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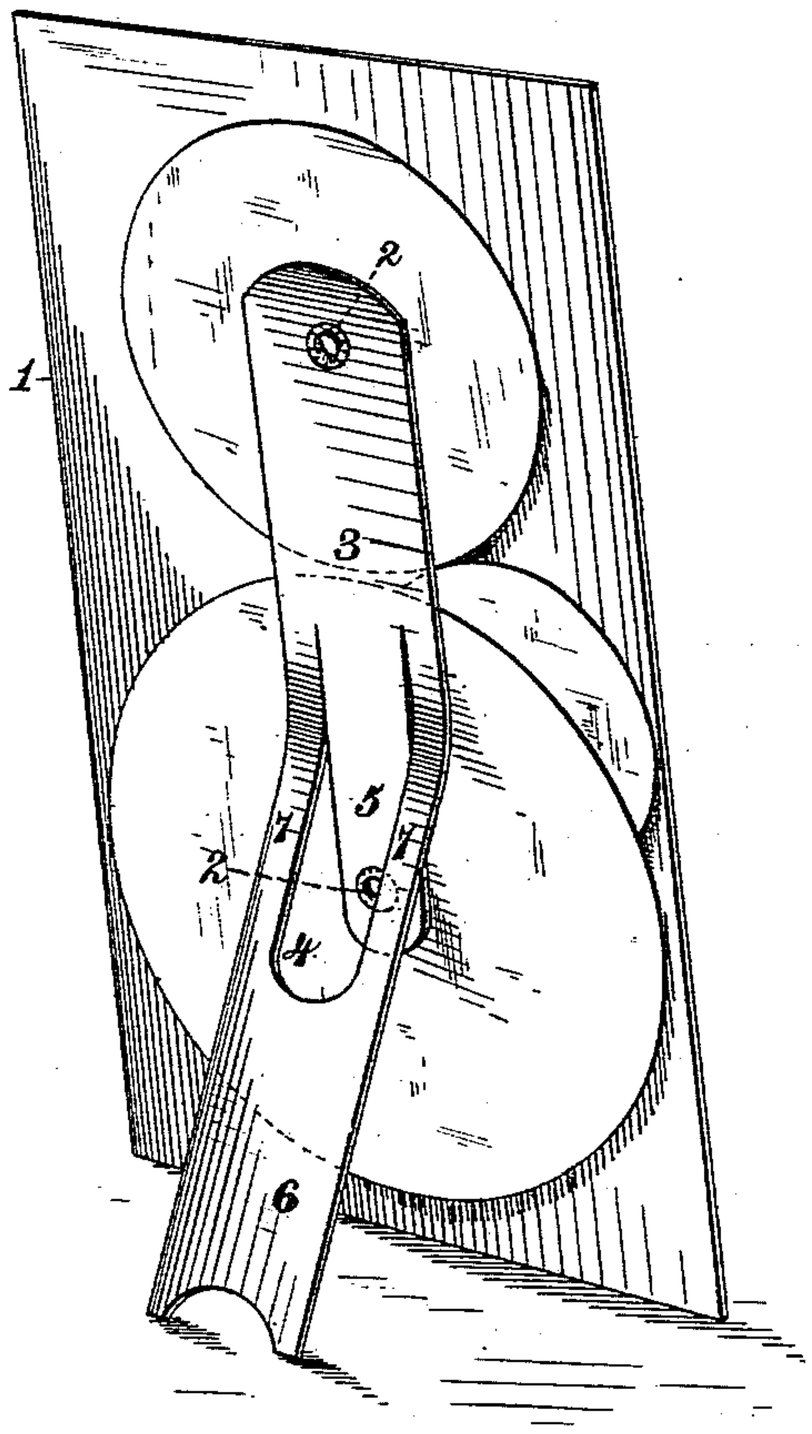

