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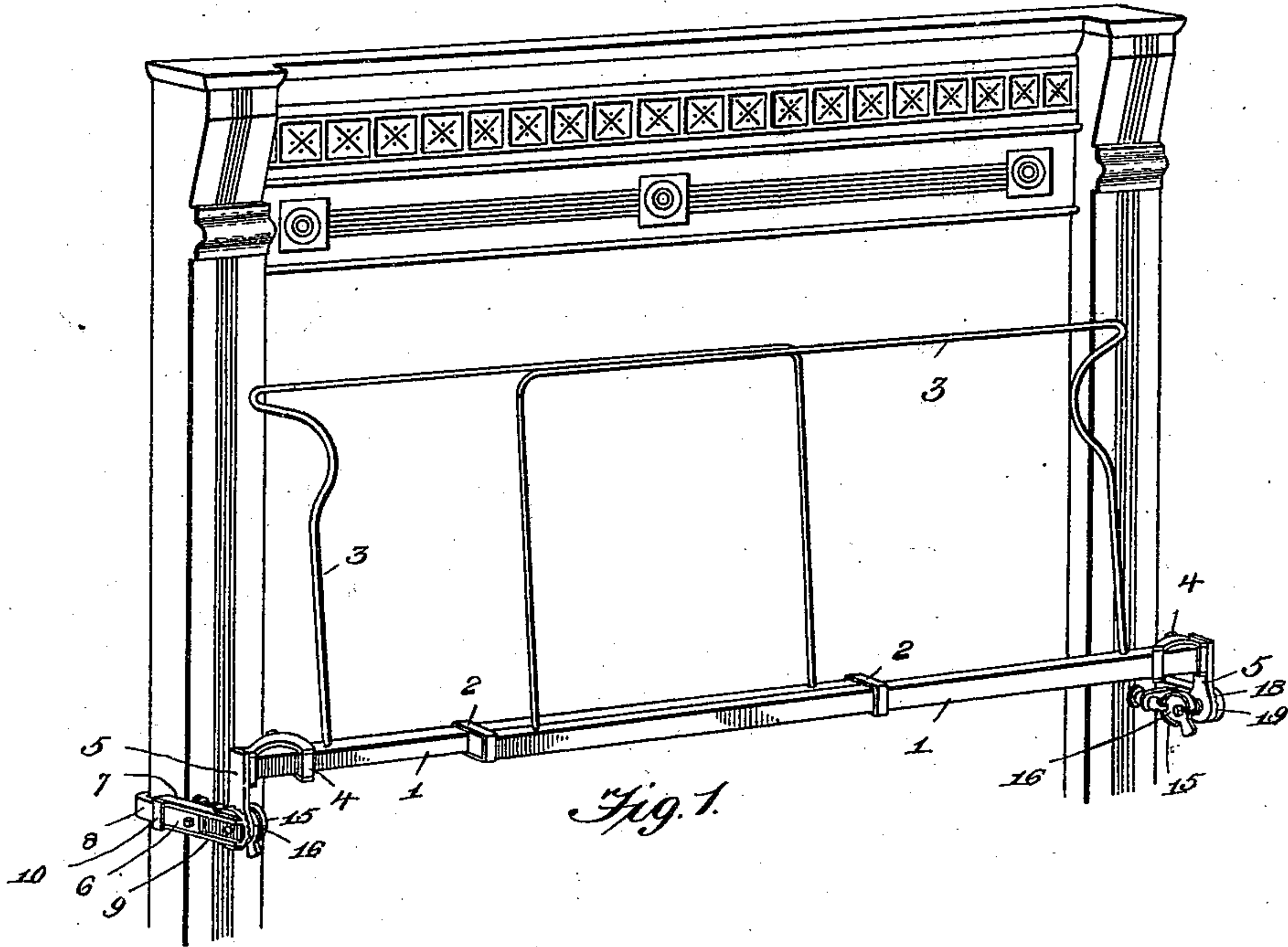


