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Fig. 1.

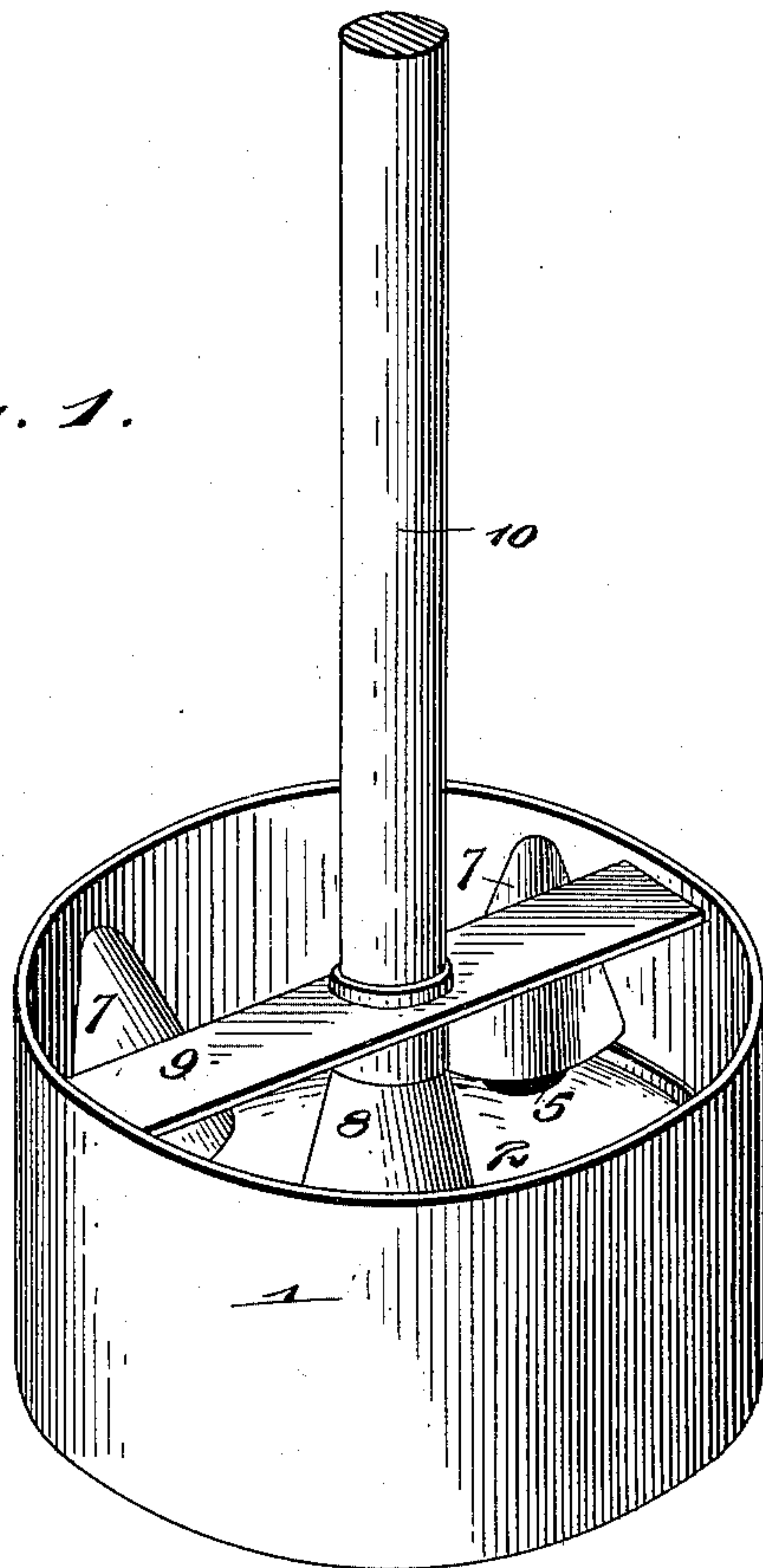


Fig. 2.

