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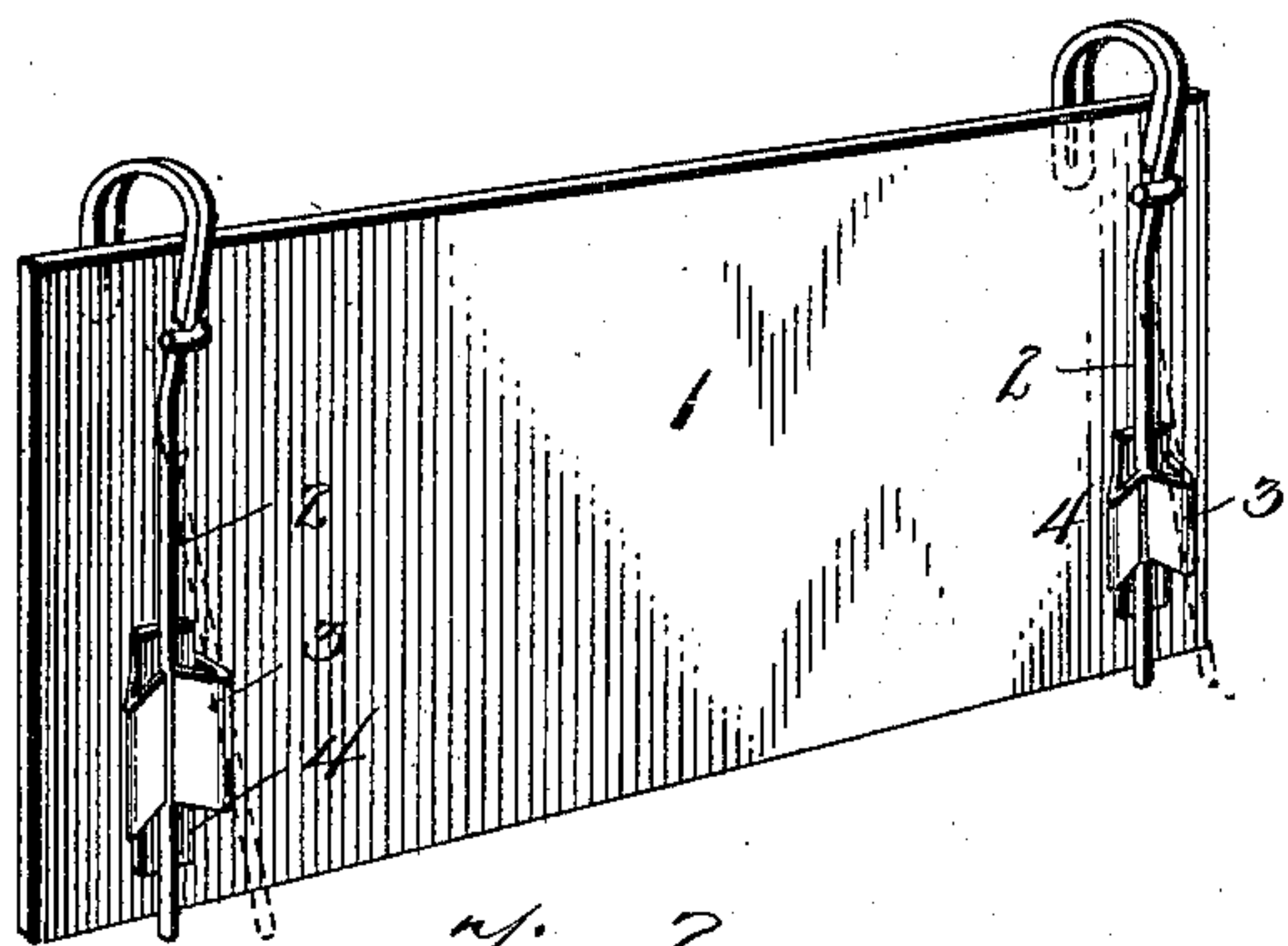
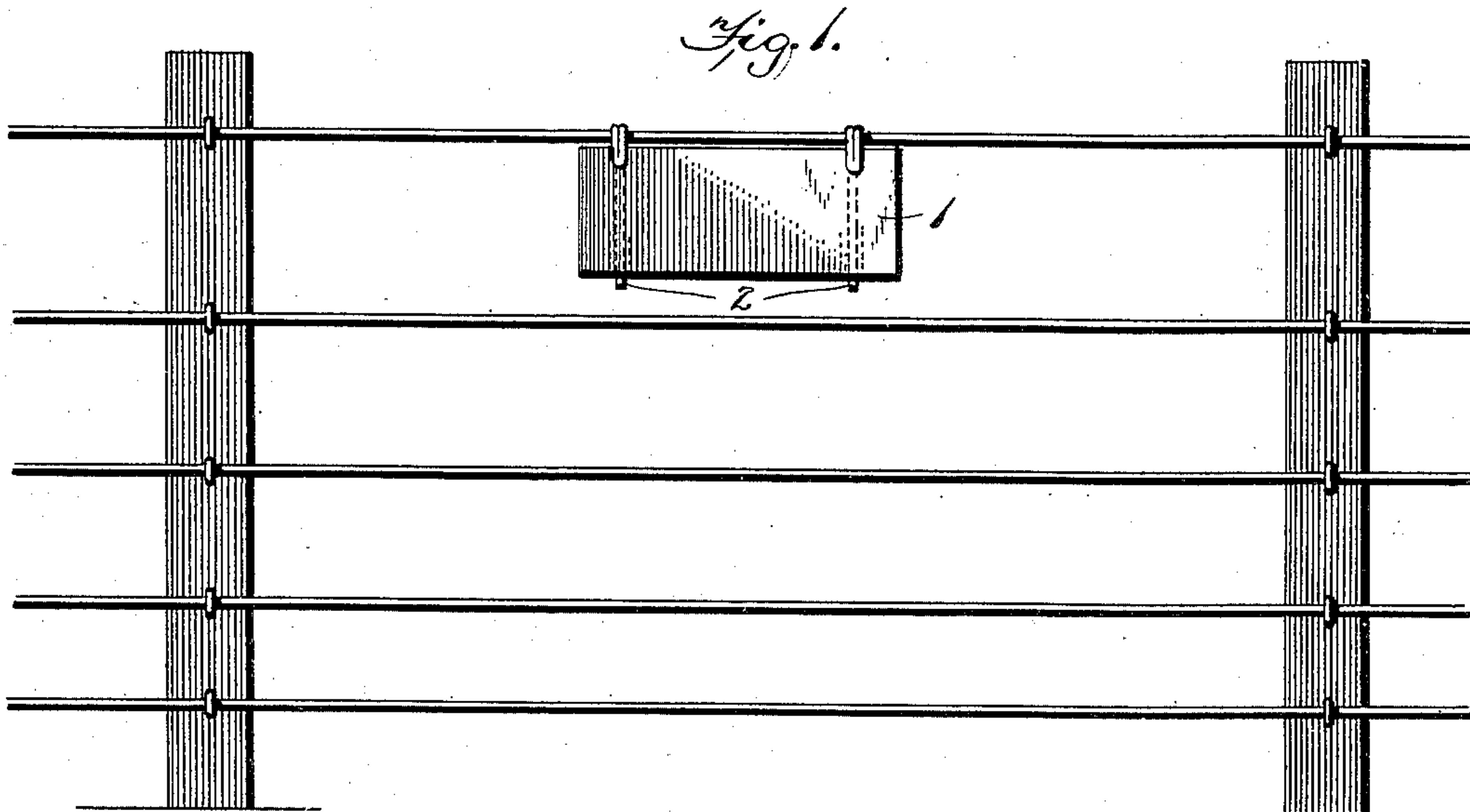


