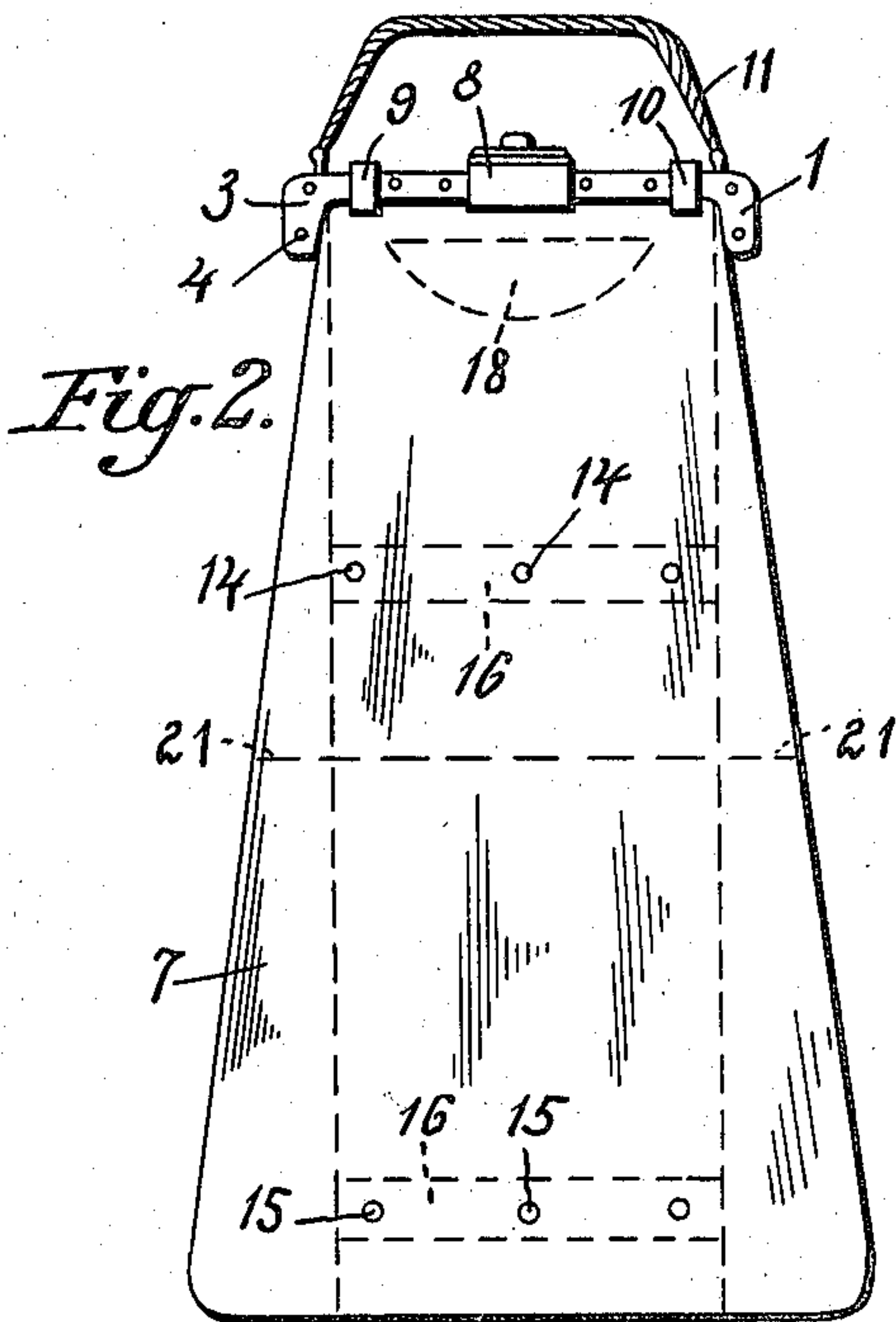
