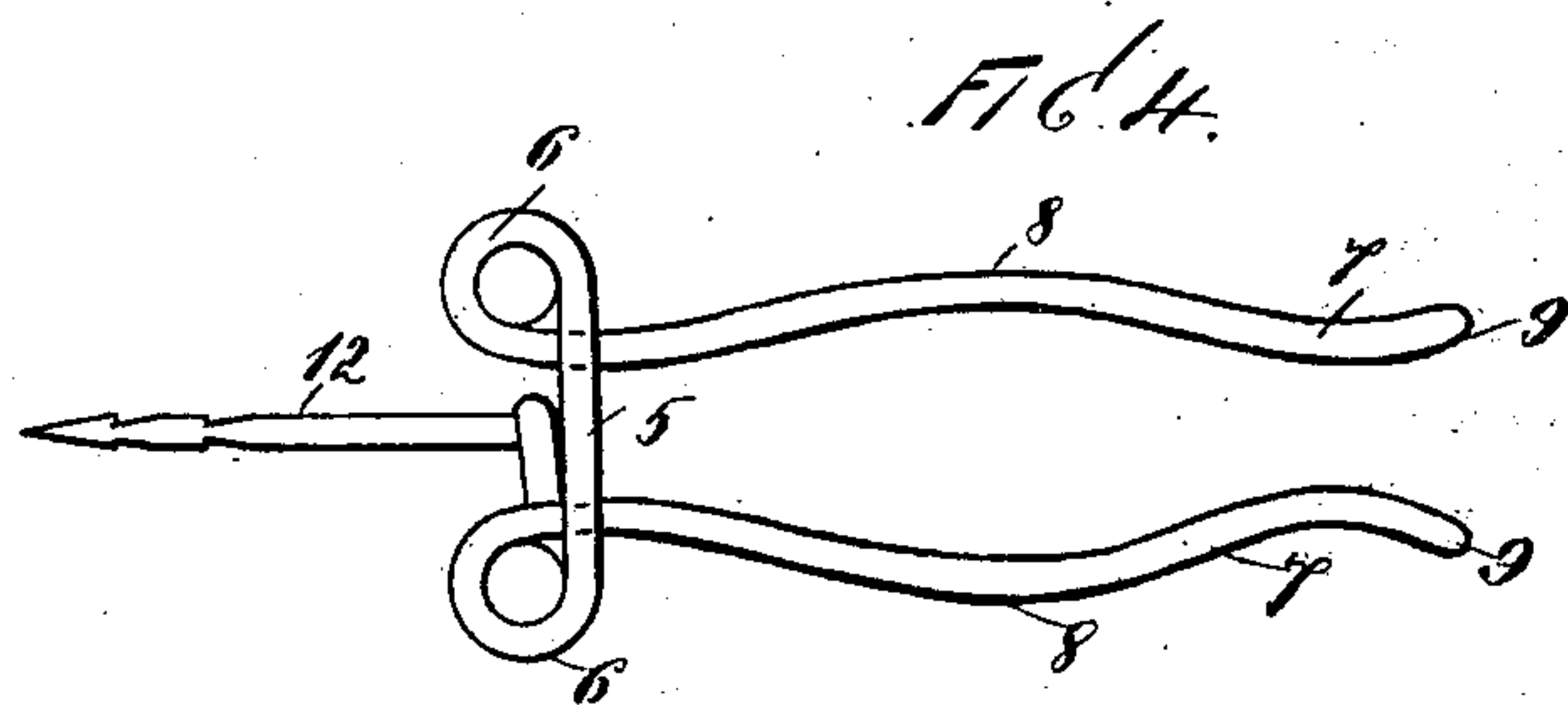
