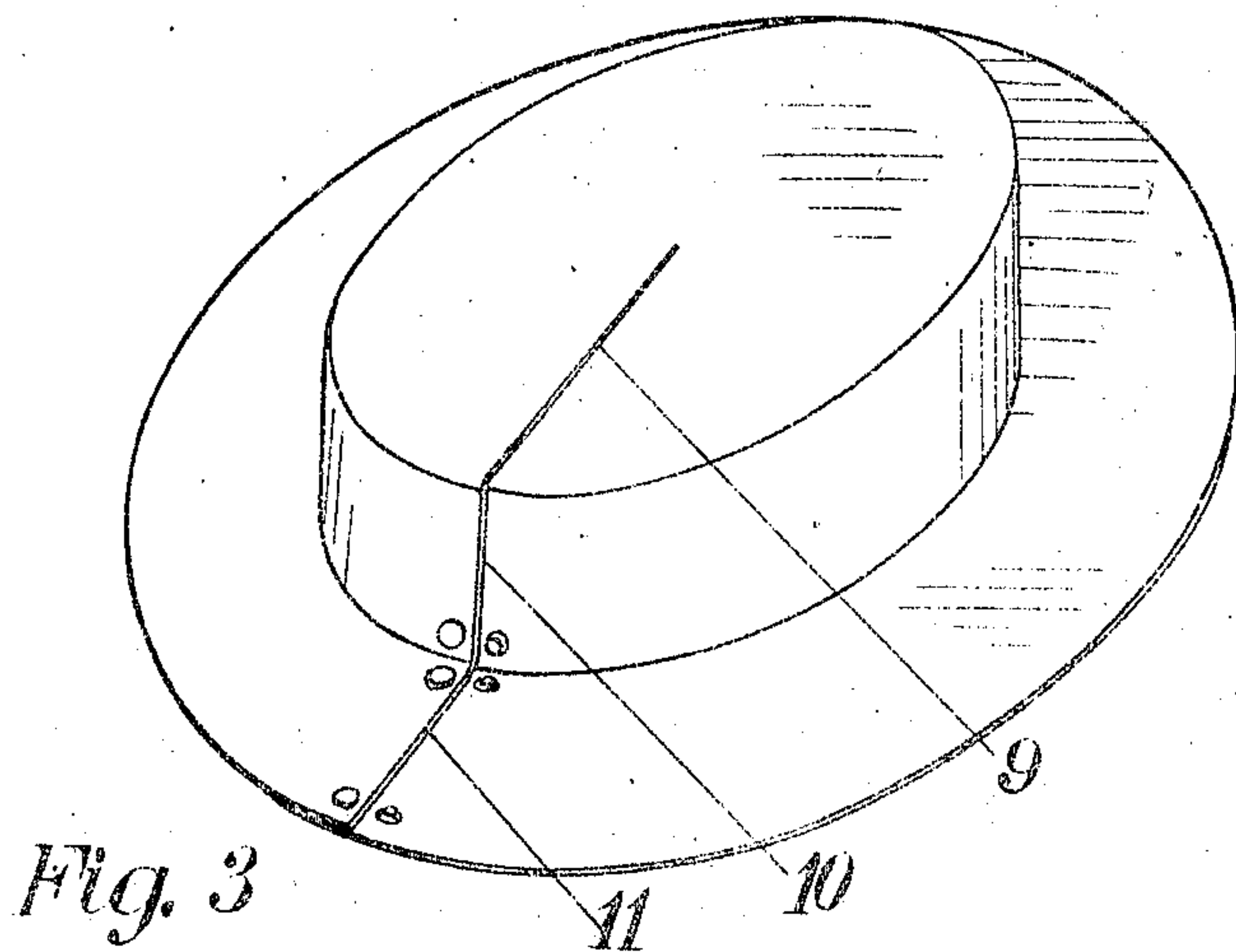
