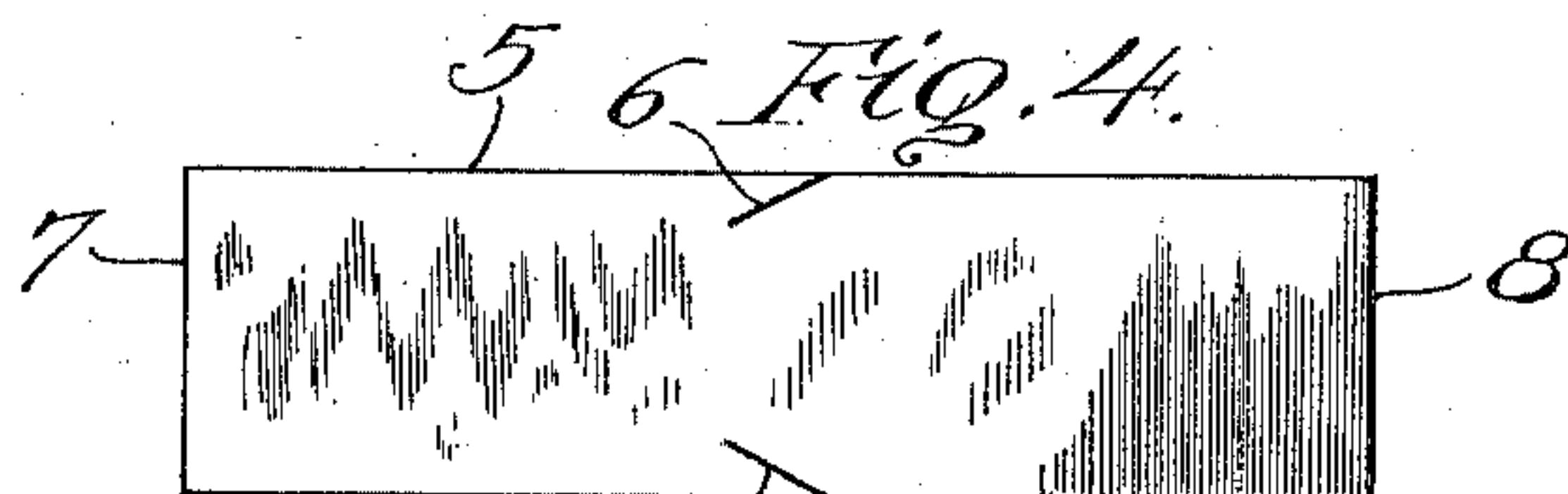
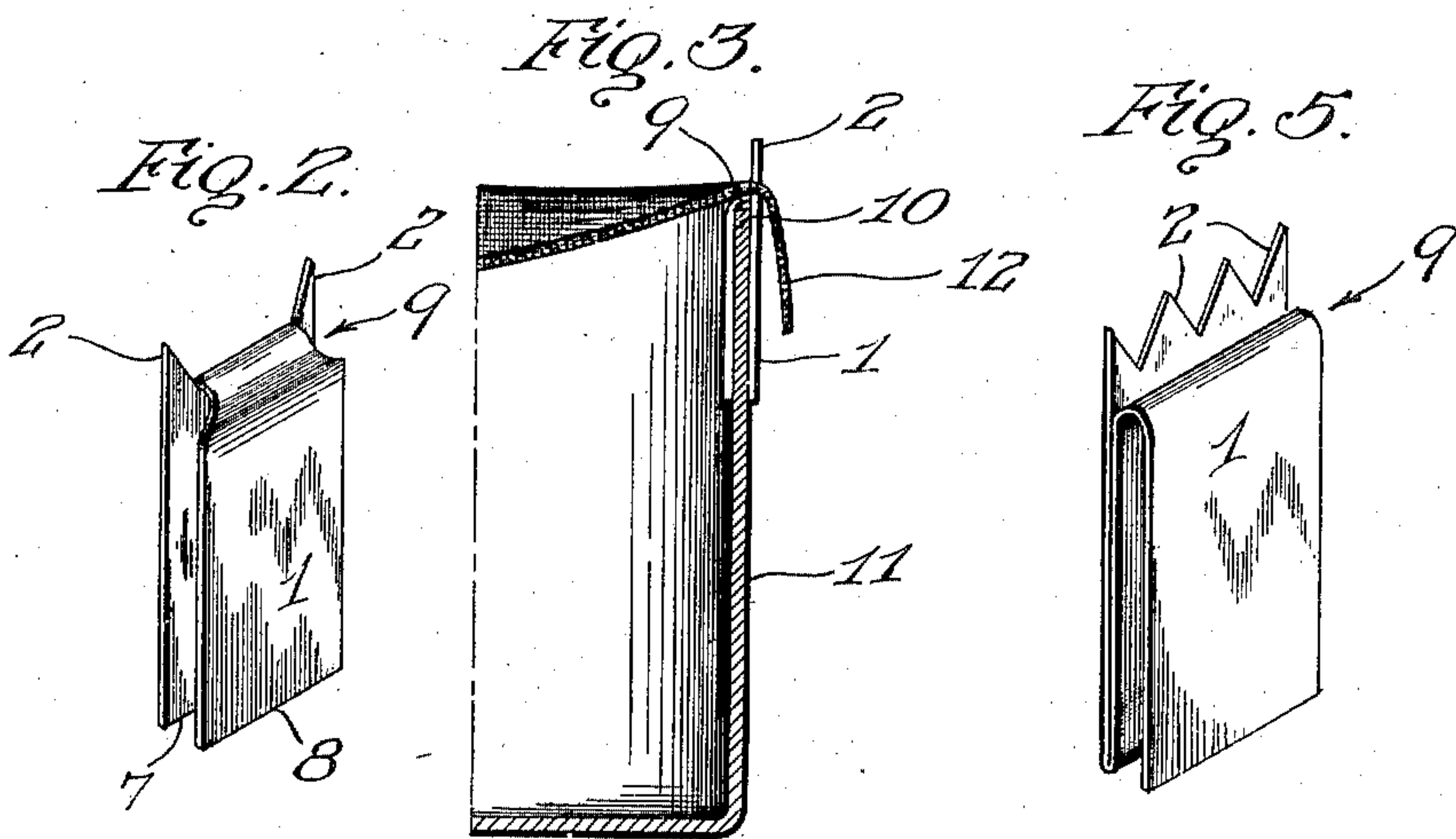