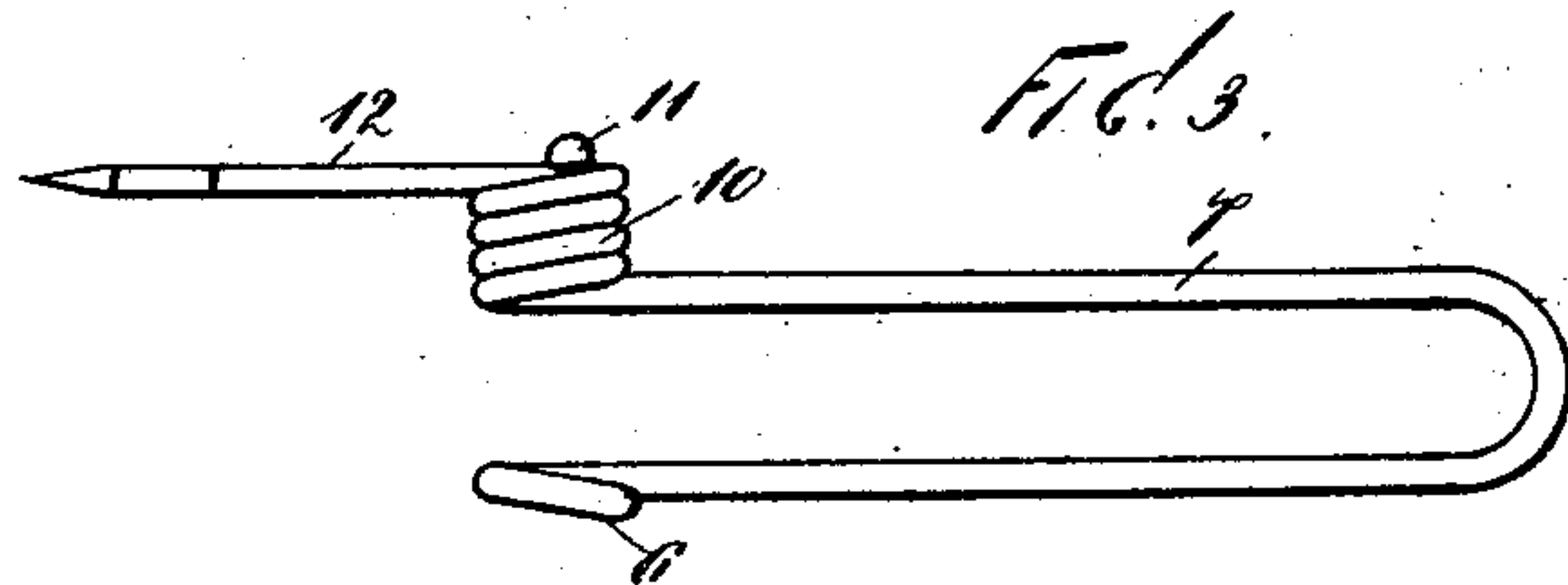
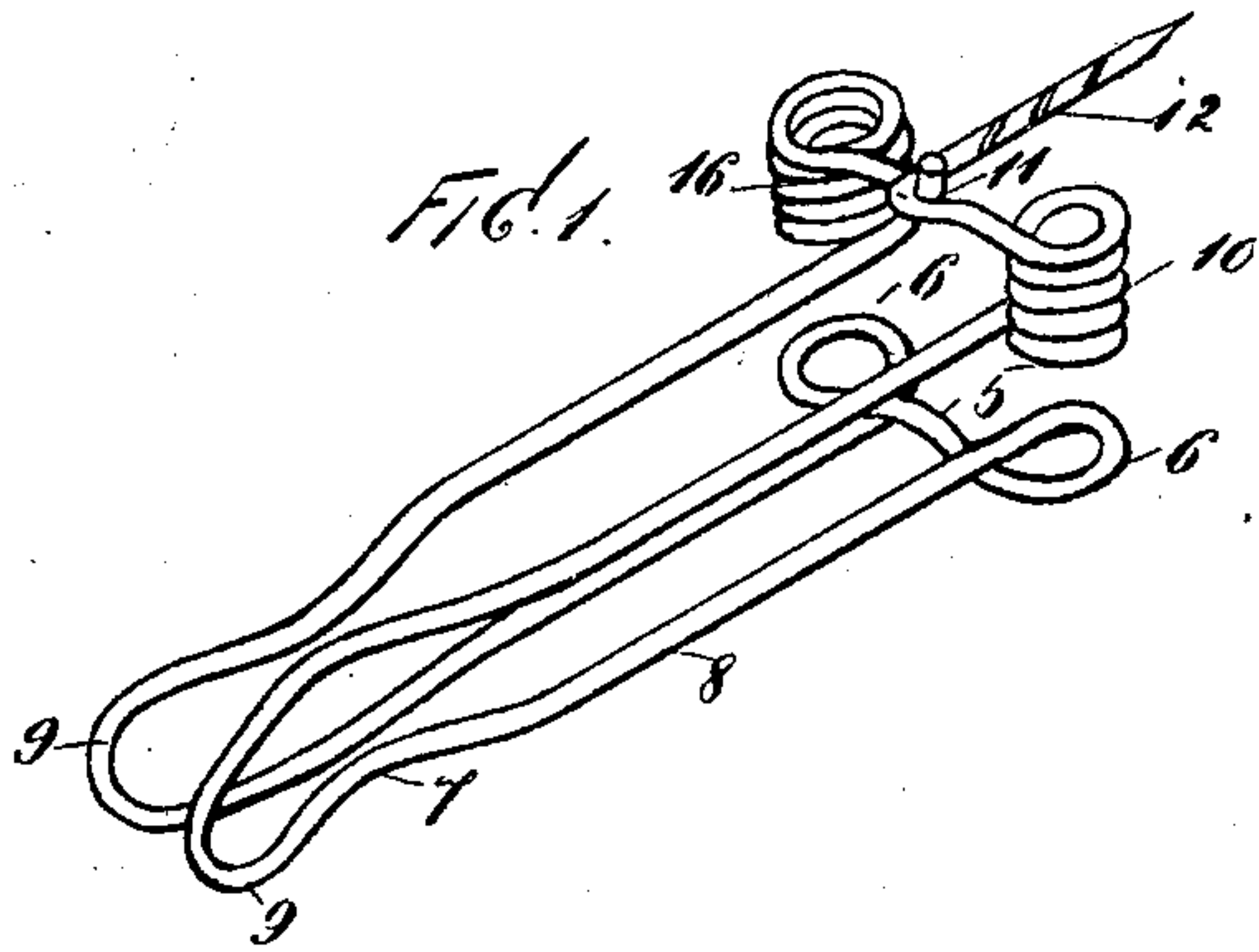
