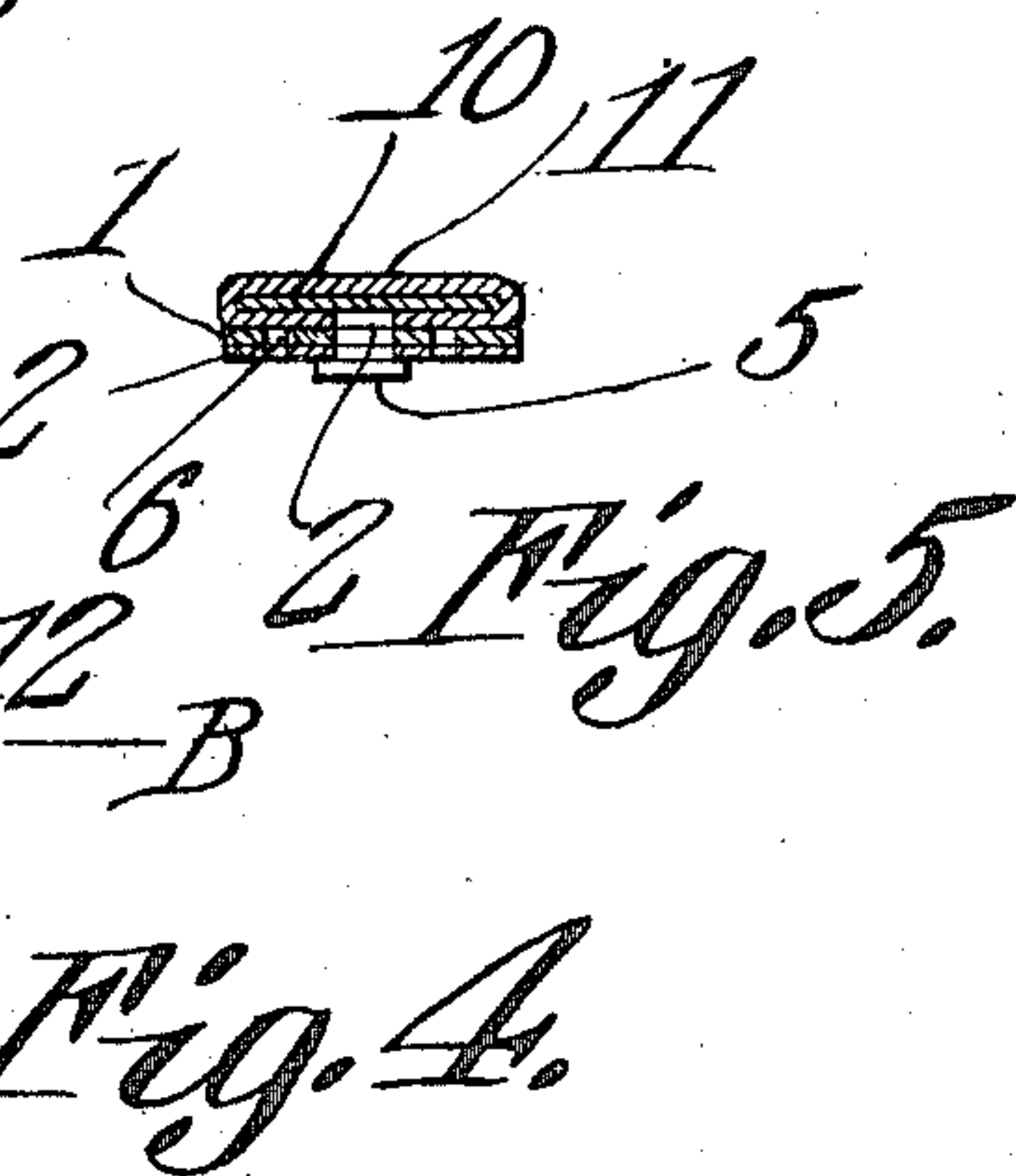
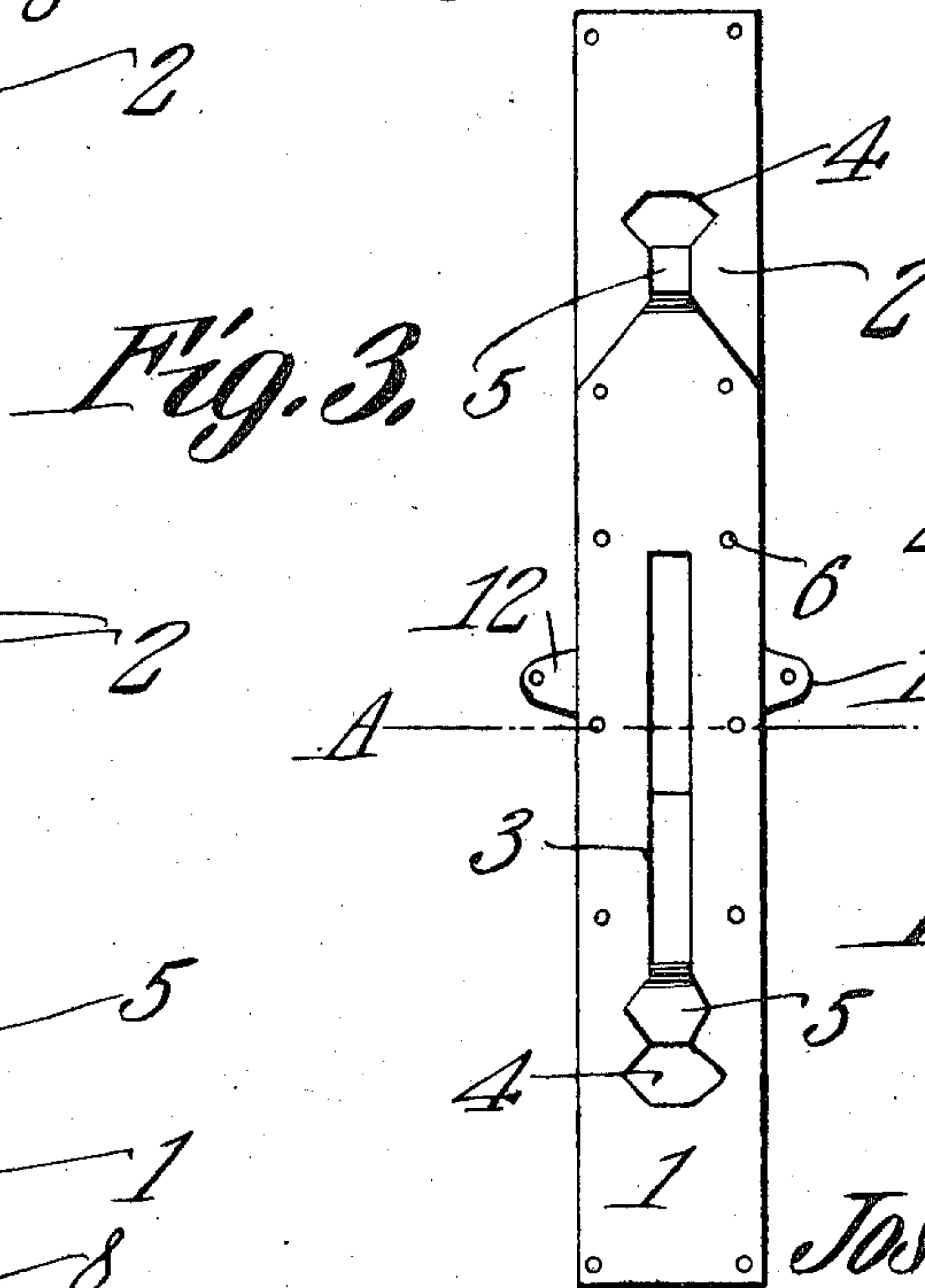