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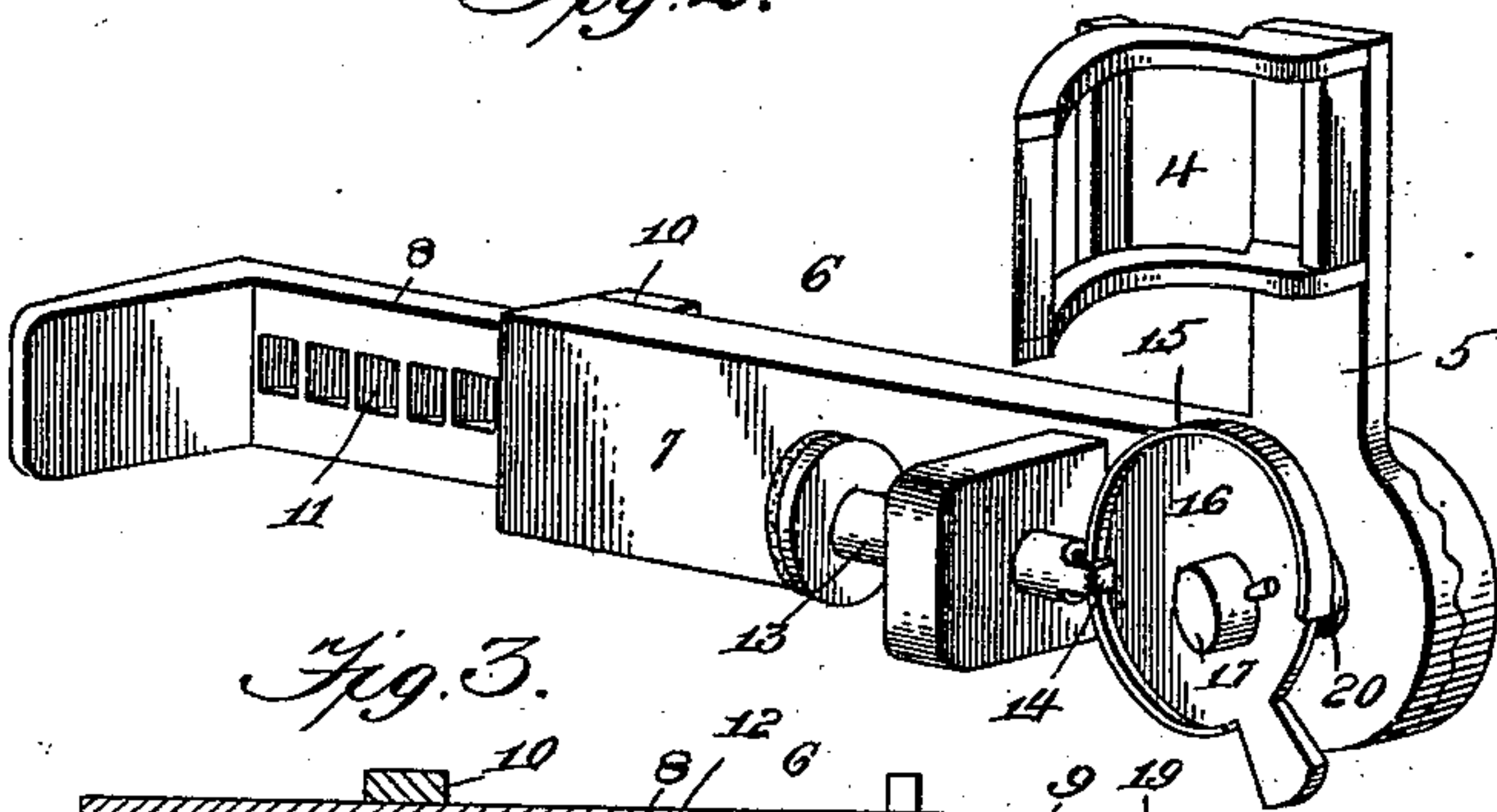
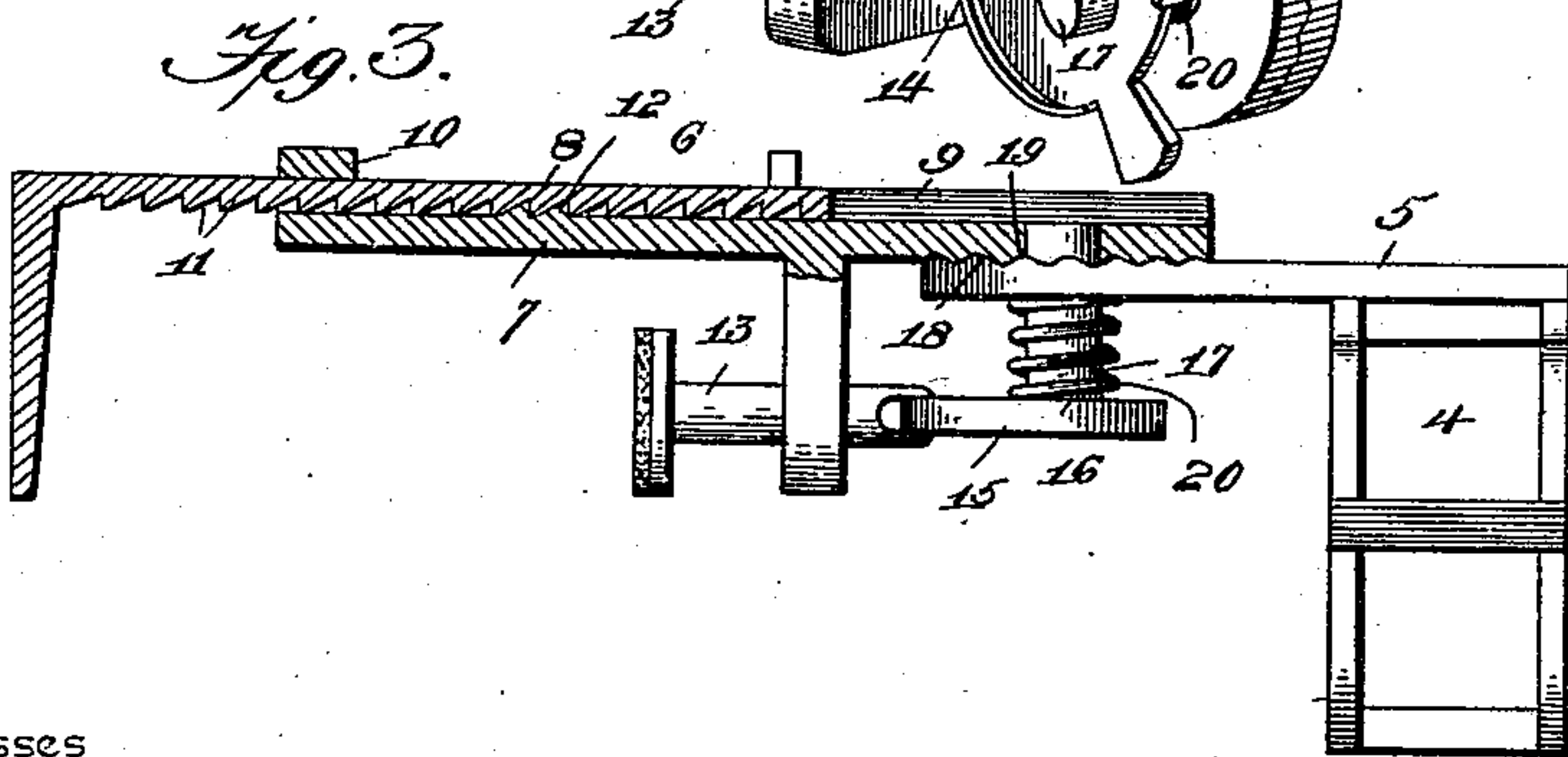


