

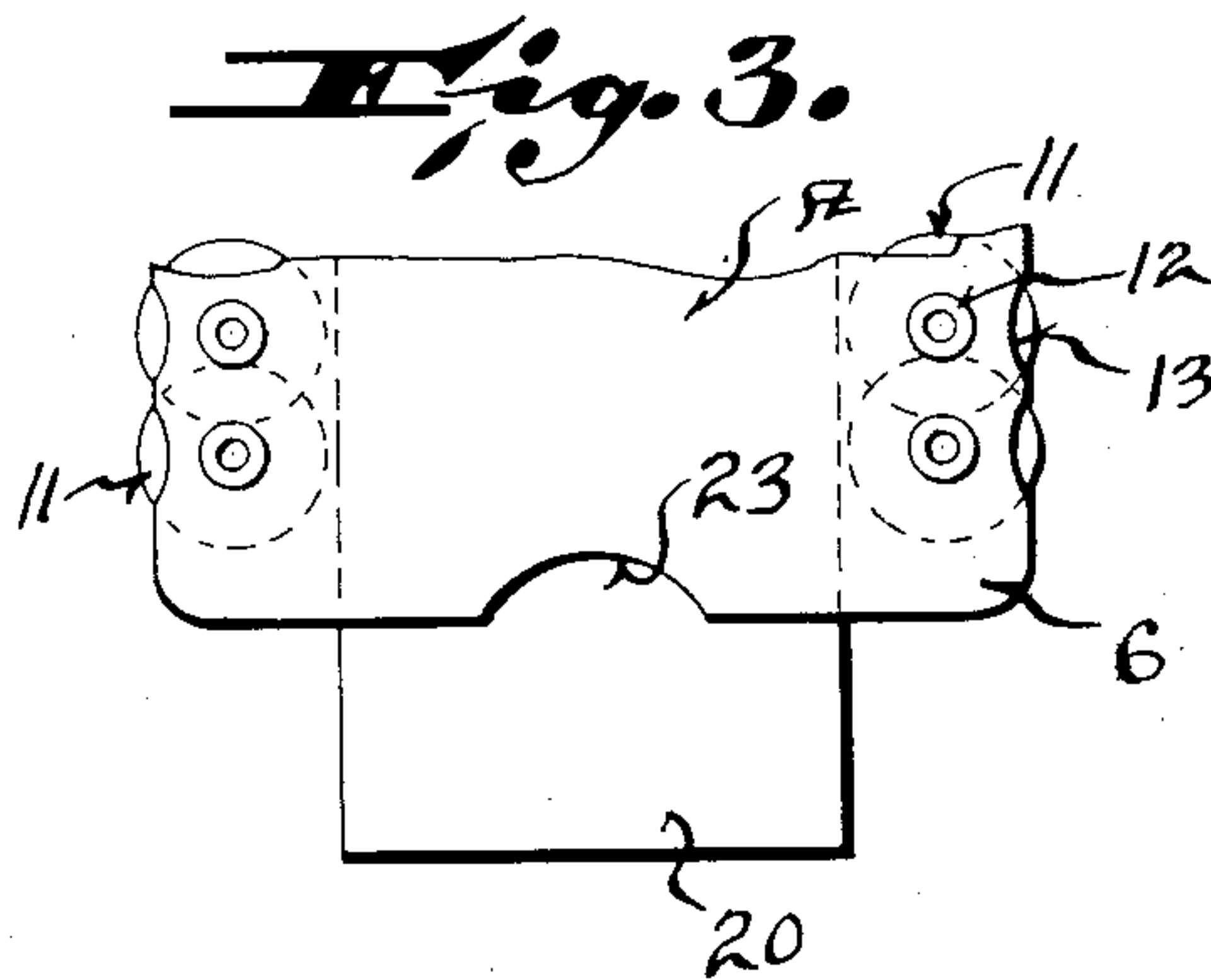
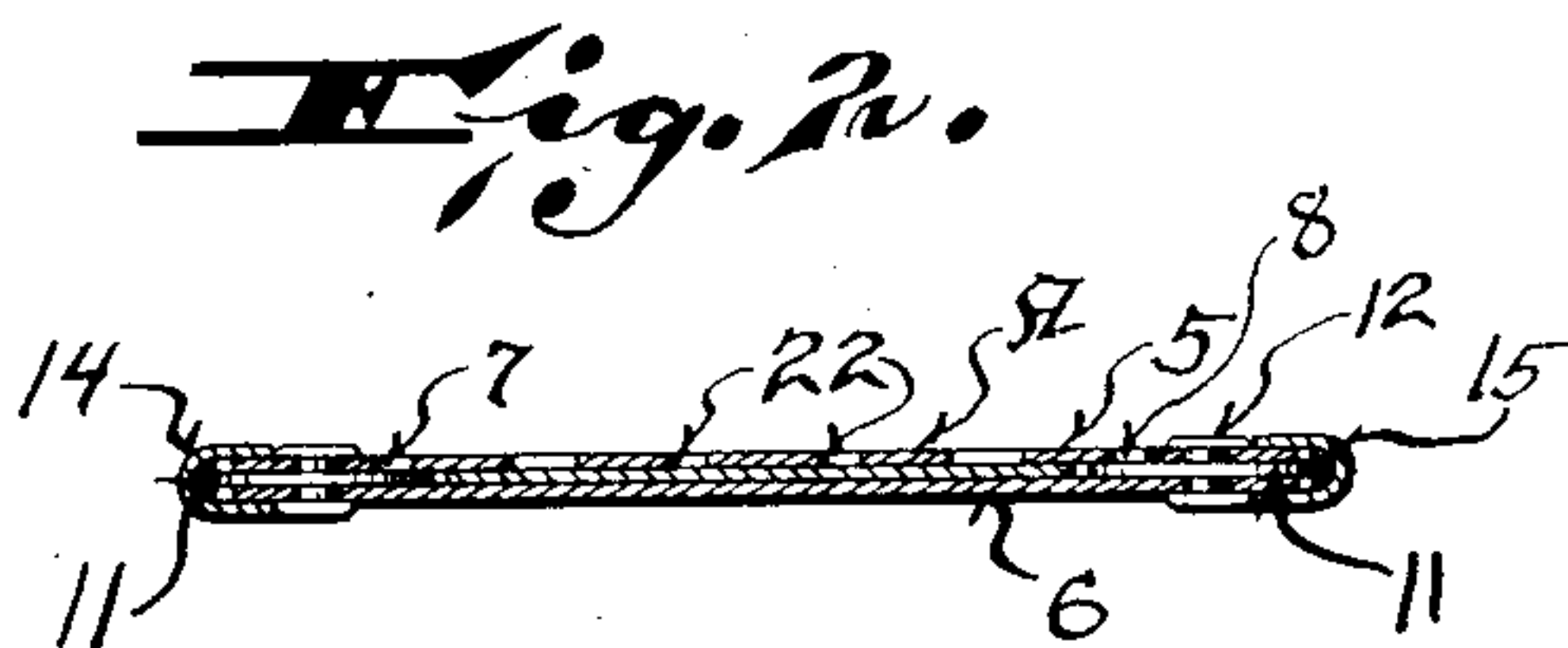
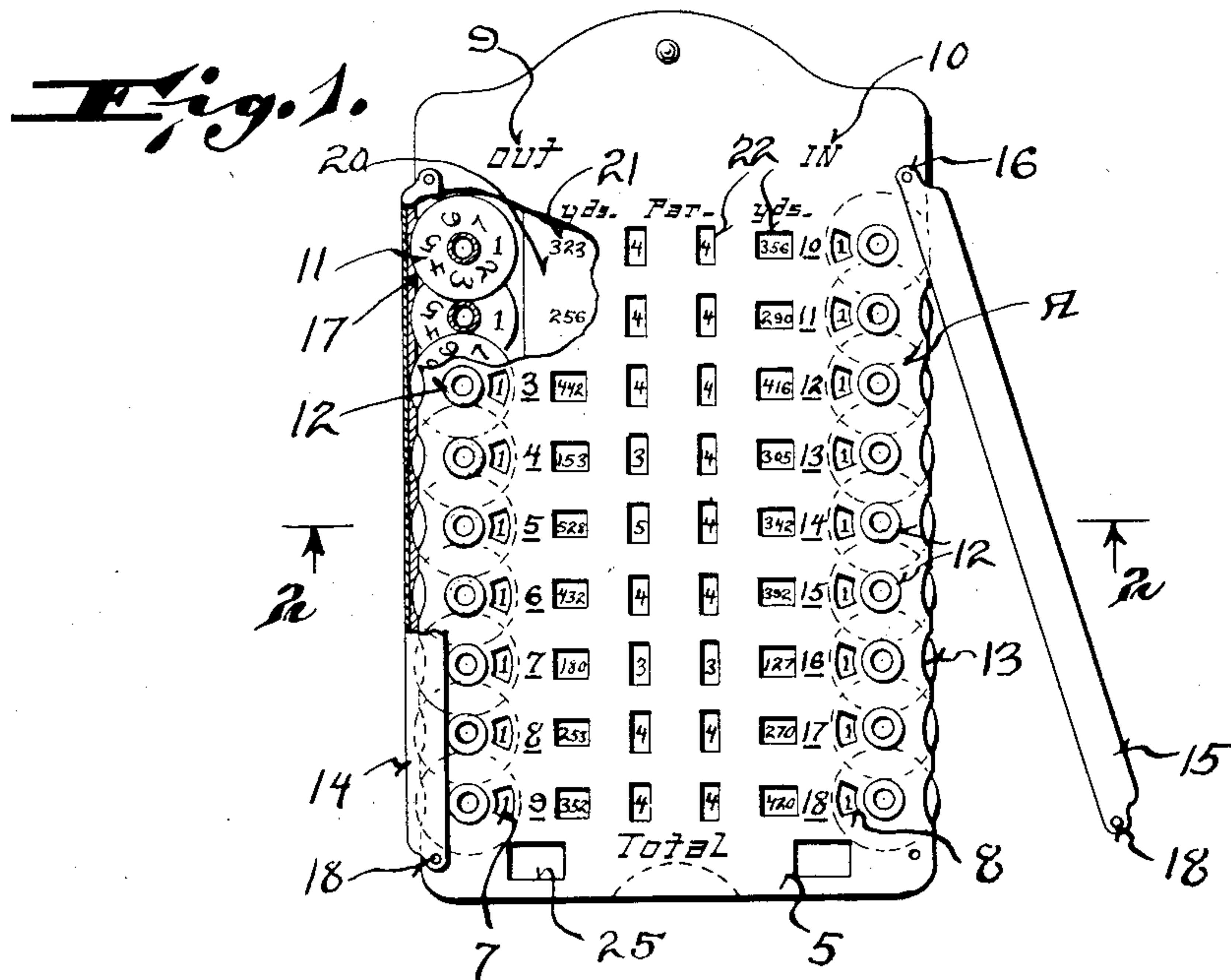
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This invention appertains to the game of golf and more particularly to a novel device for keeping track of the number of strokes taken on each hole of a course.

