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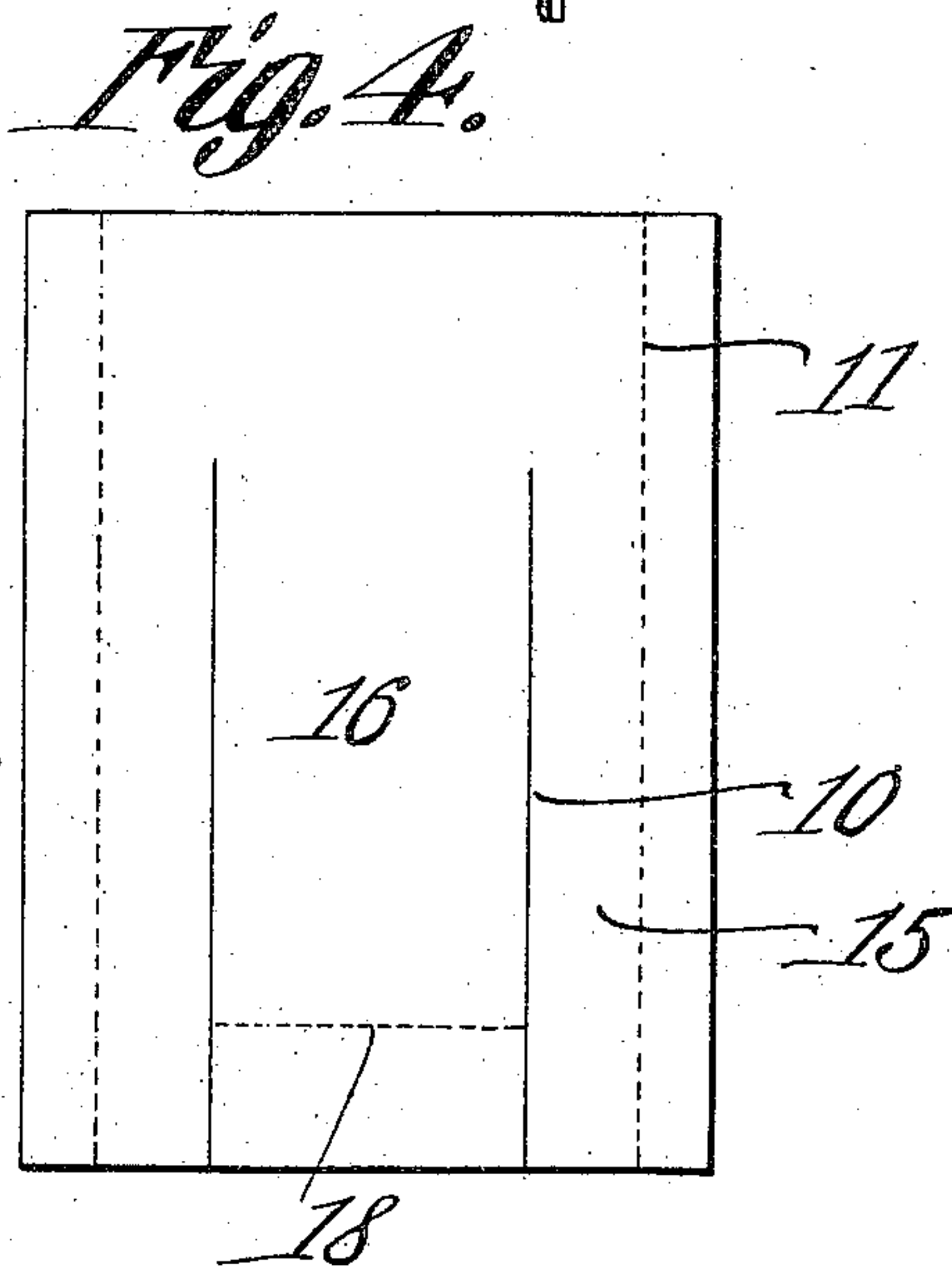
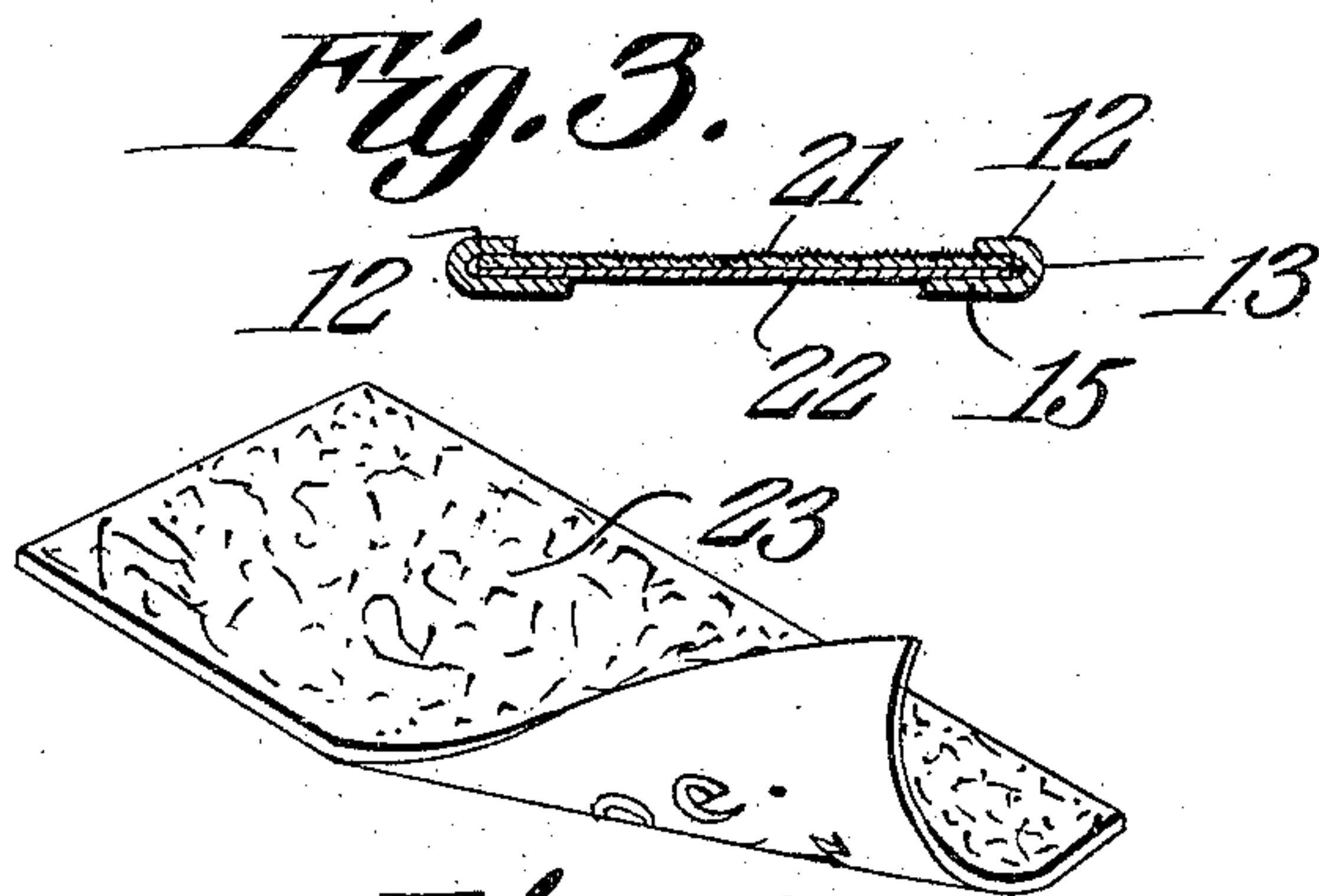
