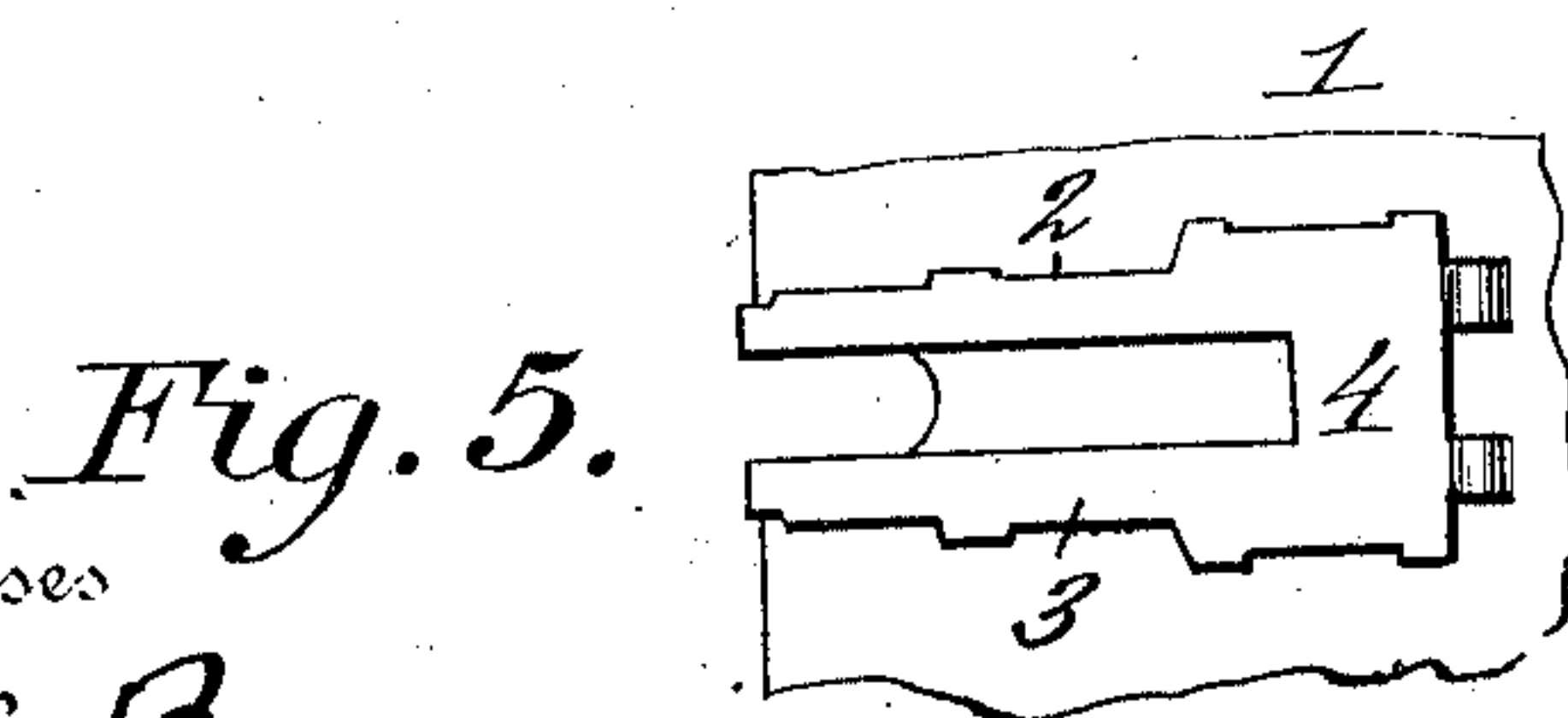
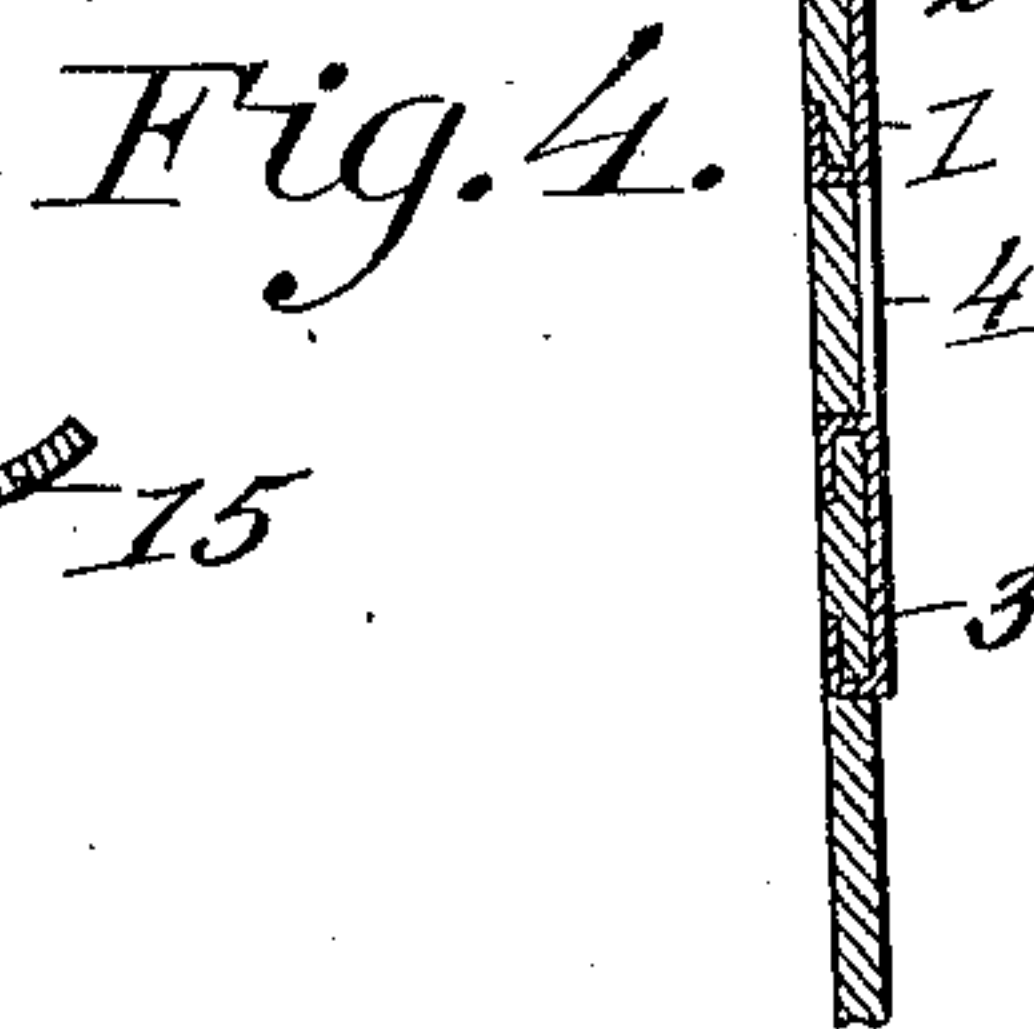