Fig. 2.

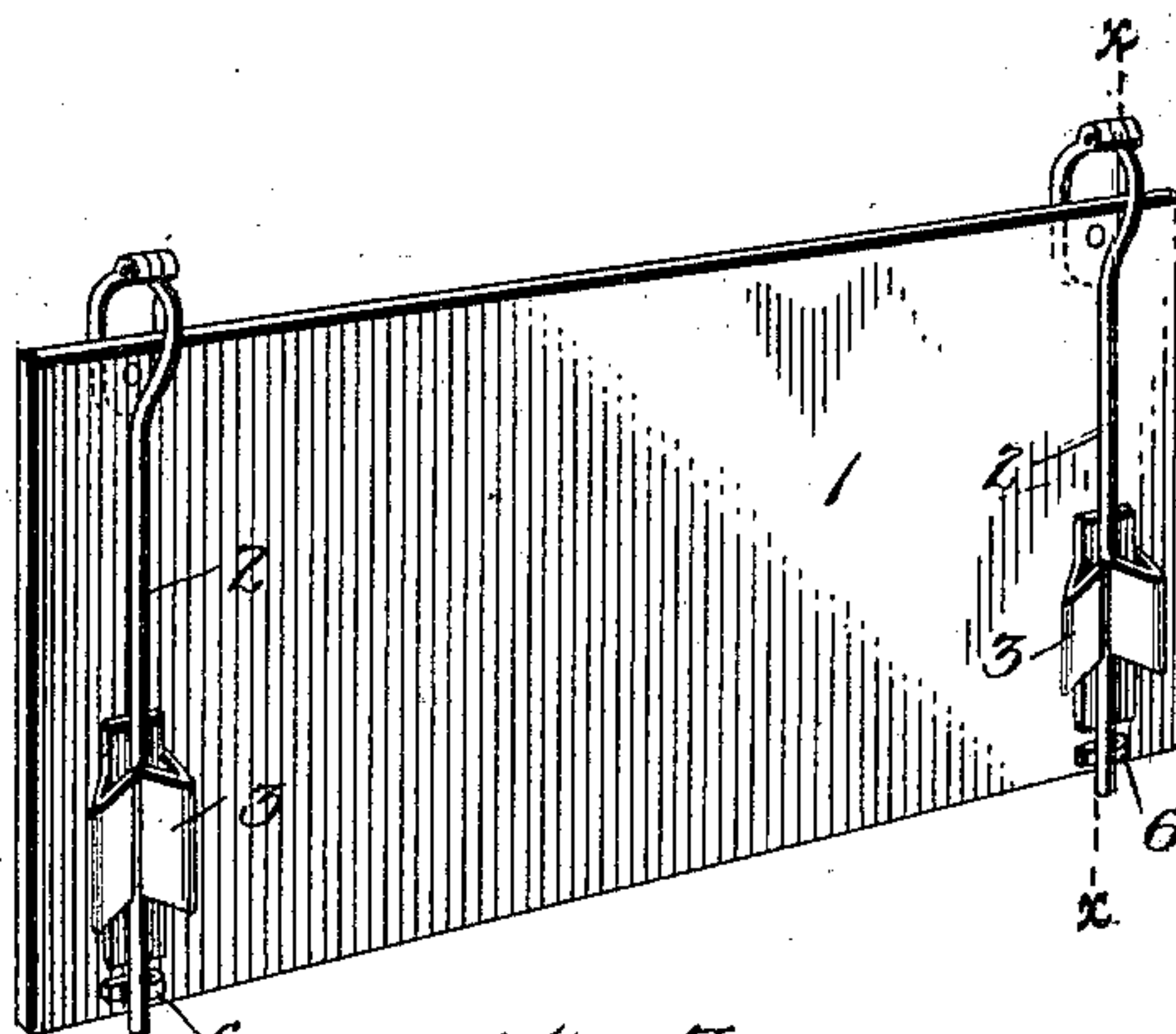