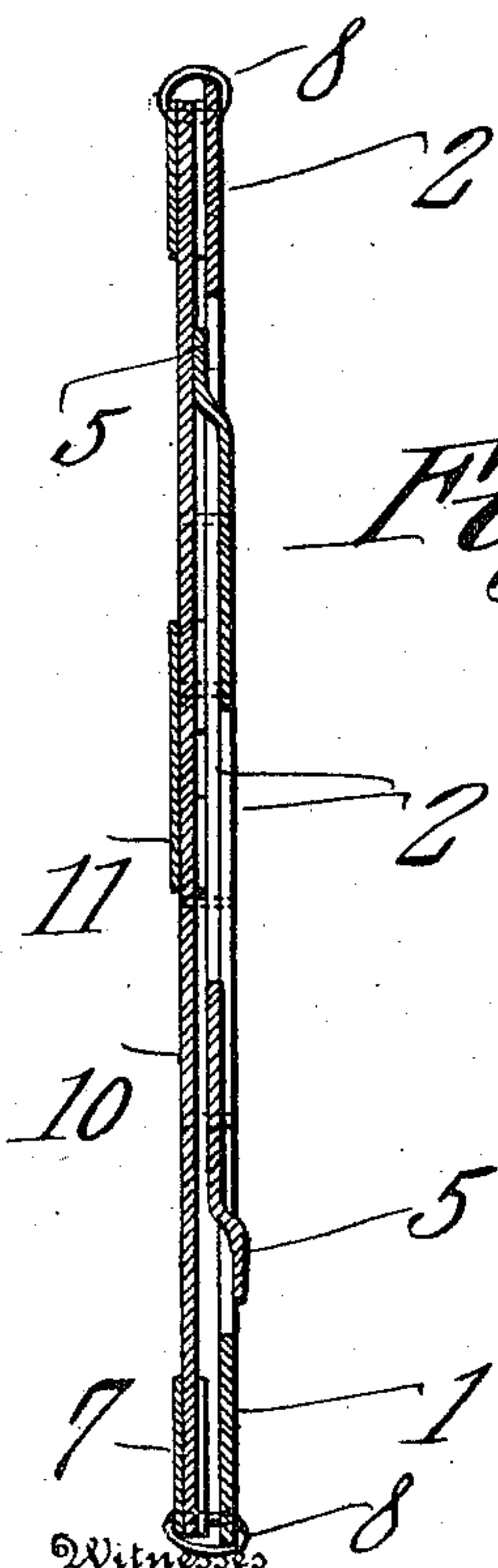
