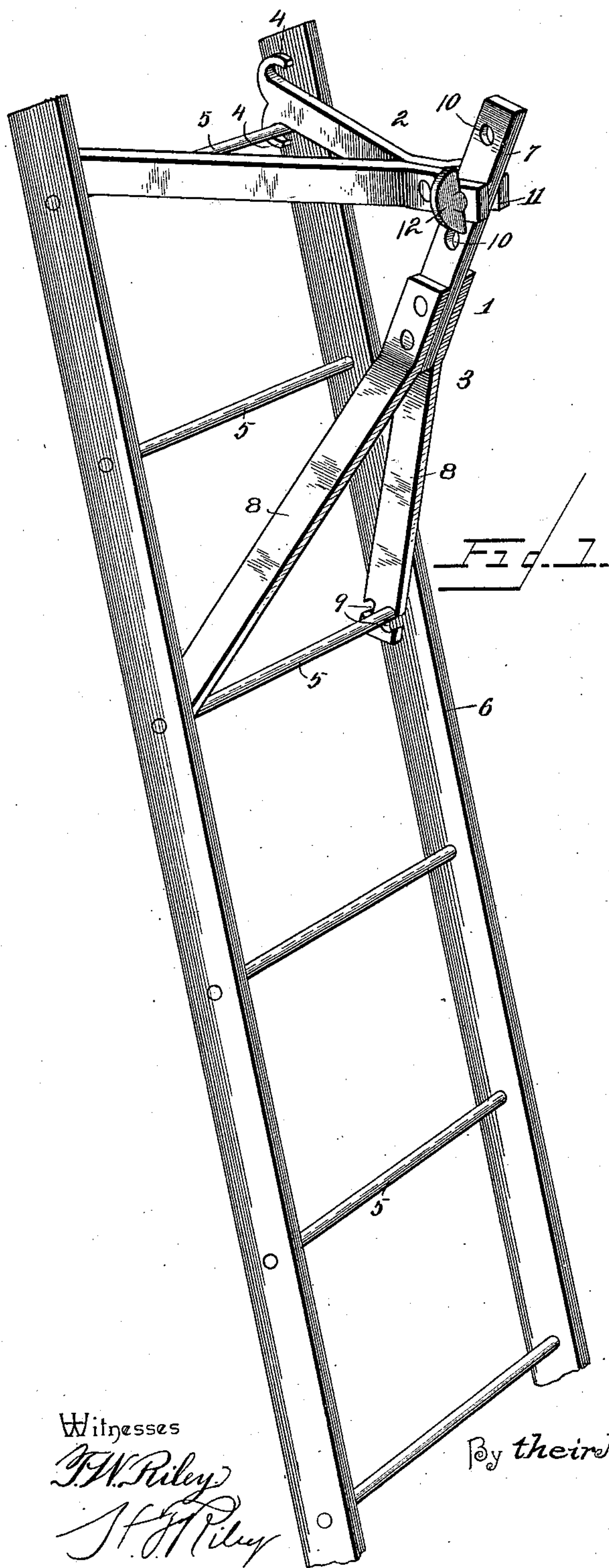


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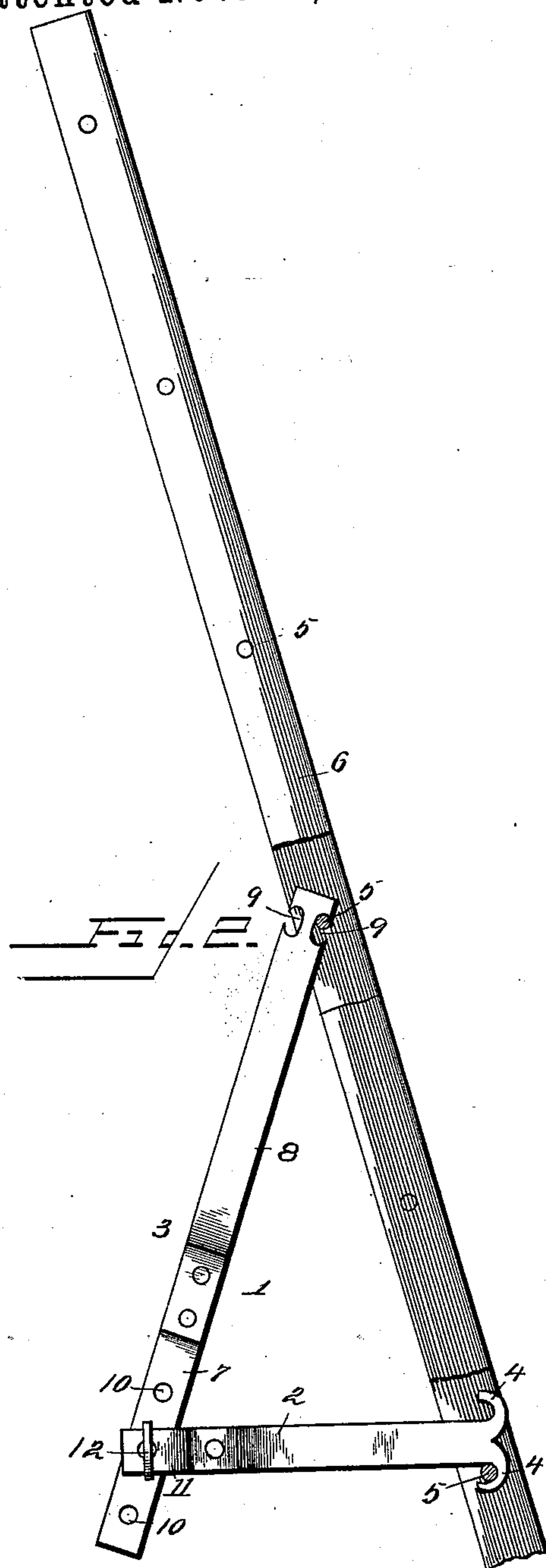
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## STAGING-BRACKET FOR LADDERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, WESLEY M. TAYLOR and EUGENE JOHNSTON, citizens of the United States, residing at Patoka, in the county of Marion and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Staging-Bracket for Ladders, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in staging-brackets for ladders.

The object of the present invention is to provide a simple and efficient staging-bracket, adapted to be readily mounted on a ladder, and capable of being quickly adjusted into proper position for holding one end of a board in a horizontal position for forming a support for painters, carpenters, and other persons for working on a building or structure above the ground.

A further object of the invention is to provide such a bracket which will be perfectly steady, and which may be readily arranged on the inside, as well as the outside of a ladder.

The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claim hereto appended.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a staging-bracket constructed in accordance with this invention and shown applied to the outer side of a ladder. Fig. 2 is a side elevation illustrating the manner of arranging the bracket at the inner side of a ladder.

Like numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures of the drawings.

1 designates a staging-bracket, comprising a horizontal support 2 and an inclined brace or handle 3 adjustably connected to the outer end of the horizontal support 2. The horizontal support 2 is composed of divergent sides, terminating in double hooks 4, located at the upper and lower edges of the divergent sides, and adapted to be hooked over a rung 5 of a ladder 6, and to permit the horizontal support to be reversed and to have either set of hooks in engagement with the rung. The brace or handle 3 is provided with a shank 7, and has diverging sides 8, terminating in hooks formed by recesses 9, arranged at opposite edges of the sides. The recesses are substantially el-

liptical and are adapted to engage a rung of the ladder, when the brace or handle is resting upon the rung and depending from the support, or when it is hooked over the rung and extends upward from the support. The diverging sides engage the rungs near the sides of the ladder and form a steady support, and distribute the strain and prevent any liability of the bracket swaying or rocking or in any manner rendering a staging board or platform unsteady.

The shank 7 of the handle or brace is provided with perforations, and is adjustably secured in a bifurcation 11 of the support by a clamping bolt or screw 12, which is adapted to be arranged in any one of the perforations 10, and which passes through corresponding perforations of the support. The clamping screw or bolt is provided with a nut, and firmly holds the support and the brace or handle in their adjustment.

It will be seen that the staging-bracket is exceedingly simple and inexpensive in construction, that it is adapted to be readily mounted on a bracket at the inner or outer sides thereof, and that it is capable of providing a steady and secure support for a staging board or platform.

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.

What we claim is—

A staging bracket, comprising a support, having diverging sides terminating in double hooks located at the upper and lower edges of the sides, and the brace or handle adjustably secured to the support and provided with divergent sides, having rung receiving recesses at the opposite edges thereof, substantially as described.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own we have hereto affixed our signatures in the presence of two witnesses.

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