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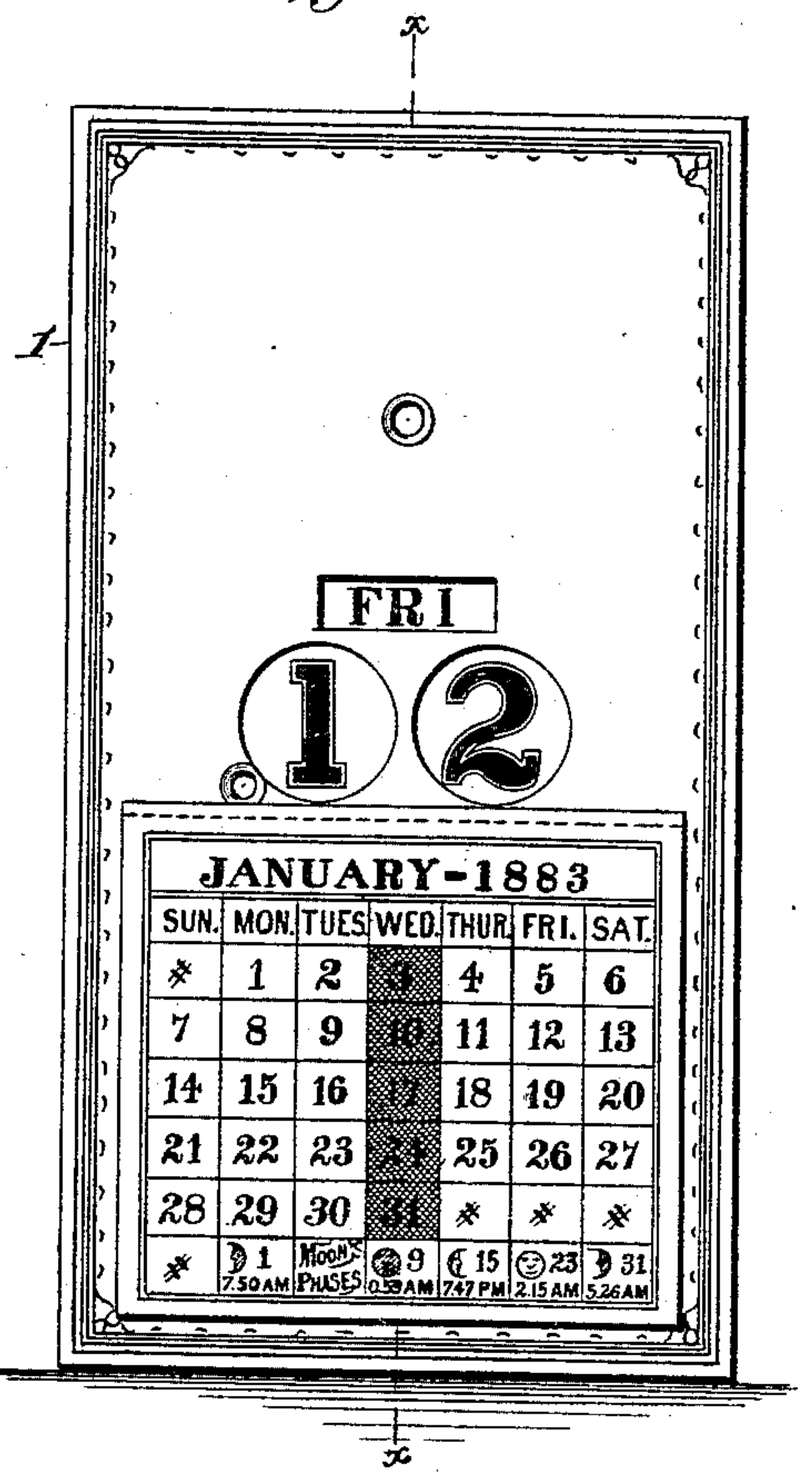

