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MEAT BLOCK ATTACHMENT,

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Fig. 1.

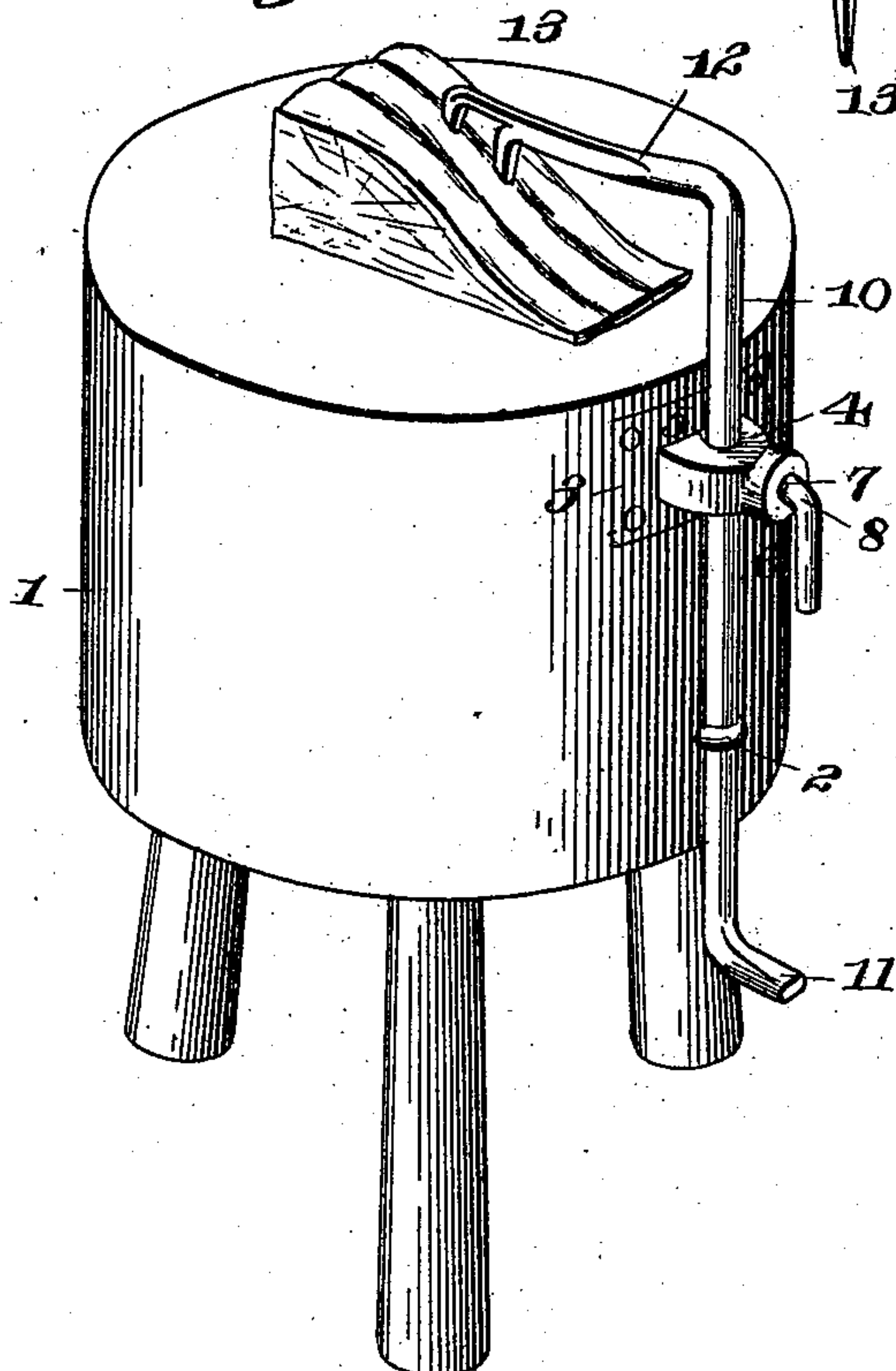


Fig. 2.