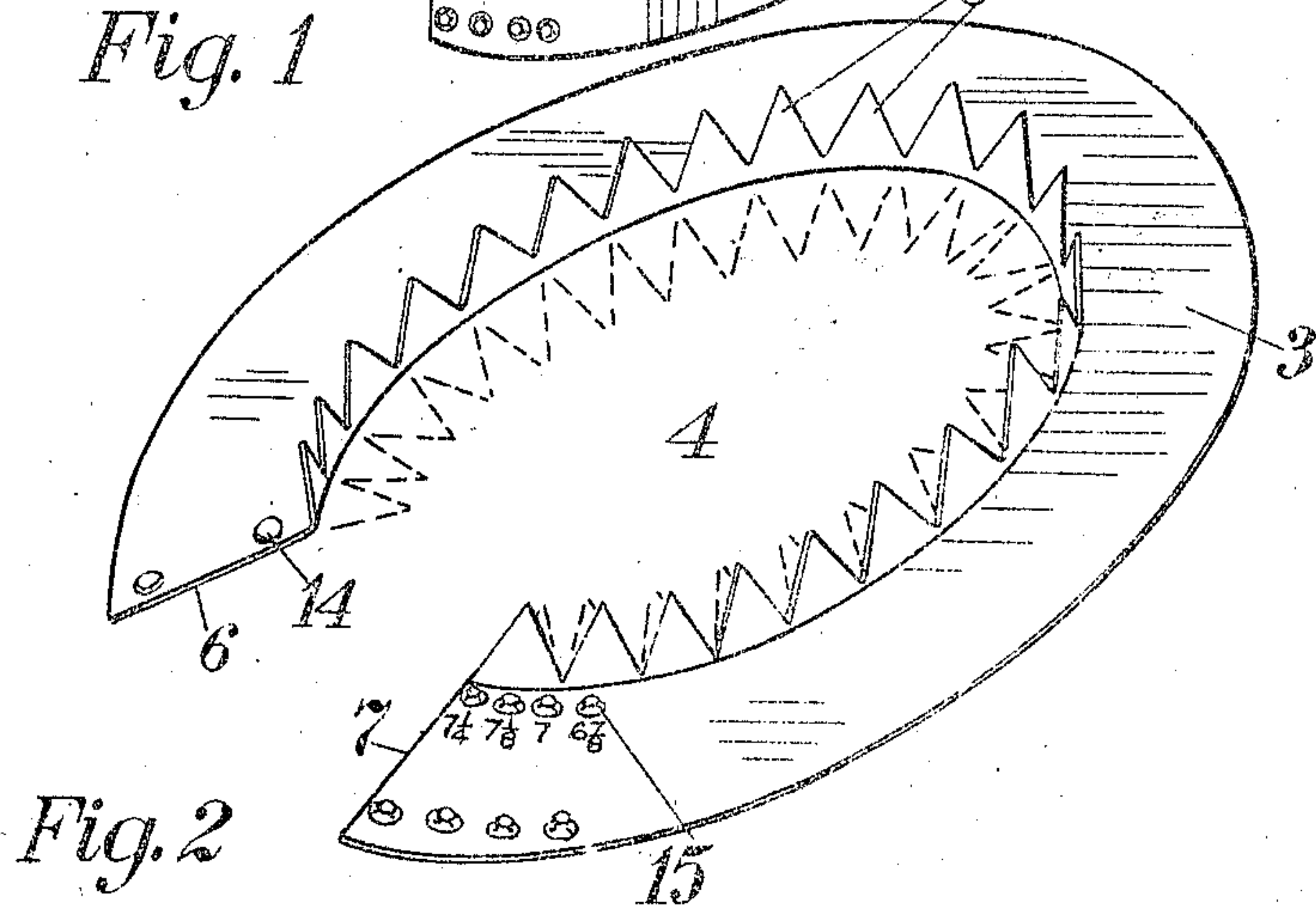
