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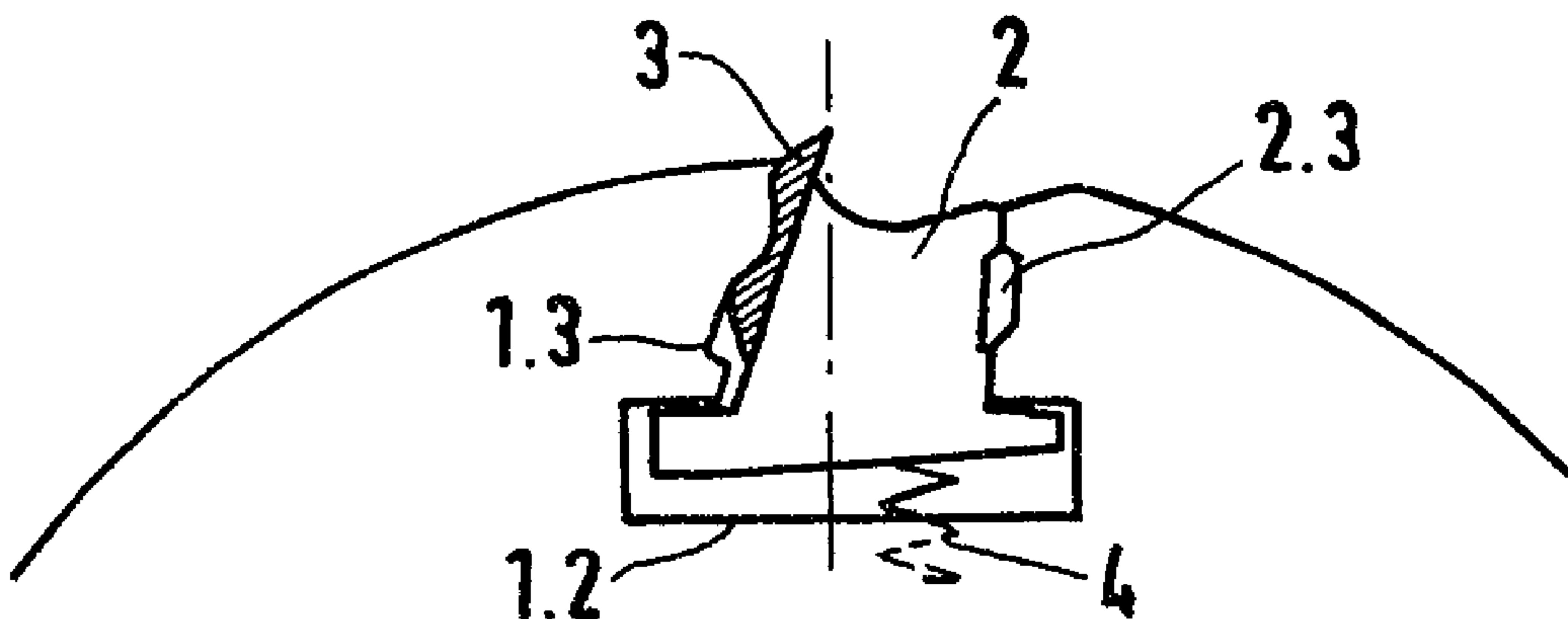
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A quick-clamping device is described, operated by centrifugal force, for clamping a disposable, reversible blade to the cutter head or the cutter shaft of a planing machine. According to the invention, the quick-clamping device is characterized by a centrifugal clamping wedge having a cross-sectional configuration similar to an inverted T-shape. For clamping a disposable, reversible blade, the centrifugal clamping wedge is disposed in a groove, having substantially the same configuration, of a rotatable tool base body, and is supported in resilient manner against the groove bottom.

**ABSTRACT**

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QUICK-CLAMPING DEVICE

The invention relates to a quick-clamping device operated by centrifugal force, for clamping a 5 disposable, reversible blade to the cutter head or the cutter shaft of a planing machine.

In a known quick-clamping system of the type mentioned, an angular profiled ledge is provided in addition to a centrifugal wedge for clamping a reversible 10 blade in the respective groove of a rotating cutter shaft. The ledge engages with its longitudinal rib in a channel, as seen in the direction of rotation of the cutter shaft, front side surface of the reversible blade. A desired rapid blade change may be realized therein by 15 first releasing the blade clamping effect by means of a light stroke applied to the centrifugal wedge. Withdrawal of the reversible blade from the groove of the cutter shaft as well as re-insertion thereof after blade reversal or insertion of a new blade can be carried out 20 in the axial direction of the cutter shaft, and thereafter automatic clamping of the entire system can be effected by the centrifugal force occurring during rotation of said system.

A serious disadvantage of the known system 25 consists in that no measures are provided therein for preventing hurling away of centrifugal wedge and angular profiled ledge from the respective groove in the cutter shaft in case the planing machine is erroneously put into operation without having reversible blades inserted 30 therein.