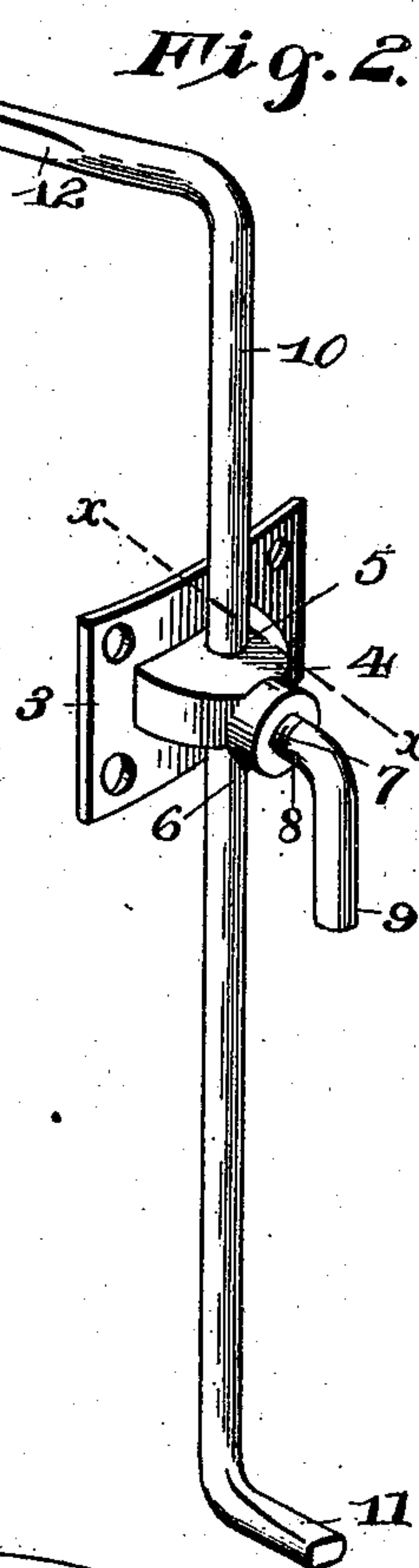


Fig. 3.

