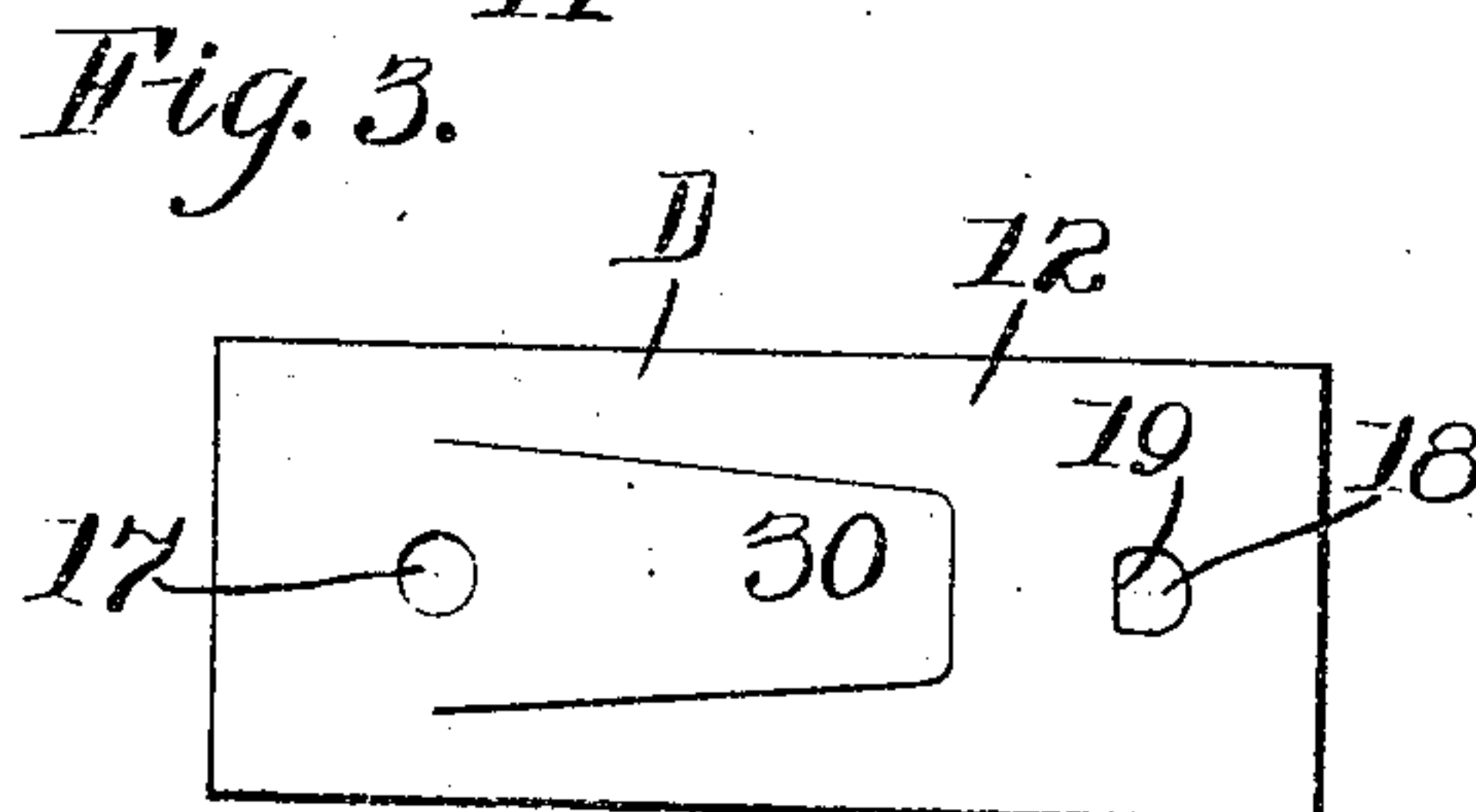
