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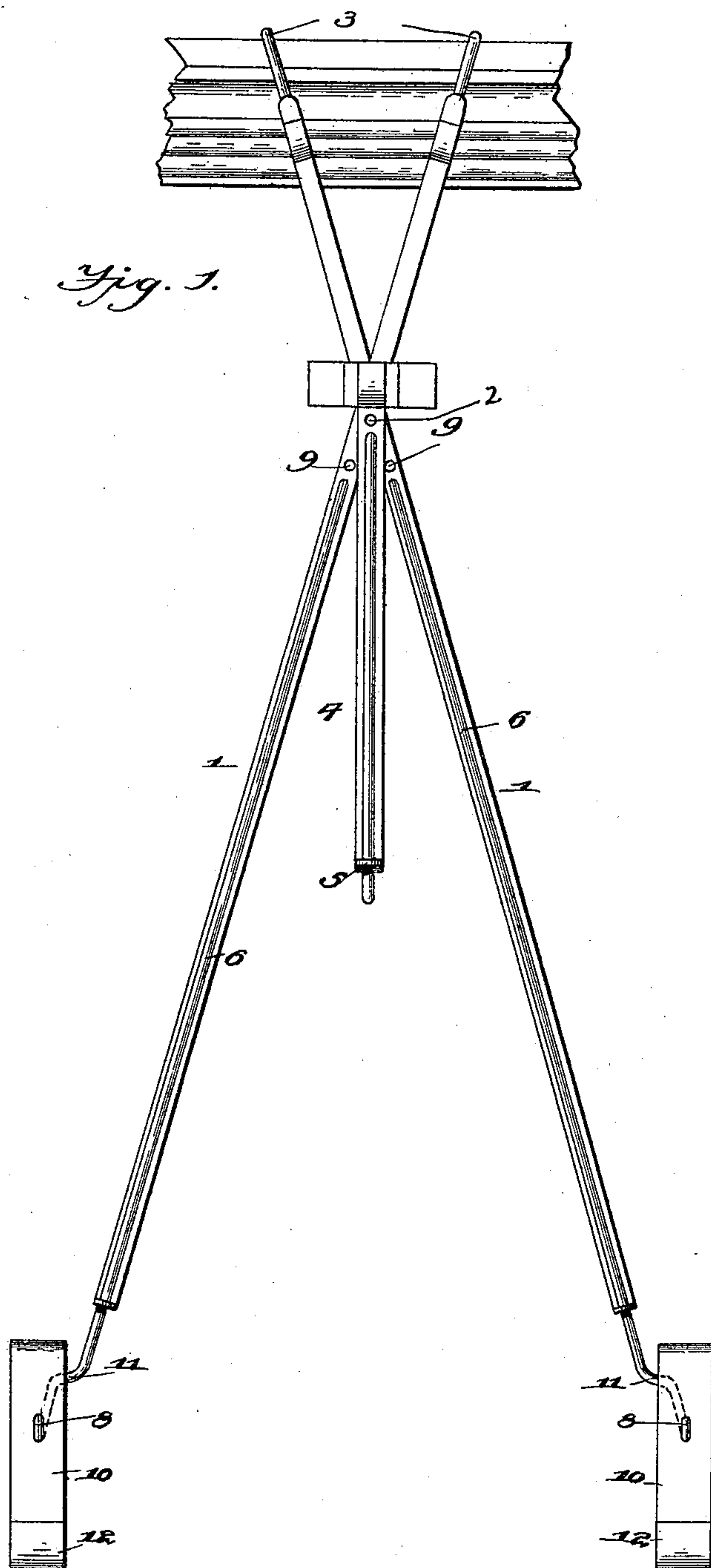
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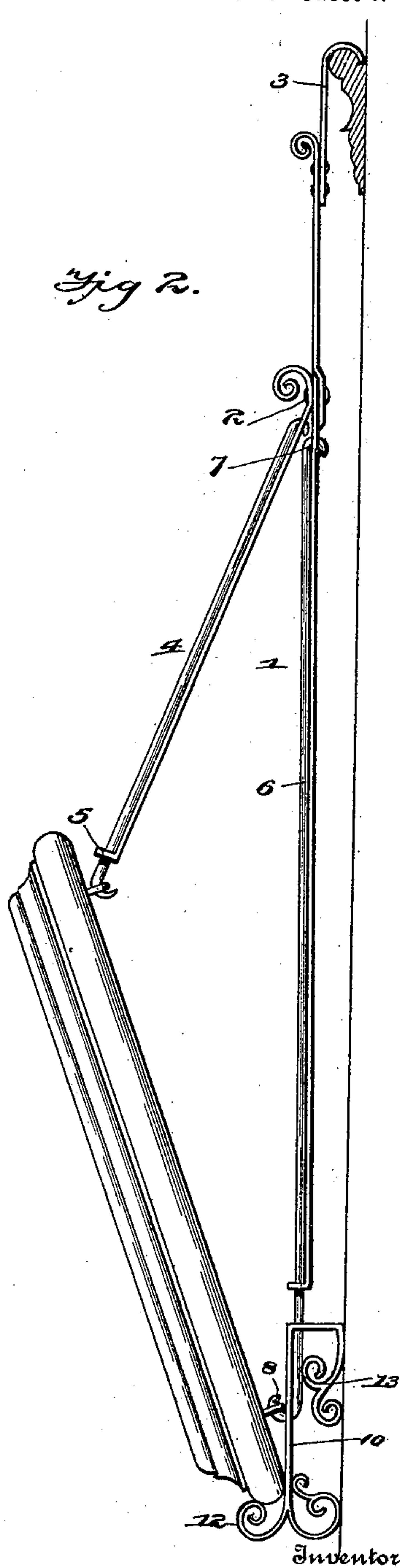
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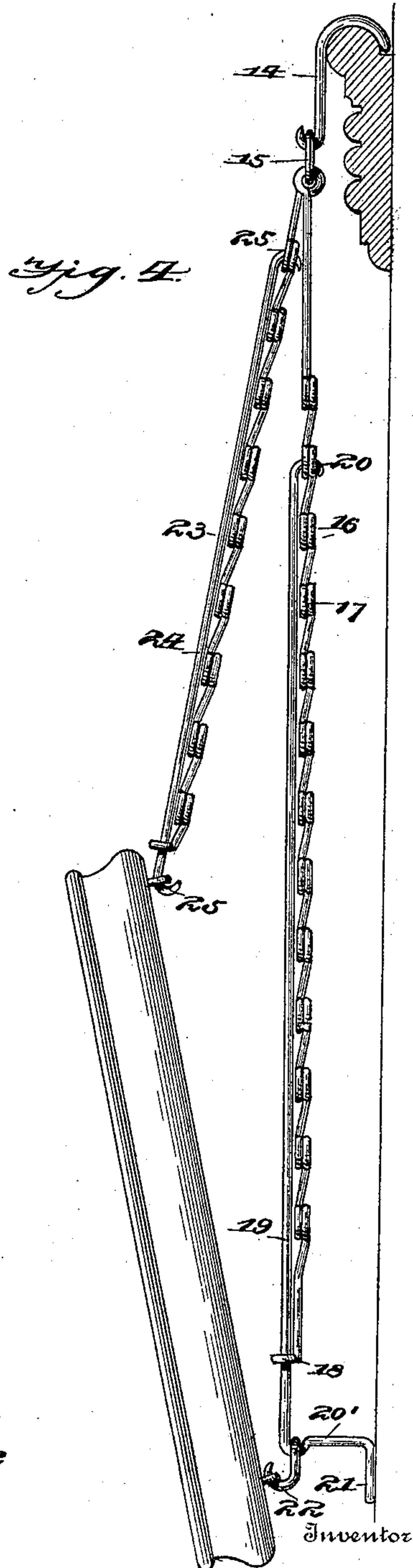
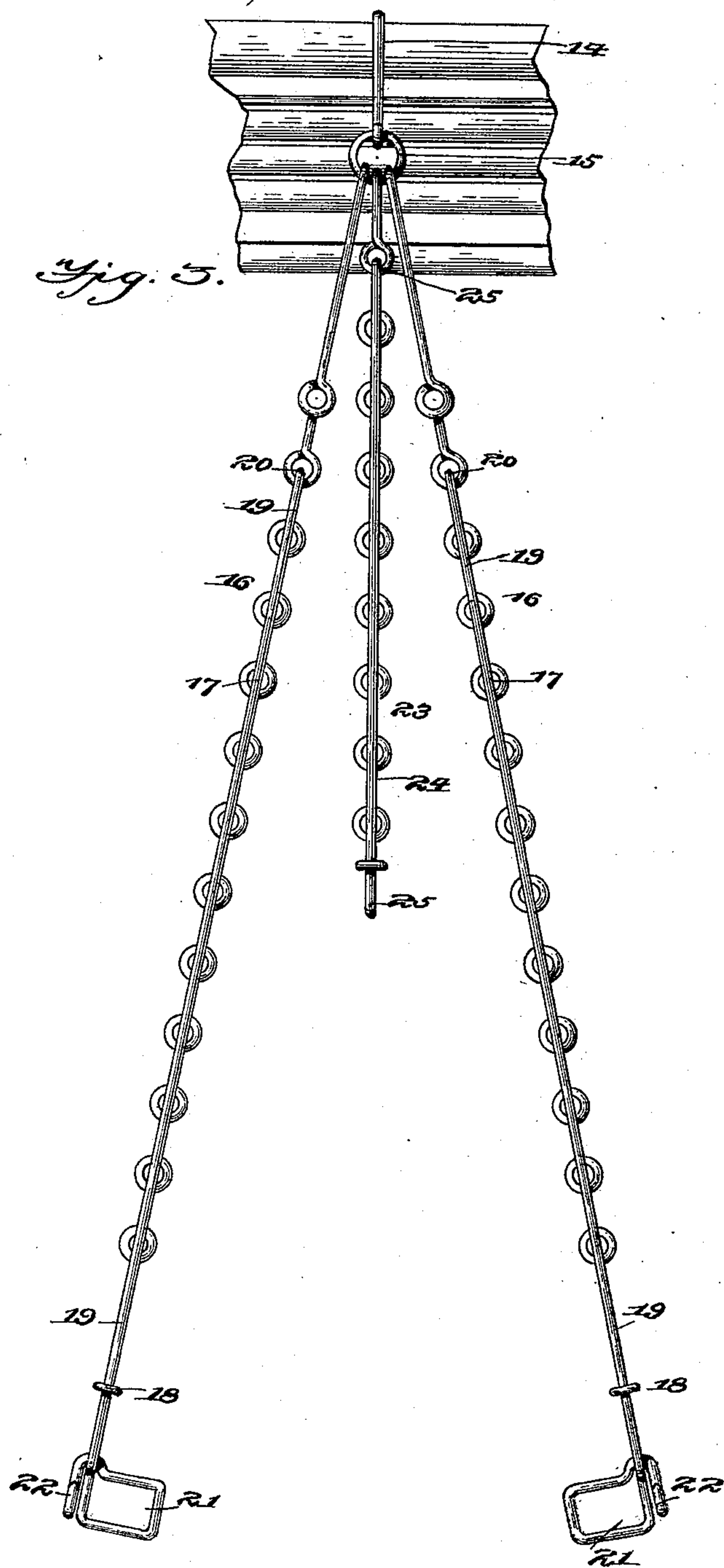
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AXEL EHLERS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Carthage, in the county of Jasper and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Picture-Hangers; 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 picture-hangers.

