

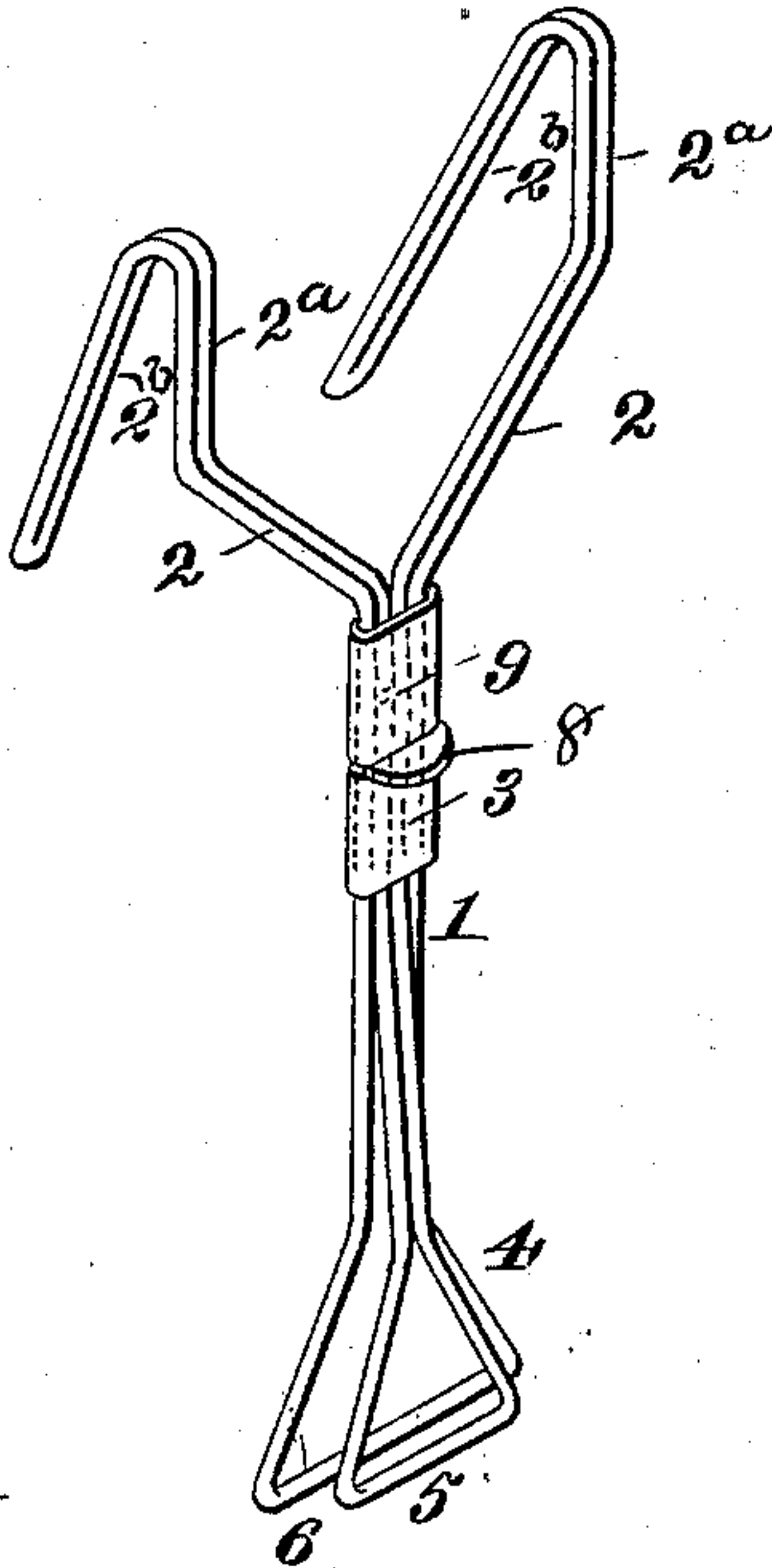
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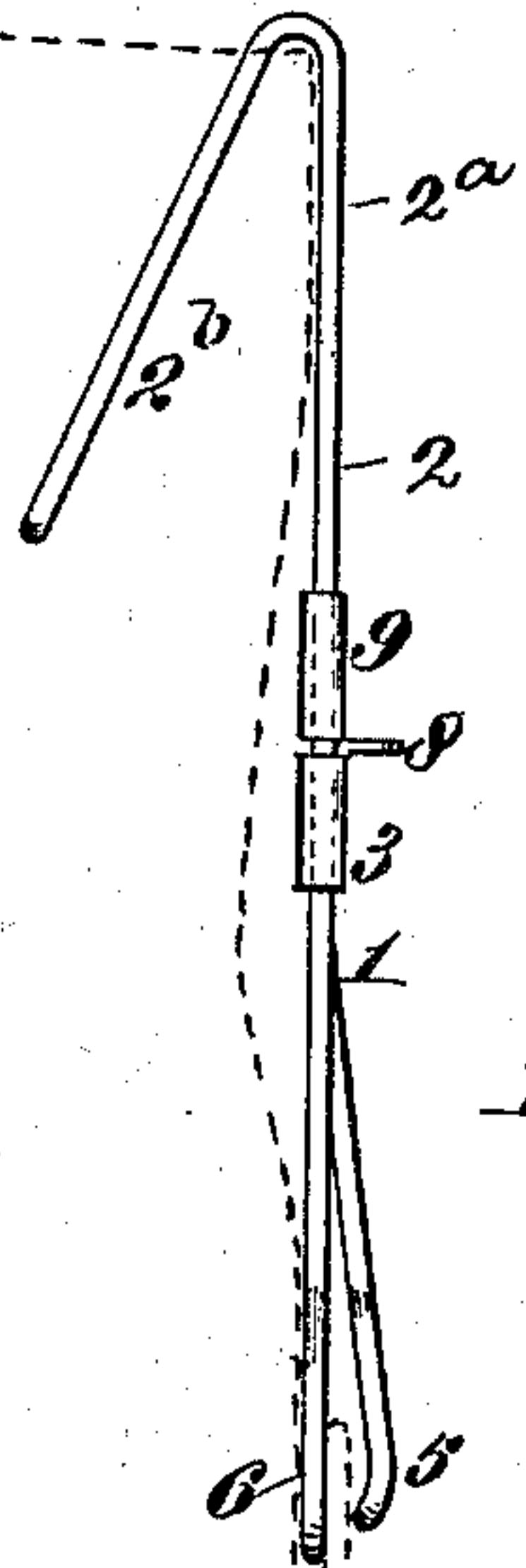
