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Fig. 1.

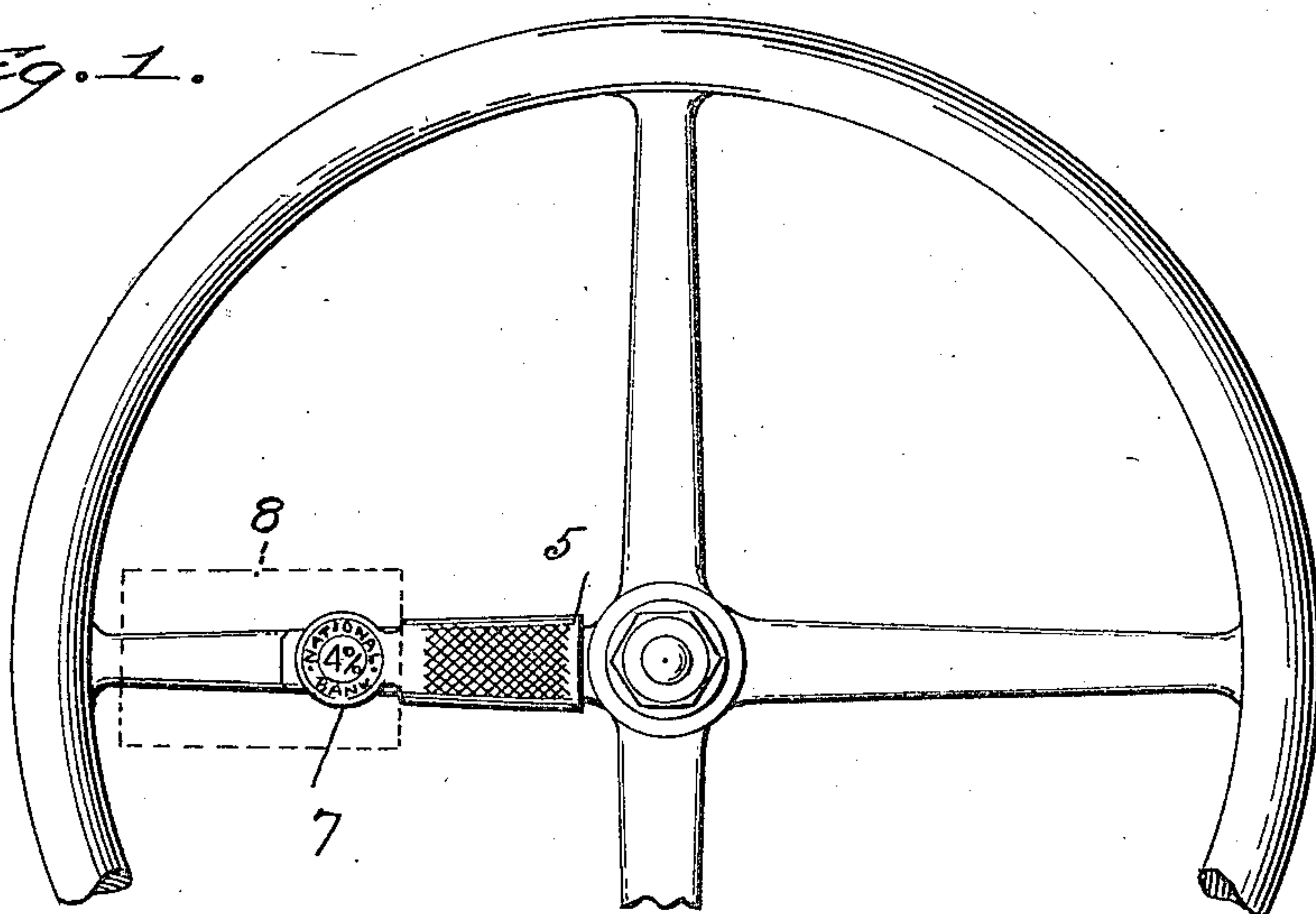


Fig. 2.