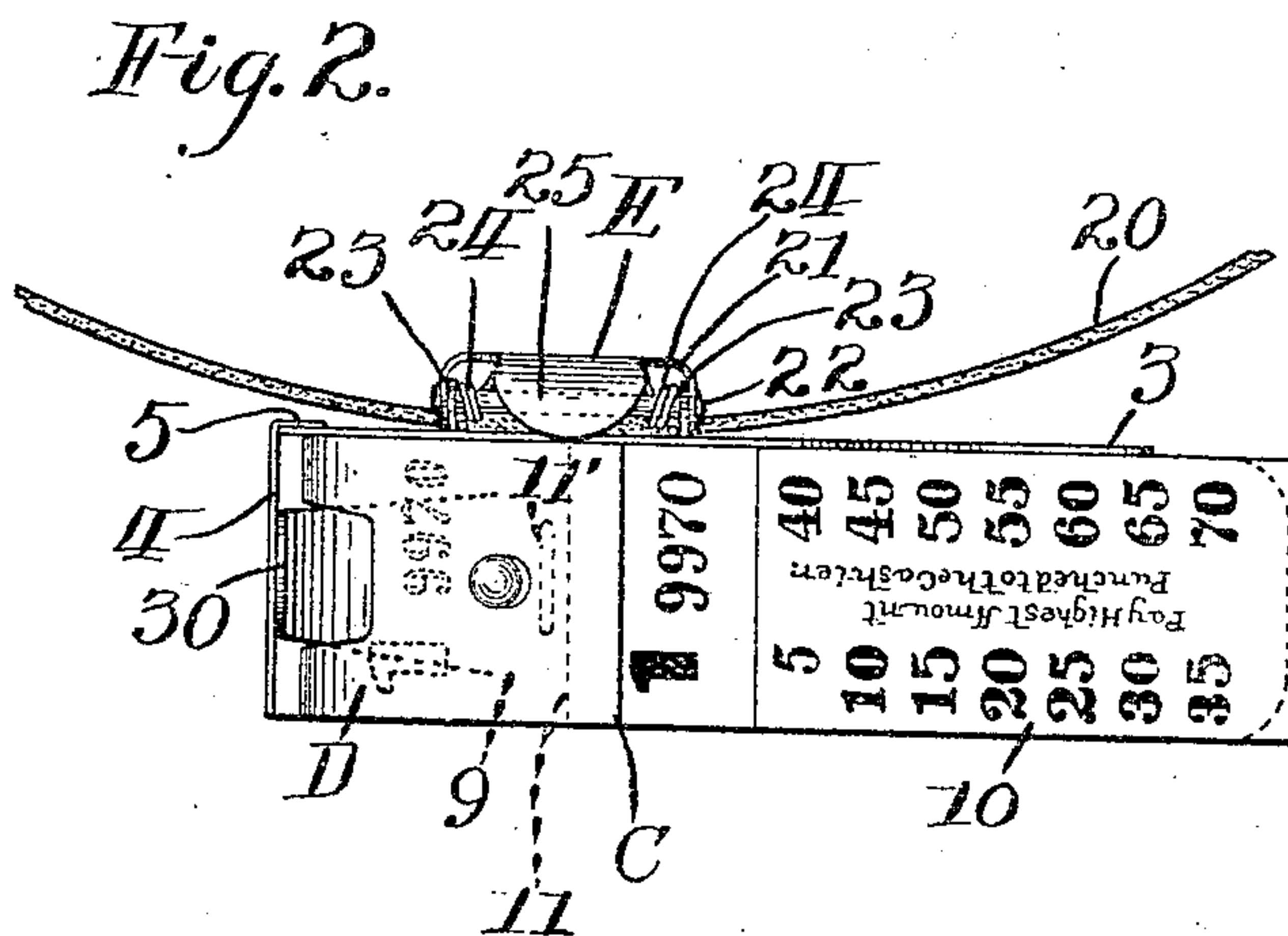
