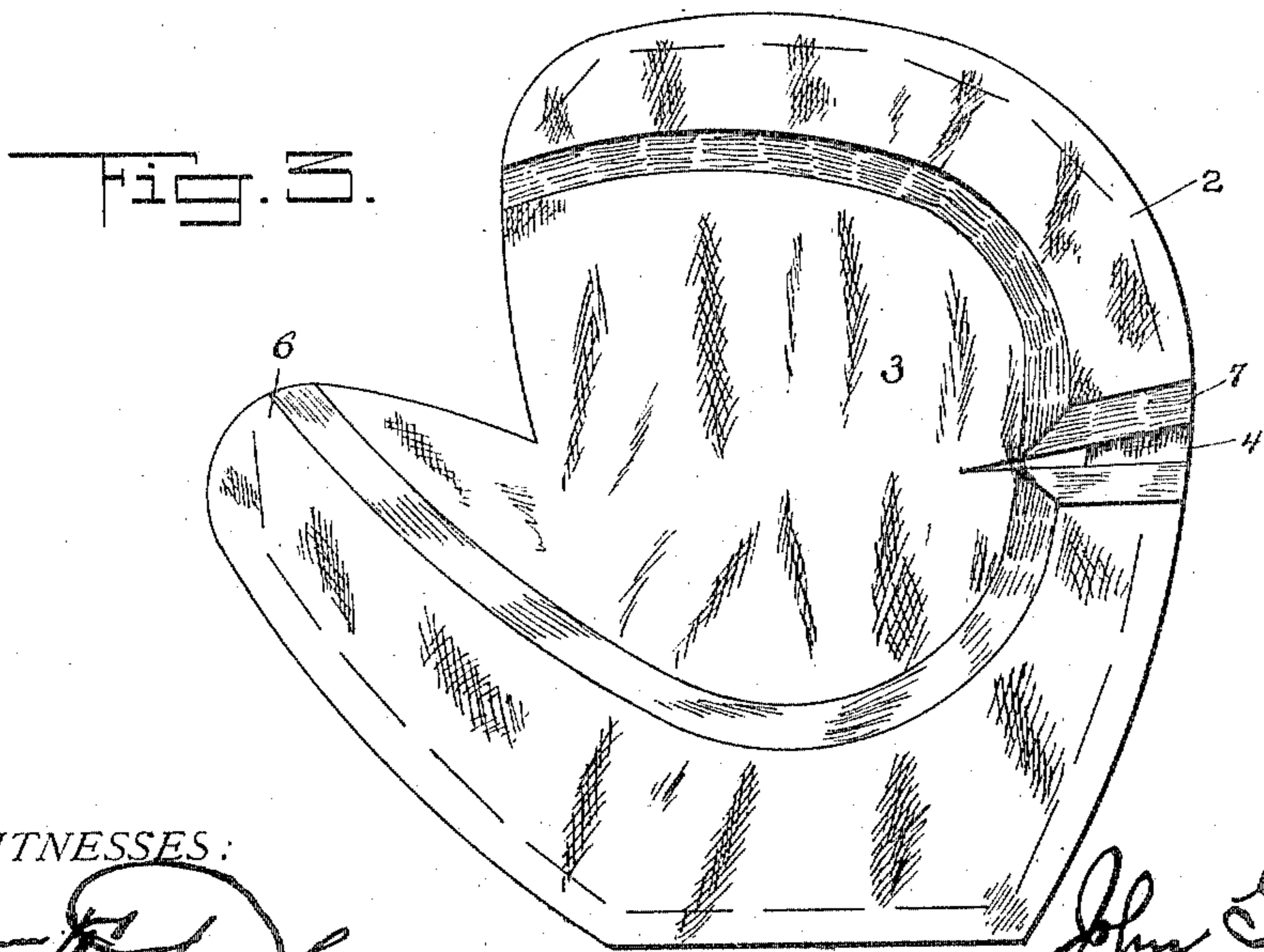
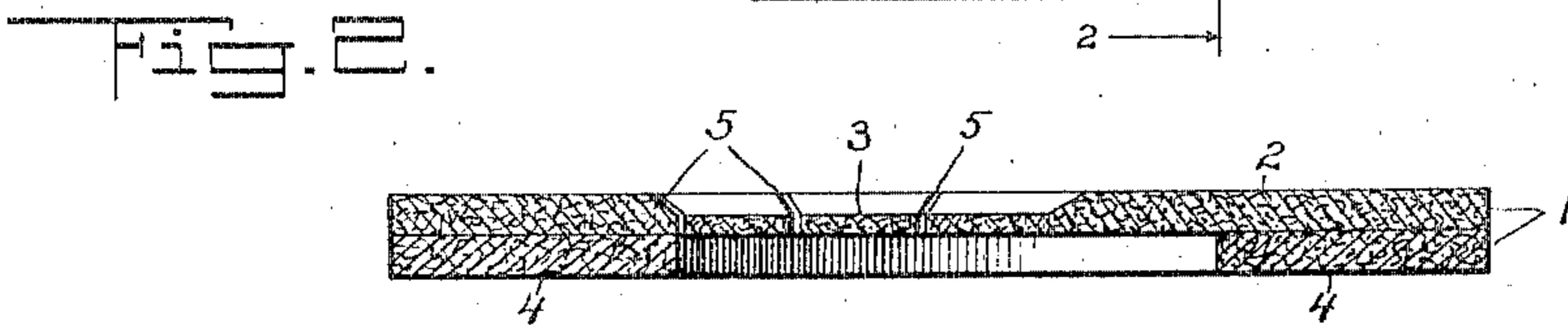