It is thus an object of an aspect of the present invention to provide a quick-clamping device of the type indicated at the outset, which renders possible rapid blade change and safe clamping of disposable,

reversible blades while at the same time avoiding the risk of accidents and/or damage to parts of the planing machine.

According to the present invention, there is  
5 provided a quick-clamping device operated by centrifugal force, for clamping a disposable, reversible blade to the cutter head or the cutter shaft of a planing machine, characterized by a centrifugal clamping wedge 2 having a cross-sectional configuration similar to that of a n  
10 inverted T-shape, which for clamping of a disposable, reversible blade 3 is disposed in a groove, having substantially the same configuration, of a rotatable tool base body 1 and is supported in resilient manner against the groove bottom.

15 In the preferred embodiment, the quick-clamping device permits instant, safe clamping of the disposable, reversible blade immediately upon starting of the planing machine. Due to the configuration of the centrifugal clamping wedge, i.e. the clamping wedge operable by  
20 centrifugal force, and of the groove cross-section in the tool base body, hurling of said clamping wedge out of the particular groove of the cutter head or cutter shaft is rendered impossible.

In accordance with a further embodiment, the  
25 present invention provides a releasable clamping assembly for clamping a blade to a rotatable part of a planing machine, said assembly comprising:

a) a groove formed in said machine part, said groove when viewed in cross section, having a relatively  
30 broad bottom wall and a pair of side walls defining a narrowed slot extending through a side surface of said machine part, said bottom wall defining at least one

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recessed stop shoulder underlying one side wall of said slot and interconnecting said bottom wall and said one side wall;

5 b) a wedge disposed in said groove and conforming in cross section generally to the shape of said groove, said wedge having a stem disposed in said groove slot, and a transversely enlarged head facing said groove bottom wall, said head defining at least one stop flange facing said stop shoulder;

10 c) a blade disposed in said groove slot adjacent to said wedge, said blade being unconnected to said wedge; and

15 d) spring means on said groove bottom wall, said spring means being operable to bias said wedge radially, and against said blade to clamp said blade between said wedge and a first side wall of said groove slot and opposite said one groove side wall, and to bias said stop flange against said stop shoulder.

Furthermore, due to the design of the  
20 centrifugal clamping wedge, as will be described in more detail below, a surprisingly simple blade change is rendered possible as well.

The invention will be elucidated in more detail by way of two preferred embodiments with reference to the  
25 drawings in which

Figure 1 shows a cross-section through a first embodiment of the quick-clamping device operated by centrifugal force, for clamping a disposable, reversible

blade to the cutter head or the cutter shaft of a planing machine according to the invention, illustrating the blade in clamped condition;

5 Figure 2 shows the cross-sectional drawing according to Figure 1; however, the blade being released from the clamped condition and being adapted to be withdrawn in axial direction of the tool base body;

10 Figure 3 shows a front elevation of the tool base body according to Figures 1 and 2 with axially partially withdrawn blade;

15 Figure 4 shows a cross-section through a second embodiment of the quick-clamping device according to the invention, again illustrating the blade in the clamped condition;

20 Figure 5 shows the cross-sectional drawing according to Figure 4; however, the blade being released from the clamped condition;

25 Figure 6 shows the cross-sectional drawing according to Figure 4; however, the blade being released for withdrawal thereof in radial direction; and

30 Figure 7 shows a front elevation of the tool base body according to Figures 4 to 6 with radially partially withdrawn blade.

35 As can be seen from Figures 1, 2 and 4 to 6, the rotatable tool base body 1 of a planing machine has axially extending grooves 1.1 formed therein. In each groove 1.1, there is disposed a centrifugal clamping wedge 2, i.e. a clamping wedge operable by centrifugal force, by means of which one disposable, reversible blade 3 each can be clamped.

40 Groove 1.1 and centrifugal clamping wedge 2 are provided in like manner with a cross-sectional configuration 35 resembling in essence an inverted T-shape. The centrifugal

clamping wedge 2 is supported against the groove bottom 1.2 via a number of resilient intermediate members, preferably springs 4, the springs 4, as seen in the cross-sectional illustration of the groove 1.1 (see Figures 1, 2 and 4 to 6), being mounted in non-symmetrical manner with respect to the centre of the groove bottom 1.2. In a first embodiment of the quick-clamping device according to the invention, as shown in Figures 1 to 3, a thrusting member in the form of a ball 5 is expediently provided between each spring 4 and the groove bottom 1.2 for ensuring exact guiding of the centrifugal clamping wedge 2 upon depression thereof in the direction of arrow A for release of the disposable, reversible blade 3 from the clamped condition or for inserting the same. After release of the disposable, reversible blade 3 has been carried out, removal thereof is possible in the axial direction (see arrow B in Figure 3).