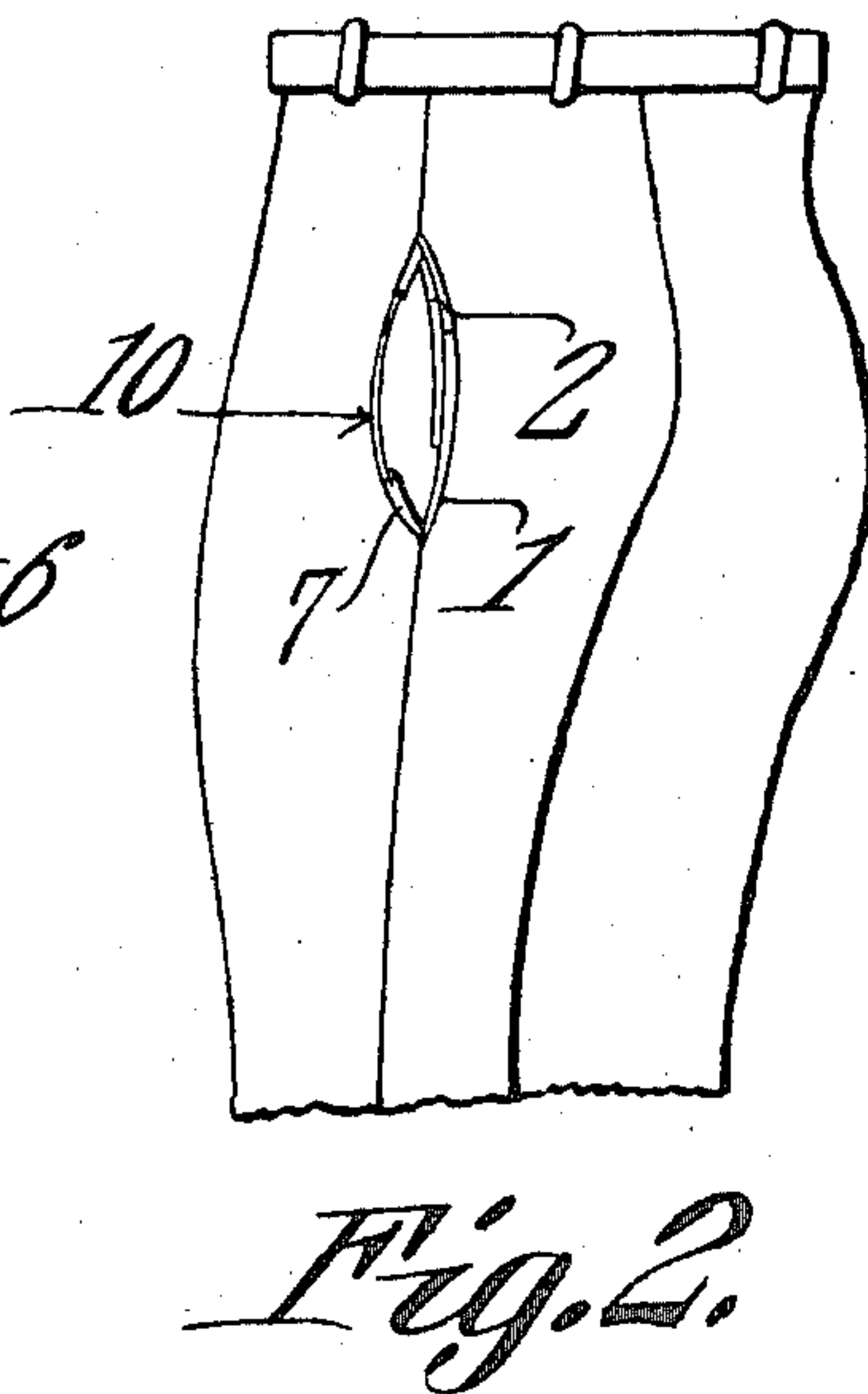
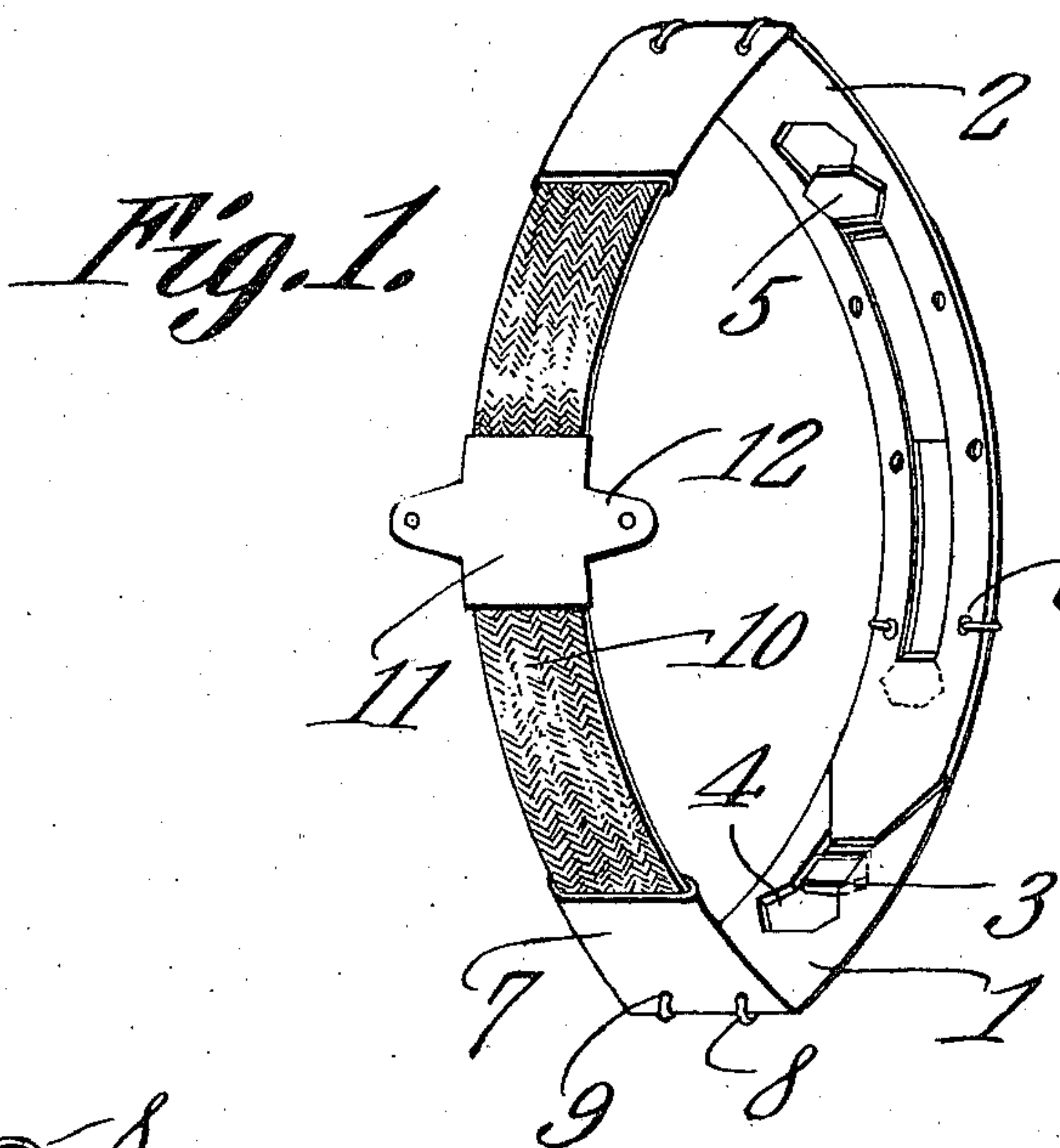


