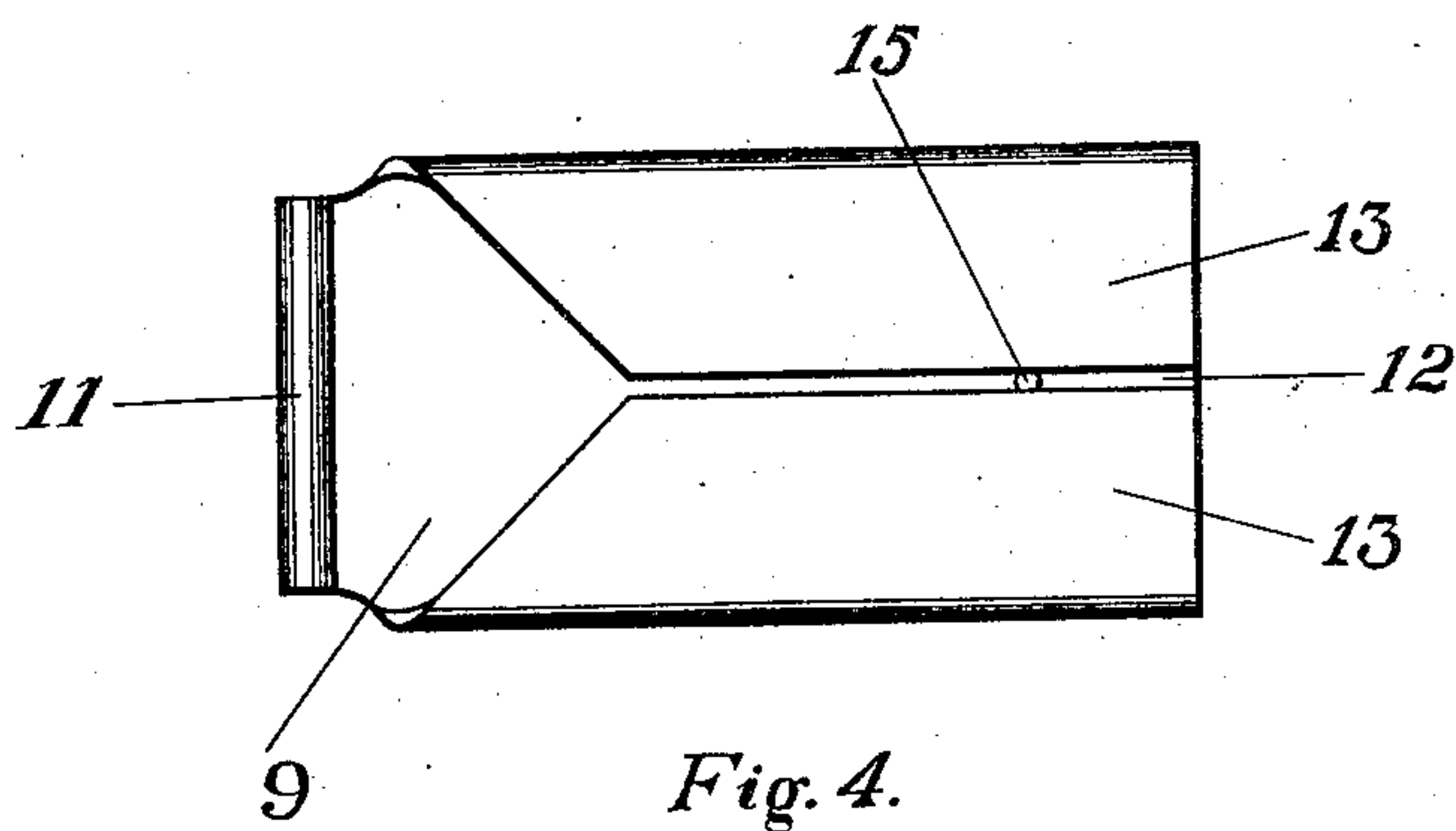
