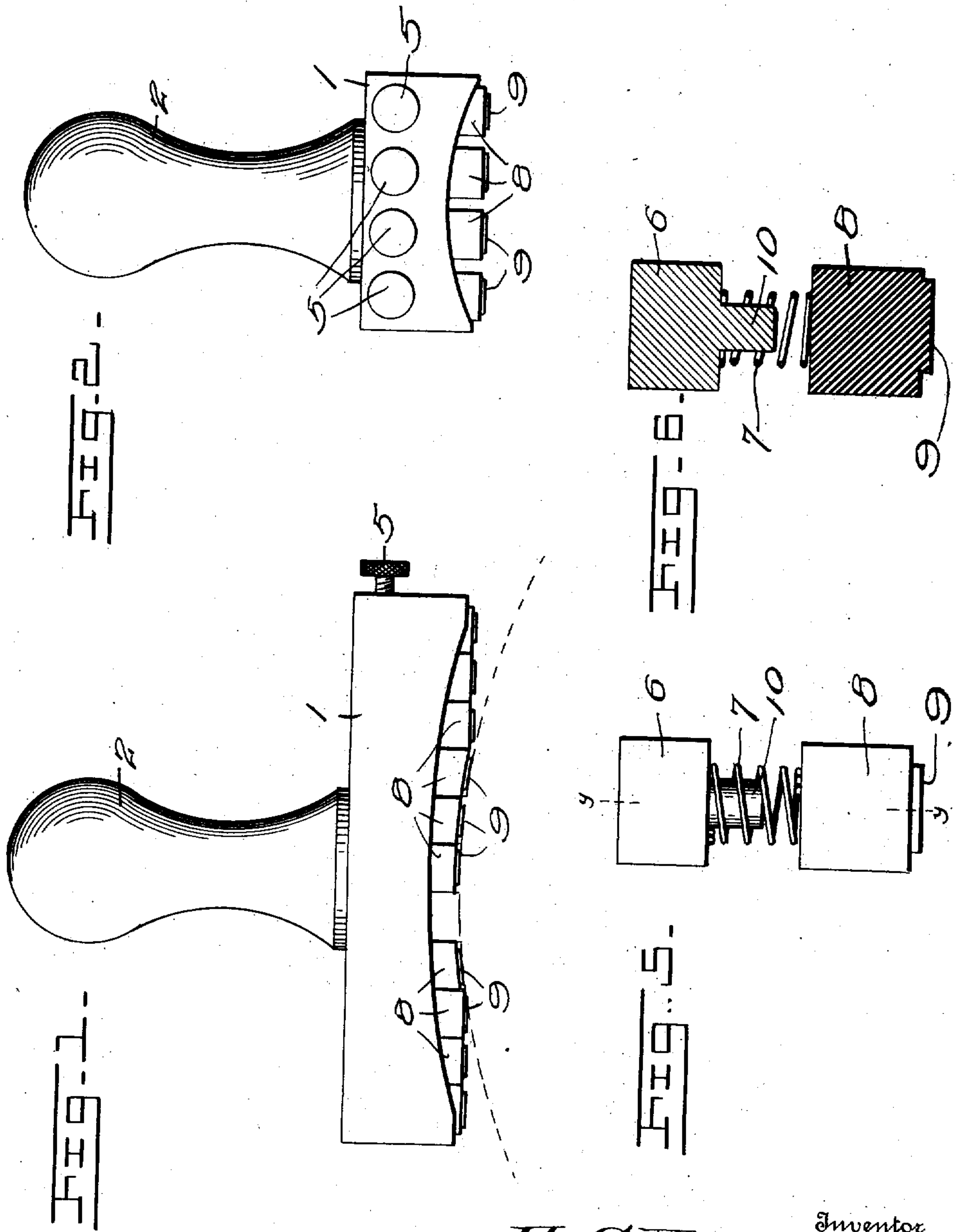


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