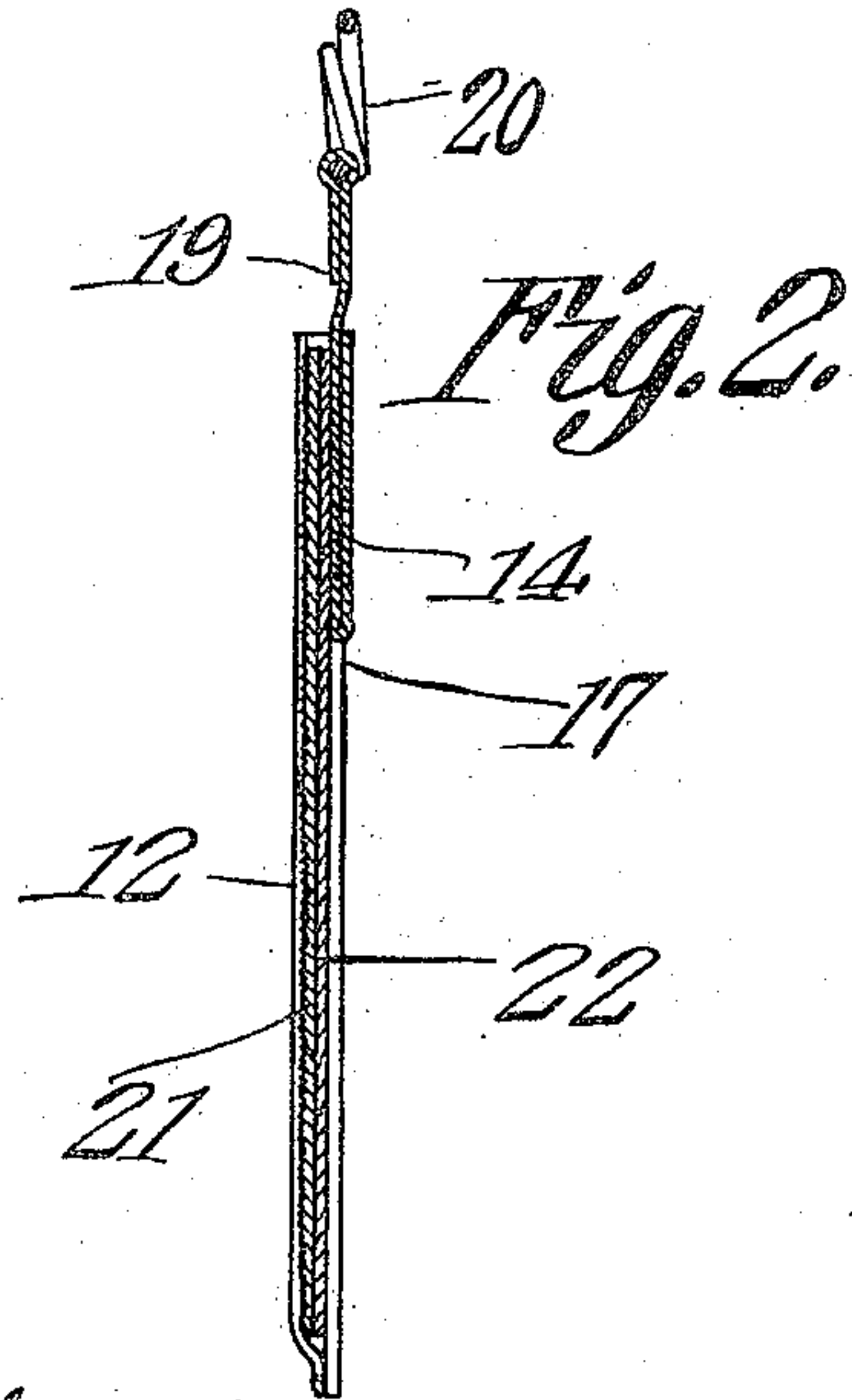
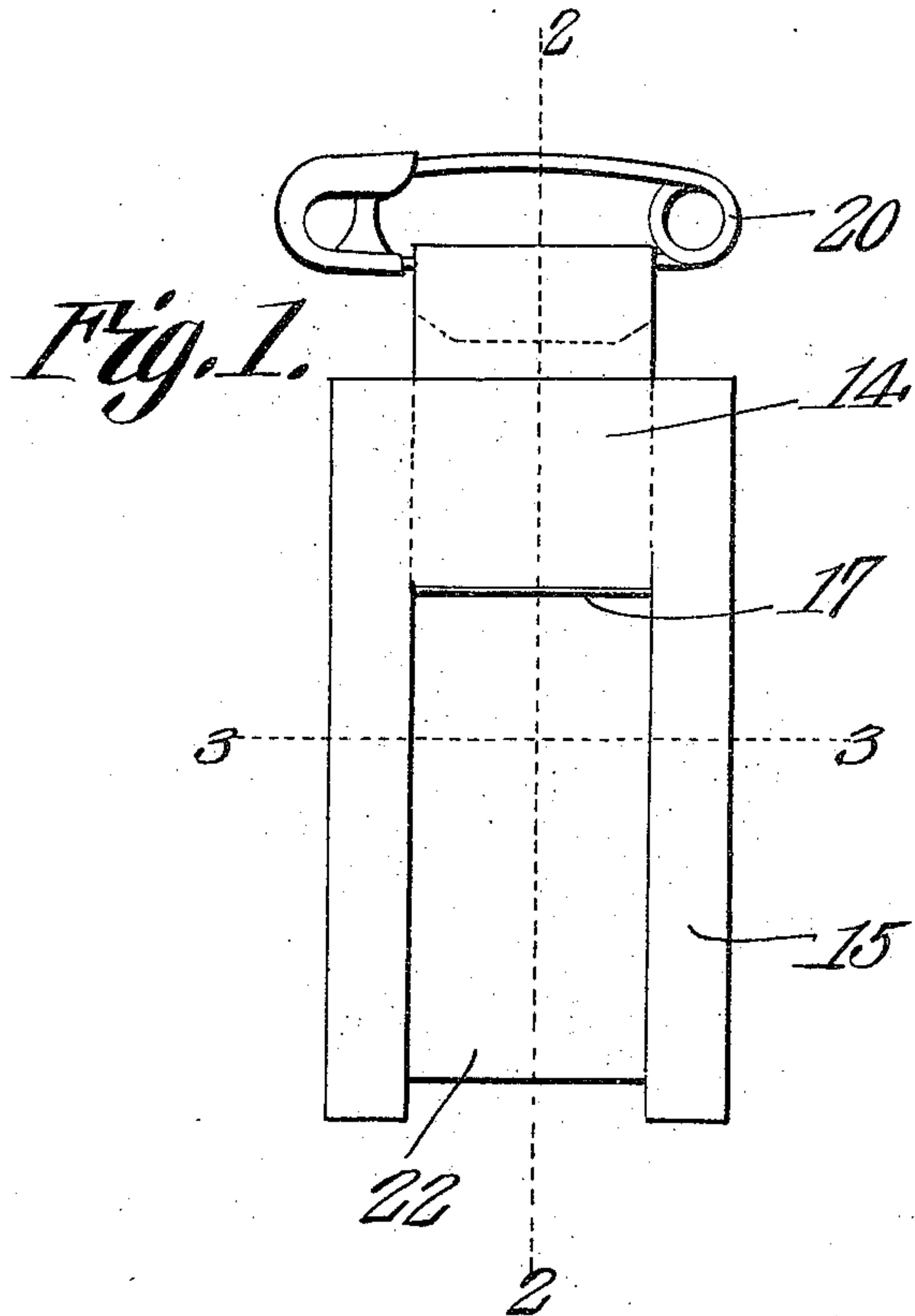


