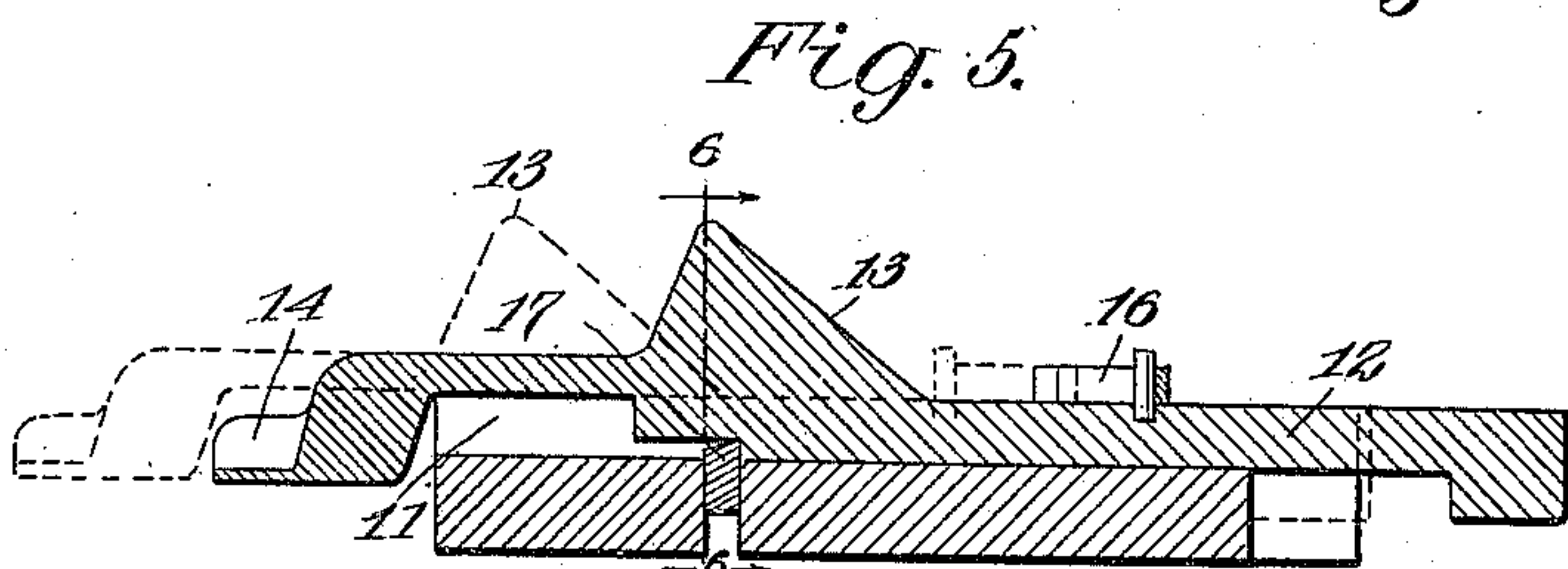
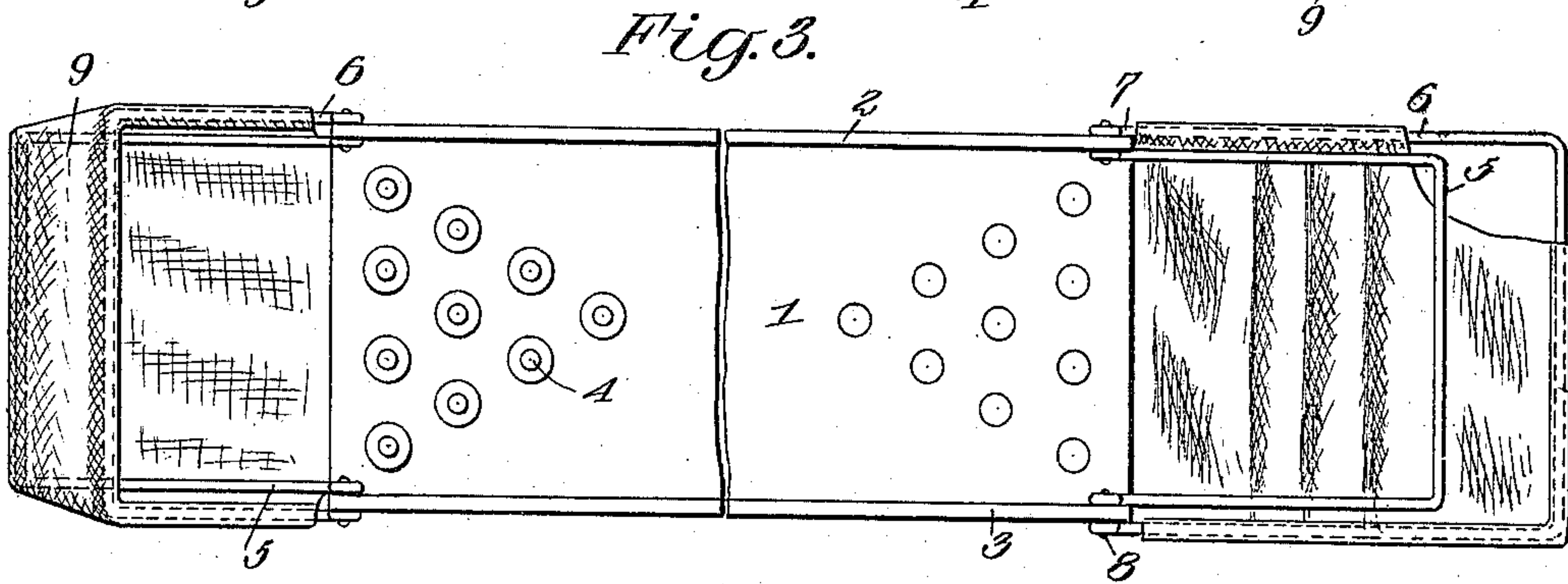