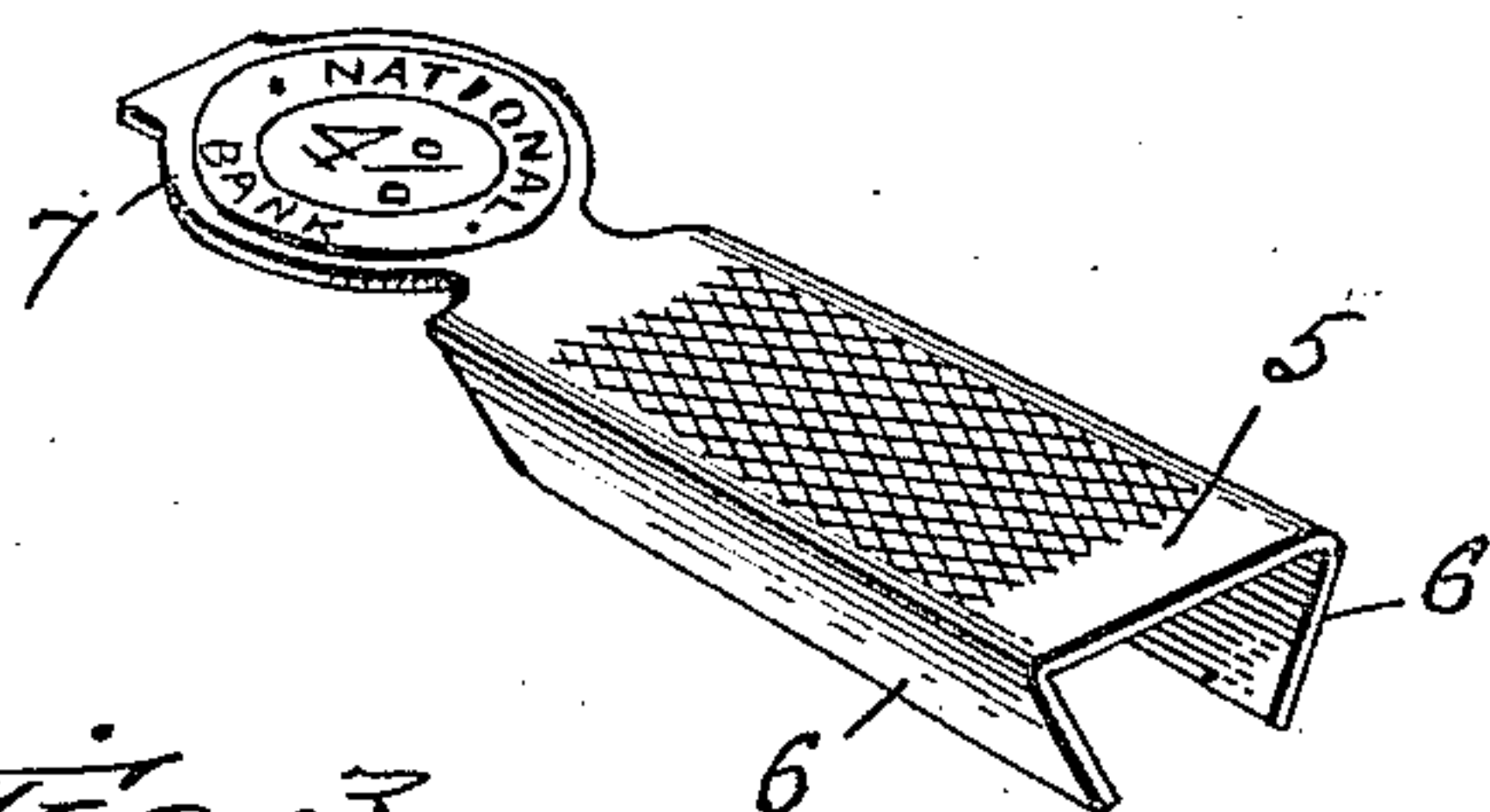


Fig. 3.