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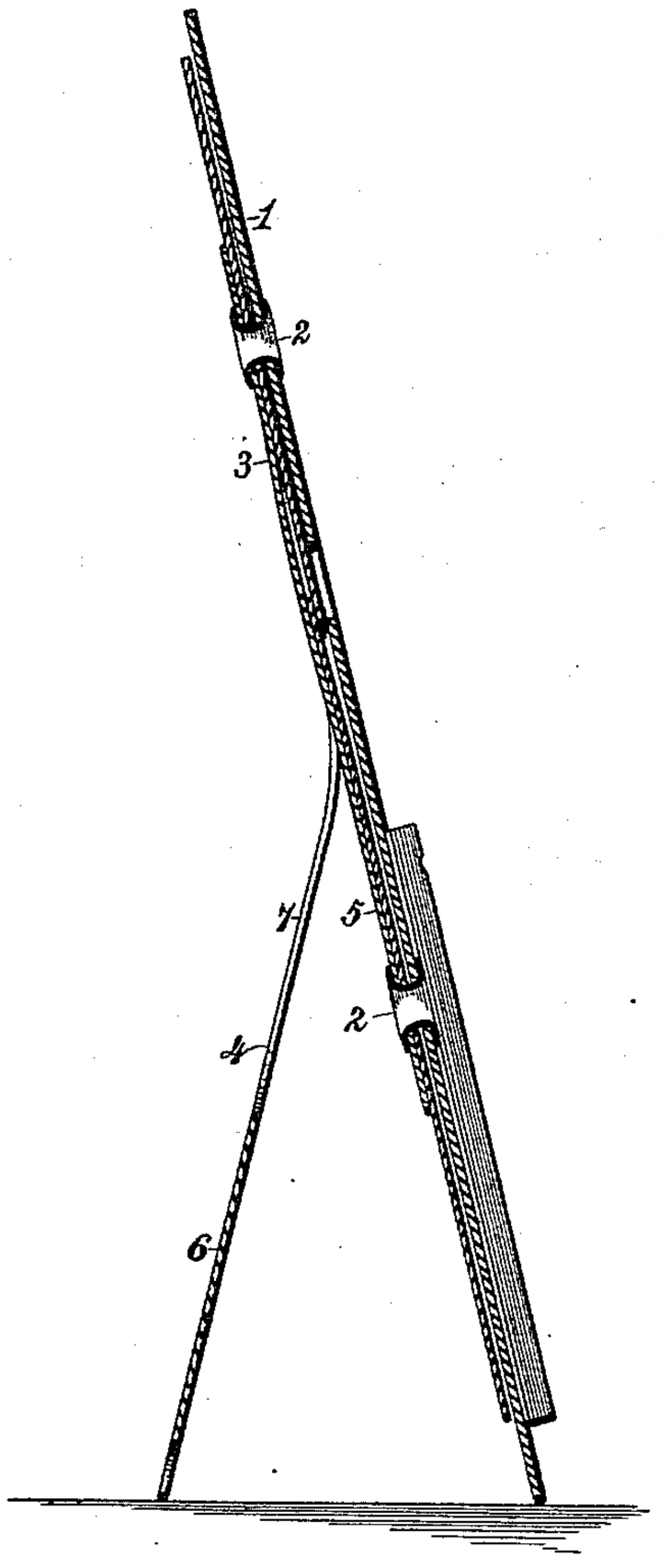

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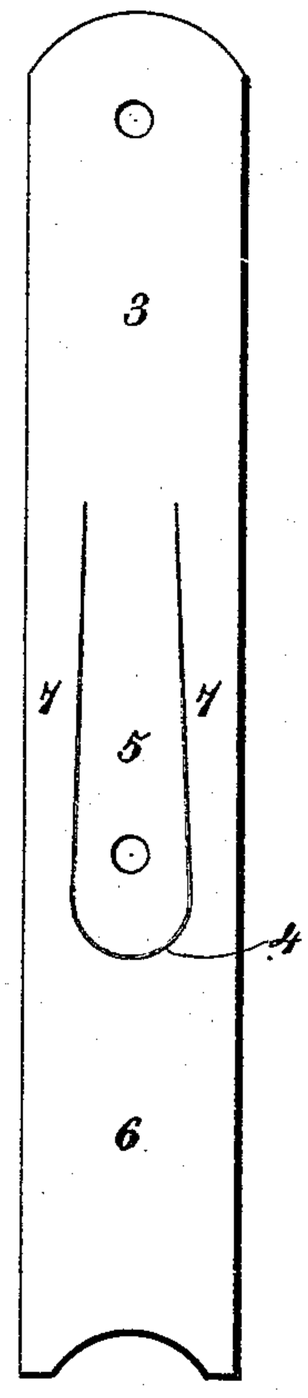

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN CUSSONS, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at Glen Allen, in the county of Henrico and State of Virginia, have invented new and useful Improvements in Calendars, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improvement on the calendar for which Letters Patent No. 258,897 were issued to me on the 6th day of June, 1882, and has for its object to provide the stiff back or card, with means whereby it can be made to stand upon a table or desk as well as be suspended or hung up, this provision being made without in any way increasing the cost of producing the calendar.