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## PILLOW-SHAM HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRED LEVERNE SMITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Litchfield, in the county of Meeker and State of Minnesota, have invented a new and useful Pillow-Sham Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in pillow-sham holders.

10 The object of the present invention is to improve the construction of pillow-sham holders, and to provide a simple, inexpensive, and efficient one, capable of ready adjustment to suit the size of the head-post of the  
15 bedstead to which it is to be applied, and adapted to hold a pair of pillow-shams in any desired position.

A further object of the invention is to provide a pillow-sham holder which may be  
20 quickly applied to and readily removed from a bedstead.

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

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pillow-sham holder constructed in accordance with this invention and shown  
30 applied to a bedstead. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of one of the clamps and its adjustable arm. Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the same, the adjustable arm being arranged in a horizontal position.

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

1 designates a transverse bar, composed of two sections having their inner portions overlapping, and provided at their inner ends with sleeves or bands 2, encircling the adjacent section at a point intermediate of the ends thereof, whereby the two sections of the transverse bar are slidingly connected, and are  
40 adapted to be adjusted in length to suit the width of the bedstead to which the sham-holder is to be applied. The transverse bar 1 carries an adjustable sham-holding frame 3, composed of two sections, constructed of  
45 wire, rod metal or the like, and mounted on the sections of the transverse bar, and capa-

ble of conforming to the adjustment of the same.

The outer ends of the sections of the transverse bar are arranged in open or skeleton  
55 sockets 4, extending inward from and carried by adjustable arms 5 of clamps 6, adapted to engage the head-posts of a bedstead, whereby the sham-holder is applied thereto. The open or skeleton socket 4 receives the  
60 outer ends of the sections of the transverse bar 1, and each socket consists of curved side pieces arranged on the edges of the transverse bar, transverse end pieces arranged on one face of the same, and a central piece  
65 located on the opposite face thereof. The sockets conform to the configuration of the transverse bar, which is rigidly held therein and readily removable therefrom.

The clamp 6 is composed of two sections or  
70 members 7 and 8, provided with jaws arranged at right angles to the shanks or body portions of the sections, and designed to be arranged in front and in rear of a head-post of a bedstead, which is clamped between  
75 them. The section 7 is provided at its outer face with longitudinal ribs 9, forming a way, and it has at its inner end a transverse piece 10, which forms a loop receiving the shank or plate of the section 8. The section 8 is ar-  
80 ranged in the guide or way of the section 7, and is provided with teeth 11, forming a rack and interlocking with corresponding teeth 12 of the section 7, whereby the two sections of the clamp are adjustably connected. 85

When the clamp is to be applied to a bedstead, the sections are adjusted to approximate the thickness of the head-post, which is clamped after such adjustment by means of a sliding bolt 13, mounted on the jaw of the  
90 section 7, and provided at its inner end with a head for engaging the bedstead.

The sliding bolt 13 is provided at its engaging end or head with a suitable surface, to avoid scratching or otherwise marring a  
95 bedstead, and its outer end is provided with opposite lugs 14, substantially L-shaped and embracing a peripheral flange 15 of an eccentric 16, whereby the bolt is loosely connected with and is adapted to be actuated by the  
100 eccentric. The eccentric 16 is mounted on a pivot 17, disposed horizontally and located



at the outer end of the section 7 of the clamp, and the said eccentric is provided with a finger-piece or handle, and is adapted to be rotated on the pivot 17, to clamp the bedstead.

5 The adjustable arm 5 has its inner end enlarged, perforated, and mounted on the pivot 17, which performs a double function of pivoting the arm 5 and the eccentric 16, and the said arm 5 is adapted to swing on the pivot, 10 to raise and lower the shams, and it is provided at its inner end with serrations or teeth 18, engaging corresponding serrations or teeth 19 of the outer end of the section 7 of the clamp 6. The teeth of the adjustable 15 arm are held in engagement with those of the section 7 by a spiral spring 20, disposed on the pivot 17, and interposed between the cam or eccentric and the arm, and the said teeth 18 and 19 are rounded, so as to readily move 20 on each other when a slight force is applied; but they create sufficient friction to hold a pair of shams at any desired adjustment.

It will be seen that the sham-holder is exceedingly simple and inexpensive in construction, that it is capable of ready adjustment, to enable it to be applied to any ordinary bedstead, and that it is capable of holding a pair of shams in the desired position.

Changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted 30 to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

What I claim is—

In a pillow sham holder, the combination 35 of a clamp composed of two adjustable sections, a sliding bolt mounted on the clamp, an eccentric connected with and adapted to operate the bolt, an adjustable arm provided with a socket and interlocked with the clamp 40 and adapted to swing upward and downward to raise and lower the pillow shams; a horizontal pivot mounted on the front portion of the clamp, and pivoting both the arm and the eccentric, and a spiral spring mounted on the 45 pivot and interposed between the eccentric and the adjustable arm and retaining the latter in its engagement with the clamp, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as 50 my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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