

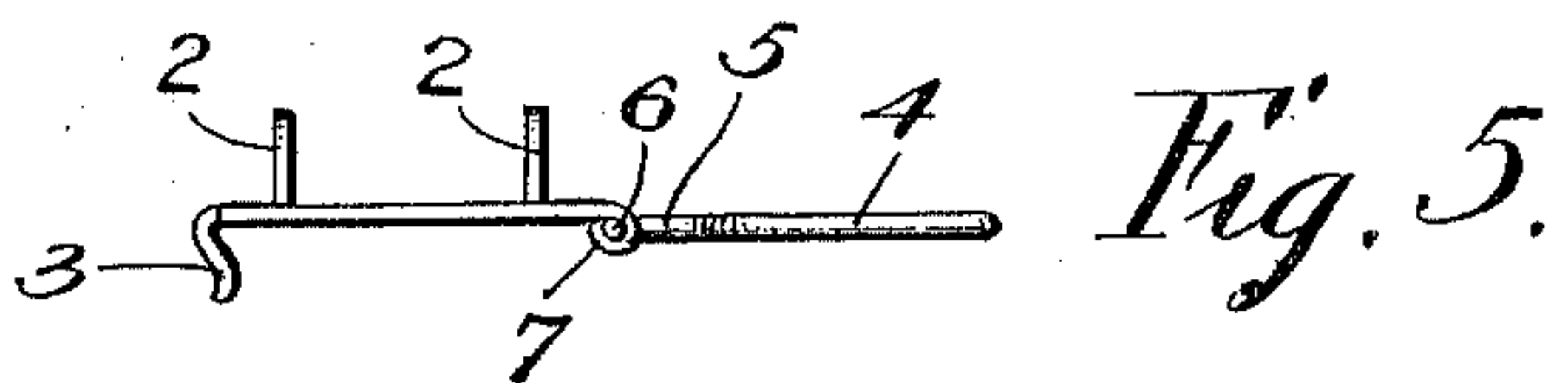
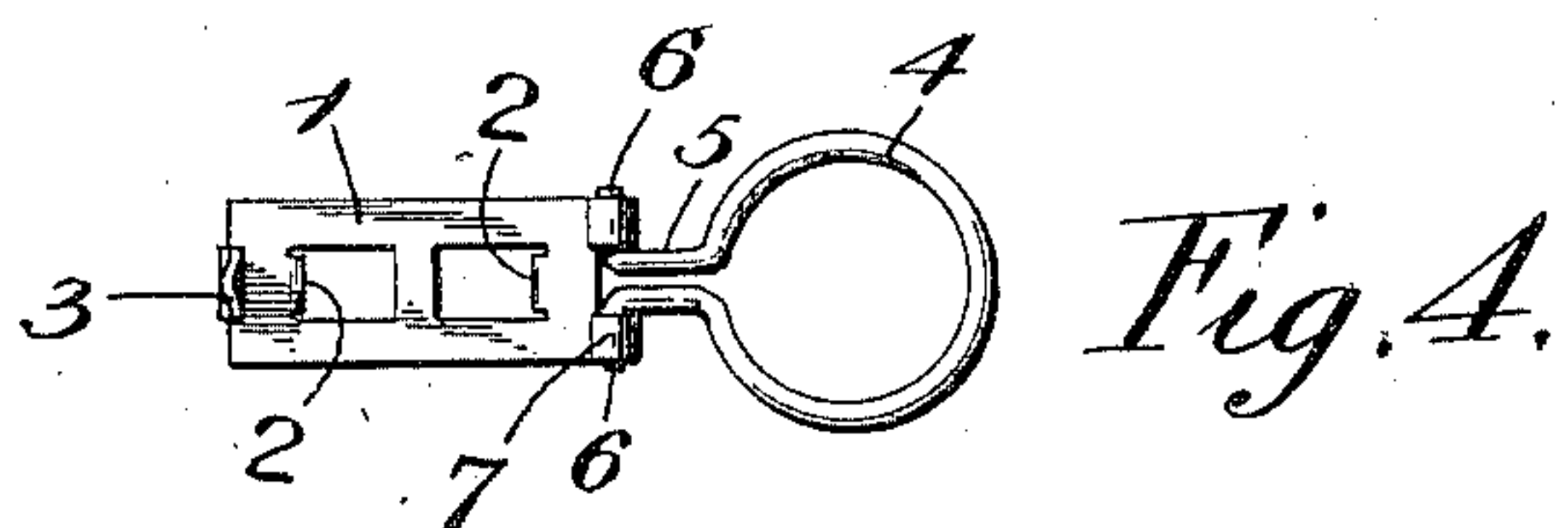
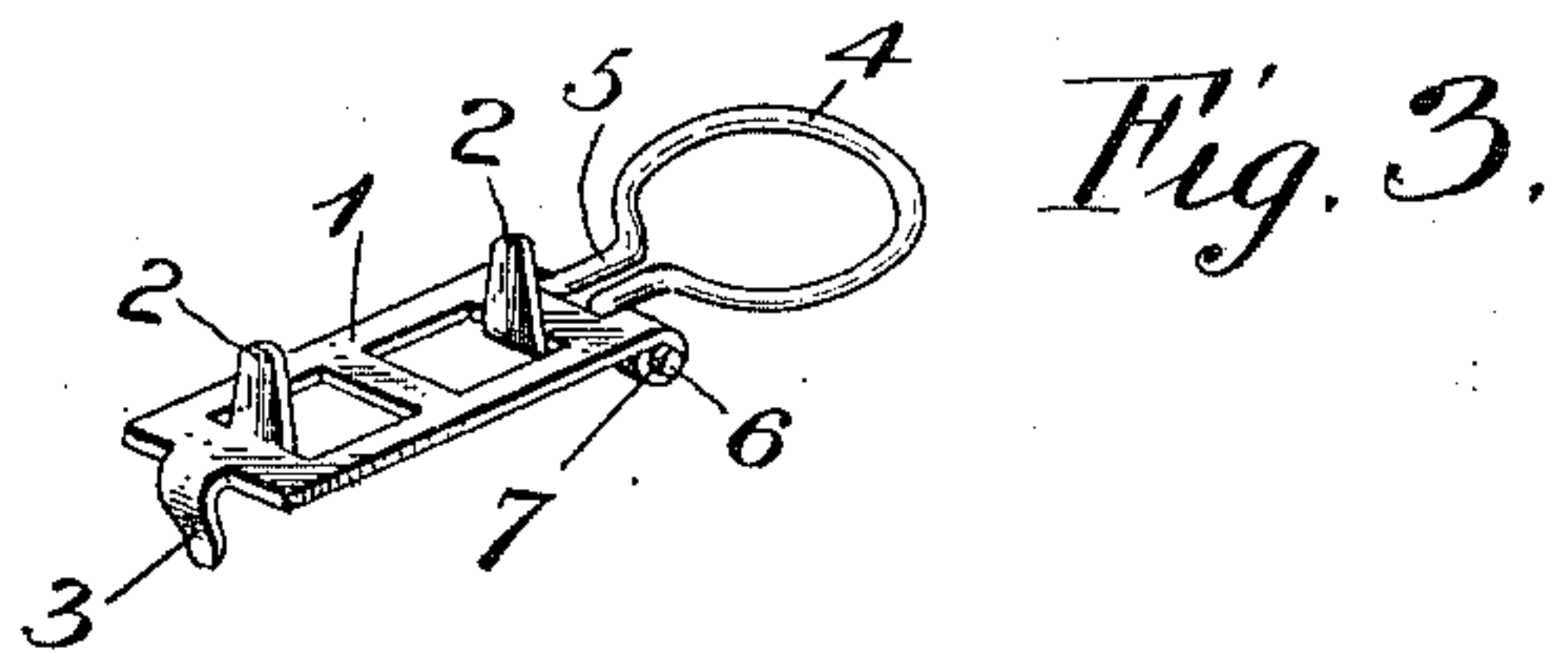
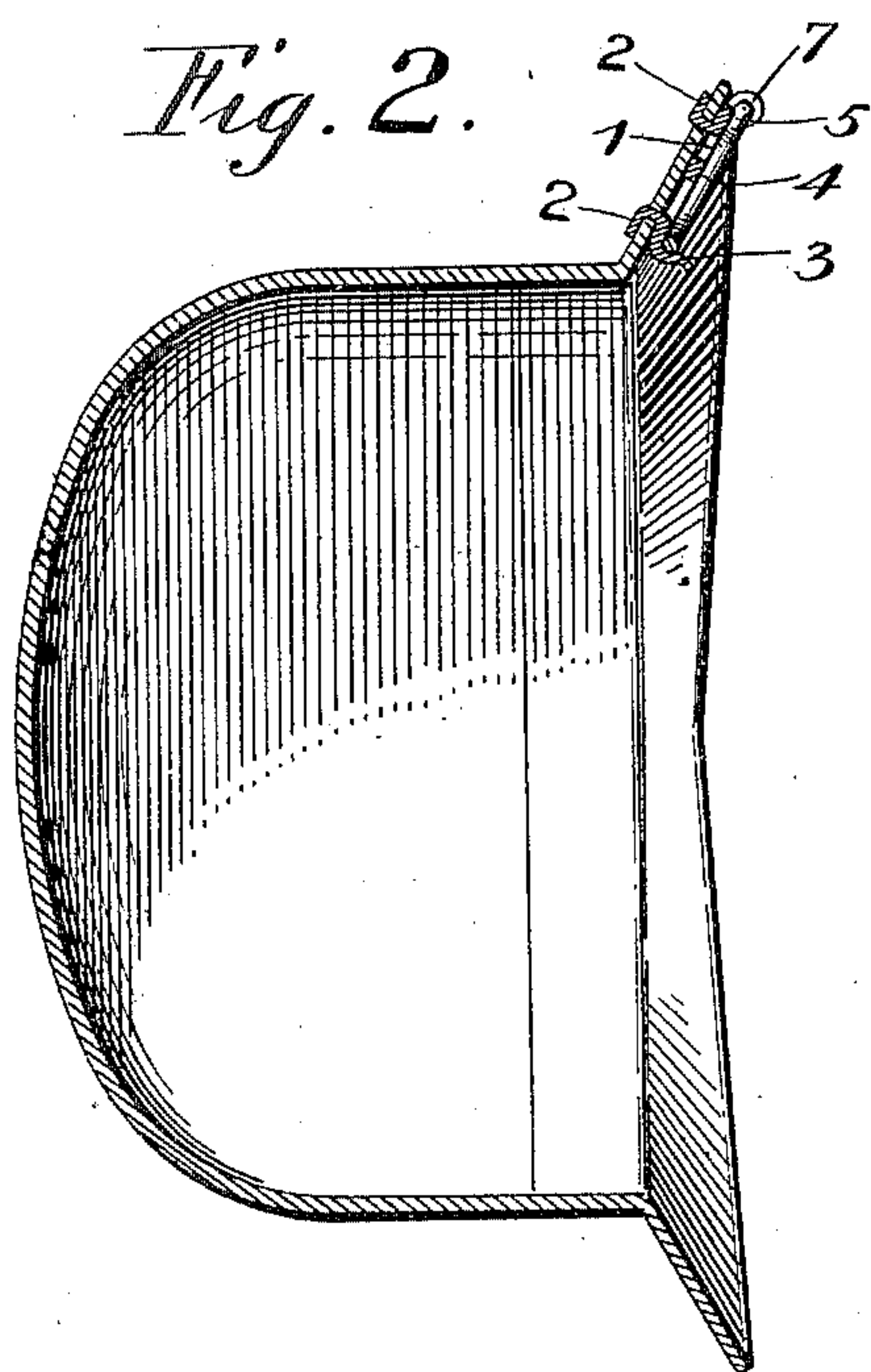
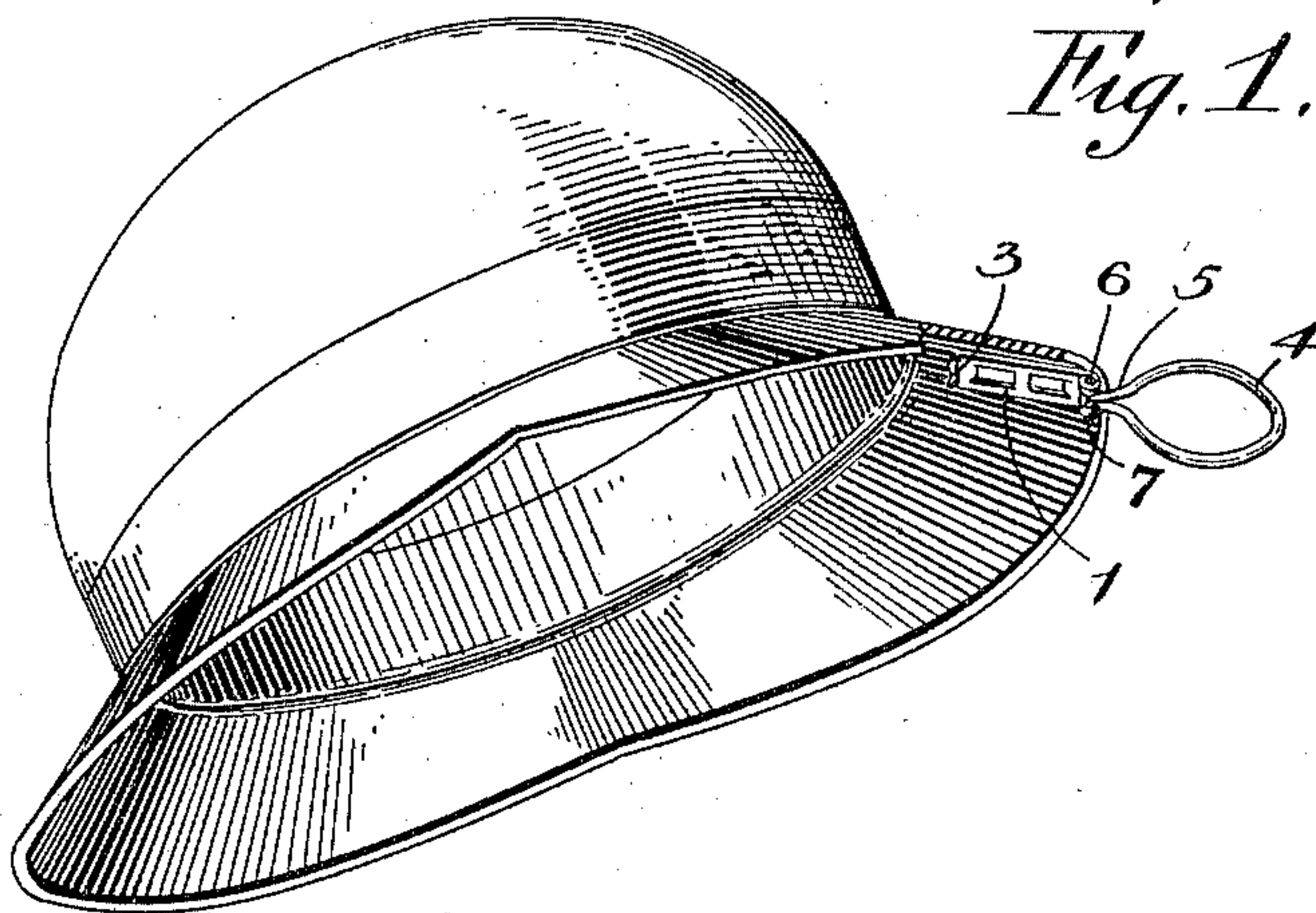
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## HAT-HANGER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN E. FITZGERALD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Garment-Hanger, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to attachments for hats, garments, and the like, whereby the same may be suspended from a nail or hook and which will fold so as to be out of the way when not required for immediate service.

