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Fig. 1.

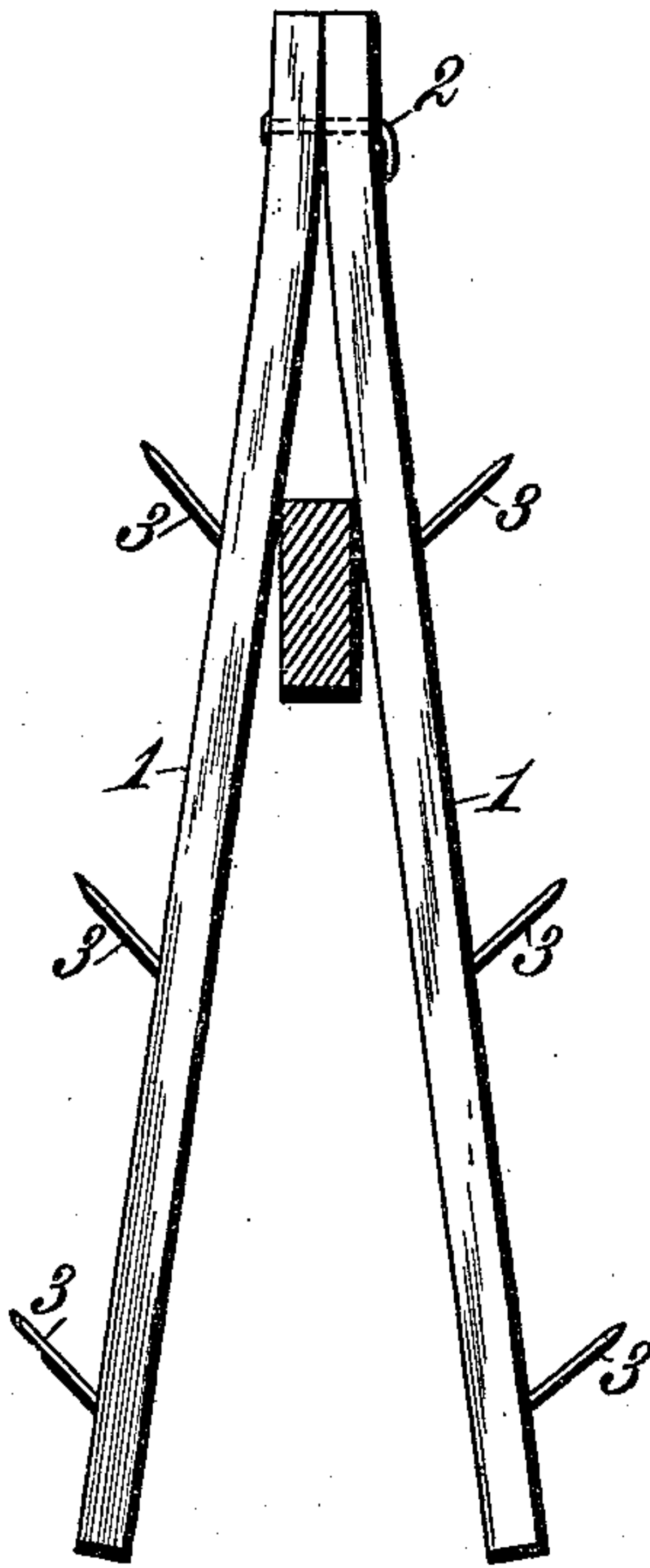


Fig. 2.