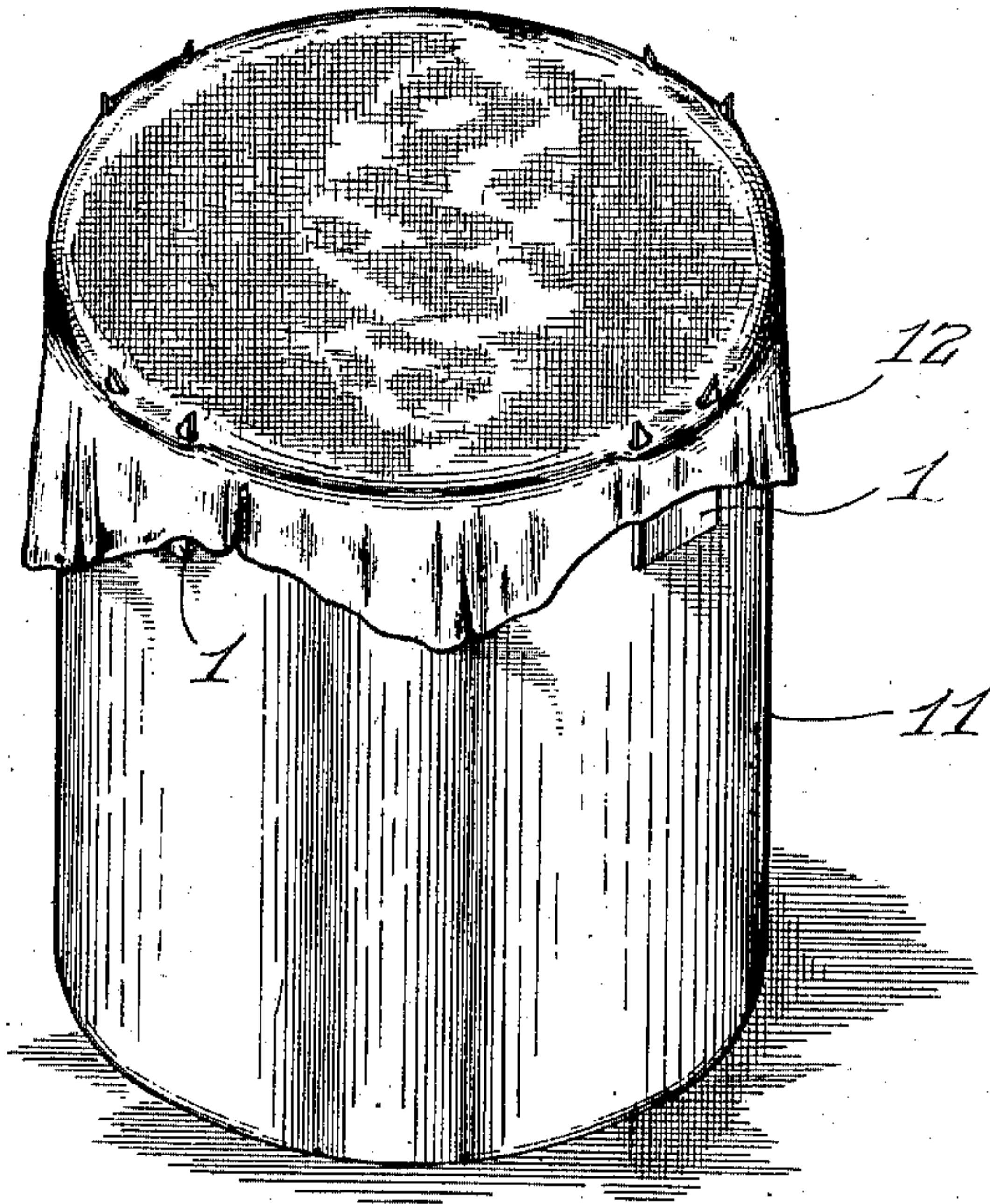