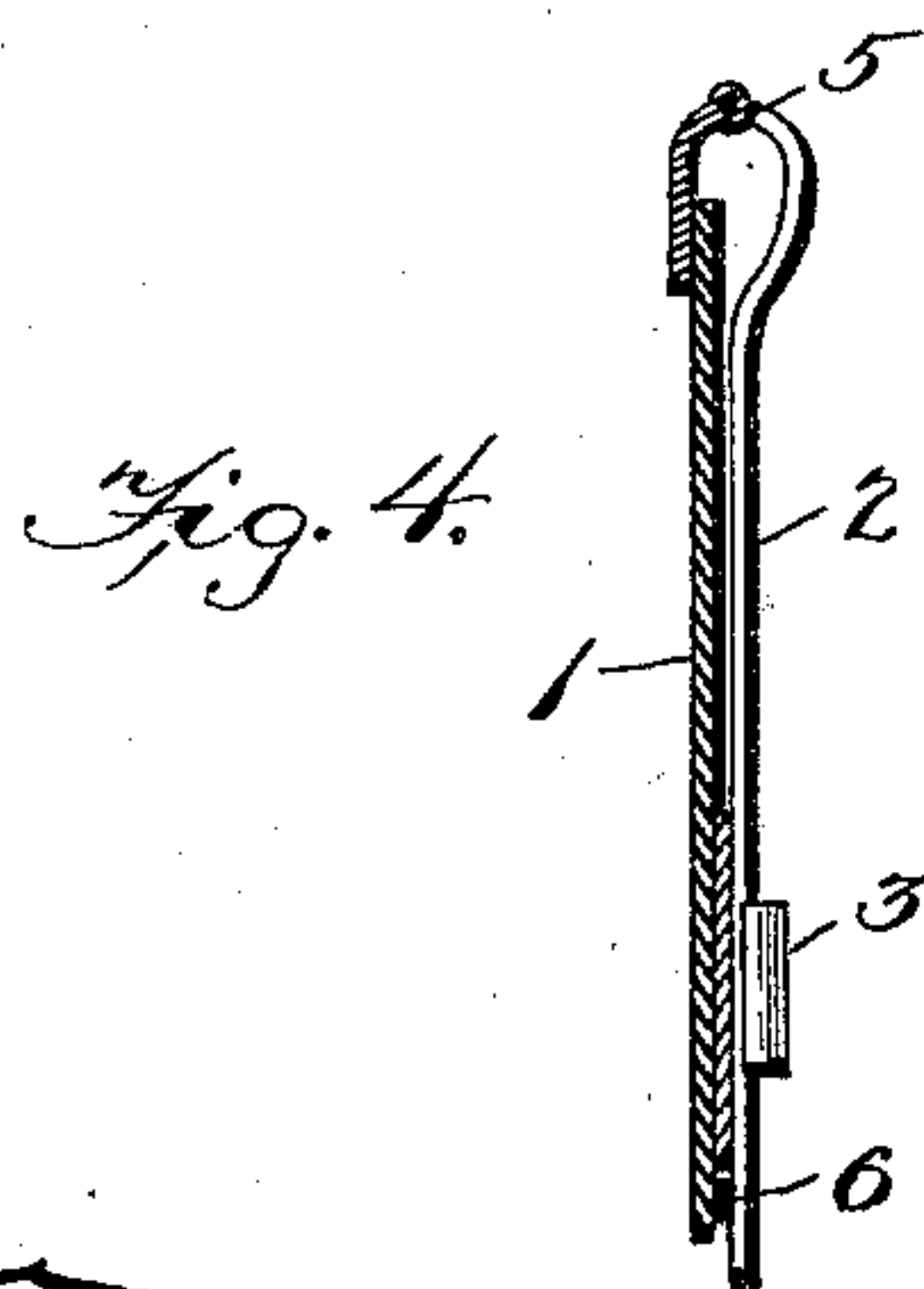