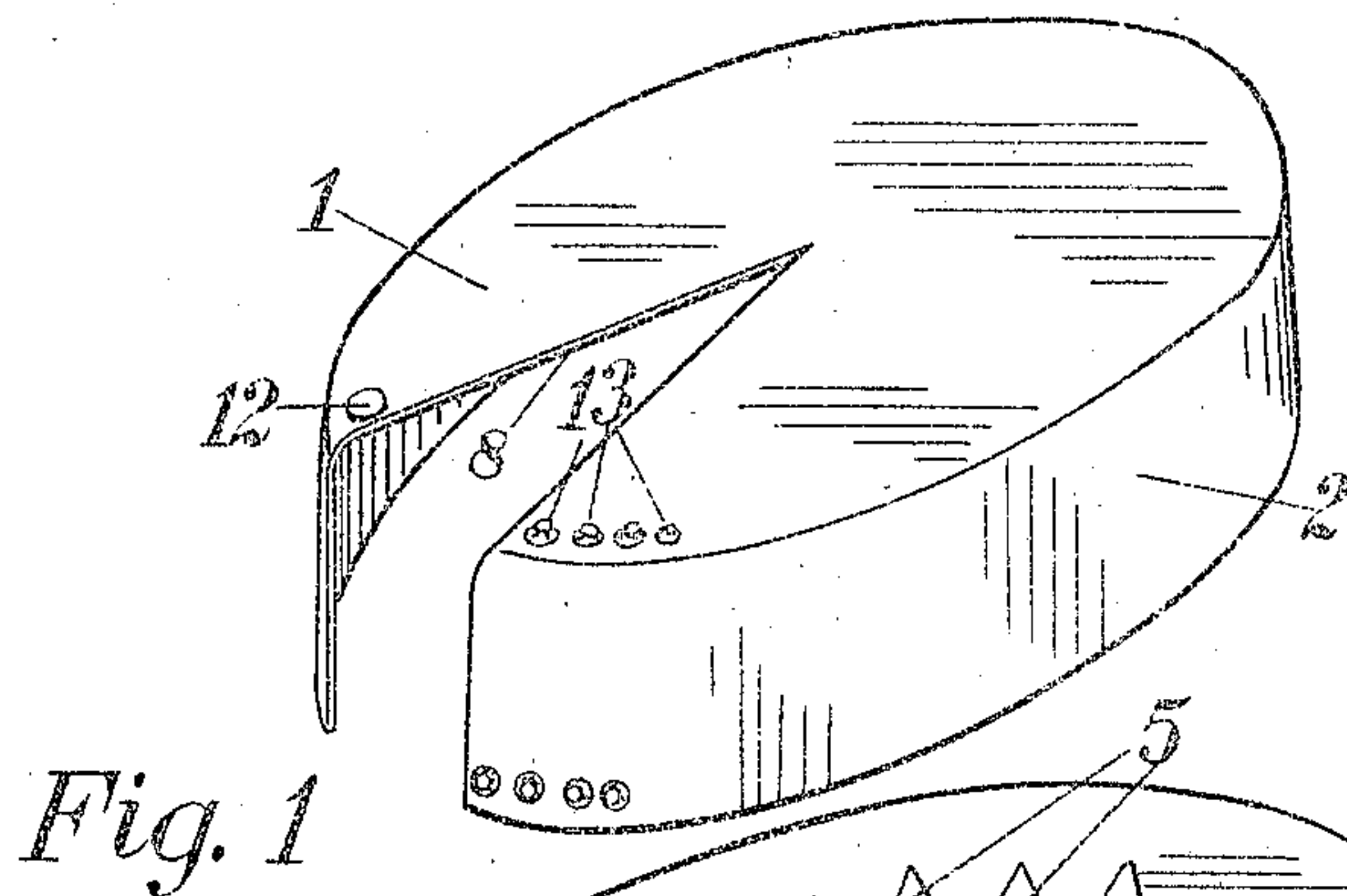


