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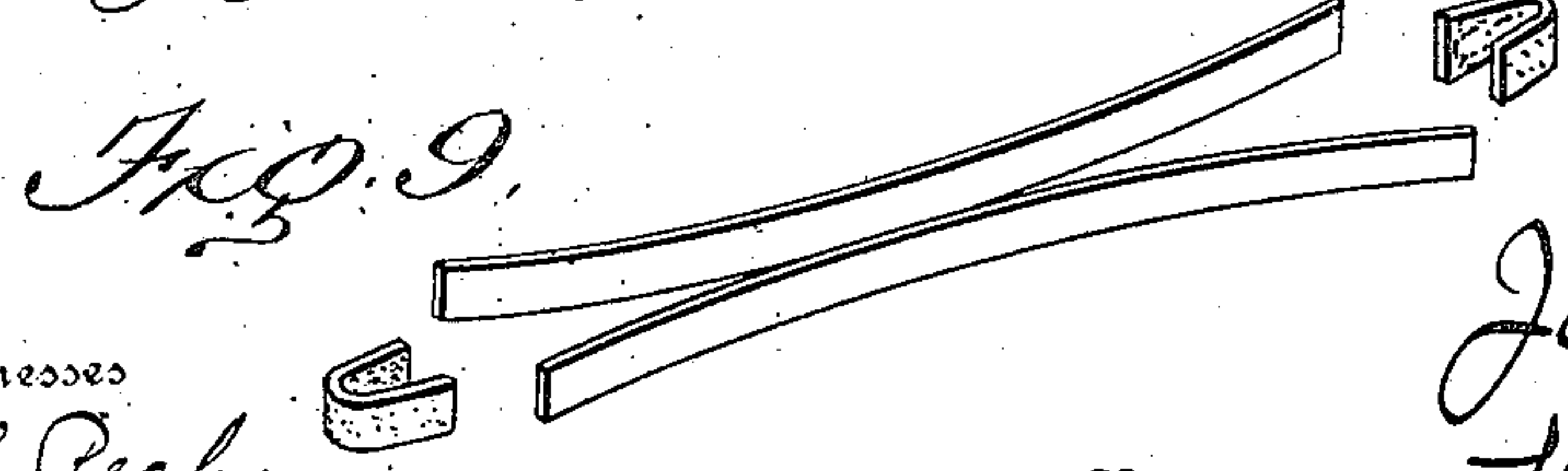
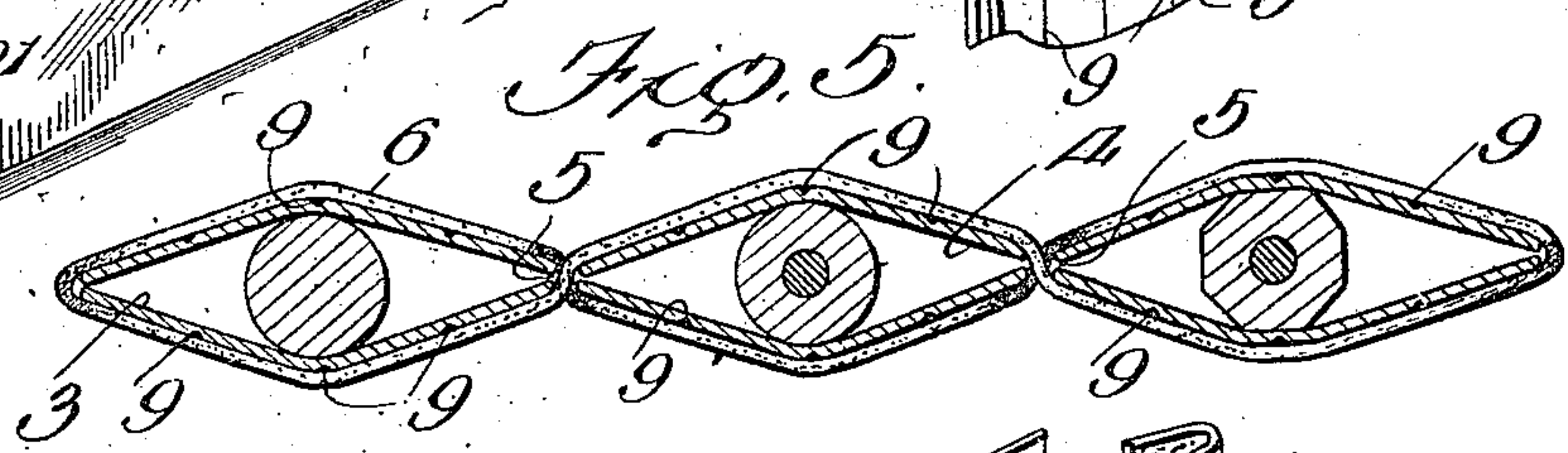
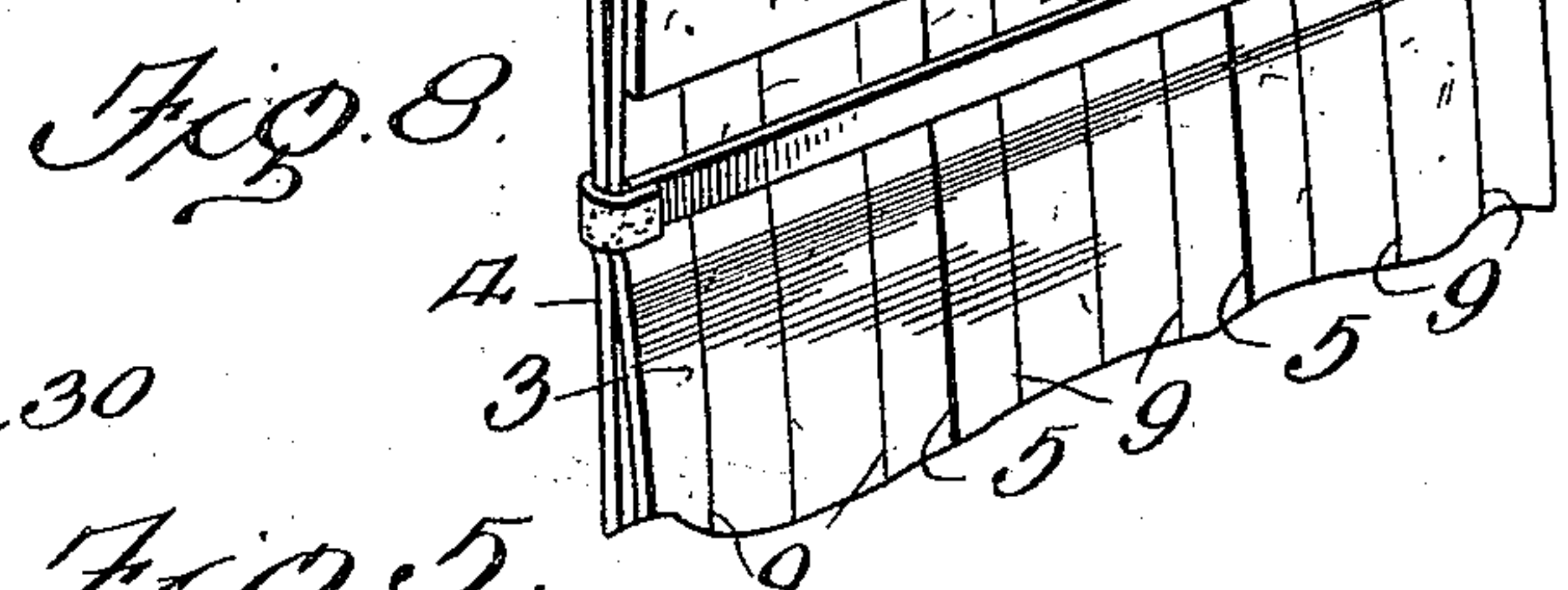
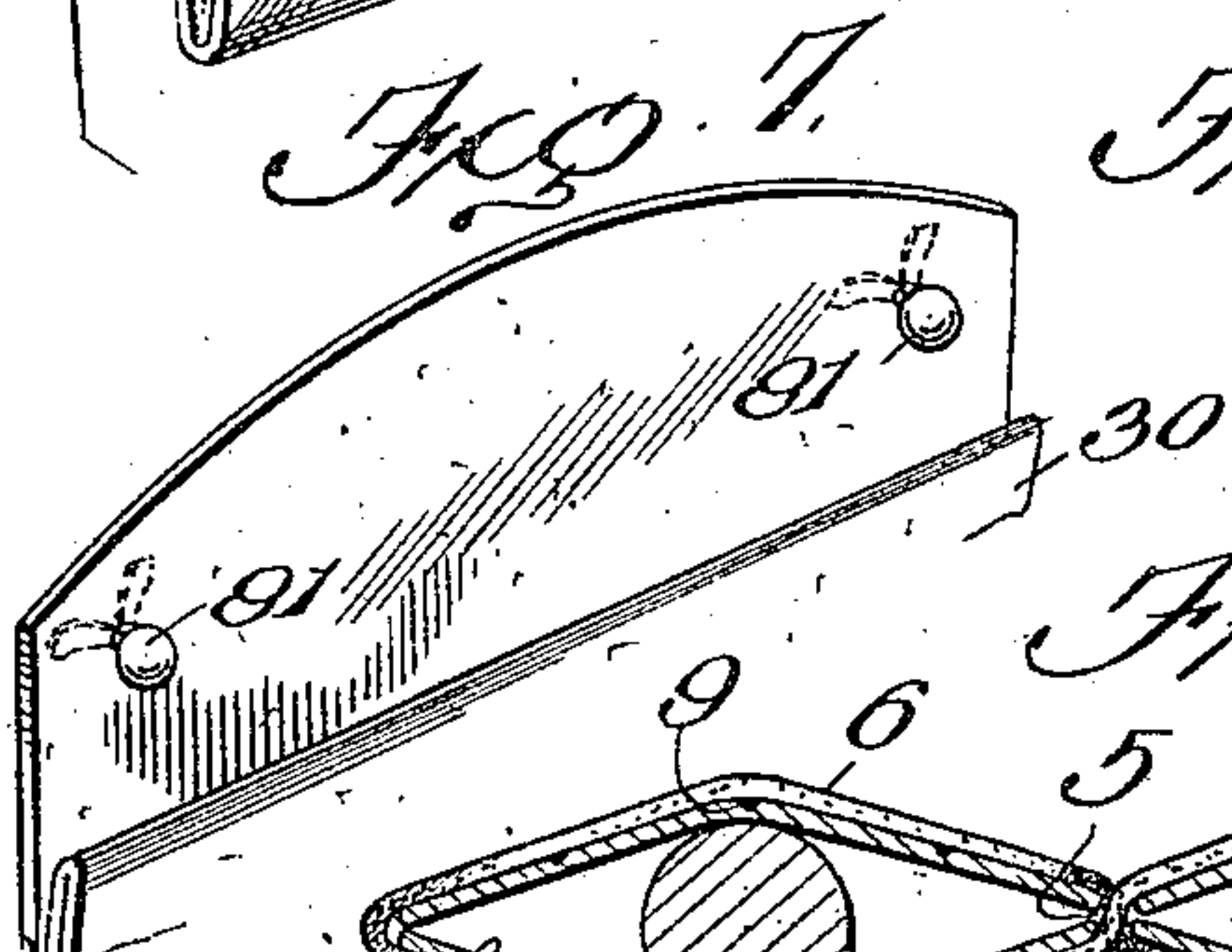
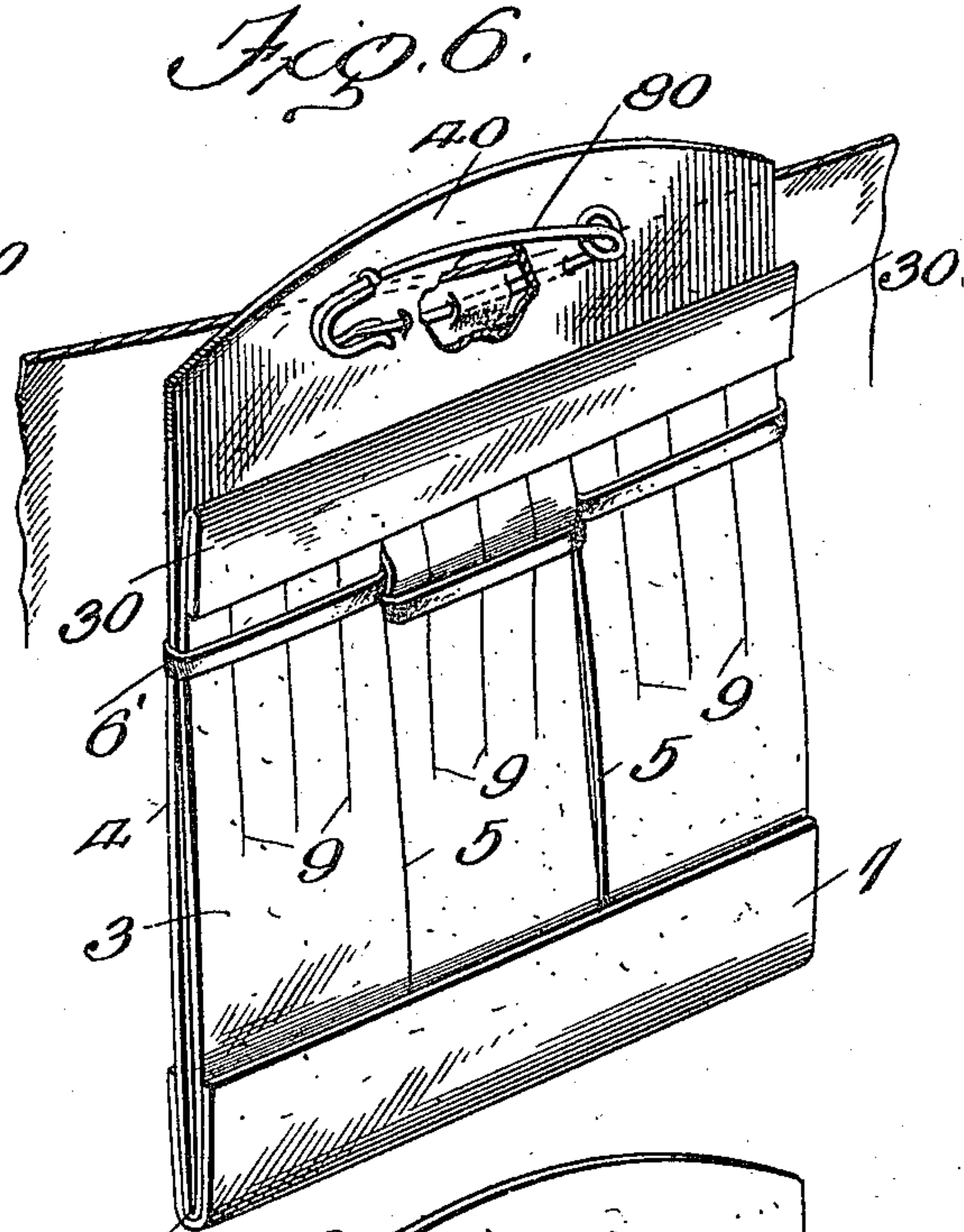
