

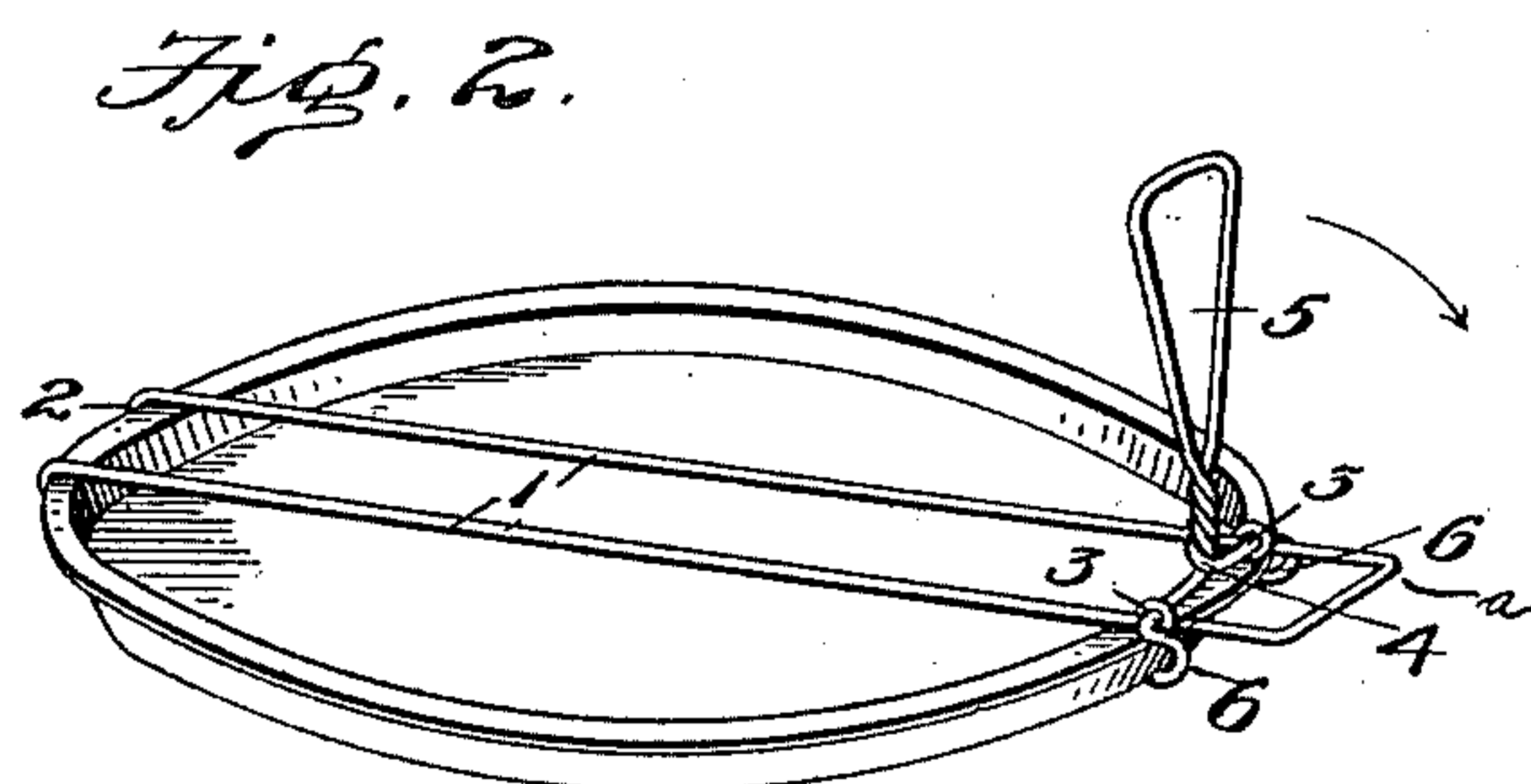
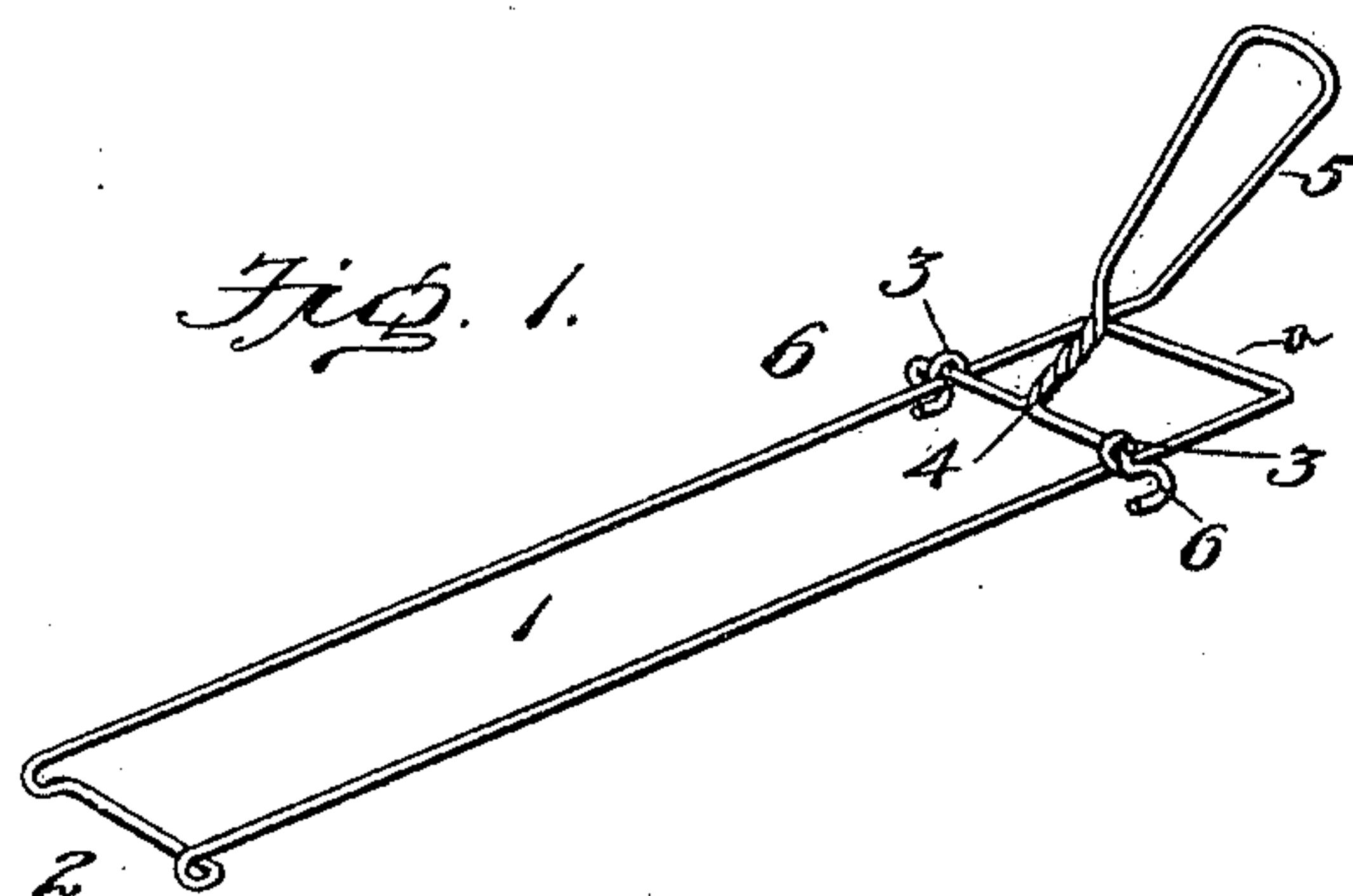
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PIE-PLATE LIFTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM P. MURPHY, a citizen of the United States, residing at San José, in the county of Santa Clara and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pie-Plate Lifters; 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.

