

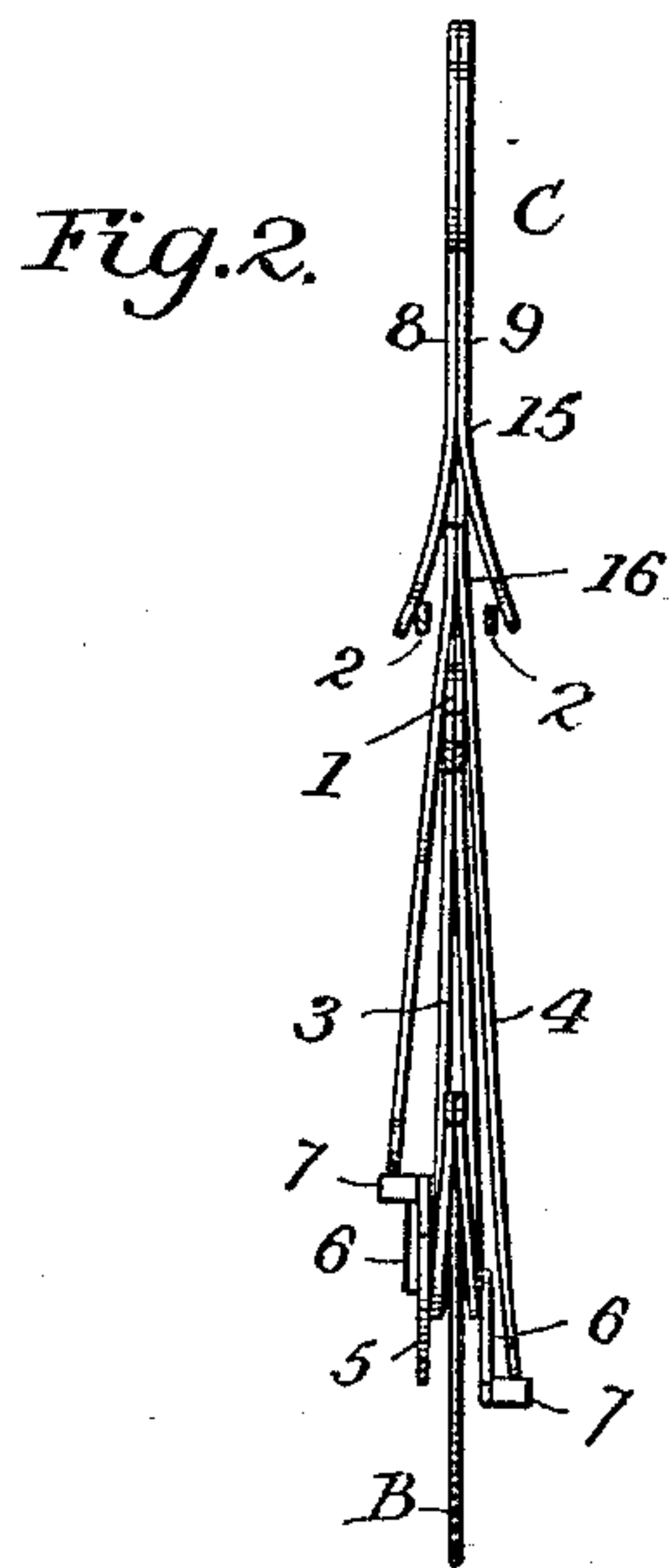
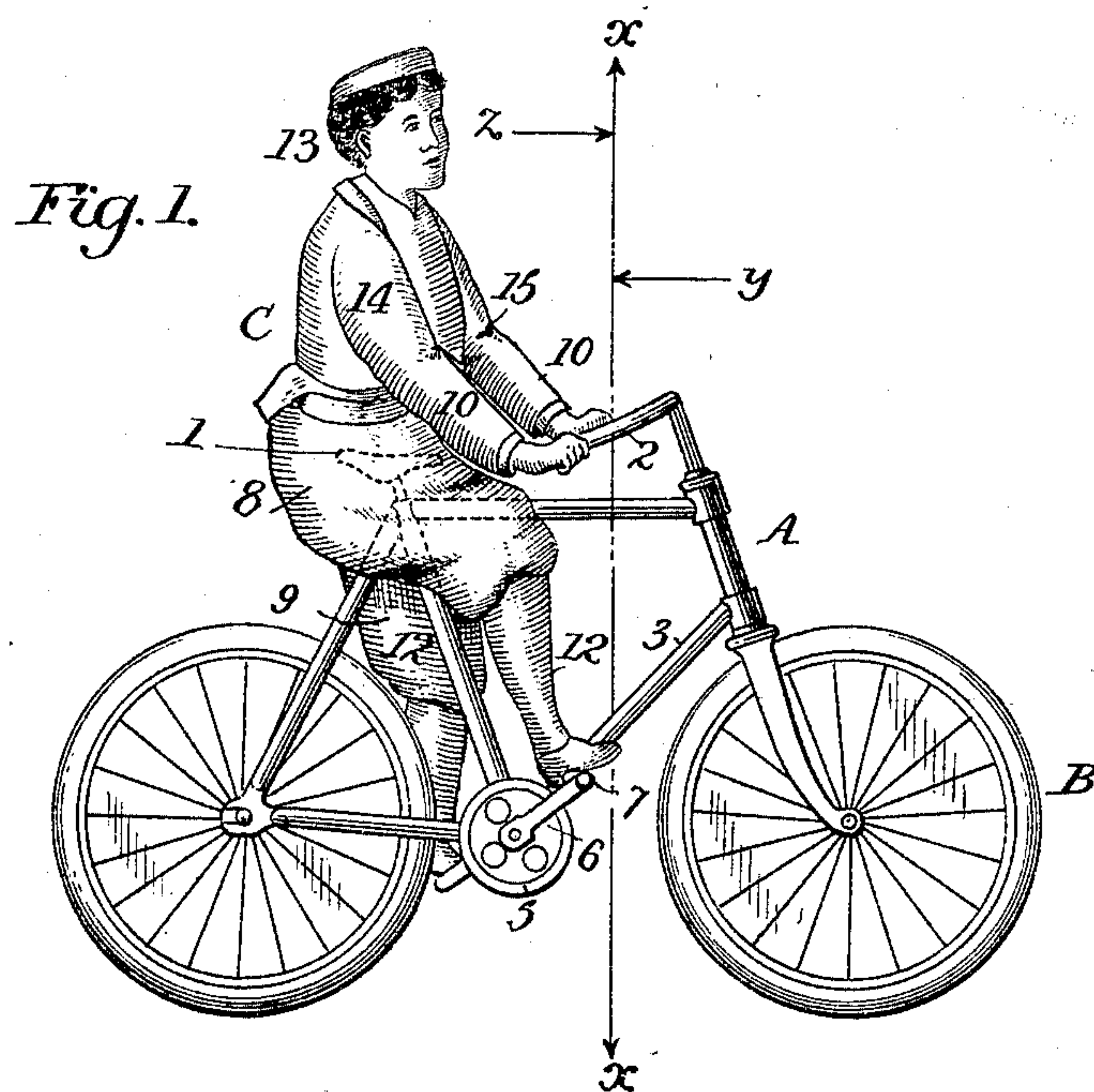
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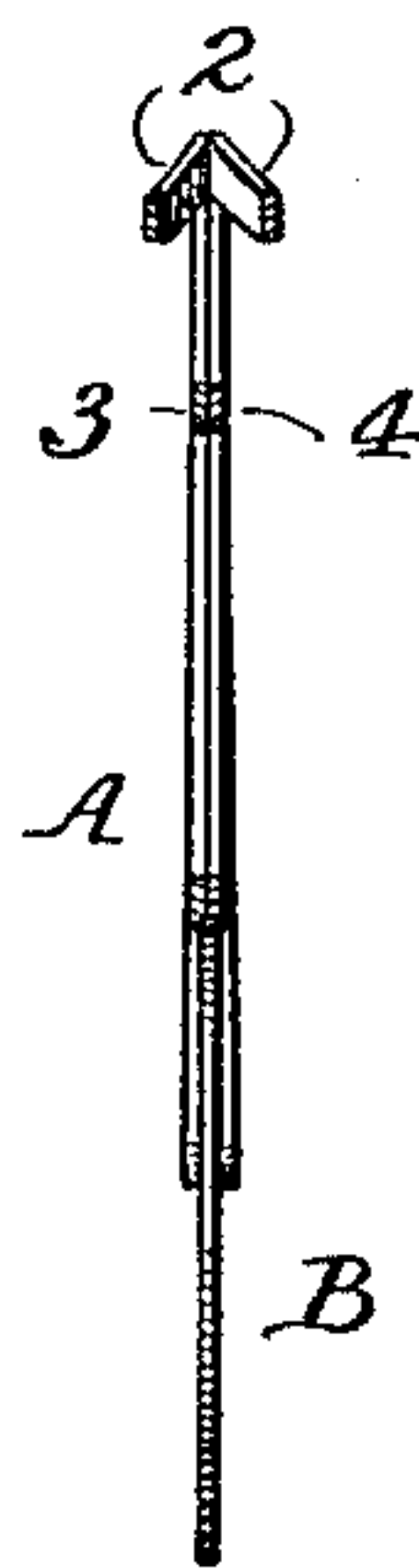
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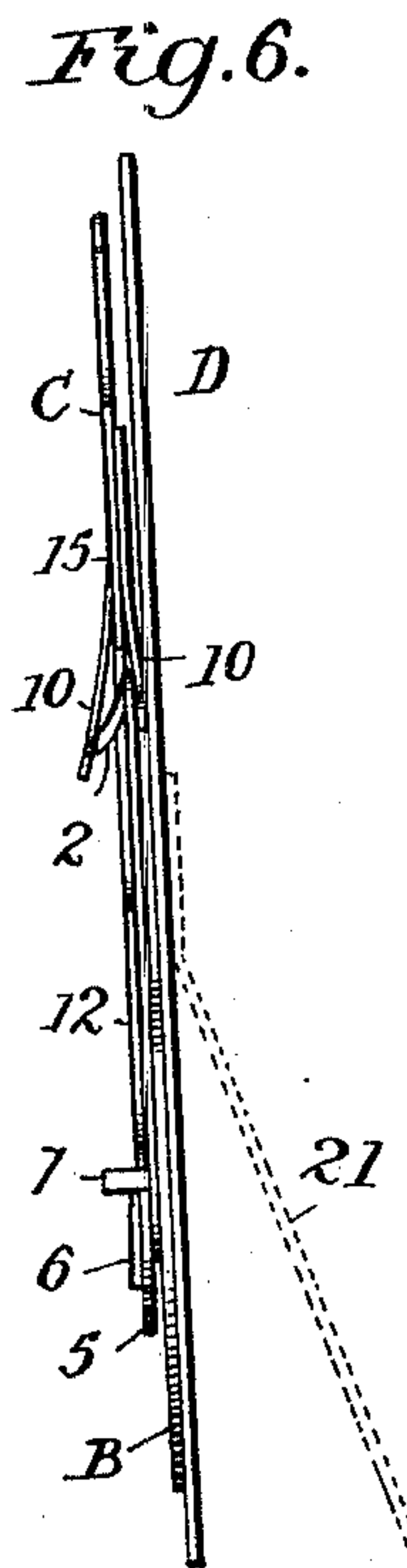