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH SCHULLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Pocket-Closer, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to attachments for garment pockets and its object is to provide a device of this character which, when secured to the facings of a pocket, will hold the same normally closed without however interfering with the opening thereof when it is desired to place an article in or remove it from the pocket.

Another object is to provide an attachment of this character which can be adjusted to fit pocket openings of different sizes.

Another object is to provide a pocket closer which is simple, durable and light in construction and can be readily applied.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in certain novel details of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the attachment, the same being opened to receive a hand. Fig. 2 is a view of a portion of a pair of trousers showing the pocket in the position assumed by it when the attachment is opened out as shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a central longitudinal section through the attachment, the parts being shown in their normal positions. Fig. 4 is an elevation of the metallic or longitudinally adjustable portion of the attachment. Fig. 5 is a section on line A—B of Fig. 4.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference, 1 and 2 designate straps preferably formed of spring metal and each of which has a longitudinal slot 3 therein provided at one end with an enlargement 4. Each strap has a head 5 at one end and which is off-set, the head being insertible through the enlargement 4 in the other strap, so that when the two heads are placed within the enlargements of the opposed slots, the said straps can be shifted longitudinally with relation to each other. Each of the straps 1 and 2 has a series of apertures 6 along the marginal portion thereof and by adjusting the straps 1 and 2 longitudinally with relation to each other these apertures

