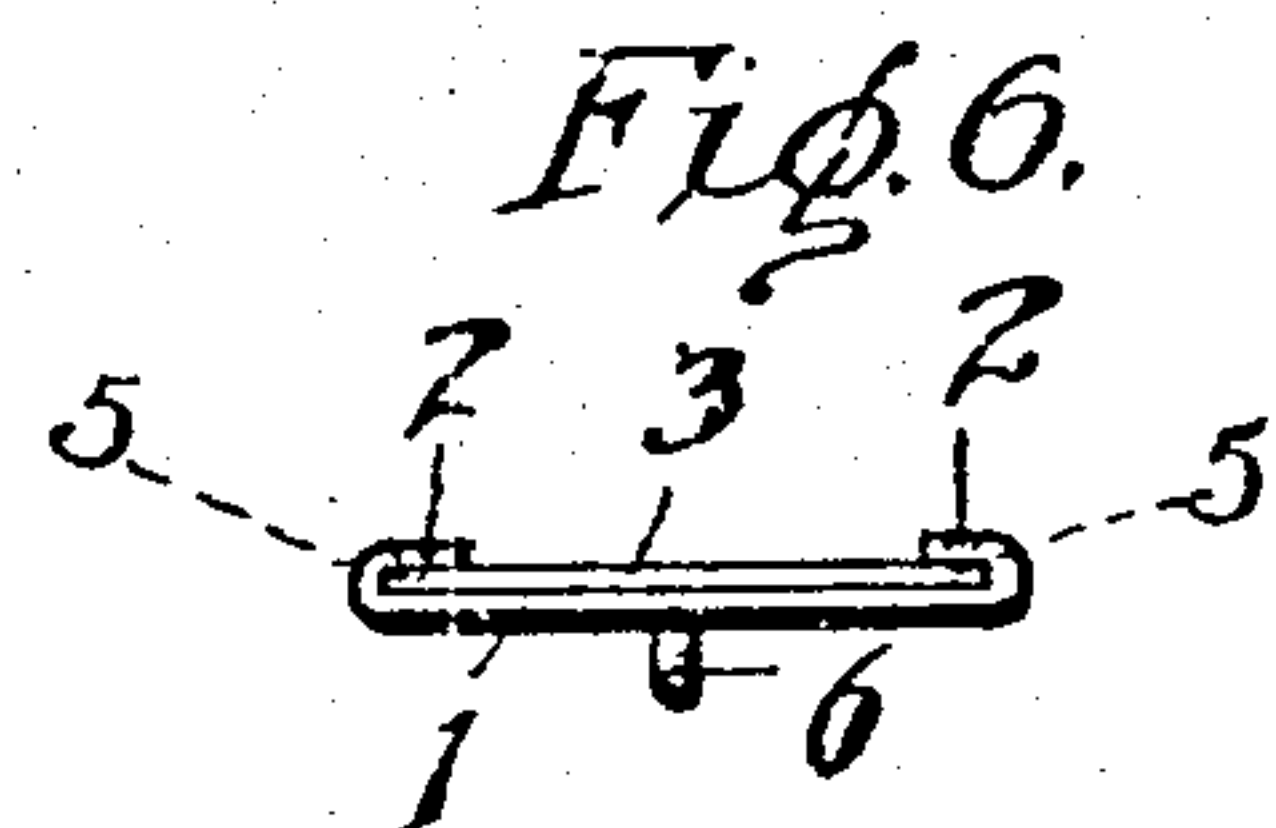
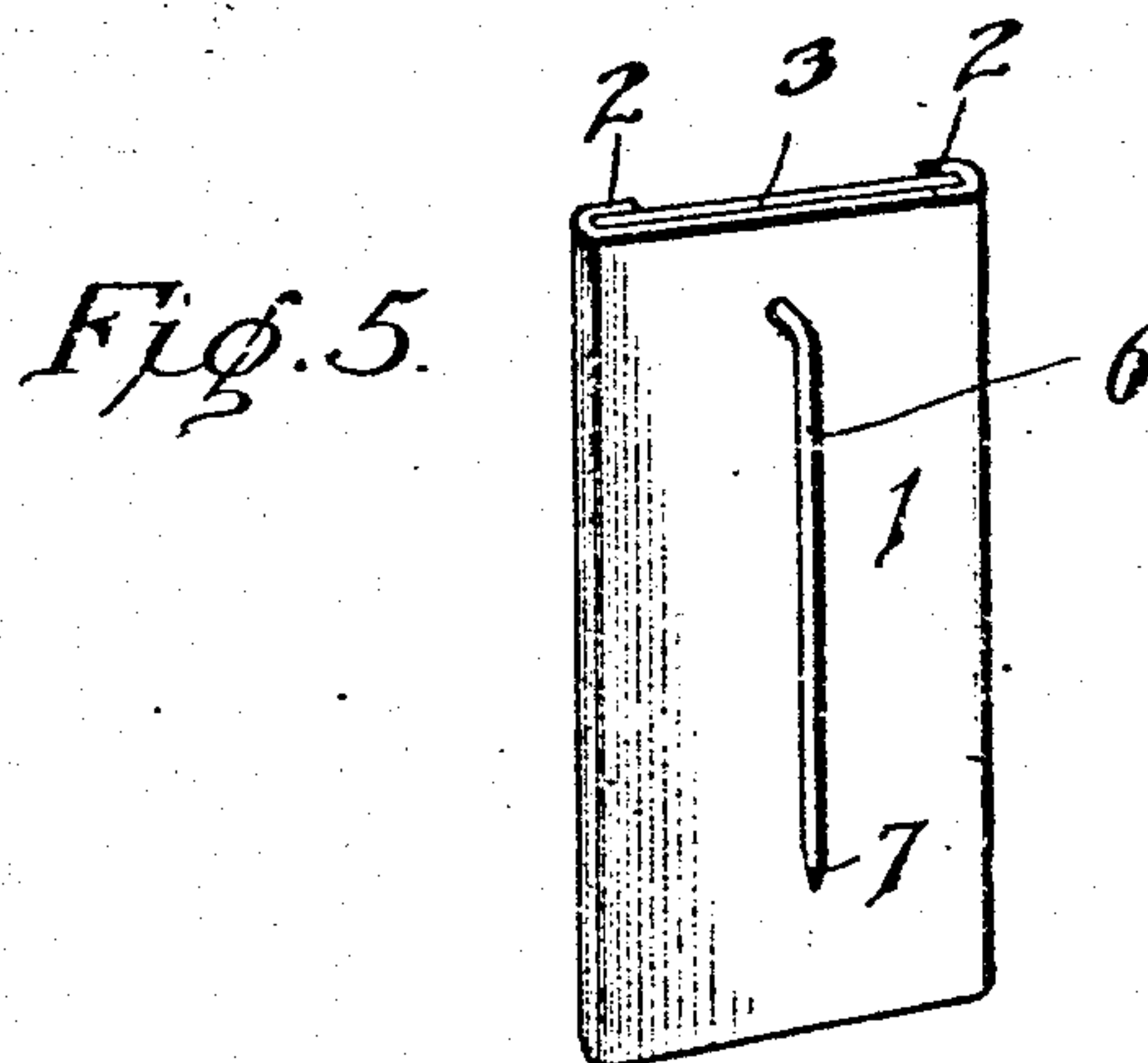
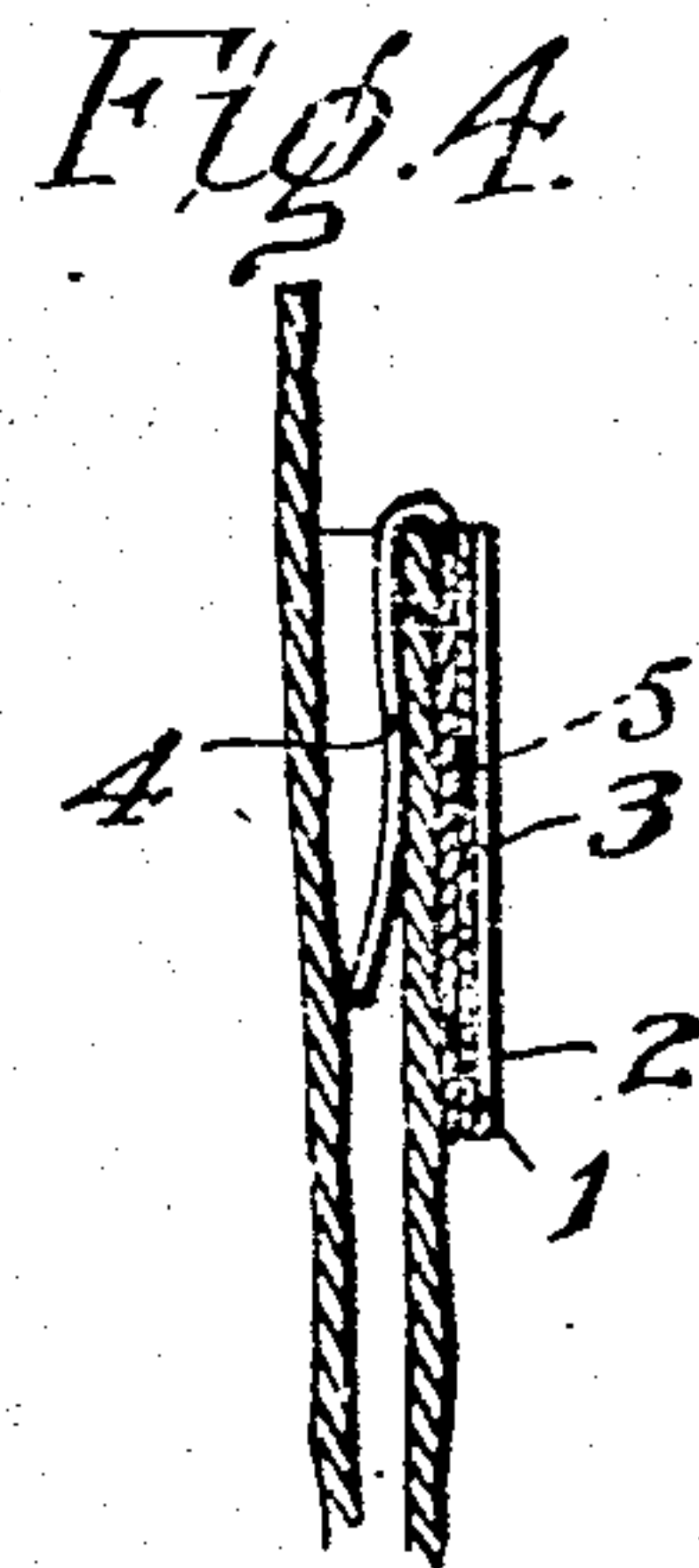
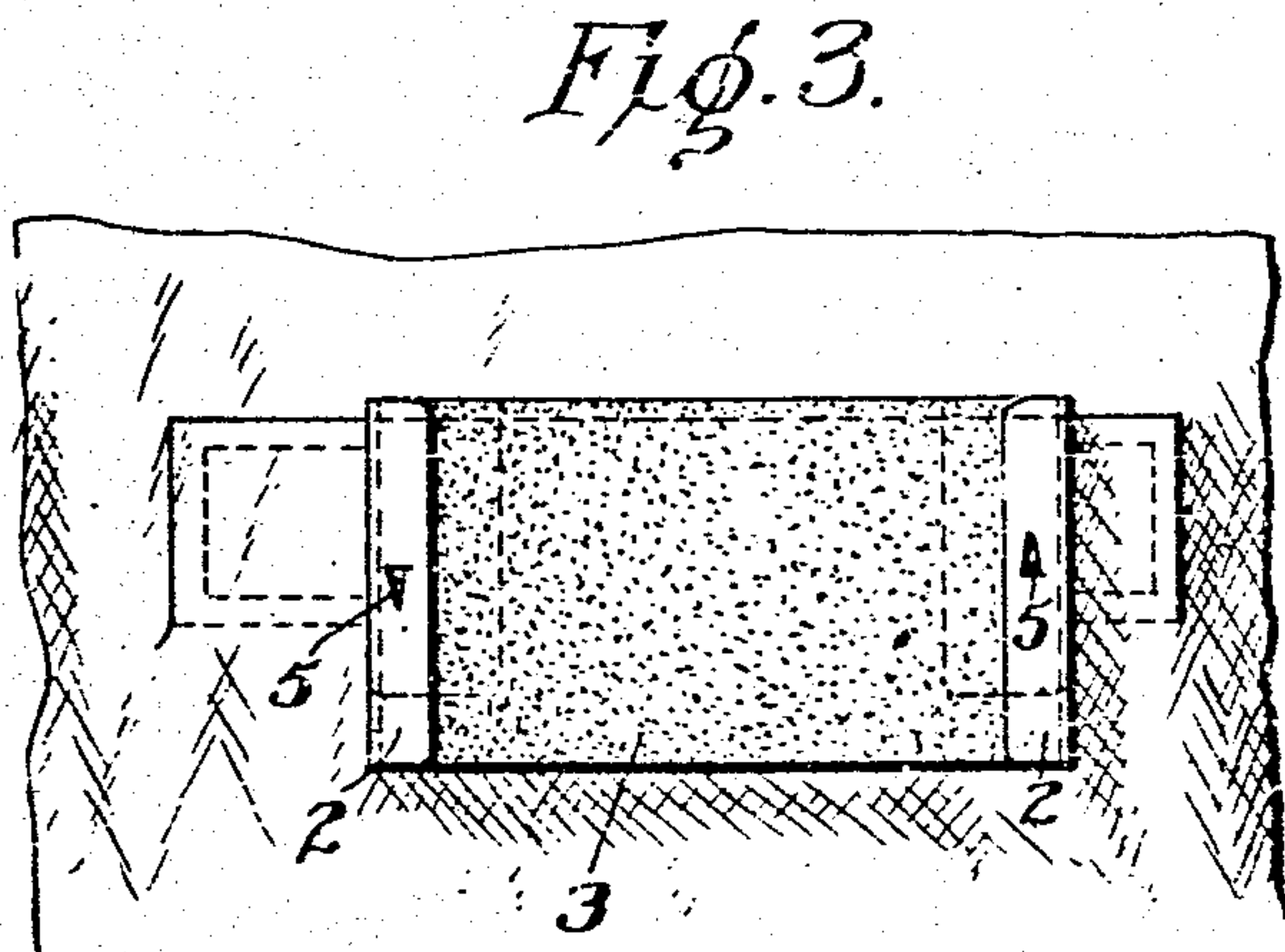
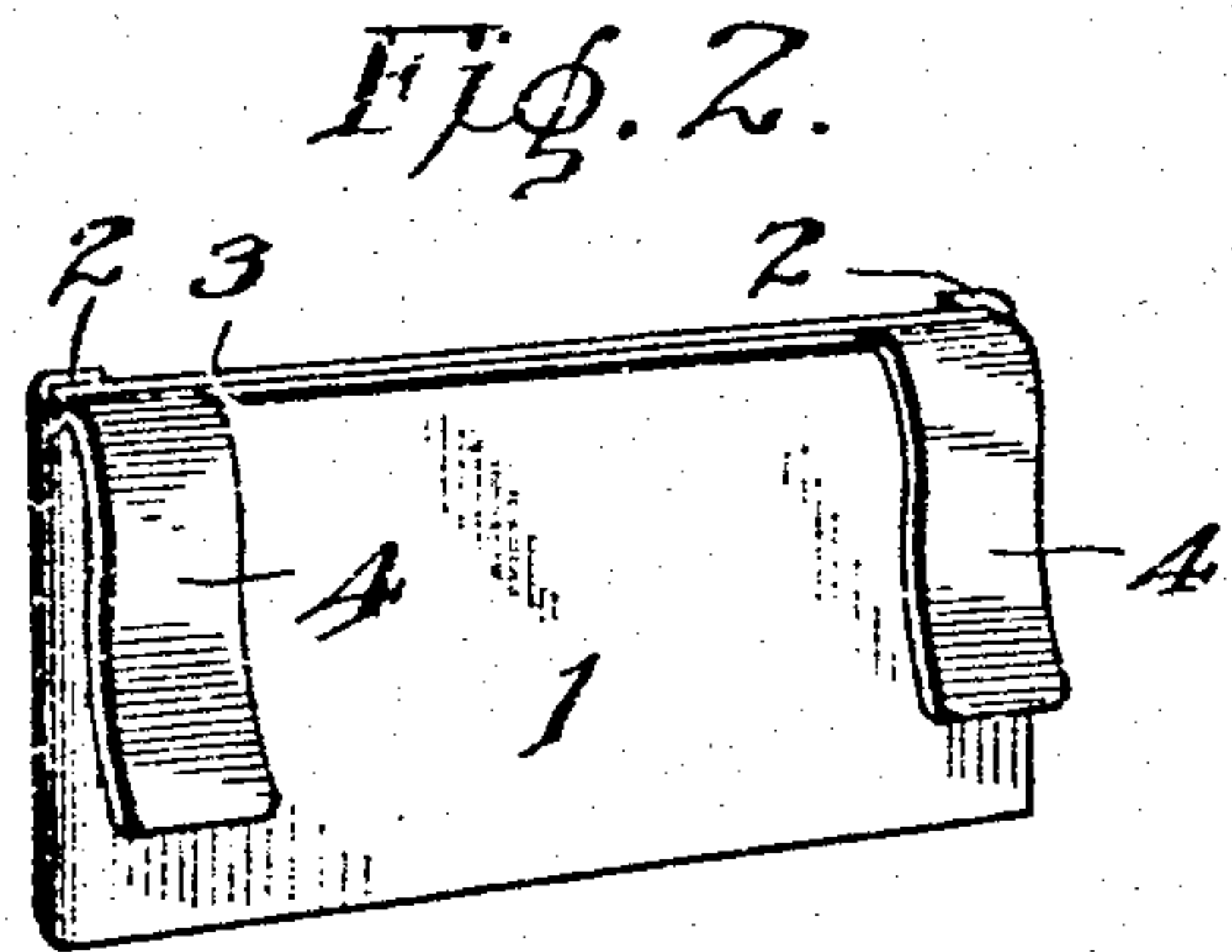
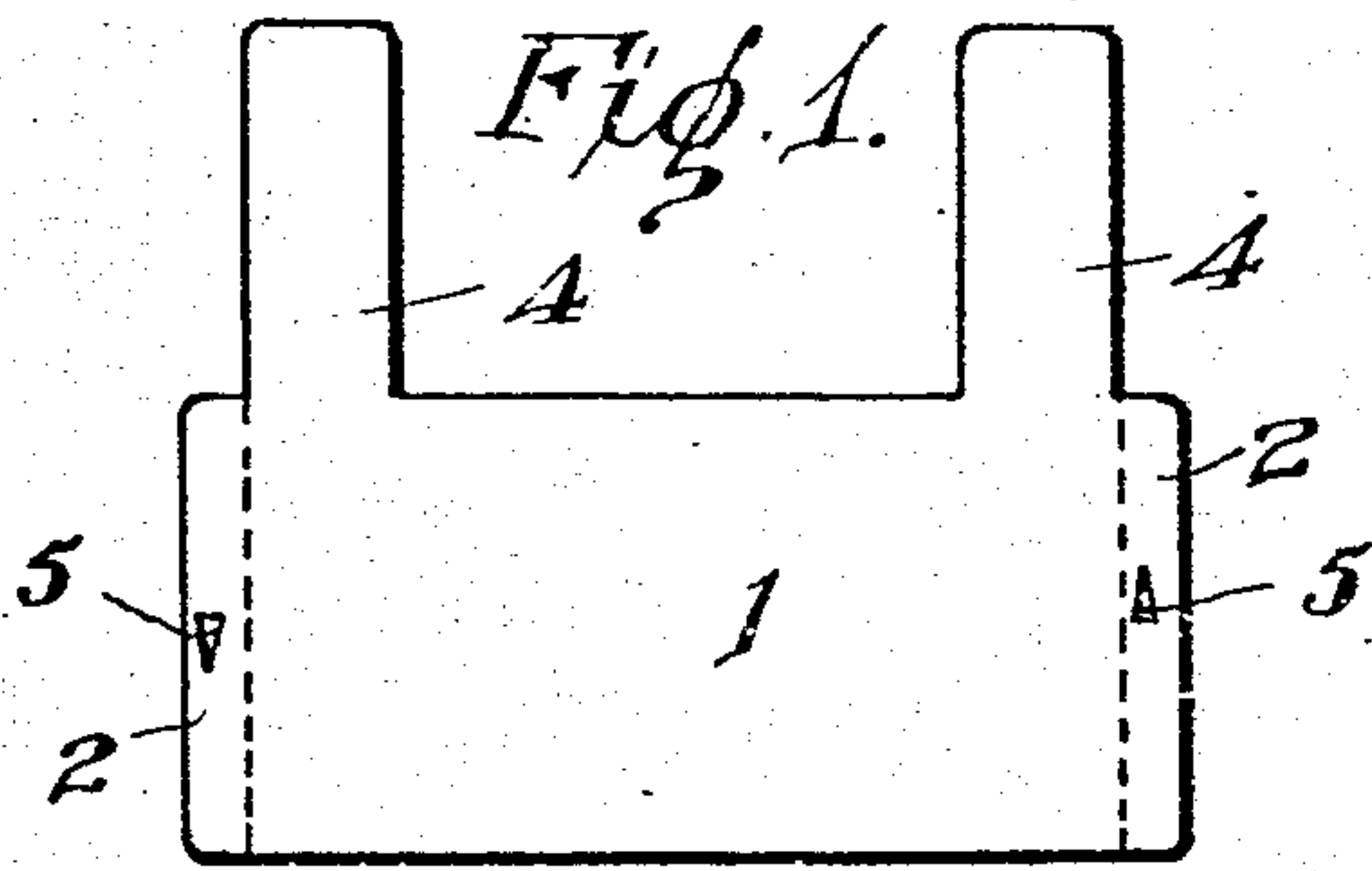


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER V. HARDY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Indianola, in the county of Sunflower and State of Mississippi, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Match-Scratching Devices, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

My invention relates to match scratchers, and it consists in the construction and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter