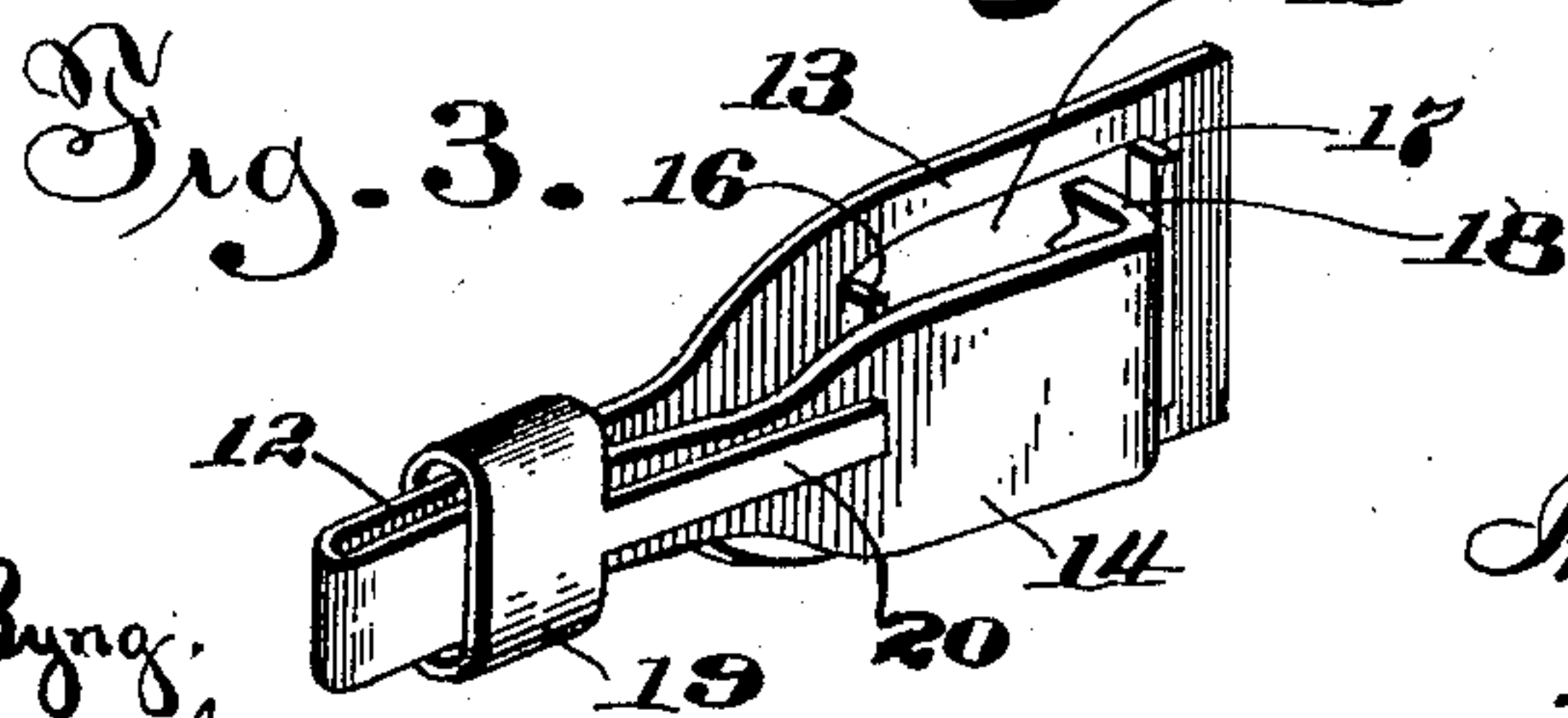
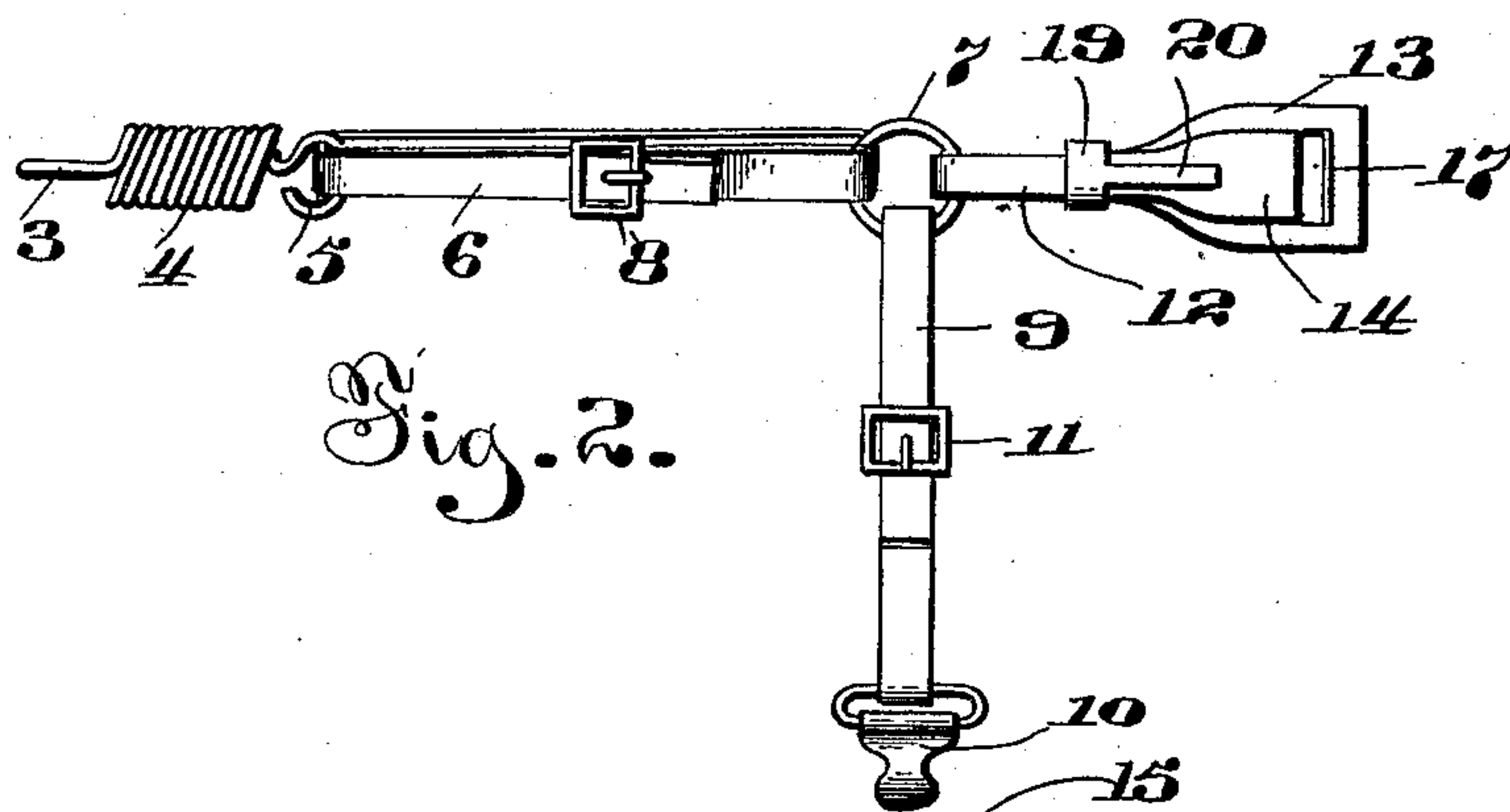