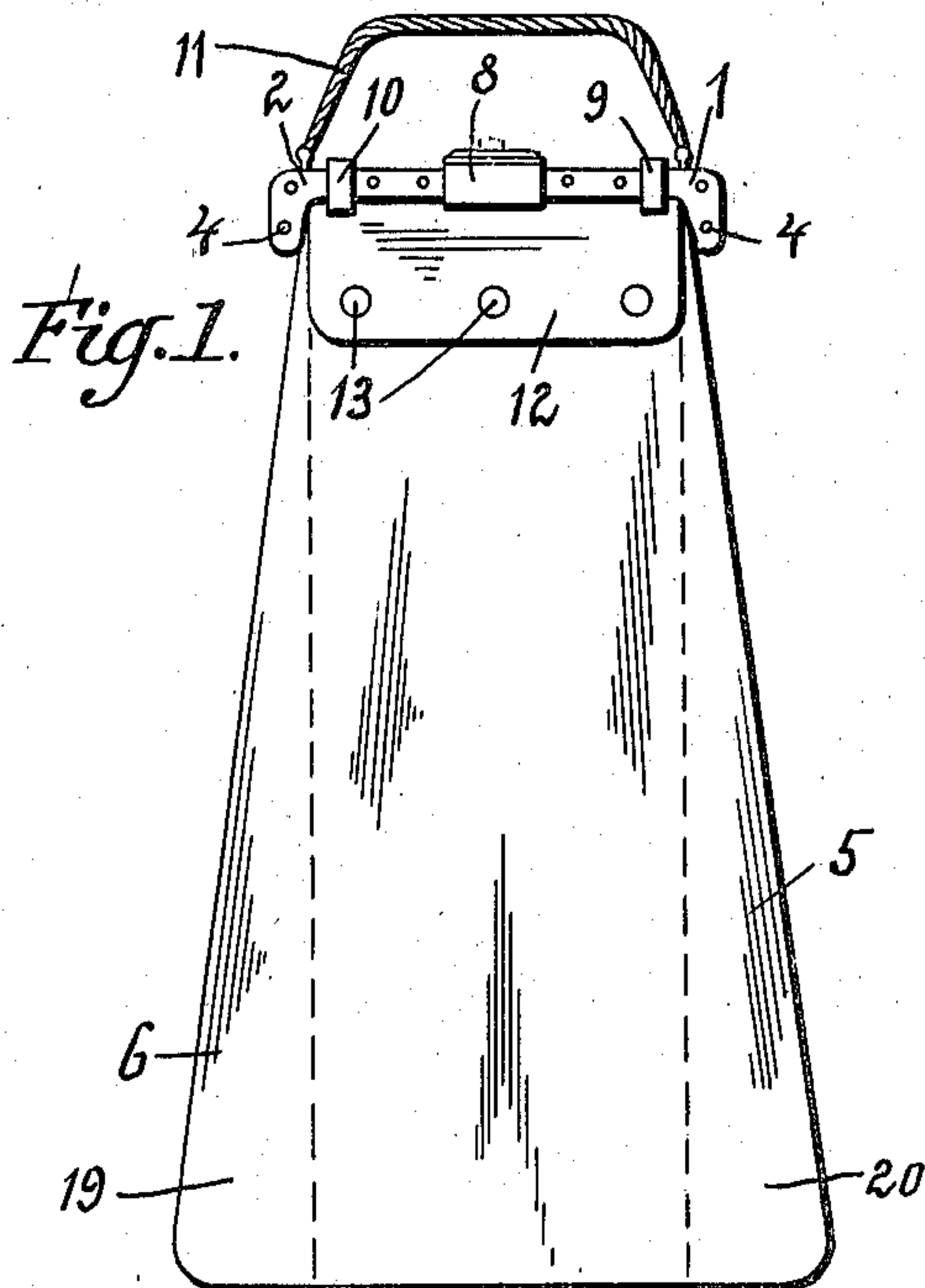
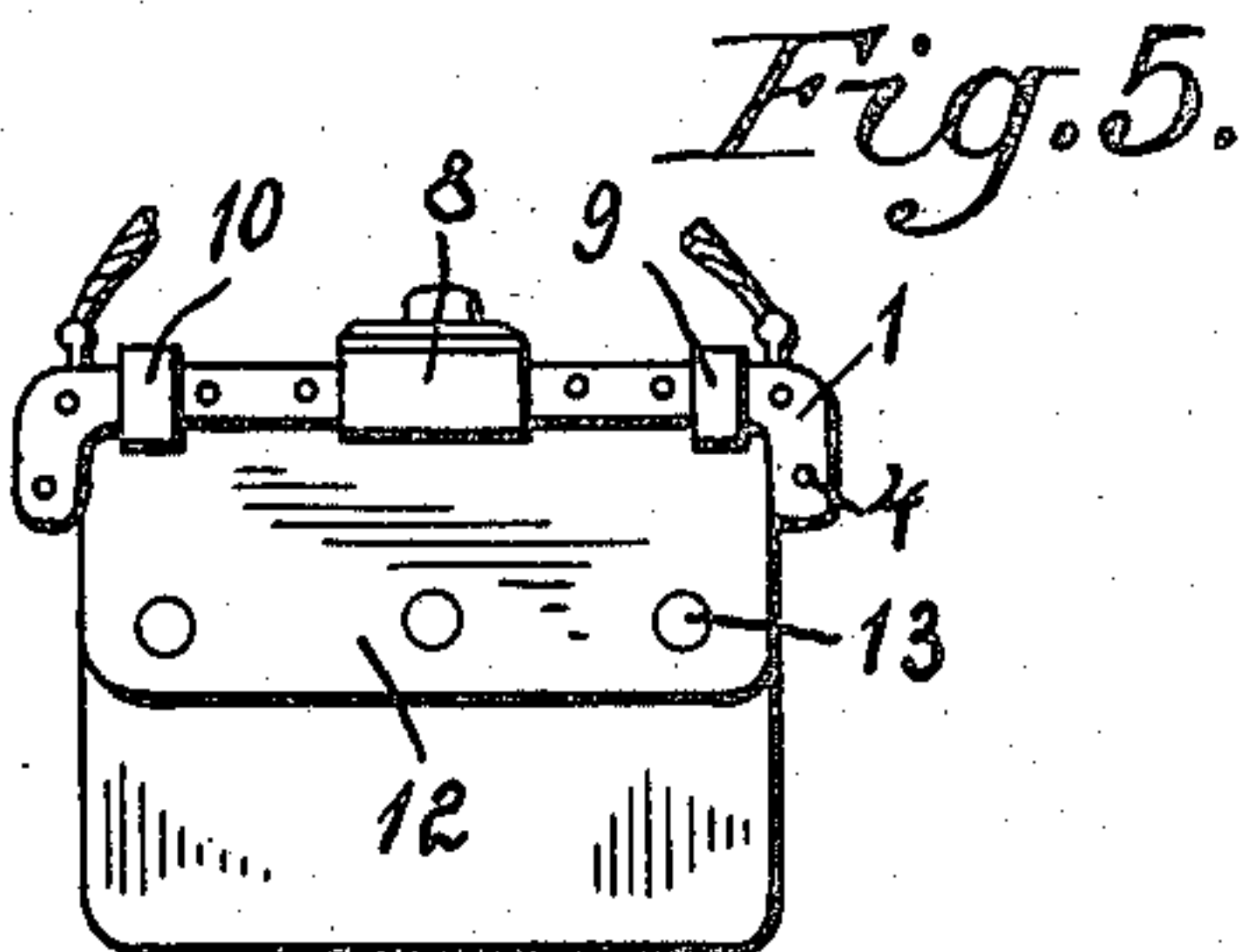
