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Fig. 1.

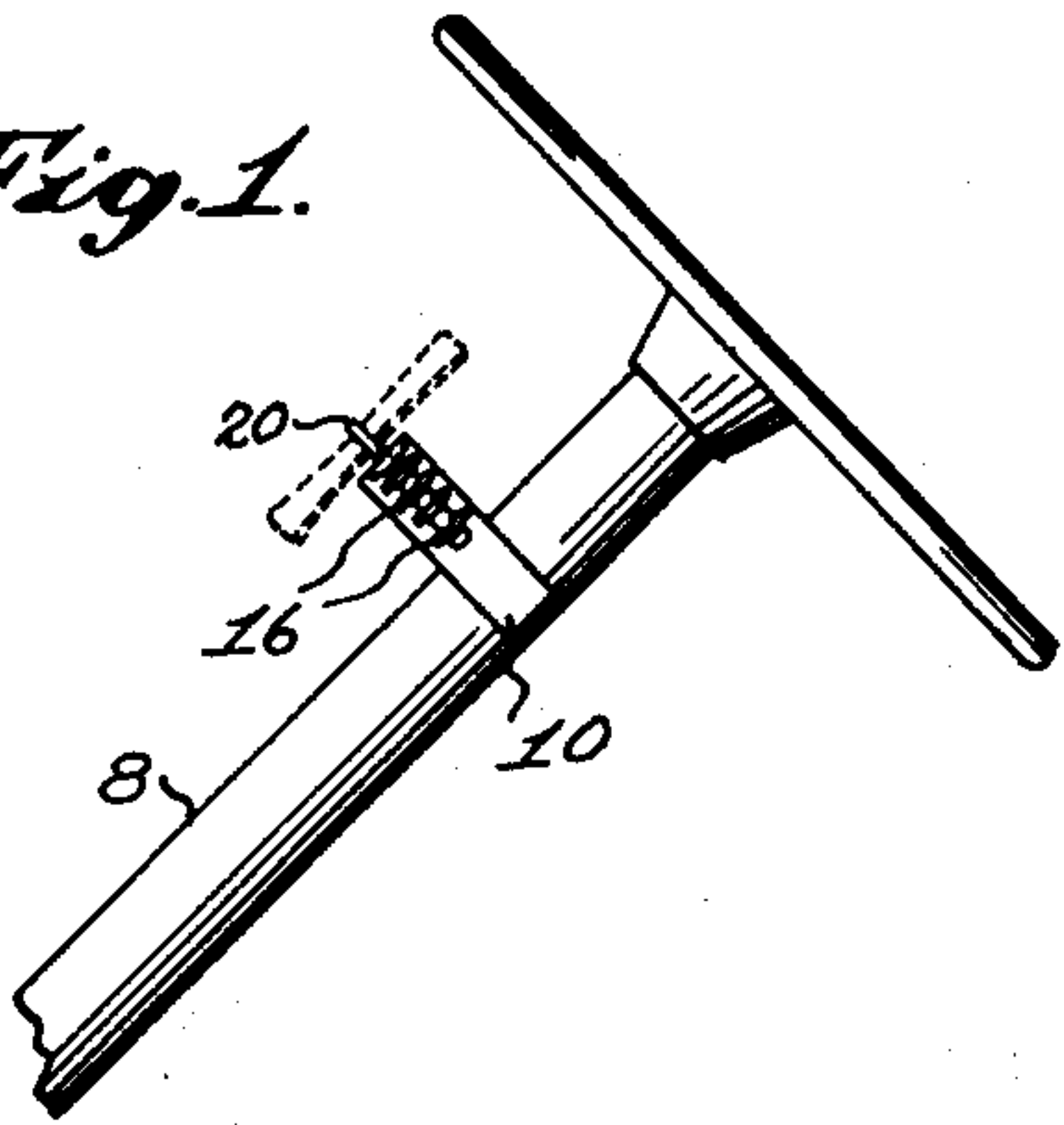