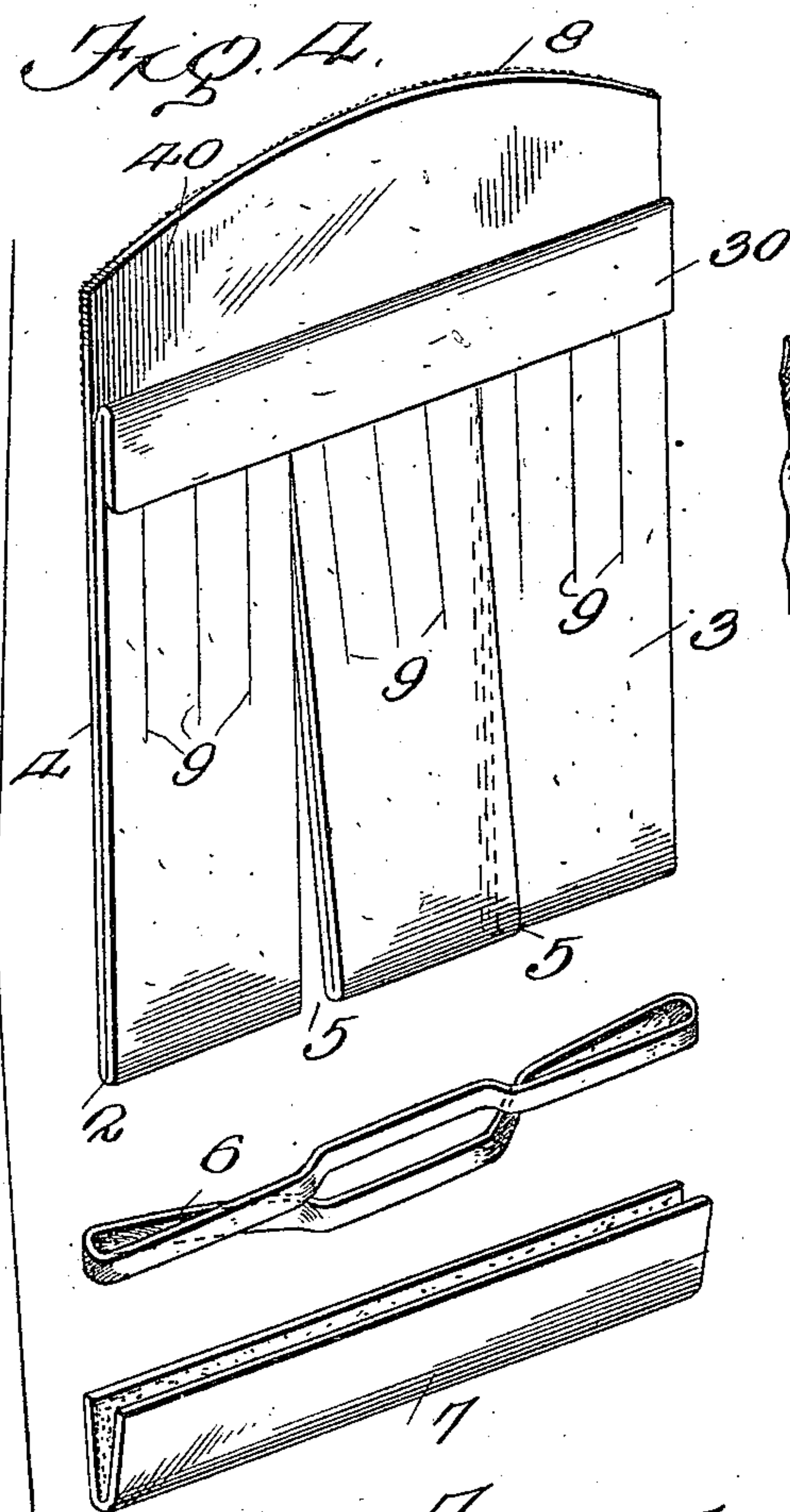
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN DEAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Racine, Racine county, Wisconsin, have invented  
5 certain new and useful Improvements in Pen and Pencil Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as  
10 it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to certain improvements in pen and pencil holders; and the objects and nature of the invention will be readily understood by those skilled in the  
15 art in the light of the following explanation of the accompanying drawings showing what I now consider my preferred embodiment from among other arrangements and formations.