In a second embodiment of the invention according to Figures 4 to 7, the centrifugal clamping wedge 2 is provided in particularly advantageous manner with a configuration such that, in the clamped operative condition thereof, the bottom surface thereof assumes an inclined position with respect to the groove bottom 1.2. In this position the axial bottom edge of the centrifugal clamping wedge 2 located on the side of the disposable, reversible blade 3 is closer to the groove bottom 1.2. When the centrifugal clamping wedge 2 is depressed in the direction of arrow C in Figure 5 for releasing the disposable, reversible blade 3 from the clamped condition or for insertion thereof, the clamping wedge 2 pivots about said bottom edge functioning as a pivotal axis, in the direction of arrow D in Figure 6 until the bottom surface thereof snugly rests on the groove bottom 1.2, and at the same time it releases the disposable reversible blade 3 for withdrawal thereof in the radial direction (see arrow E in Figure 7).

The lateral surfaces 2.1, 2.2 of the erect central part of the centrifugal clamping wedge 2, which extend in axial direction of the tool base body 1, as well as the 5 lateral surfaces 1.3, 1.4 of the groove 1.1. which are respectively adjacent thereto are each inclined at an acute angle of inclination  $\alpha$  &  $\beta$  with respect to the groove bottom 1.2. The angle of inclination  $\alpha$  of those adjacent lateral surfaces 1.3 and 2.1 of groove 1.1 and centrifugal clamping 10 wedge 2, respectively, between which the particular disposable, reversible blade 3 is clamped, is smaller than the angle of inclination  $\beta$  of the respective other lateral surfaces 1.4 and 2.2 of said respective parts.

15 The last-mentioned lateral surface 1.4 of the groove 1.1 and the lateral surface 2.2 of the centrifugal clamping wedge 2 cooperating therewith are each formed with an axially extending recess 1.5 and 2.3, respectively. A wedge nose 1.7 created thereby above recess 2.3 is adapted, 20 upon depression of the centrifugal clamping wedge 2, to tilt into the recess 1.5 of the lateral surface 1.4 of the groove 1.1 and is thus adapted to render possible withdrawal of the disposable, reversible blade 3 from said groove 1.1 in radial direction (see Figures 4 to 6).

25 For centered receipt of the disposable, reversible blade 3, the associated lateral surface 1.3 of the groove 1.1, furthermore, is formed with a rib 1.6 cooperating with an axially extending curved portion 3.1 on the rear side of 30 the disposable, reversible blade 3 (see Figure 6).

THE EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION IN WHICH AN EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OR PRIVILEGE IS CLAIMED ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A releasable clamping assembly for clamping a blade to a rotatable part of a planing machine, said assembly comprising:

a) a groove formed in said machine part, said groove when viewed in cross section, having a relatively broad bottom wall and a pair of side walls defining a narrowed slot extending through a side surface of said machine part, said bottom wall defining at least one recessed stop shoulder underlying one side wall of said slot and interconnecting said bottom wall and said one side wall;

b) a wedge disposed in said groove and conforming in cross section generally to the shape of said groove, said wedge having a stem disposed in said groove slot, and a transversely enlarged head facing said groove bottom wall, said head defining at least one stop flange facing said stop shoulder;

c) a blade disposed in said groove slot adjacent to said wedge, said blade being unconnected to said wedge; and

d) spring means on said groove bottom wall, said spring means being operable to bias said wedge radially, and against said blade to clamp said blade between said wedge and a first side wall of said groove slot and opposite said one groove side wall, and to bias said stop flange against said stop shoulder.

2. The clamping assembly of claim 1 wherein said first side wall of said groove slot has a rib which

projects toward said wedge, and wherein said blade has a recess matching said rib, said wedge being operable to urge said rib and recess into mating contact whereby said blade is restrained against radial movement relative to said machine part.

3. The clamping assembly of claim 2 wherein said one sidewall of said groove slot opposite said first side wall has a first medial depression flanked by a first pair of ridges, and wherein said wedge has an adjacent side wall which faces said one side wall, and which has a second medial depression flanked by a second pair of ridges which substantially mirror said first medial depression and ridges, and wherein said spring means is operable to bias said first and second pairs of ridges into face-to-face contact during clamping of said blade, and said wedge being manually movable against the bias of said spring means to cause said first and second medial depressions to receive opposite ones of said first and second ridges respectively, whereby said wedge can be rocked away from said blade to allow the latter to be moved radially out of said groove.

4. The clamping assembly of claim 3 wherein said spring means is disposed to a side of said wedge remote from said blade to cam said wedge laterally toward said blade.

5. The clamping assembly of claim 4 wherein said wedge has a bottom surface which is spaced apart from said groove bottom wall, and wherein said wedge bottom surface is oblique to said groove bottom wall when said

wedge is in its clamping position, whereby rocking movement of said wedge to release said blade is enhanced by bringing said respective bottom surface wall into parallel substantially face-to-face positions against the bias of said spring means.

