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Fig. 1.

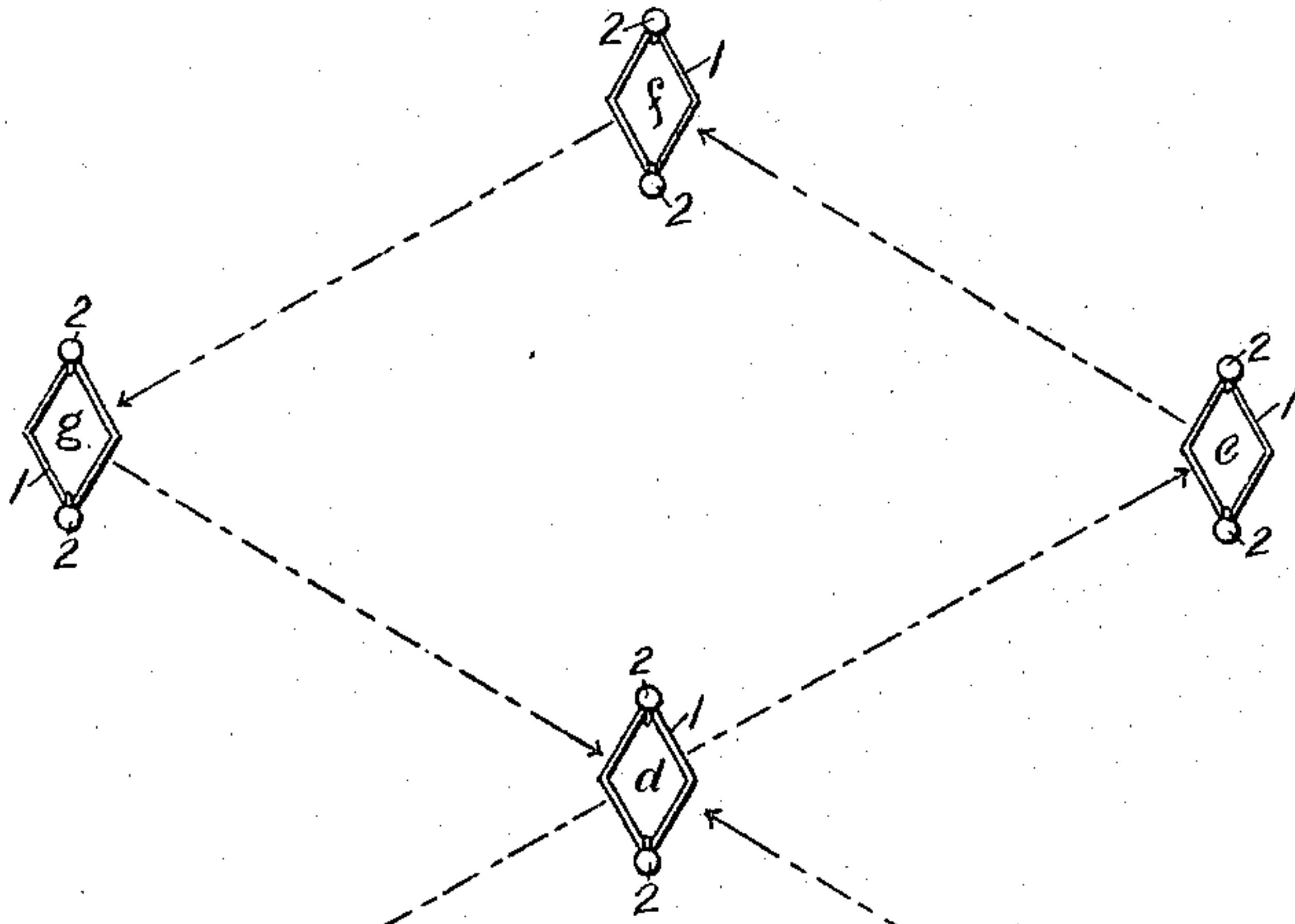


Fig. 2.