My invention relates to novel improvements in pie-plate lifters; and the object is to provide a simple, inexpensive, and convenient device of this character.

To this end the invention consists in the construction, combination, and arrangement of the several elements of the device, as will be hereinafter more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved pie-plate lifter or "grasper." Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the manner of using the same.

1 denotes an oblong rectangular frame formed with a single piece of wire, with its forward end turned downwardly and inwardly to form the jaw 2, so as to extend under the flaring lip or flange of the pie-plate, as shown. Near the opposite end of the frame the parallel members thereof connected by an end brace *a* are formed with integral alined eyes 3 3 to receive the transverse yoke 4 of the wire handle 5. This handle is also formed of a single piece of wire, which is twisted together, as shown, to form the handle 5 and the transverse yoke 4, the outer ends of which are turned downwardly and inwardly to form the "grasping hooks" 6 6, as shown.

The manner of using the device is to attach it to a pie-plate, as shown in Fig. 2, and then press the handle down in the direction of the arrow, so that the hooks will extend up under

the contiguous flange of the plate. The plate may now be lifted and removed from the oven without danger of burning the hands, and by simply lifting the handle the hooks are withdrawn from the flange and the device removed from the plate.

Should the plate and its contents be unusually heavy, the handle 5 will rest upon the brace *a*, which thus divides the weight between the handle and the forward part of the frame, and likewise in adjusting the device to a plate the brace *a* rests against the under side of the handle and supports the frame 1 parallel with the handle, so that it can be conveniently directed and manipulated both in adjusting and detaching the lifter from the plate.

The accompanying drawings show my invention in the best form now known to me; but many changes in the details might be made within the skill of a good mechanic without departing from the spirit of my invention as set forth in the claim at the end of this specification.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and useful, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

A pie-plate lifter, comprising the rectangular wire frame 1, formed at one end with the jaw 2, and at the other with the end brace *a* and near the same end with the transversely-alined eyes 3 3, in combination with the handle 5, formed with the transverse yoke 4, journaled in said eyes, and having its outer ends terminating in the grasping-hooks 6 6, substantially as shown and described.

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

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