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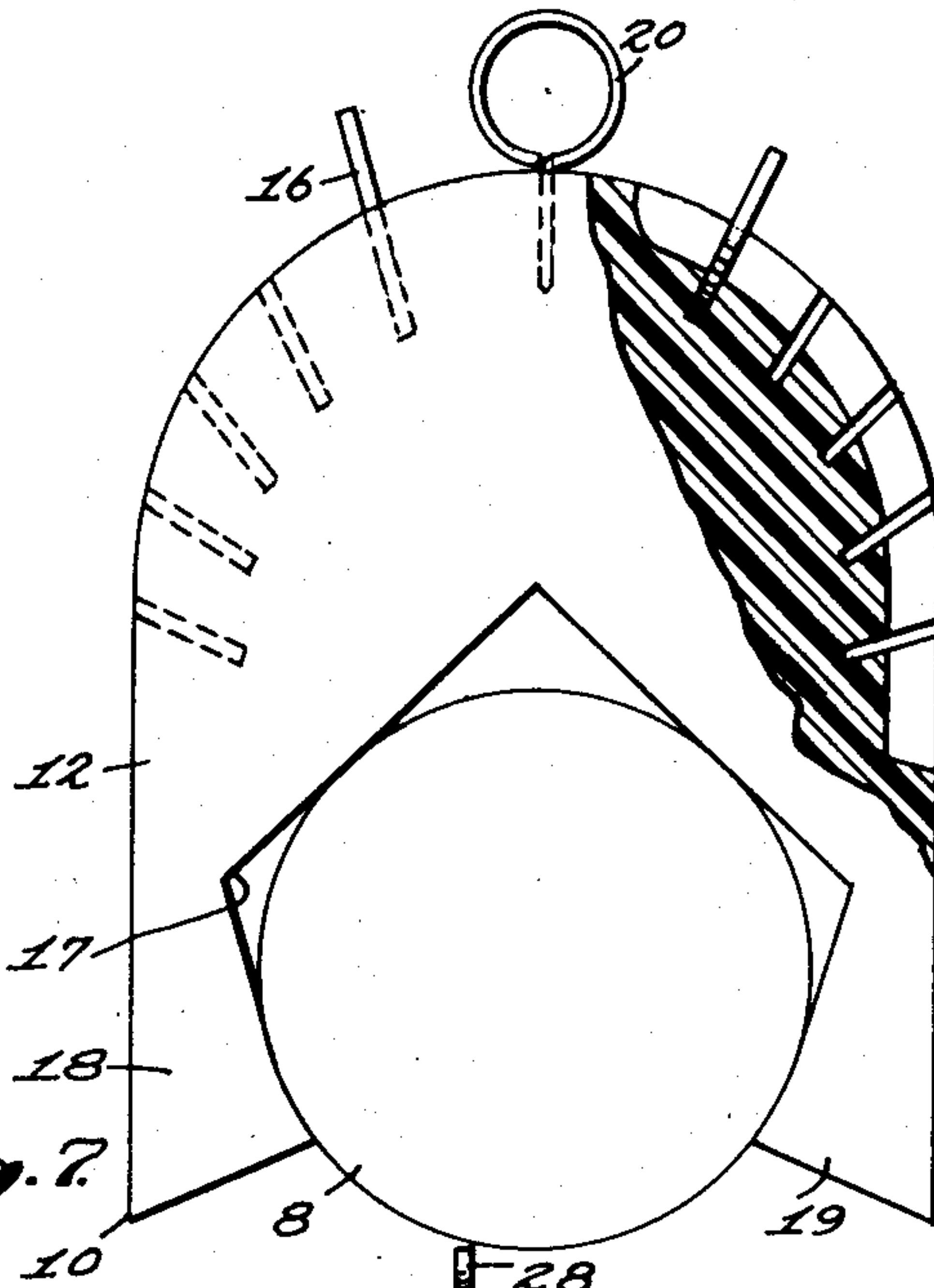