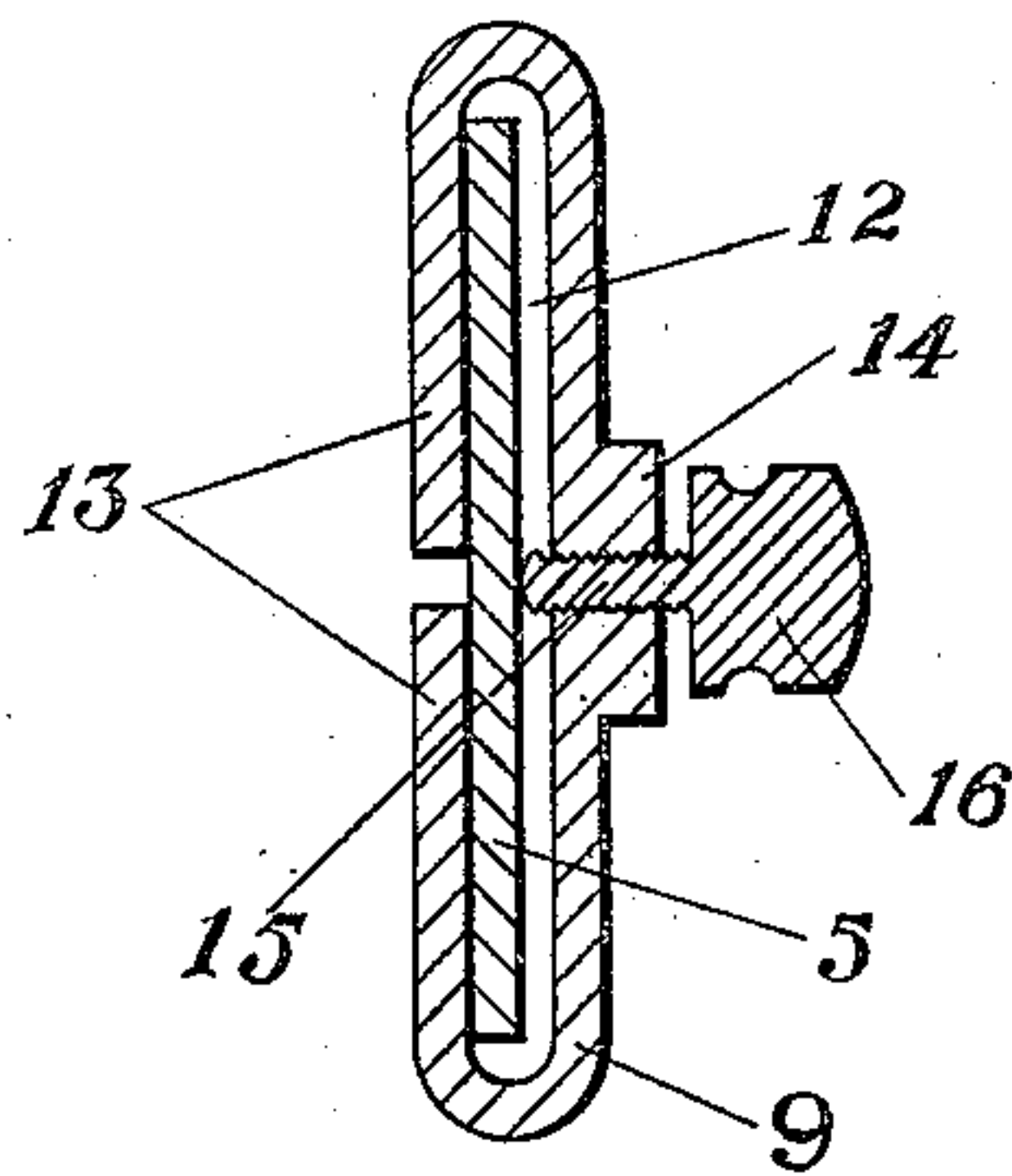
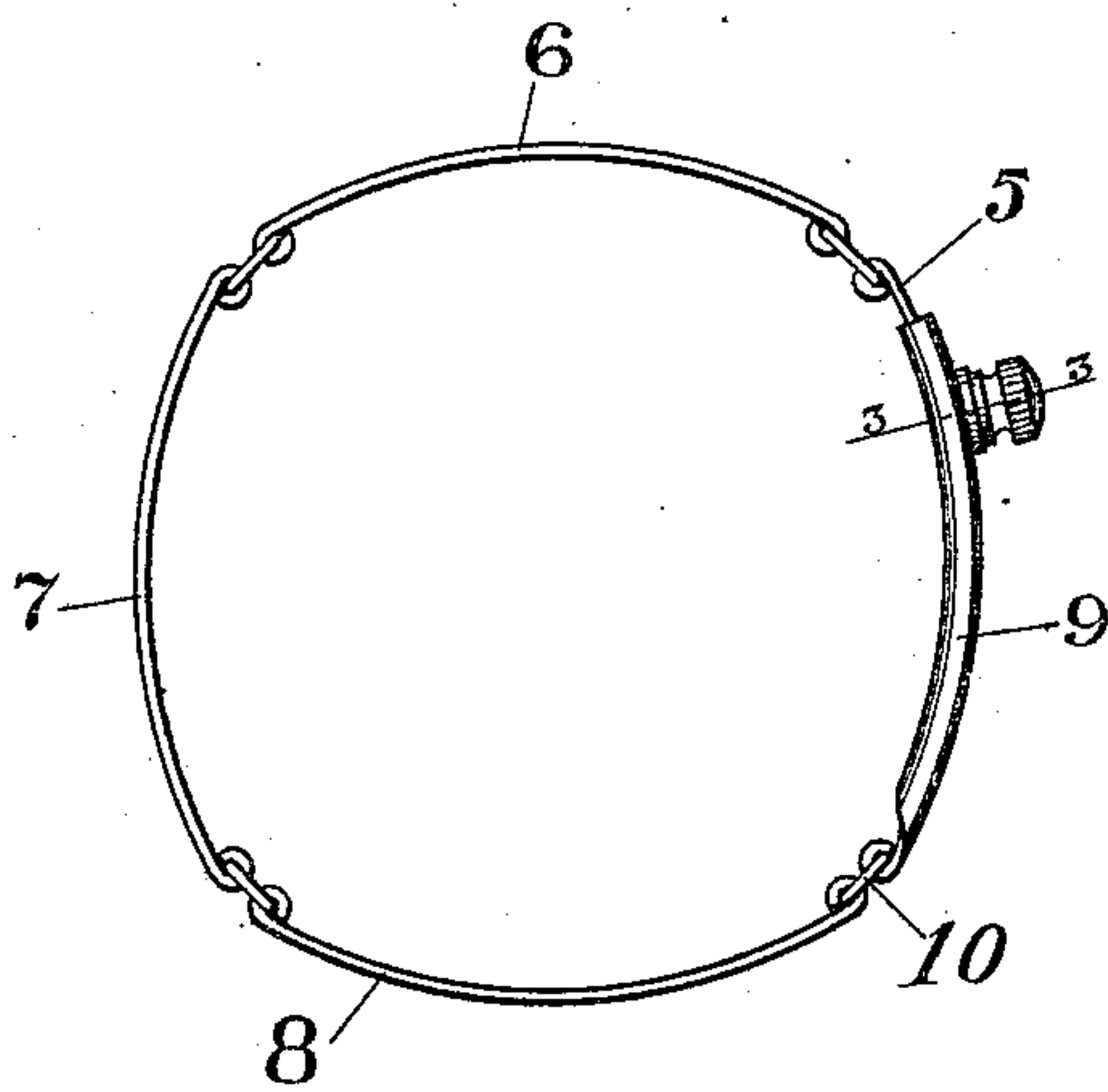