The object of the invention is to provide a hanger of the character mentioned which is simple and durable and one which is so constructed as to be capable of adjustment to any sized frame and height of wall and which when so adjusted will insure the proper hanging of the picture and will prevent its swinging or being jarred out of its proper position.

A further object of the invention is to provide efficient means whereby the hanger may be readily closed to facilitate packing and shipping.

With these and other objects in view, which will appear as the nature of the improvement is better understood, the invention consists, substantially, in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a picture-hanger constructed in accordance with the present invention. Fig. 2 is an edge view thereof and illustrates the hanger as applied to a wall for suspending a picture thereon. Fig. 3 is a front elevation of another form of the invention; and Fig. 4 is an edge view of the form shown in Fig. 3, and also illustrating the same as applied to a wall for suspending a picture thereon.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 1 designates the main suspending-legs of a picture-hanger, which legs are pivotally connected together at the point adjacent to their upper ends by a rivet 2 or its equivalent, which is loosely mounted in said legs. The upper extremity of each of the legs 1 is riveted or otherwise secured to a hook 3, which hooks are adapted to engage the ordinary

molding for suspending the hanger in proper position.

The numeral 4 designates an auxiliary leg, which leg is of less length than the main legs 1, and said auxiliary leg 4 has its upper end bent at an obtuse angle to its body portion and connected to the main legs 1 by the rivet 2. By reason of the upper end of the auxiliary leg 4 being bent as described it will be seen that the body portion thereof projects in a downwardly-inclined position with relation to the main legs 1, and each of the latter and the auxiliary leg 4 is provided at its lower end with a perforated ear 5. An extension-rod 6 is also mounted upon each of the main legs 1 and the auxiliary leg 4, the upper ends of said rods terminating in hooks 7, while their lower ends are also curved to form hooks 8. A series of alined openings 9 is also formed in each of the main legs 1 and the auxiliary leg 4, which openings are adapted to receive the hooks 7, and it will thus be seen that by means of said hooks and the openings 9 the legs 1 and 4 may be lengthened, as desired, and to suit various requirements.