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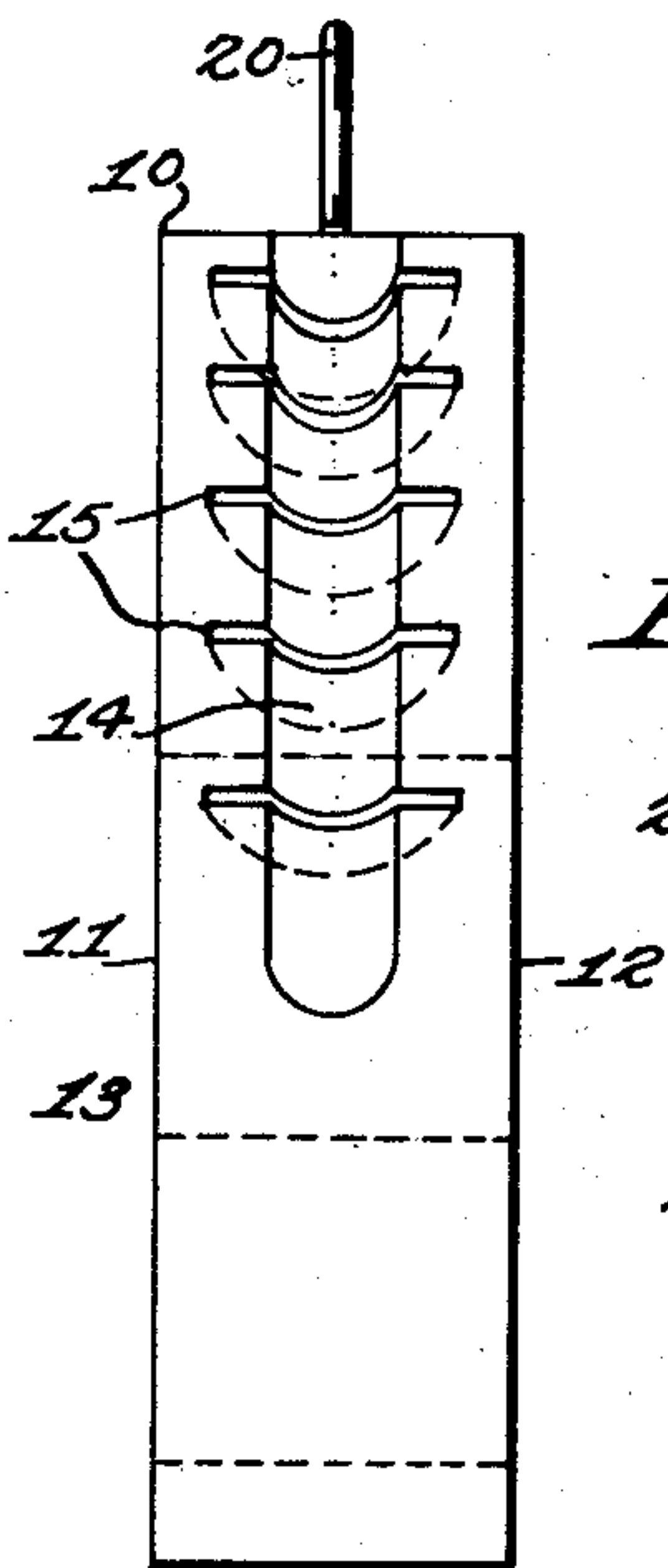