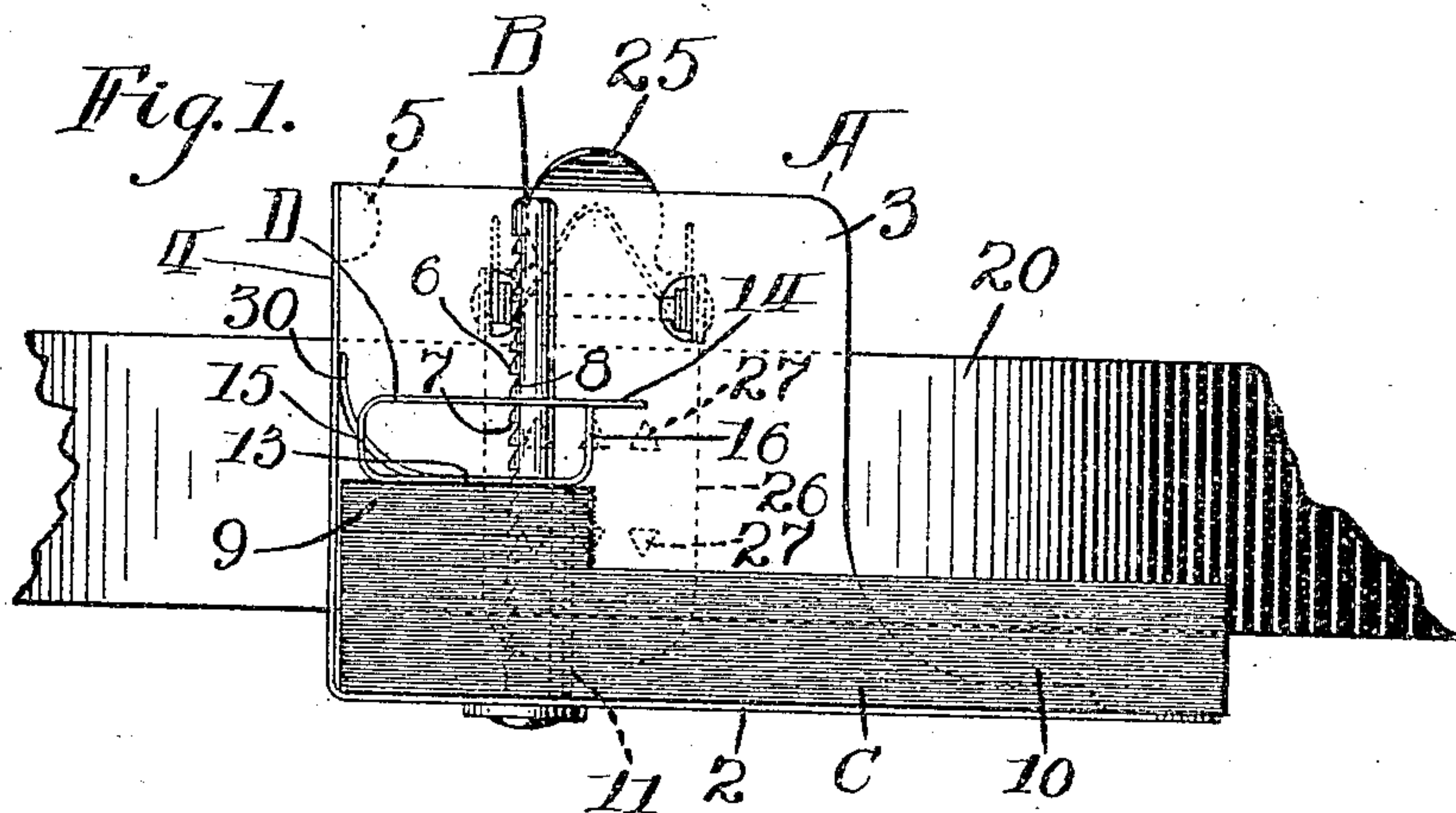