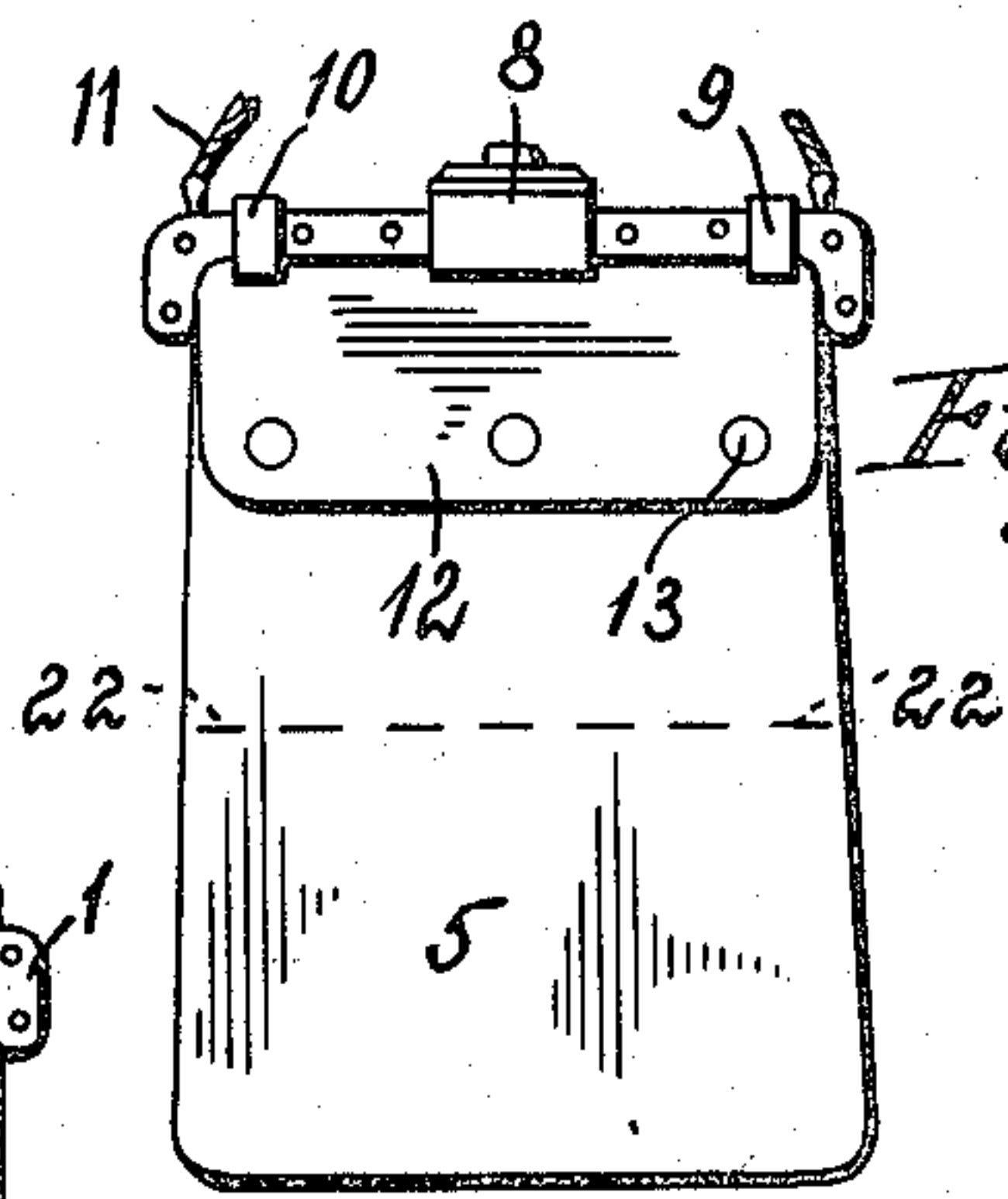