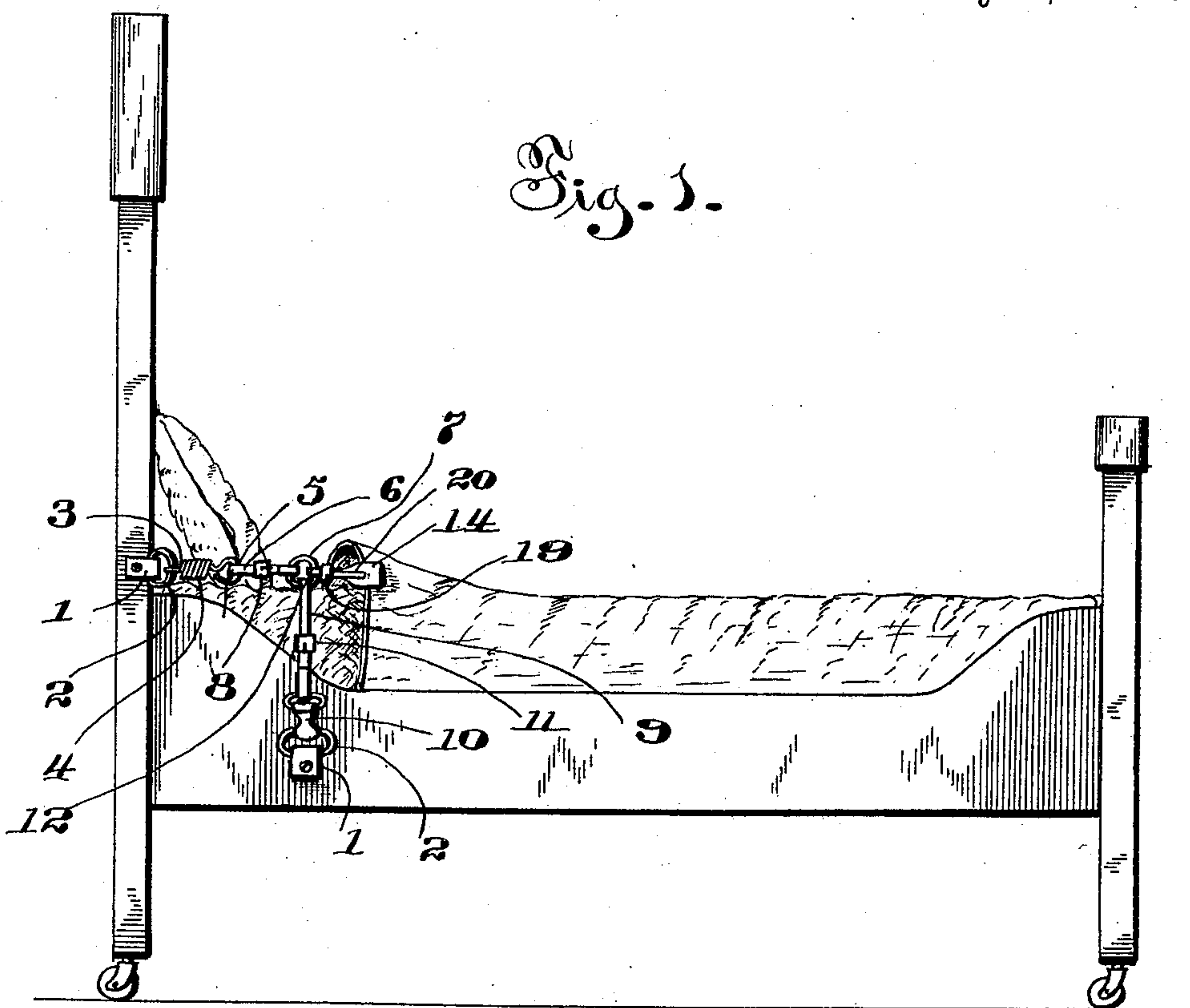