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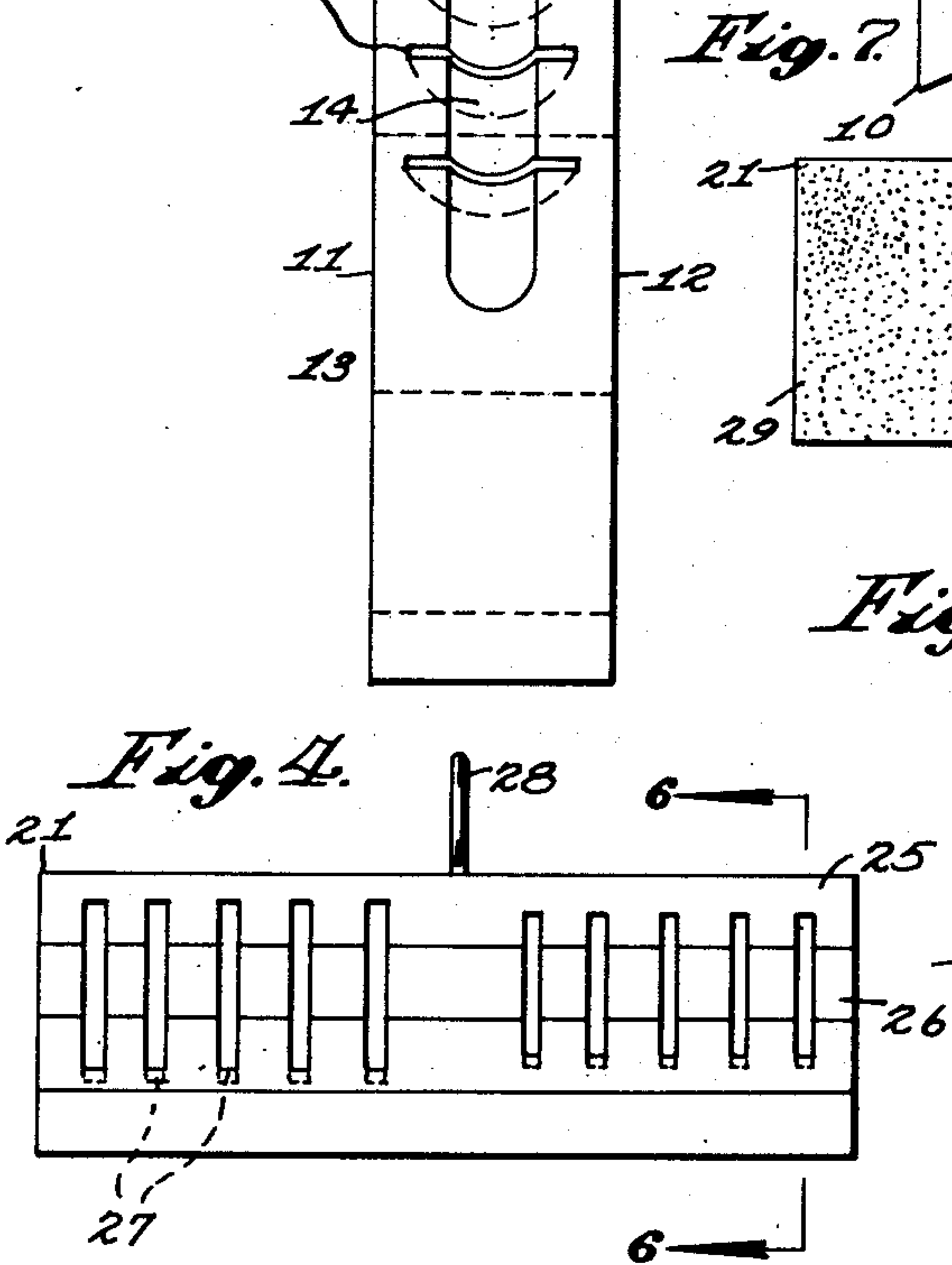
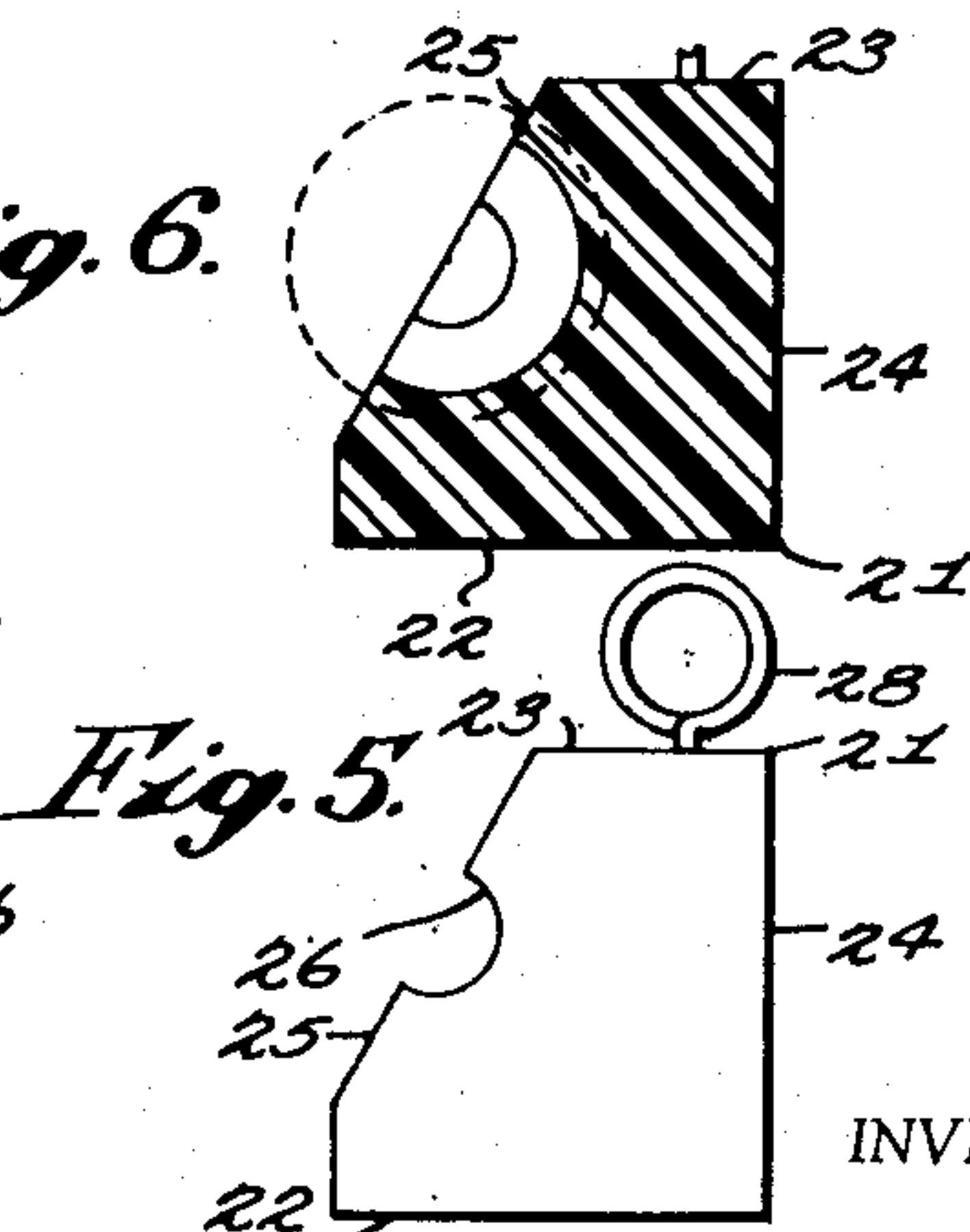