20 An object of the invention is to provide an improved pen or pencil holder adapted to be carried and concealed in the pocket, and which will be simple, and effective in construction and capable of being produced  
25 at a low cost.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improved pocket holder for pens and pencils which can be made of sheet material, such as paper or the like, and produced at a low cost, and adapted to receive advertising matter, and yet will be exceedingly efficient in performing the function of a pen or pencil holder.

35 The invention consists in certain novel features in construction and in combinations and arrangements as more fully and particularly set forth and pointed out hereinafter.

Referring to the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1, is a front perspective of holder constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2, is a rear perspective thereof. Fig. 3, is a plan view of a blank adapted to be folded to form the body of  
45 the holder. Fig. 4, is a perspective view showing said blank folded on itself, also showing an elastic band ready to be applied, and the bottom binding strip ready to be applied. Fig. 5, is a cross sectional  
50 view on an enlarged scale showing pens or pencils in the holder and illustrating the manner of weaving the flexible band in or through the holder. Figs. 6 and 7, are detail views showing various mechanical

means which can be employed to secure the holder. Fig. 8, is a perspective view of the upper portion of a holder having the front and rear walls thereof yieldingly held between and clamped together by two pieces of spring metal traversing the outer faces  
60 of said walls and secured together at their outer projecting ends at the edges of the holders by U-shaped clips. Fig. 9, is a detail perspective view of the two spring metal strips of Fig. 8, with the two end clips separated therefrom. Fig. 10, is a detail perspective view of a holder forming a single pocket or receptacle.