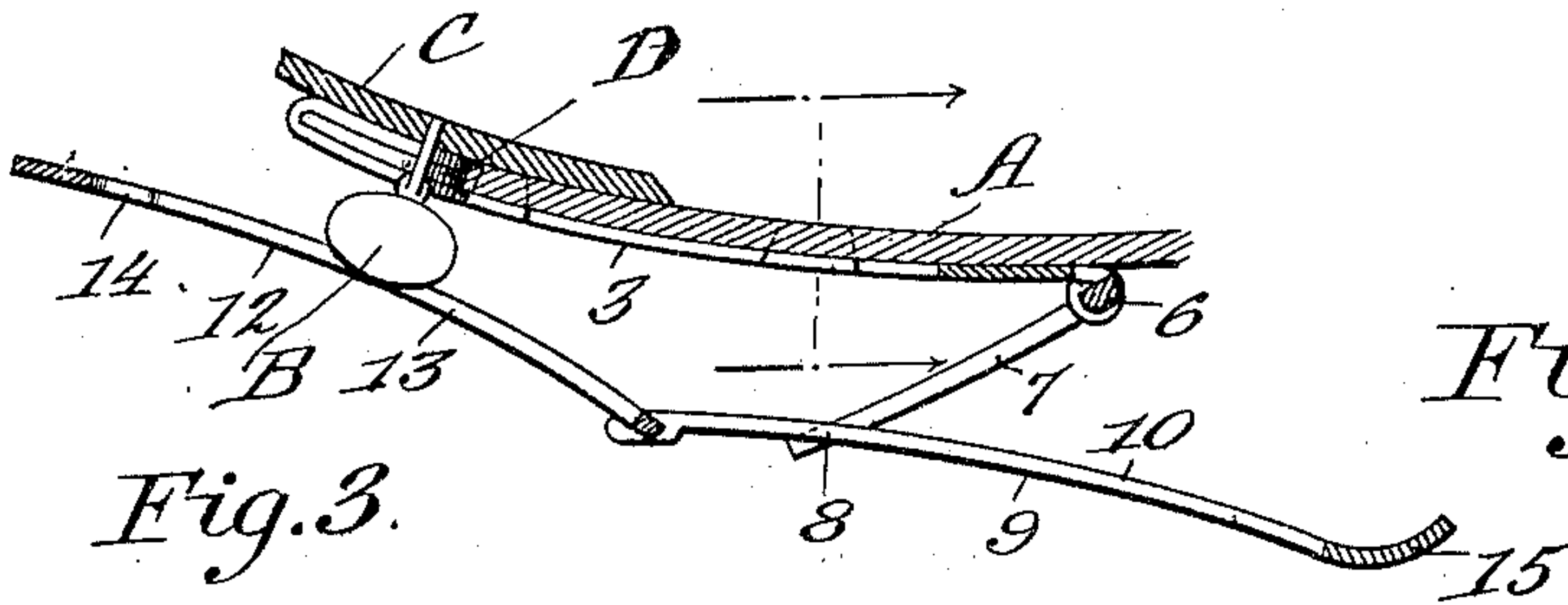