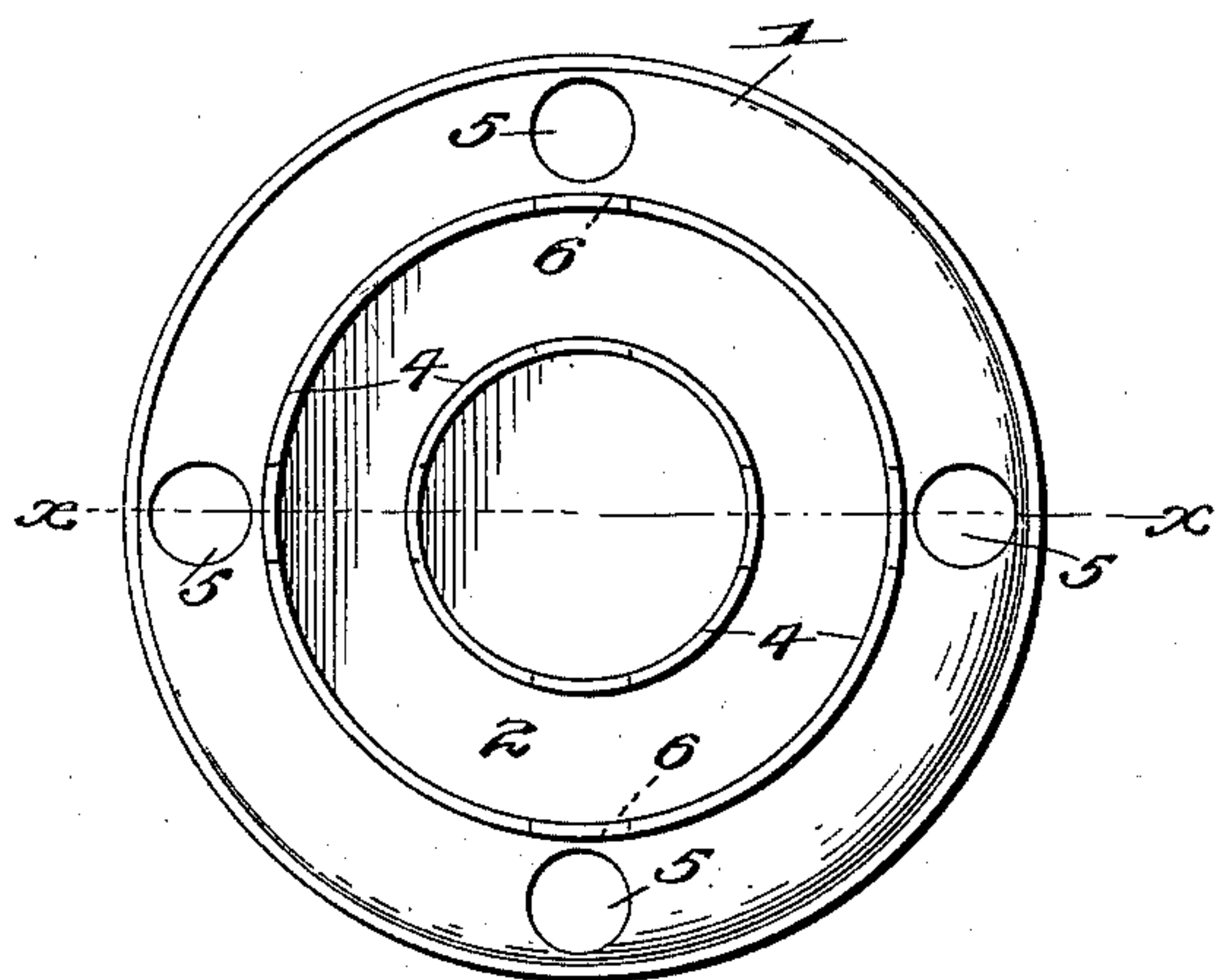
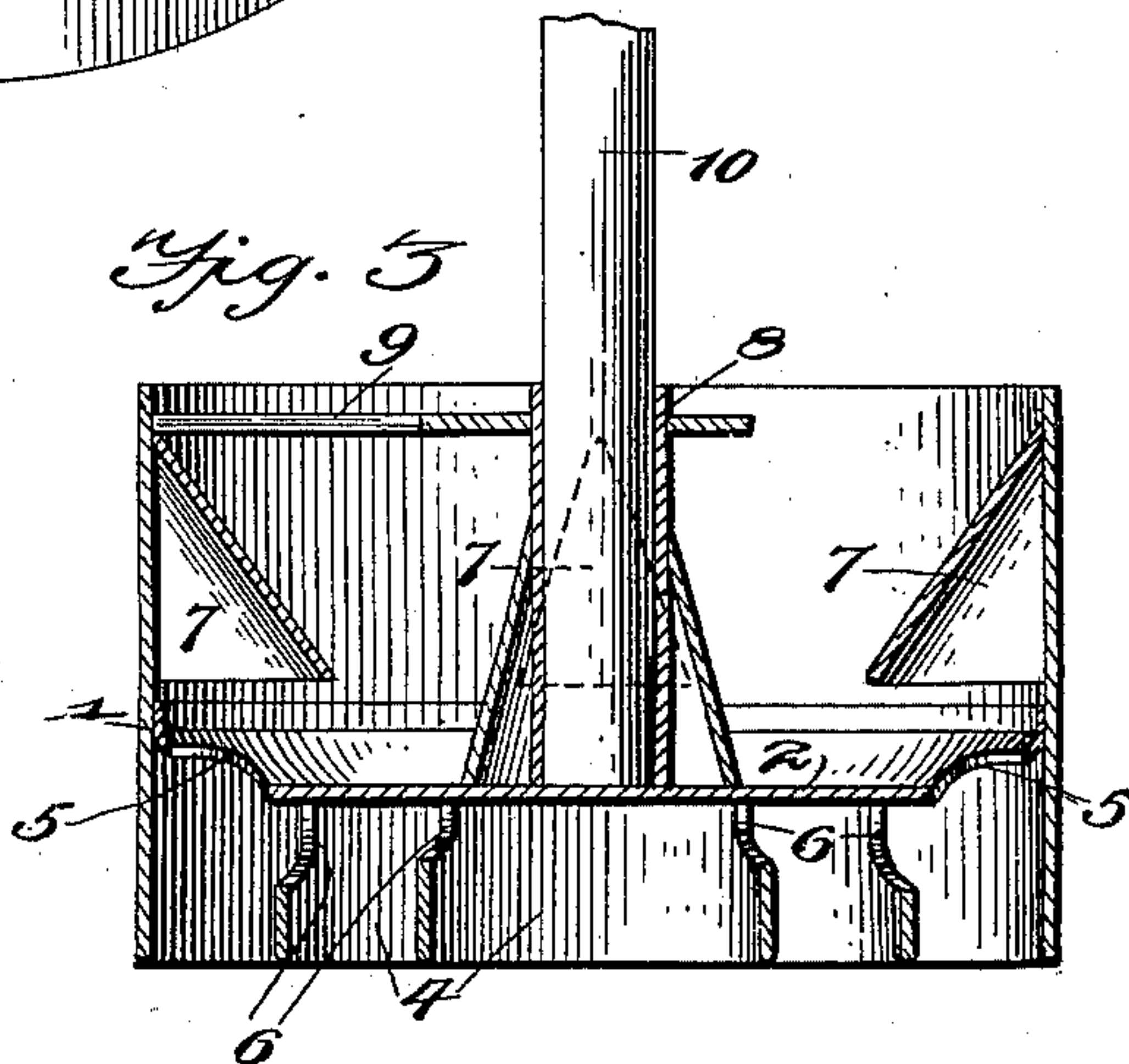