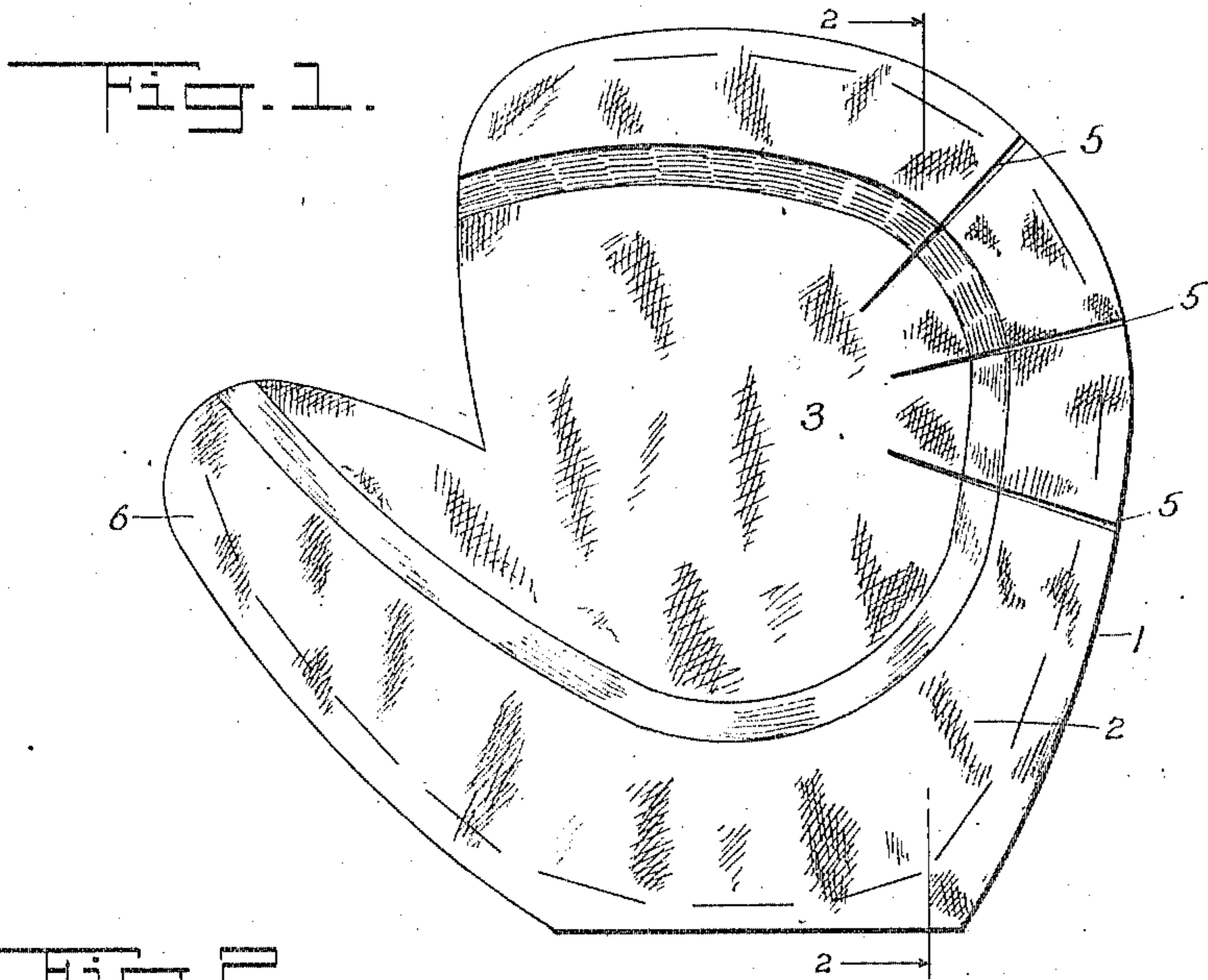