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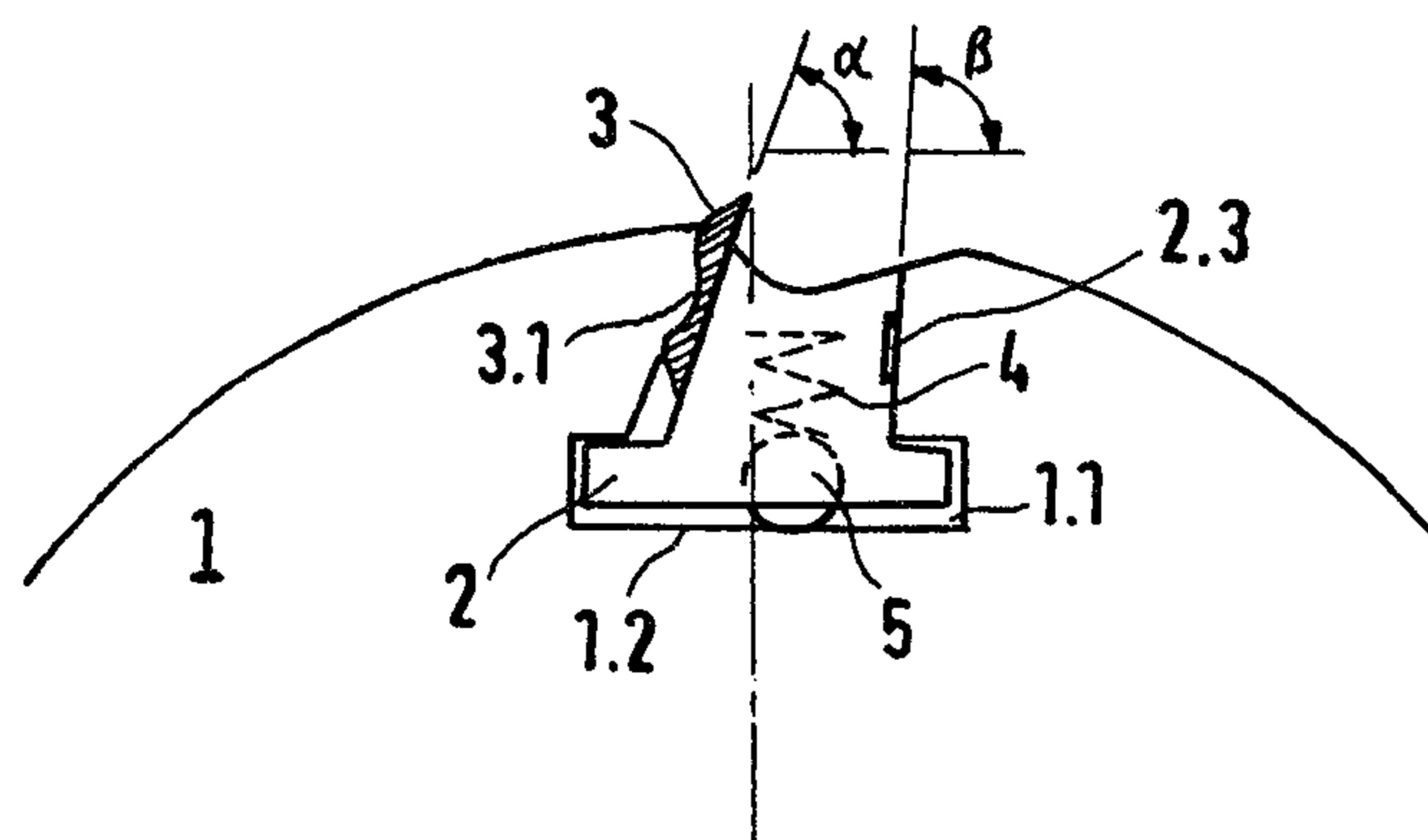