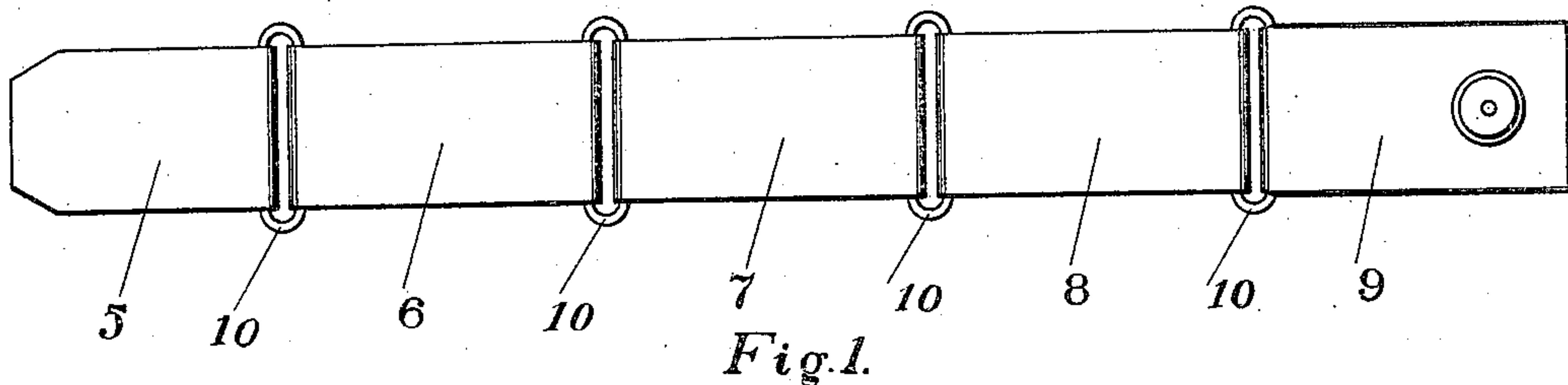


