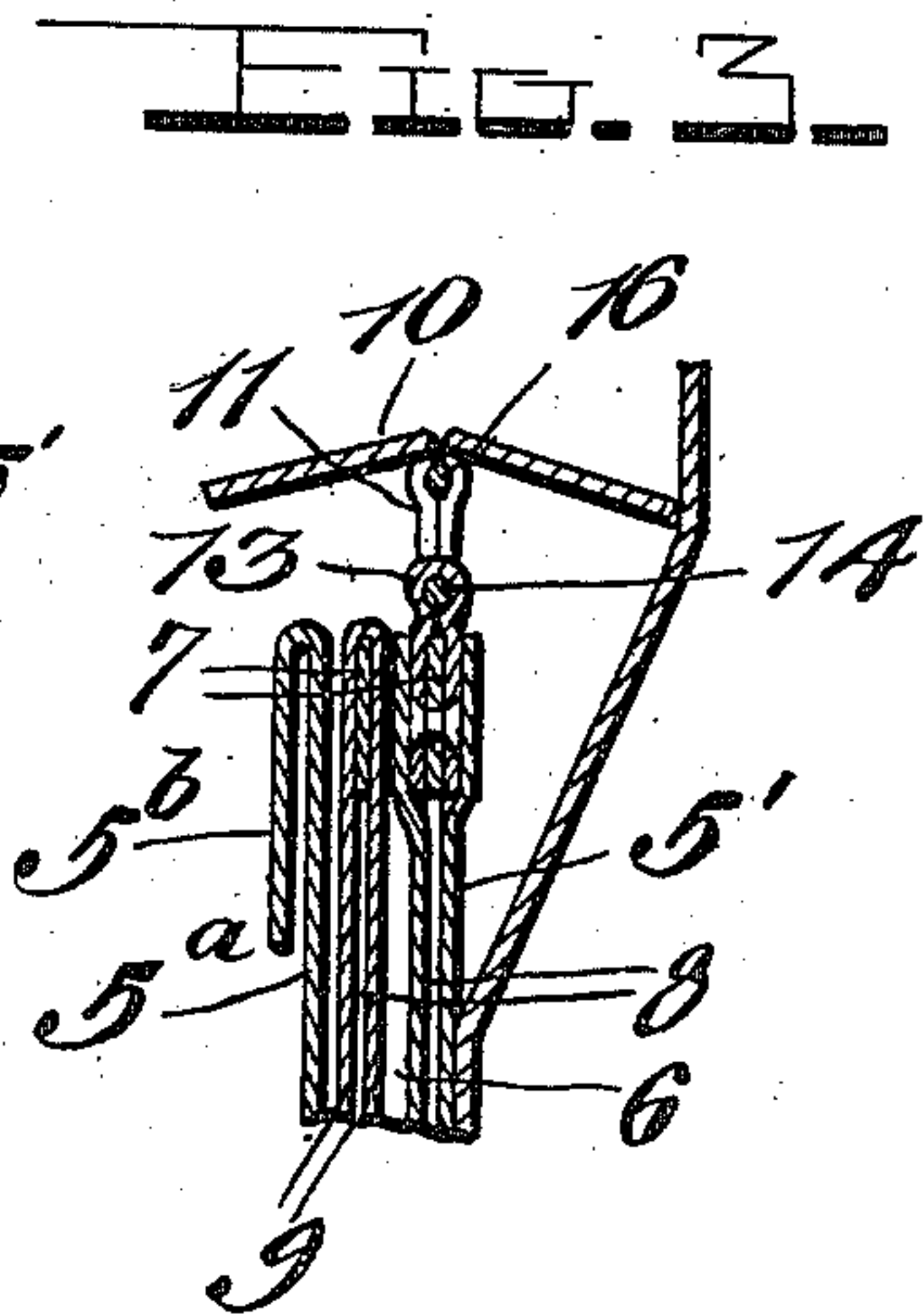