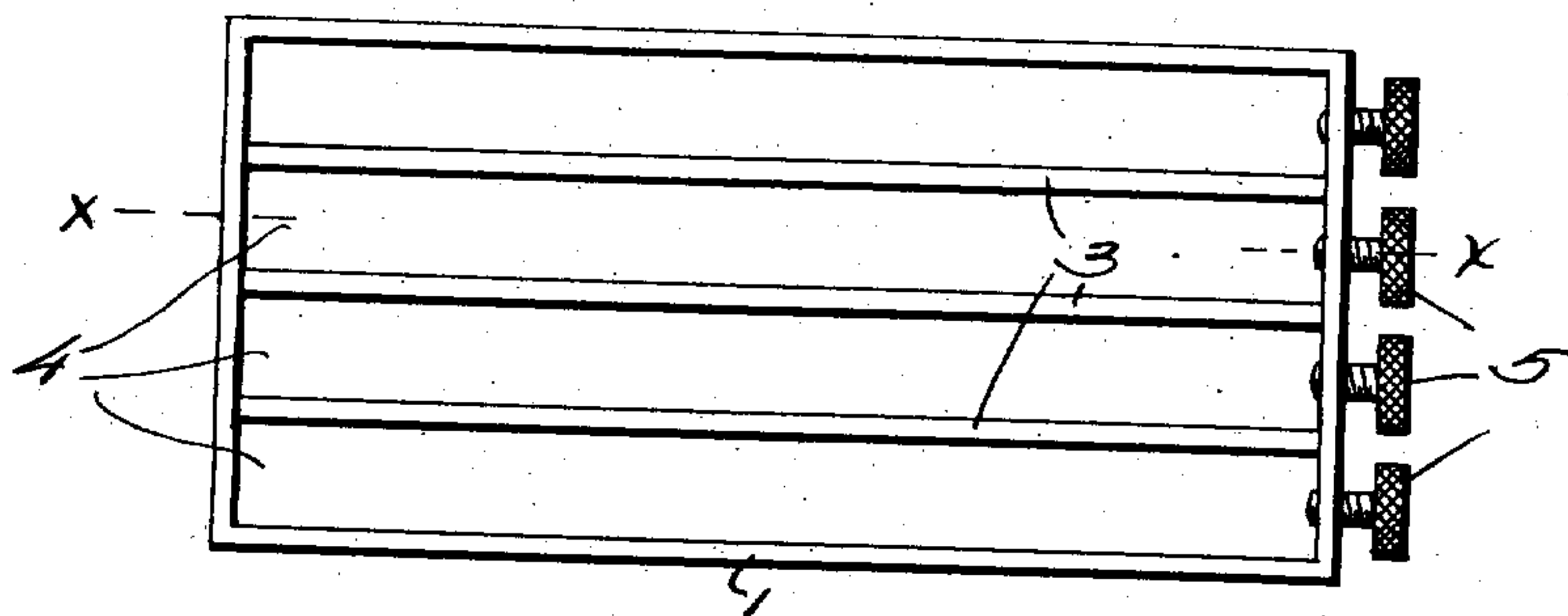
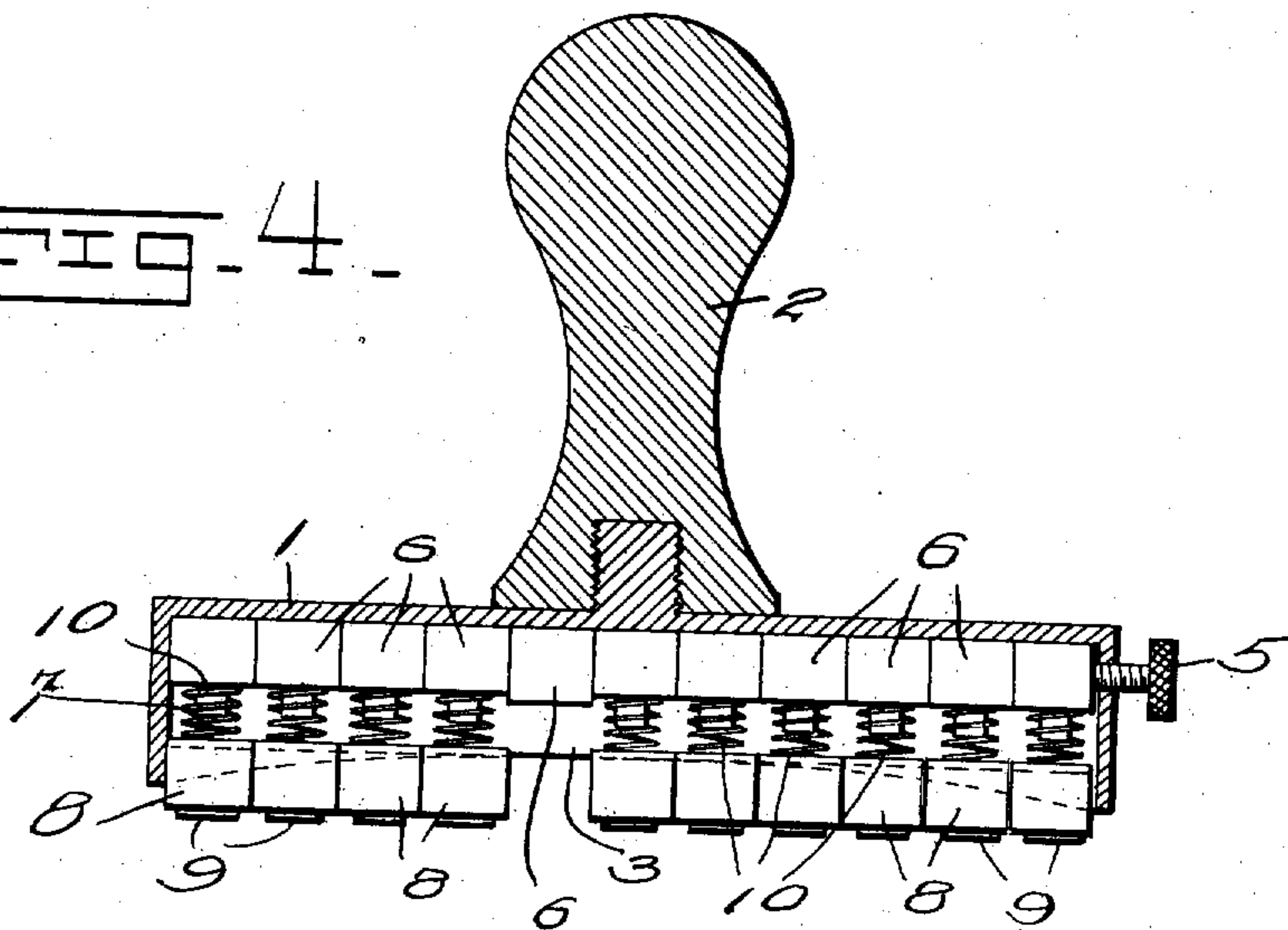


