

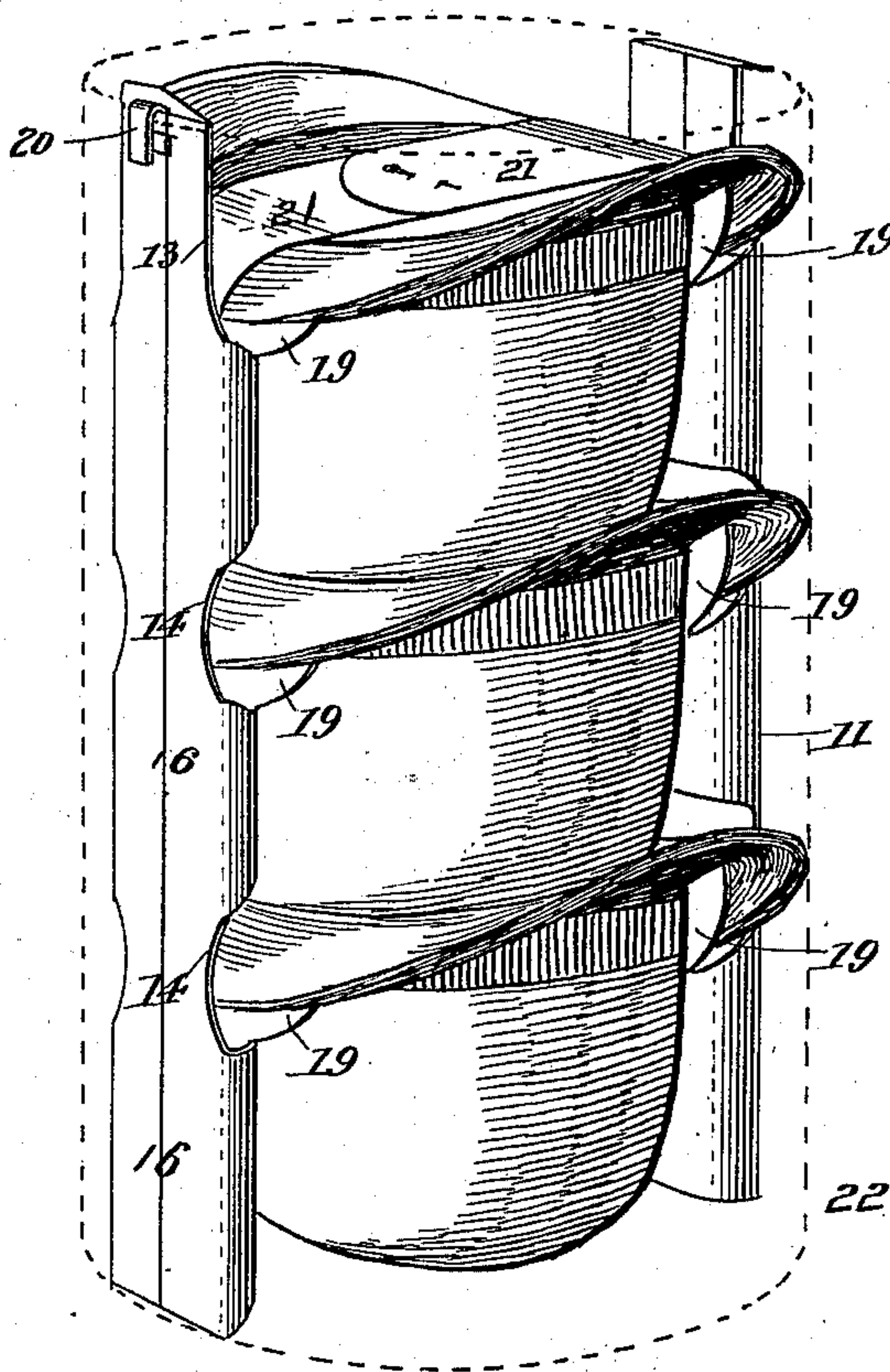
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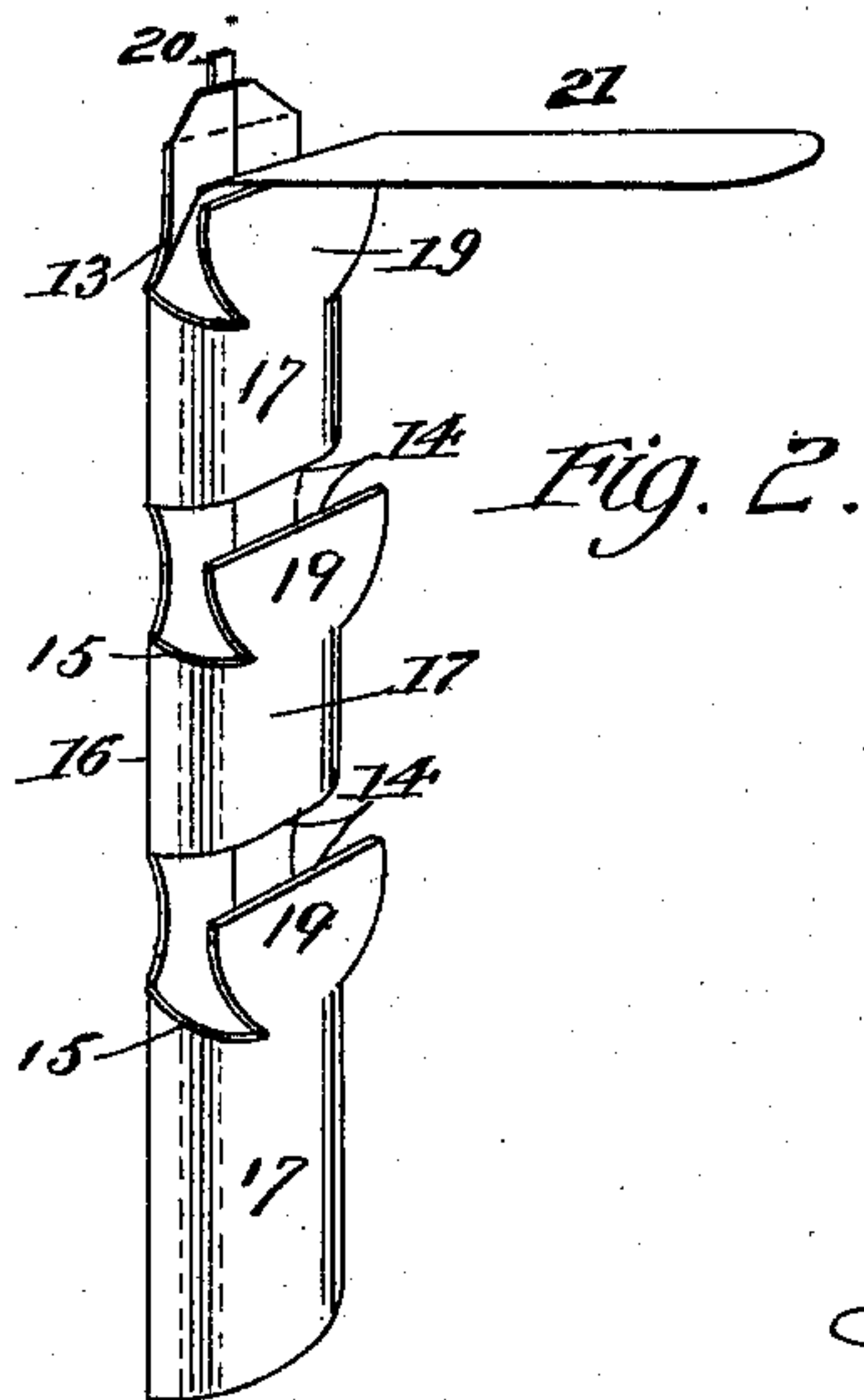
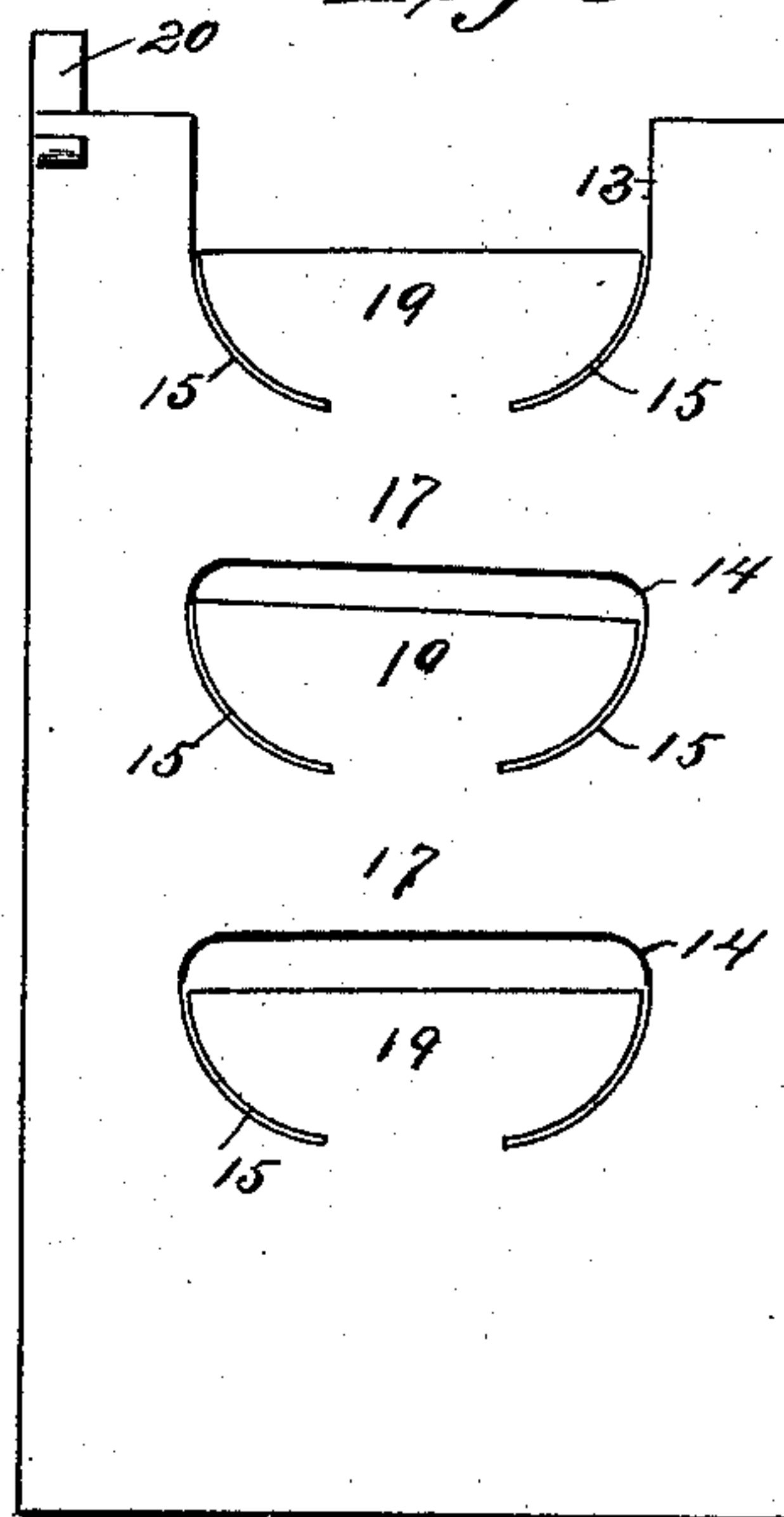
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## REST FOR PACKING HATS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES W. SEYMOUR, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Rest for Packing Hats, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to an improvement in rests for packing hats, and has for its object to provide a device of simple and economical construction which may be used independently of or in connection with a hat-box.