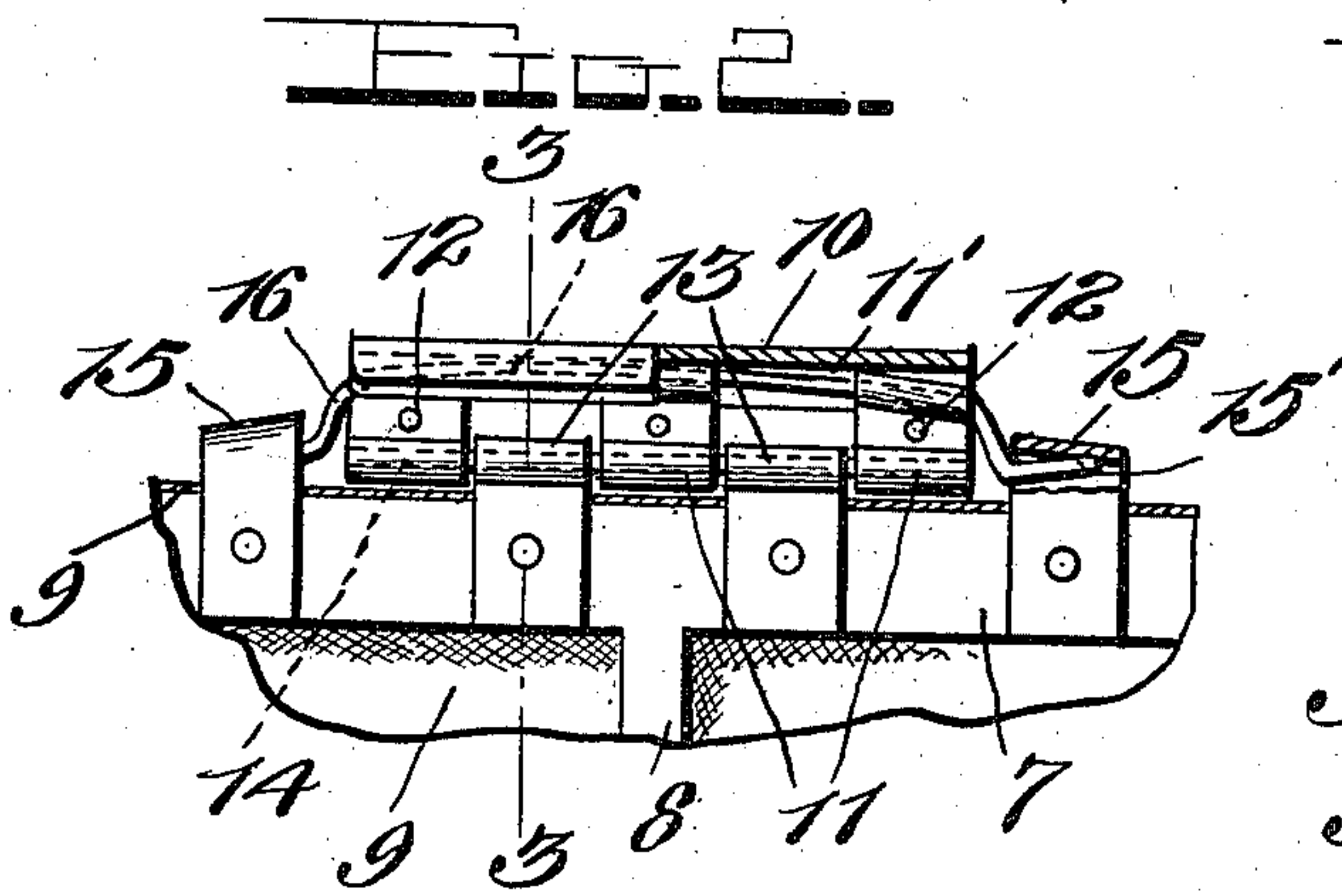