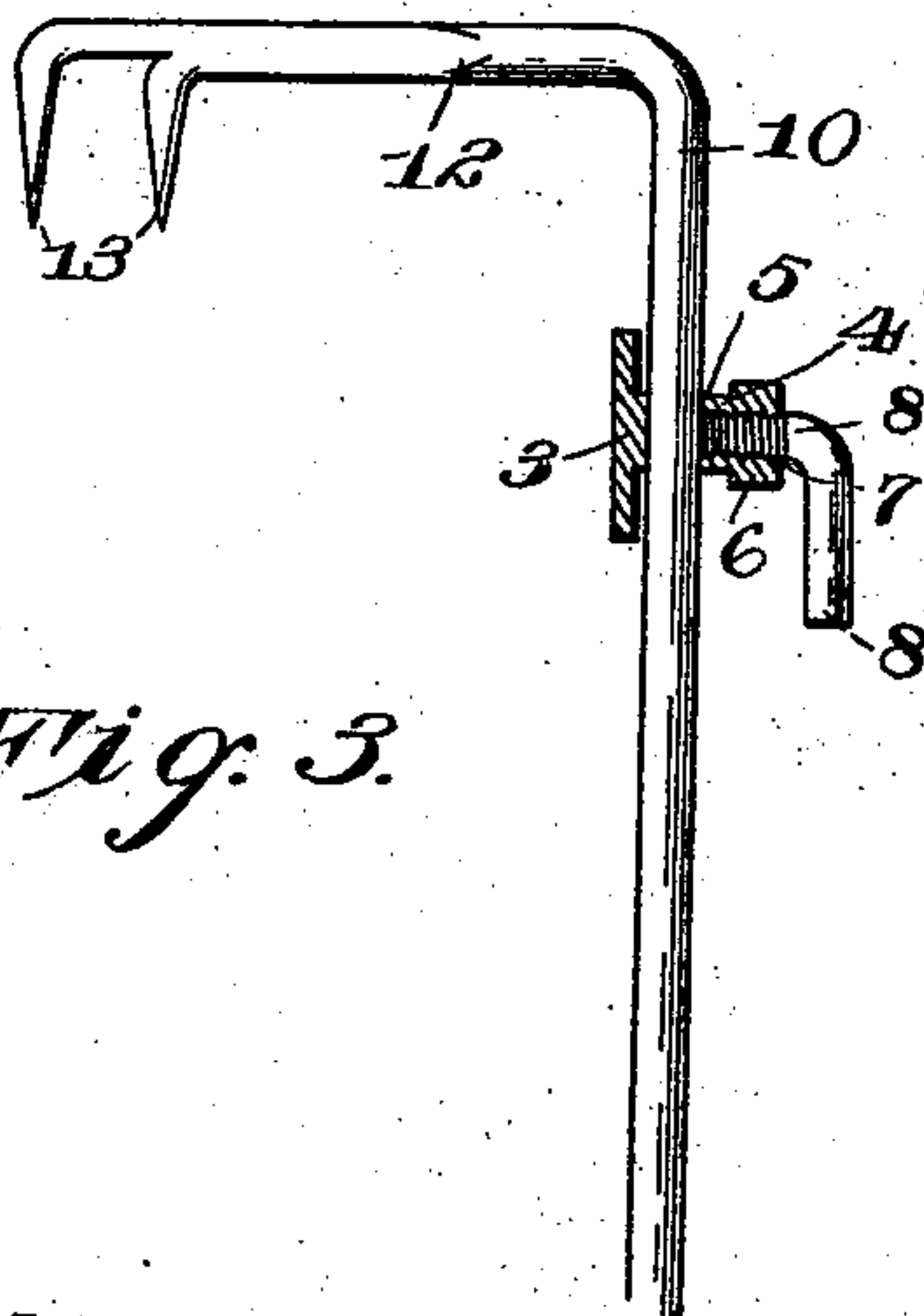
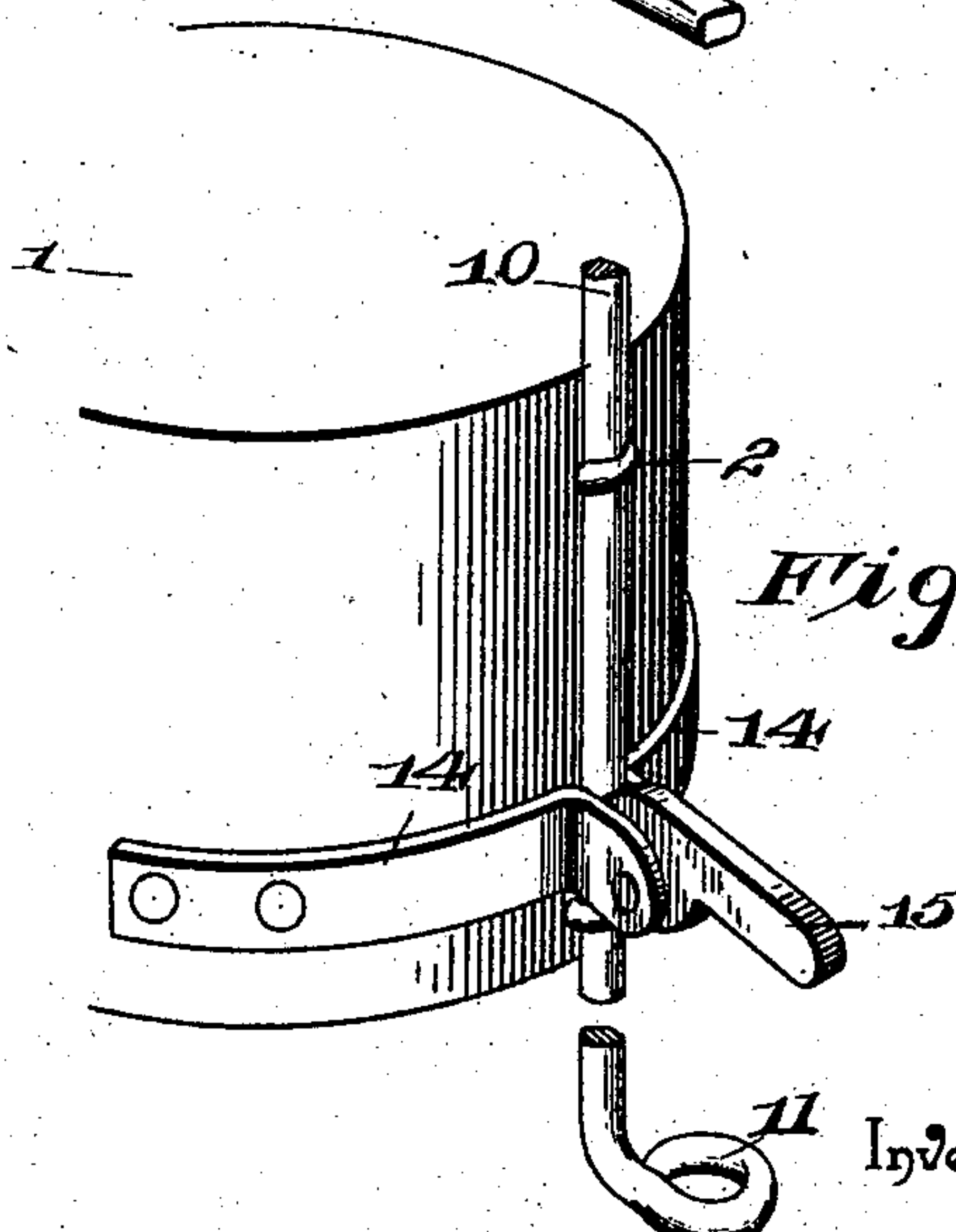