The specific example illustrated, consists of a sheet or flexible blank folded on itself  
70 on a transverse fold line 2, to form two parallel overlying plies forming front wall 3, and rear wall 4, which is shown of greater length than front wall 3, to form upwardly extending securing and guide flap 40.  
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The sheet is cut through by one or more longitudinal cuts or slits 5, extending across the fold line 2, and upwardly of the front and rear walls but terminating short of the top edge portion of the front wall and the upper or flap portion of the rear wall. The slits through the rear wall are arranged directly behind and parallel with the slits through the front wall, respectively, and hence the front and rear wall fingers or vertical strips intervening between said cuts directly overlie each other and are connected together at their lower ends at fold line 2. The upper free end of the front wall above the slits 5, is preferably reinforced, for instance, by doubling over and pasting down the edge portion thereof to form doubled or reinforced transverse free edge 30, which is engaged by the ends of the pens or pencils when inserted in the holder. Said vertical  
95 slits or cuts divide the front and rear walls of the holder into independently expansible pockets which in effect constitute separate pen or pencil receiving pockets or divisions, each of which can be distended by its contained  
100 articles without destroying the article-receiving and holding-effectiveness of the remaining pockets or divisions of the holder. The front and rear walls of the holder are yieldingly held under tension pressed toward each other to expand on the insertion  
105 of articles between them and to grip and hold such articles.



Any suitable spring or elastic means can be applied to the walls, in any suitable manner to apply the desired tension thereto and cause them to clamp or hold the articles inserted therebetween. Spring metal in various shapes can be employed for this purpose as hereinbefore described in connection with Figs. 8 and 9 or spring cords or bands of metal or other elastic flexible material. For instance, one or more rubber or elastic bands, such as rubber bands 6, can be employed. The front and back walls can be yieldingly held and gripped together by stretching a single band around the holder so as to traverse the outer surfaces of its front and back walls. A number of smaller rubber bands 6' can be employed, embracing the pockets of the holder, respectively, by being slipped onto the respective pockets or divisions of the holder at the lower ends thereof and through the cuts or slits between said pockets or divisions as shown by Fig. 6.

If so desired, a single rubber band 6, can be arranged to transversely embrace each division or pocket of the holder and extend from front and rear through each slit, by being slipped onto the lower end of the holder and through the lower ends of the slits and twisted at each slit or cut so that its opposite plies or lengths will pass in opposite directions through each slit, as clearly illustrated in the drawings.

The lower end of the holder is usually reinforced and the cuts or slits are closed by a binding strip 7, centrally folded to form two plies and fitted and secured on and transversely across the folded end of the sheet of the holder and extending short distances upwardly on the outer faces of the front and rear walls. This binding strip is usually pasted on the folded end of the holder and usually is formed by a folded strip or strong heavy paper material and usually the sheet forming the holder is composed of strong heavy paper material as the device can thus be very economically manufactured and advertising matter can be printed or otherwise applied to various portions thereof.

The device, as described, is of peculiar utility as an advertising device as it not only constitutes an exceedingly efficient pen or pencil holder but can be produced at a low cost and can be conveniently and economically provided with display advertising matter, and is durable and strong in construction and permits ready and easy insertion and removal of pens or pencils.