Mounted upon the lower end of each of the rods 6, carried by the main legs 1, is an inverted-L-shaped supporting-bracket 10, and it will be observed that said rods 6 are each provided at said ends with an offset 11, by which the brackets may assume proper relation to the picture and wall. It will also be observed that the rods 6 pass through both the short and long arms of the brackets 10, the hooks 8 of said rods lying adjacent to said long arms, and the lower ends of the brackets 10 are provided with suitable scrollwork 12, upon which the lower edge of the picture-frame is adapted to rest, the short arms of the brackets 10 also being provided with suitable scrollwork 13, which scrollwork is contiguous to the wall.

In Figs. 3 and 4 is illustrated another form of the invention, and referring thereto the numeral 14 designates a suspending-hook which engages the molding, and which hook has at its lower end a ring 15. 16 designates the main legs of the hanger; but it is to be noted that said legs differ from the legs shown in Figs. 1 and 2 in that the same are constructed of stout wire coiled at spaced intervals throughout their length to form a series

of eyes 17, which eyes perform the functions of the openings 9. The legs 16 terminate at their lower ends in eyes 18, and disposed in each of the eyes 18 is an extension-rod 19, 5 having at its upper end a hook 20 for engagement with the eyes 17. Each of said rods 19 has its lower end bent at substantially right angles, as at 20', and extending away from the same to form a squared loop-bracket 21, 10 which loop is designed to rest against the wall, similar to the supporting-brackets 10, the extremity of the loop 21 being then bent across the rearwardly-projecting arm or portion 20' of the bracket and extending downwardly to 15 form a hook 22, adapted to engage an eye on the picture. An auxiliary leg 23 is formed in all respects similar to the legs 16, and the latter and said auxiliary leg are connected to the ring 15 in any suitable manner. An ex- 20 tension-rod 24, similar to the rods 19, is also mounted upon the auxiliary leg 23 and having its upper and lower ends bent to form hooks 25.

The manner of applying the herein-described picture-hanger is as follows: When 25 it is desired to hang a picture upon a wall, the legs 1 are spread apart sufficiently to adapt the hanger to the size of the picture to be suspended and the hooks 3 are caused to 30 engage with the molding, the auxiliary leg 4 remaining in fixed relation with reference to said legs 1. Should it become necessary to lengthen or shorten the legs, the rods 6 are disengaged from the openings 9, and said rods 35 are slid along the legs the desired extent, the hooks 7 being engaged with a new opening, so as to maintain the legs in the position to which the same have been adjusted, and after this adjustment has been effected the pic- 40 ture is placed so that the lower edge of the frame thereof rests upon the scrolls 12. The hooks 8 at the lower ends of the rods 6 are now caused to enter eyes affixed to the back of the picture, and when this has been ac- 45 complished it will be seen that the picture is retained in suspended position.

The manner of using the form shown in Figs. 3 and 4 is substantially the same as described for that illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, 50 with the exception that a rest for the lower edge of the picture-frame is dispensed with,

the form shown in Figs. 3 and 4 being designed for light pictures, and hence the necessity for employing such rests is obviated.

If desired, the hanger may be constructed 55 in electrobronze, copper bronze, bronze metal, or other suitable material, and it will be understood that the invention is susceptible of various changes in the form, proportion, and minor details of construction, which may be 60 accordingly resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

It is obvious that, if desired, to attach the hanger to nails or the like rings may be car- 65 ried by the hooks 3 for this purpose.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

1. A hanger of the class described, comprising main legs provided with means engaging 70 a suitable support, an auxiliary leg in connection therewith, each of said legs being provided with a series of eyes or openings, extension-rods mounted upon said main and 75 auxiliary legs and provided with hooks for engaging said openings whereby the length of the legs may be varied, means on said extension-rods for engaging the article to be suspended and rearwardly-extending brack- 80 ets on the lower ends of the extension-rods of the main legs for holding the article away from the wall, substantially as described.

2. A hanger of the class described, comprising main legs provided with means for en- 85 gaging a support, an auxiliary leg in connection with said main legs, each of said legs being provided with a series of eyes or openings, adjustable rods mounted upon said legs and provided with hooks for engaging said 90 eyes or openings whereby the length of the legs may be varied, means for engaging the article to be suspended, and rearwardly-extending angular scroll-brackets on said legs adapted to hold the suspended article away 95 from the wall, substantially as described.

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