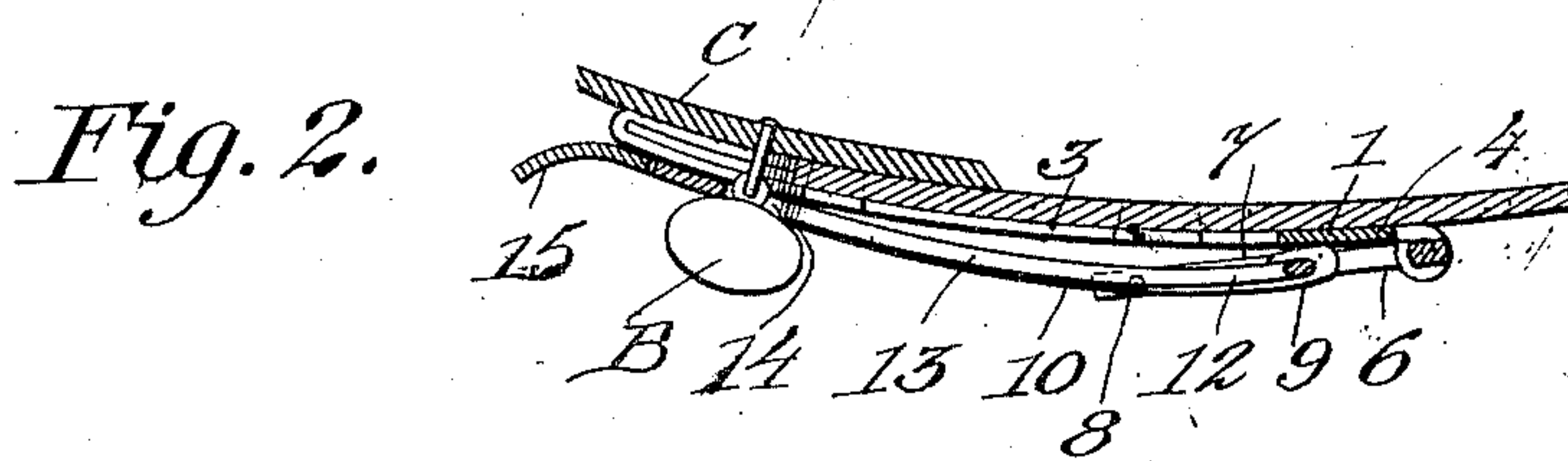
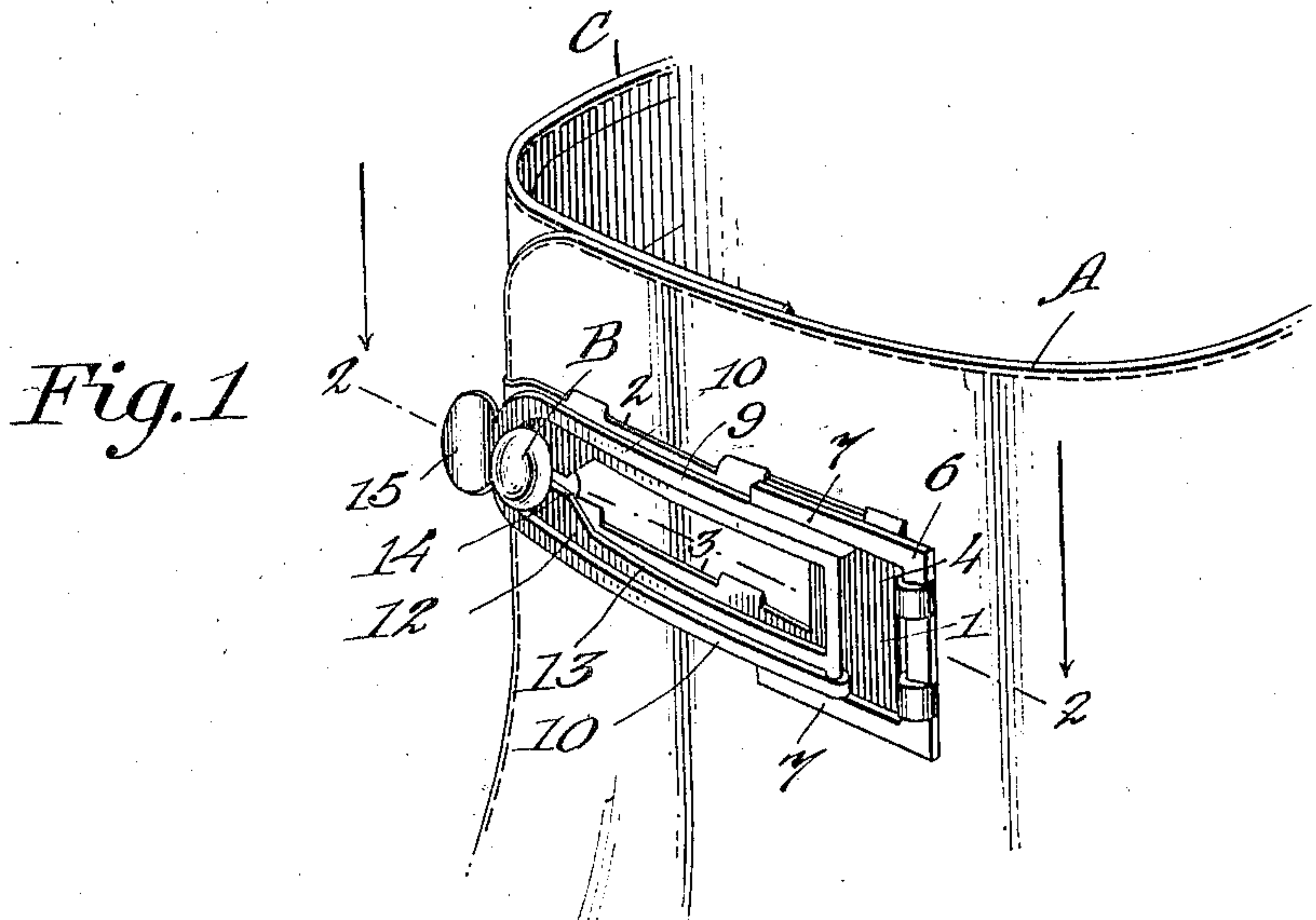