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HORACE G. YOUNG, a citizen of the United States, residing at Joppa, in the county of Adair and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Egg-Stamps, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to hand stamps, and more particularly to one for stamping or imprinting the desired inscription upon an egg.

The object of my invention is to provide a very practical and efficient stamp, whereby a name or other desired inscription may be printed or impressed upon an egg, thereby disclosing the name or identity of the egg, and thus preventing the deception in the sale of inferior eggs to a customer.

A further object of my invention is to construct a stamp in such a manner that the face of the type will be self conforming and will yieldingly and uniformly contact with the curved side surface of the egg, whereby a clear and legible impression is obtained in the operation of stamping the egg.

Briefly stated the invention therefore consists of a holder the type receiving face of which is of a contour to conform substantially to the curved surface of an egg, and type removably secured within the holder, said type being constructed to yield sufficiently to cause the contacting or printing faces thereof to adjust themselves for the purposes described.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description and it will be understood that changes in the specific structure shown and described may be made within the scope of the claims without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a side elevation of my complete invention, showing an egg in dotted lines, Fig. 2 is an end view of the same, Fig. 3 is a bottom plan view of the type receiving holder, Fig. 4 is a vertical longitudinal section taken on the line $x-x$ of Fig. 3, Fig. 5 is an enlarged side view of the type which I employ, Fig. 6 is a vertical section of the type taken on the line $y-y$ of Fig. 5.