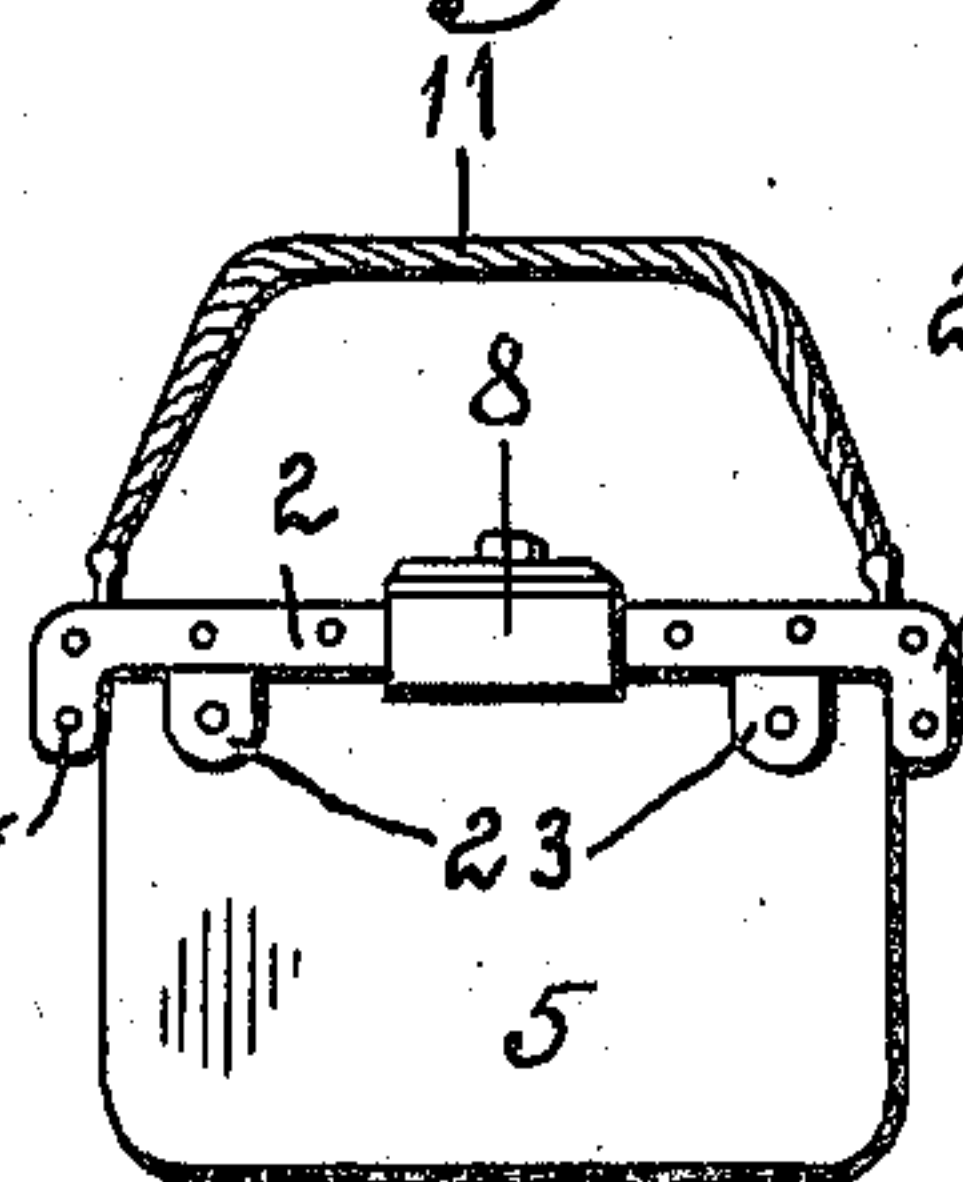