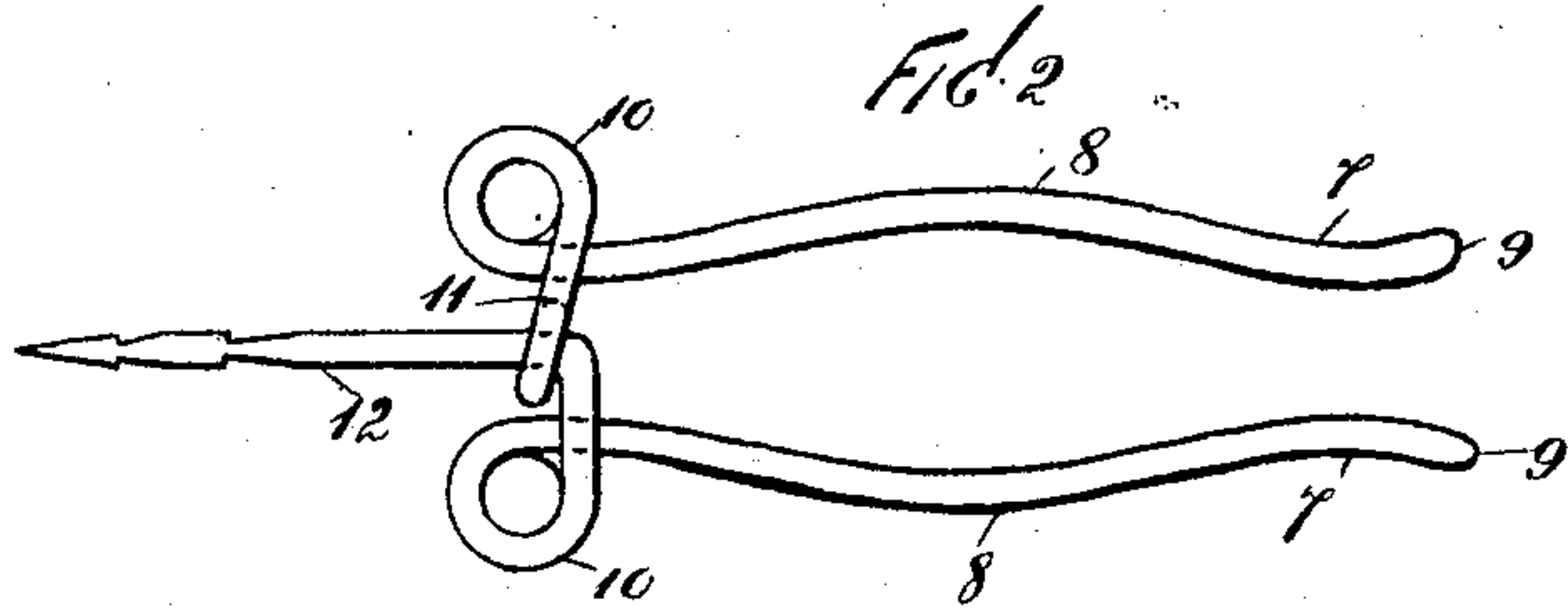