The invention is particularly designed for stiff hats, such as helmets for policemen and letter-carriers and for derbies, although it is susceptible of general application where a suspending means is required.

For a full understanding of the merits and advantages of the invention reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings and the following description.

The improvement is susceptible of various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof, and to a full disclosure of the invention an adaptation thereof is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hat, showing the hanger in position. Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal section of the hat and hanger, showing the eye or loop folded. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the hanger. Fig. 4 is a front view thereof. Fig. 5 is a side or edge view.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in the several views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

The hanger or suspending means comprises a plate 1 to be attached to the article, such as a hat or garment, and for convenience is provided with prongs 2, which are thrust through the fabric and are clenched to hold the device in position. A spring-catch 3 is formed at one end of the plate and is adapted to retain an eye or loop 4 when folded, as clearly indicated in Fig. 2. This catch 3, which consists of a tongue, is centrally disposed, and its inner portion is depressed to receive a portion of the eye or ring 4, and its outer end curves slightly to admit of the eye or ring riding thereon when folding.

The eye, ring, or loop 4 is constructed of a length of wire bent midway of its ends and

having its end portions brought together and extending parallel, forming a shank 5, and having the terminal portions bent outwardly in opposite directions, as shown at 6, whereby journals are provided for the ring to turn upon when folding and unfolding. These journals 6 obtain bearings in curled portions 7 at the end of the plate 1 opposite the catch 3, said bearings being spaced apart a distance to receive the pivotal end of the shank 5, whereby clearance is had to admit of the eye or ring turning freely upon its journals.

The parts 2, 3, and 7 are integral portions of the plate 1 and are formed at one and the same operation when stamping the device from the metallic sheet. While any means may be resorted to for attaching the device to a hat or garment, it is preferred to have recourse to the prongs 2, which admit of the hanger being quickly and firmly applied to the article. For hats the device is secured to the inner side of the brim, as indicated in the drawings, and when not in use the loop or ring is folded, as shown in Fig. 2, and when it is required to suspend the hat from a nail, peg, or other device the ring is released at its free end and turned outward, as indicated in Fig. 1.

The precise form of the ring is immaterial and the manner of pivoting it to the plate is unimportant so long as the spirit of the invention is preserved.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

The combination with a hat, of a plate secured beneath the brim of the same and provided with a resilient catch located at the inner end of the plate and consisting of a tongue formed with the same, and a ring hinged to the outer end of the plate and extending along the same and adapted to engage the catch detachably, whereby it is held folded against the plate, said ring being adapted to swing outward beyond the outer end of the plate, whereby it is adapted to project from the brim of the hat, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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