Fig. 6.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM RUETER, a subject of the Emperor of Germany, and a resident of the city of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Folding Bags, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to shopping bags, and more particularly to folding extensible bags.

The object of the invention is to provide a bag which may be used as an ordinary lady's hand-bag, and may be, if desired, extended, so as to form a shopping bag, adapted to receive a large quantity of articles.

Speaking in general terms, the invention consists of an ordinary bag frame, having a sack-like receptacle, made of leather or of any other suitable fabric, secured thereto, and of a size adapted to receive a large quantity of articles to be carried along for use and convenience. Means are provided, whereby the size of the receptacle may be diminished according to the requirements, so that the shopping bag may have the appearance of an ordinary lady's hand-bag or purse.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of the shopping bag in its extended state, Fig. 2 a view of the same, showing the bag in its extended state but from the back-side. Fig. 3 is a view of the bag, showing the same ready to be folded. Fig. 4 illustrates the bag folded to a middle size, while Fig. 5 shows the bag when entirely folded. Fig. 6 is a modification of the device.

In the drawings, 1 indicates the usual bag frame, made of the two sections 2 and 3, hinged together at 4. To the frame 1 is secured a collapsible receptacle 5, made, preferably, of leather, oil cloth or of any other suitable fabric 5. The receptacle 5 may be composed of the front side 6 and back side 7, tapering toward their upper ends, sewn together and secured to the frame parts 2 and 3, preferably by rivets. A lock 8, as usual for bags, is provided, preferably shooting its own bolt, as by a spring or any other suitable device, and serves to hold the bag in closed position. Auxiliary clasps 9 and 10 serve a similar purpose.