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY C. UNGER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Alliance, in the county of Stark, State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bands for Horses' Tails; and I do hereby 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.

The present invention relates to improvements in bands for holding horses' tails in braided or doubled position in wet or muddy weather, and it has for its principal object the production of an extremely simple and inexpensive device of the type specified, which shall be capable of an adjustment within certain limits to render it adaptable to tails of various sizes, and which when properly affixed shall retain the tail in the above-mentioned position and shall itself be prevented from becoming dislodged.

To this end, the band comprises a series of metal plates linked together, one of the end plates serving as a tongue which is arranged for engagement with a keeper, the latter being formed by the other end plate and being provided with a set screw whose stem works in a threaded bushing and is arranged to impinge against the first-mentioned plate.

The preferred embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein,

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the band in its extended or open condition. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the band in its closed condition. Fig. 3 is an enlarged vertical section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a rear elevation of the keeper plate.

Reference being had to said drawings, and to the designating numerals marked thereon, the band is shown as comprising a series of metal plates, in the present instance five, indicated by the numerals 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, the mutually-adjacent ends of said plates being connected together by elongated links 10, whose vertical side portions are engaged in the beads 11 with which said ends are formed. The left hand end plate 5, which is slightly smaller than the four remaining plates serves as a tongue, and has its free end reduced, as shown. This plate is arranged to be inserted into the pocket 12 formed between the right hand end plate 9 and the two flaps 13 with which the latter is

provided, said flaps being formed upon the longitudinal edges of said plate and being folded backwardly toward each other into spaced parallel relation with the rear face thereof. (See Figs. 3 and 4). Plate 9 thus serves as a keeper and will be so termed hereinafter. The cross sectional width of the pocket 12 is slightly greater than that of the tongue plate or tongue 5, which latter for such reason can be readily inserted to the desired extent into said pocket.

In order to retain the tongue in its adjusted position within the pocket, there is formed upon the front or outer face of the keeper plate adjacent the free end thereof, an internally threaded bushing 14 which opens into said pocket and is designed to receive the threaded stem of a screw 15, the latter being provided with a milled head 16 by means of which it may be turned in the proper direction to cause the free end of its stem to advance into the pocket and impinge against the tongue.

In applying the band, it is only necessary to clasp it around the previously doubled tail of the horse, and to then insert the tongue into the pocket to the desired extent, whereupon the screw may be operated as above described to engage the tongue and hold the same against withdrawal from said pocket.

The various plates and links of which the band is comprised are preferably constructed of brass, though any other suitable metal may be employed if desired.

What is claimed, is:—

1. A horse-tail band having a tongue at one end thereof and a keeper at the other end, said keeper being formed of a single piece of material provided with a pair of flaps adapted to be bent backwardly toward each other into spaced parallel relation to the main body portion of the keeper to form a pocket adapted to receive said tongue therein, and retaining means carried by said keeper arranged for engagement with the tongue when the latter is in place in said pocket.

2. A horse-tail band comprising a series of linked plates, one terminal plate of said series forming a tongue and the other terminal plate being formed of a single piece of material provided with laterally extending flaps adapted to be bent backwardly toward each other into spaced parallel relation to the main body portion of said terminal link to

form a pocket adapted to receive said tongue therein, and retaining means carried by said pocket formed link for engagement with the tongue when the latter is in place therein.

- 5 3. A horse-tail band comprising a series of linked plates, one terminal link of said series forming a tongue and the other terminal plate a keeper, said keeper plate being formed of a single piece of material provided with a pair of laterally extending flaps adapted to be folded backwardly toward each other into spaced parallel relation to the main body portion of the keeper
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link to form a pocket adapted to receive said tongue therein, and a set screw operatively 15 mounted in the body portion of said keeper link, adapted to be impinged against the tongue when the latter is in place in the pocket of said keeper link.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature, 20 in presence of two witnesses.

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