FIG. 1

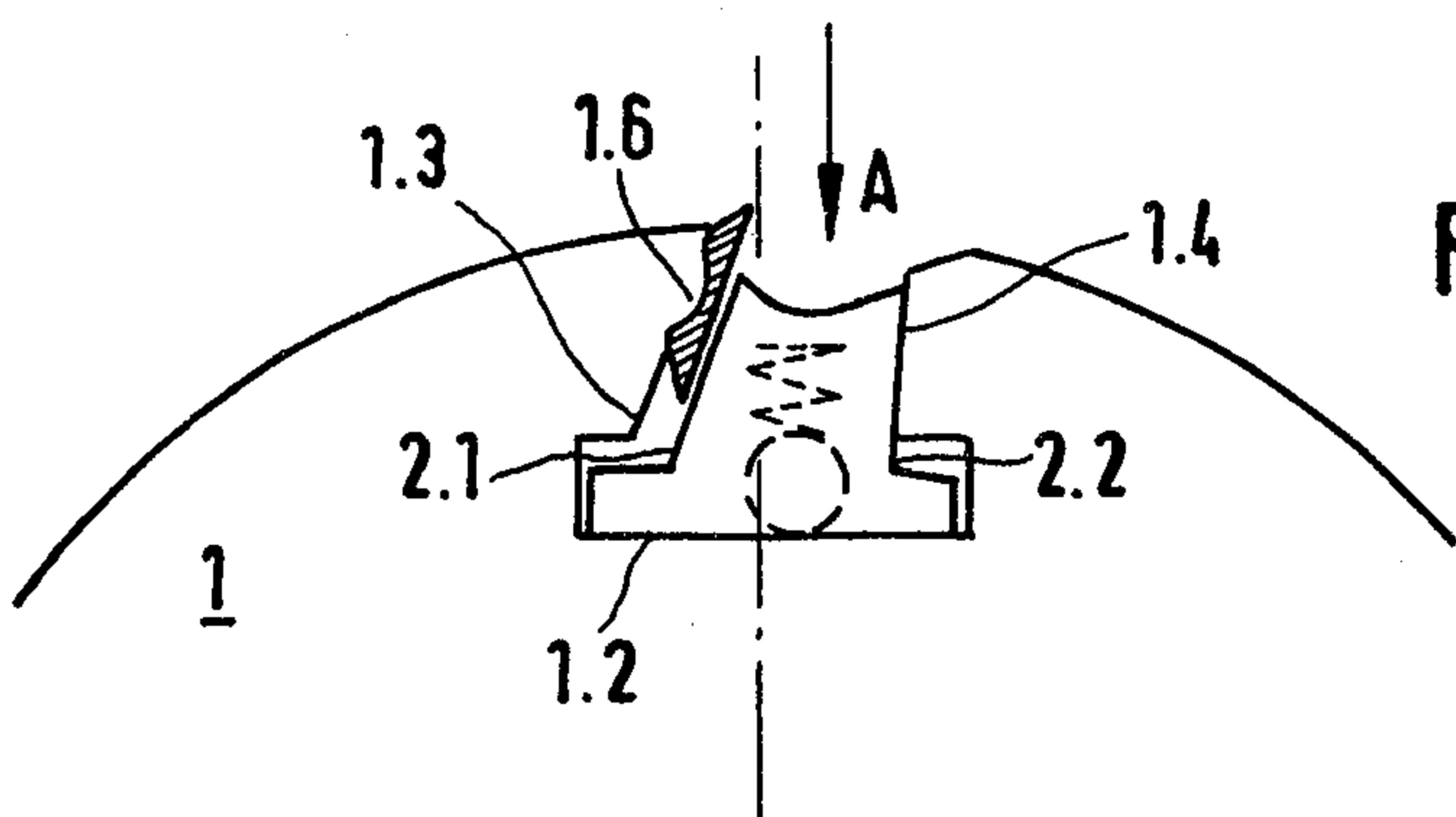


FIG. 2

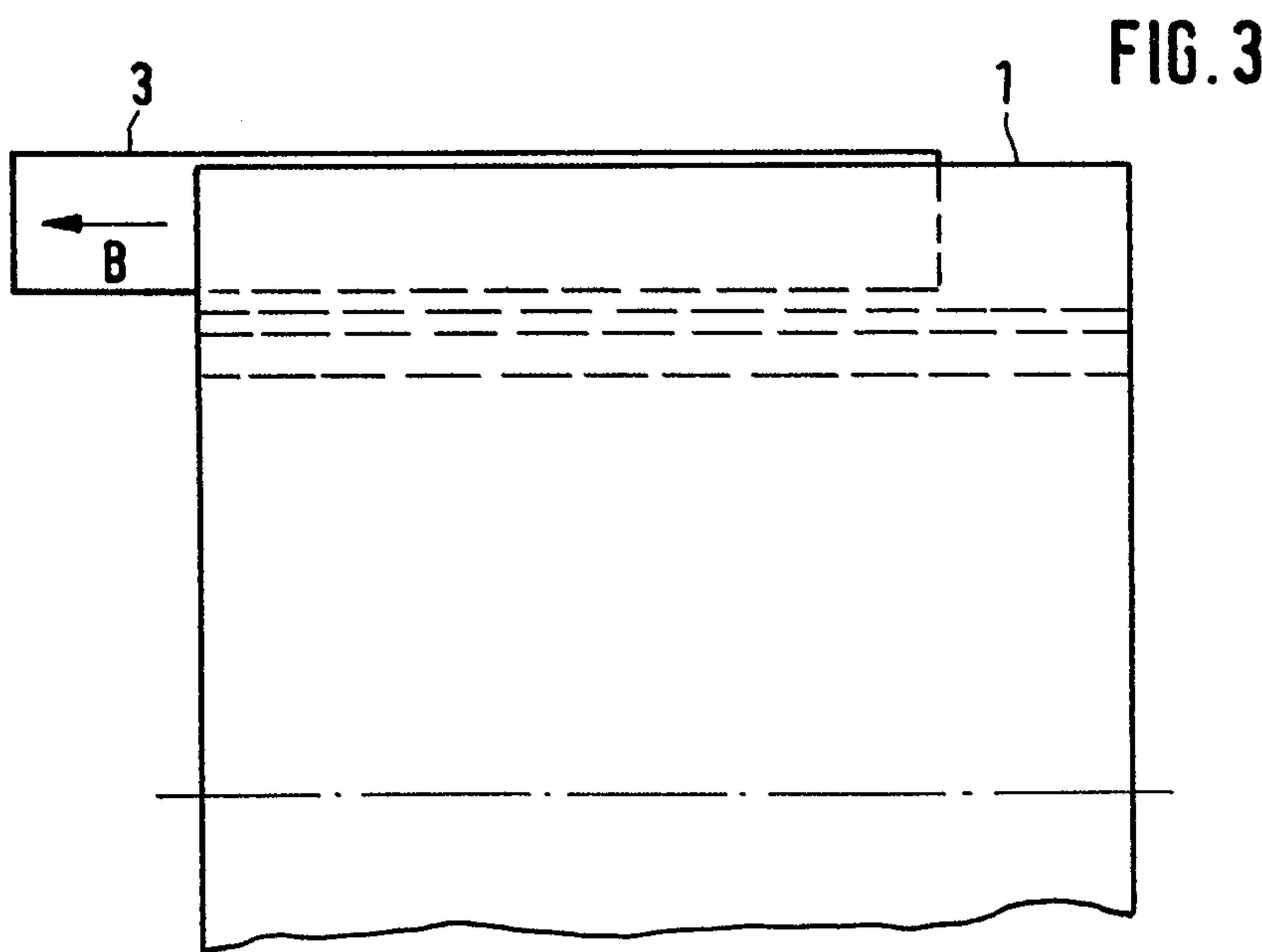