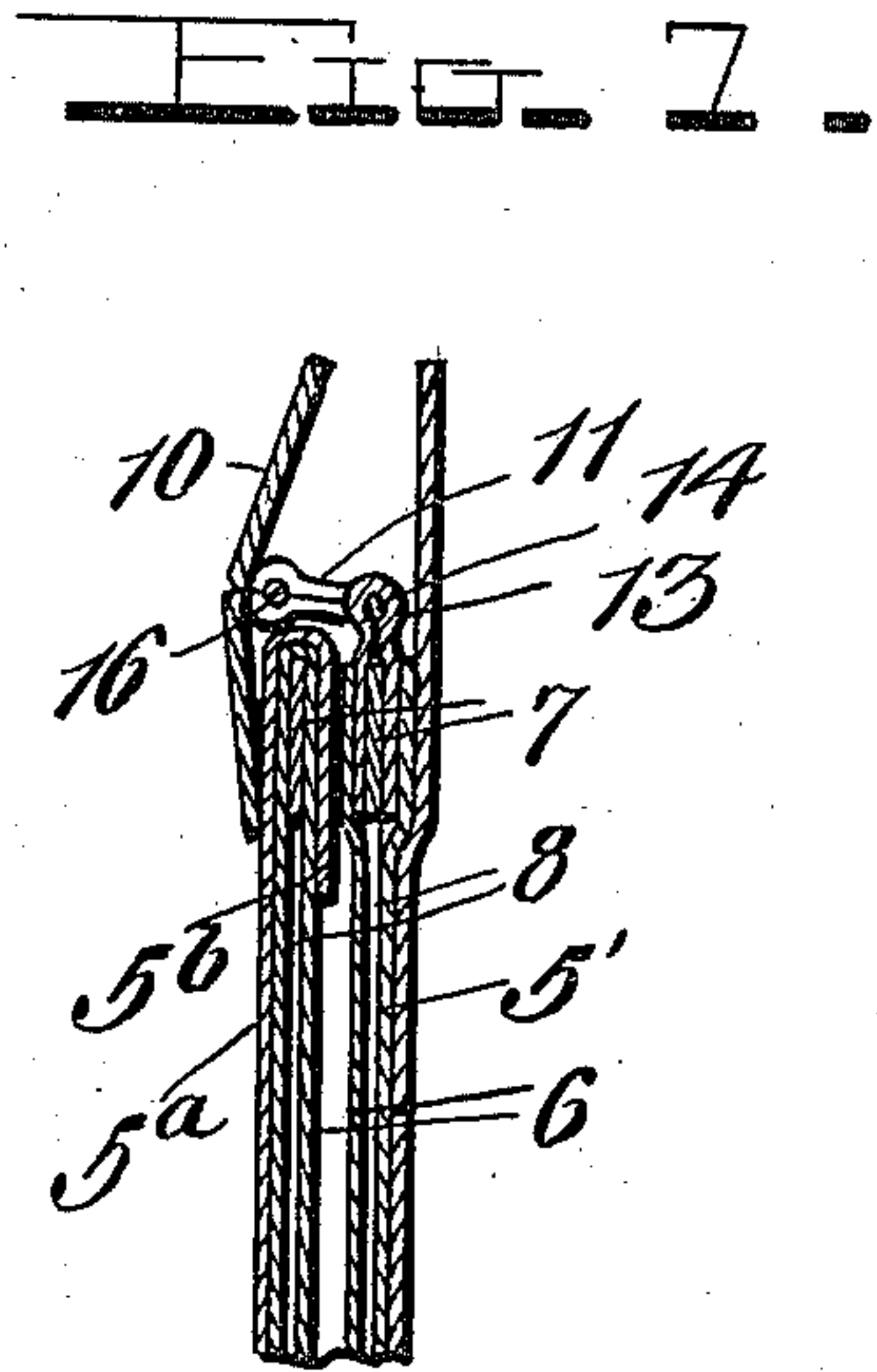