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STRAINING-CLOTH HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES D. TUCKER, a subject of the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, residing at Sierra Madre, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented a new and useful Straining-Cloth Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a straining cloth holder of simple construction which may be readily slipped over the edge or lip of an open receptacle such as cans or jars.

Another object of this invention is to provide a device of the character described to which the straining cloth is not permanently attached so that the same device may be used for holding straining cloths of different mesh.

Another object of this invention is to economically produce a device of the character described by making the same from a single blank without any loss of material.

Other objects and advantages will appear as hereinafter described.

Referring to the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a can showing my invention applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one of the holders. Fig. 3 is a sectional view of one side of a can with a holder thereon. Fig. 4 is a blank from which the holder is formed. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a modified form of holder.

The holder 1 is preferably made of sheet metal or other similar material and comprises a U-shaped strip or clip having prongs 2 which project upwardly from the bridge portion 9. In the form shown in Figs. 1 to 4, the holder 1 is formed from a blank 5 shown in Fig. 4. The blank 5 is a strip of thin metal rectangular in shape and having a cut in opposite sides as shown at 6, the two ends 7, 8 of the blank are then bent toward each other until the ends 7 and 8 are approximately parallel, the metal between the cuts 6 forming the bridge portion 9, the prongs 2 are continuations of the metal forming the end 7 and project upwardly from the bridge 9 forming two sharp projections or spurs.

The holders are used in the following manner. A number of the holders 1 are placed around the rim 10 of an open receptacle, such as a can or pail 11, by slipping the ends 7 and 8 over the rim 10 in such a

manner that the bridge portion 9 rests on the rim 10 of the pail and the prongs 2 project upwardly above the rim of the pail. The ends 7 and 8 of the holders are of sufficient length to clamp the rim and adjacent side of the pail firmly between them and secure the holders in place on the rim. A cloth 12 or other straining material is then placed over the top of the pail and pulled down over the prongs 2 which project upwardly through the cloth 12 and hold the same stretched across the open end of the pail. The liquid to be strained is then poured onto the cloth which strains the liquid, the strained liquid being caught in the pail or other receptacle.

The number of holders used would depend to a certain extent upon the size of the pail and the use to which the strainers are put, it being understood that the device may be used for numerous purposes such as straining paint, milk or any liquid or semi-liquid, and that the holders would be made in different sizes to meet the different uses to which they would be put.

The form shown in Figs. 1 to 4 is the preferred form, being made from a strip of metal with no waste metal remaining, but I do not limit my invention to the form therein shown and described, but may vary the number of prongs and the manner of forming the U-shaped member, one of which modifications I have shown in Fig. 5.

What I claim is:

1. As a new article of manufacture, a straining cloth holder comprising a clip adapted to be slipped over the edge of a receptacle, said clip being provided with sharp pointed prongs projecting above the edge of the receptacle for engaging the straining cloth.

2. A straining cloth holder comprising a strip of sheet metal forming a clip having two downwardly depending clamping members to engage the edge of a receptacle, said members being joined at their upper ends, and sharp pointed prongs at the upper end of one of said members to engage a straining cloth, said prongs projecting upwardly above the edge of the receptacle.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a straining cloth holder comprising a single sheet of metal doubled on itself to form two substantially parallel blades adapted to be slipped over the edge of a pail, said sheet having an inclined cut extending in from



each edge to form a sharp pointed spur at each side, the bent portion of the sheet between the blades being bent away from the spurs so that the spurs protrude.

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tween the blades being bent away from the spurs so that each spur forms a flat continuation of one of the blades extending above 15 the edge of the pail.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Los Angeles, California, this 7th day of September 1909.

JAMES D. TUCKER.

In presence of—

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FRANK L. A. GRAHAM.