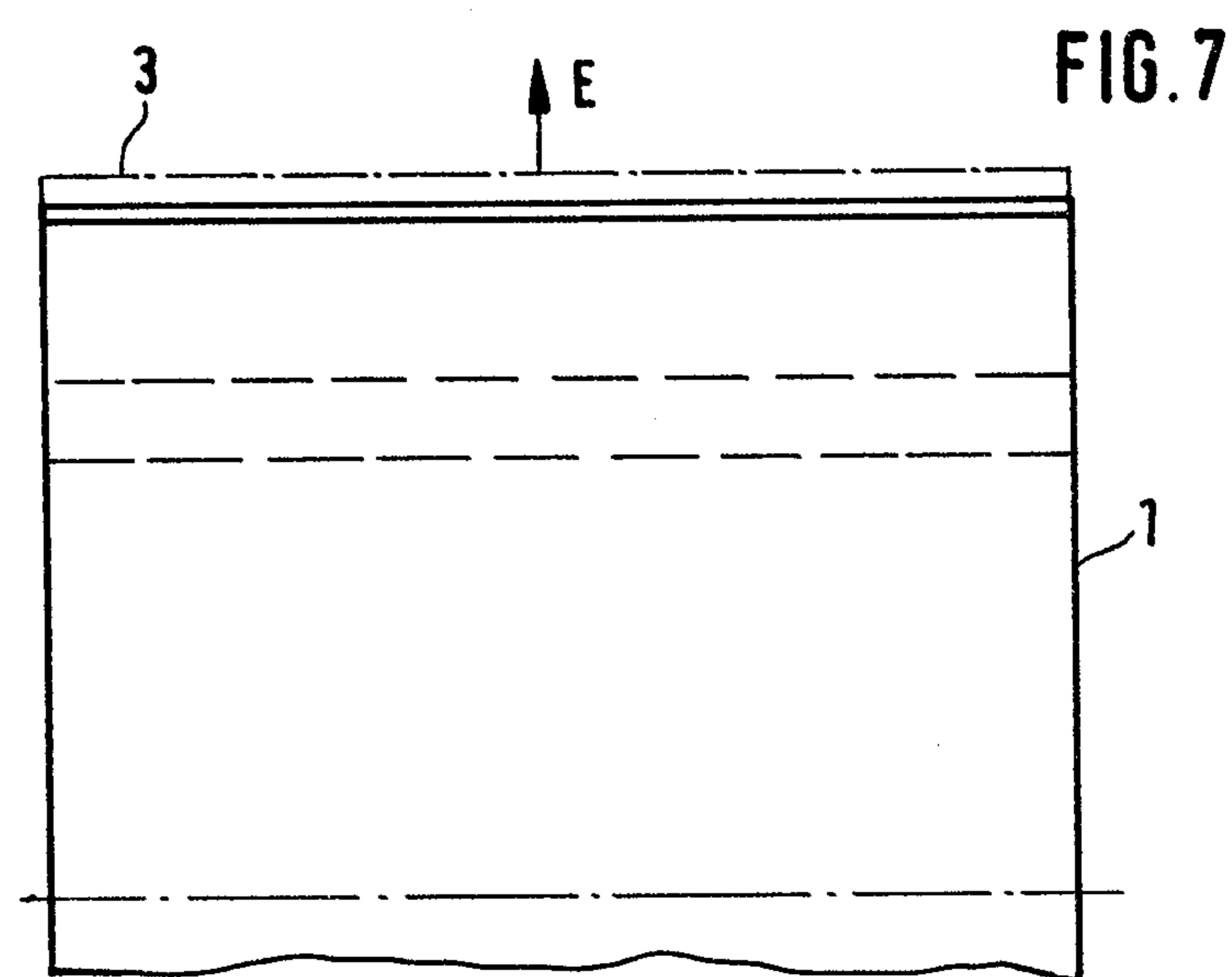
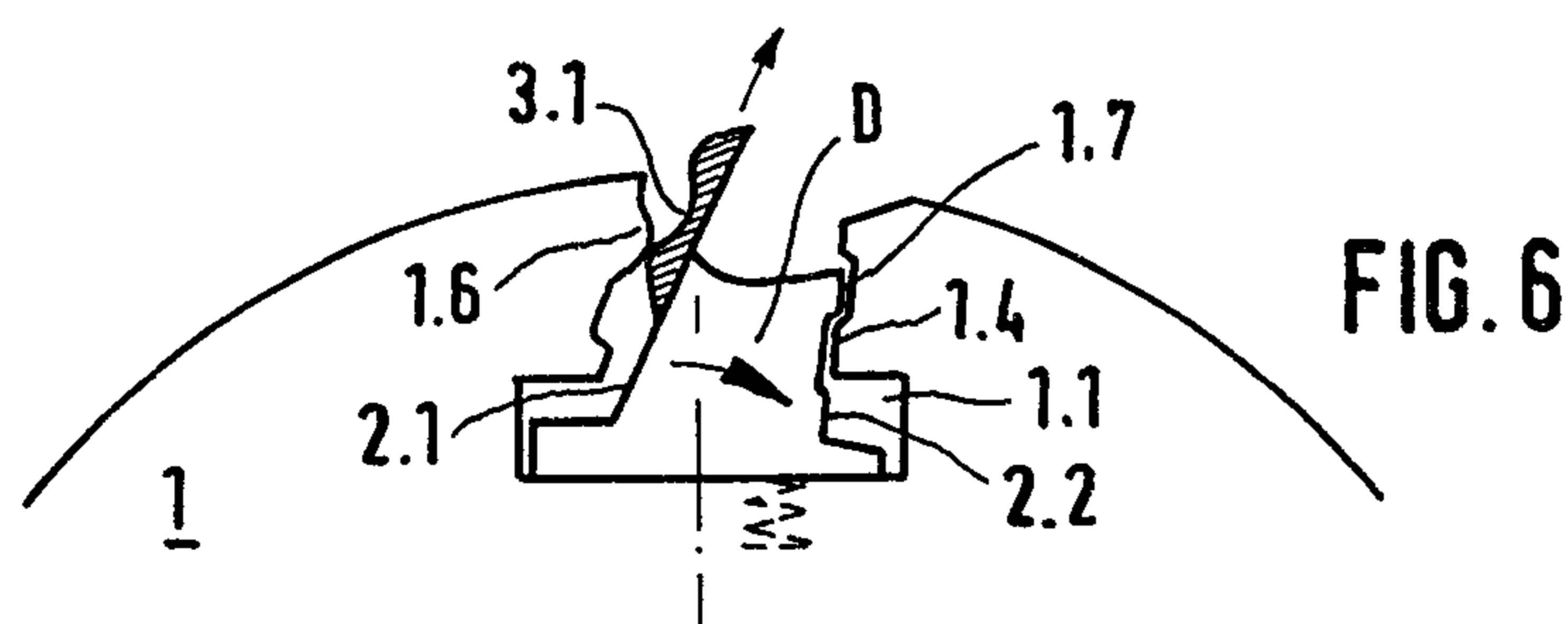