Fig. 5.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN H. HAVECOTTE and MAY STANLEY, citizens of the United States, residing at Somerville, in the county of Burleson and State of Texas, have invented a new and useful Match-Scratcher, of which the following is a specification.

The object of the present invention is to provide an inexpensive advertising novelty in the nature of a match striking device which may be attached to the clothing.

A further object of the invention is to provide a match igniting strip holder so constructed as to permit of ready insertion and removal of the strips so that when one strip becomes too worn for use another may be readily inserted in place thereof and in this connection the invention aims to provide a match igniting strip holder so constructed as to present no obstruction which would tend to prevent ready removal of the strip.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a device of this class of such construction that a strip held thereby will have both sides exposed and the advantage of this construction resides in the fact that upon the back of such a strip may be printed the business card or other advertisement of the person distributing the devices, they being intended chiefly for sale to clothing establishments for gratuitous distribution. At this point, it might be stated that while the term "strip" will be used throughout the specification and claims, it is to be understood that the strip may be comprised of any number of plies so that if it is not desired to print the advertisement directly on the back of the match igniting strip, which is preferably of sand or emery paper, a separate strip containing the desired advertising matter may be inserted in place behind the match igniting strip and be exposed to view in the same manner as would the back of the said strip were it of single ply. Furthermore, the structure of the device is such that it may be readily stamped or otherwise formed from a single integral sheet of material and without waste of material, the blank from which the device is formed being rectangular in form.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a match igniting strip holder constructed in accordance with the present invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view therethrough on the line 2—2

of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the blank from which the device is formed, and Fig. 5 is a perspective view of one of the match igniting strips.

