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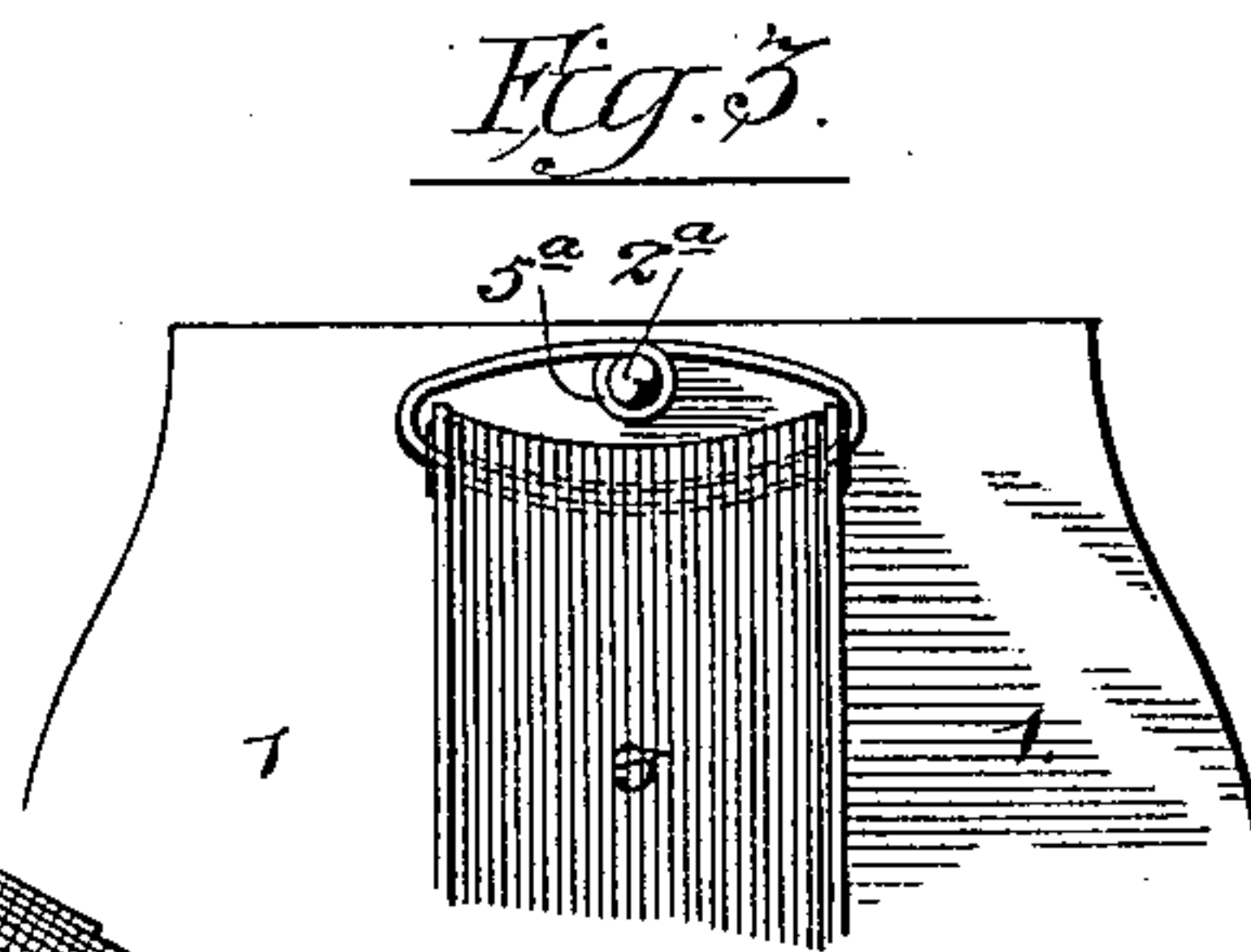
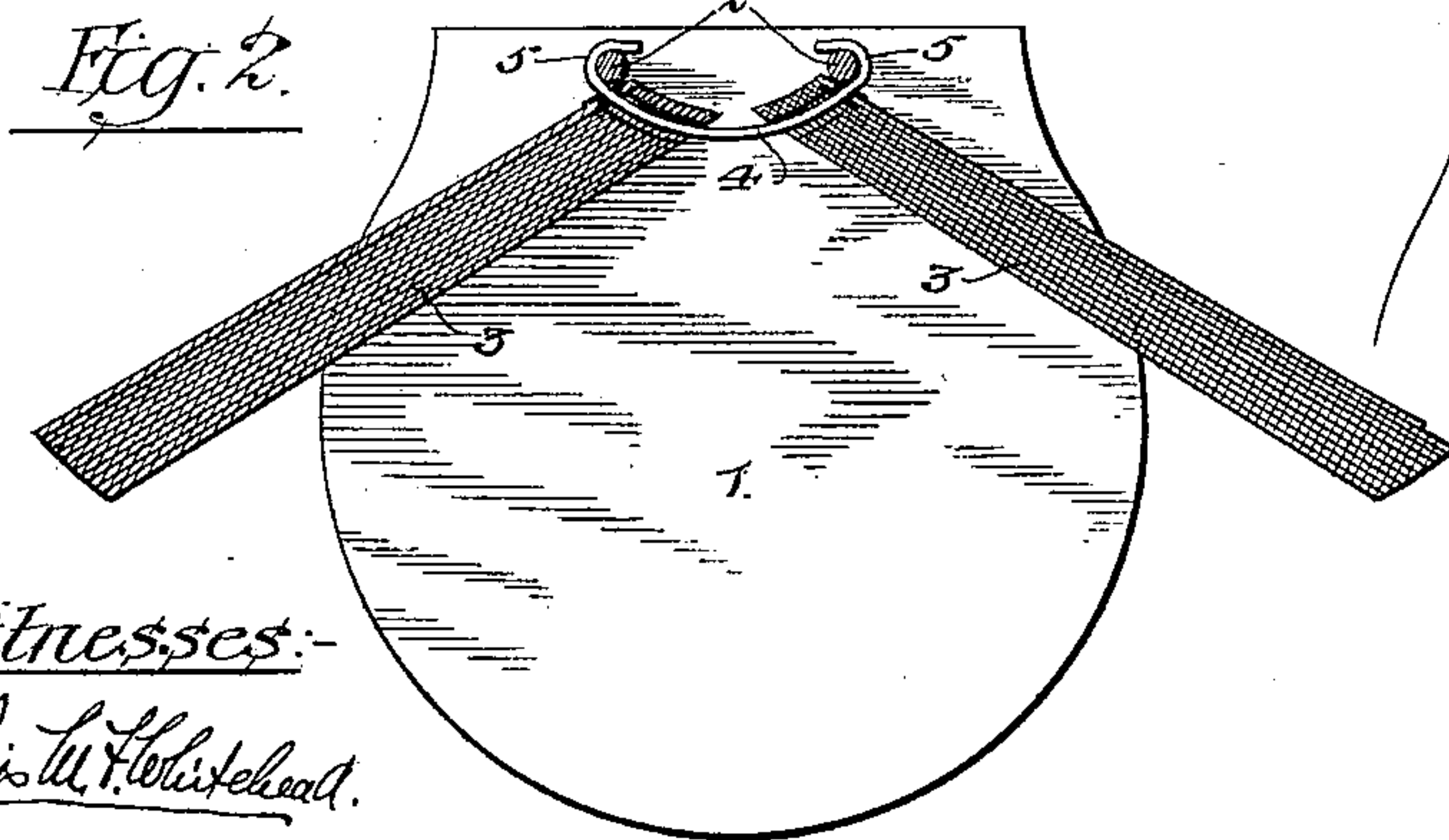
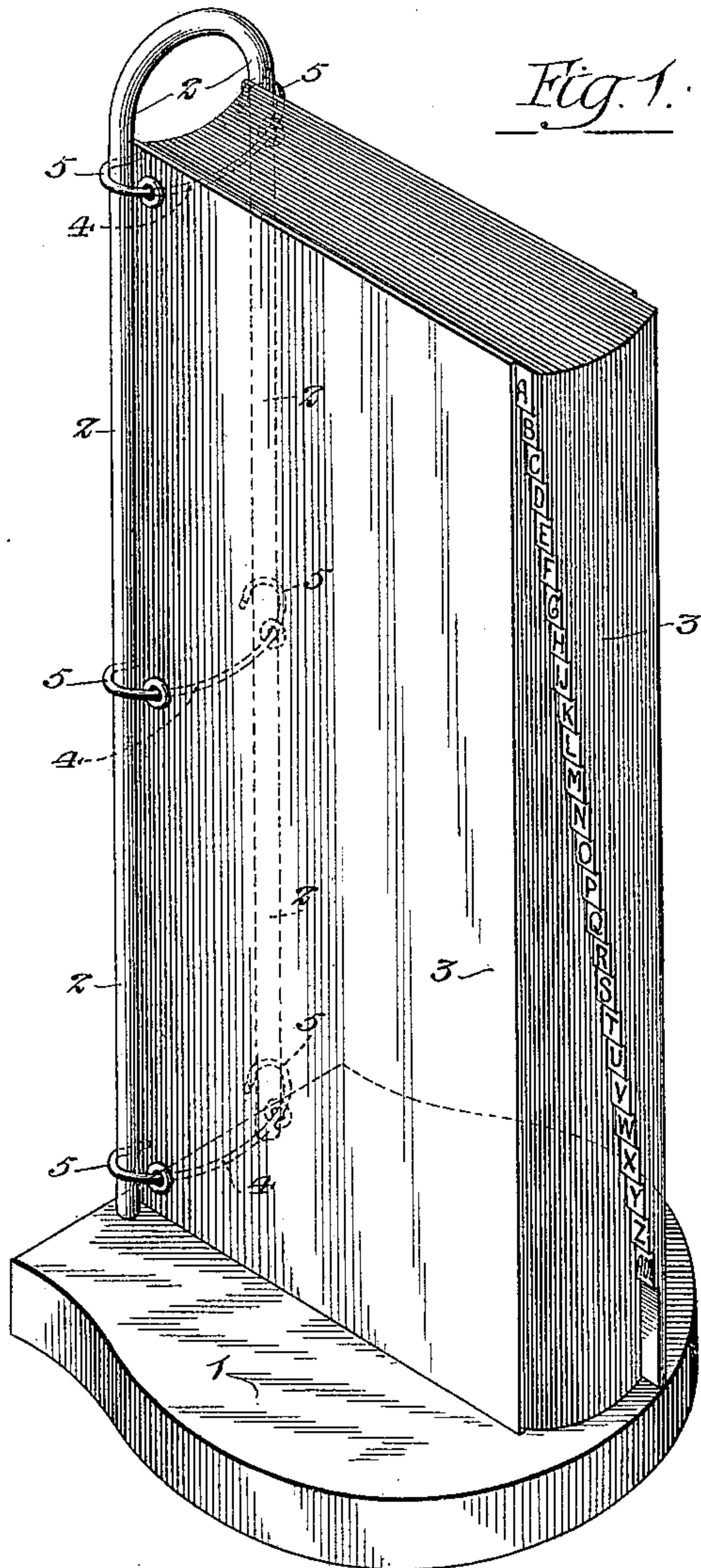
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INDEX-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN PARKER MACLEARN, a citizen of the United States, residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented certain Improvements in Index-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a cheap, simple, and effective holder for a catalogue or index—such, for instance, as a telephone directory, where frequent changes are made—my improved holder being one which can either stand upon a desk or table or can be hung against a wall and being so constructed that the index-sheets can be instantly applied to or removed from the holder, so as to permit of the ready substitution of one index for another.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of an index with holder therefor constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a sectional plan view showing the sheets of the index thrown apart for the purpose of consulting a particular list of names thereon, and Fig. 3 is a similar view showing the index closed and also showing a modified form of holder.