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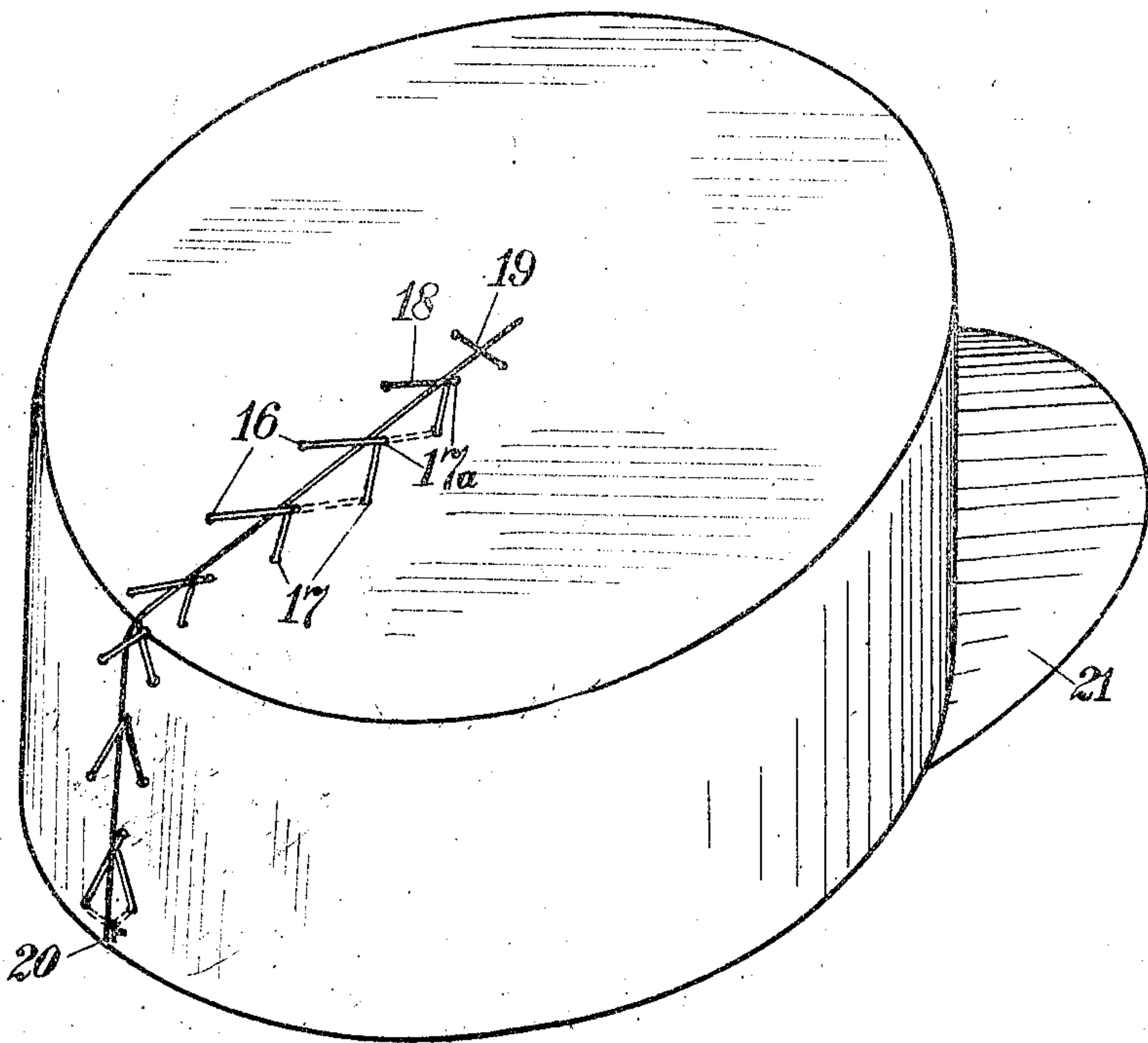