can be caused to register after the said straps have been shifted a desired distance. The apertures are of such size as to readily receive a needle and thread used in securing the straps 1 and 2 to one of the facings of a pocket. A metal clip 7 is connected to the free end of each strap 1 by means of small rings 8 or by threads inserted through apertures 9 in the said clips and in the straps 1 and 2. These clips are formed of light metal and embrace and bind upon the ends of an elastic band 10. A clip 11 is arranged upon this band at a point between the ends thereof, and is provided with laterally extending wings 12 provided with openings for the reception of thread, employed for the purpose of fastening the elastic straps to one of the pocket facings.

It is of course to be understood that when the parts are in their normal position, the straps 1 and 2 are straight and the band 10 is parallel therewith as indicated in Fig. 3. When it is desired to apply the attachment to a pocket, the straps 1 and 2 are shifted longitudinally so that the greatest length of the attachment will be substantially equal to the interior length or the pocket mouth or opening. After this adjustment has been effected the straps 1 and 2 can be held against relative displacement by passing a thread through the registering openings 6, this thread being also utilized for sewing the straps 1 and 2 to the pocket facing. It is of course to be understood that the adjustment of straps 1 and 2 results in the corresponding elongation or contraction of the elastic band 10. After the straps 1 and 2 have been secured in place in the manner stated the elastic band 10 is also fastened by sewing the wings to the opposed facing in the mouth of the pocket. After the attachment is thus secured in place the straps 1, 2 and 10 will tend to hold the opposed facings of the mouth of the pocket close together so as to prevent any of the contents of the pocket from falling therefrom. When it is desired to place the hand in the pocket it is merely necessary to insert it between the straps 1 and 2 and the elastic band 10. The elastic band will thus be elongated and bowed and the straps 1 and 2 will also bow to a greater or less extent. As soon as the hand has been withdrawn from the pocket the parts will return to their normal positions as shown in Fig. 3 as a result of their inherent elasticity.

It will be seen that a device such as herein described is very simple, durable and efficient in construction, can be readily applied, and constitutes a means for positively preventing the accidental loss of any of the contents of the pocket to which the attachment is applied.

It is of course to be understood that various changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of the parts without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. An attachment for pockets, including adjustably connected spring members, an elastic strip secured at its ends to the ends of said spring members, and fastener engaging means carried by said elastic strip, said spring members having apertures for the reception of means for attaching them to a pocket.

2. An attachment for pockets, consisting of adjustably connected spring straps, a clip loosely connected to the free end of each strap, and an extensible elastic strip engaged at its ends by the clips.

3. An attachment for pockets, including adjustably connected spring straps having normally registering series of apertures for the reception of securing means, an elastic strip secured to the ends of the first mentioned straps, and fastener engaging means carried by said elastic strip.

4. An attachment for pockets, consisting of adjustably connected spring straps having normally registering series of fastener receiving apertures, a clip loosely connected to the free end of each strap, and an extensible elastic strip engaged at its ends by the clips.

5. An attachment for pockets including interengaging slidably connected spring straps, said straps having normally registering series of fastener receiving apertures, clips removably connected to the free ends of said straps, an elastic fabric strip secured at its ends to the clips, and means carried by said elastic strip for engagement by fastening means.

6. An attachment for pockets including slidably connected spring straps having normally registering series of fastener receiving apertures, clips movably connected to the free ends of the straps, an elastic strip secured at its ends within the clips, a clip secured to the elastic strip at an intermediate point and wings extending from said clip for the reception of fastening means.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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