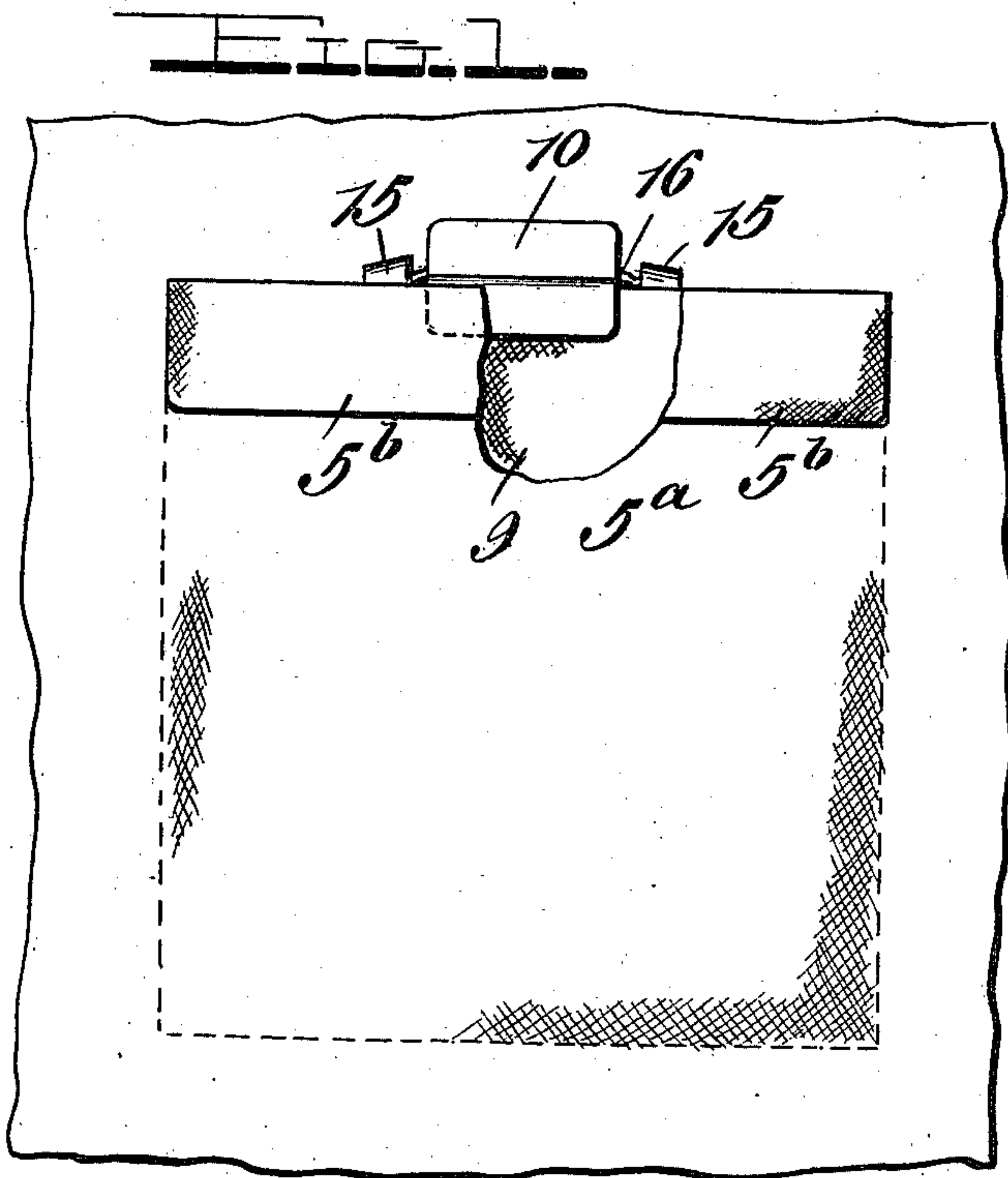