Fig. 3.



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CLOTHES-POUNDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. RODENBACH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Devil's Lake, in the county of Ramsey and State of North Dakota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Pounders; and I do 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.

The invention has relation to clothes-pounders; and the object is to provide a device of this character which shall be simple of construction, durable in use, and comparatively inexpensive of production and by means of which soiled clothes may be thoroughly cleansed with a minimum expenditure of labor and without splashing the water on the operator.

With this object in view the invention consists in certain features of construction and combination of parts, which will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a top perspective view of my improved clothes-pounder. Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view of the same, and Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view on line *xx* of Fig. 2.

In said drawings, 1 denotes the body of the pounder, which consists of a short cylinder-shell having a bottom 2 secured to its inner wall at a point above the lower edge of the shell and preferably bulged downward, as shown in Fig. 3.

4 denotes concentric rings secured to the under side of the bottom of the shell and having their lower ends projecting downwardly.

5 denotes apertures formed in the bottom between the sides of the shell and the outer concentric ring, and 6 denotes openings formed in the upper edges of the concentric rings.

7 denotes splasher-cups secured within the shell above the openings in its bottom, and 8

denotes a handle-socket having its lower end secured to the bottom and its upper end braced by bars 9.

10 denotes the handle.

In operation the device is brought against the clothes to be washed with a pounding action, and on each downstroke the water will be forced through the openings in the concentric rings out between the outer concentric ring and the side of the shell and thence upwardly through the holes in the bottom of the shell into the cups arranged immediately above said openings. Thus the operator will be prevented from being splashed and the suction overcome in the act of raising the pounder from the clothes, as the air will be allowed to pass down through the openings in the bottom of the shell and into the spaces between the concentric rings.

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

A clothes-pounder comprising, in combination, the outer shell having a concave bottom secured to its interior walls at a point above the lower end of the shell and formed with apertures near its edge or at its junction or connection with said shell, concentric bands secured to said bottom within the area circumscribed by the apertures and provided with openings in their upper edges, the lower edges of said bands being in the same plane as the lower edge of the shell, and splasher-cups secured within said shell, to the sides thereof at points directly above the openings in the concave bottom, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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