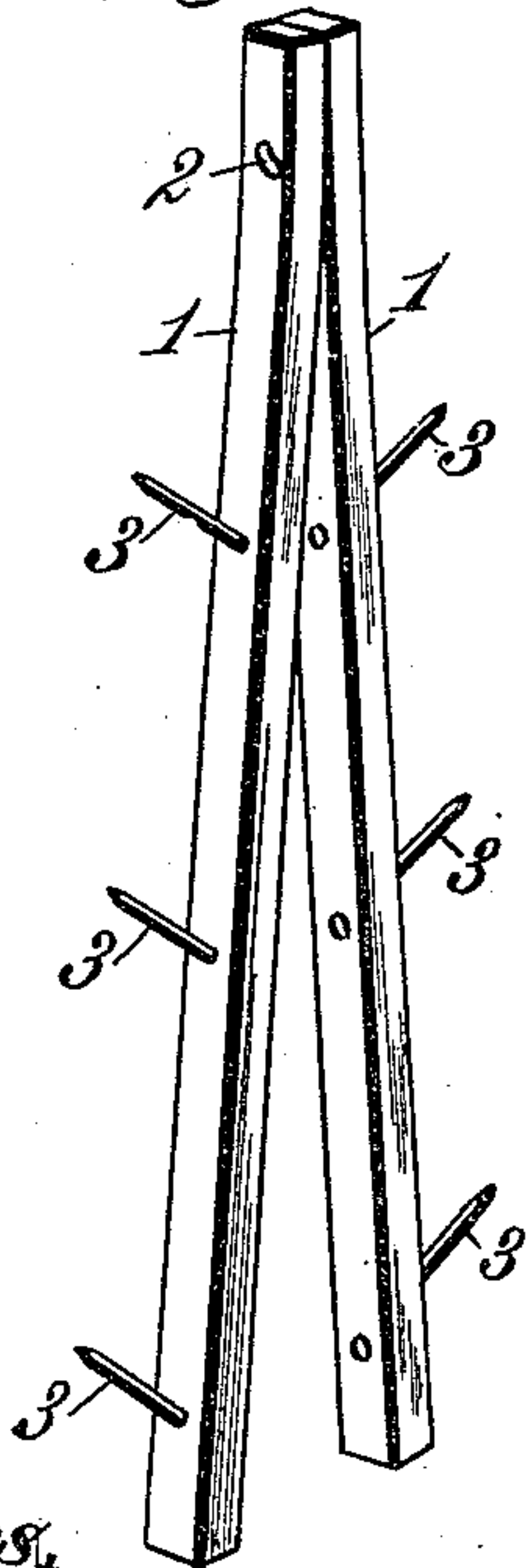
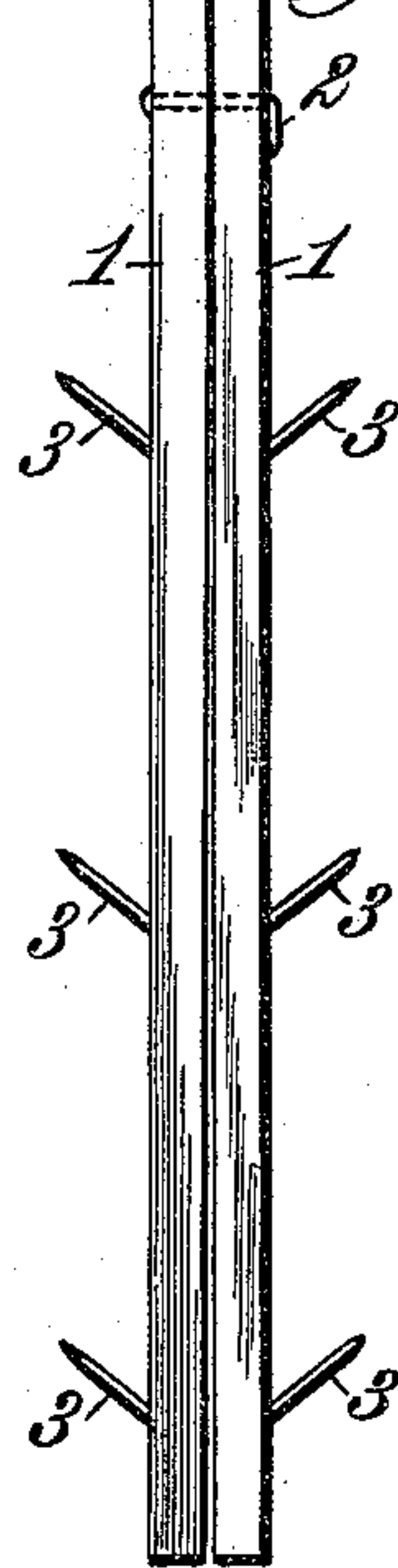


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DANIEL VESTEL DAVIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fork Church, in the county of Davie and State of North Carolina, have invented new and useful Improvements in Tobacco-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to tobacco-hangers, and has for its object to provide a device which shall be simple and durable in construction and at the same time comparatively inexpensive in its manufacture.

Heretofore great difficulty has been experienced in providing a hanger to which the tobacco could be quickly and readily attached or removed and which was of such construction as to preclude all danger of splitting or breaking the leaves of the plant during the operation of hanging the same. Another objection to hangers now in use is that they are bulky and cumbersome and do not permit of the tobacco being hung in a compact and convenient manner.

It is the purpose of my improved device to avoid the foregoing objections, and to this end I have provided a hanger which is so compact in form that when not in use it can be packed or stored away as readily as the common "lath-stick" used in tobacco-hanging, and yet is capable of holding a greater quantity of tobacco than the said lath-stick when in use.

By the use of my improved device it is possible to economize space in the tobacco-barn or curing-house, which is a very essential thing in tobacco-curing.

Another advantage of my device is that when the tobacco is sufficiently cured to be taken down and packed preparatory to stripping, the entire hanger, with its load of stalks, can be removed from the supporting-pole, thus avoiding the necessity of handling each stalk in removing the crop of tobacco from the barn.

To enable others skilled in the art to make, use, and construct my said invention, I will proceed to describe the same in detail, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of the hanger as placed upon its support. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of the hanger. Fig. 3 is a side view showing the hanger collapsed for packing purposes.

Referring to the drawings, the reference-numeral 1 represents two slightly-elastic sticks or bars, preferably of wood, of which the hanger is made. Said sticks 1 are flexibly connected at one end by a wrought-iron nail 2, which is driven through the sticks and clinched on the opposite side. It is obvious that I may use any other suitable means for fastening the ends of the said sticks—as, for instance, a strand of wire passed through and around the same. The said sticks 1 are provided at suitable intervals with supporting-pins 3, which pins are preferably the ordinary sharp-pointed wire nail driven from the inner side of the stick 1 at an angle thereto, as shown in the drawings.

It will be readily understood that when my hanger is placed in position upon the supporting-pole in use it will assume the shape of an inverted V, as shown in Fig. 1, and owing to the flexible connection of said sticks 1 the hanger will be caused to grasp or grip the supporting-pole tightly, and thus prevent the same from becoming displaced.

It will be seen that tobacco hung upon my improved device can be very readily handled, will occupy but little space, and yet will be sufficiently separated to admit of the free circulation of air throughout the same for the purposes of curing.

This hanger constructed as above described will be capable of being adjusted or fitted tightly to any size of support, or may even be straddled over a wire stretched within the tobacco-barn or curing-house for the purpose of supporting the same while in use.

What I claim as my invention is—

A tobacco-hanger formed of two sticks flexibly connected at one end and each provided on its outer face with a row of projecting tobacco-hanging pins, said sticks being adapted to spread apart for straddling a supporting-beam and to be pressed into parallel contiguity for packing purposes, substantially as described.

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

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