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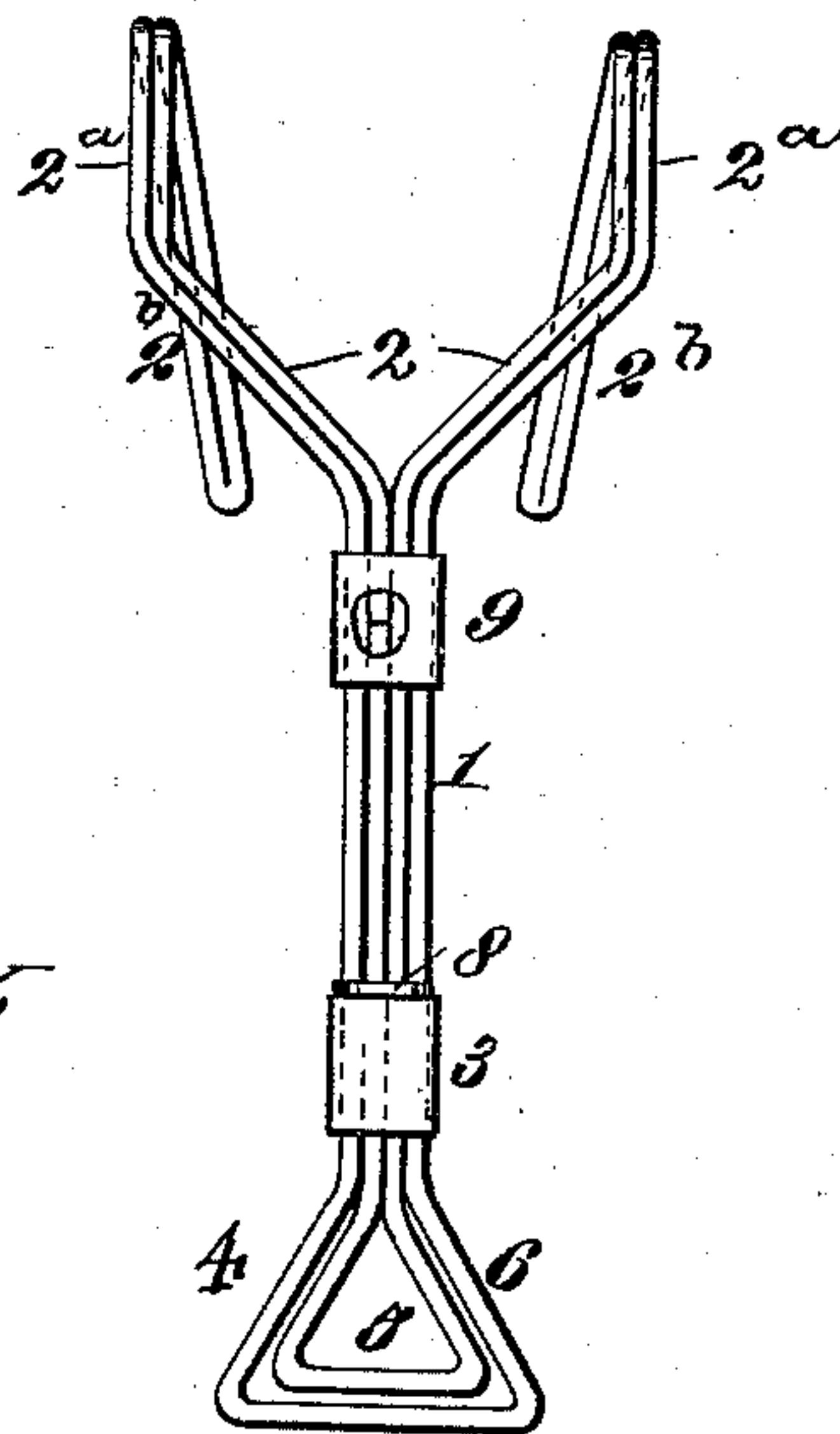
*Fig. I.*