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES T. RASCHICK, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Paul, in the county of Ramsey and State of Minnesota, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Holders for Sales-Checks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in holders for sales checks and more particularly to a device for supporting coupon sales checks in which their stubs may be retained, the device being intended to be readily attached to and supported on a belt which is worn by the user the object being more particularly to provide an improved mechanical device whereby waiters and sales-men may be supplied with sales checks for delivery to purchasers and yet be compelled to retain the stubs together for return to the proprietor and thus keep an accurate account of the number of sales made.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification Figure 1 is a side view of my invention a detail portion of a belt being shown to which the device is secured; Fig. 2 is a plan view of the parts illustrated in Fig. 1 and Fig. 3 is a plan view of the blank from which the retainer is formed for holding the stubs of the checks in the device.

In the drawings A represents a suitable frame or case made out of sheet metal which is formed with a bottom 2, side 3 and end 4, said side and end being secured together by means of a flange 5 which is soldered or otherwise fastened to one of said parts.

To the bottom of the device is suitably secured a vertical spindle B which is provided with a series of lock shoulders or ratchet teeth 6. These teeth have abrupt substantially horizontal shoulders 7 and inwardly and upwardly slanting faces 8.

Checks C are provided, each of which comprises a stub 9 and a coupon 10 separated by perforations 11 whereby the check coupon may be readily detached. The checks are numbered consecutively and both the stub and coupon bear such number and another number corresponding to the waiter's number. The coupon is also printed with one or a series of numerals indicating value, it being intended that the sales-man or waiter shall punch the number on the coupon corresponding with the amount of

the sale or debt contracted, after detaching the same from the stub then deliver the check coupon to the customer. The stubs are mounted in numerical order on the spindle and secured thereon by a retainer D which holds said stubs down tightly under spring pressure in the case thus enabling the coupons to be readily detached. The stubs are fastened in bound form by stitching 11' to prevent them from being separated.

The retainer D consists of a spring metal plate 12 in the form of a blank as illustrated in Fig. 3 which is bent between its ends forming a substantially horizontal presser piece 13 and a substantially horizontal spring 14 which is connected to said presser piece by a substantially vertical web 15. The end of the plate 12 projecting from the presser piece is turned up and forms a stop 16 by which the spring 14 is limited in movement when pressed down. The spring and presser piece have openings 17 and 18 through which the spindle passes, the opening 17 admitting the spindle freely and the opening 18 having a straight edge 19 which is adapted to engage below the shoulders 7 of the teeth 6 on the spindle when the retainer is pressed down.

To disengage the retainer from the teeth and slide it up upon the spindle the outer end of the spring 14 is pulled up the auxiliary spring 30 permitting the spring 14 to disengage from the teeth so that the retainer can be lifted off of the spindle. When the retainer is adjusted to the holder it is placed over the spindle and the portion adjoining the end 4 is pressed down, the spring automatically engaging the teeth and sliding over the beveled faces 8 thereof. The width of the plate 12 forming the retainer is sufficient to prevent the retainer from turning upon the spindle in the case. The auxiliary spring 30 is in the form of a tongue stamped out of the plate 12 and is curved upwardly sweeping and pressing against the end 4 of the case and holding the spring 14 normally in engagement with the teeth on the spindle but permitting the retainer to be disengaged from said teeth when the retainer is pushed toward the end 4.

Upon the side 3 of the case is a spring clip E of ordinary construction by which the holder can be easily and quickly detachably secured to a belt or other support 20. As shown the clip E is in the form of a lever

fulcrumed upon a shaft 22 which is mounted upon a pair of supports 23 on the side 3 of the holder. A coil spring 24 is secured on the shaft and has its ends bearing against the side 3. A portion of the spring intermediate of its ends bears against the thumb piece 25 on the lever, causing the lower end 26 of the lever to bear down toward the side 3 and engage the belt. Teeth 27 are shown stamped in the lever so as to form a secure engagement with the belt.

In accordance with the patent statutes I have described the principles of operation of my invention together with apparatus which I now consider to represent the best embodiment thereof but I desire to have it understood that the construction shown is only illustrative and that the invention can be carried out by other means and applied to uses other than those above set forth within the scope of the following claims.

Having described my invention what I claim as new and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

1. A device of the class set forth, comprising, in combination, a case having a side end and floor, a spindle mounted upon said floor having a set of rack teeth thereon, a retainer adapted to engage the teeth and hold checks upon said spindle and means carried by said case for attaching the device to a support, said retainer having a spring pressing against the end of the case to hold the retainer in engagement with the teeth and permitting the retainer to be disengaged

from said teeth and removed from said spindle.

2. A device of the class set forth, comprising, in combination, a case for holding a stack of checks, a spindle mounted in said case having a set of rack teeth and a retainer mounted upon said spindle having a presser element bearing down upon the checks, a spring engaging the teeth and exerting downward force upon said presser element and an auxiliary spring holding the first mentioned spring in engagement with said teeth and permitting it to be disengaged to allow the retainer to be raised.

3. A device of the class set forth, comprising, in combination, a case adapted to hold a stack of checks, a spindle mounted in said case over which the checks are passed and a retainer through which said spindle is inserted and adapted to hold said checks down under spring pressure, said spindle having a set of rack teeth and said retainer having a presser plate, a spring extending above said presser plate to engage below said teeth, a stop to limit the downward movement of said spring and an auxiliary spring pressing against said case to hold the first mentioned spring in engagement with said teeth.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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