

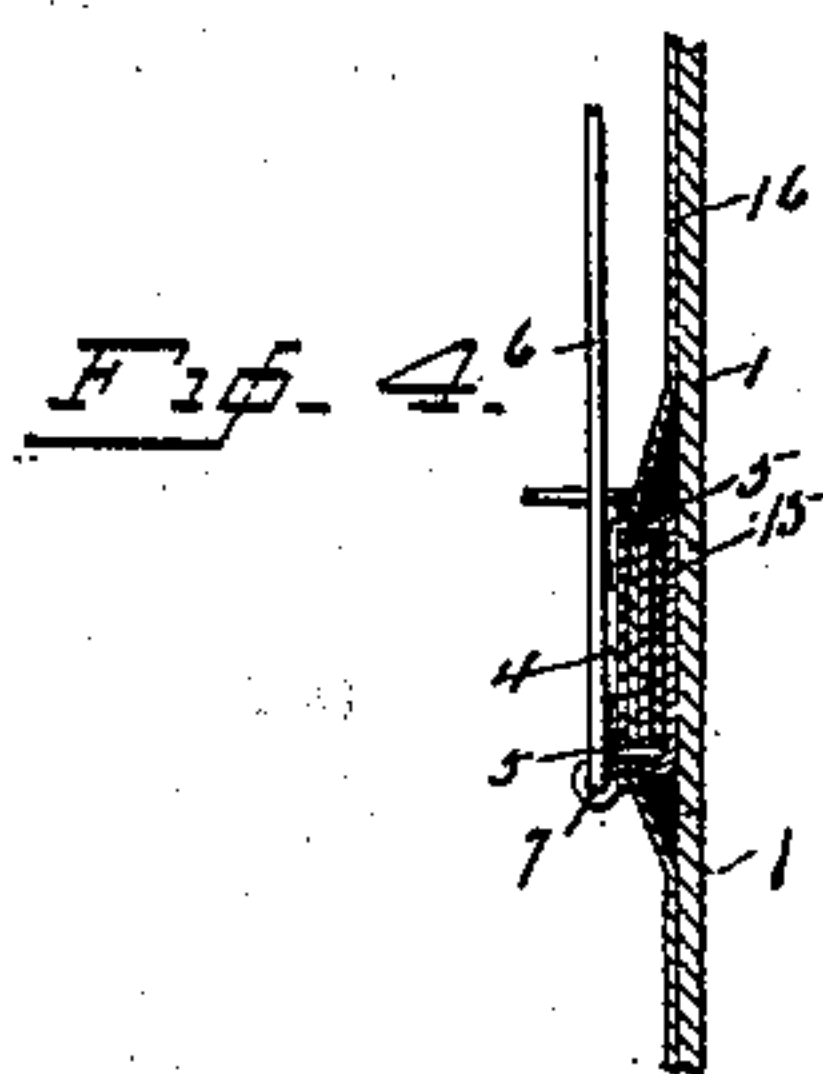
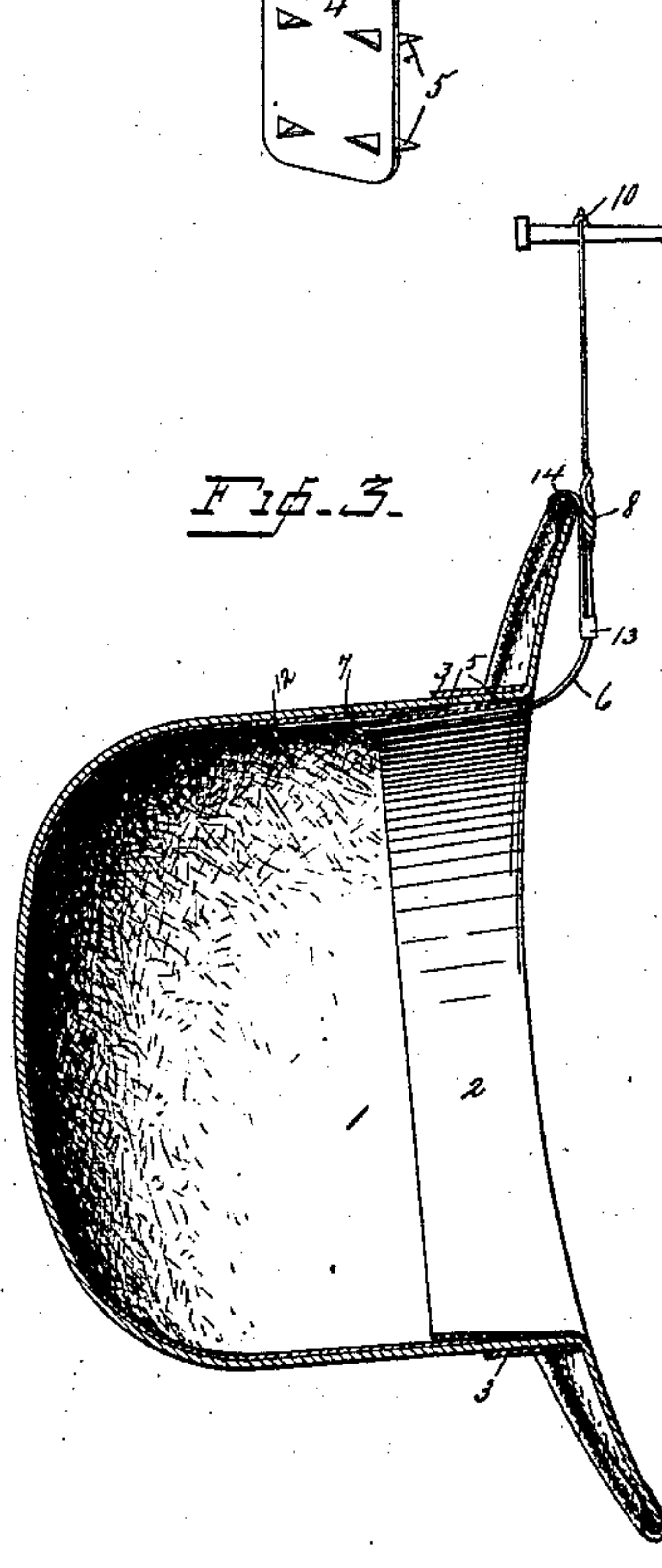
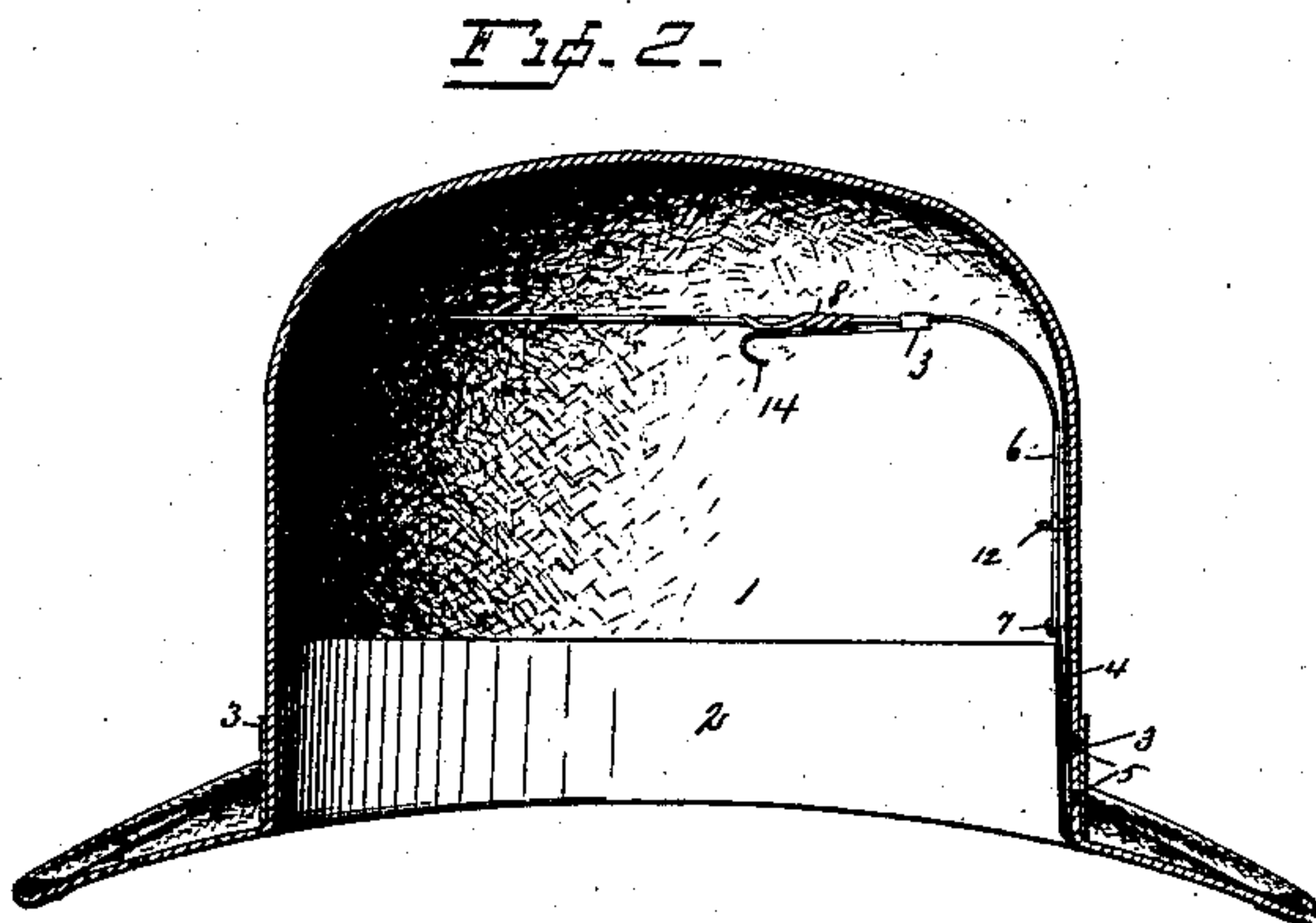
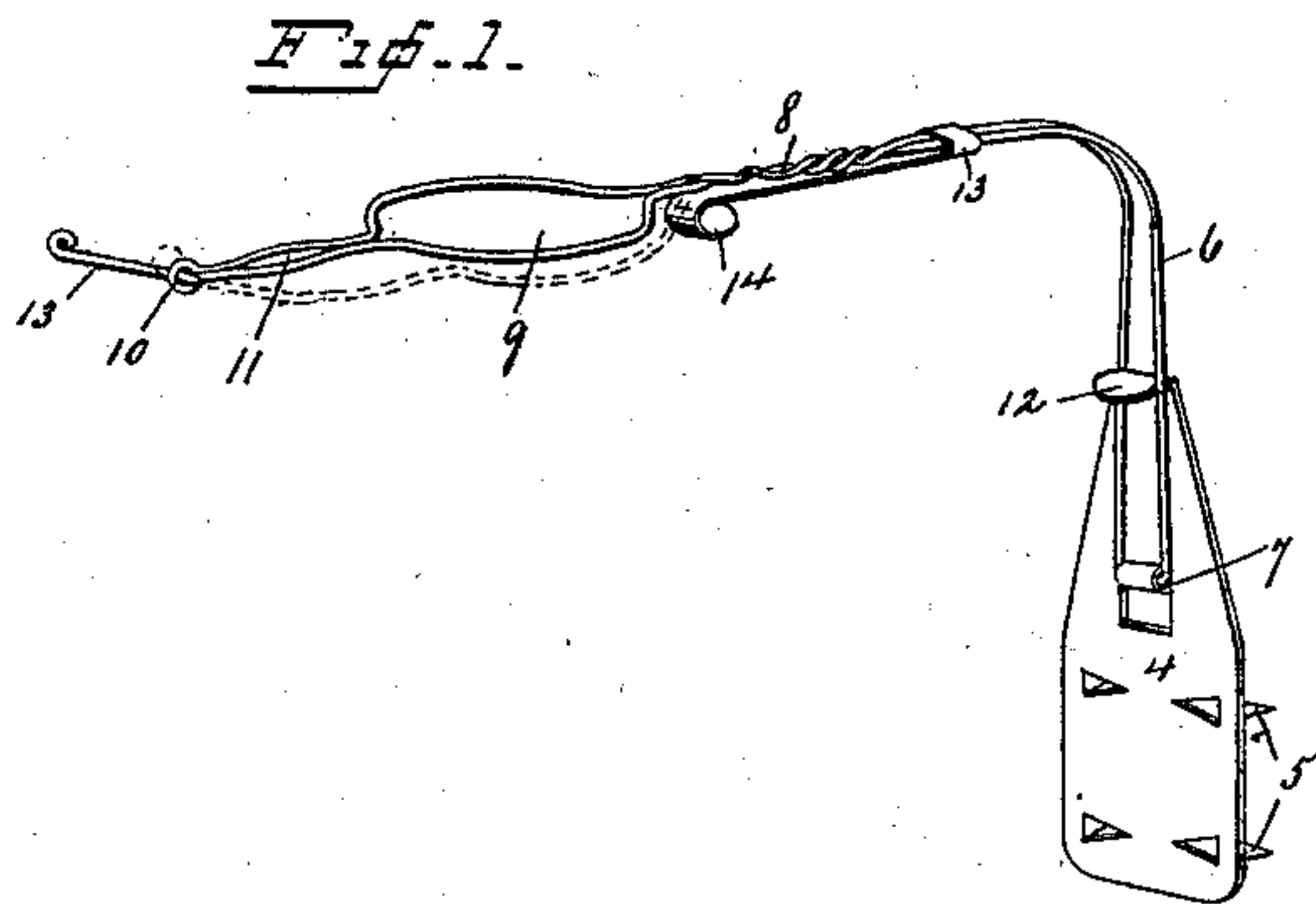
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HAT HANGER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED W. JEYNES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Ansonia, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Hangers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention has for its object to produce a device for hanging hats which shall be simple in construction, economical in cost, may be readily attached to any hat without injury thereto, will fold within the hat out of the way when not in use, and will hold the hat securely, so that it shall be in no danger of falling.

