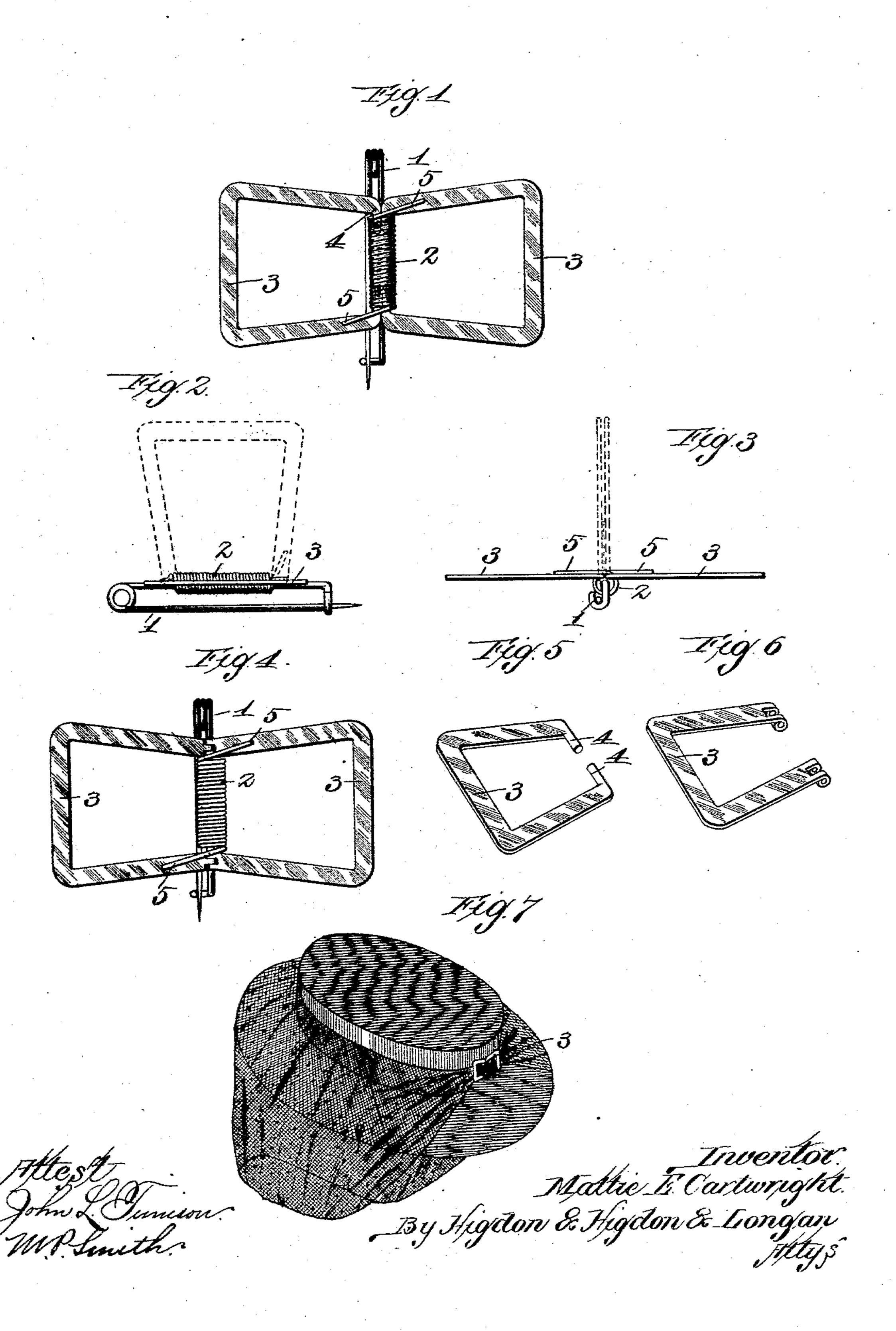
## M. E. CARTWRIGHT. VEIL HOLDER.

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## VEIL-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MATTIE E. CARTWRIGHT, of the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Veil-Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention relates to an improved veilto clasp; and it consists in the novel features of construction hereinafter described and

claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a top plan view of the preferred form of my improved veil15 clasp. Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof. Fig. 3 is a front view of the same. Fig. 4 is a top plan view of the modified form of my improved veil-clasp. Fig. 5 is a view in perspective of one of the frames used in the prespective view of the clasp. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the frame used in the modified form of said clasp. Fig. 7 is a view in perspective of a hat on which is located a veil, the same being held by my improved clasp.

Referring by numerals to the accompanying

drawings, 1 indicates an ordinary safety-pin upon the top portion of the body of which is loosely arranged a torsionally-bent coil-

spring 2.

of thin strips of metal, the ends 4 of which are turned inwardly toward each other in the same horizontal plane and rounded, so that the same will readily operate. These ends 4 are passed into the ends of the spring 2 and the protruding ends 5 of said spring placed so as to bear one upon each of the said frames 3. Said spring normally holds the frames 3 in the same horizontal plane.

and 6 the ends of one of the frames 3 are bifurcated, and said bifurcated ends are looped around the body of the pin 1, while the ends of the opposite frame 3 are reduced in width, so that the portions so reduced can be looped around the bodies of the pins between the bifurcated ends of the opposite frame, thus making an ordinary hinge-joint between the ends of said frames.

In the practical use of my device the safety- 50 pin is located in the usual manner at the desired point on the hat, and when the veil is located upon said hat and it is desired to hold or clasp the ends of said veil the operator engages the outer ends of the frames 3 with the 55 thumb and fingers and springs the same upwardly and together, as indicated by dotted lines in Figs. 2 and 3. By so doing the coilspring 2 is torsionally bent and power tending to return the frames to normal position 60 is exerted by said spring. After the veil has been properly adjusted the ends thereof are passed through the frames 3, after which said frames are loosened from the grasp of the operator and the power stored in the torsionally- 65 bent spring 2 will cause said frames to instantly reassume their normal position, which movement will very efficiently clasp and hold the ends of the veil.

A veil-clasp of my improved construction 7° is very easily applied for use, can be instantly removed from one part of the hat to the other or from one hat to another, does not necessitate the passing of a pin or hook through the veil, which very often disfigures said veil, and 75 said clasp is very compact and presents a neat

and finished appearance.

I claim—

1. A veil-clasp, comprising a suitable attaching-pin, two separate frames hinged at 80 adjacent edges, and a torsional coil-spring located around the body of the said pin and around contiguous parts of the said frames, substantially as set forth.

2. In a veil-clasp, the combination of a 85 safety-pin, a torsional coil-spring located upon the body thereof, and a pair of rectangular frames, the ends of which are passed into the ends of the torsional spring, the ends of said coil-spring bearing one upon each of 90 said frames.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

MATTIE E. CARTWRIGHT.

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