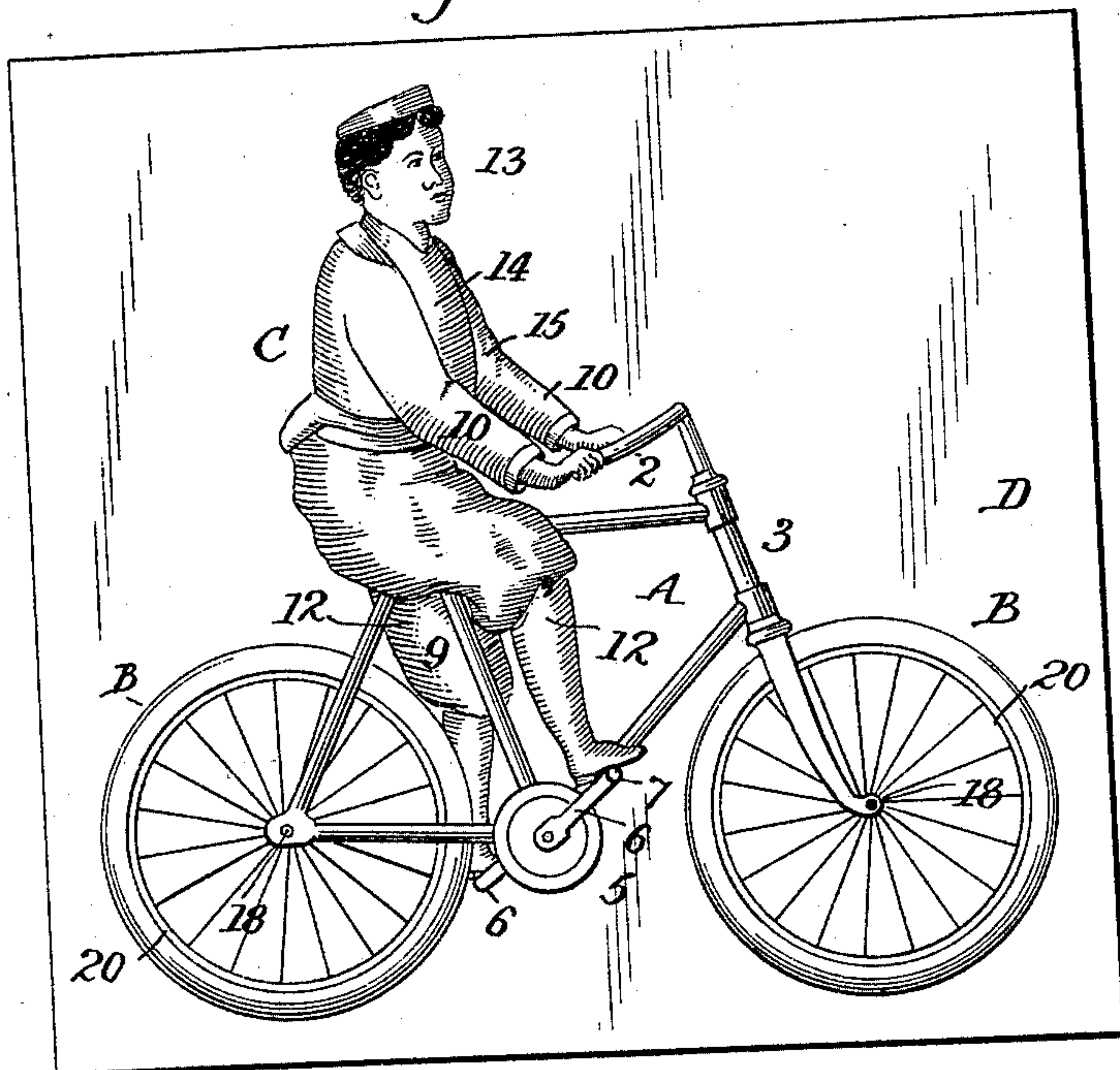
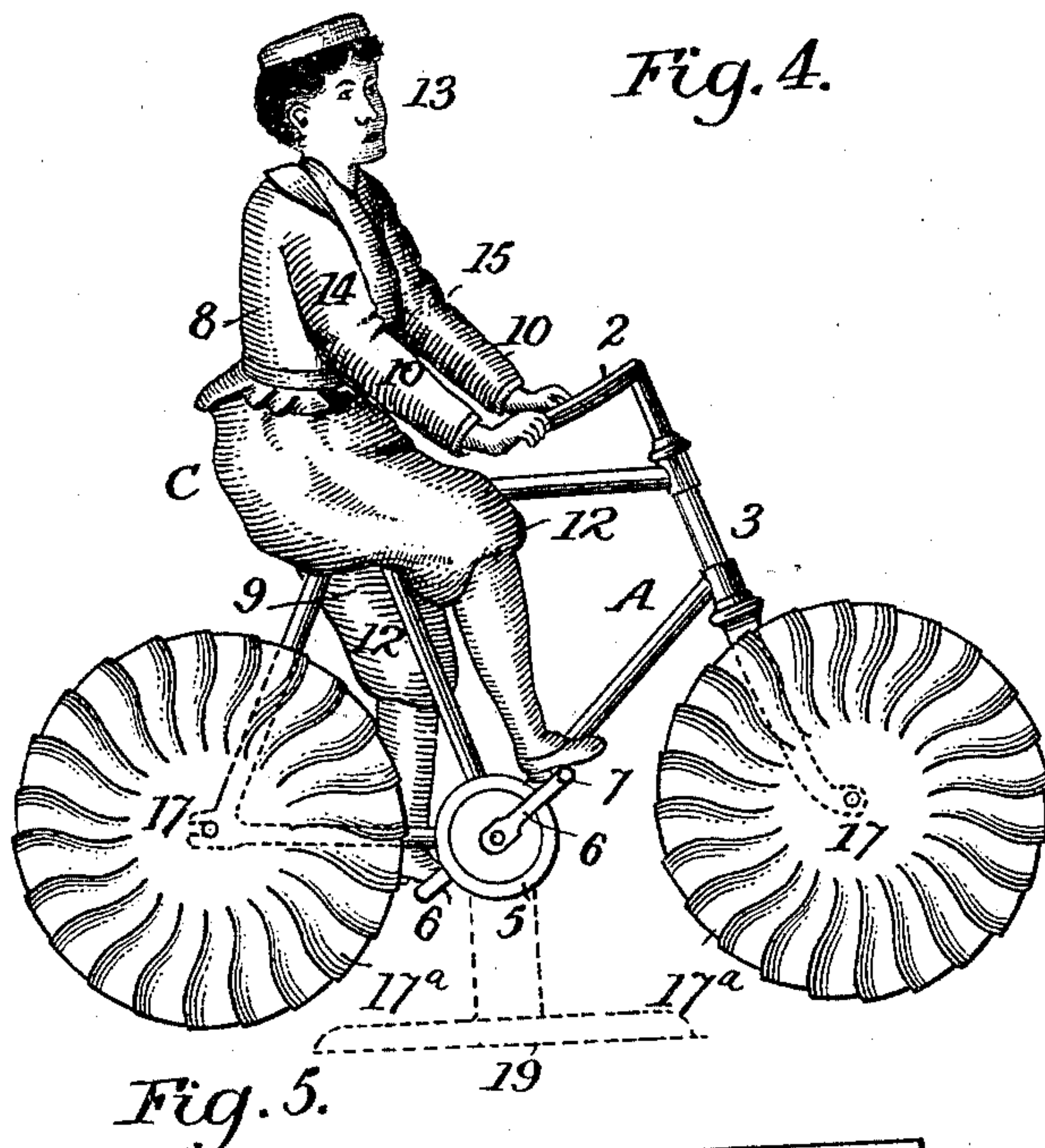
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## ADVERTISING DEVICE OR TOY.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MILBERT F. PRICE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Iowa City, in the county of Johnson and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Advertising Devices or Toys, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to toys, and it may also be used as an advertising device, the invention consisting in the construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter more particularly described.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification and in which like letters and figures of reference indicate corresponding parts, Figure 1 is a side elevation of the invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view on the line  $x x$  of Fig. 1, looking in the direction of the arrow  $y$ . Fig. 3 is a similar view looking in the direction of the arrow  $z$ . Fig. 4 is a side elevation of a modification. Fig. 5 is a similar view, and Fig. 6 is an end elevation of the same.