To the frame-part 3 is secured a handle 11, for a purpose well known.

To the frame-part 2 is attached a flap 12, adapted to over-lap the cover forming the receptacle, when the same is in its folded state. Upon the flap 12 are arranged sockets 13, adapted to engage heads 14 and 15, secured to the back-side 7 of the receptacle 5. In order to secure the heads 14 and 15 more safely to the side 7 of the receptacle, card board pieces 16 may be fastened to the inner wall of the back-side 7 of the receptacle, so that the heads 14 and 15 will not only be secured to the cover, but also to these card boards.

It is obvious that a lining of suitable material may be provided, to which a pocket 18 may be sewn or in any suitable way secured, for holding a purse or other minor articles.

Fig. 1 shows the bag in its extended state, adapted to receive a large quantity of articles. When it is desired to diminish the size of the receptacle, first the tapering portions, 19 and 20, indicated in Figs. 1 and 2 by dotted lines, are folded along these lines, and placed between the two sides, composing the receptacle 5. The device is shown in this state in Fig. 3. To diminish the size, it is necessary to fold the receptacle along the dotted lines 21—21, so that the sockets 13 may be engaged by the heads 15 (Fig. 4).

Should it be desired to use the device for an ordinary lady's hand-bag or purse, then the heads 15 (Fig. 3) are disengaged from the sockets 13, the receptacle is again folded along the dotted lines 22—22, so that the sockets 13 will be engaged by the heads 14. Fig. 5 shows the device in this state.

The modification, shown in Fig. 6, comprises instead of the flap 12, two or more little flaps 23, 23, provided with sockets, adapted to be engaged by the heads, secured to the side of the receptacle.

What I claim is:

The combination with a bag material forming a hand-bag and having an opening, of a hinged frame adapted to close said opening, a flap independent of said bag material and secured to said frame and carrying a plurality of fastening devices, a series of fastening devices arranged on said bag material at a distance from the bottom of the same which corresponds to the distance between said fastening devices on said flap and the frame edge, and a second series of fastening devices on said bag ma-

terial and being located above the middle
line thereof, the said first series of fasten-
ing devices on said bag material being
adapted to coact with the fastening devices
5 on said flap when said bag material is
folded on the middle line thereof, and the
second series being suited to cooperate with
the fastening devices of said flap when the
bag material is folded on a line dividing the
10 same into four parts, whereby in both cases

said bag material is secured to said flap, sub-
stantially as and for the purposes described.

Signed at New York, in the county of
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