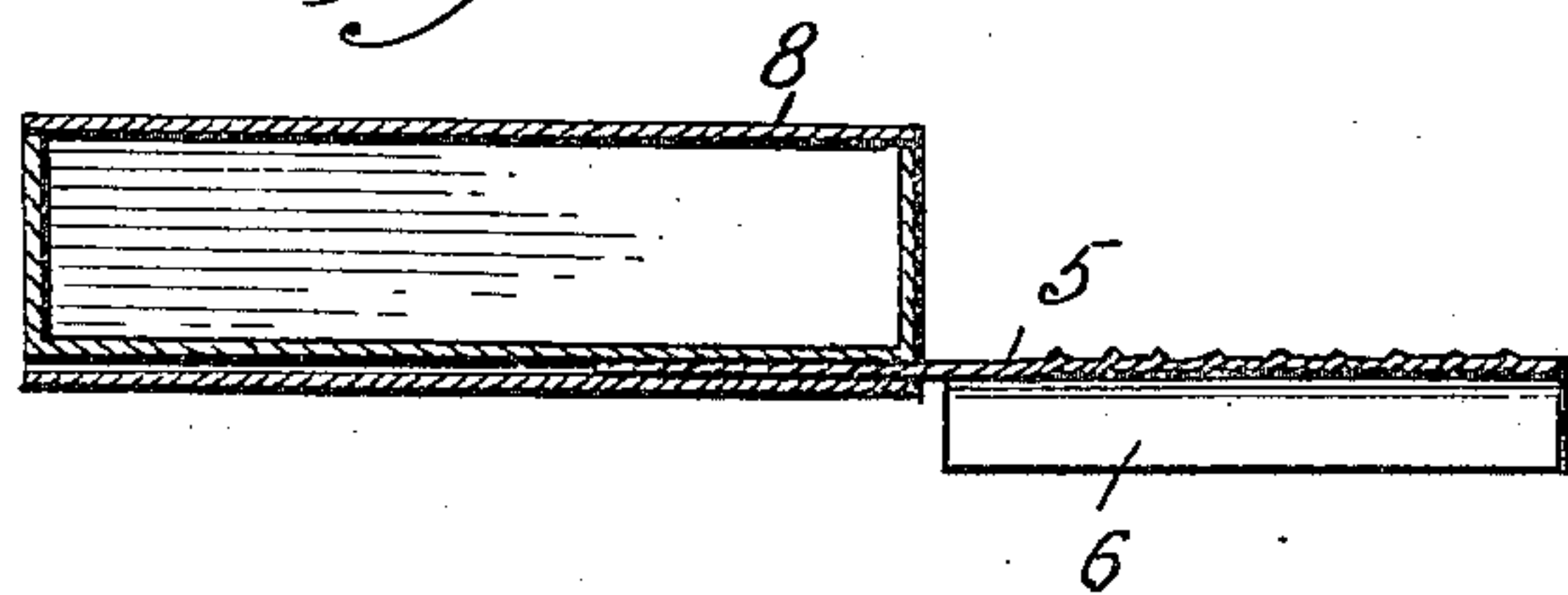
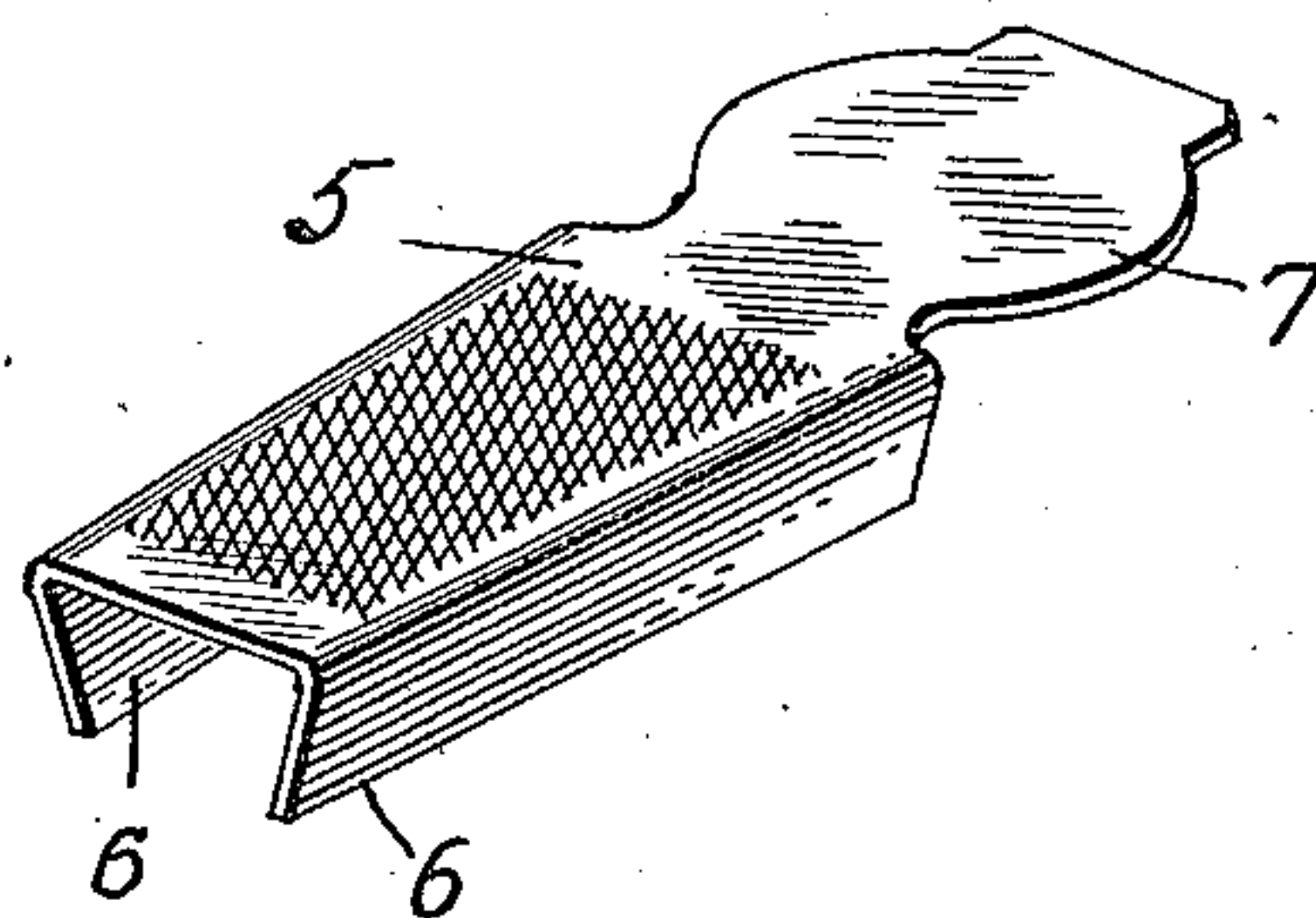


