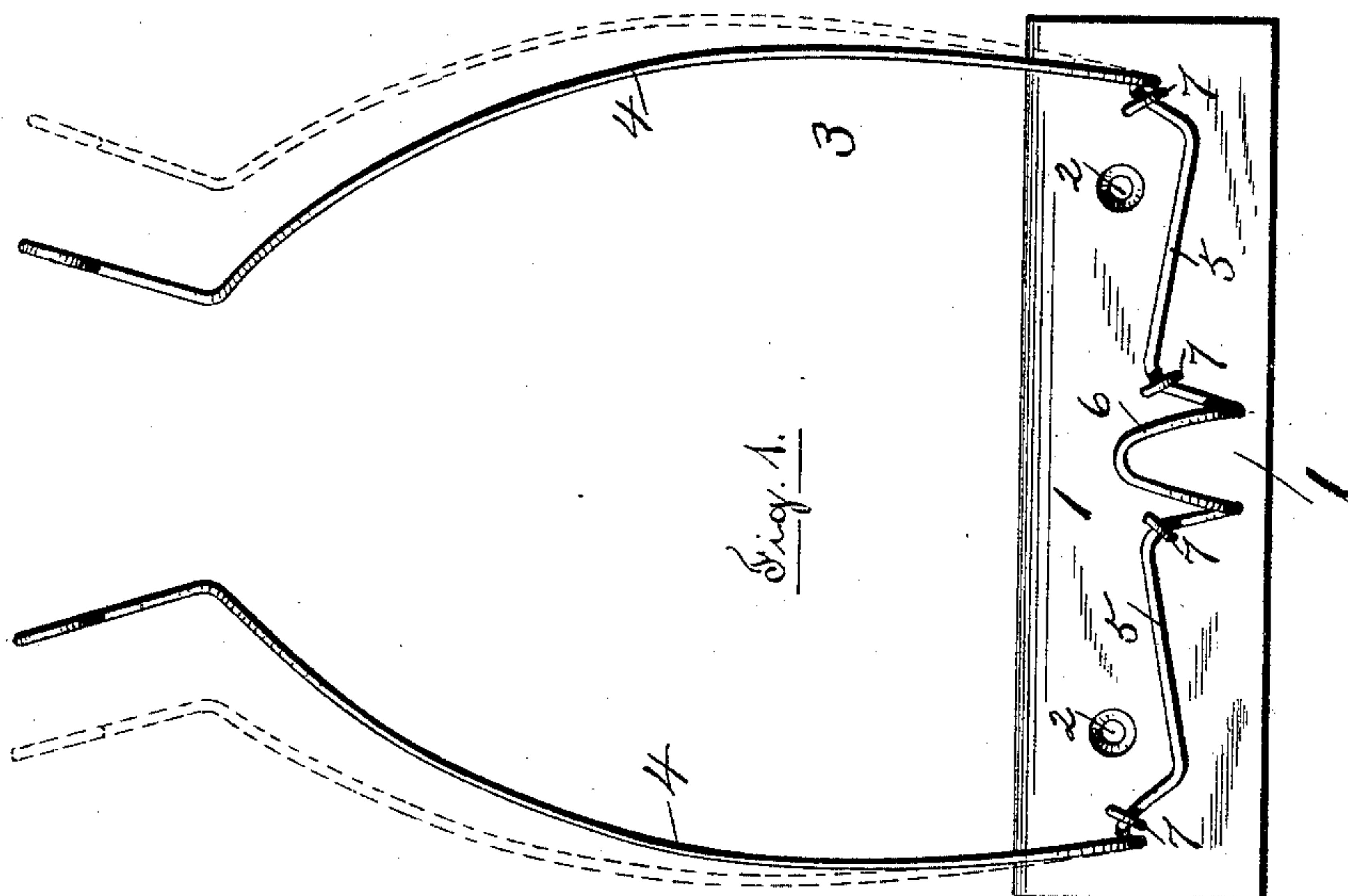
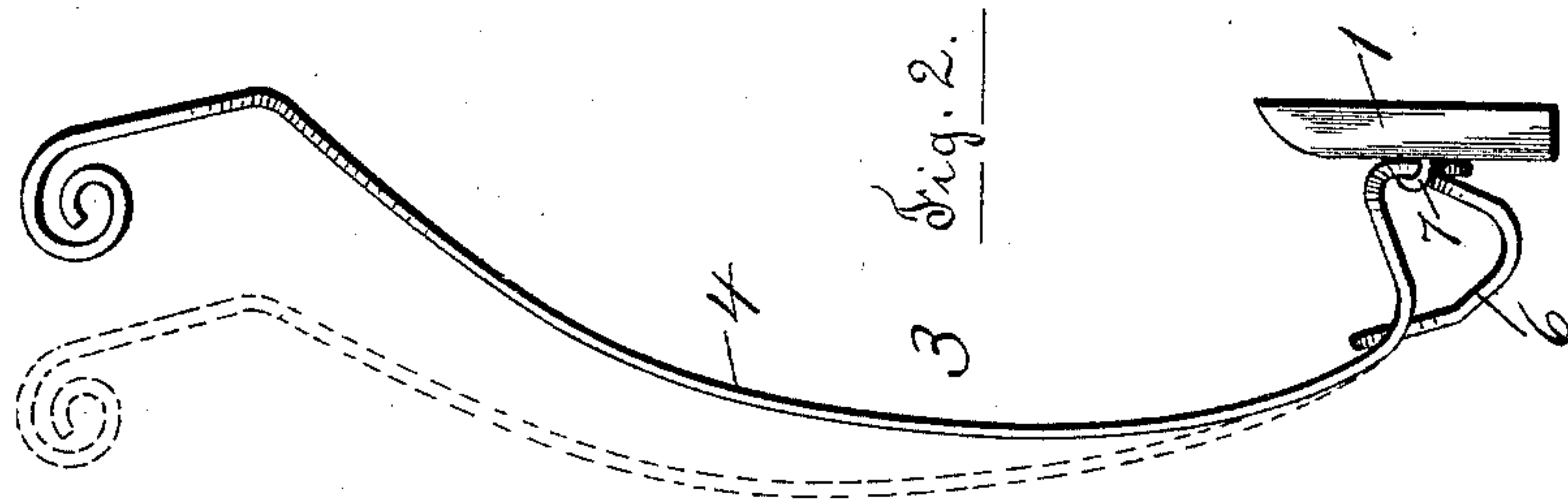