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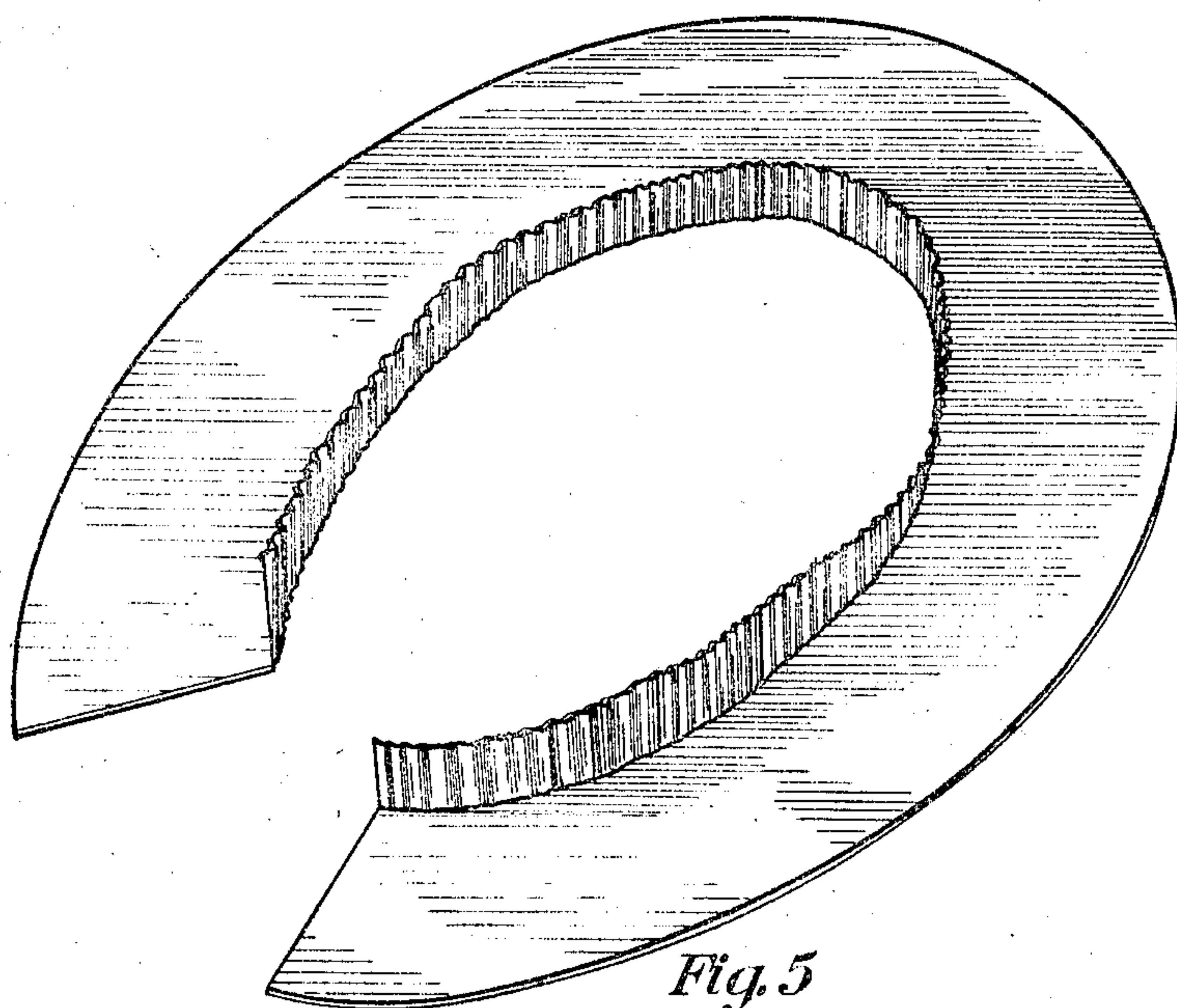