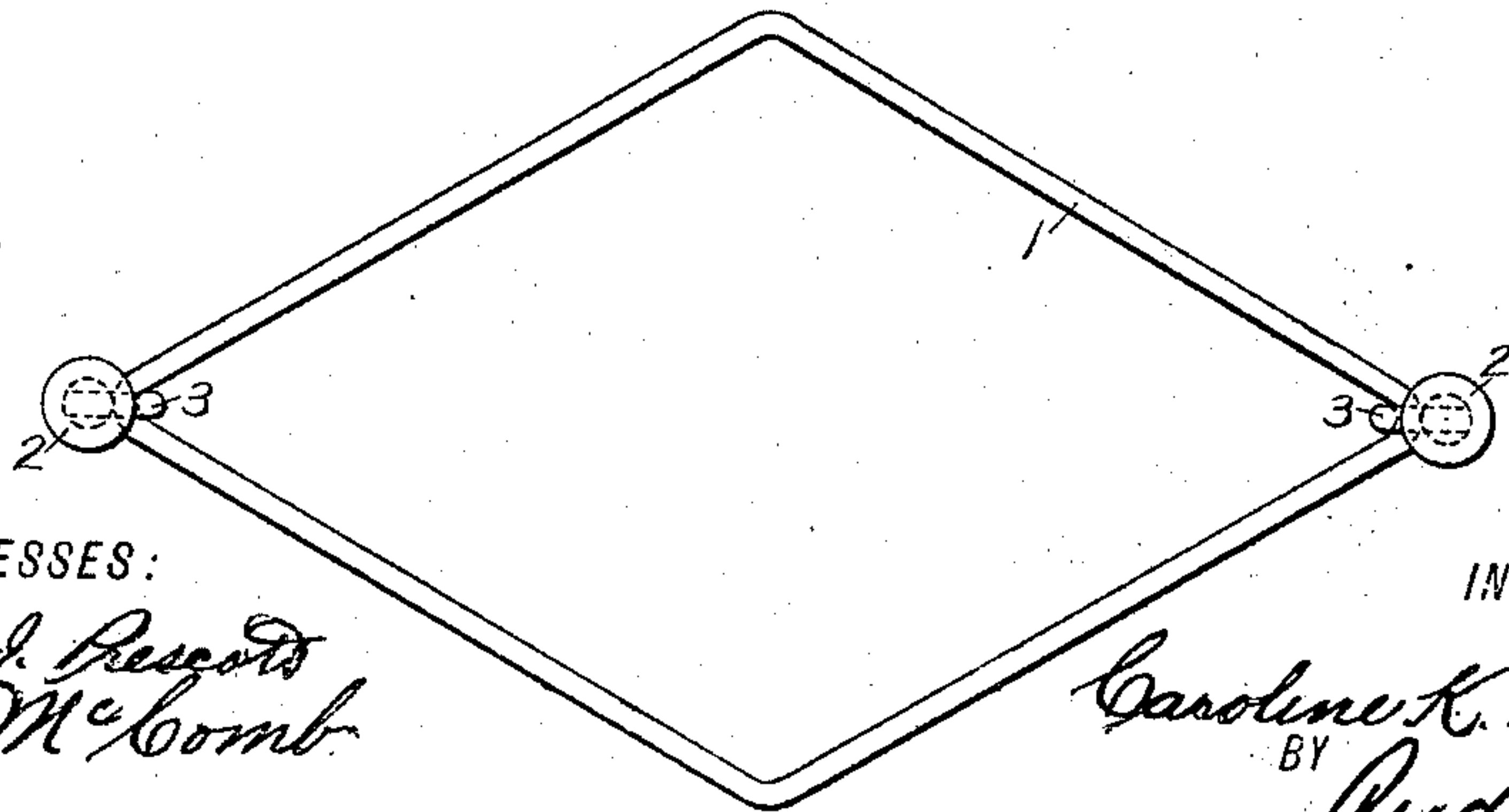


Fig. 4.