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HUGO C. JOHNSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Hot Lake, in the county of Union and State of Oregon, have invented new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to shoes and particularly to fastening means therefor and has for an object to provide simple, novel and effective means whereby the buttons upon one member of the uppers can be effectively fastened to the companion member of the uppers without the use of button hooks or similar devices.

In the drawing, forming a portion of this specification and in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views:—Figure 1 is a detail perspective view of a portion of a shoe showing my improved fastener applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a detail section taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a similar view showing the fastener in its released position. Fig. 4 is a detail section taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a detail view of a portion of the shoe showing one member of my improved fastener applied thereto.

My improved shoe fastener consists of a member 1 which consists of a single piece of metal formed to provide spaced portions 2 and 3 which are provided with spurs which are adapted to be embedded in the part A of the shoe uppers as shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings. The portion 4 of the member 1 is formed to provide outwardly extending alining eyes in which the pintle portions of a hinged member 6 are mounted. This hinged member is formed with spaced arms 7 whose extremities are provided with oppositely disposed pintles 8. The member 9 has its spaced arms 10 apertured at their sides to receive the pintles 8 so that

the said member is adapted to be moved independently of the hinged member. The inner extremities of the arms are apertured for receiving the pintles of a keeper 12. This keeper is provided with an elongated slot 13 and a reduced slot 14 which latter communicates with the former as shown. The member 9 is provided at its outer end with a finger manipulating lip 15.

It will of course be understood that any suitable number of these devices may be mounted upon the shoe, this being left to the discretion of the maker. As an illustration, when it is desired to fasten the shoe the member 9 is first operated so that the shank of the button B on the part C of the shoe uppers can be engaged in the contracted slot formed in the keeper, after which the said member can be operated and moved toward the member 1. In this movement of the lever the button will be moved inwardly to lie between the arms 2 and 3 of the said member 1. The part A of the uppers is notched as shown at D to receive the shank of the shoe button.

I claim:—

A shoe fastener comprising a member fixed to one part of the upper, a button fixed to the other side of the upper, a supporting member pivoted at one end to one end of the member, an actuating lever pivoted midway between its ends to the other end of the supporting member, and a keeper pivoted to the actuating lever and slotted for the reception of the head of the button and slotted for the reception of the shank of the button.

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

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