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IRVING D. CRESSON, of Crown Point, in the county of Lake and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bedclothes-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in devices for holding clothes in position upon beds or for use in connection with carriages, cribs, or the like; and the object of the same is to provide an improved device which may be readily attached to or detached from the bed to which it is applied for the purpose of holding the clothes firmly thereon to prevent the accidental displacement of the same.

The invention consists in the novel features of construction hereinafter more particularly set forth and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a side elevation of the bed, showing my attachment applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a detached view, and Fig. 3 is a detail view, of the clothes.

Referring to the numerals on the drawings, 1 indicates the loops, which are adapted to be secured one to the back of the headboard at a short distance above the bed and the other to the side piece of the bed a short distance from the headboard by screws or in any other desired manner. Rings 2 are carried by these loops, and adapted to engage the ring of the headboard is the hooked end 3 of the spiral spring 4, the opposite end of said spiral spring being formed into a loop 5.

6 indicates a double strap which is passed through the loop 5 of the coiled spring and extends at its opposite end through a ring 7, the meeting ends of said strap being united by a buckle 8, whereby the length of said strap may be varied.

9 indicates a strap which is similar to strap 6, said strap being provided at its lower end with a clasp 10, by means of which it is attached to the ring carried by the side piece of the bed. The ends of this strap are united by a buckle 11, as in the former instance, and said strap at its opposite end passes through the ring 7.

The clasp for holding the bedclothes consists of a single piece of metal having a narrow central portion 12, which is enlarged at its ends, as indicated at 13 and 14. This piece of metal is then doubled until its enlarged ends are brought in line with each other, so as to form a loop at its opposite end, by means of which it is positioned upon the ring 7. The enlarged portion 13 has an opening 15 formed therein which is substantially the same width as the enlarged portion 14. Flanges 16 and 17 are formed on the inner side of the portion 13 on opposite edges of the opening, the flange adjacent the outer edge of the enlarged portion being serrated to form teeth for holding the clothes. The outer end of the enlargement 14 is formed with the flange 18, which is also serrated on its edge, said portion 14 constituting the movable member of the clamp or gripping device. For contracting or moving the movable member to engage the clothes I provide the sleeve 19, which is movable upon the narrow stem portion of said clamping members, said collar or sleeve carrying the arm 20, which is adapted at its outer end to bear against the movable member, so that as the collar is moved outward the movable member is contracted and the clothes which have been placed between the flanges or jaws of said members are firmly held therebetween. It will be understood that it is not essential that this clamp should be formed of a single piece of metal, as each clamping member might be formed separately and united and a loop provided for attaching the same to the ring.

In operation one of the devices described is used on each side of the bed adjacent the headboard and serves to support the clothes. Through the medium of the coiled springs the clothes may be moved slightly, but always returned to their normal positions, and thus the danger of the clothes being torn is obviated.

From the above description it will be seen that I have produced a very simple device for holding the bedclothes and which permits a slight movement of the same and yet prevents the entire displacement thereof.

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

In a device of the character set forth, the combination of securing devices adapted to be attached to the headboard and side rails of a bed, a yielding member including a spring
5 having a ring attached thereto, a clasp attached to the opposite side of the ring, and a vertically-adjustable retaining-strap having its upper end secured to the ring and its lower end movably connected to the securing de-

vice for attachment to the adjacent side rail of the bed.

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

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