The object of the invention is also to provide a device in which hats may be expeditiously and conveniently placed, and wherein the hats, when packed, will ride independently of each other; and the further object of the invention is to provide a device which will not mar or injure the hats, and wherein the hats will be so held that the device may be upturned without danger of spilling the contents.

The invention consists in opposed tubular columns provided upon one face with transverse outwardly-extending tongues and a space above said tongues; and the invention further consists in the novel construction and combination of the several parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device, showing the hats as packed therein, and further illustrating in dotted lines the application of the device to a hat-box. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one of the columns, and Fig. 3 is a plan view of the blank from which the column is formed.

In carrying out the invention two opposed tubular columns 10 and 11 are employed. These columns consist of a strip of straw-board, metal, or other suitable or equivalent material. A blank 12 from which the columns are formed is illustrated in Fig. 3 and is preferably rectangular in contour, being cut away centrally and transversely at the top, as illustrated at 13, and provided with a series of central trans-

verse spaced slots 14, which slots are parallel with the upper cut-away portion 13. At each end of the several slots 13 and 14 a semicircular cut 15 is produced in the blank, which cut is made to extend downward and in the direction of the center of the blank, the several cuts terminating at each side of the said center, as fully shown in Fig. 3.

In forming the columns from the blank the material is bent upon itself to form an outer straight face 16 and an inner cylindrical face 17, the edges of the blank being made to overlap at the straight outer face, and the column is completed by cementing or otherwise securing the said overlapping edges one to the other. When the blank is thus bent, the material between the semicircular cuts 15 stands out transversely from the body, projecting beyond each longitudinal side of the same, as illustrated in Fig. 2. Thus the column is made up upon the inner cylindrical face of a series of slots and a series of projecting tongues 19, the upper edges of which tongues are in the same plane with the lower wall of the slots.

Upon the upper edge of the outer wall 16 of the column a metal strip 20 is attached by passing one end through the column from the outer side and bending it down upon the inner side, or in any other approved manner, which strip, when the column is placed in the hat-box, is adapted to be bent over the upper edge of the said box, as illustrated in Fig. 1. A strip of paper, linen, or other material 21 is pasted or otherwise secured at one end to the inner face of the outer wall of the column, as best illustrated in Fig. 2.

In operation two columns are so placed that their inner or cylindrical faces will be opposite, and the curled portion of the hat-brim is introduced in the opposed lower slots 14, which also appear in the completed column when the blank is folded to shape and the upper face of the said brim at the curl is made to rest upon the lower tongue 19. Another hat is introduced in a similar manner in the next upper slots 15, and a third hat, for instance, is made to engage with the upper tongue 19. The distance intervening the several tongues is such that when the hats are



introduced in the columns the crown of one hat will be partially introduced into the crown of the next lower hat without touching the same. The operation is completed by passing one of the upper flexible straps 21 over the other and pinning or otherwise attaching the same together, as illustrated in Fig. 1. The purpose of these upper strips 21 is to prevent the hats from falling should the device be turned upside down.

It will be observed that the hats when placed in position effectually tie the several columns together, and that it is not necessary to place the device in a box to ship the hats (as the several filled columns may be introduced in a large packing-case and shipped in that manner) except for fine goods; and, if desired, each pair of columns may be placed in a hat-box 22, the flat faces of the columns being brought in contact with the inner surface of the box. When so introduced, to prevent the device from shifting, the strips 20 (as aforesaid) are bent over the upper edge of the box and hidden by the cover of the same.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. In a hat-rest, a column provided with a series of spaced slots and integral tongues below said slots extending transversely to and beyond the sides of the column, substantially as shown and described.

2. In a hat-rest, a tubular column provided with a series of spaced transverse slots, inte-

gral transverse tongues below said slots extending beyond the sides of the column, and a flexible strap secured to the upper end of the column above the upper tongue, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

3. In a hat-rest, the combination, with a tubular column provided with a series of transverse slots and tongues below said slots extending beyond the sides of the column, of a strip of pliable material attached at one end to the upper portion of the column and adapted to extend beyond the upper tongue, substantially as shown and described.

4. The combination, with opposed tubular columns provided with a series of horizontally-aligning spaced slots and tongues below each of said slots extending beyond the sides of the columns, of flexible straps attached to the upper contiguous surface of each column projecting beyond and over the upper tongue and having their free ends secured together, substantially as shown and described.

5. An essentially rectangular blank cut away centrally and transversely at one end, a series of central transverse spaced slots parallel with the upper cut-away portion, and semicircular cuts extending downward from the ends of the upper cut and the transverse slots and curving inward, substantially as shown and described.

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