Referring to the drawings, A designates the frame of a bicycle, formed, preferably, of cardboard or pasteboard, though it may be formed of other material, such as tin, celluloid, &c. This frame may be of any of the well-known shapes or of any fanciful or arbitrary shape and has the seat 1 and the handle-bar formed integral therewith. The frame A is formed, preferably, of two counterpart sections or blanks 3 4, brought together so that the similar parts of the frame will register and then secured by pasting or otherwise except at those points hereinafter mentioned. The sections of the frame, as well as all of the other parts hereinafter referred to, may be either plain or have their faces printed, as shown, or they may be colored in imitation of the objects they represent.

Secured upon one side of the frame by pasting is the wheel 5, and upon the face of this wheel and upon the opposite side of the frame are the cranks 6 and pedals 7, each of which is formed, preferably, of an angular strip of cardboard.

B are the wheels of the bicycle, and, as shown, the spokes of these wheels are printed. These wheels are secured either pivotally or rigidly between the front and rear forks of the frame A, these portions of the blanks 3 4 be-

ing left disconnected and separated to remove the wheels. The blanks 3 4 are also left disconnected at the handle-bar portions 2, and these portions are bent to opposite sides of the plane of the frame A.

C is a figure formed of any suitable material, but preferably of cardboard, representing a man, woman, or child, or, if preferred, the figure may be in representation of some animal. In the present instance this figure represents a man in bicycle costume and is preferably formed in two sections 8 9, each of which forms one of the arms 10, one of the legs 12, and one-half of the head 13 and body 14. The opposite outer faces of these two sections are printed to correspond, and the sections are pasted together at the body portion 14, and the arm and leg portions are left disconnected, the former being bent at 15 to extend upon opposite sides of the plane of the body portion, while the latter extends downward from the point 16 in different planes.

From the above it will be evident that if the figure C be properly placed upon the bicycle the seat 1 will extend between the legs 12 and the figure held in its position by reason of the frictional contact of the legs upon opposite sides of the seat and frame, and the legs and hands are so positioned that they will register with the pedals 7 and the handle-bar 2, respectively.

When used as a toy, several of the figures (representing men, women, children, and animals) may be employed, any one of which may be placed upon the bicycle in the manner above set forth.

If the device be used for advertising purposes, the advertisement may be printed upon the wheels or upon any other desirable portion of the bicycle, or upon the figure itself.

In the modification illustrated in Fig. 4 fan-wheels 17 are substituted for the wheels B. These wheels are provided with vanes, which are in angular relation to the plane of the body portion of the wheels, and the wheels are pivoted upon the outside of the frame in such manner that when a blast of air is directed against them they will rotate. A suitable pedestal 19 (indicated in dotted lines) may be employed for supporting the device.

In the application of the device in Figs. 5 and 6 the bicycle is secured to a card D at



the pivotal points 18 of the wheels B, and the frame A, instead of being formed of two counterpart blanks, as in Figs. 1 to 4, consists of a single blank, which is disconnected 5 from the card, except at the points 18, to enable one leg of the figure C to be inserted between the card and the frame. Of course it will be understood that any suitable advertisement may be printed upon the card D.

10 In some instances I prefer to cut circular openings in the card D along the line 20, leaving only the wheel-rims and tires printed upon the face of the card, and arrange the fan-wheels 17 at the back of the card and 15 pivot them to the front and rear forks of the frame, so that when air passes through the openings in the card the wheels will be caused to rotate. If desired, some suitable means may be employed for supporting the card 20 vertically, as, for instance, by means of the ordinary pasteboard strip 21, (indicated by dotted lines, Fig. 6.)

Without limiting myself to the precise construction and arrangement shown, what I 25 claim is—

1. The within-described toy, comprising a

bicycle blanked out of flat material and a figure formed of two or more flat sections secured together, the leg portions of the figure adapted to extend upon opposite sides of the 30 bicycle and to be held in position by frictional contact therewith, substantially as described.

2. The within-described toy comprising a card, of a bicycle formed of flat material and secured to the card at its front and rear ends, 35 the intermediate portion of the bicycle being left disconnected from the card, and a figure formed of two or more flat sections, the leg portions of the figure being left separated, and one of which is adapted to extend inter- 40 mediate the card and the bicycle and the other to extend on the outside of the bicycle whereby the figure is held in position by the frictional contact thereof with the bicycle and card, substantially as set forth. 45

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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