6 Considerable inconvenience is experienced by golf players in the keeping of their scores during the playing of the game and a pencil and a pad is generally employed for this purpose. Not only is the carrying of the pencil and pad objectionable, but the marking of the pad without a suitable support or backing is difficult. Likewise, with the pad and pencil only a total of the number of strokes for each hole is marked down and consequently, the players have to rely on memory for the number of strokes taken.

10 It is therefore one of the primary objects of this invention to provide a novel score card or counter including a flat body having sight openings therein and a counter wheel for each hole rotatable on the body with numbers (indicating strokes) visible one at a time through the openings, the counter wheels being movable so as to permit the setting thereof for indicating the number of strokes taken on each hole, the numbers on each wheel starting with one, so that a wheel can be turned one space as each stroke is taken.

20 Another salient object of my invention is the provision of novel swinging guard members carried by the sides of the body for swinging movement into and out of engagement with the exposed turning portions of the wheels, the guards functioning when in their lowered position for holding the wheels in their set positions against accidental turning movement, while the card or counter is being carried in the pocket of the player.

30 A further important object of my invention is to provide a score card or counter for use in playing the game of golf embodying front and rear plates between which the counter wheels are mounted, the front plate having formed therein sight openings through which are visible numbers on a removable card held between the plates for indicating par on each of the holes and the number of yards for each hole on a particular course.

40 A still further object of my invention is to provide a novel counter of the above character, which will be durable and efficient in use, one that will be simple and easy to manufacture and one which can be placed upon the market at a reasonable cost.

50 With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel construction, ar-

5 rangement and formation of parts, as will be hereinafter more specifically described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved score card or counter showing parts thereof broken away and in section to illustrate structural detail.