Fig. 5.



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This invention relates to coin holders and more particularly to a coin holder adapted to be mounted in an automobile to hold a supply of coins for parking meters, toll charges and similar purposes.

It is among the objects of the invention to provide an improved coin holder which can be easily mounted in an automobile and will hold a supply of coins conveniently accessible to the operator of the automobile; which can be mounted in an automobile with no modification of the automobile structure; which holds the coins in an easily accessible and separated condition so that there is no rattling of the coins or holder; and which is simple and durable in construction, economical to manufacture, and neat and attractive in appearance.

Other objects and advantages will become apparent from a consideration of the following description and the appended claims in conjunction with the accompanying drawing wherein;

Figure 1 is a side elevational view of a fragmentary portion of an automobile steering column with a coin holder illustrative of the invention mounted thereon;

Figure 2 is a top plan view on an enlarged scale of the coin holder illustrated in Figure 1, a portion being broken away and shown in cross section to better illustrate the construction thereof;

Figure 3 is a side elevational view of the coin holder illustrated in Figures 1 and 2;

Figure 4 is a front elevational view of a modified form of coin holder;

Figure 5 is an end elevational view of the coin holder illustrated in Figure 4;

Figure 6 is a transverse cross sectional view on the line 6—6 of Figure 4; and

Figure 7 is a rear elevational view of the coin holder illustrated in Figure 4.

With continued reference to the drawing, the coin holder illustrated in Figures 1, 2 and 3 comprises a body 10 of resilient material, such as hard rubber or synthetic resin plastic of substantially U shape having two flat surfaces 11 and 12 disposed in spaced apart and substantially parallel relationship to each other and separated by a distance somewhat greater than the diameter of a coin, such as a nickel, dime or penny, to be placed in the holder, and having a third surface 13 extending around the outer edges of the surfaces 11 and 12. The edge surface 13 has a semicircular intermediate portion and straight end portions disposed substantially parallel to each other and spaced apart a distance somewhat greater than the diameter of a steering

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column 8 on which the holder is adapted to be mounted.

The third surface 12 is substantially perpendicular to the flat surfaces 11 and 12 and has a groove 14 of substantially semicircular cross sectional shape extending around the curved portion of said third surface longitudinally of the latter and disposed substantially midway between the corresponding edges of the flat surfaces 11 and 12. The body 10 is also provided in the curved portion of the edge surface 13 thereof with uniformly spaced apart coin receiving recesses 15 which have an elongated, rectangular shape at the surface of the body and are disposed transversely of the groove 14 and substantially perpendicular to the edges of the flat surfaces 11 and 12. These recesses have a thickness substantially equal to the thickness of a coin to be inserted therein and are partly circular in shape with their rounded edges extending away from the surface 13 into the body 10 and are angularly disposed relative to the longitudinal center line of the body. These recesses will receive coins and hold the coins with a sufficient portion of each coin projecting outwardly of the surface 13, as indicated at 16 in Figure 2, to provide a convenient finger grip on the coins, so that coins can be easily placed in and removed from the recesses. The recesses have a depth sufficient to receive enough of a coin therein, however, to firmly hold a coin in the recess, so that the coin will not be accidentally dislodged by vibration or accidental impact.