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES F. DODD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Delaware, in the county of Delaware and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hats or Caps, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in hats or caps, especially of the kind which are adjustable and may therefore be adapted to the size of the head of the wearer; the adjustability being rendered possible by overlapping of parts, so that after the parts are overlapped they still appear attractive and still preserve the proper form.

I contemplate constructing my improved hat or cap out of paper or fabric, the purpose being to produce a cheap article which may be used for advertising and other purposes as is very commonly done. In this use of such article it is recognized that the article must be cheap, and if one standard size may be made containing adjusting means to adapt the same to the head of the wearer, the production can take place more cheaply than if each particular size had to be made as a separate article.

Referring to the drawings which are hereto attached and hereby made a part of this specification, Figure 1 represents the crown of a hat or cap made to be adjustable; Fig. 2 represents the brim of a hat, it being understood that the brim is not necessary in the construction of a cap; Fig. 3 represents the hat completed and adjusted to the desired size, corresponding to size 7 as shown in Fig. 2; Fig. 4 is a cap having a modified form of the adjustable construction, Fig. 5 shows a crimped or corrugated construction for the turned-up portion of the brim.

In the drawings in which the same numeral represents the same part throughout, 1 is the crown piece of a hat or cap, being preferably formed of one piece of strong paper or fabric pressed into the shape shown in Fig. 1, or formed of a flat top and circular sides 2 made in two parts or pieces sewed or otherwise secured together; 3 is the brim adapted for use with the crown 1, and as shown, it is formed of a piece of material having the central portion cut away as at 4, and then fluted and the tips or tongues 5 bent upwardly. Instead of cutting out the triangular portions between the tips or tongues 5, the material which is thus turned up may be crimped or corrugated, and to the surfaces

of these corrugations the crown portion may be attached as hereinafter described. The edges 6 and 7 are adapted to meet and overlap, the edges 6 being adapted preferably to overlap the edge 7 as more clearly appears in Fig. 3. The side portion 2 may be secured to the tips or tongues 5 or the corrugations where they are formed as hereinbefore mentioned, in any preferred manner by gluing or sewing or otherwise, whereupon the hat assumes the appearance shown in Fig. 3, after the edge portion 6 has been brought into overlap relation with the edge portion 7. As shown in Fig. 1, the crown is slit forming the triangular notch or opening 8 in both the top and the sides, and this is so formed as to bring the portions into overlapped relation also as appears in Fig. 3. The edge of the outer overlapping portion of the crown portion is adapted to be continuous with the outer overlapping edge of the brim portion and I have designated this continuous line herein by the numerals 9, 10, and 11, being the edge of the overlap respectively on the top of the crown, on the side, and on the brim.

One method of securing the overlapping parts is shown in Fig. 3, including the snap fastener 12 adapted to receive the enlargement 13 on the adjusting button and the same securing device is shown on the brim at 14 and 15.

In Fig. 2 I have shown not only an adjustable construction, but have indicated the various sizes of hat produced by snapping the button 14 into engagement with any of the enlargements 15 by the numbers 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ , etc. The same numerals to indicate size may be used on the crown portion shown in Fig. 1 and Fig. 4, where a cap is constructed, as in that case there would be no brim but I have deemed it unnecessary to place these numerals thereon, inasmuch as the manner of their application is clearly shown in Fig. 2. It should be stated that the numerals may be entirely dispensed with, the adjustment to the head of the wearer being made without them.

A second form of adjusting device, which may be utilized either with the hat or cap is shown in Fig. 4, comprising the rows of holes 16, 17 and 17<sup>a</sup>, on opposite sides of the slit 8, and a lace passed through the holes on opposite sides alternately, as is usual in the employment of a lace to draw two portions of a body or two bodies together; this



lace may be inserted at the top of the crown as shown at 19, and passed through the holes 16 and 17<sup>a</sup> and 17 and may then be tied or secured at its ends as shown at 20. The  
5 vizor 21 may be secured to the cap in the well known manner.

I have provided an article shown and described herein which is especially adapted for a cap or hat used for advertising and  
10 other purposes where the chief consideration is cheapness and facility of manufacture; with my construction, any dealer or other person desiring to sell or advertise may order a lot of hats or caps, not made of any  
15 particular size, and these may therefore be cheaply manufactured for the reason that one size or piece of cutting or forming apparatus only will be necessary for the manufacture of the entire lot. These may then  
20 be packed and shipped to the vendee who may adapt any one of them to the head of any proposed wearer by adjusting the same with the means shown and described above. No time therefore is lost in selecting the size  
25 which will answer the particular purpose as would be the case where the selection must be made from a number of sizes, and the adjusting means is so constructed as to be very readily manipulated.

30 What I claim is:

1. A hat or cap having a crown formed of a side member and a top cover member, said

top cover member and side member being slit along a radial line from a point in said top cover member to its edge and down  
35 through said side member, and means for engaging the contiguous edges of said members to draw the same together adjustably.

2. A hat formed of a brim member, extensions formed thereon, a crown member  
40 secured to said extensions comprising a side member and a cover member, said members being divided along a radial line from the center of said cover member, and adjustable means for engaging the edges of said di-  
45 vided portions and contracting or releasing the same as desired.

3. A hat comprising a divided brim member, integral extensions thereon, a crown member secured to said extensions formed of  
50 a side member and a cover member divided along a radial line from the center of said cover member, said division lines in said brim and crown being adapted to form a continuous slit, and means for adjustably se-  
55 curing said divided portions together as desired.

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

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