*Fig. II.*



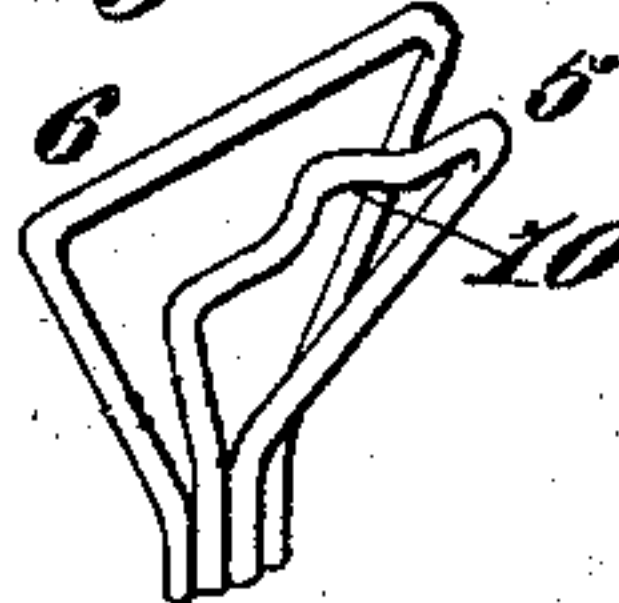
*Fig. III.*



*Fig. IV.*



*Fig. V.*



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## OVERSHOE-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES LOUIS HAMMERSTEIN, of the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Overshoe-Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improved device for holding overshoes on shoes; and my invention consists in features of novelty hereinafter fully described and pointed out in the claims.

Figure I is a perspective view of my improved holder, showing the slide in its upper position. Fig. II is an edge view, showing the holder applied, and the slide in its upper position. Fig. III is a side elevation of the holder, showing the slide in its lower position. Fig. IV is a detail section, showing part of an overshoe and the lower end of the holder in using position. Fig. V is a detail, perspective view of the lower end of the holder, and represents a modification.

Referring to the drawings, 1 represents the body of the holder, upon the upper end of which are upwardly and outwardly inclined arms 2 provided with vertical extensions 2<sup>a</sup> having hooks 2<sup>b</sup> for engaging over the top of the shoe, as shown in Fig. II.

3 represents a slide on the body 1 of the holder.

On the lower end of the holder is a clamp 4, consisting of two jaws 5, 6, which are adapted to embrace the overshoe, as shown in Fig. II.

The device is applied by fitting the hooks 2<sup>b</sup> over the shoe, and fitting the clamp 4 over the overshoe, the jaw 6 fitting inside of the overshoe, and the jaw 5 outside of the overshoe. The slide 3 is then forced to its lower position, as seen in Fig. III, which causes the clamp to pinch the overshoe, as shown in Fig.

IV, and the heel of the overshoe is thus held firmly to the shoe. I prefer to make the jaw 5 smaller than the jaw 6, as shown, so that when the clamp is forced to its lower position, the overshoe will be kinked, as shown at 7, Fig. IV, causing it to be firmly held by the clamp. The slide 3 is preferably provided with an outwardly extending projection 8, which is used as a finger-hold in moving the slide up and down.

I prefer to form the holder of a single piece of wire, which is bent as clearly shown in the drawings, to form the hooks 2<sup>b</sup>, body 1, and jaws 5 and 6 of the clamp 4. The ends of the wire would be covered by a strap 9, at their meeting point.

In the modification shown in Fig. V, the jaw 5 has a crimp 10, which may be used, if necessary to form an additional bite or grip of the clamp upon the overshoe.

The device forms an exceedingly cheap and simple holder, which is easily applied, which is not exposed to view, and which effectually holds the heel of the overshoe to the shoe.

I claim as my invention—

1. An overshoe holder comprising a body 1 having upwardly and outwardly inclined arms 2, 2, provided with vertical extensions 2<sup>a</sup>, 2<sup>a</sup>, formed with hooks 2<sup>b</sup>, 2<sup>b</sup>, and a clamp 4 at its lower end provided with two jaws, and a slide 3 working on the body for operating the jaws; substantially as described.

2. An overshoe-holder comprising a single wire formed into a body, having arms at one end provided with hooks, and a clamp at its other end, provided with inner and outer jaws fitting one jaw within the other jaw, and a slide working on the body and adapted to close the jaws; substantially as described.

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