The body 10 has a notch or recess 17 therein opening to its end remote from the semicircular portion of the surface 13 and this recess is of a size to closely receive the steering column 8 of an automobile.

The opening 17 is polygonal or rhomboidal in shape and provides at the end of the body remote from the curved portion of the surface 13 a pair of oppositely disposed inwardly extending jaw formations 18 and 19 which embracingly engages the steering column 8 and hold the steering column in the opening and pressed against the surfaces of the opening at the closed side of the latter. The material of the body 10 has sufficient resiliency so that the jaws 18 and 19 can be forced over the steering column and will then press against the steering column to hold the coin holder or carrier firmly in position on the steering column.

At the center of the curved portion of the surface 14 a ring pin 20 has its stem inserted into the body and its ring portion disposed adjacent

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the surface 13. The purpose of this ring pin is to hold memorandum or note paper or other small objects, as may be desired.

The coin receiving recesses 15 are preferably divided into two separate series disposed one series at each side of the ring pin 20 and with the recesses in one series of a different size than the recesses in the other series, so that coins of two different denominations, such as nickels and pennies, can be conveniently carried by the coin holder.

In the modified form of the invention illustrated in Figures 4 to 7 inclusive, the body 21 of resilient material is straight and of substantially rectangular shape. This body has a flat bottom surface 22, a flat top surface 23 of a width less than the bottom surface, a back surface 24 extending between the rear edges of the top and bottom surfaces and disposed substantially perpendicular to these surfaces, the top and bottom surfaces being substantially parallel to each other and spaced apart a distance somewhat greater than the diameter of a coin to be carried by the holder. The body also has a front surface including a portion 25 inclined from a location adjacent the front edge of the bottom surface 22 to the front edge of the narrower top surface 23.

A groove 26 of substantially semicircular cross sectional shape extends longitudinally of the body along the mid-width location of the surface 25 and the body is provided in its surface 25 with a plurality of coin receiving recesses 27 which are of elongated, rectangular shape at the surface 25 of the body and extends transversely of the groove 26 substantially perpendicular to the bottom and top surfaces 22 and 23.

These recesses are partly circular in their shape extending away from the surface 25 and have a depth to receive a sufficient portion of a coin to hold the coin against accidental dislodgment from the holder. The recesses at the opposite sides of the mid-length location of the body are preferably of different size so that the holder will carry coins of different denominations.

A ring pin 28 has its shank portion embedded in the body substantially at the mid-length location of the top surface 23 of the body, and its ring formation disposed adjacent this top surface and substantially perpendicular thereto. The purpose of this ring pin is to carry note or memorandum paper or other small objects, as indicated above.

The back wall 24 of the body 21 is provided with a coating 29 of adhesive material and preferably a pressure activated adhesive, so that the body can be adhesively secured to the surface of an automobile instrument board, or other support having a flat smooth surface.

The invention may be embodied in other specific forms without departing from the spirit or

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essential characteristics thereof. The present embodiment is, therefore, to be considered in all respects as illustrative and not restrictive, the scope of the invention being indicated by the appended claims rather than by the foregoing description, and all changes which come within the meaning and range of equivalency of the claims are, therefore, intended to be embraced therein.

What is claimed is:

1. A coin holder comprising a body of elastic material having two flat surfaces disposed in spaced apart and substantially parallel relationship to each other and a third surface disposed between the edges of said two flat surfaces, said third surface having a rounded groove extending longitudinally thereof between the edges of said flat surfaces and having coin receiving recesses of elongated rectangular shape extending transversely of said groove at uniformly spaced apart locations therealong and disposed between and substantially perpendicular to the adjacent portions of the edges of said two flat surfaces, said third surface being of U shape and including a substantially semicircular intermediate portion with said groove and said coin receiving recesses disposed in such semicircular portion, and said body having in the end thereof remote from the semicircular portion of said third surface an open sided recess of polygonal shape adapted to receive and embracingly engage an automobile steering column.

2. A coin holder comprising a body of elastic material having flat face surfaces disposed in spaced and substantially parallel relationship to each other and a side surface extending therearound between the edges of said face surfaces and disposed substantially perpendicular to said face surfaces, said body having straight and substantially parallel side portions, a convexly curved end and an opening of polygonal shape therein at the end thereof remote from said convexly curved end and having a groove extending around the convexly curved end thereof medially of the width of the corresponding portion of said side surface and coin receiving recesses extending transversely of said side surface at locations spaced apart around the convexly curved end of said body thereof.

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