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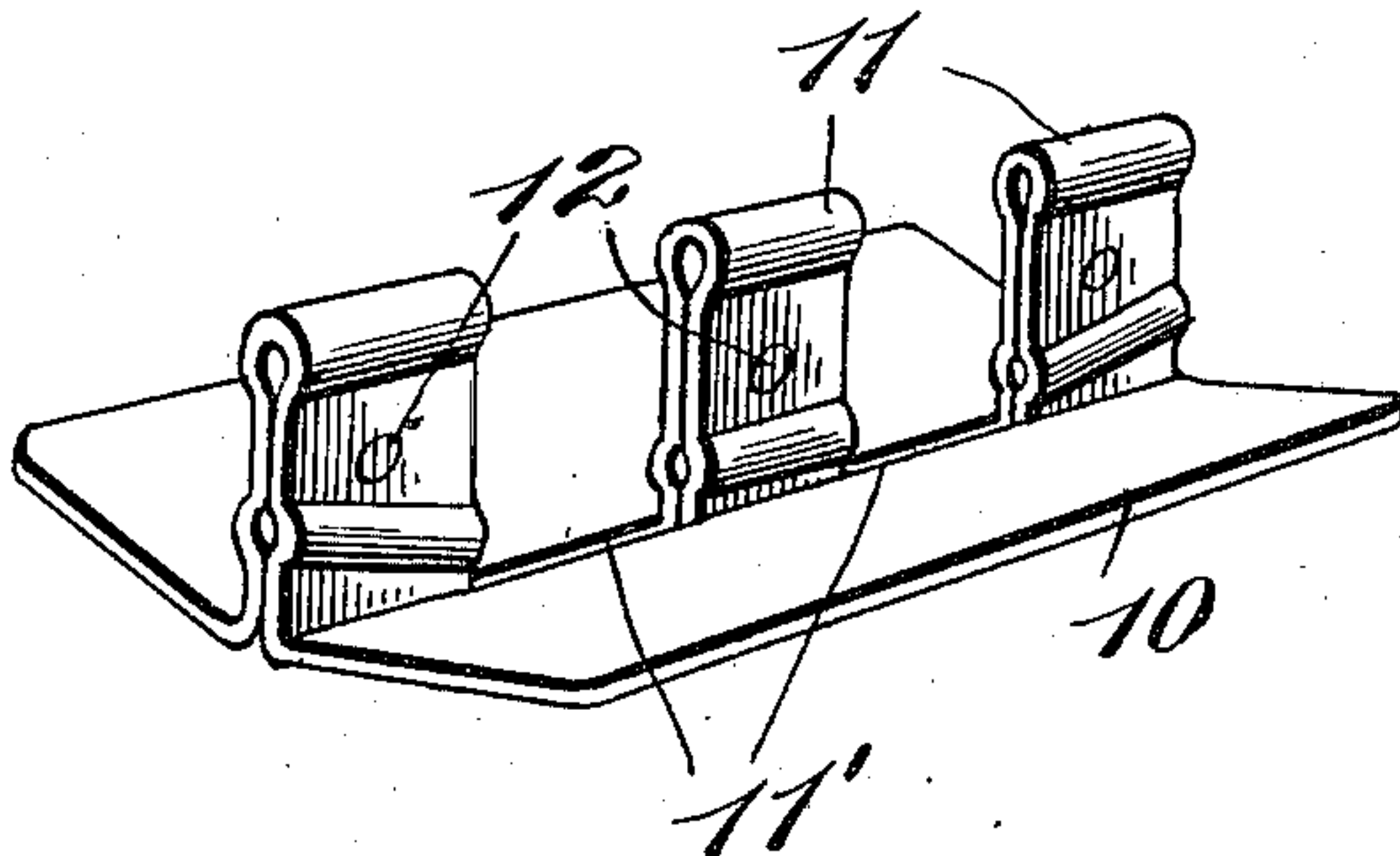