In the drawings, the device embodying the invention is illustrated as formed from a sheet metal blank which is rectangular in form and is clearly shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings, the blank being formed with slits 10 which extend from one end edge thereof to a point adjacent the other end edge and are parallel and equi-distantly spaced from the sides or longitudinal edges of the blank. In forming the device, the edge portions of the blank are bent over on the dotted lines 11 to form flanges 12 which are spaced from the side portions of the blank and form match-igniting-strip receiving guides or portions 13. In other words, the slits 10 formed in the blank shown in Fig. 4 result in spaced side portions which project in parallelism from the body 14 of the blank and which are folded upon themselves so as to form the guides 13, these side portions being indicated in their entirety by the numeral 15 in Fig. 4 of the drawings, and their unfolded portions by the same numeral in Fig. 3 of the drawings.

By cutting the slits 10 in the blank, a strip-like portion results, as will be readily understood and this portion is indicated by the numeral 16 and is folded inwardly upon the body portion of the device indicated by the numeral 14 as indicated at 17 so that its end portion projects beyond the upper edge of the device and this end portion is folded on the dotted line 18 shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings, back upon itself as at 19 and around one bar of a safety or similar attaching pin 20 it being understood that the device pivots on this pin and that the pin provides means whereby the device may be applied to any garment desired.

As heretofore stated, a match igniting strip of one or multi-ply nature as may be found desirable, is removably inserted in the holder its side edges being received in the guides 13 of the device it being understood that one side of the strip, preferably that side which is coated with sand or emery, will be exposed completely except for that portion covered by the flanges 12 at the edges of the strip and that the other side of the said strip, which side preferably contains the advertising matter of the firm distribut-

ing the devices, will be exposed between the fold 17, the lower edge of the strip, and the side portions 15 of the device as is clearly shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings. In the drawings, and particularly in Figs. 2 and 3 thereof the strip is shown as of multi-ply nature or in other words as comprised of a ply 21 which is coated on one side with sand or emery and a ply 22 which is disposed against the ply 21, is of the same dimensions as the said ply, and contains the advertisement of the firm distributing the devices. While the strip shown in the said Figs. 2 and 3 of the drawings is of multi-ply nature, it will be understood that the strip may be in the nature of a single ply and such a strip is shown in Fig. 5 of the drawings, it being coated on one side with sand or emery as indicated by the numeral 23 and having on the other side printed the advertisement of the firm distributing the devices.

The advantage of the feature of the single strip shown in Fig. 5 of the drawings resides in the fact that the merchant distributing the devices as advertising matter may have on hand a number of surplus strips for which his customers may call when the original strips become so worn as to be useless so that the return of the customer to the store for the purpose of securing a new strip for insertion in the holder will keep the merchant and customer constantly in touch with each other and will naturally result in increased sales. It will therefore be seen that the device is an extremely desirable one as regards the features which render it adaptable for use as an advertising device and that as a match striking device it is convenient, simple, and easy of application and removal to and from an article of clothing. Also, as heretofore stated, it is to be

understood that while in the claims a strip is described, the strip may be of one or more plies without departing from the spirit of the invention.

What is claimed is:—

1. A device of the class described consisting of a sheet of material cut to form spaced side portions and an intermediate portion separated from the side portions but integral with the body of the sheet, said intermediate portion being bent back upon the body portion of the sheet and folded at its end, an attaching element pivotally connected with the folded end of the said intermediate portion of the sheet for the attachment to a garment, the said edge portions of the sheet being folded to receive between them a match igniting strip.

2. A device of the class described comprising a body portion, spaced portions projecting from the body portion in parallelism, the material of which the device is formed being folded back from the spaced portions and upon the body portion and an attaching means carried at the end of the back folded portion.

3. A device of the class described comprising spaced portions folded to form guide members adapted to receive the edges of a match igniting strip, the said folded portions being flattened at the lower ends whereby to support the strip and limit its downward movement.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own, we have hereto affixed our signatures in the presence of two witnesses.

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