It is of course understood that fine hats are liable to be more or less injured when not hung up, and, furthermore, that fixtures capable of holding them securely are not always at hand when wanted. Nails, hooks, &c., upon which a coat may be hung safely by its loop, will frequently not hold a hat, owing to the curl of the brim. In order to overcome these objections and provide convenient means for hanging all kinds of hats upon any available projection, I have devised the novel hanger of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, numbers being used to indicate the several parts of the device.

Figure 1 is a perspective of my improved hanger detached; Fig. 2, a central section of a hat, showing the hanger in the folded position; Fig. 3, a central section of a hat, showing the hanger in use; and Fig. 4 is a detail sectional view illustrating slight changes in the details of construction.

1 denotes a hat, 2 the sweat-leather, and 3 the band.

4 denotes the plate of the hanger, which is provided with points 5, ordinarily struck out of the metal itself, whereby it is attached to the hat, the points being passed through the body of the hat under the band and clinched under the band, as clearly shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

The hanger proper consists of arms 6, which are hinged to the plate, as at 7. These arms may be made of rubber or other suitable ma-

terial, but are preferably made of wire, and are bent into approximately a right angle, so that when in the folded position the ends of the arms toward the plate will lie parallel with the side of the hat, and the other ends be curved inward into the crown, as shown in Fig. 2, and when in position for use these ends will project outward beyond the brim of the hat, as clearly shown in Fig. 3. As ordinarily constructed the arms of the hanger lie substantially parallel for some distance from the plate and are then clasped, twisted, or otherwise engaged together, as at 8. Beyond the engaged portion the arms curve outward, then inward, forming a spring-loop, 9. At the outer end of one of the arms is an eye, 10, the other arm being bent at a right angle and passing through it. Between eye 10 and loop 9, I ordinarily form a smaller spring-loop, 11, in order to adapt the hanger to engage different kinds of projections upon which it might be possible to hang a hat. It will be seen that the engaged portion of the arms causes them to act as springs, so that the loops are closed at both ends, as shown in Fig. 1.

In Fig. 3 I have shown a nail as engaged by loop 11. When the projection is a small one, as shown in this instance, the larger loop is passed over it and the hanger drawn down until the projection enters the smaller loop, when it is firmly held by the closing together of the arms against either upward or downward movement.

In order to avoid all danger of the hanger dropping out of the hat when not in use, I have provided a lug, 12, upon plate 4, which is engaged by the two arms, as shown in Fig. 1. The end of the lug is enlarged and the arms spring over it, being held firmly in position when engaged.

13 denotes a slide upon the arms, which is provided with a hook, 14, adapted to engage the brim of the hat when in use, as clearly shown in Fig. 3, so that the hat is held firmly. In the other form (illustrated in Fig. 4) plate 4 is not attached directly to the hat, but is attached to a pad, 15, which is itself glued or otherwise firmly secured to the hat under the lining, which is denoted by 16. This form may be attached above the band of the hat, as no portion appears upon the outer side. The

pad is provided with points 5, which engage plate 4, being clinched down upon it, substantially as in the other form.

It will of course be understood that the details of construction may be varied within reasonable limits without departing from the spirit of my invention.

I claim—

1. A plate adapted for attachment to the inner side of a hat and having a lug, 12, in combination with arms hinged to said plate, which are provided with spring-loops, for the purpose set forth, and are held in position when not in use by engagement with the lug.

2. A plate adapted for attachment to the inner side of a hat, in combination with spring-arms pivoted thereto, said arms having an engaged portion and being disconnected at their outer ends, one being provided with an eye and the other arm bent to pass through said eye, whereby a yielding spring-loop, 11, closed at both ends, is formed, the hanger when in use being held against either upward or downward movement.

3. The plate having lug 12, the spring-arms hinged to said plate and having one or more

spring-loops, and a slide upon said arms having a hook adapted to engage the brim when in use.

4. In a hat-hanger, a plate adapted for attachment to the inner side of the hat, in combination with spring-arms having a spring loop or loops, and a slide on said arms having a hook adapted to engage the brim, whereby the hanger is held in position for use.

5. Plate 4, having lug 12, in combination with arms 6, hinged to said plate, which are provided with a spring loop or loops, as and for the purpose set forth, and are adapted to engage lug 12, whereby they are retained in position within the hat when not in use.

6. Plate 4, having lug 12, in combination with arms 6, having engaged portion 8, loop 9, and slide 13 on said loop, having hook 14, as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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