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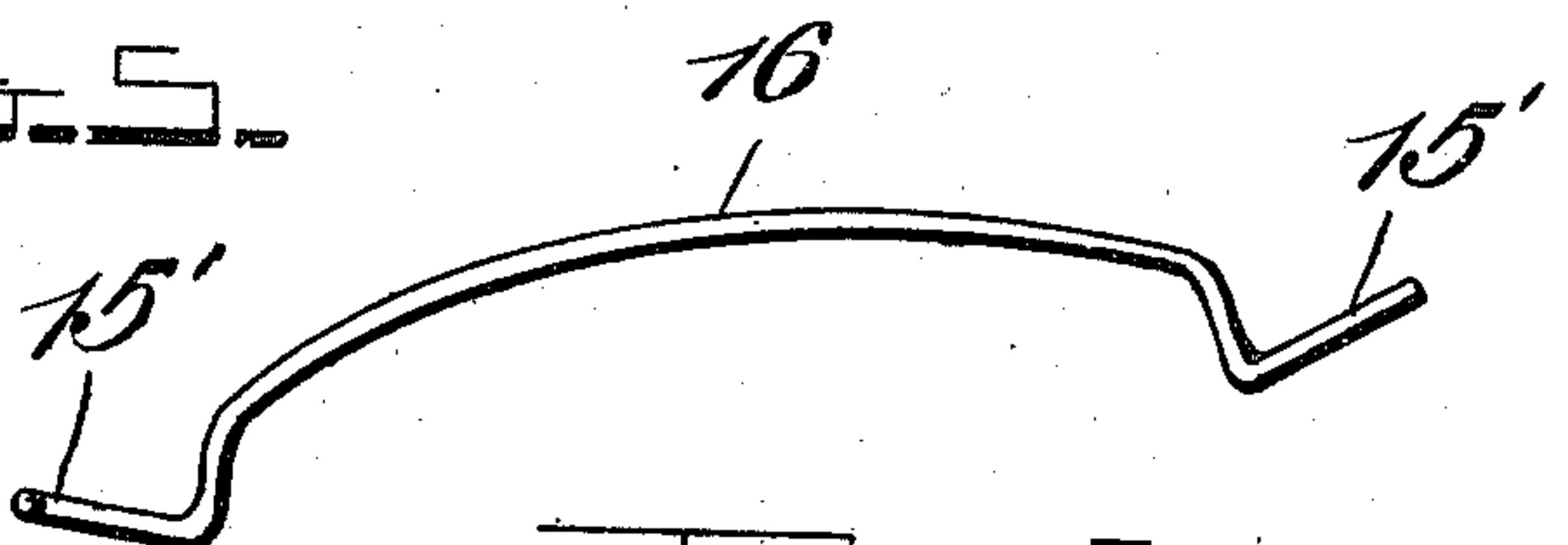
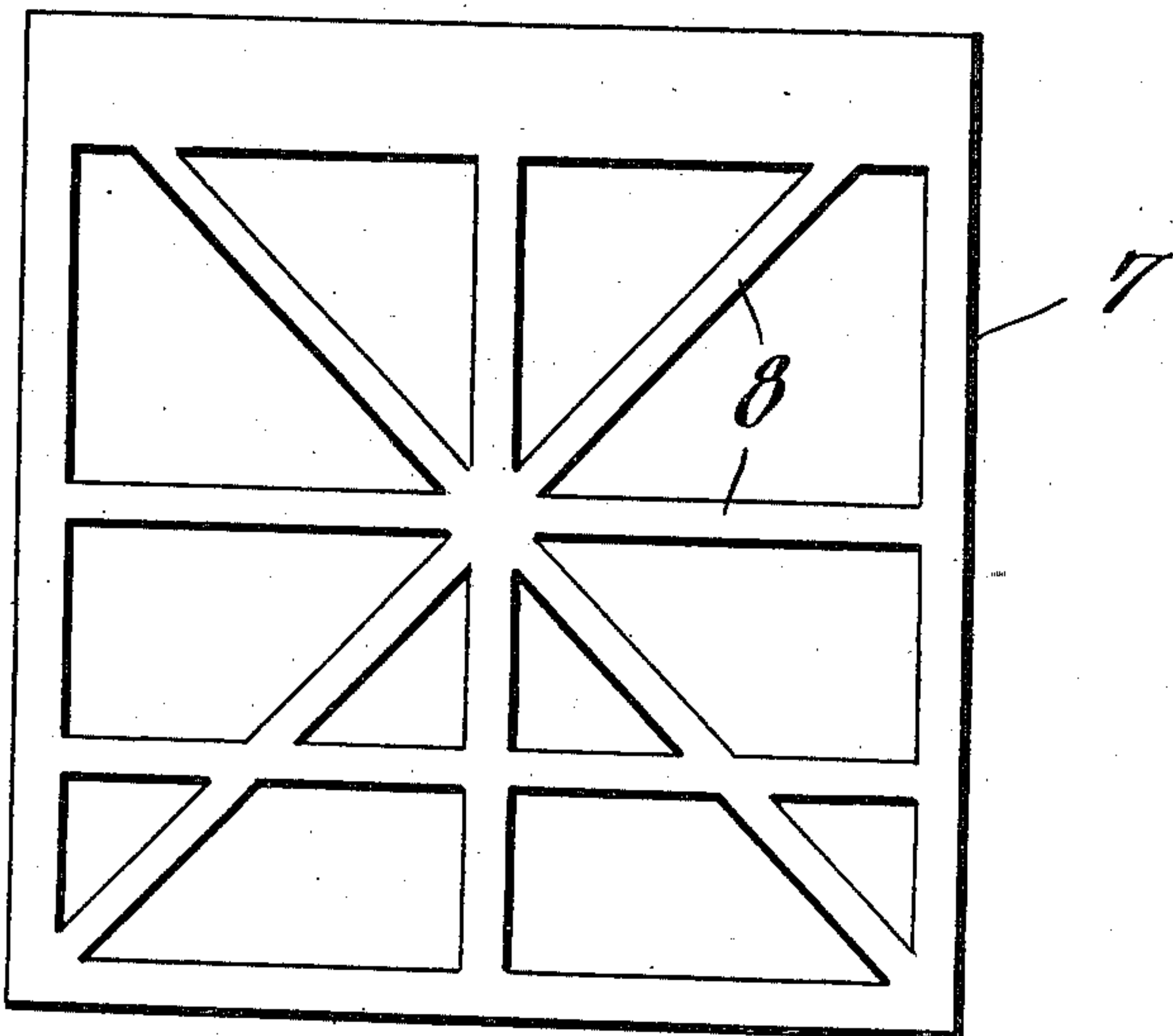