Figure 2 is a transverse section taken on the line 2-2 of Figure 1 looking in the direction of the arrows both of the swinging guards however being shown in their innermost positions.

Figure 3 is a fragmentary rear elevation of my improved device showing the removable card for indicating yardage and par partly removed from the body of the score card or counter.

Referring to the drawing in detail, wherein similar reference characters designate the corresponding parts throughout the several views, the letter A generally indicates my improved score card or counter which comprises a pair of like companion front and rear plates 5 and 6. These front and rear plates 5 and 6 can be formed from any desired material, such as celluloid and the front plate 5 is provided with two rows of sight openings 7 and 8 adjacent to the opposite longitudinal edges thereof. As shown, there are nine of these sight openings adjacent to each longitudinal edge of the plate 5 and thus, a sight opening is provided for each hole of the golf course and one row of openings 7 can be provided with the legend "Out" as indicated by the reference character 9 while the other row of openings 8 can be provided with the legend "In" as indicated by the reference character 10.

Between the front and rear plates 5 and 6 I mount a plurality of counter wheels 11 and as shown, a counter wheel is provided for each opening and thus, a different counter wheel is provided for each hole played. These counter wheels 11 are each provided with numbers which can extend from one to seven but obviously, these numbers can run higher if so desired. The sight windows are so arranged that the numbers appear one at a time through the same. I preferably provide rivets 12 for rotatably holding the wheels in position and these rivets 12 extend through the front and rear plates 5 and 6 and the rotatable wheels and thus, these rivets also function to hold the front and rear plates in their assembled condition. The longitudinal edges of the front and rear plates 5 and 6 can be notched as at 13 so that a portion of the peripheries of the wheels will be exposed and thereby permit

the convenient turning of the wheels by the thumb of the player. Obviously, the peripheries of the wheels can be notched or roughened to facilitate this turning without departing from my invention.

The improved score card or counter is adapted to be carried in the pocket of the player and consequently, there might be danger of the wheels being inadvertently turned during the playing of a hole. Consequently, I provide novel swinging guards 14 and 15 for the counter. These guards 14 and 15 can also be formed from any desired material and the same are of a substantially U-shape in cross section, as can be readily seen from Figure 2, in order to embrace the opposite sides and longitudinal edges of the counter. These guards 14 and 15 are connected by means of pivot pins 16 to the body of the counter, so that the guards can be swung into and out of operative position relative to the wheels. The inner faces of the guards can be lined with felt or the like 17 for engaging the wheels so as to prevent the turning thereof, and if preferred, this lining can be indented at spaced points for receiving the exposed portions of the wheels.

The free ends of the guards 14 and 15 can carry struck-in tits 18 for frictionally engaging the body of the counter so as to prevent accidental swinging movement of the guards.

In use of my improved counter, it is merely necessary to rotate the counting wheel for the hole being played as a stroke is taken and the number appearing through the sight opening indicates the total number of strokes taken on a predetermined hole.

Obviously, the counter can be used over and over again and the use thereof renders the keeping of the score an easy one.

Different golf courses have different par strokes

for each hole and different numbers of yards between each hole. In order to render my counter more effective for playing different courses, a removable card 20 can be inserted between the front and rear plates 5 and 6. This card can have printed on one face thereof rows of numbers indicating yardage and par for the various holes as indicated by the reference character 21 and the front plate 5 can be provided with rows of openings 22 through which these numbers can appear. These cards 20 can be obtained for the particular course being played and can be readily inserted in place between the plates 5 and 6. The rear plate 6 can be provided with a finger notch 23 for facilitating the removal of the card 20.

If desired, the front plate 5 can be provided with enlarged openings 25 below the rows of openings 21, so that a person can mark down the total number of strokes for the nine holes out and the nine holes in after he has returned to the club house.

Changes in details may be made without departing from the spirit or the scope of this invention, but what I claim as new is:

A scoring device for the game of golf comprising a holder for the reception of a card having certain printed indicia thereon, said holder including a pair of like front and rear plates, the plates being spaced at one end defining an entrance mouth for the card, and means on said plates for counting the strokes taken on each hole of a golf course, one of said plates having rows of side openings therein for disclosing to view the printed matter on the card, the mentioned plate also having enlarged openings therein to permit the total number of strokes taken, as shown by the counting means, to be written on the card.

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