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN GAMBLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Base-Ball Mitts, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to base ball mitts, and pertains more particularly to pads for such mitts.

The object of my invention is to produce a pad for base ball mitts which is more flexible than those heretofore employed, and which obviates the stiffness and rigidity of mitts prior to their limbering and softening by use and adjustment to the shape of the hand of the wearer.

A further object of my invention is to produce a pad for base ball mitts having radial slits or cut out portions adjacent to the outer edge of the padding carried in the cover of mitts whereby the same may be bent to conform to the shape and movements of the hand in catching a ball.

To these ends my invention includes the combination and arrangement of component parts to be hereinafter described and more particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings illustrating my invention, in which like reference numerals indicate similar parts, Figure 1 is a plan view thereof, Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view thereof, taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is a plan view showing a modified form of my invention.

The padding shown in the drawing is adapted for use in the well known type of catchers' mitts in which the palm portions and back portions of the cover are separably connected to permit the insertion and removal of the padding, and is equally well adapted for use in mitts in which the cover is irremovably secured, and for the smaller and lighter construction of first-basemen's and fielders' mitts.

Referring now to the drawings, 1 indicates the padding for mitts for base ball players which preferably comprises a main body portion 2 which may be of any desired thickness of material, and conforms to the shape of the outer cover of the glove. Said

body portion may be made of felt or similar suitable material for its purpose. As shown in the drawings, a concavity may be formed in the face of the central or palm portion of said body portion at 3 to provide a depression or pocket for catching a ball, and a ring 4 of padding material may be provided, which conforms to the contour of the outer edge of the main body portion 2 and the cover of the mitt, which may be stitched or loosely carried on the back of the said main body portion.

I do not desire to limit the construction of my mitt to the specific form and arrangement of the padding portions shown and described, as the construction thereof may be varied within a wide range, to which may be applied the means for obviating the stiffness and rigidity of such construction, which I will now proceed to describe.

In Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings, the main body portion 2 of the padding is shown provided with a plurality of radial slits 5 intermediate of the ends of the pad, and on the opposite side from the thumb piece 6. Said slits occur at approximately the line of the joints of the hand and fingers of the wearer, and thereby permit the mitt and padding to be bent and become adjusted to the movements of the hand in catching a ball.

In the modified form of my invention shown in Fig. 3, the body portion 2 of the pad is provided with a V-shaped cut-out portion 7 on its outer edge, to accomplish the same result as the slits 5 before described.

It will be appreciated that said slits or cut-out portions may be made on either the front or back face of the pad in either the main body portion or in the ring 4 carried thereon and that said ring may be carried on either the face or the back of the body portion, or omitted from its construction as preferred, without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A flexible pad adapted to be carried in the cover of a base ball mitt, comprising a main body portion of flexible material conforming to the contour of the cover, and provided

with radial transverse slits intermediate of  
its ends at approximately the line of the  
joints of the hand and fingers, whereby the  
mitt may be bent on the joints of the hand  
5 and fingers to conform to the shape and  
movements thereof, substantially as de-  
scribed.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto  
signed my name to this specification, in the  
presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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