Referring to the drawings 1 represents a rectangular shaped type receiving holder to the upper surface of which is attached a handle 2, which is adapted to be grasped by

the hand of the operator for properly manipulating the stamp, the lower type receiving portions of which are properly shaped or curved to conform substantially to the curved surface or contour of an ordinary egg, as clearly shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings. The type receiving holder 1 is composed of a series of longitudinally arranged partitions 3 forming parallel pockets 4 extending the full length of said holder, and passing through one end of the holder thus formed are a series of screws 5, which are adapted to be brought into binding contact with the type after the latter have been properly located and arranged within said pockets. The type which I employ for this purpose are especially designed and yieldingly constructed, all of which are of a size to be snugly received within the pockets 4 and bindingly secured therein as previously stated.

As before stated the type are all similarly constructed and each composed of a block 6, which is snugly received by the pocket 4 along its length and secured to the under surface of said block is one end of a coil spring 7, the opposite end of the latter being likewise secured to the type block 8, having the lower contacting printing face 9, which comes in contact with the contour or outer curved side surface of the egg to be operated upon, and secured to the block 6 and projecting downwardly therefrom is a pin 10, which is located within the convolutions of the spring 7, the lower end of which pin is normally out of contact with the type block 8, thus allowing the latter to have an independent motion or movement in a vertical direction or to and from the block 6, whereby the printing face 9 of the type block 8 may be yieldingly brought or caused to be self conforming to the contour of the egg. The font of type employed for this purpose should consist of a certain number of alphabets, numbers, punctuation marks and blanks, or such as is ordinarily used for such purposes, the blanks, however, consisting only of a block such as shown at 6, but the remaining characters comprising type blocks yieldingly secured to the block 6 in a manner previously described.

Before using the stamp the type are properly set or located within the pocket 4 of the holder 1 in the usual manner, blanks being used as desired to properly space the name or wording desired to be used, after which

the binding screw 5 is turned in its proper direction to cause the inner free end of the same to be brought in contact with the type thus confined within the pocket, whereby the said type or blocks 6 thereof are securely fastened within said pocket and prevented from being accidentally removed or displaced.

In carrying out my invention I preferably employ an inking pad having an inking surface which is substantially the same shape as the lower surface or contour of the holder 1, whereby the printing surfaces 9 of the type blocks 8 are evenly supplied with ink. Thus it will be seen that the various type employed and properly secured within the holder 1 are independently actuated when brought in contact with an egg and the impression made thereon will be uniform and very legible, and the danger of breaking an egg in stamping is entirely obviated.

In practice the egg is grasped by one hand of the operator and the handle 2 of the holder 1 grasped by the other hand and by bringing the two together an impression upon the egg is instantly made.

What is claimed is:

1. An egg stamp comprising a holder the lower surface of which is of a shape to correspond substantially to the contour of an egg, division walls forming a part of said holder providing longitudinally arranged adjacent pockets, binding screws passing through one of the end walls of said holder the ends of which project within the pockets, and type removably secured within said

pockets by said screws, said type having yielding blocks carrying contacting printing faces which are adapted to operate independently of one another.

2. A type member for egg stamps comprising a block adapted to be engaged in a holder, a coil spring one end of which is attached to said block, a type block to which the opposite end of said spring is attached and a pin projecting from the first named block and located within the coil spring, the end of which is normally out of contact with the type block as and for the purpose described.

3. An egg stamp comprising a rectangular shaped holder, longitudinal partition walls forming a part of the same providing adjacent pockets, binding screws passing through one end of the holder the inner ends of which project within the pockets, type movably secured within the pockets against which the inner ends of the screws are adapted to be brought in contact, said type blocks being composed of two sections one of which is secured within the pockets of the holder and the other carrying a suitable printing face and means for yieldingly connecting said sections, the lower surface of said holder being properly shaped to conform substantially to the contour of an egg.

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

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