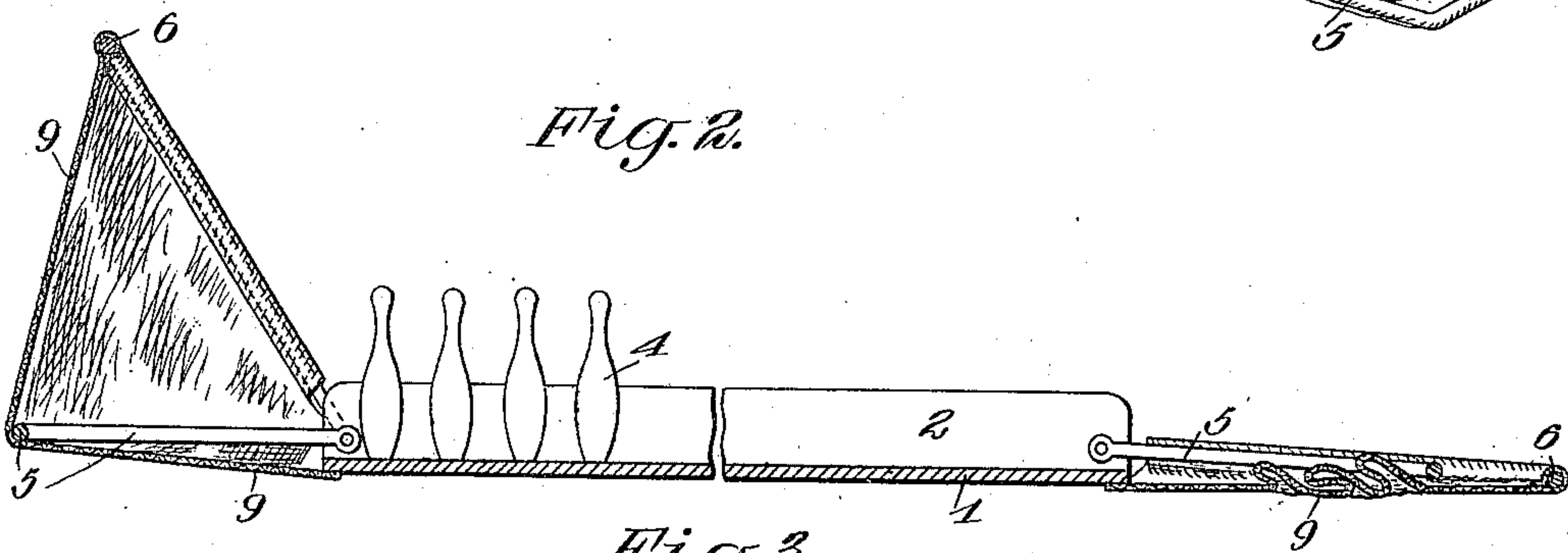
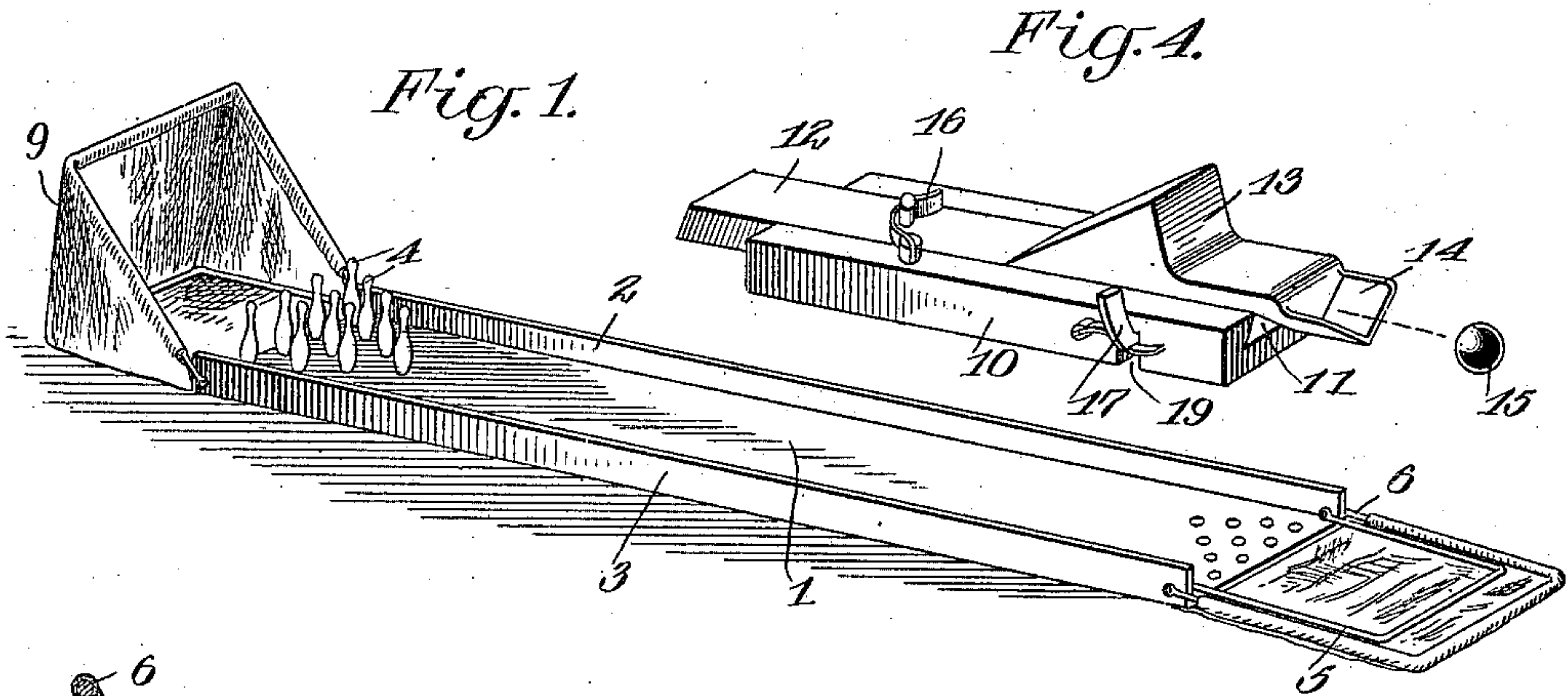