described and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a detail plan view of the blank from which the match scratcher is formed. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the rear of the improved match scratcher. Fig. 3 is a front elevation, showing the invention attached to a pocket of a garment. Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view. Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of a modified form of the invention. Fig. 6 is an end view thereof.

Referring to said drawings by numerals, and particularly to Figs. 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the same, it will be seen that the improved match scratcher is formed from a blank the body 1 of which may be of an oblong shape and has its ends each provided with an in-turned flange 2 which engage with the ends of a strip of abrasive material 3, which may be sandpaper, so as to hold the same in tight engagement with said body. Said body 1 at one of its longitudinal edges is provided with a pair of spaced apart arms or extensions adapted to be bent downwardly and inwardly to form hanger hooks 4 by means of which the scratcher may be detachably suspended from a pocket of a garment, or from a belt. Said hanger hooks may be curved or bowed at their intermediate portions to impart resiliency thereto and thereby assure of a more firm grip upon the garment from which the scratcher is suspended. The flanges 2 of the body 1 are provided with inwardly projecting spurs 5 which engage with the abrasive strip 3 so as to prevent the same slipping from the body 1.

Said spurs 5 are preferably arranged so that their penetrating points project in opposite directions, thereby resisting the tendency of said strip to slip in either direction across said body. As an additional safeguard, the abrasive material may have a coating of glue or other adhesive material on its back.

In assembling the improved match scratcher, the abrasive strip is placed against one surface of the body, and the end flanges 2 thereof are turned over on said strip with its spurs in position to engage therewith. The resilient hanger hooks are then engaged over an edge of a pocket, or other portion of a garment and the device is retained in position ready for contact with matches, as is shown in Fig. 3. To replace the abrasive strip, the said end flanges may be readily bent outwardly, and said strip stripped from the body, whereupon a new strip may be substituted.

In Figs. 5 and 6 a modification of the invention is suggested in which the hanger hooks 4 are replaced by a hook 6 provided with a penetrating point 7. Said hook may be in the form of a thin rod and is adapted either for engagement over an edge of a garment, or may be forced through the same.

What I claim as my invention is:—

A structure of the character described, comprising a piece of metal cut to provide a body portion having on opposite ends in-turned flanges provided with spurs struck therefrom, said flanges being adapted to have an abrasive material slidably mounted therein and held thereto by the spurs, said spurs being arranged to point in opposite directions from each other so as to prevent lateral movement of said abrasive material, in either direction, and means secured to said body portion so as to hold the structure in contact with a garment, substantially as specified.

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

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