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANTHONY W. FERNANS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Biddeford, in the county of York and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Safety-Pockets, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to improvements in safety pockets for coats, trousers or other garments and has for its object to provide a very simple, efficient and durable device of this character which will effectually prevent the accidental or criminal loss from the pocket of articles of value.

Another object of the invention is to provide a double pocket comprising an inner and outer pocket or container, and means for closing the inner pocket, said means being easily and quickly operable by the wearer to obtain access to the pocket.

A further object of the invention is to provide a pocket closing device which when moved to open the pocket by one with criminal intent, will notify the wearer and thus prevent the consummation of the theft.

Still another object of my invention resides in the provision of a pocket comprising metallic side frames to be covered by the material of the pocket, said frames being so constructed as to prevent articles being withdrawn by cutting the material, and locking means for closing the entrance to the pocket.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists of the novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation, showing the pocket detached from the garment and the inner pocket closed; Fig. 2 is a similar view partly in section on an enlarged scale, showing the locking plate raised to permit of the opening of the mouth of the pocket; Fig. 3 is a section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2; Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of the

locking plate; Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of the plate holding spring; Fig. 6 is a side elevation of one of the inner pocket frames; and Fig. 7 is a section similar to Fig. 3 showing both pockets closed.

Referring in detail to the drawings 5^a designates the cloth of the outer pocket, one end of which is sewed to the garment. This pocket is formed from two pieces of cloth, the piece 5' which forms the back of a pocket and is sewed to the garment, being of greater length than the front pocket piece 5^a. The front piece 5^a is of sufficient length to provide a flap 5^b at its upper end, the purpose of which will more fully hereinafter appear.

Within and between the pieces 5' and 5^a constituting the outer pocket, the two sides 6 of the inner pocket are adapted to be arranged. These sides of the inner pocket comprise the frames 7 which are shown in detail in Fig. 6. These frames are stamped out by means of a suitable die from sheet metal having sufficient flexibility to allow the strips 8 which are provided by the cut out portions of the sheet metal plate, to readily give in the opening of the pocket without danger of bending upon themselves or breaking. These metallic frames are covered by linen or other suitable material designated by the numeral 9, said material entirely covering both sides of the frame and inclosing them in what might properly be designated a cloth case. The sides of the inner pocket are stitched at their vertical edges to the cloth pieces constituting the outer pocket and one of these sides is also stitched at its upper edge upon opposite sides of its center to the piece 5' of said outer pocket.

My improved closing means which I have devised for closing the sides of the inner pocket comprises a lock plate 10 which is formed from a single piece of metal bent centrally and longitudinally to provide the knuckles 11, portions of the centrally bent part of the plate being cut out as shown at 11'. The parallel portions of the centrally bent portion of the plate which provide the hinge knuckles are riveted together as design-

nated at 12 to overcome any liability of said parallel knuckle portions separating. The recessed or cut away portions of the plate between the hinge knuckles receive the 5 knuckles 13 formed upon the upper edge of the pocket frame 8 of the outer side member of the pocket. A hinge pintle 14 extends through the aligned knuckles 11 and 13 to movably support the locking plate upon 10 the frame 7. The upper edge of the frame 7 is also provided at each side of the locking plate with a sleeve or bearing 15 to receive the ends of a spring wire 16. The ends of this wire are bent to provide the 15 cranks 15' which are disposed in the ends of the sleeves 14 and slightly inclined to bear at their ends upon the upper portion of said sleeves. The intermediate part of the spring wire between the cranks extends between the parallel portions of the knuckles 20 11 formed on the locking plate, and above the rivets 12. The ends of the spring wire 16 when the locking plate 10 is in the position shown in Fig. 2, frictionally engage the 25 sleeves 15 and place said spring wire under tension, said spring wire tending to move the locking plate upon either side of the vertical axis of the hinge knuckles and engage the edge portion of the plate upon one side 30 of the inner pocket as disclosed in Fig. 1. In this manner the sides of the inner pocket are held together to prevent opening of the mouth of the pocket and accidental loss of the articles contained therein.