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NATHAN GOLDBERG, a citizen of the United States, residing at Wynnewood, in the county of Chickasaw, Indian Territory, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Signs; 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.

My invention relates to new and useful improvements in advertising-signs, but more particularly to those adapted to be secured to the wires of wire fences which adjoin public highways or separate farms, &c., to conspicuously present warnings or intelligence of any desired character; and it has for its object primarily to provide a sign that can be readily secured to the wires of a fence and readily detached therefrom without injury to the sign or the means for attaching it.

A further object is to provide a simple, cheap, and durable device of the character set forth and possessing other advantages that will become apparent in the course of the following description.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a section of a fence with my improved sign attached thereto. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the sign looking at the rear side thereof. Fig. 3 is a similar view of a modification of my invention. Fig. 4 is a vertical section of the modification, taken on the line *xx* of Fig. 3.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 1 designates the sign or plate, which may be of any suitable material, but preferably of tin.

In carrying out my invention I rigidly secure near the upper edge of the plate the upper end of a spring-arm 2, which is sharply curved and extends downwardly across the rear side of the sign and occupies the position shown in dotted lines, Fig. 2, when the sign is detached from the fence. The lower free end of this spring-arm in attaching the device to the wires of the fence is adapted to pass between the inclined converging plates 3, which are integral with and form a part of a catch 4, formed of spring metal, and which in case of tin being the material of which the sign is made is soldered thereon in position to receive the spring-arm 2. When the arm

is pressed between the plates 3, it causes them to separate for a sufficient distance to permit the said arm to enter, when they will resume their normal positions by reason of their resiliency and effectually prevent the escape of the arm.

In the modification illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4 of the drawings the spring-catch remains the same as that illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2; but the arm 2 is hinged, as indicated by the numeral 5, and extends downwardly in position to pass between the plates 3 of the catch, below which in the present instance I provide a short leaf-spring 6, exerting its force upwardly against the lower end of the arm and causing said arm to press with considerable force against the edges of the plates 3, with a tendency to close the narrow opening between them.

The preferred form of my invention is illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, as this form would be somewhat cheaper than the modification; but both forms are convenient and would accomplish the object for which they are designed.

The number of spring arms and catches will be determined by the length of the sign, and I do not therefore limit myself in this particular, for while two are shown any desirable number may be used. The device may be hung upon one strand of wire, with its lower side free, or where the strands of wire are close enough together the arms may embrace a plurality of wires.

When the device is made of wood, the spring-catches will be secured thereto by means of screws or their equivalents, and the upper ends of the spring-arms will be similarly secured to the plate.

What I claim is—

1. In an advertising-sign, the combination with the wire or wires of a wire fence, of a suitable plate having spring-arms secured thereto and extending across the rear side thereof, and spring-catches secured to the rear side of said plate and adapted to be engaged by the spring-arms when the same are pressed inward toward the plate, said catches being formed of single pieces of spring metal having plates 3 integral therewith, and having their free converging ends abutting and adapted to be separated by the said arms in

their movement toward the plate, substantially as described.

2. In an advertising-sign, the combination with the wire or wires of a wire fence, of a
5 suitable plate having arms secured thereto and extending across the rear side thereof and spring-catches secured to said plate adapted to be engaged by said arms when
10 the same are pressed inward toward the plate, said catches being formed of single pieces of spring metal having plates 3 integral therewith and having their free converging ends

abutting and adapted to be separated by the passage of said arms in their movement toward the plate, and means exerting an upward force on the arms to keep them firmly seated in the catches, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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