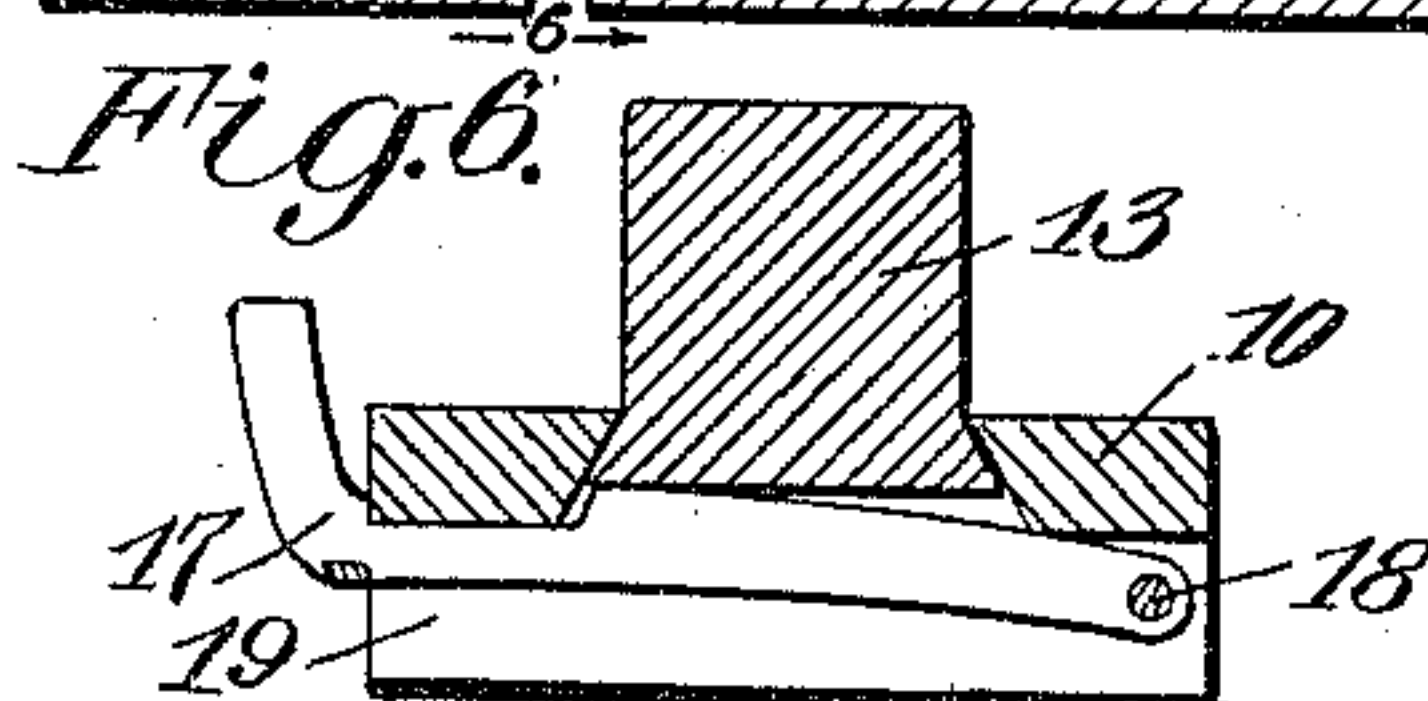
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE A. WEHNER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Savannah, in the county of Chatham and State of Georgia, have made certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to games, and it consists in the combinations, constructions, and arrangements herein described and claimed.