In my patent alluded to the days of the week and month are indicated by means of three circular dials, one bearing the days of the week which are exposed through a slot in the stiff back or card, and the other two bearing numerals for showing the day of the month through circular openings in the back or card, the dials being secured in place by means of eyelets, the top one of which serves to suspend the calendar from a pin or equivalent device. The eyelets pass through the end portions of a narrow strip of paper or other material, whereby the said dials are retained in proper place on a plane parallel to the rear side of the back or card. I utilize this strip to support the calendar on a table or desk, which is accomplished by simply extending the strip below the lower eyelet and slitting it around the same, so that a free end or foot-piece is provided at the lower end of the strip, which can be turned back to form a brace or prop, whereby the stiff back or card can be sustained in an inclined position on a table or desk.

In the accompanying drawings, which illustrate my invention, Figure 1 represents a perspective view, looking at the rear side of the stiff back or card, the brace or prop being in position to support the same in a standing position; Fig. 2, a face view of the calendar; Fig. 3, a longitudinal central sectional view taken on the line *x x* of Fig. 2, and Fig. 4 a detached view of the combined dial-confining strip and calendar-supporting brace or prop.

The calendar here illustrated is constructed in the manner described and shown in my patent before alluded to—that is, of a stiff back, 1, of card-board or other suitable material, to the rear side of which are secured three dials through the medium of eyelets, the upper dial bearing the days of the week, which are exposed through a straight slot in the stiff back, while the two overlapping lower dials bear numerals for indicating the days of the month through two circular openings in the said back. The eyelets 2 2, which secure the two larger dials, also attach in place the longitudinal narrow strip 3, of paper, card-board, or like material. This strip is provided with a slit, 4, within the lower portion of its body, such slit being, as here shown, in the form of the letter U—that is, the parallel portions of the slit terminate at or near a point midway the length of the stiff back, and are continued at a point beneath the lower eyelet in a semicircle, this construction providing a tongue, 5, in the body of the strip, through the lower end of which passes the eyelet that secures in place the lower dial. The remaining lower portion of the strip is entirely unattached to the stiff back, and comprises the solid portion or foot 6, joined to the body of the strip at or near a point midway its length by the parallel strap-like portions 7 7, the junction of the latter with the body of the strip serving as a joint on which the said portions 7 can be turned to adjust the foot 6 rearward from the stiff back, thus bringing the foot into such position as to sustain the calendar in an inclined position, as represented in Fig. 1, whereby it can be caused to stand upon a desk or table when desired.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the calendar can be used either in a suspended or a standing position, which renders it very desirable, and, further, it will be observed that a calendar possessing the peculiar characteristics present in my patent referred to is provided with efficient means for sustaining it in a standing position without increasing the cost of production, the peculiar slitting of the strip involving no additional expense.

While the strip performs its office of confining or retaining the dials in proper relative position parallel to the stiff back or card, it also subserves the function of a calendar-supporting brace or prop, and if used with proper care will be found sufficiently substantial for the

conditions required. Instead of the described slit being in the form of the letter U, as shown, it can be rectilinear in shape and accomplish the object sought; but I prefer the former construction as being more uniform or neat in appearance.

The combined dial-confining strip and calendar-sustaining brace or prop will usually be made of paper sufficiently stiff to accomplish the object sought, thin card-board being found to answer every purpose required; but I do not confine myself to any particular material, either in the stiff back or strip, nor to the attachment of the latter in place, any suitable fastening means being used so long as the lower end of the tongue 5 and the upper end of the strip are permanently attached, leaving the remaining lower portion of the strip free to be moved or turned away from the rear side of the stiff back to form the calendar-sustaining brace or prop.

I am well aware that a calendar has heretofore been provided with a suspension-loop and also with a brace or prop by which it can be made to stand in an inclined position, and therefore I do not wish to be understood as broadly claiming such features.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The combination, with a calendar having a stiff back of card-board or other material, of a strip arranged longitudinally at the rear side thereof and slotted to form a tongue within its body, and a free foot-piece which is joined to the body of the strip by strap-like portions, the upper end of the strip and its said tongue being connected with the stiff back, substantially as described.

2. In combination with a calendar composed of a stiff back carrying dials which indicate the days of the week and month through openings, the combined dial-confining strip, and calendar-sustaining brace or prop having its body portion slitted to form a tongue, 5, between its edges, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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