Fig. 4.



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## MEAT-BLOCK ATTACHMENT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, STEPHEN P. RUSH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Tyrone, in the county of Blair and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Meat-Block Attachment, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to meat block attachments, and has for its object to provide simple and effective means for securely clamping and holding a piece of meat thereon during the operation of cutting or sawing, and wherein the parts are strong and durable and easily and readily operated.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the construction and arrangement of the parts thereof as will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a meat block, showing the improved attachment applied thereto and as holding a piece of meat thereon. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the attachment disconnected and shown on a larger scale. Fig. 3 is a section on the line  $x-x$ , Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of a slight modification in the construction of the attachment.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures of the drawings.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 1 designates a meat block used by butchers, which may be of any size, shape and preferred form of construction. To one side of the said block, near the bottom thereof, is located a staple or guide 2, and at the upper part of the same is a plate 3, supporting a horizontally-disposed ear 4, with a vertical opening 5 extending therethrough that is arranged in alignment with the said staple or guide 2, and at its outer edge is formed with a head 6, having a screw-opening 7 extending therethrough and communicating with the opening 5 in the ear 4. In the said screw-opening 7 is a set-screw 8, with a contiguous angularly-bent handle or grip 9 at the outer end thereof, and in the opening 5 of the ear 4, and the staple or guide 2, is adjustably mounted a vertically-disposed rod 10, having a lower outwardly-bent end 11 adapted to be engaged by the foot of the operator, and an upper inwardly-

bent engaging arm 12, with a downwardly-projecting spiked fork 13 at its inner end adapted to be pressed into and through the meat by the pressure exerted on the lower bent end 11 to hold the meat upon the block for the purpose of cutting or sawing the same. When the rod has been properly adjusted it is held in its adjusted position by the set-screw 8, which will hold the said rod at any required elevation against accidental movement.

In Fig. 4 a pair of the staples or guides is employed, and also a pair of yielding arms 14, having their central meeting ends out-turned and embracing a cam 15, which is pivoted therein and adapted to lock the rod in its adjusted position in a manner similar to the construction heretofore set forth, the yielding arms acting to produce a tension on the cam when the latter is forced against the rod.

The device herein set forth in either of its forms, may be readily applied to any block now in use with very little trouble and expense, and its use dispenses with the employment of spikes which have been commonly used and driven through the meat into the block, thereby defacing the latter. It will be understood that the spiked fork may have as many points as desirable, and also that changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

1. In combination with a meat block having guides on the side thereof, of a rod adjustably mounted in said guides and having a lower out turned end to be engaged by the foot of the operator, and an arm at the upper end thereof which projects over the top of the block and has a downwardly-extending inner spiked end, and means for clamping said rod in its adjusted position, substantially as described.

2. The combination with a meat block, of a staple or guide on one side adjacent to the lower part thereof, a plate attached to the upper part of the side of said block and carrying an ear with a vertical opening therein and a head with a screw-opening communicating

with said vertical opening, a clamping-screw  
mounted in said screw-opening, and a rod lo-  
cated and vertically movable in the said ear  
and staple or guide having a lower out turned  
5 end and an upper inwardly-extending arm  
with a downwardly-projecting inner spiked  
end shaped as a fork, substantially as de-  
scribed.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as  
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