35 In the event that one with criminal intent should attempt to open the pocket and extract the articles therefrom, in lifting the locking plate from the position shown in Fig. 1, its opposite edge will press against 40 the body of the owner, and thus give warning that an attempt is being made to rifle the pocket.

When it is desired to close both the inner and outer pockets, the flap 5^b on the upper 45 end of the front piece 5^a is folded over the outer frame 7 of the inner pocket. The locking plate 10 is then moved to the position shown in Fig. 7, with its edge engaging over the front piece 5^a. Both pockets are thus 50 securely closed.

From the foregoing it will be seen that I have devised a very simple and novel form of garment pocket which is so constructed that easy access may be had to either of the 55 containing pockets which constitute the same, while at the same time loss of the articles therein either accidentally or by theft is effectually prevented. The device may be constructed at a comparatively low cost and 60 is also highly durable and efficient in practical use.

While I have shown and described the preferred construction and arrangement of the various parts, it will be understood that 65 the device is susceptible of considerable

modification without departing from the essential feature or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed is:—

70 1. A garment pocket comprising an outer pocket, an inner pocket arranged within the outer pocket and secured thereto at opposite edges, said inner pocket comprising front and back pieces, the front of said outer 75 pocket having a flap on its upper edge to be folded over the upper edge of the front piece of the inner pocket, and locking means arranged upon the upper edge of the garment pocket to lock either the inner pocket or 80 both of said pockets closed.

2. A garment pocket comprising an outer pocket adapted to be sewed to the garment, an inner pocket disposed within said outer 85 pocket, said inner pocket consisting of front and back pieces each having a flexible metal frame secured thereto, a flap on the upper edge of the front of the outer pocket adapted to be folded over the upper edge of the 90 front piece of the inner pocket, and a locking element pivotally mounted upon the upper edge of the frame of the back piece of the inner pocket and including a plate extending upon opposite sides of the pivotal point of 95 said element, said plate being adapted for engagement with the front piece of either the inner or outer pocket to lock one or both of said pockets closed.

3. A garment pocket comprising an outer 100 pocket secured to the garment, said outer pocket being provided at its mouth with a flap, an inner pocket disposed within the outer pocket, said inner pocket consisting of two flexible frames, fabric coverings incasing 105 said frames, and a pivotally mounted tensionally held locking plate arranged upon the upper end of one of the frames and engageable over the other frame to lock the 110 mouth of the inner pocket closed, the flap on said outer pocket being foldable over the upper edge of said last mentioned frame, said locking plate being engageable upon the upper edge portion of the outer pocket when 115 in locking position to hold the mouths of both pockets closed.

4. A garment pocket comprising two flexible frames, fabric coverings incasing said 120 frames, a locking plate having hinge knuckles formed thereon, hinge knuckles on the upper edge of one of said frames, a pintle extending through the knuckles on the frame and the locking plate to pivotally connect said 125 plate and frame, said locking plate being movable upon either side of the pocket frame to open or close the mouth of the pocket, and a spring element for tensionally holding the locking plate in its locking position.

5. A garment pocket comprising two similar flexible metallic frames, fabric coverings 130 incasing the frames, a locking plate having

spaced knuckles formed thereon intermediate of its longitudinal edges, knuckles formed upon one of the pocket frames, a pintle extending through said knuckles to pivotally
5 connect the plate and frame, sleeves arranged upon the pocket frame, and a spring wire having its ends engaged in said sleeves, the intermediate portion of said wire being offset and extending between the intermediate
10 portions of the locking plate which form

the hinge knuckles, said locking plate being adapted for engagement with either one of the pocket frames to open or close the mouth of the pocket.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my 15 signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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