An object of my invention is to provide a device which may be used as a parlor entertainment. This device consists of a ten pin board which is so arranged that players may be stationed at each end, the pins being set up at either end, while collapsible receptacles are provided for receiving the pins as they are shot down.

A further object of my invention is to provide receptacles which will serve to prevent the scattering of the pins, but which may be readily collapsed so as to give the players at either end of the board a chance to shoot in turn.

Further objects and advantages will appear in the following specification and the novel features of the device will be particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification, in which similar reference characters denote like parts in the several views and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing one embodiment of my invention; Fig. 2 is a side view thereof; Fig. 3 is a plan view; Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a shooting or propelling device; Fig. 5 is a longitudinal section through the propelling device, and Fig. 6 is a transverse section along the line 6—6 of Fig. 5, looking in the direction of the arrow.

In carrying out my invention, I make use of a base 1 provided with the usual sides 2 and 3 respectively, thus providing a run-way or alley for the ten pins. This alley is marked at each end with places for the pins 4. At each end of the alley I provide a collapsible hood or pocket for receiving the pins as they are shot down. This hood comprises an inside U-shaped frame member 5 (see Fig. 3), and a similar outside U-shaped frame member 6. The ends of these two frame members are secured by the common pivots 7 and 8. Secured to the bottom of the

run-way at each end thereof is a flexible member 9 which is preferably canvas. This canvas is also secured to the sides of the outer member 6, the inner member 5 serving as a stretcher so that when the outer frame member 6 is raised a hood or receptacle is provided like that shown in Fig. 1. From Fig. 2 it will be seen that the member 5 and the canvas bottom 9 form a pocket which is slightly lower than the bottom 1 of the run-way of the alley.

The shooter which I use in connection with this game is shown in Figs. 4, 5 and 6. It consists of a block 10 having a groove 11 in which a slidable member 12 is disposed. The latter is provided with a thumb-piece 13, having at its forward end a V-shaped receptacle for holding the projectile 15, which may be any suitable ball. The member 12 is held in a forward position by means of a spring 16 secured to the member 10, but may be retracted against said spring and held in its retracted position by means of a spring-pressed trigger 17, which is pivoted at 18 in a slot 19 in the member 10.

From the foregoing description of the various parts of the device, the operation thereof may be readily understood.

The board or alley is set on a table between two opposing players. The hood is raised at the one end while at the other end it is lowered, as shown in Fig. 1. The hoods maintain their raised position by means of the frictional contact of the arms of the U-shaped frame member 6 with the sides 2 and 3 of the latter. One player places the projectile in the receptacle 14, pulls back the slide 12, which is held by the trigger 17. When the latter is depressed the ball flies forward toward the pins, which are caught by the hood and are prevented from being scattered. At the next play the hoods at the ends are reversed in position and the other player places his shooter on the board and the game is resumed.

The use of my improved board obviates the necessity of changing positions, each player setting up the pins for his opponent as the play progresses.

I claim:—

1. In a game apparatus, an alley, pins therefor and collapsible hoods at each end of said alley.

2. In a game apparatus, an alley, pins therefor, and a collapsible hood at each end of said alley, said hood comprising inner

and outer frames and a flexible covering supported thereby.

3. In a game apparatus an alley, pins therefor, and a flexible hood at each end of
5 said alley, said hood comprising a pair of U-shaped frame members having relative movement, one of said frame members being adapted to inclose the other, and a flexible

covering member attached to the under side of the alley, and to the larger of the U- 10 shaped frame members.

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