The device can be readily secured and concealed out of sight in the vest or other pocket and is flat and flexible and hence does not interfere with the set or fit of the clothing and is not unsightly or objectionable.

If so desired, the rear face of the upwardly

extending flap of the rear wall can be coated with dried adhesive 8, which on being moistened and pressed to the wall of the pocket will cement or paste the holder in the pocket. If preferred, various mechanical fastening devices can be attached to the holder for securing the same in the pocket. Merely as examples from among other devices, I show a safety pin 80 see Fig. 6, and paper fasteners 81 see Fig. 7.

If so desired, the sheet material of the holder can be formed with longitudinal score or crease lines 9, between and parallel with the cuts or slits to increase the transverse flexibility of the material in bending or conforming transversely to the pens or pencils between the cuts or slits. The holder can be formed of various sheet materials, such as celluloid, leather, pantasote, cloth, etc., although as at present advised, I prefer to employ paper material, by which term I mean to include any kind of cord, tag or pulp board, paper and the various paper-like flexible sheet compositions. The holders can be made of any desired width and of any suitable capacity and with any desired number of slits or cuts 5, or in fact, can be made as a single pocket without the cut or slit 5, and with the elastic band surrounding the front and back walls below the free reinforced edge of the front wall and above the lower end binding strip as shown by Fig. 10.

It is evident that various changes and modifications might be resorted to without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention and hence I do not wish to limit myself to the exact constructions illustrated.

What I claim is;—

1. A holder for pens and pencils comprising a flexible sheet folded on itself along an intermediate transverse folding line to form two plies with free longitudinal and top edges, the rear ply extended to form a securing and guide flap, the front ply reinforced at its transverse free top edge, means reinforcing the sheet at the fold line, and elastic means yieldingly holding the plies together.

2. A pen and pencil holder comprising front and rear walls joined at the lower end of the holder and having free top and side edges, and elastic means yieldingly holding said walls together, the rear wall being provided with an adhesive coating, whereby the holder can be cemented in the pocket.

3. A pen or pencil holder comprising front and rear flexible walls having longitudinal cuts therethrough, and means passing through said cuts and yieldingly pressing said walls together.

4. A pen and pencil holder comprising front and rear sheet material walls flexibly joined at the lower end of the holder and having longitudinal cuts therethrough closed



short of the upper and lower ends of the front wall, and elastic means embracing the holder and extending through said cuts.

5 5. A pen and pencil holder comprising a sheet transversely folded to form front and rear walls, means yieldingly holding said walls together, said sheet formed with a longitudinal cut extending longitudinally of the front and rear walls and terminating  
10 short of the upper ends thereof, and a binding strip secured transversely across the lower end of the holder and closing said cuts at the lower portions of said walls.

15 6. A pocket pen or pencil holder consisting of a transversely folded sheet forming overlying plies longitudinally slitted and having means to close the slits at the folded portion of the sheet and means yieldingly holding said plies together and passing  
20 through said slits.

25 7. A pen or pencil holder comprising a sheet transversely folded to form overlying plies, both plies being longitudinally slitted along spaced lines terminating short of the upper end of the plies and extending  
30 through the fold line of the sheet, said holder having means embracing the same along the fold line to close the slits at the lower end of the holder, and means yieldingly holding the upper end portions of the plies together.

8. A pen or pencil holder comprising a sheet folded on a transverse fold line to form overlying plies joined at the lower end of the holder and having free longitudinal edges, 35 the front ply having a free doubled transverse top edge, said plies having folded means embracing the same along the transverse fold line of the sheet, and elastic means yieldingly holding the upper end of the  
40 front ply to the rear ply said plies longitudinally slitted to form depending tongues at their lower ends confined together by said folded means.

45 9. A pen or pencil holder having overlying plies joined together at the lower end of the holder and having folded means reinforcing and embracing both plies along the lower end of the holder, and elastic means yieldingly holding the upper end of the front  
50 ply to the rear ply, said plies being otherwise disconnected, said plies longitudinally slitted to form depending tongues at their lower ends confined together by said folded  
55 means.

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

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