Fig. 4.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES A. PATTERSON, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Laurinburg, county of Scotland, and State of North Carolina, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Match Scratchers, of which the following is a full and clear specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a simple match-scratching surface adapted to be removably clipped to one of the spokes of the steering-wheel of a motor car, where it will be in a convenient position for use by the chauffeur, as more fully hereinafter set forth.

In the drawing—

Fig. 1 is a plan view of part of a motor car steering-wheel with my invention applied thereto;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one form of the device;

Fig. 3 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view of the device showing a box of matches attached to the device.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of another form of the device.

The device consists of a main plate 5, roughened on its upper surface for match-scratching purposes and provided with a pair of depending wings 6 along its longitudinal edges, these wings being formed integral with plate 5 and being resilient and also being turned or bent inwardly toward each other. At one end of the main plate, there is formed an extension 7 which is adapted to receive advertisements on its upper surface. When the device is clipped to a spoke of the wheel, as shown in Fig. 1, this extension 7 lies close to the upper surface of the spoke, and, being resilient, may be used to clamp an ordinary box of safety matches 8 on the spoke, so that the chauffeur

will have in a convenient position two kinds of scratching surfaces, one adapted for ordinary matches and the other adapted for safety matches.

The device will be tapered from one end to the other. In Fig. 1 this taper extends toward the clamp 7, while in Fig. 4 the body of the device tapers in the opposite direction. This tapering of the device enables it to be placed over the spoke at its narrower part, i. e., near the rim, and then slid along the spoke until the resilient depending wings clamp the larger part of the spoke, whereby the device is held securely to the spoke.

What I claim is:

1. A match-scratching device for steering-wheels consisting of a main plate having a roughened scratching-surface, this plate being tapered toward one end and provided at one end with a thin flat extension-plate, for supporting a match box, the two longitudinal edges of said plate being provided with normally depending resilient clamping wings.

2. A match-scratching device for steering wheels consisting of a main plate having a roughened scratching-surface, this plate being tapered toward one end and provided at one end with a thin flat extension-plate for supporting a match box, the two longitudinal edges of said plate being provided with normally depending resilient clamping wings which are inclined toward each other downwardly and inwardly to underclasp the spoke of the wheel.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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