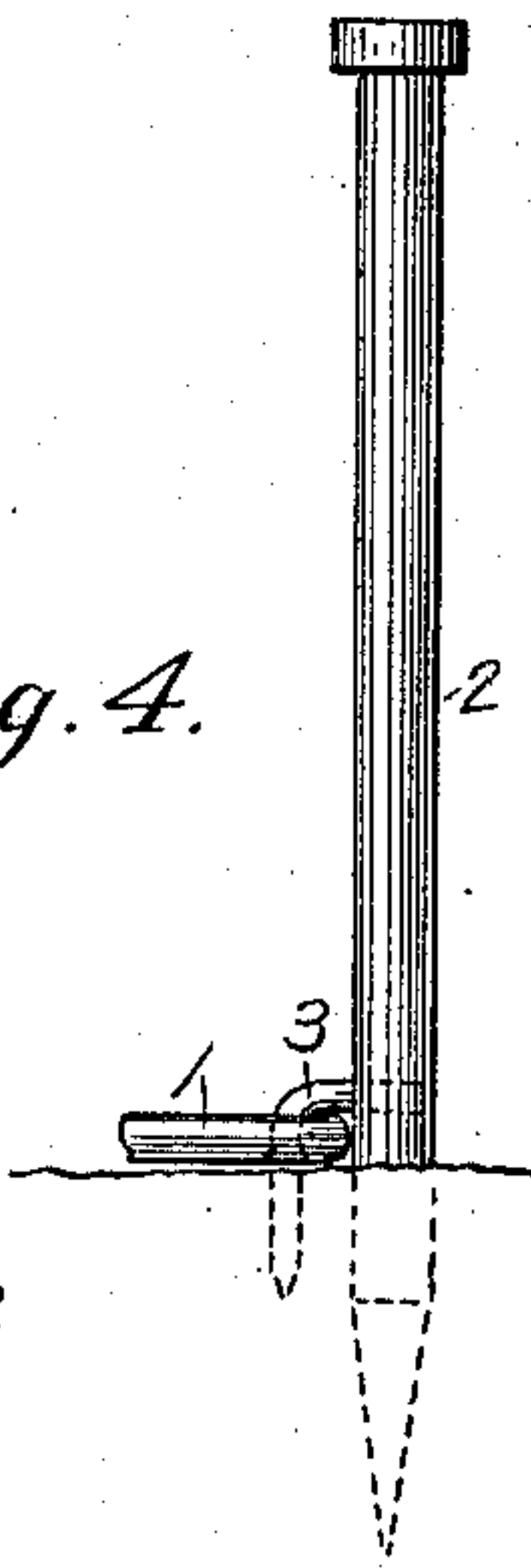
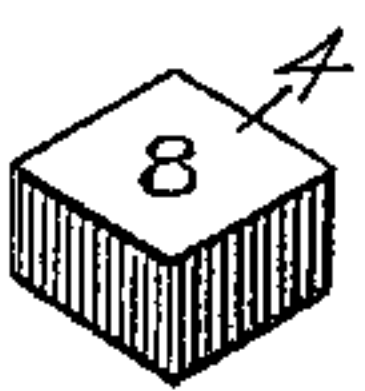


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CAROLINE KING DE WOLF, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Cowesett, county of Kent, and State of Rhode Island, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof, in which similar letters and numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to a lawn game, and will be hereinafter fully described, and specifically set forth in the annexed claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of the device laid out upon a lawn. Fig. 2 is a plan of one of the wickets on an enlarged scale. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of one of the blocks used in connection with the wicket, and Fig. 4 is an elevation of one of the posts for securing the wickets in position.

In the practice of my invention I employ a series of wickets 1, formed of a single piece of wire bent into the form of a diamond. Each of these wickets is held in place by means of the posts 2 2. Each post has fixed in the side thereof a hook 3. The posts are driven into the ground at each end of the wicket, the hook being passed over the wire of which the wicket is composed at the opposite acute angles, as shown in Figs. 2 and 4. The wickets are placed upon the lawn in three parallel rows (four in the middle row and three in each outside row) and are positioned fifteen feet apart on diagonal lines. A series of diamond-shaped blocks 4, of wood or other suitable material, are provided, and each of these blocks has a number thereon.

In playing the game one of the players is blindfolded and allots by chance one of the blocks 4 to each of the players, the object of the number upon the block being to identify the same as belonging to the particular person to whom it has been allotted. The blocks are numbered consecutively from "1" upward, and the person to whom block numbered "1" has been allotted makes the first play. Standing at the wicket marked H, which is the home wicket, the player tosses his block in the direction of the broken line toward the wicket a,

the object being to throw the block within the boundary of the wicket. If the first player succeeds in accomplishing this object, he is allowed another throw and throws his block from wicket a to wicket b, and should he succeed in the second instance he is allowed a third throw to wicket c, and so on until he misses one of the wickets. Then the player holding block numbered "2" throws his block from the home wicket to wicket a. This operation is repeated until all the players have thrown their blocks, when the holder of block numbered "1" again throws his block.

The blocks are thrown in the direction indicated by broken lines from the home wicket to a, from a to b, from b to c, from c to d, from d to e, from e to f, from f to g, from g to d, from d to h, from h to b, from b to i, and from i to the home wicket H, the game being won by the holder of the first block which has been successfully thrown into all the intervening wickets and into the home wicket.

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

1. A game device embodying a series of wire wickets held flat upon the ground and arranged in three parallel rows and adapted to be used in connection with a series of blocks to be thrown from wicket to wicket, substantially as described.

2. In a game device, a wicket composed of a single piece of wire bent into a diamond shape, and means for securing said wire to the ground, substantially as described.

3. In a game device, a wicket composed of a single piece of wire bent into a diamond shape, and two posts provided with hooks engaging the acute angles of said wire and driven into the ground, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 26th day of April, 1899.

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