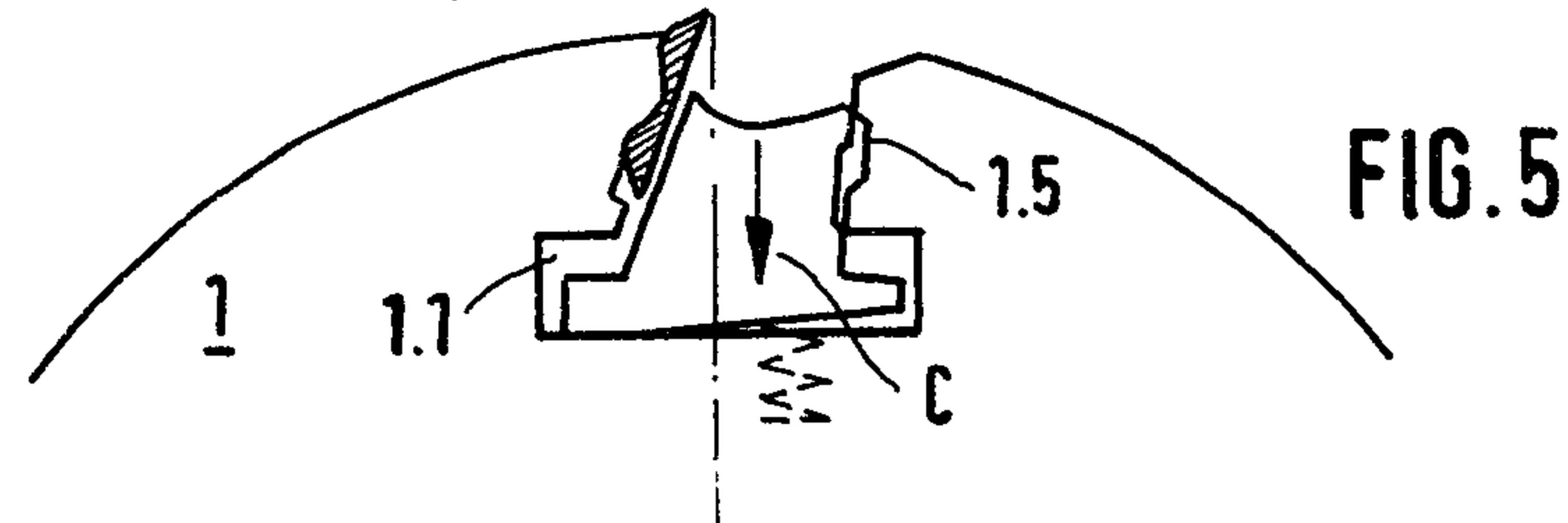
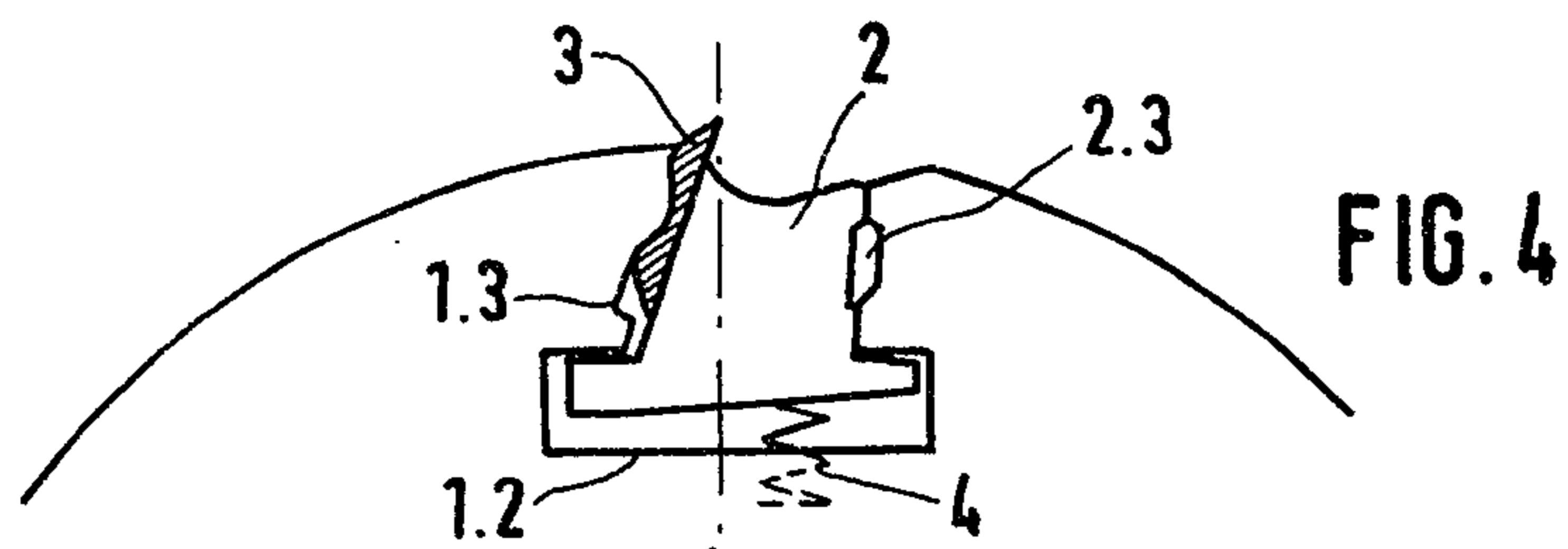


FIG. 3

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