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY FRANK FORD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Haverhill, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Devices for Holding Brooms, Brushes, and Similar Articles, of which the following is a full and complete specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to devices for holding brooms, brushes, and similar articles; and the object thereof is to provide an improved device of this class which is composed of spring-wire and which is adapted to be connected with or secured to a wall or other support.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawings form a part, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved broom or brush holder. Fig. 2 is a plan view; Fig. 3, a side view, and Fig. 4 a bottom plan view.

In the drawings forming part of this specification the separate parts of my improvement are designated by the same numerals of reference throughout the several views; and in the practice of my invention I provide a holder for the purpose herein specified which is composed of strong spring-wire bent centrally to form a cross head or bar 5, as shown in Figs. 1 and 4. The side portions of the wire are then formed into loops or eyes 6 and bent backwardly over the cross-head and formed into spring side loops or yokes 7, the sides of which are outwardly curved, as shown at 8 in Figs. 2 and 4, and the ends of which are also outwardly curved, as shown at 9 in said figures.

The upper and lower sides of the side yokes or loops 7 are similar in length, and the wire at the inner end of the upper side of each of said yokes or loops is formed into an upwardly-directed coil 10, one of which is provided with

an inwardly-directed hook 11 and the other with an outwardly-directed prong 12, which passes through said hook.

The prong 12 is adapted to be inserted into or forced into a wall or other support or to be connected therewith in any desired manner, and in this position of the device the coils or rings 6 at the inner ends of the bottom portions of the side yokes or loops will press against the said wall or other support.

In connecting a broom or brush with my improved holder the handle thereof is inserted between the side yokes or loops 7, which operate as springs to hold the same, and it will be apparent that these side yokes or loops may be of a form different from that herein shown and described and that other changes in and modifications of my improved holder may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention or sacrificing its advantages.

Having fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

As an improved article of manufacture, a broom-holder comprising a blank of wire which is bent to form a cross-bar 5, loops or eyes 6, side loops or yokes 7, which are outwardly curved at 8, and the ends being outwardly curved at 9, said yoke consisting of an upper and lower part, each of which is similarly bent and of similar length, said wire being further bent to form coils 10, one of which is provided with an inwardly-directed hook 11 and the other with an outwardly-directed prong 12, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 5th day of January, 1897.

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