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS J. MANNING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Grafton, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat and Coat Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which, in connection with the drawings making a part of this specification, will enable others skilled in the art to which my invention belongs to make and use the same.

My invention relates to a combined hat and coat holder made of wire and adapted to be applied to a wall or other surface to hold a hat and coat suspended thereon.

The object of my invention is to make a combined hat and coat holder very simple in construction and operation and inexpensive, and preferably made out of one piece of spring-wire, which may be quickly attached to the wall or other surface upon which it is desired to hang hats and coats.

My hat-holder is designed to hold a hat securely with the brim pressed against the surface on which the holder is secured and in such a way that the hat cannot be knocked from the holder.

The coat-holder extends out as a hook directly below the hat-holder.

My invention consists in certain novel features of construction of a hat-holder, as will be hereinafter fully described, and the nature thereof indicated by the claim.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 represents a front view of my hat and coat holder, and Fig. 2 is a side view.

In the accompanying drawings, 1 is a board provided with holes 2, adapted to be secured upon a wall or other surface where the hat-holder is to be used. To the board 1 is secured in this instance the hat-holder 3, preferably made of one piece of spring-wire bent into the shape shown, with two arms 4 curved outwardly and extending upwardly in a direction substantially at right angles to the base part 5. The base part 5 is bent substantially as shown, the central part extending out from the board 1 and curved upwardly to form a hook 6.

The base part 5 of the hat-holder 3 is secured firmly by means of staples 7 to the board 1 and serves to hold the arms 4 in their proper upright position. The outer staples 7 hold down the lower ends of the arms 4 on the board 1, so that said arms are flexible from this point and will have a side motion, as indicated by dotted lines, Fig. 1, to receive the crown of the hat. The arms 4 also have an outward motion away from the wall or other surface on which the board 1 is secured, as indicated by dotted lines, Fig. 2, to allow the brim of the hat to pass down between the wall or other surface until the hat rests in the curved portion of the hat-holder.

The free ends of the arms 4 of the hat-holder are bent outwardly, as shown in Fig. 2, and the ends curved in to allow of the brim of the hat passing freely down between the free ends of the arms 4 and the wall or other surface against which the arms bear at their upper part.

The operation of my improved hat and coat holder will be readily understood by those skilled in the art to which my invention belongs, and is as follows: The brim portion of the hat is inserted at the top of the holder between the free ends of the arms 4, causing the arms to be moved outwardly and to be spread apart to allow the hat to pass into the enlarged portion of the hat-holder until the lower end of the brim of the hat rests on the hook 6, which acts as a stop and prevents the hat from dropping down out of the holder. The spring action or flexibility of the holding-arms 4 toward each other and against the wall or other surface on which the hat-holder is supported serves to hold the hat firmly in place and prevent it from falling out of the holder.

I have shown in the drawings and described my hat-holder secured upon a supplementary board 1; but the board 1 may be dispensed with and the base part 5 of the hat-holder secured directly to the wall or other surface.

I have particularly described my improved hat and coat holder as applied to a wall or vertical surface, in which case the hook 6 could be used for suspending a coat or other garment; but, if desired, my hat-holder may be applied



to the bottom of a seat or to a pew in a church  
and used in substantially the same way, ex-  
cept that the hook 6 would not be adapted  
for suspending a coat or garment thereon,  
5 but would act as a stop against which the  
edge of the brim of the hat would strike, or  
could be bent down to serve as an additional  
brace or support for the holding-arms 4.

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

As an improved article of manufacture, the  
herein-described hat and coat holder, made  
out of one piece of wire and consisting of the  
15 two single outwardly and upwardly extending

curved arms 4, with their upper free ends  
bent as shown and their lower ends secured  
by staples 7, from which point the arms 4 are  
flexible, and the base part 5, extending sub-  
stantially at right angles to the arms 4 and 20  
integral with said arms, said base 5 secured by  
staples 7 near its central part, which is bent  
to form a hook 6, which acts as a stop or sup-  
port for the lower edge of the brim of the hat,  
all constructed substantially as shown and de- 25  
scribed.

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