The holder consists of a base 1 of wood or other suitable material and of such dimensions that when placed upon a table or desk the shifting weight of the index-sheets as the latter are turned back and forth to consult the index will not be likely to overturn the base. From the rear portion of the base projects a vertical standard 2, which in the structure shown in Figs. 1 and 2 is composed of a wire bent to form a loop at the top and having its lower ends securely confined to the base, the loop serving as a means of hanging the holder upon a hook or nail when it is not convenient to have it upon the desk or table.

The index-sheets 3 are perforated at two or more points near their rear ends, the perforated portions of the outer or cover sheets being preferably strengthened by means of eyelets or equivalent reinforcing devices, and through the perforations thus formed in the sheets are passed wires 4, which have looped or bent ends 5 engaging with the opposite vertical legs of the standard 2, so that when these

wires have been slipped over the standard from the top the series of index-sheets will be confined to the standard and base, but can be readily opened or spread out in order to permit ready reference to any one of them.

When the old index is supplanted by a new issue, said old index is simply lifted so as to free its looped wires from engagement with the standard 2, and the looped wires of the new index are slipped over the latter in the same manner as before. Hence ready substitution of one index for another can be effected.

It will be evident that a sheet-metal plate or a single rod may take the place of the looped wire as a standard for engagement with the hooked or bent wires of the index, and in Fig. 3 I have illustrated a standard 2^a, consisting of such single rod, the binding-wires of the index being bent so as to form eyes 5^a for being slipped over said rod.

If desired, a cover or casing may be applied to the index-sheets and the standard in order to protect the same from injury when the index is not in use.

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

1. The combination of a base having a vertically-projecting standard at the rear, with a series of sheets held together by means of binding-wires which have looped or hooked ends adapted to engage with the said vertical standard, substantially as specified.

2. The combination of the series of index-sheets with a binding-wire passed through the same and having bent or hooked ends and a standard embraced by said hooked or bent ends of the binding-wires so as to retain the latter, the index-sheets being free to move on the binding-wires so as to be opened out, substantially as specified.

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

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